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US' energy dominance rooted in Texas

■ State's dominance begins in the Permian, TXOGA report says

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From the oil fields of West Texas to the refining and petrochemical complexes of the Gulf Coast, Texas is leading in energy investment.

"Even with the realignment in the industry, investments in Texas are making the U.S. more energy-secure than ever," said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association, in releasing the association's report, "U.S. Energy Dominance Starts In Texas."

"The old adage everything's bigger in Texas rings true when it comes to energy," Staples said during a media call to discuss the report.

That dominance begins with the Permian Basin, with the capital going into Permian oil and gas fields resulting in billions of additional investment in expanding the state's petrochemical and refining capacity, he said.

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In 2016, 41 percent of total upstream deal value was in the Permian Basin, with merger and acquisition investments totaling $25.6 billion, of which $18 billion targeted the Delaware and $9 billion target the Midland basins, according to the report. By comparison, the next most active market, Oklahoma's SCOOP/STACK play, received $5.1 billion.

"To put that in perspective, the AT&T Stadium where the Dallas Cowboys play, cost $1.2 billion to build. You could build 22 AT&T Stadiums with the amount spent on mergers and acquisitions in the Permian Basin in 2016 and still have hundreds of millions of dollars left over," Staples said.

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STAR-SPANGLED RETIREMENT

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VFW Post 7208 held a flag-retirement ceremony Saturday at the post's headquarters at 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Members of the Midland High School JROTC participated in the ceremony for retiring tattered and worn American flags. Burning the flags is the proper method of disposal, according to the website of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The flag is folded in the customary manner and then placed in a fire that is "fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the flag," according to the website. The ceremony includes saluting the flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Please see more photos from the ceremony at mrt.com and in a future edition.

Communication is key when addressing truancy

■ Administrator aims for 96 percent attendance rate districtwide

By Simone Jasper
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Before Judge David Cobos reviewed cases during a recent session for Midland County's truancy court, he addressed parents in the courtroom. He told five families of elementary school students the importance of bringing children to school on time and knowing their progress.

"The best success we see in a student is also measured by a degree in which a parent is involved in the school," Cobos, justice of the peace for Precinct 2, said before the proceedings. "We try to get a parent in communication with the school directly."

Among those hearing Cobos' message was parent Grecia Adame. She said she pleaded guilty in her truancy case because she was responsible for her daughter's tardiness during the 2016-17 school year.

"It did need to be addressed, so maybe this will help me be more on alert," Adame said.

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County makes a positive move with execution of 'drug courts'

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Editor's note: This is the first in series of opinion articles addressing criminal justice reform.

About a decade ago, it was evident to me that America's justice system was drifting away from serving people toward serving the power of an expanding government. A proliferation of laws positioned government rather than citizens as the "victim" for various crimes. This resulted in insufficient room in prisons for true criminals — those who make communities unsafe — because they were clogged with offenders who threaten no one.

As a result, I helped the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) launch a national effort called "Right on Crime," which led the way for conservative reforms in the justice system that make communities safer while focusing on human victims of crime.

A primary finding by Right on Crime is that using a one-size-fits-all approach to justice results in a criminal justice system that is inefficient and ineffective. One particularly innovative improvement that Right on Crime discovered was a "drug court" — which diverts non-violent drug offenders into a system that has proven effective. Midland County has included funding for a drug court in the 2017-18 proposed budget after great success with a similar program referred to as a

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PBBOR: Home price in July near record levels

By Stewart Doreen
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July 2017 will go down as a prosperous month to sell a home in Midland County.

The Permian Basin Board of Realtors reported this week an average sales price of $321,846 and median sold price of $277,000 — both new highs for 2017 and the highest going back to June 2014, the record month for Midland County.

Price wasn't the only category that favored the seller.

The 212 homes sold represented the fifth-straight month when more than 200 homes were sold inside Midland County — a first going back to 2012, according to the PBBOR.

Also, homes sold in July stayed on the market for 36 days, which was down from 39 in June and the lowest number since November 2015 (29). As recently as February, that number was 75.

"2017 continues its record trend for residential home sales in Midland County," said Carroll Nall, MLS/Member Services director for the Board of Realtors. "From the MLS standpoint, as we wind down the summer and head into fall sales, our market continues its strong showing. We are maintaining about 2 1/2 months inventory, which has become the new normal for Midland County as of late."

Other strong indicators in July included:

■ A third straight month the average price for homes sold topped $300,000 -- another first for the PBBOR going back to 2012.

■ Realtors sold a total of $68.51 million in homes.

■ For three straight months, days on the market (DOM) were under 40.

■ Homes sold for between $250,000 and $299,999 were on the market an average of 19 days. The same could be said for homes sold for between $400,000 and $499,999.

■ Homes sold for between $1 million and $1,249,999 were on the market less than one month.

■ Eighty-eight homes sold for $306,000 or more; 29 of these sold for more than $500,000, and four sold for $1 million or more.

The report also showed 454 homes on the market, which was five fewer than June and about 180 fewer than July 2016.

July statistics

Average total on the market:	454
Homes sold:	212
Average days on the market:	36
Average sold price:	$321,846
Average list price:	$28,185
Median sold price:	$277,000
Median list price:	$279,900
Total house sales sold (dollar volume):	$68.51 million

Average number of houses on market in July

2012:	374
2013:	289
2014:	281
2015:	474
2016:	630
2017:	454

Total houses sold in July

2012:	199
2013:	201
2014:	213
2015:	228
2016:	190
2017:	212

Average days on market in July

2012:	29
2013:	34
2014:	29
2015:	47
2016:	61
2017:	36

Average sold price in July

2012:	$224,585
2013:	$253,585
2014:	$275,447
2015:	$288,660
2016:	$273,074
2017:	$321,846

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

TRUANCY

From 1A

Parents facing truancy cases are sometimes ordered to meet with campus teachers and show future proof of attendance. When reviewing cases, Cobos and others involved with the court often identify barriers to getting children to school, such as lack of transportation or medical care.

"What we try to do is determine what's causing the attendance issue," Cobos said.

In Texas, cases can be filed against parents if they contributed to the absence. Students 12 and older can also be sent to truancy court.

Consequences for student violations may include community service or a suspended driver's license. School districts cannot send students to court for various reasons, including if they are homeless, pregnant or their family's main income provider.

To address truancy, the court works with local partners, including Midland Teen Court, Top Rank Youth Program and Midland ISD. But some responsibility shifted from courts to schools when a state law went into effect at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

Attendence by-the-numbers

MISD attendance rates
State rates in parentheses when available

2013-14:	94.4 percent (95.9 percent)
2014-15:	94.2 percent (95.7 percent)
2015-16:	94.6 percent
2016-17:	95 percent

MISD truancy filings

2013-14:	885 cases
2014-15:	848 cases
2015-16:	607 cases
2016-17:	601 cases

Sources: MISD and Texas Education Agency

Under the law, truancy cases for students became civil matters instead of potential criminal offenses. Also, students could previously face court after three unexcused absences in a four-week period. Students can now go to court after 10 unexcused absences in a six-month period if the school district's truancy prevention measures don't work.

"The intent of the law is to cut down [on] filings and people coming to court," said James R. Henry, director of truancy court. "From what we've been seeing, it seems to be working."

The year before the law went into effect, MISD filed 409 cases against students and 439 against parents. In 2015-16, those numbers dropped to 237 and 370, respectively.

Tony De La Rosa, supervisor of student attendance, said MISD's early tendency to file after 10 absences could have factored into the figures. Also, during the second semester of 2015-16, the district implemented a software system that tracks student attendance.

De La Rosa said MISD now plays a bigger role in evaluating the cases before they are sent to court.

He said the new law allows the district "to really help the student and diagnose why the student is having issues with truancy or chronic absenteeism."

At MISD, excused absences require notification and can be granted for medical appointments, court appearances and religious holy days, among other reasons.

De La Rosa said some parents don't realize leaving for family vacations counts as an attendance violation.

"You can never substitute the actual, real-time learning experiences going on during the day," De La Rosa said. "The teacher can provide book work and worksheets, but [the] book work and worksheets don't compare."

De La Rosa said students dropping below 90 percent attendance risk losing credit for classes and not advancing to the next grade level — even if they earn good grades. For students who purposefully miss school, he said the behavior points toward the likelihood of dropping out.

"It's an early indicator," De La Rosa said. "You can see it as early as elementary."

To combat the issue, De La Rosa communicates with the MISD dropout prevention and intervention coordinator. The district also notifies parents of truancy laws at the beginning of each school year and sends notices to them starting at the third attendance violation.

De La Rosa's department has worked with campuses to address specific attendance needs. The campuses will soon compete for the opportunity to display flags indicating their students have the highest attendance rates.

The district as a whole had an attendance rate of nearly 95 percent in 2016-17. De La Rosa said the rate has increased year after year, but he is still aiming for the district to reach a rate of 96 percent or higher. He thinks students and parents increasingly realize the district takes attendance seriously.

As Adame prepares for the start of the academic year, she hopes to have better communication with the school district.

"I love to be involved with my daughter," Adame said. "She's a mini version of me."

DUNN

From 1A

veterans court, a special court involving a 12-step accountability and rehabilitation program specifically geared towards veterans.

This is an extremely positive move. Midland is no longer a small town, and with what we see on the horizon for the Permian Basin, it is vital that we get in front of the big city problems we have already begun to experience. Drug courts allow more resources in the traditional system to be used to fight violent crime, while offering redemptive opportunities for non-violent offenders.

Consistent with Midland's core values — elevating hard work and opportunity — drug court participants go through a program involving comprehensive supervision, direct interaction with a presiding judge, regular drug testing and treatment services, immediate sanctions, and incentives. When participants make it through the program, everyone wins. Today, non-violent drug offenders do not get this opportunity. Instead, they often go to prison where they take up space that should be available to lock up violent offenders. They also lose their jobs and often throw their entire families on welfare, all of which ends up costing taxpayers a bundle.

With drug courts, these non-violent offenders have an opportunity to take responsibility for their own recoveries and work their way to a better life.

As stated by Marc Levin, Policy Director of TPPF's Right on Crime, "[drug courts] force participants to confront their addiction and repair the damage they have done to themselves, their families, and their communities." Similar to the concept behind Midland's Veterans Court, drug courts take an innovative, accountability-focused approach to addressing non-violent, substance-abuse offenders.

Over the past 2 1/2 decades, this approach has been scientifically proven to reduce recidivism rates, and at less than half the cost to taxpayers of traditional methods. By reducing the chances of relapsing and repeat offenses, more families stay intact, social service systems are less likely to be overburdened, and former offenders are more likely to hold jobs. More specifically, research conducted by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals concluded that drug courts reduce crime by a staggering 45 percent when compared to other sentencing options. Participants also reported significantly less family conflict, were more likely to enroll in school, and needed less assistance with employment, educational services, and financial issues.

A recent article titled "No Repeat Customers' Lubbock Drug Court Transforms Lives", quoted District Judge Ruben Reyes, who stated that incarceration costs amount to "$20,000-$50,000 per drug offender, per year, while the cost of an effective drug court system was typically less than $2,500 yearly." It does not take a business guru to give a thumbs up to any concept that produces a 45 percent improvement and a 90 percent cost reduction.

The 152 drug courts currently operating in Texas are, one-by-one, producing results that are helping to curb a horrifying epidemic, and we are fortunate that our local District Attorney, Laura Nodolf, is an advocate for adding a drug court in Midland.

There is a lot going on in our national politics that can be discouraging. But this shouldn't keep us from making advances in our own communities. It is great to see two branches of local government working together to advance policies that actually help their community-that's how government is supposed to work. Bringing drug courts to Midland is an outstanding step forward that can make us all proud.

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The Permian also accounts for 45 percent of the nation's total onshore oil production in the Lower 48, according to the report. The Permian's production of 2.4 million barrels per day in 2016 is greater than the average crude oil production of nine OPEC countries: Algeria, Angola, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar and Venezuela.

The report predicts that total capital expenditures in the Permian are expected to increase 400 percent over the next five years — from $8 billion in 2016 to more than $40 billion in 2021.

That amount of investment and resulting Permian production is translating into more than $6 billion in new pipelines connecting the Permian with Corpus Christi and the Texas Gulf Coast, supporting more than 60,000 jobs.

The Gulf Coast petrochemical complex is benefiting; there are 134 announced projects drawing $71 billion of potential investment in new manufacturing facilities or expanded capacity.

Staples moved on from the Permian to the state's other major shale play — the Eagle Ford. He said a single day of natural gas from the Eagle Ford can meet the natural gas needs of more than 230,000 U.S. homes for a month.

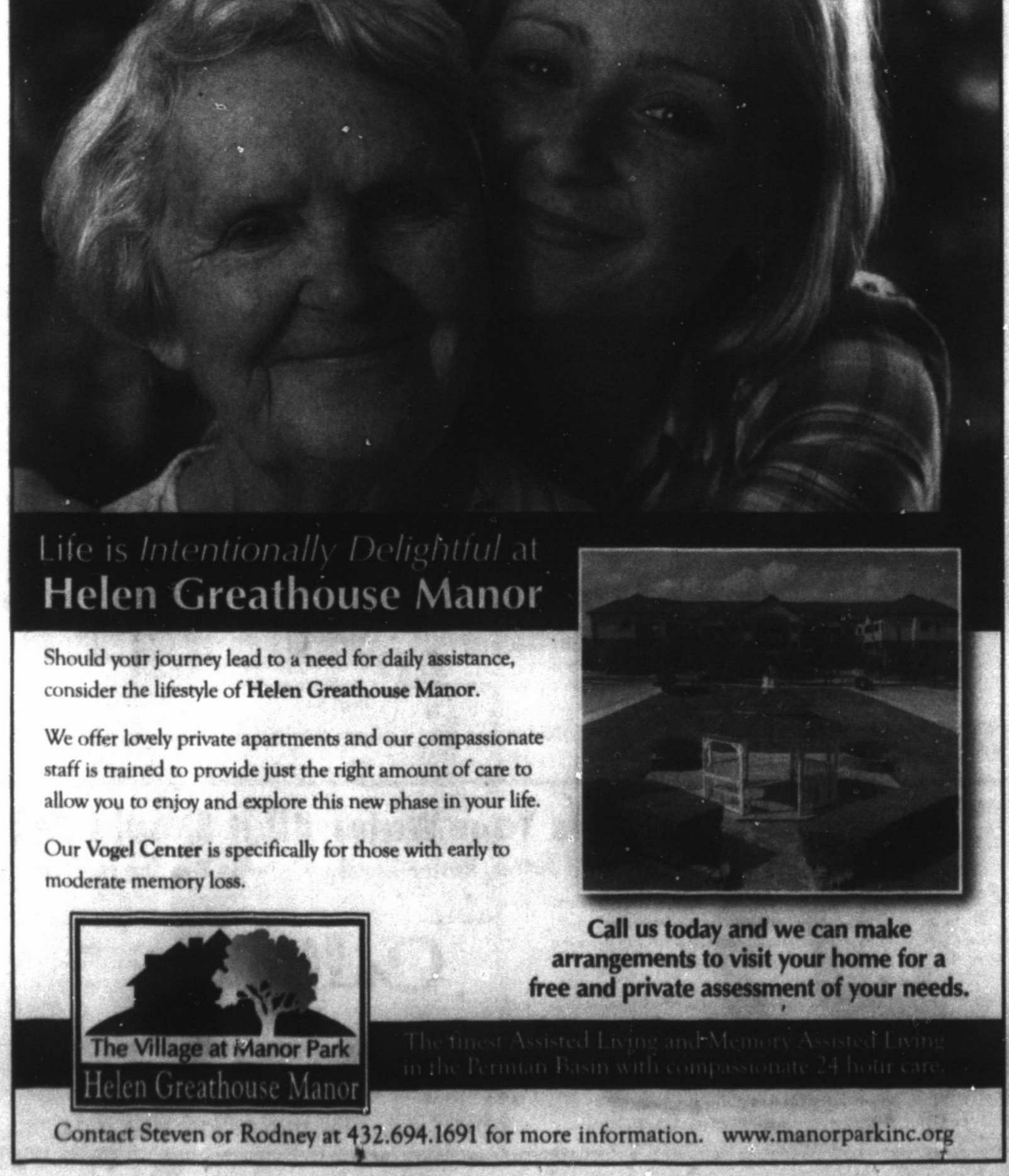
"Beyond (those) economic benefits, Texas and the U.S. benefit from the exports of products, crude oil and natural gas," he said.

Natural gas from the Permian, Eagle Ford, Barnett and Haynesville shales are supporting seven liquefied natural gas export facilities that are under construction or are planned. The U.S. is challenging Australia and Qatar to become the top LNG exporter, according to Staples.

"This progress is important because not so long ago the idea of energy dominance or energy security seemed out of reach," he said. "In less than 10 years, the U.S. is expected to become a net energy exporter, an outcome that was unthinkable."

The resiliency of the industry in learning to live in the current "lower for longer' reality of the last two or three years, especially in the Permian Basin, means "Texas will be a player at any price level for the foreseeable future," Staples said.

It also means that no matter what happens around the globe, Permian producers have the ability to access those stacked plays, develop that resource and transport it to market to export to consumers, he said.



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(applications must be turned in no later than noon on Friday, September 1, 2017)
*Candidates must be able to lift and/or move objects weighing up to 40 lbs. and withstand extreme weather out on call.

Things to do

■ Eighth annual Midland County Fair and Rodeo will feature the Chase Quine Memorial Ride, Little Miss Midland County Fair Pageant, Charro Rodeo Extravaganza and more at Horseshoe Arena. 2514 Arena Trail. midlandcofair.com.

■ Bridge game play, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ Kari Jobe, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

Meetings

■ Commissioners' Court (includes tax hearing)
9 a.m. Monday
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

■ City Council (Budget hearing)
10 a.m. Tuesday
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

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Mike Davis, with Superod, participates in the 19th annual Scout Sporting Clays on Friday at Windwalker Farms in Stanton. The clay shoot is a fundraiser for the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The event included lunch, dinner, live auction and prizes.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 2-1-2
Pick 3 evening: 5-7-8
Pick 3 night: 2-9-9
Daily 4 morning: 8-1-9-8
Daily 4 day: 7-5-9-3
Daily 4 evening: 6-7-4-8
Daily 4 night: 0-9-2-1
Cash Five: 3-7-8-10-26
Triple Chance: 2-4-6-7-20-21-27-30-48-50
Powerball: 7-15-32-38-66 BB: 15
Power play: 2
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Weather

Saturday's temperatures
High ... 89
Low ... 72
Normal high ... 92
Normal low ... 68

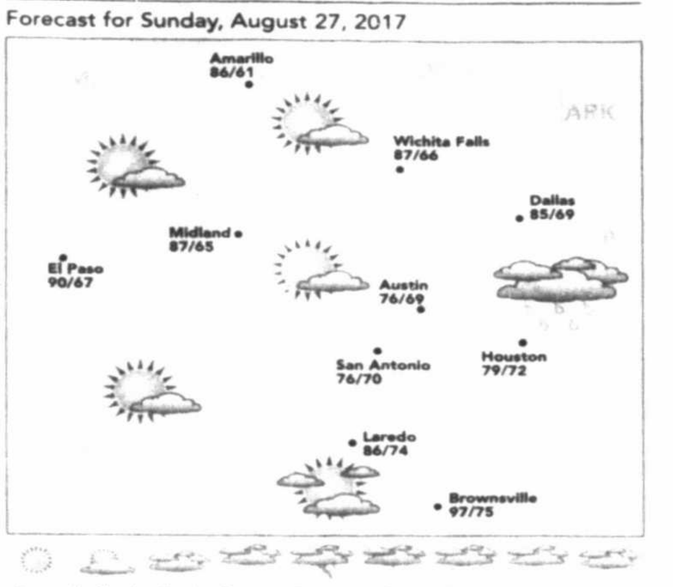
August 26's records
Record high: 105, set in 2002
Record low: 56, set in 1966

Precipitation
Friday ... 0.00 in.
Saturday ... 0.05 in.
Month total ... 2.52 in.
Year total ... 12.74 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 9.39 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 24 mph
Gust speed: 21 mph

Today's forecast
High: 91
Low: 70

Forecast for Sunday, August 27, 2017



Conditions: Mostly sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: Winds: North 5-15 mph today/northeast 5-15 mph tonight
Chance of rain: 20 percent today
Sunrise ... 7:21 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:19 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 Virgo and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017:**
This year you begin a new cycle, where you have more magnetic appeal than usual. You say what you think with clarity. Others hear your message clearly. If you are single, your charm allows you to be slightly more passive, if you so choose. You are likely to meet your soulmate this year. If you are attached, you have a way of looking at your sweetie that ends all fighting between you. Avoid being too provocative and/or challenging. SCORPIO finds you intriguing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your dream life might haunt your waking hours. If you feel inclined, share your dreams with a loved one. Approach your plans with enthusiasm, and refuse to hold yourself back. Your perception of a favorite person could need some revision! **Tonight:** Opt to be a duo. **This Week:** You are ready to break new ground. What is stopping you?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Defer to someone else. You know how strong-willed you are, and you need not impose your desires or will on others. A close friend or loved one will suggest some exciting plans. You might need to say "no" for now. **Tonight:** Don't even think about making this an early night. **This Week:** One-on-one relating is likely to trigger some unexpected results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take some much-needed personal time. You don't need to give an explanation. Clear out some errands and other matters you would like to wrap up. A partner or loved one might be intrigued, as what you are doing is out of norm. **Tonight:** Know when to call it a night. **This Week:** Think before you react.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your focus remains on a loved one. Plug your imagination into your plans and choices. View the moment as being unique and special. Try to enjoy all the different aspects of the day. Look around you, as you rarely take the time to. **Tonight:** Others note the spring in your step. **This Week:** You suddenly decide to do something differently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Opting to stay close to home is not surprising, as you have had a hectic schedule as of late. Have you considered that some friends could drop by suddenly, causing a get-together to form? Don't be surprised by a loved one's reaction. **Tonight:** Try to get a good night's sleep. **This Week:** Your creativity surges into many different areas of your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You will say what you have been putting off saying. You might not be as concerned about someone else's reaction as you once were. A serious yet successful conversation is likely to ensue. You are paving the way to a new path. **Tonight:** Invite friends and family over. **This Week:** Make it OK to not act right away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ No one can say that you're stingy, as you often splurge or spend too much. Right now, you feel as if you would prefer to use a little self-discipline. You feel empowered. You might sense some tension at home. Do you want to sit on it or try to clear it out? **Tonight:** Walk the dog. **This Week:** Speak your mind while using your diplomatic skills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You'll feel as if you don't have a care in the world, though you know otherwise. Let your mind tease you with this idea. Perhaps you will resolve certain issues more quickly. Others are inclined to go along with your wishes, but you must express them first. **Tonight:** Plans emerge. **This Week:** You might be slightly self-indulgent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might enjoy a day to reminisce. If you have a ritual of loving to read your Sunday paper, do just that. Some of you might opt to do some writing. A friend is likely to appear and try to distract you from your solo time. **Tonight:** Do only what you absolutely want to do. **This Week:** Lady Luck is nearby through Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might seem serious to many of your friends, but one of your pals always makes you laugh and open up. Enjoy an entertaining happening where music is likely to be involved. Others will opt to take a walk by water. Play out your perfect afternoon. **Tonight:** Adapt your plans. **This Week:** Lie low until Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might receive a request that demands some time. You will need to deal with a responsibility or dote on an older relative or friend. At first you might be resentful, but you will feel good about fulfilling this desire. **Tonight:** You are a star wherever you are. **This Week:** You will succeed in handling a key matter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You'll have an opportunity to go to a new restaurant or indulge in an adventure that you have always wanted to partake in. The only answer to this offer is "yes." Start living your life more fully. Give up thinking about plans, and take action. **Tonight:** Read between the lines. **This Week:** Expect to hear a sharp comment or two.

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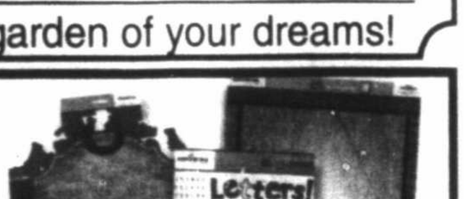

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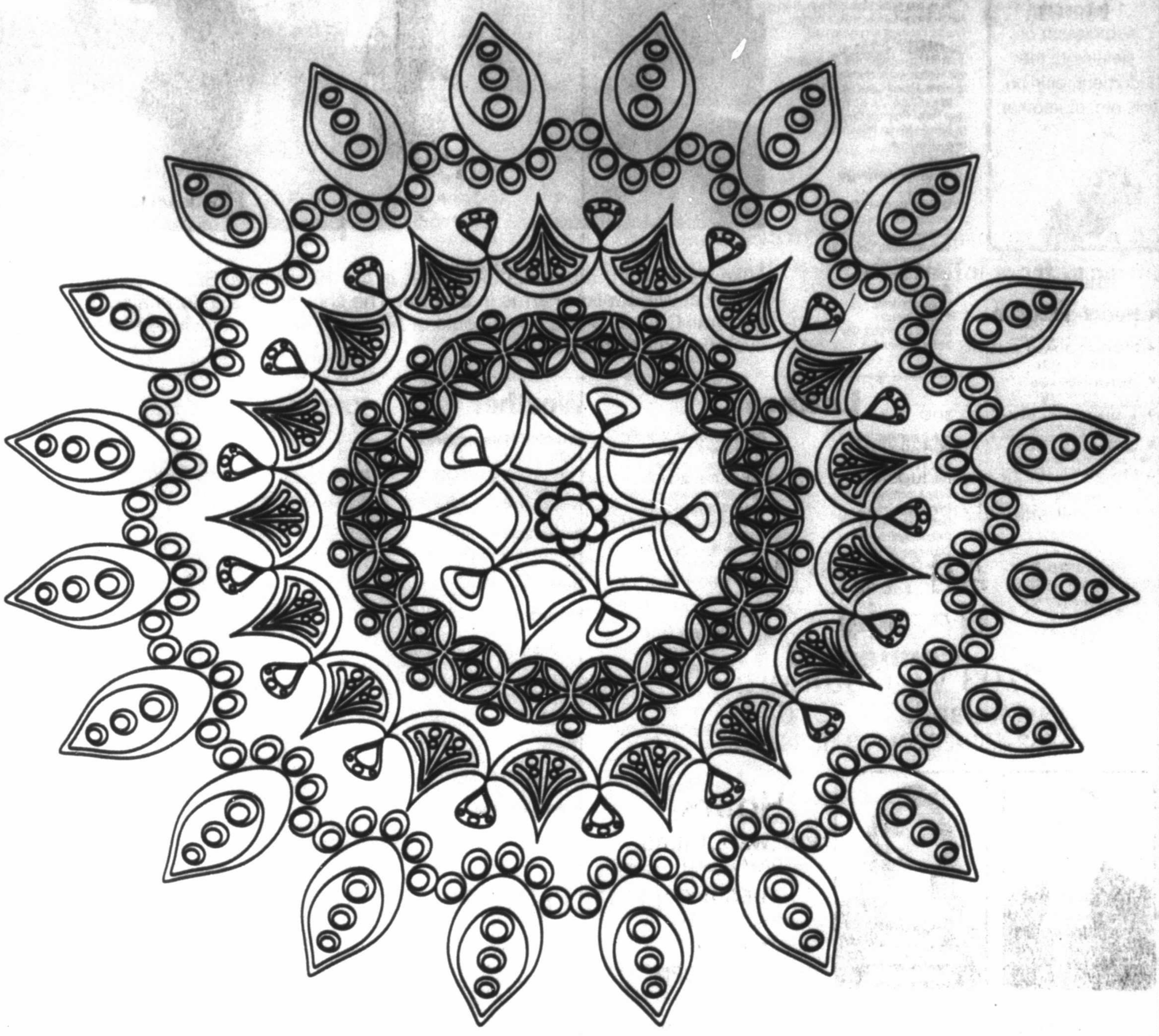

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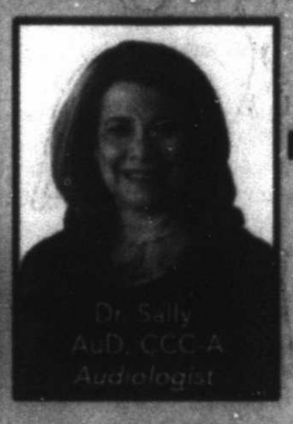

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A truck in flood waters passes a home damaged in the wake of Hurricane Harvey on Saturday in Aransas Pass. Harvey rolled over the Texas Gulf Coast on Saturday, smashing homes and businesses and lashing the shore with wind and rain so intense that drivers were forced off the road because they could not see in front of them. *Eric Gay/Associated Press*

Harvey is worst Texas storm since '61's Carla. How it stacks up

Associated Press

Hurricane Harvey reached land Friday night, securing its place in history as the most furious hurricane to hit the Texas coast since Hurricane Carla in 1961. Carla killed dozens and destroyed nearly 2,000 homes.

A look at Hurricane Carla and some of the most damaging hurricanes to hit the United States since 2000: (Figures have not been adjusted for inflation)

Carla

Starting as a tropical depression in the Caribbean Sea on Sept. 3, 1961, Carla steadily gained momentum until it was labeled a major hurricane four days later. After a few days, it became a Category 5, only to be downgraded to a Category 4 by Sept. 11, when it made landfall on Matagorda Island, a 38-mile barrier island on the Texas Gulf coast, according to the National Weather Service.

It weakened to a tropical storm after its eye hit Port O'Connor and Port Lavaca in Texas. The hurricane also impacted parts of Louisiana, Oklahoma and Illinois.

In Texas, the highest winds were about 115 mph but sustained winds in some parts hit 170 mph.

The hurricane spawned 18 tornadoes, including 10 in Louisiana and eight in Texas. Between Carla and the subsequent tornadoes, the NWS said 46 people were killed and more than 450 were injured. Total damage was estimated at $2.36 billion with Texas suffering more than $400 million in damage. In Texas, 1,915 homes were destroyed.

Katrina

Katrina crossed the tip of Florida and then swept into the Gulf of Mexico and over Louisiana and Mississippi, causing more than 1,800 deaths and an estimated $108 billion in damage and becoming the costliest hurricane in U.S. history, according to the National Hurricane Center. Most of the fatalities occurred in Louisiana, where thousands of homes and businesses in New Orleans were destroyed by strong winds and flooding. Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Alabama also reported deaths in the 2005 hurricane, which left about 3 million people without power, some for weeks at a time.

Sandy

The pounding winds and storm surges of Sandy, dubbed a "superstorm" since it was extratropical by the time it made landfall, devastated the coastlines of New York and New Jersey in late October 2012, damaging at least 650,000 homes and causing about 8.5 million power outages, according to the Hurricane Center. U.S. officials preliminarily tallied at least $50 billion in damage, though some sources cite around $75 billion. There were at least 147 deaths directly tied to storm conditions, as well as a number of indirect fatalities linked to hypothermia, carbon monoxide poisoning and falling trees during the cleanup effort, the center said. Repairs to homes and infrastructure continue today.

Ike

Ike's storm surges raised water levels across nearly the entire U.S. Gulf Coast when it hit in 2008, causing almost $30 billion in damage, mostly in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. At least 20 people were killed, according to the Hurricane Center. Waves battered the coasts of Texas and Louisiana, and almost 3 million people in those state lost power.

Wilma

Coming near the end of 2005's extraordinary hurricane season, Wilma caused 98 percent of South Florida to lose electricity, with experts at the Hurricane Center attributing widespread damage in the state to its large core. All told, the U.S. reported more than $21 billion in damage, as well as five deaths.

Harvey spins deeper inland; full scope of damage is unknown

By **Frank Bajak**
Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Harvey spun deeper into Texas and unloaded extraordinary amounts of rain Saturday after the once-fearsome hurricane crashed into vulnerable homes and businesses along the coastline in a blow that killed at least one person and injured up to 14.

Throughout the region between Corpus Christi and Houston, many people feared that toll was only the beginning. They did not know the full scope of damage already done, and they dreaded the destruction that was yet to come from a storm that could linger for days and unload more than 40 inches of rain on cities, including dangerously flood-prone Houston, the nation's fourth-largest.

Long after the system came ashore, weather conditions prevented emergency crews from getting into many of the hardest-hit places.

In the island community of Port Aransas, population 3,800, officials were unable to fully survey the town because of "massive" damage. Police and heavy equipment had only made it into the northernmost street. Mayor Charles Bujan had few other details.

"I can tell you I have a very bad feeling and that's about it," he said.

Some of the worst damage appeared to be in Rockport, a coastal city of about 10,000 that was directly in the storm's path. The mayor said his community took a blow "right on the nose" that left "widespread devastation," including homes, businesses and schools that were heavily damaged. Some structures were destroyed.

Rockport's roads were a mess of toppled power poles. A trailer blocked much of one major intersection. Pieces of 100-year-old oak trees impeded the slow passage of emergency vehicles. Wood framing from ripped-apart houses was strewn along Route 35 on the town's southern end.

Harvey's relentless wind tore the metal sides off the high school gym and twisted the steel door frame of its auditorium. The windows of some police vehicles had been blown out.

"We're still in the very infancy stage of getting this recovery started," said Larry Sinclair, the Aransas County spokesman.

Rockport Mayor Charles "C.J." Wax told The Weather Channel that the city's emergency response system had been hampered by the loss of cellphone service and other forms of communication.

On Friday, Rockport Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Rios offered ominous advice, telling the station that people who chose not to evacuate should mark their arm with a Sharpie pen, implying that the marks would make it easier for rescuers to identify them.

Citing a county judge, the Austin American-Statesman reported one death from Harvey in Rockport, and 12 to 14 people injured.

In Port Aransas, the mayor had called for a mandatory evacuation and said he knew some people had stayed, but he did not know how many.

Elsewhere in the storm's immediate aftermath, Coast Guard helicopters rescued 18 people from boats and barges in distress, said Capt. Tony Hahn, commander of the Corpus Christi sector.

The city's port was closed and will need a lot of repairs before it can reopen. Because Corpus Christi is the third-largest petrochemical port in the nation, authorities will also be on the lookout for spills, Hahn said.

The fiercest hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade came ashore late Friday about 30 miles northeast of Corpus Christi as a mammoth Category 4 storm with 130 mph winds.

By dawn, nearly 300,000 consumers were without power in the coastal region, and nearly 20 inches of rain had fallen in some places.

Harvey weakened to a tropical storm by early afternoon. At 4 p.m., its maximum sustained winds had fallen to about 65 mph. The storm was centered about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio. It was moving north at 2 mph, the hurricane center said.

The hurricane posed the first major emergency management test of President Donald Trump's administration.

Trump met with his Cabinet and other senior administration officials to discuss the federal response to the damage and flooding, the White House said Saturday in a statement.

The president held a video conference from Camp David in which he instructed relevant departments and agencies to "stay fully engaged and positioned to support his number one priority of saving lives," the statement said.

Trump, who on Friday signed a federal disaster declaration for coastal counties, also reminded department heads that the full impact of the storm will not be apparent for days. On Twitter, he commended the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for his handling of the disaster.

In Corpus Christi, the major city closest to the storm's center, wind whipped palm trees and stinging sheets of horizontal rain slapped against hotels and office buildings along the seawall as the storm made landfall.

Daybreak revealed downed lamp posts and tree limbs and roof tiles torn off buildings. The city's marina was nearly unscathed, save an awning ripped from a restaurant entrance and a wooden garbage bin uprooted and thrown.

Along Interstate 45 leaving Galveston, the rain was so intense that drivers were to stop under bridges because they could not see in front of them.

Expert: Harvey's destruction just beginning

Associated Press

Don't be fooled by Hurricane Harvey's quick, eight-hour transition from a Category 4 monster with sustained winds of 130 mph winds to a Category 1 with 90 mph winds. Experts say the storm's destruction is probably just beginning.

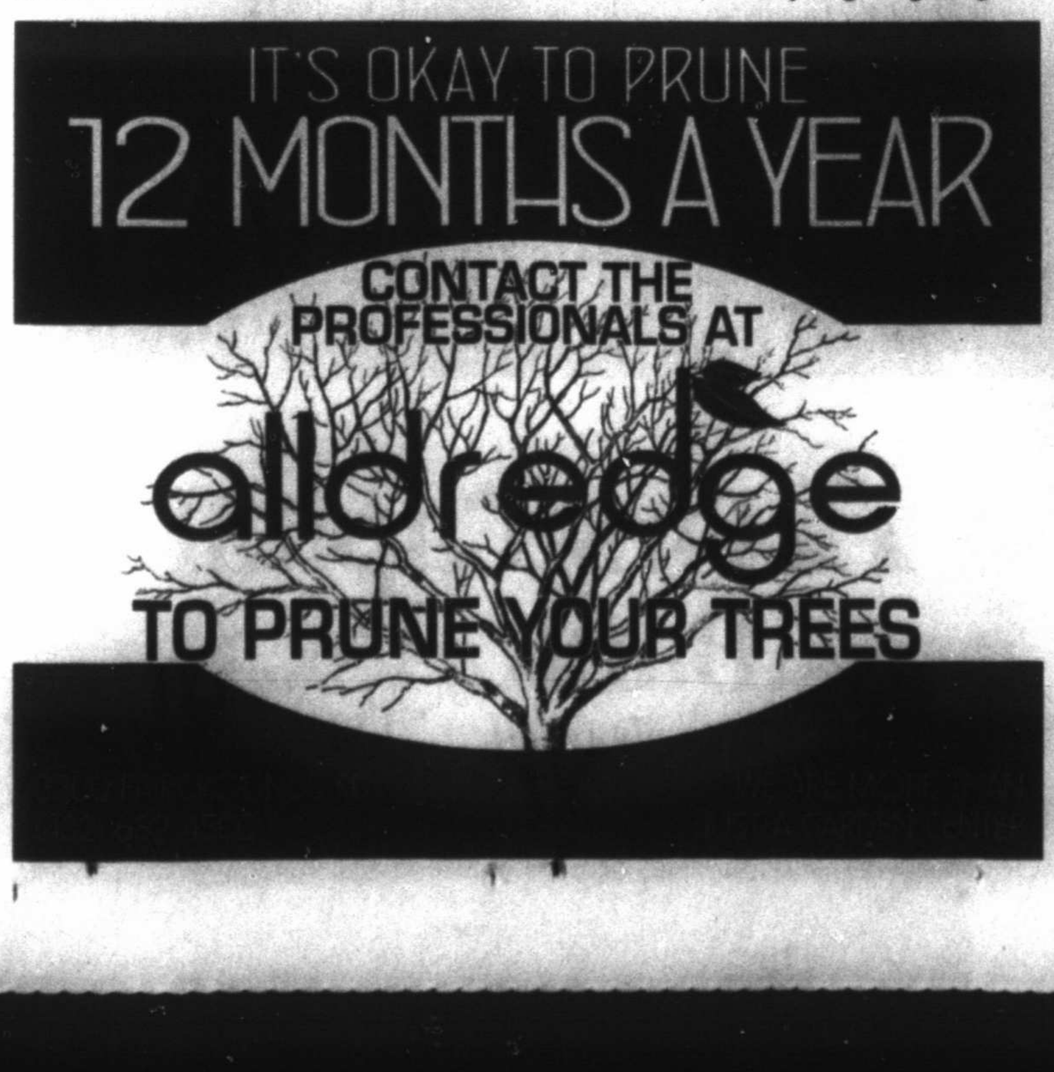
The storm surge — the wall of water pushed inland by the storm — will gradually subside Saturday, but officials are worried about "potentially catastrophic" rainfall that will continue for days, with more than 40 inches and flash flooding possible even well inland, said Eric Blake, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Hurricanes almost always lose strength quickly after making landfall and moving away from the warm waters that fuel their winds, Blake said.

Harvey came ashore along the Texas Gulf Coast on Friday night as the most powerful hurricane to hit the U.S. in more than a decade. It was downgraded from a hurricane to a tropical storm by about 1 p.m. Saturday.

But "the hazards don't go away," Blake said.

Although experts had worried that Harvey might eventually wander back into the Gulf of Mexico, regain strength and hit the coast again, "that's not the most likely scenario at this point," Blake said.



Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland Police Department need help identifying a burglary suspect.

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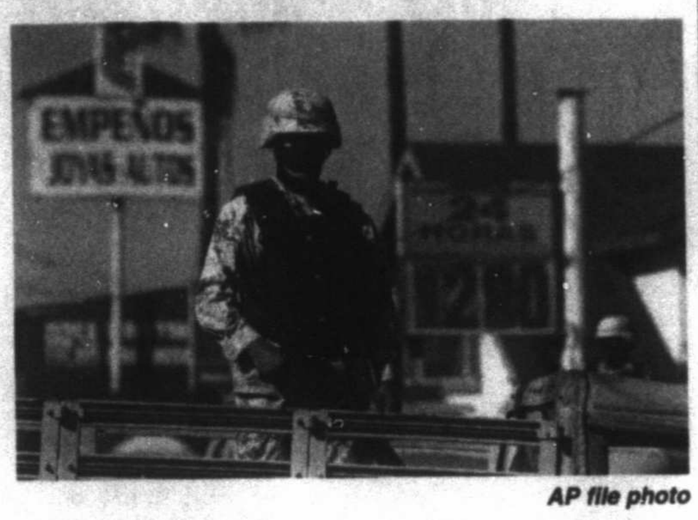
As Mexico's drug cartels fracture, violence and travel warnings soar

By Alfredo Corchado
The Dallas Morning News



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Soldiers stand guard Nov. 25, 2009 near currency exchanges and pawn shops during an operation by federal investigators in Tijuana, Mexico. Soaring violence across Mexico has prompted the U.S. State department to issue a travel warning to 23 Mexican states.

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — The internal fracturing of Mexico's drug cartels has led to soaring violence across the country in the past year, prompting the U.S. State Department to issue travel warnings to 23 of 31 Mexican states, including four bordering Texas and two popular tourist destinations.

The warnings, including Tuesday's upgraded advisory for Quintana Roo and Baja California Sur, highlight the deteriorating security across Mexico under President Enrique Pena Nieto. He came into office five years ago promising to improve security.

"Clearly, the successes of recent years are being undone," said Eric Olson, a Latin American security expert at the Washington-based Woodrow Wilson Center. "Mexico has struggled and largely failed to re-establish control in states where organized crime has its deepest roots and where local and state governments are essentially part of the criminal enterprise. It's a crisis of governance, violence and corruption, and Mexico has yet to find the key to solving this problem."

More than 12,500 people were killed in the first six months of this year, an increase of about 30 percent over the comparable period in 2016. That puts Mexico on pace for what could be the deadliest year in its post-revolution history.

States such as Chihuahua and Tamaulipas have consistently made the State Department's list, but surprisingly, so have popular beach regions including Cabo San Lucas in Baja California Sur and Cancun in Quintana Roo.

The warning Tuesday could be devastating to Mexico's $20 billion-a-year tourism industry, which accounts for about 7 percent of the country's gross domestic product. Quintana Roo alone accounts for an estimated one-third of all American tourists.

"U.S. citizens have been the victims of violent crimes, including homicide, kidnapping, carjacking, and robbery in various Mexican states," the travel advisory says. It added that "gun battles between rival criminal organizations or with Mexican authorities have taken place on streets and in public places during broad daylight."

There's no evidence that criminal groups in Mexico have targeted Americans based on their nationality, the advisory says.

Enrique de la Madrid, Mexico's secretary of tourism, called the warnings a "wake-up call" for a country preparing for snowbirds heading south as fall arrives.

The violence is all too familiar in Nuevo Laredo, where fractures in the long-dominant Zetas cartel and the growing demand for heroin and other opiates in the United States have residents feeling under siege. Widespread corruption in the Mexican government and security forces also contributes to the lawlessness and fear.

Nuevo Laredo Mayor Enrique Rivas, is a frequent target of threats by warring cartels. U.S. law enforcement officials believe the mayor lives much of the time in Laredo, on the Texas side of the border.

In a text message, the mayor denied that Nuevo Laredo is dangerous. When asked if he lives on the U.S. side for safety reasons, the mayor did not respond to text messages and phone calls.

Nuevo Laredo has been wracked by violence since the birth of the Zetas, a paramilitary group fighting Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman's Sinaloa cartel for control of the lucrative I-35 drug route, more than 10 years ago.

In recent years, the Zetas split into two groups. One is known as La Vieja Guardia, or the old guard, pitted against family members of former leader Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, who has deep familial ties in North Texas and is believed to influence operations from a Mexican federal prison. That group evolved into the CDN, or Cartel del Noroeste (The Northeast Cartel).

The CDN controls not just drug routes, but also smuggling, extortions, kidnappings and random killings, said Arturo Fontes, a former FBI agent working as a private investigator along the border.

The gruesome discovery last month of nine bodies — five women and four men, most members of a family — piled up in front of a house near the international bridge highlights the violence. The incident didn't make the local press, which is heavily censored by the warring criminal groups. But gruesome pictures of the victims, their faces disfigured, appeared on social media with a warning: "We're not playing."

Citing internal intelligence on both sides of the border, Fontes said there are two theories about the killings.

Cartels encroaching on the area are aligned with remnants of the old Zetas and Gulf cartel, an explosive situation in an unpredictable presidential year.

The victims could have been behind the smuggling and kidnapping of immigrants. They could have been operating as free agents without paying CDN its cut. The murders took place the week of July 26, when several migrants and deportees were being held captive.

"There's more desperation for easy money, and that makes everyday residents and immigrants that much more vulnerable," said Fontes. "The more fractured these criminal groups become, the more desperate for cash they are."

In its update, the State Department repeated a 2016 warning that "organized criminal groups may target public and private passenger buses traveling through Tamaulipas. These groups sometimes take all passengers hostage and demand ransom payments. ... Nuevo Laredo has experienced numerous gun battles and attacks with explosive devices in the past year."

Cartels also target migrants to turn them into hitmen, or prostitutes, whatever helps their bottom line, said Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, the author of Los Zetas Inc. and an associate professor at George Mason University.

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GUILTY PLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed Aug. 14-18 by district Judges Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite:

Barbara Lynn Boyer, 31, abandoning/endangering a child with criminal negligence, nine months state jail; abandoning/endangering a child with criminal negligence, nine months state jail.

Daniel Cantu, 31, assault family violence enhanced, six years TDCJ; failure to appear, revoke, six years TDCJ; assault family violence enhanced, revoke, six years TDCJ.

Freddie Flores, 55, stalking, eight years TDCJ.

Alihya Gonzales, 22, possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail suspended for five years probation, fine, court cost, TAIP, CRTC, 55 hours community service.

Marcos Fernandez Gonzalez, 21, accident involving injury, two years deferred adjudication, court cost, 120 hours community service.

Destomy Rayshun Gordon, 19, assault causing bodily injury, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, anger management, CBT, 200 hours community service.

Chessika Denise Hall, 24, theft of property more than $2,500 with two or more previous convictions, two years state jail suspended for four years probation, fine, court cost, 150 hours community service.

Esther Charlene Lozano, 28, theft by repetition, revoke, seven months state jail.

Carlos Andres Torres Martinez, 24, prostitution, 10 years TDCJ suspended for five years probation, fine, 300 hours community service, sex offender registration.

Guadalupe Marie Orona, 19, burglary of a building, five years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, restitution, 150 hours community service.

Angel Ortiz, 35, tampering with physical evidence, revoke, two years TDCJ.

Francisco Javier Pando, 28, possession of marijuana, three years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost, TAIP, 150 hours community service,

Alejandro Ivan Quezada, 19, assault by choking, six years deferred adjudication, 250 hours community service, Project Adam.

Jose Manuel Reyes, 48, assault causing bodily injury family violence, 10 days county jail.

Ernest Rodriquez Jr., 57, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, fine, court cost.

Arturo Valenzuela, 18, deadly conduct by discharging firearm, seven years deferred adjudication, 30 days county jail, court cost, fine, 150 hours community service.

Frank Adrian Villafranco, 36, possession of marijuana, one year county jail suspended for two years probation, fine, court cost, TAIUP, driver's license suspended for 180 days, 50 hours community service.

Kendal Barsean Williams, 26, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, revoke, five years TDCJ.

[TDCJ = Texas Department of Criminal Justice; TAIP = treatment alternative to incarceration program, CRTC = court residential treatment center; ISP = intensive supervision parole; SAFT = substance abuse felony treatment; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy]

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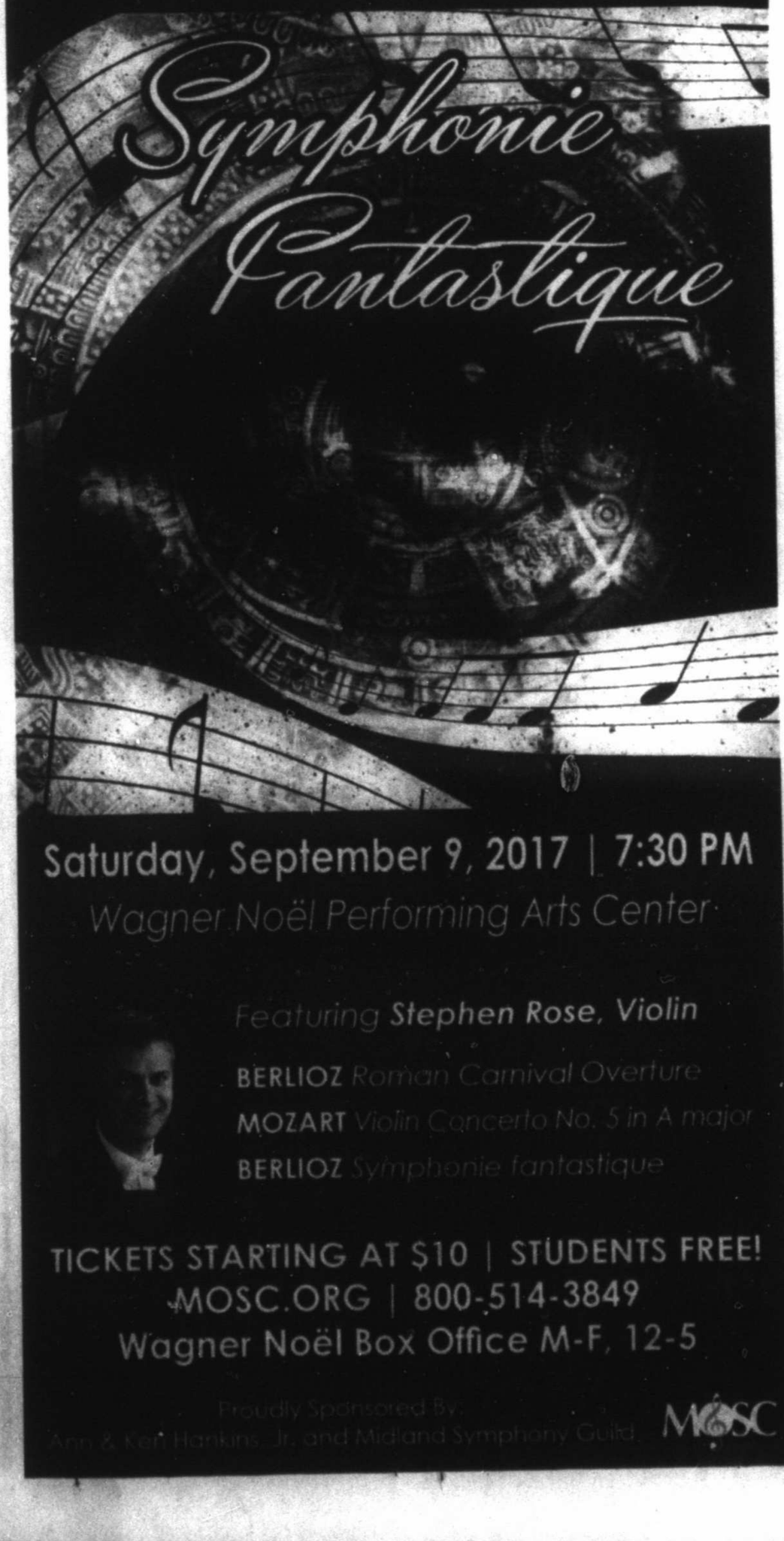

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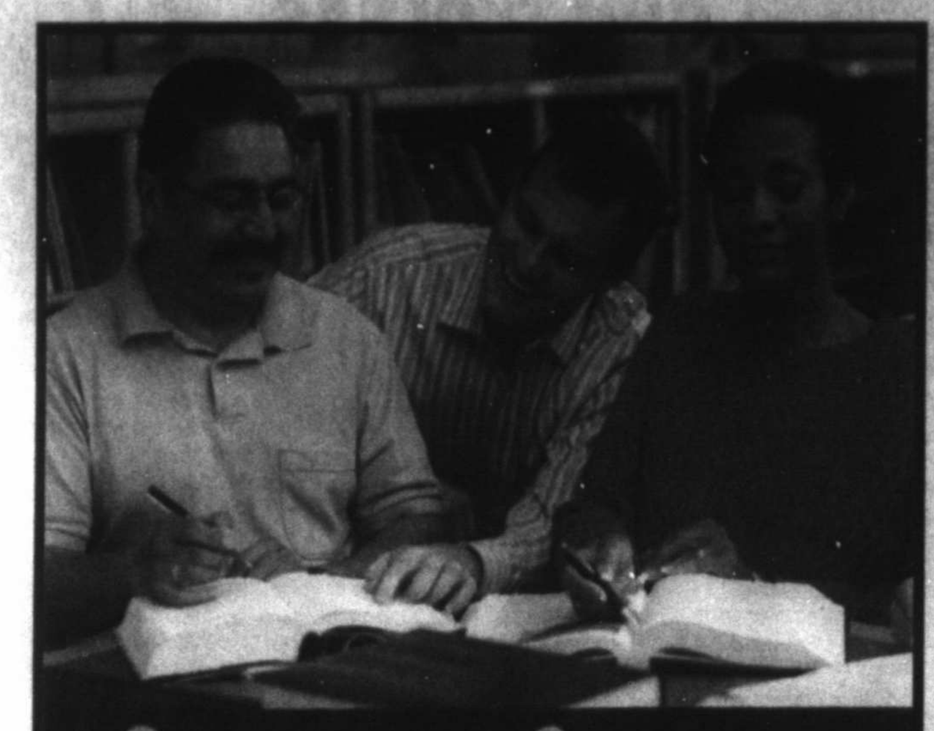

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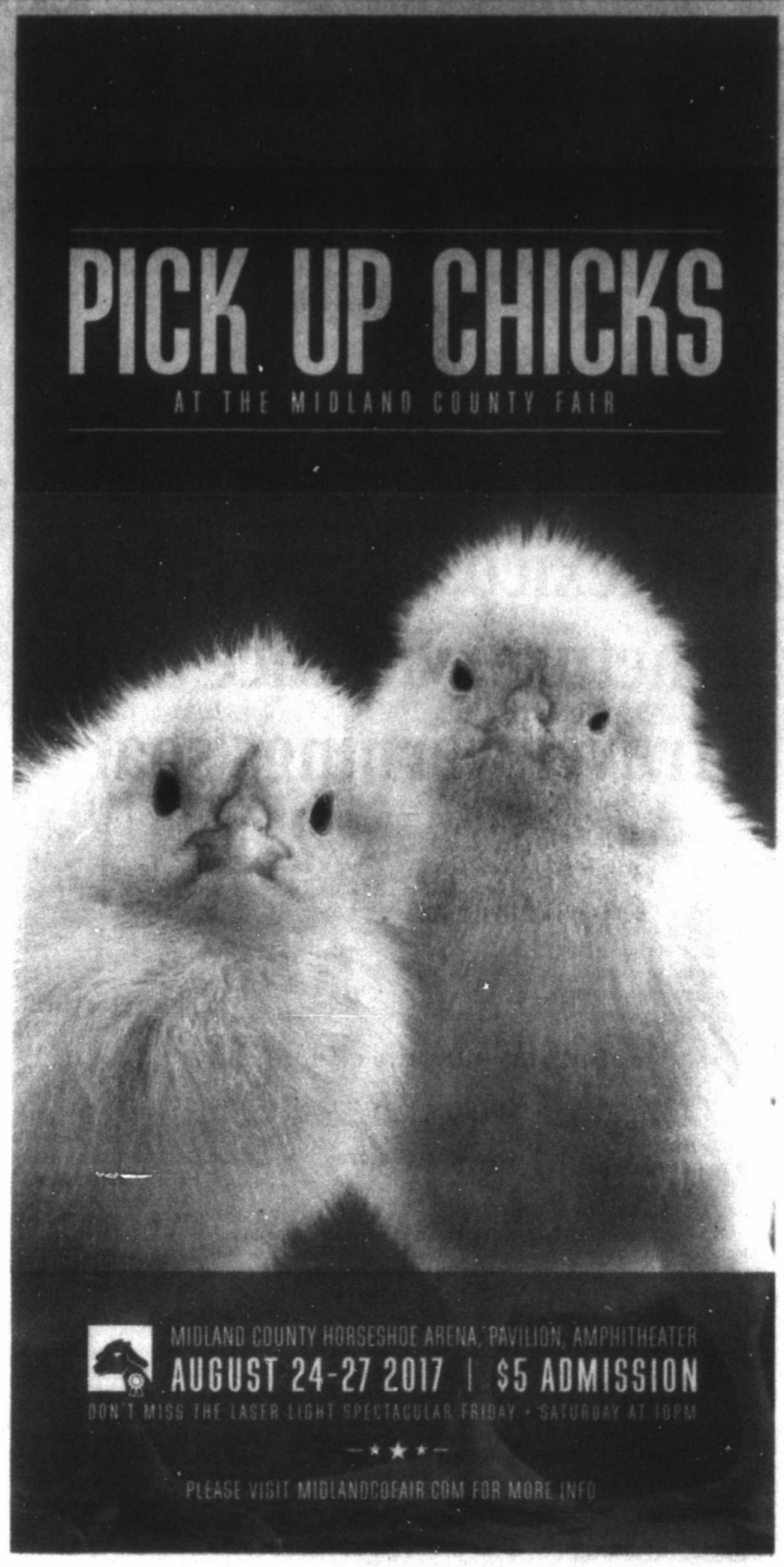

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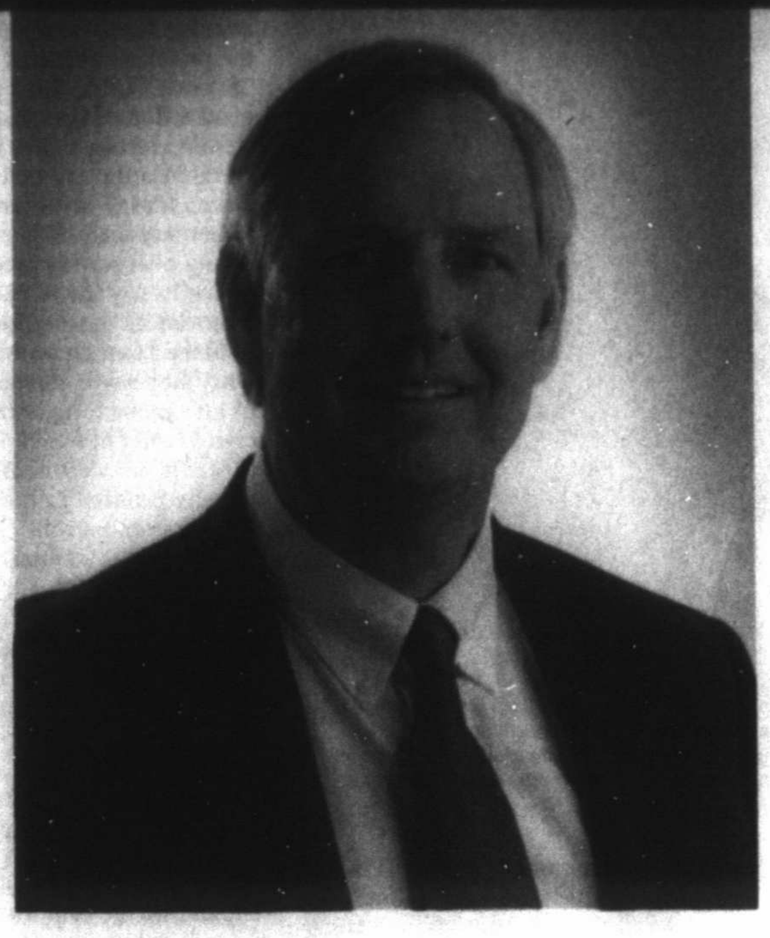

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Trump's first pardon spares political ally Arpaio

By Jacques Billeaud and Darlene Superville
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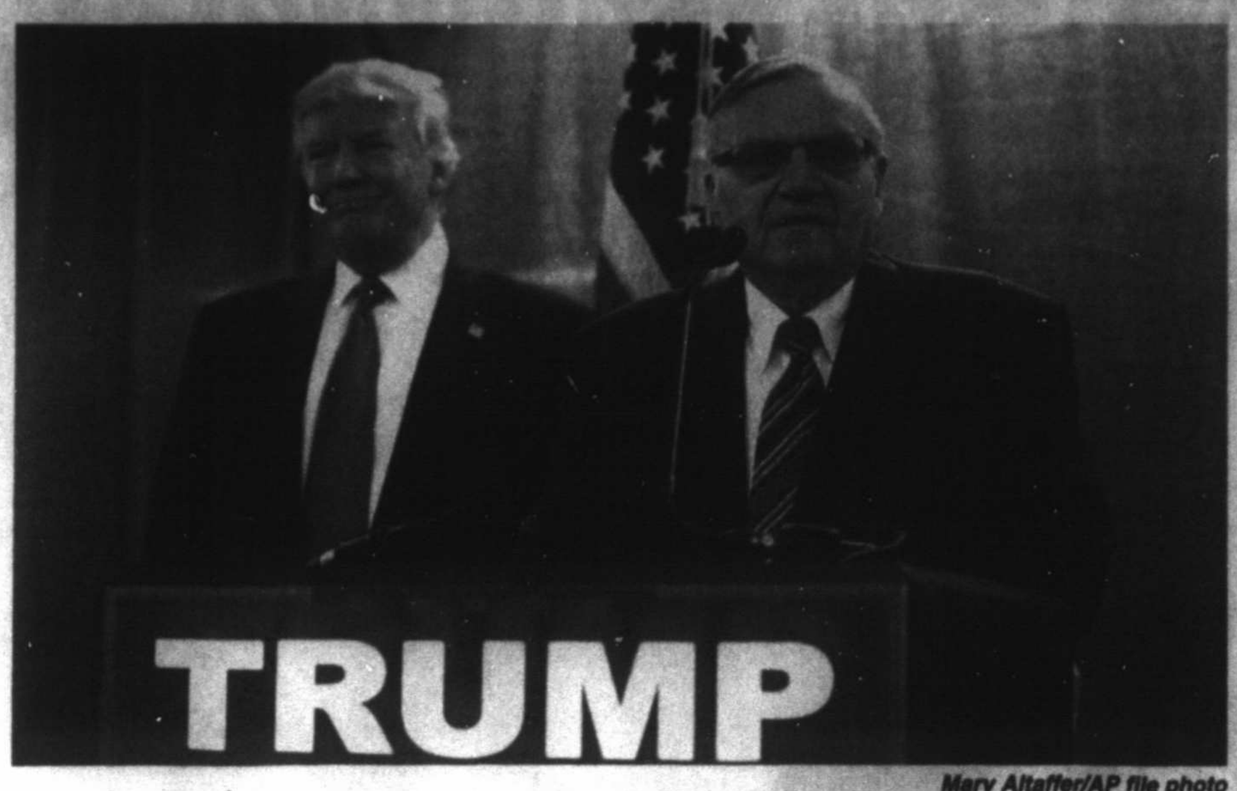

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, is joined by Maricopa County, Ariz., Sheriff Joe Arpaio during a new conference in 2016, in Marshalltown, Iowa. President Donald Trump has pardoned former sheriff Joe Arpaio following his conviction for intentionally disobeying a judge's order in an immigration case. The White House announced the move Friday night, saying the 85-year-old ex-sheriff of Arizona's Maricopa County was a "worthy candidate" for a presidential pardon.

PHOENIX — President Donald Trump spared former Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio the prospect of serving jail time in granting the first pardon of his turbulent tenure, wiping away the lawman's recent federal conviction stemming from his immigration patrols that focused on Latinos.

The White House said 85-year-old Arpaio was a "worthy candidate" for the pardon, citing his "life's work of protecting the public from the scourges of crime and illegal immigration." Trump granted the pardon less than a month after a judge found Arpaio guilty of a misdemeanor contempt-of-court charge in a trial that was prosecuted by the president's own Justice Department.

"I appreciate what the president did," Arpaio told The Associated Press as he celebrated the news over an Italian restaurant meal and someone in his party ordered champagne. "I have to put it out there: Pardon, no pardon — I'll be with him as long as he's president."

The pardon drew a swift and harsh denunciation from an array of Latinos and political leaders, who said it amounted to presidential approval of racism by eliminating the conviction of a law officer who the courts said had used immigration patrols to racially profile Latinos. And it overturned what critics saw as a long-awaited comeuppance for a lawman who long escaped accountability for his use of headline-grabbing tactics as sheriff in Phoenix.

"Pardoning Joe Arpaio is a slap in the face to the people of Maricopa County, especially the Latino community and those he victimized as he systematically and illegally violated their civil rights," Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton said.

The White House announced the pardon late Friday as a powerful Category 4 hurricane threatened Texas with severe flooding and on the same day Trump fleshed out the details of his ban on transgender individuals serving in the military, another move that will cheer his conservative base. The decision followed the uproar that ensued after Trump assigned blame to "both sides" participating in race-fueled clashes in Charlottesville, Virginia, this month.

Trump has been plagued by poor job approval ratings, currently at 34 percent, the lowest mark ever for a president in his first year.

His decision on the former sheriff may also serve to energize supporters dispirited by the president's dismissal a week ago of chief strategist Steve Bannon, a favorite on the far right wing of the Republican Party.

GOP leaders were mixed in reacting to the pardon. Sen. John McCain criticized the move and said it undermines Trump's "claim for the respect of rule of law as Mr. Arpaio has shown no remorse for his actions." Republican Gov. Doug Ducey said Arpaio should be given credit for his crime-fighting efforts and allowed to "move on" and enjoy his retirement.

Arpaio earned a national reputation by taking aggressive action to arrest immigrants in the country illegally. But years of legal issues and related costs took a toll on his political power at home, and he was handily defeated by a Democrat in the 2016 election.

The loss coincided with Trump's election, based in large part on his anti-immigrant rhetoric. Arpaio campaigned for him around the country and spoke at the Republican National Convention.

Arpaio defied court orders that he stop the patrols and has been pardoned by a president who has shown lack of respect for judges with whom he disagrees. Trump has had harsh words about judges overseeing the case against his now-defunct Trump University and his travel ban.

"So Sheriff Joe was convicted for doing his job?" Trump asked supporters at Tuesday's rally. "I'll make a prediction. I think he's going to be just fine, OK."

Trump issued the pardon seven months after taking office, though it is not unprecedented for a president to issue a pardon in their first year in office.

George H. W. Bush granted clemency after seven months in office, said Jeffrey Crouch, a professor of politics at American University who wrote a book on presidential pardons.

Asked whether Trump sought a recommendation from the Justice Department's pardon attorney or the deputy attorney general, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Thursday: "I would imagine they go through the thorough and standard process."

It is not unheard of for a president to exercise his broad power to grant pardons without formal input from the Justice Department, particularly when it involves an associate or a friend. President Bill Clinton ignited a major controversy on his final day in office with a last-minute pardon for fugitive financier Marc Rich, the ex-husband of a major Democratic fundraiser.

Former President George W. Bush set off a political backlash over his decision to commute the prison sentence of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby on a perjury and obstruction of justice case that stemmed from a CIA leak. And Gerald Ford pardoned Richard Nixon for his involvement in the Watergate scandal just days after taking over for his predecessor.

Critics say the Arpaio pardon removed the last opportunity to hold the lawman accountable for what they say is a long history of misconduct, including a 2013 civil verdict in which the sheriff's officers were found to have racially profiled Latinos in his immigration patrols.

Arpaio was accused of prolonging the patrols for 17 months after a judge had ordered them stopped so that he could promote his immigration enforcement efforts in a bid to boost his successful 2012 re-election campaign.

Arpaio acknowledged extending the patrols, but insisted it wasn't intentional. He blamed a former attorney for not properly explaining the importance of the court order and brushing off the conviction as a "petty crime."

He accused then-President Barack Obama of trying to influence the 2016 sheriff's race by announcing in court weeks before Election Day that it was willing to prosecute Arpaio. Prosecutors never filed criminal charges. They were instead recommended by the judge who presided over the profiling case, which began in the Bush administration. The judge in the profiling case was a Bush appointee as well.

Lawyers in Trump's Justice Department prosecuted the case during a five-day trial this summer, and the judge handed down the conviction last month. Arpaio said he'll discuss the case in more detail next week. He said he'll remain involved in the political scene now that he's no longer facing jail time.

"I don't fish," Arpaio said. "I'll be very active."

Primary buzz already growing amid Trump political struggles

By Steve Peoples and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Cuban isn't ready to launch a formal campaign to challenge President Donald Trump.

Yet Cuban, an outspoken Texas billionaire who describes himself as "fiercely independent" politically, sees an opportunity for someone to take down the Republican president, who is increasingly viewed as divisive and incompetent even within his own party.

"His base won't turn on him, but if there is someone they can connect to and feel confident in, they might turn away from him," Cuban told The Associated Press. "The door is wide open. It's just a question of who can pull it off."

Indeed, just seven months into the Trump presidency, Republicans and right-leaning independents have begun to contemplate the possibility of an organized bid to take down the sitting president in 2020. It is a herculean task, some say a fantasy: No president in the modern era has been defeated by a member of his own party, and significant political and practical barriers stand in the way.

The Republican National Committee, now run by Trump loyalists, owns the rulebook for nominating the party's standard-bearer and is working with the White House to ensure a process favorable to the president.

Yet Trump's muddled response to a deadly white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, this month has emboldened his critics to talk about the once unthinkable.

GOP officials from New Hampshire to Arizona have wondered aloud in recent days about the possibility of a 2020 primary challenge from a fellow Republican or right-leaning independent. No one has stepped forward yet, however, and the list of potential prospects remains small.

Ohio's GOP Gov. John Kasich has not ruled out a second run in 2020. Another Republican and frequent Trump critic, Nebraska Sen. Ben Sasse, last month visited Iowa, which hosts the nation's first presidential caucuses. And a handful of wealthy outsiders including Cuban and wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, are being encouraged to join the fray.

Trump's comments about Charlottesville "frightened" many Republicans in New Hampshire, said Tom Rath, a veteran Republican strategist in the state that traditionally hosts the nation's first presidential primary election.

"While he has support from his people, the party itself is not married to him," Rath said of his party's president.

Trump denounced bigotry after the Virginia protests, but he also said "very fine people" were on "both sides" of the demonstrations, which drew neo-Nazis, white nationalists and members of the Ku Klux Klan. One woman was killed when a man drove his car into a crowd of counter-protesters.

Even before the divisive remarks, Trump's public approval ratings were bad. Gallup found in mid-August that the president earned the approval of just 34 percent of all adults and 79 percent of Republicans. Both numbers marked personal lows. And as he lashes out at members of his own party with increasing frequency, frustrated Republican officials have raised questions about the first-term president's political future.

On Monday, Maine Sen. Susan Collins said it's "too early to tell" whether Trump would be the GOP presidential nominee in 2020. On Wednesday, Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake said Trump's divisive governing style was "inviting" a primary challenge. And on Thursday night, former Sen. John Danforth, of Missouri, called Trump "the most divisive president in our history" in a Washington Post op-ed.

"There hasn't been a more divisive person in national politics since George Wallace," Danforth wrote.

Trump has also disappointed "The Rock," a former Republican-turned-independent, who told Vanity Fair in May that he'd "like to see a better leadership" from the Republican president.

Trump's response to Charlottesville "felt like a turning point" among those thinking about 2020, said Kenton Tilford, a West Virginia political consultant who founded "Run The Rock 2020." He said the group has already organized volunteers in Iowa and New Hampshire.

"He's vulnerable," Tilford said of the president.

Yet there is good reason why no sitting president since Franklin Pierce in 1852 has been defeated by a member of his own party. As is almost always the case, the most passionate voters in the president's party remain loyal. And in Trump's case, activists across the country are starting to come around.

The president has personally installed his own leadership team at the Republican National Committee and in states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, where new GOP chairmen are more devout Trump supporters than their predecessors.

As RNC members from across the country gathered in Tennessee this week, leaders had already begun focusing on protecting Trump in 2020.

RNC co-chairman Bob Paduchik, who ran Trump's winning campaign for Ohio last year, was named to lead an RNC effort to review the presidential nominating process in conjunction with White House political advisers.

One possibility, last invoked during President George W. Bush's 2004 re-election, would allow party officials in some states to decide primary contests in closed caucuses without voter input. Such a change could make it all but impossible for another Republican to run a successful nationwide primary challenge.

Trump setting records for low presidential approval

By Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump started as the most unpopular new president in the history of modern polling. After seven months, things have only gotten worse.

Plunging into undesirably uncharted territory, Trump is setting records with his dismally low approval ratings, including the lowest mark ever for a president in his first year. In fact, with four months left in the year, Trump has already spent more time under 40 percent than any other first-year president.

At 34 percent, his current approval rating is worse than former President Barack Obama's ever was.

Trump's early descent in the polls defies some longstanding patterns about how Americans view their president. Such plunges are often tied to external forces that the president only partially controls, such as a sluggish economy or an all-consuming international crisis. In Trump's case, the economy is humming and the foreign crises have been kept to a minimum.

Americans also tend to be optimistic about their new leaders, typically cutting them some slack during their early days in office. Not with Trump.

"Most presidents begin with a honeymoon period and then go down from that, and Trump had no honeymoon," said Gallup editor-in-chief Frank Newport.

It's a jarring juxtaposition for the reality TV star-turned-president who spent months on the campaign trail obsessing about his poll numbers and reading them to massive rally crowds while vowing that he'd win so much as president that Americans would get sick of it. Since he took office, the poll number recitations have stopped.

Trump is now viewed positively by only 37 percent of Americans, according to Gallup's most recent weekly estimate. (Obama's lowest weekly average never fell below 40 percent.) It's even lower — just 34 percent — in Gallup's shorter, three-day average, which includes more recent interviews but can also involve more random variation.

To be sure, approval ratings can fluctuate — sometimes dramatically. Some presidents have seen their positive reviews dip below 40 percent, only to recover strongly. Bill Clinton, whose rating fell to 37 percent in early June 1993 after policy stumbles, quickly gained ground. Later that same month, he climbed to 46 percent, and ended his eight years enjoying approval from 66 percent of the nation.

Trump has defied the trends before. But if history is a guide, his numbers don't bode well. Low approval ratings hamper a president's ability to push an agenda through Congress and make it more likely the president's party will lose seats in Congress in the midterm elections.

Scott de Marchi, who teaches political science at Duke University, says his research suggests approval ratings tend to affect whether a president can persuade Congress to do his or her bidding. That's primarily true with complex issues like tax reform, where Americans care about the outcome but may not have strongly formed opinions. In those cases, Americans are more likely to support whatever plan the president proposes if they broadly approve of the president himself.

"The problem with Trump is that on any area like the budget or tax policy or even health care, people need to be led to a position to support," de Marchi said.

Since Gallup began tracking presidential approval, four presidents — Harry Truman, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush — spent significant time below 40 percent during their first four years. Clinton's and Ronald Reagan's forays below the 40 percent mark also came during their first terms. But neither stayed there long.

Of those who spent at least a few months below 40 percent approval in a first term, only one — Truman — recovered enough to win re-election.

Still, several others reached lows at some point in their presidency that are worse than Trump's, including several who dropped below 30 percent.

Truman hit 22 percent in February 1952, during a drawn-out Korean War stalemate and accusations of corruption in his administration. Richard Nixon hit 24 percent at the height of the Watergate scandal just before his resignation in 1974. Carter bottomed out at 28 percent in the summer of 1979, amid that year's oil crisis.

Trump's average approval rating so far: Just 40 percent. That's even lower than the previous average low for a first-term president, 46 percent, set by Carter.

Newport, the Gallup chief, said Trump's struggles are unusual in that such abysmal numbers can usually be tied to a single, specific issue bedeviling the country. With Trump, Newport said, "it's a more general kind of issue with the man himself and a more general dissatisfaction with the way things are going in the country."

In July, Gallup posed another question to Trump's disapprovers: Why? Nearly two-thirds cited his personality or character, while less than a third cited issues, policies or job performance. By contrast, when Gallup asked the same question about Obama in 2009 and George W. Bush in 2001, less than 2 in 10 disapprovers cited similar concerns about personal characteristics.

The vast majority of Republicans support Trump while the vast majority of Democrats oppose him. Such political polarization might be both a blessing and a curse for Trump, preventing him from achieving higher ratings but also keeping him from falling even further.

"When Trump has done things that have generated an enormous amount of attention and people have anticipated his rating could go down, it has not," Newport said. "And that's because he's being propped up by Republicans."

Amazon to cut prices on Whole Foods staples

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

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Customers shop at a Whole Foods Market on May 3 in Upper Saint Clair, Pa. Amazon is moving swiftly to make big changes at Whole Foods, saying it plans to cut prices on bananas, eggs, salmon, beef and more as soon as it completes

NEW YORK — Amazon plans to use its deep pockets to make big changes at Whole Foods, saying it will cut prices on bananas, eggs, salmon, beef and more when it completes its $13.7 billion takeover next week.

Helping Whole Foods win back customers who found "good enough" organic and natural products elsewhere — possibly at a lower cost — fits Amazon's track record of keeping prices low to lock in customer loyalty. Looking ahead, Amazon hopes to give members of its Prime program special savings and other in-store benefits.

It's an "opening salvo" in the grocery wars, said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, and shares of other supermarkets fell sharply on the news.

"Rivals should be under no illusion that they are now dealing with a competitor that is not afraid to damage profits and margins if it creates long-term gains," Saunders said in an analyst note.

Among other Whole Foods items getting discounts Monday: avocados, tilapia, baby kale, apples and rotisserie chicken — all organic, Amazon said. The company also said certain Whole Foods products will be available through Amazon.com, AmazonFresh, Prime Pantry and Prime Now.

Amazon's announcement comes a day after Whole Foods shareholders gave their approval and the Federal Trade Commission said it would not block the purchase. Amazon will pay $42 per Whole Foods share, an 18 percent premium from its price the day before the tie-up was announced June 16. The stock edged up to $41.98 on Thursday.

By buying Whole Foods, Amazon is taking a bold step into brick-and-mortar, with its more than 460 stores and potentially very lucrative data about how shoppers behave offline. The grocery chain, which has fought the "Whole Paycheck" reputation, had been under shareholder pressure to improve results as customers moved on and discount chains like Lidl and Aldi expanded in the U.S.

Whether Amazon will succeed in the fiercely competitive grocery segment is unclear, but customers are going to benefit from the attempt, said Charlie O'Shea, lead retail analyst at Moody's Investors Service.

"Amazon can come in and price items very low," he said. "Its shareholders are agnostic about profit, and seem more interested revenue and market share. That's a competitive advantage."

Rivals have been scrambling to catch up with the e-commerce giant. Walmart, which has the largest share of the U.S. grocery market, is expanding its grocery delivery service with ride-hailing service Uber and announced Wednesday that it will join forces with Google to let shoppers order goods by voice on Google devices.

But Walmart's shares were off 2 percent, and shares of other big grocery businesses fell more. The Kroger Co. dropped nearly 8 percent, and Supervalu Inc. fell more than 6 percent. Costco lost 5 percent and Target fell 4 percent.

While Whole Foods accounts for less than 3 percent of U.S. grocery and supermarket sales, the purchase gives Amazon a foothold in a fragile industry that can ill-afford more price cutting.

"Lower prices could be catastrophic for some operators," said Madeline Hurley, a senior analyst at market research firm IBISWorld. "It could drive them out of the industry."

On average, she said, supermarkets only squeeze about $1 of profit out of every $100 in revenue.

Hurley said she is not sure how big competitors like Walmart will fare, but that Amazon is showing a determination to shake things up, and fast.

"There was a lot of speculation that Whole Foods might be left as more of an independent entity, at least in the beginning phases of the acquisition," she said. "This shows that Amazon is taking a very hands-on approach."

Financial analysts say one challenge for Amazon is how to cut prices and broaden Whole Foods' appeal without hurting the chain's image for quality food. It's a tricky balance that Amazon itself seemed to acknowledge in its statement.

"Everybody should be able to eat Whole Foods Market quality — we will lower prices without compromising Whole Foods Market's long-held commitment to the highest standards," said Jeff Wilke, CEO of Amazon Worldwide Consumer.

Earlier this month, Amazon sold $16 billion of bonds in order to pay for the purchase. Its shares were down 0.6 percent to $952.45 on Thursday.

Hurricane Harvey closes key oil, gas operations in Texas

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Key oil and gas facilities along the Texas Gulf Coast have temporarily shut down as Harvey pounds the region with torrential rain and high winds, virtually assuring gasoline prices will rise in the storm's aftermath.

Even before the Harvey made landfall late Friday, dozens of oil and gas platforms had been evacuated, at least three refineries had closed and at least two petrochemical plants had suspended operations.

How soon they reopen depends on the severity of flooding and the resumption of power to the areas. Experts say it's still too early to say, with the storm still moving through the region Saturday evening. But they believe gas prices will increase 5 cents to 25 cents per gallon.

Harvey also continued to take a toll on U.S. air travel Saturday, with more than 1,000 flight cancellations as of the early evening, according to FlightAware. Nearly 850 of the canceled flights were scheduled to either depart from or land at Houston's two airports.

The shipping industry also is expected to be disrupted by the worst hurricane to hit the refinery-rich Texas coast in more than 50 years.

Here's how Harvey is likely to affect business and pocketbooks:

■ REFINERIES: Nearly one-third of the nation's refining capacity sits in low-lying areas along the coast from Corpus Christi, to Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Several refineries at greatest risk of suffering a direct strike from high winds have already shut down, but it is the potential for flooding in the Houston and Beaumont areas that could really pinch gasoline supplies.

Flooding and power outages caused by a storm surge are considered the biggest risk.

"The biggest driver of how much this will increase gas prices is how much rain falls in Houston during the next three days," Andy Lipow, president of consultant Lipow Oil Associates, said Saturday. "We are in a wait-and-watch mode."

For now, Lipow is predicting gasoline prices will rise 10 cents per gallon east of the Rockies.

Tom Kloza, an analyst for the Oil Price Information Service, predicts that prices could rise by up to 25 cents a gallon, but that an increase of 5 cents to 15 cents is more likely, assuming that the hurricane doesn't cause lasting damage to refineries.

Flint Hills Resources announced that it would shutter a refinery before Harvey hit and Valero Energy Corp. said it was closing two facilities in Corpus Christi.

The prospect of supply interruptions sent gasoline futures to $1.74 a gallon, their highest level since April, before they retreated to around $1.67 by Friday afternoon.

In addition to the refinery closures, Formosa Plastics shut its petrochemical plant in Point Comfort, Texas, and OxyChem suspended operations at its petrochemical plant in Ingleside, Texas, according to Platts, an S&P Global division that tracks the commodities and energy industry.

■ OIL AND GAS: Companies have been evacuating workers from oil platforms in the Gulf of Mexico, and that is crimping the flow of oil and gas.

As of Friday, the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement said workers had been removed from 86 of the 737 manned platforms used to pump oil and gas from beneath the Gulf.

The agency estimated that platforms accounting for about 22 percent of oil production and 23 percent of natural gas output in the Gulf had been shut down.

"We could see more production be taken offline in the Gulf of Mexico" if the path of the storm wanders farther east, said Jenna Delaney, an oil analyst for PIRA Energy. But, she noted, oil companies announced fewer platform shutdowns on Friday than they had on Thursday, which is an encouraging sign.

Exxon Mobil closed two of its platforms and was evacuating all personnel in the expected path of the storm, said spokeswoman Suann Guthrie. Shell halted operations on a big floating oil-production platform, and Anadarko evacuated workers and shut down four facilities in the western Gulf while continuing to operate those east of the storm's predicted path.

On shore, ConocoPhillips stopped all operations in the Eagle Ford shale formation, which lies across a swath of South Texas inland from the Gulf. A company spokeswoman cited safety and potential disruptions in getting oil and gas from the wells to market during the storm.

■ SHIPPING: Shipping terminals along the Texas coast shut down as the storm approached. Port operations in Corpus Christi and Galveston closed, and the port of Houston said container terminals and general cargo facilities closed around midday Friday.

Rates for carrying freight between the Gulf of Mexico and the U.S. East Coast rose.

■ TRAVEL: After more than 1,200 flight cancellations Friday and Saturday, airlines already had canceled an additional 823 flights scheduled for Sunday, according to FlightAware's calculations on Saturday evening.

Airlines were offering customers the chance to reschedule trips that would take them to Houston, San Antonio or Austin from Friday through the weekend.

■ UTILITIES: Researchers at Texas A&M University estimated that the storm would knock out power for at least 1.25 million people in Texas. They said the hardest-hit areas will include Corpus Christi, which is on the coast, and San Antonio, which is about 140 miles inland.

■ INSURANCE: A firm that does forecasts for insurance companies said wind-damage claims could top $6 billion, although it said losses in the low billions are more likely.

Risk Management Solutions Inc. said losses from storm surges and inland flooding could be a bigger source of losses. If the firm is correct, that would put homeowners and the government-backed National Flood Insurance Program at risk.

The flood program is run by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which owes the Treasury about $23 billion in funds borrowed to cover the cost of past disasters, according to a recent report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

Homeowner policies with insurance companies don't typically cover flood damage, yet a relatively small percentage of homeowners have flood insurance through the federal program.

Shopping by voice on Amazon or Google device could cost you

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In the name of convenience, Amazon and Walmart are pushing people to shop by just talking to a digital assistant.

Shopping by voice means giving orders to the Alexa assistant on Amazon's Echo speaker and other devices, even if your hands are tied up with dinner or dirty diapers. And next month, Walmart will start offering voice shopping , too, with the Google Assistant on the rival Home speaker.

Voice shopping is still new. But once you start using it, look out — you might never know if it's offering you the best deal. Because these devices can't say much without tiring your ears, voice shopping precludes some of the savvy shopping practices you may have relied on to find the best bargains — in particular, researching products and comparing prices.

You'd be leaving much of the buying decision to Amazon, Walmart or other retailers.

Hooked on Amazon

Amazon has had more than a year's head start, and dominates voice shopping. Google introduced shopping to Home in February, letting people order essentials from more than 40 retailers like Target and Costco under its Google Express program. Its partnership with Walmart means hundreds of thousands of items will be available to customers in late September.

With websites and apps, many customers place items in the cart, but change their minds before completing the order, said Lauren Beitelspacher, a marketing professor at Babson College in Massachusetts. Voice shopping eliminates those intervening steps.

And with Amazon so far ahead, voice shopping with Alexa is another way of getting you hooked on Amazon. Although Amazon allows some third-party ordering through Alexa, including pizza from Domino's and hotels through Kayak, general shopping is limited to Amazon's own store. If Alexa orders diapers for you just as you run out, for instance, Amazon locks in the order before you have a chance to visit Walmart.

"You can't get away from Amazon," Beitelspacher said. "I don't know if gimmick is the right word, but (voice shopping) is part of a strategy to be omnipresent in consumers' lives."

Assistant in charge

Ask Alexa to buy something, and it presents you with something you've bought before or an educated guess based on some undisclosed mix of price, satisfaction rating and shipping time. Amazon won't provide more details. You can get a product's average customer-satisfaction rating, but not specific reviews, even on screen-equipped Echo Show devices.

Brian Elliott, general manager of Google Express, says that with most affiliated retailers, personalization occurs as the assistant learns shoppers' preferences, but the integration with Walmart will happen more quickly.

In some ways, shopping by voice assistant is a throwback to the days when you were largely limited to what sales representatives recommended at a physical store.

Amazon's website gives you a lot of information about most products, from color options and sizes to the specific reasons other customers hated a product you're considering. You're able to compare similar items and choose something cheaper if you're willing to sacrifice some features or take a chance on an unknown manufacturer.

And, of course, you can also compare Amazon's prices with those of other online merchants.

But with Amazon's voice shopping, it's back to what the company's representative recommends.

Voice shopping requires membership in Amazon's $99-a-year Prime loyalty program, and it works with most of the tens of millions of items eligible for free shipping. But someone browsing on the web might find deals in non-Prime items; Alexa won't let you buy them.

In addition, Alexa's interactions with shoppers are constrained by the fact that listening and speaking can be a lot slower than reading and clicking.

And while Amazon's website won't necessarily list the cheapest option first either, the alternatives are easier to view on a screen.

Justin Evans, an engineer in Whitman, Massachusetts, bought oatmeal and smart plugs using Alexa to claim exclusive discounts, but he prefers browsing and reviewing products for general shopping. "I'm a less impulsive shopper than I think their target market is," he said.

Shopping out loud

Companies are aware that voice shopping takes getting used to. "It's not natural to shout out a purchase desire and have it be fulfilled," said Ryne Misso of the Market Track retail research firm in Chicago.

Jenny Blackburn, Amazon's director of voice shopping, believes it will catch on once people get used to it.

To get people started, Amazon has been offering exclusive deals through Alexa and a $10 credit on the first order. For its annual Prime Day promotion in July, Amazon gave voice shoppers a head start of two hours.

Amazon says voice shopping has grown in the year-plus it's had it, though it wouldn't release figures. "We're really just getting started with it," Blackburn said in an interview.

Voice's limited range

Blackburn said voice shopping works best for products with "lightweight decisions," such as batteries, cat food and paper towels. Sure, Alexa can order you a TV, but you'll probably want to do some research first.

Nels Romerdahl, a student at the University of Hawaii in Maui, said Alexa can be a big improvement over Amazon Dash buttons — plastic gadgets that can you place around the house and press anytime you need to reorder a specific item. But he doesn't use either Alexa or Dash for recurring items — he stocks up when his parents visit Costco every few weeks.

To prevent inadvertent orders, like the widely circulated report from a local television station of a 6-year-old girl who had Alexa order a dollhouse and sugar cookies for Christmas, Amazon lets you set up a PIN you can recite to the assistant. Amazon disputes the report, saying someone would have had to say "yes" before the order went through.

To boost comfort, Amazon promises free returns on voice orders; normally, Amazon charges a shipping fee for returns unless the company's at fault.

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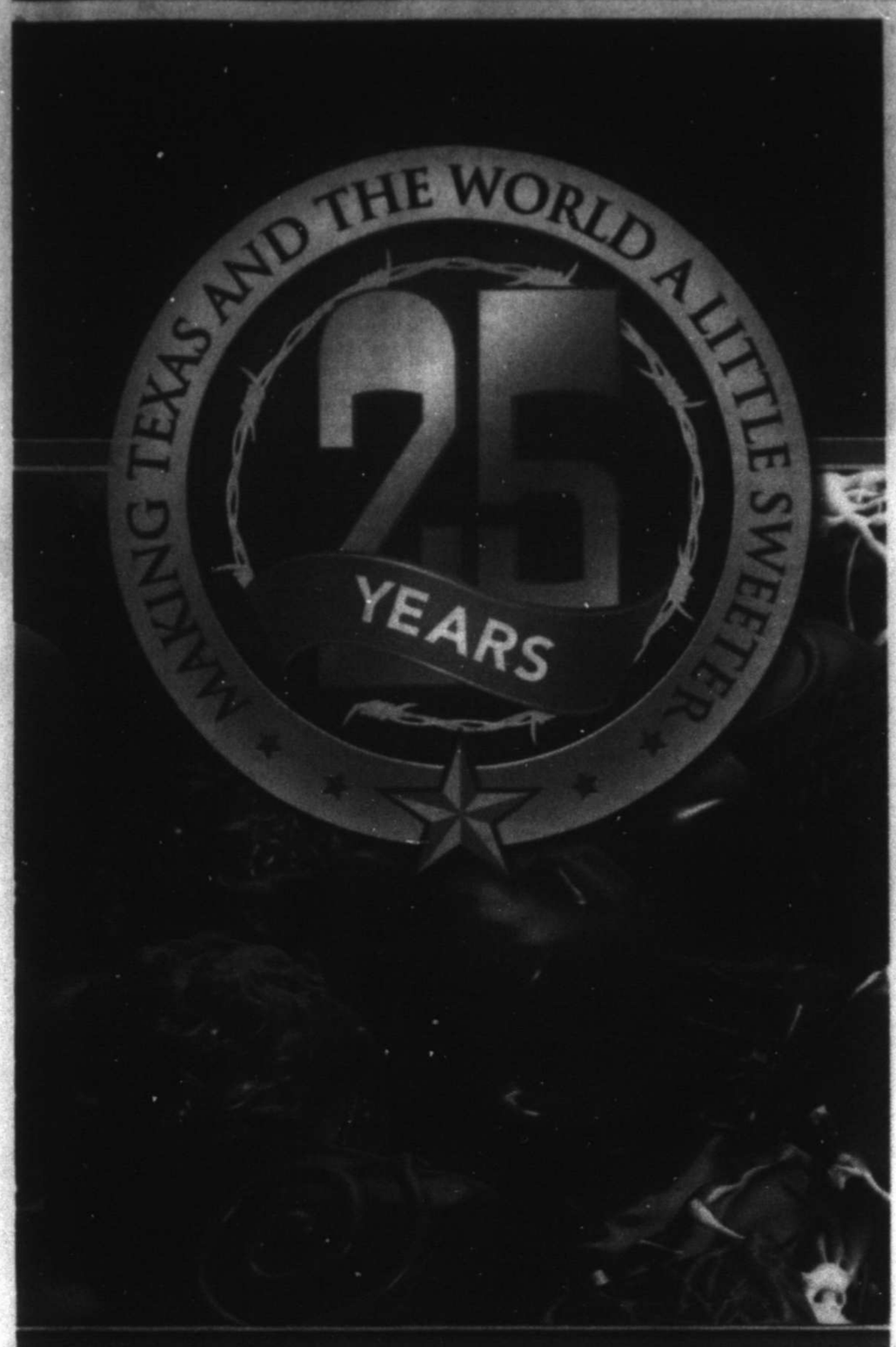

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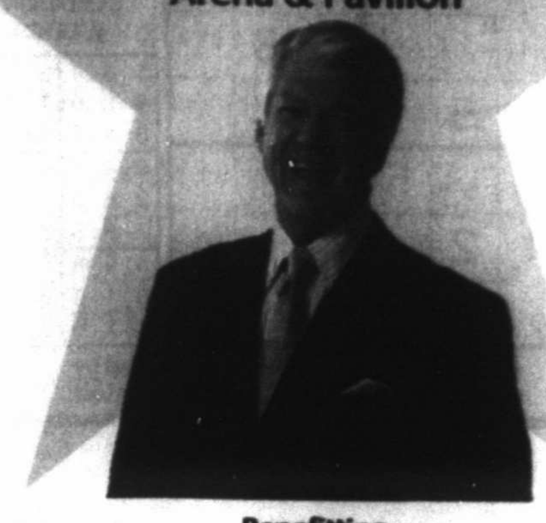

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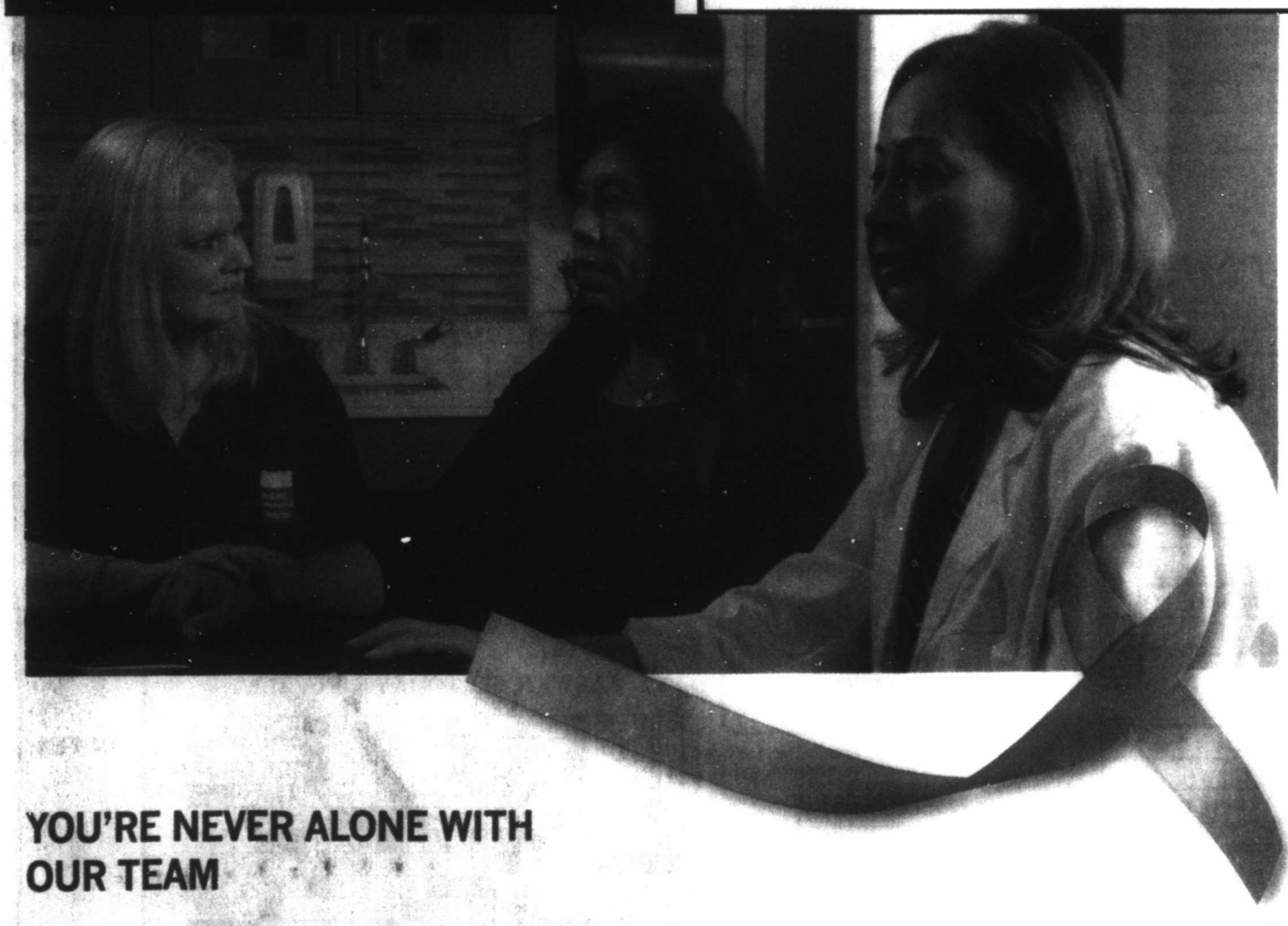

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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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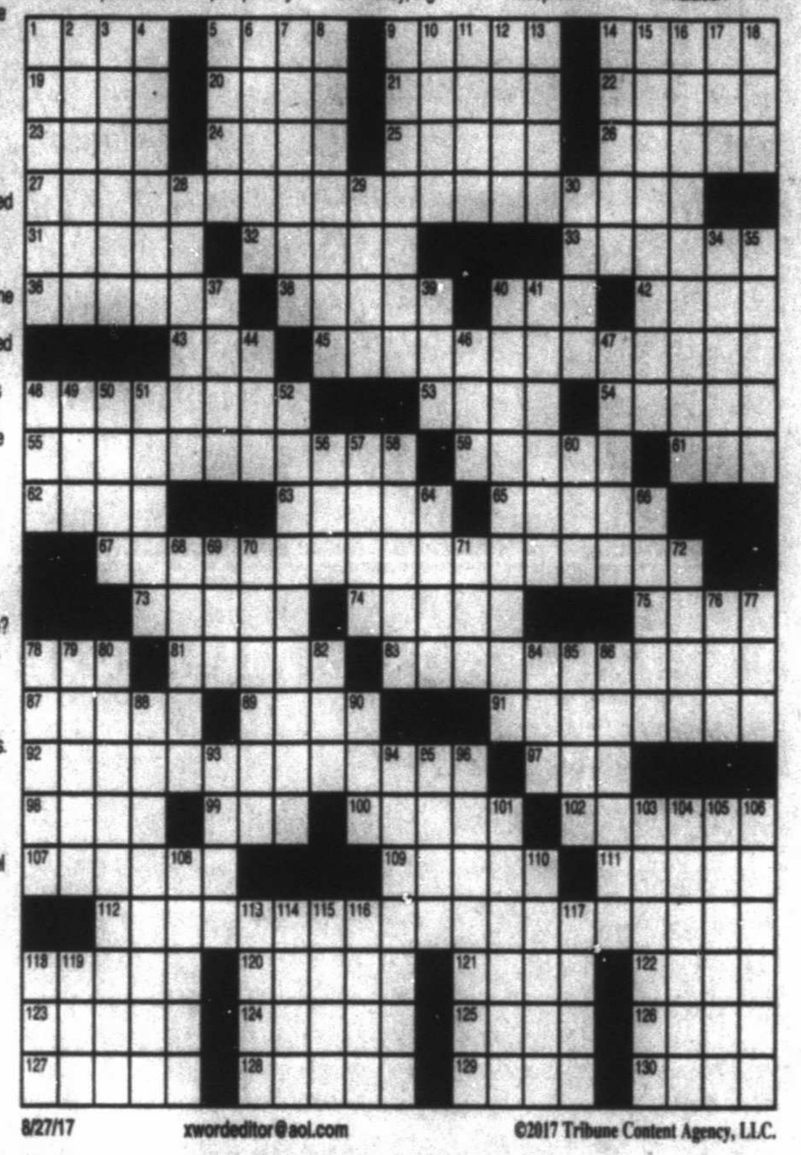
ACROSS

1 Crisscross pattern
5 Whole alternative
9 Religion that may involve a moon goddess
14 Tolerate
19 Sticks figure
20 Common conifer
21 Marry a South Pacific isle
22 Kosher
23 __ in the Pod: maternity brand
24 It won't fly on the Sabbath
25 Get rid of
26 Freetown currency
27 Like soup cans to Andy Warhol?
31 New York natives
32 Traditional meal
33 Join
36 Position
38 More extensive
40 Mid sixth-century date
42 For two, in music
43 "The rules __ the rules"
45 The musical "1776" reworked with arias?
48 Courtesy to parents of a child flying alone
53 Refuses
54 Carrier renamed in 1997
55 Astaire/Rogers 1935 boast?
59 Their areas are arias
61 Auction unit
62 Taunt
63 Ballerinas' supply
65 Saltpeter
67 Pace of a runaway horse?
73 Traffic stopper, perhaps
74 Capital SW of Brussels
75 Sculptors' degs.
78 "Lou Grant" production co.
81 Like some strays
83 Why the kennel closed?
87 Flew into _
89 Mexican dirección
91 Engine regulator
92 Vespa newbies?
97 Verizon subsidiary
98 Two-bailed weapon
99 Dangerous African biter
100 News story sources
102 Absorb, as with towelling
107 Brief outline
109 Produce chapter and verse?
111 Development areas
112 #1 rodeo competitor?
118 1995 Cecil B. DeMille Award-winning actress
120 Marilyn's birth name
121 Swear
122 Gp. that includes Venezuela
123 Golf shoe feature
124 Like some construction sight markers
125 Current
126 Geometry function
127 Accomplishments

DOWN

1 Ones pressed for drinks
2 Grint who plays Ron in Harry Potter films
3 Portugal's region
4 Overwhelm with noise
5 What manuscripts may be submitted on
6 Caber toss garb
7 Shortly, casually
8 Songlike
9 Scrooge's opposite
10 Craving
11 Crux
12 Show appreciation, in a way
13 Boxer's brand?
14 With 113-Down, precipitously
15 Draft providers
16 Savvy shopper's cry
17 Ruckus
18 74-Across season
28 Fire
29 Makeover
30 Swabby's need
34 Collector's item
35 Compassion
37 Part of Q.E.D.
39 Ticket word
40 Home furnishing purchase
41 Estonia neighbor
44 Paul Anka's "__ Beso"
46 Silent affirmation
47 Montana's __ Falls
48 Band performance
49 "__ dreaming?"
50 "Forbidden" perfume
51 Ideal places
52 Appears suddenly
56 Harley, e.g.
57 "Make it quick!"
58 Industry VIP
60 Bermuda's ocean: Abbr.
64 Successor to Claudius
66 High-tech worker
68 Emulated a street performer
69 Investment acronym
70 Guiding principles
71 Decline
72 [It disappeared!]
76 Require meds, maybe
77 Sault __ Marie
78 Dangerous African biter
79 Military unit
80 It might be tipped
82 Since Jan. 1, in P&L reports
84 Article in rap titles
85 "No __!: "Easy-peasy!"
86 Prepare to store, as a blueprint
88 Under-the-hood type
90 Slim swimmer
93 Novelist Bellow
94 Church greeter's target
95 Like small star fruit
96 Slope apparel
101 Wonder on stage
103 Lazy
104 Half of bowling's worst split
105 Of immediate concern
106 Compassionate, creative, submissive sort, it's said
108 Small change
110 Undercut
113 See 14-Down
114 Den, for one
115 Bond adventure with Honey Ryder
116 Drop
117 Was in the red
118 Clock readout abbr.
119 "Good one, matador!"



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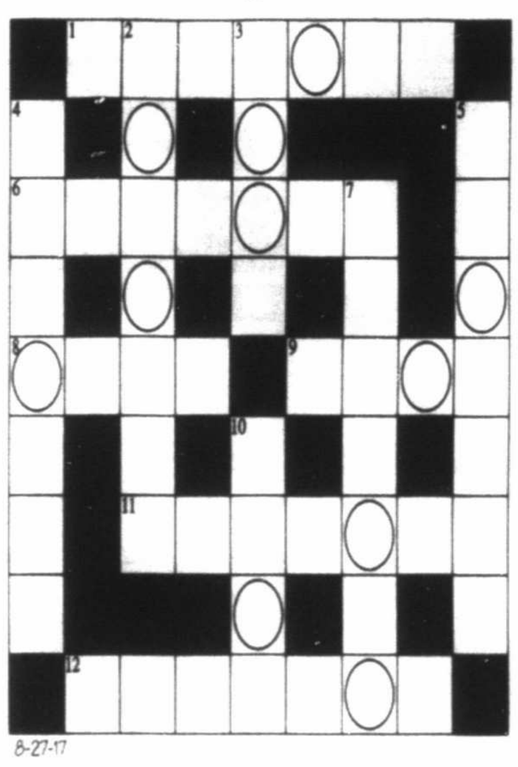

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ unit	RTSGEOA
6. Grand	ATNGEEL
8. Cabbage-like plant	KELA
9. ___ bonds	NUJK
11. Frasier's view	LYSNIKE
12. Thickness	EDYTINS

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
2. Garden ___	LERTSIL
3. Growl, howl	RARO
4. Monday, for example	KYEWEAD
5. Tract, brochure	BLEOKTO
7. Traveler	SIRUOTT
10. Optical organs	ESYE

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2. Quick on the uptake
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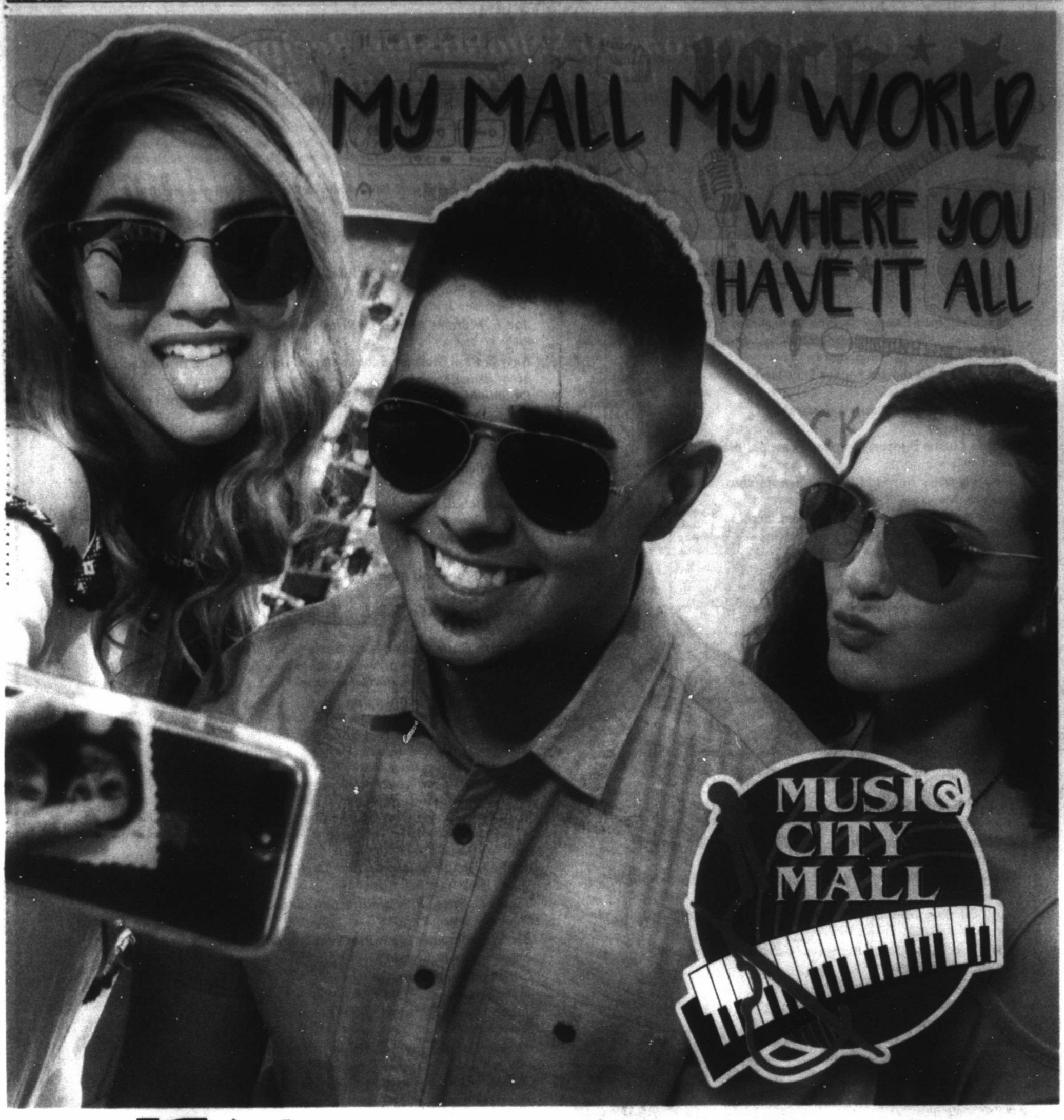

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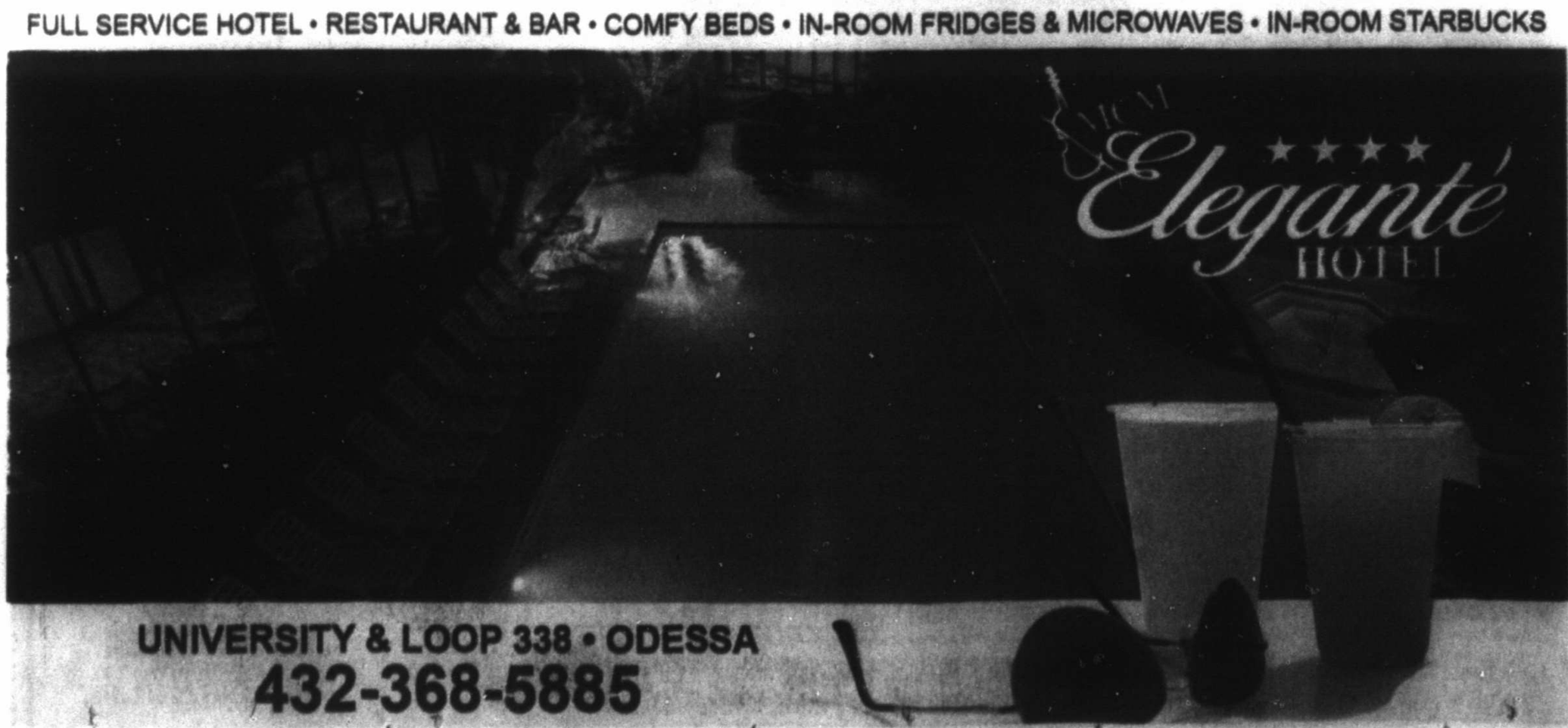

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VIEWPOINTS

No simple answer to the division in our community

MELANIE NICHOLAS

A few weeks ago, I told the Boss Man I would be writing a Sunday column about back-to-school. At the time, I assumed I would be talking about kids going back to school. Instead, I find myself thinking back, to school. High school to be more exact.

I graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1991. That was the year we stopped using the Confederate Flag, and I seem to recall that the General Lee mascot looked more like Yosemite Sam than a fierce West Point graduate. There was an old field cannon in the courtyard that boys used to straddle for photos. No one took it seriously, and I certainly did not care one bit who our school was named after. We were Midland Lee — we had the best band, the best football team and the best debate program. I was proud of my friends who participated in those activities. We were pitted in rivalry, ever foes of Midland High and Permian High. I did not understand what the fuss was about regarding the Confederate flag. It's easy to not care about something that doesn't affect white, 16-year-old you. But seeing that the Confederate flag hurt my black classmates, I supported removing it. The flag didn't change the history of the Civil War; no one forgot that the North won. But removing that symbol, a logo if you will, for slavery and the Civil War made the pain of the past hurt a little less for some.

Following in the wake of recent violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the removal of statues and plaques honoring Confederates across the United States, our own Lee High School has become a target. An internet petition has circulated calling for a name change. In response, a second petition has emerged asking that the school's name not be changed. I have followed along on a friend's Facebook page as former classmates and alumni debated the internet petitions. And now, citing safety concerns for students, Midland

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PLAYING A DIFFERENT TUNE

MRT file photo

Lee High band performs during the Marching Festival on Oct. 7, 2015 at Grande Communications Stadium for area sixth graders to listen and learn about joining the band as they enter junior high.

What changed that required the demise of 'Dixie'?

STEWART DOREEN

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When our community goes through such a turbulent few days as we experienced last week, there are no winners.

There are people at Midland ISD making decisions that they truly believe are in students' best interest.

There are people who have lived in this community for decades -- maybe attended Lee High School or sent their children to Lee -- who truly believe all this talk about Confederate imagery is much to do about nothing.

There also are those who wouldn't waste an opportunity for educational activism and others who long for the status quo for reasons that aren't in the best interest of the entire community.

There is no way you or I can read anyone's mind or look into their heart to know their true motivations.

Having said that, there are too many unanswered questions regarding the decision by campus leaders that the Lee band will stop playing a song that includes notes from the song, "Dixie." I tried calling Lee Principal Stan VanHoozer on Friday to ask those questions. I told him we would run it as a question-and-answer piece. He chose to refer all inquiries to the press release Midland ISD sent out on Friday. Here it is in its entirety:

"Midland ISD is focused on the mission of educating all students. Our students remain our number one priority. Any potential concern is taken very seriously and at times decisive action is required. This has always been our practice and will continue to be our practice regardless of the circumstances. We will always be proactive when it comes to our Midland ISD family.

"The Midland ISD board of trustees and district administration is aware of the national conversation surrounding confederate symbols. This issue continues to be highly sensitive and people on both sides are very passionate about their beliefs. It is our belief that the Lee High School band students represent a diverse student population. There are also parents of students who participate in band, who are on both sides of this issue. However, even though they differ in opinions, they are united in their belief that academics and student achievement are paramount to their child's success. Students should not be put in the middle of an argument where there are no winners.

"The principal and district administrators support the decision to discontinue the incorporation of the song 'Dixie' into Lee High School's actual fight song 'On, On, Rebels.' The decision is based solely upon keeping students participating in the Lee High School band safe at home and on the road. Students did not join the band to make a political statement but they chose to participate to showcase their talents and musical abilities in a safe and productive environment. That choice will be protected. Campus and district administrators will continue working to ensure that the rich, winning history of the Lee High band program continues.

"The Lee High School band will continue to play the well-known and revered fight song 'On, On, Rebels!' in its entirety."

There are two points that stand out in this release.

First, MISD claims there are parents

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Y'all, let's help the Democrats find a candidate for governor

KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman

The time has come — perhaps a little later than usual because the summer special session sent lawmaking into overtime — when we turn our attention from policy to politics. There is a difference. At least there's supposed to be.

We have a big ol' election year coming up highlighted by the selection of a governor and a U.S. senator.

That latter race is shaping up to be an entertaining one, featuring Ted Cruz, a sharp-tongued Republican who believes that in a fair world, he'd now be living on Washington's trendy Pennsylvania Avenue, and U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, a pugnacious Democrat from as far west as you can go and still be in Texas.

The gubernatorial race will feature incumbent Republican Greg Abbott versus A Democrat to Be Named Later. Manny Garcia, the party's friendly deputy executive director, has promised it will be "an authentic, dynamic candidate" whose identity will be revealed to all "at an appropriate time in the fall."

Authentic would be good. Ditto for dynamic. And both would be great. I'm for a two-party Texas, something we had for about 20 minutes in the latter 20th century as we morphed from all-Democrat-all-the-time to all-GOP-all-the-time.

Associated Press writer Will Weissert of Austin recently summed up the state of play on the Democrat side in a story noting "Democratic leaders haven't yet lined up a substantial name to represent the party and its message despite months of trying. Any continued faith in a Democratic turnaround in Texas is now colliding with pessimism that it

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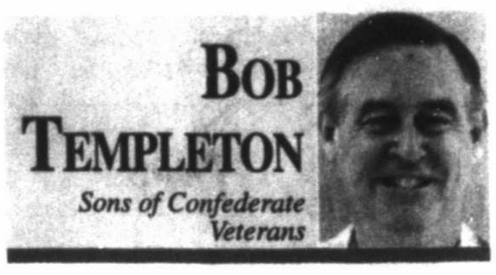

BOB TEMPLETON

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Ignorance isn't a reason to trample on history others observe

All of a sudden, a few citizens of the Midland community are disturbed by the proud Robert E. Lee High School name. Why is that so?

They were proud of it for many decades when the school was winning football games and advancing to state championships. So it is a "sudden" and ignorant prospect to rename the school because a few snowflake liberals across the nation are up in arms over Confederate representations.

One of the name-change petitioners said on a recent local broadcast that while he was in high school, he and fellow students were not aware of General Lee's history and statements.

They were ignorant (meaning without knowledge) of this man's most honorable Christian values and patriotic fervor. Yes, he fought for the Confederacy. Who wouldn't whose own family, home city/state and friends were taking up arms? Otherwise, you would be shot for treason for visiting your own mother.

What it proves to me is the incompetency of Midland's education system, and its teachers not instructing our students. Who doesn't know Robert E. Lee (not the Robert Lee of ESPN) was the greatest general of all, North or South, in the War Between the States?

Numerous syndicated stories have been circulated that espouse the wrong reasons for and current support of veterans fighting for the Confederate States of America. Yes, part of it was slavery, but the major reasons, including my 16- and 18-year-old veteran relatives, were states' authority, peer pressure, homeland defense and freedom from overbearing federal power-seekers.

Just like any other veterans groups, including the American Legion, of which I am a member, the Sons of Confederate Veterans offers correct history presentations, preservation of Confederate monuments and grave sites and general patriotic support for all who fought bravely for this country's freedoms and rights. We have been given support from Congressional actions related to Memorial Day and pension rights of Confederate widows and their children. Check the facts.

Needless to say, I am a supporter of my relatives' sacrifice for freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and will fly my Confederate flags and display symbols as is my right. How dare anyone connect any SCV efforts and its members with prejudice motives. We have many black, Hispanic, Asian and other so-called people of color (I am white, also a color) who will agree with efforts to preserve history as it occurred. Yes, slavery was bad, but no one is fighting for it now. Please, do not label some knowledgeable people as bigots, neo-Nazis, hooded

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Shooters test their mettle in Pecos

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Pecos Rifle Club has an annual rifle and pistol event on the third Saturday in September that takes place in the wide-open country between Pecos and Barstow. Participants run to their targets to shoot. Scoring is based half on running, half on shooting.

"This will be our 16th year for the event," said Smokey Briggs, club president. "It'll be on Sept. 16 this year. It's sort of like the Olympics Biathlon where people ski and shoot. We don't have any snow here so we just run and shoot."

It all started when some Pecos shooters were having a bull session after a shooting event in New Mexico. Apparently they were licking their wounds for their sub-par performances against their competitors.

"Somebody said, 'I bet if we ran those guys about a mile before they shot that would change things up.' We got to thinking about it and realized that was true. I've always liked competition that involved more than one skill. We decided to see if we could create something involving shooting and running."

So they organized the Pecos Run and Gun in the Sun and advertised for people to enter. Only a handful showed up that first year.

That has changed.

"We can run a maximum of 100 people. We've had to turn people away for the last seven or eight years. It's a unique event and captures a lot of people's imagination. We get entries from several states."

It's open to men and women of all ages. There are no age brackets. Smokey says he has seen 70 year-olds do better than 20 year-olds.

"We start runners about every five minutes. Some are faster than others and some get passed. I don't sprint the course any more, but we have guys in their twenties just out of Ranger School and they sprint the course."

There are five stations along the 6-mile course. It's a big circle and shooters fire away from the center of the circle.

"At different stations you might need to score as few as six hits. I think last year there were 42 hits with a rifle required. You can shoot as many times as you wish. I may shoot 80 times to get my 42 hits.

"We try to keep it very simple and have few rules. You have to carry your weapons and ammo, maybe some water. It's probably best to wear long pants and long-sleeve shirts because some of the terrain is rough and you have to do some modified basin training crawling, but no barbed wire or machine gun fire overhead.

"The $95 entry fee gets shooters a T-shirt and a fine meal at the Pecos Valley Country Club, where we have our banquet and award prizes. There aren't many. The six top participants get a T-shirt and a plaque that I make."

BBB offers tips to keep car shopping from being overwhelming

HEATHER MASSEY

Regional Director, Permian Basin Better Business Bureau

There's nothing more exciting than buying a car — perhaps it's your very first, or one that you've been saving up for. With so many makes and models to choose from, shopping for a car can be overwhelming. Before you become the proud owner of a brand new car, Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas advises you to do your research and shop smart.

According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), buying a new car is second only to home buying as the most expensive purchase many consumers make. The average price of a new car in the U.S. is about $30,000, which is why it's important to weigh all of your options, especially how much you're willing to spend.

Although auto dealers have the option to release new car models whenever they choose, most auto companies release new models between September and December every year. This month, auto companies will start to release the 2018 models, which gives dealers enough time to promote the newest features and versions of previous models.

In 2016, new car auto dealers were one of your BBB's top 3 most complained and inquired about business categories, with more than 1000 complaints locally. Most complaints alleged problems with contracts, repairs, advertising and customer service.

If you're in the market to buy a new car, BBB and the FTC offer the following advice:

■ Do your research. Search online and check out websites that discuss new car features and prices, and shop around to get the best possible price by comparing models and prices. Find a trustworthy auto dealer on bbb.org and check out their BBB Business Profile to view complaint history, customer reviews and contact information.

■ Visit the dealership. Visit several dealerships if you're unsure of the make and model of car you want. Ask to test drive and inspect the cars you're interested in. Have a plan ahead of time of your budget, type of cars that interest you and year. Also, plan to negotiate on price, as dealers may be willing to bargain on their profit margin. Regardless of whether you pay cash or finance your car, negotiating the price can save you money. If your dream car isn't available on the dealer's lot, consider waiting and ordering it to fit your needs and wants.

■ Consider the terms of financing your car. Before you sign a contract to purchase or finance your new car, consider the terms of the financing and evaluate whether it is affordable. Some dealers may offer very low financing rates, but may not be willing to negotiate on the price. So, you may find it's more affordable to pay higher financing charges on a car that is lower in price or to buy a car that requires a smaller down payment. Also, before you leave the lot, make sure you have a copy of the contract that both you and the dealer have signed.

■ Understand how to trade in your old car. Before you negotiate the price of your new car, find out what your current vehicle is worth. Research the value of your car, as this can help you get a better price from the dealer. Check with the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) to compare cars, view a vehicle history report and determine what you can afford. Depending on the circumstances or value of your car, you may get more money selling your car on your own than if you trade it in.

■ Consider a service contract. Service contracts that you may buy with a new car provide for the repair of certain parts or problems, and are offered by manufacturers, dealers or independent companies. However, they may or may not provide coverage beyond the manufacturer's warranty, which is included in the price of the car. A service

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MELANIE

From 1B

ISD has announced the band will no longer play its fight song that incorporates notes from "Dixie."

Growing up in Midland, we were taught that the Civil War was about states' rights vs. the right of the federal government. Southern states wanted to be their own bosses, maintaining their own economic system and laws. It just happened to be a system based in agriculture dependent on slave labor. However, the federal government maintained that states were part of one nation, with a sovereign government. The federal government would tell states what they could and couldn't do. And Lincoln believed people couldn't own other people. The Southern states rebelled, and the rest, as they say, is a bloody history. The fact that the Southern economy was built on the backs of human beings stolen from their homes and enslaved was a fact I don't really remember spending a lot of time on in history classes.

And now, 150ish years later, one part of me wonders if we still aren't neglecting this fact. Another part of me says, this is history, folks — the most significant part of our history as a nation. Does changing a school name or tearing down statues change the facts? Do the statues and mascots and school names glorify our past? Or do they serve as reminders lest we forget? Is there truly anything we can do to ever make this situation right? I can't help but wonder if changing Lee's name decreases racism in Midland or creates more?

The fact is, symbols mean different things to different people. Depending on your frame of reference, the Judeo-Christian cross, the U.S. flag, the Rebel all mean something different. The way you interpret them and the importance or relevance you give them is dependent on your background, your education, your experience.

I am proud of district leadership for refusing to be baited into this internet petition argument. Superintendent Orlando Riddick has said education and students' safety are the most important things to his administration. I could not agree more. There are teachers and students at LHS right now who are proud of their accomplishments as Midland Lee Rebels. Are they to be marginalized in a greater battle waging in our country? I don't know. There are teachers and students at LHS right now who have been hurt by the symbolism of Robert E. Lee, the Confederacy and slavery. How do we help and support them? I don't know.

I can't even untangle the legacy of Lee himself. Some reports claim he spent his life after the war working to heal the country. Others portray him as a racist who actively worked to break up slave families. Other historians maintain that Lee was pro-Union and fought against secession until his home state of Virginia left the Union. Of his decision to turn down a U.S. Army post in Washington, he wrote, "I look upon secession as anarchy. If I owned the 4 millions of slaves in the South, I would sacrifice them all to the Union; but how can I draw my sword upon Virginia, my native state."

This is a confusing time for me. Society is changing faster and faster, and just because something seems wrong — or right — on the surface, does not necessarily make it so. But in a time of instant information and instant gratification, in a time when it seems more popular to do what feels good rather than what is right, it is harder to take time to sort through all the facts, ramifications and justifications.

Gen. Robert E. Lee served honorably in Texas; he served the Union. He later served his home state and family because he felt duty-bound to protect them. Would you defend your home and Texas against the U.S. government if you had to? Does being on the losing side of a war Lee might not have believed in erase the good he did in other places? I don't know. Do my past mistakes, even egregious ones, negate the things I do right in the present? I hope not.

I know that slavery and racism are wrong. I believe in a God that loves all people regardless of gender or race, and I believe in a country where all people are created equal. I believe in forgiveness. It feels as if the country is so divided. Remember what Jesus (and President Lincoln) said about a house divided. … How can we move forward as one?

I certainly don't have any answers. I'm just not sure that a school full of children needs to a battleground in our country's war with its past and future.

Melanie Nicholas is a full-time momma, writer and mommy blogger. She and The Hubs have two uh-mazing children, Parksalot, 9, and Bodacious, 6. You can follow her amazing adventures fighting grime and insecurity on Facebook @MelNicholas13 and at TheBathwaterBlogs.com. Her column appears in the Midland Reporter-Telegram every other week.

DOREEN

From 1B

of students who participate in band who don't want their child involved with the insertion of Dixie.

Second, students did not join the band to make a political statement.

We didn't get to ask Lee's principal if parents have approached him about this issue, and we didn't get to ask if the principal, school or district has been threatened with legal action. There are no specifics about what security threats have been made in Midland or in other communities that would make members of the band in any more jeopardy this year compared to any other year.

The political statement comment is an eye-opener. Midland ISD, in this release, is stating the insertion of "Dixie" is a political statement. It didn't say it has become one. So we have to ask, "When did the playing of 'Dixie' become that political statement? Two weeks ago?" If the answer is yes, then MISD leaders can be accused succumbing to the politics of the day and making their own political statement. If they state this has been an issue going back any period of time, then MISD leaders can be accused of condoning behavior that didn't allow students to showcase their talents and musical abilities in a safe and productive manner.

District leaders can't claim responsibility for this decision because they would be saying they stood by and did nothing for years. That would be inexcusible. If it is considered wrong today, it is not because of recent events across our nation. Midland ISD leaders know this.

There are questions needing to be asked. If the school has determined an affiliation with the term Dixie is not part of a safe and productive environment, wouldn't the next logical step be to do away with the term Dixie Dolls? How can you allow one and not the other?

For those ready to call out me or this newspaper for attempting journalistic activism, I would remind you that it was this district's actions opened this Pandora's box and its lack of transparency on this issue that forced us to ask these questions. These also are questions that can be found on social media right now.

At this time last week, Midland ISD looked as though it was wanting to focus on academic performance, not issues of Confederate imagery. Something changed, and our leaders need to be more forthcoming about what changed.

There are entirely too many questions needing to be answered.

Obituaries

Joseph Bailey McShane, Jr.

Joseph Bailey McShane, Jr., was born April 11, 1929 in San Antonio, Texas to Joseph Bailey McShane and Ruth Turner McShane. He passed away August 7, 2017 after a protracted illness.

Joe is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marie; two children, Timothy C. and wife, Rebecca McShane, and Helen Keven McShane DVM and husband, Fred L. Brown (Joe B. McShane III, - Deceased, 1997.)

The McShanes have five grandchildren: Joseph Bailey IV, Shannon K., Timothy K., R. Chase, and Katherine E. "Kallie" McShane; a brother, Mike of Austin; and was predeceased by brother Patrick, sister Betty, and his parents.

Joe McShane was educated in San Antonio schools. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson H. S. in San Antonio in 1947, attended Trinity University, San Antonio, before transferring to the University of Texas, Austin. He graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering.

During college and for a period of time after graduation, he served in the Naval Reserves; Joe was honorably discharged as Seaman V-6 in September 1952.

Joe was an Eagle Scout and during his college years in Austin was a Boy Scout Master to a troop of underprivileged boys.

He was always active and community-minded. Joe served as a member of the Jaycees, served on the Board of Directors of the Monahans Chamber of Commerce, and received the Monahans Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award in 1980. He served nine years on the Board of Managers with Ward Memorial Hospital; was a member of the Ward County Airport Advisory Commission; and the Ward County Republican Party. After moving in 1995 to The Hills, Texas, Joe was elected and served on the Board of Aldermen for seven years and on several committees within the community. He served on the Board of Directors of the Lake Travis Republican Party.

Joe received his private pilot license in 1965 and later his instrument rating. Flying was his greatest hobby and joy. He is a Gold Life Member since 1979 of the Commemorative Air Force, formerly the Confederate Air Force, and was a leader in moving the organization to Midland, Texas. Joe also served as Wing Leader of the West Texas Wing CAF and received many awards from the CAF organization.

He was an early supporter of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame and served the Museum as a member of the Board of Executors. In May 2017, he was inducted into the Museum's Hall of Fame.

Joe served as a Director of the Texas Savings and Loan in Monahans and later as Director of the Kermit State Bank.

He was a Registered Petroleum Engineer in the states of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, and Nevada. He was the first Registered Petroleum Engineer in Nevada as a consultant to the U.S. Energy Commission on a large atomic waste storage project.

Joe was a member of the Society of Professional Engineers, former member of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association and served as a member of its Executive Committee. He was very involved with the Independent Petroleum Association of America, serving as a director and member of the Import Policy Committee. He belonged to the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and served in a number of capacities including President. He also served as President of the National Stripper Well Association, 1978-1979.

In 1990, The Permian Basin Petroleum Association honored Joe B. McShane, Jr. with their TOP HAND Award.

In addition to his civic and professional involvement, he was very involved with his church, St. James Episcopal Church of Monahans and The Diocese of Northwest Texas. He served his church as Treasurer, Warden, and Lay Reader. He served the Diocese of Northwest Texas as Trustee, member of the Standing Committee, Executive Committee, Bishop Selection Committee, Deputy from the Diocese of NW Texas to General Convention in Minneapolis, Denver, and New Orleans. He continued his church involvement after moving to The Hills of Lakeway, associating with a small country Mission Church where he served as Bishop's Warden and Lay Eucharistic Minister.

After graduation from the University of Texas, Austin, he was hired by Forest Oil Company and moved to Monahans in 1952. That began a career that would last for over 43 years. He worked for a short period in the mid 1950s for an Independent, then went to work for Signal Oil and Gas.

In 1959, he decided to quit his job and strike out on his own. A quote he always liked to tell people was "I quit my job, got married, and bought a house all in one month." That was the real beginning of his long career as an Independent Oilman.

In 1995, Joe and Marie retired, moved to The Hills of Lakeway, and built a new home where they have resided since.

A private burial will be held in The Cypress Mill Cemetery and a Memorial Service will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cypress Mill, TX at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Luke's Episcopal Church, 263 Spur 962, Cypress Mill TX 78663, Permian Basin Petroleum Museum & Hall of Fame,1500 Interstate 20 West, Midland, TX 79701, The Commemorative Air Force Development Office,SB2C Fund, PO Box 764769, Dallas, TX 75f376, or Cockrell School of Engineering, University of Texas, Austin, TX.

The family wants to especially thank Joe's caretaker Kevin Lynch and longtime house keeper and friend Terry Sue Bounds for their kind care and help.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home (512) 263-1511. Obituary and guest book available online at *www.wcfish.com*.

Death Notices

Jack Ross

Jack Ross, 76 of Midland, passed away on Friday, August 25, 2017. The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at Greenwood Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Graveside services will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Jack is survived by his daughters, Tricia Redwine and Kimberly Murphey, and one brother.

Changing trends are leading to downtown revitalization

M. RAY PERRYMAN
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In recent decades, an increasing proportion of the population of the United States has chosen to live in and near cities rather than in rural areas. According to the Census Bureau, from 2000 to 2010, the population in urban areas expanded by 12 percent, significantly outpacing the overall growth rate in the nation. The urban area population, defined by the Census Bureau as those living in areas with at least 2,500 people, comprises more than 80 percent of the U.S. total population (as of 2010), and the proportion continues to rise. For some historical context, only a little over 50 percent of the nation's population lived in urban areas in the 1920s, with 70 percent in the 1960s.

While the trend toward a more urban population has been ongoing for decades, most of the growth from the time of the widespread adoption of air conditioning in homes and cars until very recently has occurred outside of the areas traditionally viewed as downtown or the center city, although that is often what the term "urban" brings to mind.

The areas of early cities now recognized as downtowns were at one point virtually the entirety of a city, with a mix of residential, commercial, industrial, governmental, cultural, and religious buildings. Once cities began to grow and expand, however, specialized districts for residential, manufacturing, and other uses developed outside the original city center, leaving downtowns to become specialized commercial districts. In most cities, the population living in city centers shrank, and downtowns soon only housed the poor and working classes which could not afford to live in the new residential suburban neighborhoods.

Following World War II, mass produced housing increased the outflow to suburbs as families looked for more space to accommodate the "Baby Boomer" generation. In addition, the beginning widespread use of automobiles and the subsequent high-speed highways started to create new suburban centers offering housing, employment, retail, and entertainment. These new developments bled commercial business out of downtowns, which began to fall into decay.

Early "urban renewal" efforts, mostly sponsored by the federal government, fought against declining interest in downtowns but often led to the destruction of historic buildings in favor of new office and retail buildings. While these efforts had mixed success, they often hurt the character and culture of downtowns. Furthermore, these initial efforts to attract business back into the area were often insufficient to generate an adequate consumer base. Even if a downtown had attractive cultural or entertainment venues, consumers would come to the area for one purpose and depart once it was completed.

More recent movements for downtown revitalization have been led by private developers or public-private partnerships and have tried to take advantage of abandoned buildings and lower real estate values. Developers are now seeking to create communities where consumers can live, work, and play all in one location, resulting in revitalization efforts that are increasingly entertainment and housing driven. As the American population continues to grow more diverse, there is a greater demand for non-traditional housing such as condos and apartments with amenities. One survey performed by the American Planning Association found that less than 10 percent of millennials and active baby boomers preferred to live in the traditional, auto-dependent suburb. The surge of downtown housing has been a major game changer for many communities.

There are numerous characteristics of downtowns that can make these areas an attractive place to live. Americans are increasingly drawn to communities where they can feel connected and that have easy access to amenities, convenient transportation options, and aesthetically pleasing public spaces. Since downtowns are mostly compact and dense by nature, they offer a walkable community for residents to enjoy. According to analysis by the Brookings Institute, people only want to walk up to 1500 feet before seeking another form of transportation. Walkable communities, or even areas with efficient public transportation, offer a convenience that can attract consumers to the area, whether to live or to spend an extended period of time. With increased traffic congestion in major cities, a downtown that is walkable and can be accessed with public transportation provides an attractive destination. Further investments in enjoyable public spaces, including parks and streetscape elements like crosswalks and bike lanes, also aid in building the local character and desirability of an area.

In order for any downtown revitalization effort to be successful, positive momentum must be created that can draw further development into the area. Downtown residents provide steady demand for the nearby businesses, which not only supports sustainable commerce but also provides a sense that something is "happening" in a downtown. Downtown areas, as opposed to the suburbs where space is desired, typically follow the mantra more is better. The more activity that happens in a downtown, both business and leisure, the more people will want to live, work, play, and interact there. The more people are drawn to an area, the more businesses will want to locate there, providing a "virtuous" cycle to maintain and increase economic development.

While earlier efforts sought to replace historic elements of downtowns in the pursuit of bringing life back to these communities, current revitalization projects are seeking out the unique aspects of these city centers in order to foster a unique identity and character that can set a community apart and, in many instances, amplify its heritage. Through efforts of many public-private partnerships, cities and developers are bringing culture and activity back to the long forgotten areas of American downtowns, restoring their purpose as a true city center.

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will happen anytime soon."

Weissert's story drew bipartisan attention. Texas Democrats didn't like it one bit — branding it premature — and the Republican Governors Association chortled and linked to it as quickly as it could.

We all know the history, and that it's distant history — Ann Richards in 1990 — since Texans decided a Democratic governor would be a good idea.

It would be fun to see her talented daughter Cecile Richards come home to Texas and run for governor. She's now president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, a credential I'm guessing might not go too far in a Texas election unless it changes the turnout dynamic that has plagued Democrats for a generation.

Here's another name that won't run but would be fun — Dallas Mavericks owner and noted referee-baiter Mark Cuban.

The calendar says the time for a Dem candidate to put up or shut up is drawing nigh — and more importantly, start raising money. Abbott's got $41 million in the bank and hasn't pulled back on the fundraising accelerator.

True, former Houston Mayor Bill White, the Democrats' 2010 loser to then-Governor Rick Perry with only 42 percent of the vote, didn't announce until December 2009. ,

That was a year after White had announced as a U.S. Senate candidate for the seat Kay Bailey Hutchison was expected to give up to challenge Perry in the GOP primary, which she did to no avail.

Though a solid candidate with a stout resume, White was, shall we say, less than a campaign-trail fireball. White — as in devoid of color — was appropriately named.

In 2014, Texas Democrats got all hot and bothered about the gubernatorial candidacy of then-state Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth.

She didn't announce until Oct. 3, 2013, but everybody kind of knew she was running about a third of the way through the 12-hour filibuster that made her a national figure in 2013. Despite the excitement and attention, she lost to Abbott by 20 percentage points.

This would be a good time for a big-name Texas Democrat to step forward in the gubernatorial race. Unfortunately, there are none.

San Antonio twins Julian and Joaquin Castro have made it clear they're not interested, probably realizing that, now both 42, their best shot might be a few years in the future. Julian is a former San Antonio mayor and Housing and Urban Development secretary.

Joaquin is in the U.S. House and says he's running for re-election.

(Hey, I just had a great idea. Let's amend the Texas Constitution to allow identical twins to serve as co-governors, splitting the salary. All the better if one's a Democrat and one's a Republican.)

The most intriguing potential Democratic candidate out there — and I'd be shocked if this happened — is a political novice: University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven. McRaven vs. Abbott would be a good show.

The Democrats' dilemma boils down to two options: (1) Get all excited about a big- or semi-big name candidate and make believe there's a chance of winning (see Davis, Wendy) or (2) Admit it's not yet time to even make believe Texas wants a Democratic governor and concentrate instead on other contests.

Both options have problems. The first invites big-time disappointment again (see Davis, Wendy).

And the other choice ignores the fact that somebody is going to be the Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

And it could be an odd somebody who could be an embarrassment to the party.

As of now, the only announced Dem candidates I've heard about are decidedly low-name ID guys. Dallas businessman Jeffrey Payne's got got a nifty campaign logo and about the same chance of being governor of Texas as I do. He's a Hurricane Katrina survivor who became a Texan after the storm.

"His title as former International Mr. Leather was a great start to his philanthropic work for the LGBTQ community and for the greater Texas community, which he continues to this day," says the bio on his website.

I don't believe we've ever had a governor who was a former International Mr. Leather.

Somebody named Tom Wakely of San Antonio also has a gubernatorial campaign webpage. It bills him as "An economic populist for a change."

"I am entering this race for governor not because I want to but because I have to," he says on the page, adding, "I have been saying this over and over again. If the Democrats want to win any statewide election here in Texas, they need to reject the centrist policies pushed by the Texas Democratic party establishment.

I'm not sure further left is the way to go.

So what's a long-beleaguered party to do for a 2018 gubernatorial candidate, one who offers the perfect combination, defined for now as one who's credible and won't be an embarrassment yet does not raise any expectations that he or she actually could win.

The Democrats have that candidate, but he's running for lieutenant governor: Mike Collier of Houston has a solid background as a private-sector auditor and an energy industry executive.

He played trumpet in the Longhorn band and has experience as a statewide candidate, running a credible, no- to low-budget race in picking up 38 percent of the vote in losing to Republican Glenn Hegar for state comptroller in 2014.

Collier should look at moving up a notch on the ballot. It can't be much more difficult to look gubernatorial than it does to look lieutenant gubernatorial.

Anybody got any other ideas on who might emerge as the "authentic, dynamic candidate" we've been promised?

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Because we feel it is important that you know how and where your donations to Helping Hands are spent, here is what was done in the past week:

Electricity	10 families	$3,603.50
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	Total	$25,113.27

Hi,

A few weeks ago my husband and I made a monetary donation and about a week later, you printed the note I had written in the paper. I smiled at that pleasant surprise. Then I read last week - to my dismay - how someone apparently questioned how Helping Hands handles the many cases that come through every week.

Your response was spot on! You can't just help half-way and hope the rest works out. You've written often that the "Clients" are scrutinized against a database and your caseworkers make sure they are not repeat performers. You've spelled out often how Helping Hands selects cases and assesses the help needed carefully. I don't want to judge someone; maybe the person that had suggestions on how to improve your process is a Process Manager and that's what they do. Maybe they've never read your weekly update. Maybe they have freeloading relatives living with them. Maybe they've never been hungry or in tough times themselves. Maybe they need to volunteer some time and money. Maybe they do. Who knows?

I've had hard times. Lots of people have. There was a time in my life when I opened the refrigerator and it was empty and I wondered where I'd get my next meal. I called home and asked my parents to send me $20. I could stretch that $20 a full week until I got paid. I had to call from a pay phone because my home phone had been disconnected (along with my gas), and cell phones were just surfacing in the market in the form of big bag phones. (Need I say more?) Anyway, I came home from that phone call, crying all the way. I felt so horrible having to ask. My parents came through for me; in fact they sent me $100. I vowed to pay them back as soon as I could. And I prayed that I would always be sensitive to people in similar (or worse) situations. The people who come to Helping Hands need someone to come through for them – just one time. For those in true need, I would surmise it's not easy for them to ask.

We should all be open to constructive criticism, but please don't take people like that – who offer "advice" – too seriously. Keep doing what you're doing the way you're doing it and be blessed! No doubt, countless people appreciate what you all do. God bless you for it.

Kindly,
Lavonna

Amen, Lavonna. And thank you for your kind words!

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OPINION

Toppling statues is symptom of plague sweeping US

■ Civilizational auto-immune disorder is superficial

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The virus seems to be approaching its breakout phase. We could be looking at a full-scale epidemic here. Zika? Ebola? Flu?

Nope. We don't have a great word for this sickness yet. "Iconoclasm" — i.e., the destruction of images and monuments that offend this mob or that — comes close, but the toppling of statues is just one acute symptom of the fever.

Indeed, the fight over Confederate statues is just a discrete and more understandable eruption of the larger trend. This stuff has been happening for decades. One of the first outbreaks involved the word "crusader." The term hurt the feelings of people who didn't know what they didn't know. Left-wing historians (and the Islamists who love them) convinced themselves that the Crusades were a trial run of Western imperialism and colonialism. They were, in fact, largely defensive wars intended to beat back the aggression of Muslim colonizers. Even the organization Campus Crusade for Christ changed its name to "Cru" lest people get the wrong impression.

Sports teams — most famously the Washington, D.C., NFL Franchise That Dare Not Speak Its Name — have been under increasing pressure to drop any association with Native Americans. Columbus Day is outre. And statues of Christopher Columbus may be heading to the pyre, if recent developments in New York City are any indication.

My National Review colleague Kyle Smith reports that Mayor Bill de Blasio has ordered a 90-day review of "all statues and monuments that in any way may suggest hate or division or racism, anti-Semitism — any kind of message that is against the values of New York City." Translation: de Blasio wants a carefully composed list of stuff to tear down.

Orderliness is the one concession de Blasio's brand of progressivism demands of the mob.

But fear not, de Blasio has made it clear that the iconic statue of Christopher Columbus in New York's Columbus Circle is "obviously ... one of the ones that will get very immediate attention because of the tremendous concerns about it." What's next, Smith wonders -- Columbia University? The District of Columbia?

In New York, the drive to purge Columbus from the historical memory (save as a pioneer of imperialism, racism and genocide) is gaining newfound momentum.

"There obviously has been ongoing dialogue and debate in the Caribbean — particularly in Puerto Rico, where I'm from — about this same conversation: There should be no monument or statue of Christopher Columbus based on what he signifies to the native population ... (the) oppression and everything that he brought with him," Melissa Mark-Viverito, the speaker of the New York City Council, said (last) week.

I wonder what Colombians think about all this.

What fascinates me about this civilizational auto-immune disorder is how superficial it is. Mark-Viverito is from Puerto Rico. More than 95 percent of the people there speak Spanish. The dominant religion of Puerto Rico is Catholicism (85 percent). As far as I can tell, Mark-Viverito, who is of mixed European ancestry (her mother, Elizabeth Viverito, was of Italian descent and a prominent Puerto Rican feminist; her father, Anthony Mark, was a prominent doctor), does not speak Taino, the native language of the Arawak tribes who inhabited Puerto Rico when Columbus arrived. Rather, she speaks the languages of her alleged oppressors — Spanish and, of course, English. She even attended Columbia University. I could find no mention on the internet that she has burned her diploma in protest.

My point is not that the world ushered in by Christopher Columbus has been very good to Mark-Viverito, though it obviously has. It is that toppling some statues or even incanting some nonsense about "cultural appropriation" cannot separate the iconoclasts from the culture they live in. The mobs of students — and their enabling professors and administrators — renaming buildings and bowdlerizing the language are still products of Western civilization. Even the poseurs who think Googling a few phrases from Karl Marx and wearing a Che Guevara T-shirt make them anti-colonialists are disciples of Western thinkers. Where does Mark-Viverito think her mother's feminism came from? The Arawaks?

For centuries, to the extent that educated Muslims talked about the Crusades at all, it was to boast about how they emerged victorious from them. But Osama bin Laden and his ilk read too much Noam Chomsky and caught the Western disease of victimization and resentment.

That is the plague sweeping the land now. And tearing down some statues and renaming some streets isn't a cure, it's a symptom.

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OUR VIEW

LHS band news overshadows Franks campus dedication

Sometimes Midland ISD can't help but get in its own way. Thursday had to be a brutal day for supporters of the district. In the morning, we were celebrating the naming of a school after one of the most accomplished graduates in the history of the district: retired Gen. Tommy Franks. In the evening, the good news from just hours before was shoved to the side as a report came out that the Lee band wouldn't play a fight song that contained notes from "Dixie."

Goodwill is in short supply when you mess with Confederate imagery in Midland, Texas. Lee and Midland ISD officials were messing with decades of tradition. It was kind of sad.

We should have celebrated the dedication of Gen. Franks Elementary all day Thursday. The celebration was cut short, and Midland ISD has only itself to blame. The decision to change band operations could have been made earlier in the week or this week. Instead, we were left wondering: Does Midland ISD get it?

All week, the district stayed on message when it came to the petition to change the name of Lee High School. The message centered on remaining focused on academic performance.

But during the same time, conversations were taking place about notes the band plays from the song "Dixie." Earlier in the week, the band director reportedly told band members they wouldn't be playing the school's fight song. The decision was in the name of safety. Did the district not expect this to become an issue? Did the district believe students wouldn't go home and tell their parents that the school nipped a tradition in the bud? We first heard reports from band parents — not the district — as finishing touches were being put on the coverage from the Franks Elementary event. We were astonished that the district could allow some news outlets to put Franks on the back burner. They did. We didn't.

Still, it didn't stop social media from turning all its attention to Lee High School, its band and a song. Within three hours, more than 230 comments were made on a post about the story on the Reporter-Telegram Facebook page. It felt like the Franks Elementary dedication didn't even happen. The story of a present-day retired four-star general had been buried in a mound of social media related to a long-dead Confederate general. The South indeed had risen again and planted a victory flag in the 600 block of West Missouri Avenue.

At this point, it doesn't matter whether the decision to stop playing the song is the right thing to do. We knew going into Thursday's sad series of events any action related to Confederate imagery would bring such reaction. And yes, Thursday's band news probably will make it harder to rally the entire community behind MISD.

District leaders have their hands full. Did the decision need to happen? We will let the community continue that debate. Did the district spoil a day of new beginnings with news not on the script at the beginning of the day? You bet. Did MISD take an unfortunate step back in the eyes of many Midlanders who need to be involved in making the school district better? Sadly, yes.

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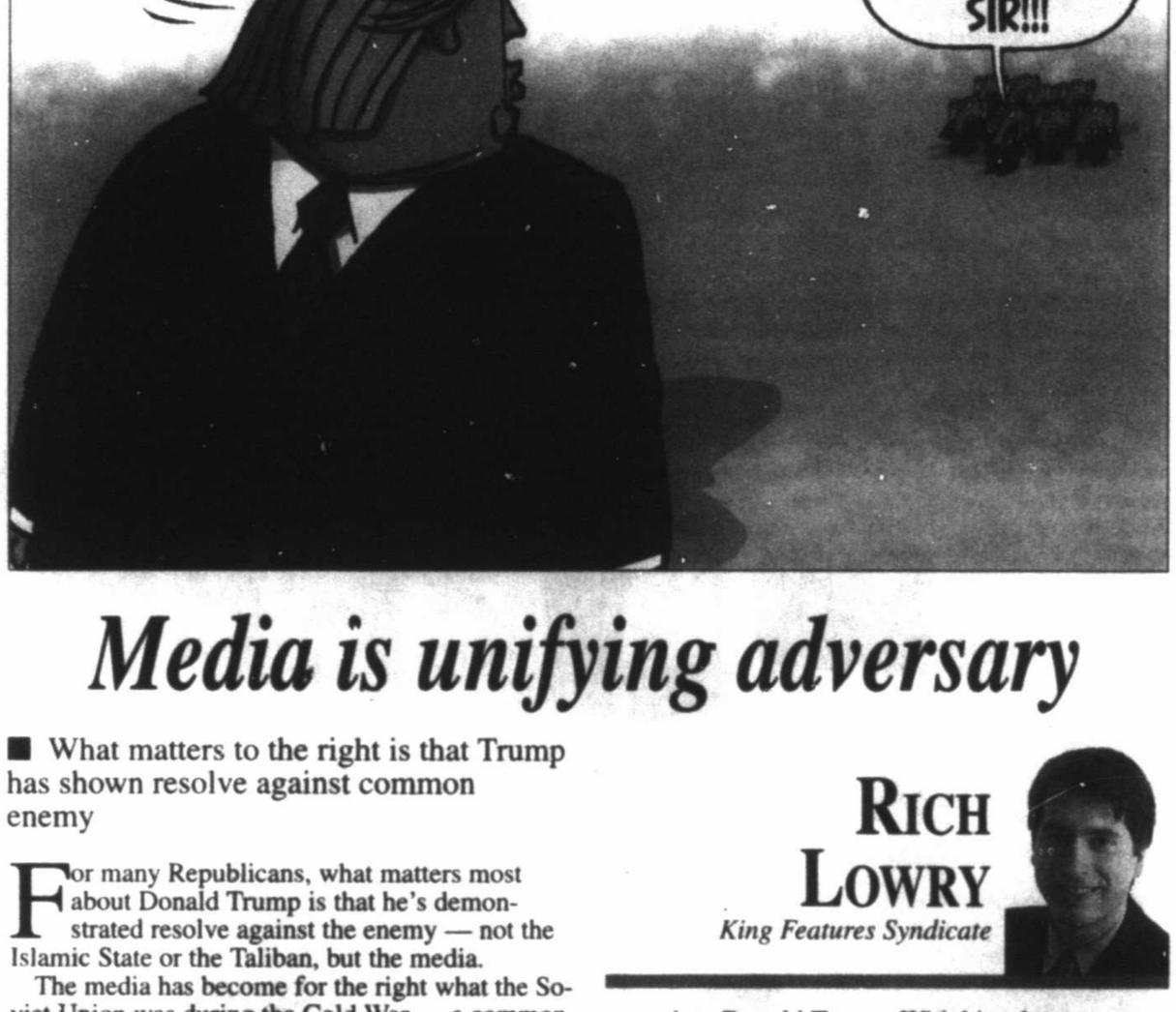
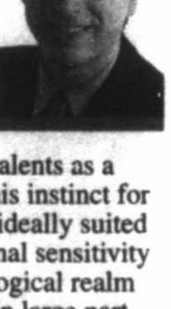


Media is unifying adversary

■ What matters to the right is that Trump has shown resolve against common enemy



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

For many Republicans, what matters most about Donald Trump is that he's demonstrated resolve against the enemy — not the Islamic State or the Taliban, but the media.

The media has become for the right what the Soviet Union was during the Cold War — a common, unifying adversary of overwhelming importance. Before the fall of the Berlin Wall, religious conservatives and libertarians could agree that, whatever their other differences, godless communism had to be resisted. This commitment was the glue of the GOP coalition, and the basic price of admission to conservatism.

Now, a policy of containment, preferably rollback, of the mainstream media occupies that central role. Trump may not be delivering on his agenda, but he's a righteous, unyielding warrior against the media. And this is the one nonnegotiable. To put it in terms of the famous Isaiah Berlin essay, the fox knows many things; the hedgehog knows one thing — CNN sucks.

The right's hostility toward the media is longstanding. In fact, no one has improved on what Spiro Agnew said in a famous speech in Des Moines, Iowa, in November 1969, or even really said anything new.

Agnew complained that after President Richard Nixon gave a televised speech, his words were instantly subjected to "querulous criticism." He pointed out that the media is in a bubble, living "in the geographical and intellectual confines of Washington, D.C., or New York City." And he wanted to limit the power of this "small and unelected elite."

Newt Gingrich demonstrated the transformative potential of theatrical attacks on the media in his show-stopping performances at two South Carolina primary debates in 2012. He wouldn't have won the state without them.

Trump's insight was basically, "What if every day were like that?" After witnessing the fate of two candidates who got savage coverage in the general election, despite being a media darling in the case of John McCain and being an earnest, well-meaning man in the case of Mitt Romney, Republican voters were ready for harsher stuff.

Trump had long had his own problems with the media, namely that it wasn't nearly favorable enough to Donald Trump. With his talents as a showman, his taste for combat and his instinct for what energizes an audience, he was ideally suited to transfer his long-developed personal sensitivity to slights from reporters to the ideological realm of Republican presidential politics. In large part, he rode his mutual enmity with the media to the White House.

It remains a lifeline. Most commentators saw Trump angrily saying indefensible things about Charlottesville at the news conference last week; most Republicans saw him gamely standing his ground in front a group of braying reporters. At his rally in Phoenix, Trump upped the rhetorical ante and used the media's lack of credibility to try to undermine the critique of his Charlottesville remarks.

It helps him that the press is, indeed, worse than ever before. As the media environment has fractured, organizations feel less obligation to try to cultivate a broader audience. And as politics becomes more culturally charged, the divide between the heartland and the coasts where the media lives and works becomes important.

Then there's the reaction to Trump himself. Because he is genuinely outrageous, especially to coastal sensibilities, the media feels justified in its unremittingly harsh coverage.

The war with Trump also serves the twin goals of self-referentiality and ratings. CNN at times appears to be a network devoted to covering things that the president says about the network. Before Trump's rally in Phoenix, CNN relentlessly promoted the event. Then it broadcast the whole thing and devoted the rest of the night to commentators pronouncing themselves outraged and dismayed. At the end of the day, what had really happened? Nothing much, but at least something entertaining had filled the air.

Trump might well have been hate-watching much of it, pleased somewhere beneath his anger and disgust that he had, once again, proved to have the right enemy.

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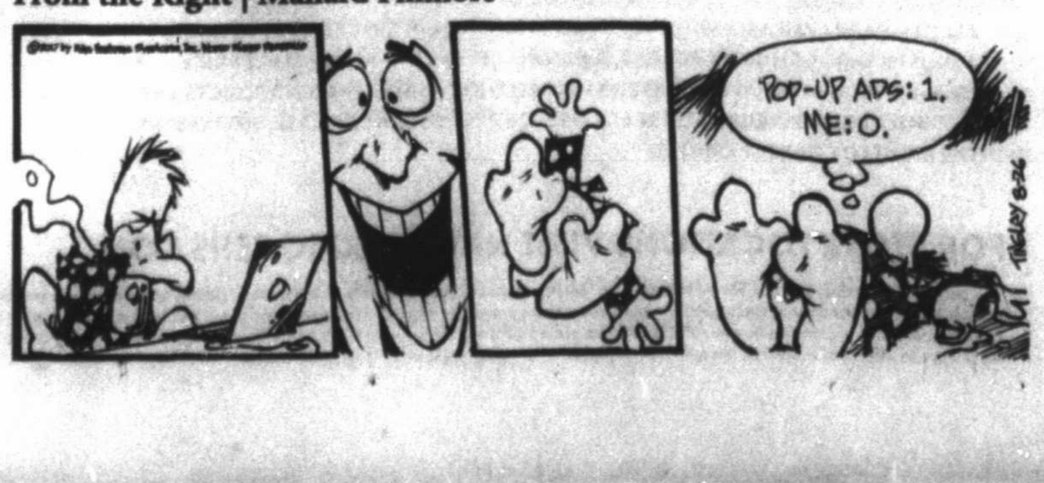

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: CONFEDERATE IMAGERY

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Lee High School signage photographed Saturday.

Why is Lee's memory being demeaned?

Regarding the current controversy relating to appropriate recognition of people and events of the Southern Confederacy, 1861-65, I urge the use of patience, deliberation, restraint and sound edification before allowing a few revisionists to reshape the history leading to and surrounding the involvement of those who participated in the troubling conflict between the states. My most immediate concern is directed toward the proposal a local clergyman recently promoted: changing the name of Midland's Robert E. Lee High School.

I, and the plethora of Robert E. Lee's admiring biographers must ask — Why? Why would there be any interest in demeaning the memory of a man who was revered and respected throughout his lifetime and thereafter, by leaders and citizens of both the northern and southern states. Universally, they seemingly expressed that "He showed that a defeated soldier can, by the force of his example, teach people everywhere to surmount adversity and win respect in a new field of endeavor."

What more could be expected of a man whose name was later thoughtfully added to that of our Founding Father in the meaningful re-designation of Washington and Lee University and whose legacy can more appropriately continue to serve as identification for the school that has been known as Robert E. Lee High School for the past 53 years?

Truly, we have learned from the past, and without its distorted suppression, shall continue to do so.

L. Lloyd MacDonald

Confederate symbols take society back in time

The idea that symbols of old America should still be used and glorified is over. To be honest, the fact that symbols of the Confederacy still exist is a disappointment.

For years, America has struggled to mend the hurt caused by slavery. If something as simple as a school name change causes controversy, then something is deathly wrong. Texas is an extremely conservative state, not surprising giving its heritage.

However, the time for glorifying things that endorse hatred and bigotry is over. Robert E. Lee High School should change its name — not because the man himself was bad, but because what he stood for was wrong. Simply put, we have come too far and done too little for minorities in this country. To completely fix what is broken, we need to realize that these symbols do not do anything but take us backward in time, to a place where morals were thrown out the window.

It starts with small actions like this: change the name.

Josh Levario

Gen. Lee had complicated story

While I was seriously taken aback by the comments of Rev. Phelps in the Aug. 20 Reporter-Telegram, that was nothing compared to my response to the cover article in the issue of Aug. 24, wherein we were told that MISD alumni are responsible for a petition to change the name of Lee High.

Do these really represent the historical facts that people are learning in our public schools? Do Southern children actually believe these things about historic personages in the Civil War? Robert E. Lee did indeed have a complicated story, and as such, it deserves more careful consideration than the two speakers of the previous articles have given it.

One of the most important facts in his life is that Abraham Lincoln asked him to lead the North's forces in putting down the "rebellion" of the South after they began declaring their secession from the United States. He replied that while he disagreed with secession and wanted to abolish slavery, he could not raise arms against his own state, Virginia. He recognized that he was a citizen of Virginia first, then the U.S.

Lee strove his entire life to maintain the loyalty and honor that come with citizenship. He was a serious Christian and was obliged to make very difficult choices in his life. He did not harbor hate toward black people and was sad that brother was pitted against brother.

When anybody says the things regarding Lee in the recent letter and article, I wonder where they've gotten their information, because the most casual reading of readily available facts instantly demonstrates that those statements are untrue. Look at and read the things that were said and written about him just on the part of the North. There are strong reasons that he was never charged with any crime and was allowed to leave the surrender table on his own horse, bearing his own sword, receiving the salutes of the North as he rode away.

Dr. Mark Cox

Name school for someone with local impact

Last Wednesday, the MISD school board issued a statement on the issue of changing the name of Robert E. Lee High School. In this statement, board president Rick Davis mentioned a community belief that a name change would take up too much time and resources.

I disagree with the community. I think it should take no time at all to change the name if the residents of this town, as well as the school board, would acknowledge the facts.

The fact is, Robert E. Lee was a traitor. He was a traitor to the United States of America and everything it stands for. Do people not realize that if Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army had succeeded in winning the war, there would be no United States of America? Why continue to honor a man who fought to destroy a nation that so many of us love and are proud to live in today?

Another fact is that Robert E. Lee insanely believed that slavery was "a greater evil to the white man than to the black race" and that African Americans benefited from the horrors of slavery. He wrote in 1856, "The painful discipline they are undergoing, is necessary for their instruction as a race."

Read that last paragraph again and try conjure an argument as to why we should continue to let young adults be educated in a school named after this man.

One last fact is that Robert E. Lee himself opposed the idea of Confederate monuments/memorials of any kind. He wrote in 1869 that it would be wiser "not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the example of those nations that endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife."

Personally, I don't see why we can't end this controversy once and for all and rename Lee High School after someone who has actually had a positive impact on our community and our country, like Laura Bush or Tom Craddick.

Either one would set a much better example than a cruel and traitorous man from Virginia.

Thomas Blaine

Number schools so no one is offended

School name change: If we are going to "behave as if stupidity were a virtue," then are we not bound to follow this inane political correctness to its logical conclusion? Remove all school names and replace them with numbers. This way no one is offended.

Roads: Why pay more than $60 million in interest over 25 years for roads that will be in need of repair before they are even paid for?

Steve Busch

Solution begins with individuals listening to others

The recent upheaval by parties on both sides of the issue of removing monuments is troubling. I recall a statement made by a college professor: Individuals are smart but a group of people is dumb. The point being, as individuals we can form opinions on different situations that affect our lives. Yet when we gather with others who hold similar views, we tend to follow along with all of the views of the dominant individuals in the group, whether we agree with them or not concerning other situations. Why? Because as social beings, we do not want to be ostracized over what we feel is a minor issue. As time marches on, we find ourselves being pulled farther away from our core beliefs.

As a black, male teacher, I strongly disagree with the removal of monuments of various luminaries from the country's history. I believe followers of this movement are being misled to support individuals who have another agenda in mind but are using this issue as a springboard. Black city council members in Dallas recently stated that by removing their "offensive" monument, healing can began to take place within the minority community. I have family in the Metroplex and have visited there numerous times, yet I have never heard them or any minorities mention the burden weighing on their lives because of the monument.

Far-right hate groups have some of the same issues concerning their memberships. People become upset over an issue, such as losing a job because of a government mandated quota. You fall in with others with similar stories, and the next thing you know, the group you have joined wants you to hate anyone who doesn't look like you. They used you to rally support to expand their agenda.

I am a Christian, veteran and proud American who wants honest talk across the aisles. Therefore, we must start in our communities, churches and schools. Government, whether local, state or national, is not the answer. It begins with us as individuals listening with empathy for the concerns of others and working toward solutions.

Robert W. Willard

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City should halt fines for victimless crimes

Over the weekend of the Fourth of July, I was fortunate enough to go on vacation with my family. Having to leave my three dogs behind, in the care of my very gracious neighbor, an incident happened. During my family weekend getaway, several people were popping illegal fireworks in my neighborhood and two of my dogs broke down our picketed fence and lost their collars in the process.

Thank goodness the city of Midland's animal control picked them up on July 3. We returned home that day, but it was 30 minutes after they closed and of course they were closed on the Fourth. I was not able to pick up my dogs until July 5. Since I did not have copies of their shots and my vet was closed that week, I had to wait for the city vet to show up, which was around 3 p.m. on July 5 to give them new shots which they already had.

It cost me $254 to get them out of prison. I then received two $150 citations for not having my dogs with tags. It was definitely a process dealing with the city on any means.

They did help me out when I met with one of the prosecutors. He dropped down the fine $25 for each citation, so both citations cost me $250. All three of my dogs are chipped.

I only hope that the city will calm down with the ridiculous fines for victimless crimes. Most people would not be able to pay more than $500 to get their loved ones out of a nasty place, and that in my opinion causes an influx in shelter population and extermination.

Again, thank goodness for the city of Midland's animal control. I mean, where else would I spend $504 for two days of care for two dogs.

Bradley James

ELECTION LETTER

Existing road funds aren't being used wisely

I agree there is a major need for repairs to a number of streets within the city. The Midland City Council indicates at least 30 percent of our roads are in need of significant repairs. Recent comments from a council member indicate the city has a review program, so every five to seven years streets with repair needs will be addressed.

I question why that process is not followed. The Grasslands area had virtually all the streets repaired, but most did not need any work. The Mockingbird Oaks had all of their streets redone, yet the area is 3 to 4 years old. The 5100 block of North Garfield Street was repaired — but did not need repairs.

Why are certain areas with good roads repaired, while that 30 percent of our roads are ignored? Is the review process not being followed? Why are certain areas — which are mostly upper middle-class subdivisions, receiving special treatment? Citizens who drive the "significant need" streets have to question if the bond funds will be used correctly, or will the same improper decisions continue.

It is hard to vote yes when existing funds are not used wisely or professionally.

John Marshall

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Can CEOs be a moral compass for the polarized worlds in Austin and Washington?

MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
Dallas Morning News

President Donald Trump said he wasn't putting anybody on a moral plane after the violence in Charlottesville, but corporate America sure is.

Many top CEOs criticized Trump's response and denounced the hate groups promoting racism. So many executives threatened to quit Trump's business advisory panels that the president disbanded them.

As The New York Times summed it up over the weekend: CEOs have found their moral voice.

The Charlottesville tragedy was unique, but a Texas political fight over transgender rights had a strong parallel: When elected leaders failed to do the right thing about the so-called bathroom bill, business helped fill the moral vacuum.

Hundreds of CEOs and companies objected to the bathroom bill, which opponents said was cruel and discriminatory. Corporate leaders signed letters of opposition and lobbied lawmakers, both publicly and behind-the-scenes. IBM took out full-page ads and sent 20 employees to work the Capitol.

The response from business was crucial to preventing the legislation. "That's a huge difference" said Rep. Byron Cook, who chaired a key House committee.

It's not the first time that business pushed Texas politics in the right direction. In the 1980s, corporate executives drove a major overhaul of public education, which included the no-pass, no-play rule to make schools more competitive.

The question today is whether Texas employers are willing to step into the political scene in a sustained way. That includes shaping the legislative agenda and encouraging employees to participate to the process.

Given the polarization in Austin and Washington, business represents one of the best hopes to keep the state moving forward, and it has momentum.

"This is the most engagement that I've seen," said Stephanie Simpson, who's been working with Texas companies to increase voter turnout among employees. "The million-dollar question is what level of engagement are we gonna see in 2018 and beyond?"

The next test, the primaries for state officeholders, are less than seven months away. Ironically, the bathroom bill — the catalyst for the CEO outreach in Texas — is exactly the kind of issue that corporate chieftains usually avoid.

In 2008, Simpson brought a national program to Texas to help employers increase participation in the political process. The Business-Industry Political Action Committee, known as BIPAC, has many tools to increase employer-to-employee engagement. Despite reservations among some executives, workers are usually receptive.

"People understand the correlation — if something is bad for business, it could affect your job and benefits," said Simpson, now a vice president at the Texas Association of Manufacturers. "But the program has always been adamant about not getting involved in social issues."

Too much risk of a backlash, both among employees and customers.

EnerVest, an oil and gas company in Houston, has been using the program for seven years, said Ron Whitmire, chief administrative officer. The company hosts town hall meetings with candidates, reports on voting records and public positions, and tracks legislation that affects the industry.

It has over 1,100 employees and operates in 15 states, and provides political information in each. In West Virginia, employees emailed 2,500 letters to lawmakers in two-and-a-half hours to help sway a decision on storage tanks, Whitmire said.

Many companies resist mixing business and politics, but EnerVest discovered strong interest.

"When we don't talk about politics and Washington in employee meetings, we get questions about politics and Washington," Whitmire said.

Much of the effort centers on voter registration, early voting dates and the like. While federal candidates get attention, the company also looks at agencies like the Texas Railroad Commission. But EnerVest did not weigh in on the bathroom bill.

"We specifically do not get involved in social issues," Whitmire said. "We don't feel that's our place. Our place is to engage employees in the process, and to urge them to get registered and vote."

But it's getting harder to impose such parameters. The bathroom bill would have affected tourism, recruiting and the state's image. All that can redound to employers.

The violence in Charlotte and the controversy over Trump's remarks don't have a direct impact on most businesses. Yet that didn't stop strong public criticism from the CEOs of Merck, Intel, Walmart and more.

Speaking out can be risky, because companies have customers on both sides of a controversy. But the alternative is risky, too.

"Staying quiet about issues may no longer be an option," according to an article in the Harvard Business Review.

In a survey last year, 46 percent of executives said they preferred that companies speak out on issues such as climate change, immigration and LGBT rights, the story said. That's up from 2014. Among executives who work for companies with world-class reputations, 63 percent supported taking a public stance.

So what happens when they don't? At Oracle, hundreds of employees petitioned the company to join a legal brief against Trump's travel ban.

That was in Silicon Valley. Would Texas workers ever get so aggressive?

The state has some of the lowest voter turnout in the U.S. — less than half the voting-age population in the 2016 presidential election. For the all-important primaries, the numbers are much worse.

In 2012, just 6 percent of potential voters elected Ted Cruz over a traditional pro-business candidate.

The bathroom bill has stoked strong emotions, but that doesn't mean the energy will last, Simpson said.

"Will it be a springboard that gets more people engaged or will it be a one-off?" she said.

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KKKers or White supremacists.

I accepted the MISD decision years ago not to display the Confederate battle flag at games after KKKers picketed Midland. However, I am still proud of my two LHS graduate sons, one of whom who performed in the Rebel Band and played "Dixie."

Also, I am very pleased by the recent MISD superintendent's statement about district financial and academic concerns being more important than school names.

This space does not allow for all the contextual statements needed to keep the "complete" history of the War Between the States (a neutral term) alive. I will always fight for the good name of my Confederate ancestors (10 of whom are buried with battle flags displayed in the Jacksonville, Texas. Cemetery), including one captured at the Franklin, Tennessee, battle and tortured at POW camp Douglas, north of Chicago.

An often suggested resolution for the disaffected, anti-Confederates is to erect their own memorials to Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman and other 1800s abolitionist leaders. For every Confederate edifice, put up a so-called equalizing structure of historical significance.

One added note: quit demonizing President Donald Trump. He said it quickly and correctly that it takes two or more to fight No one wants that, but free expression is guaranteed to all, even from the most repugnant of persons.

The old quote holds true, "Those who do not learn (correct) history are doomed to repeat it."

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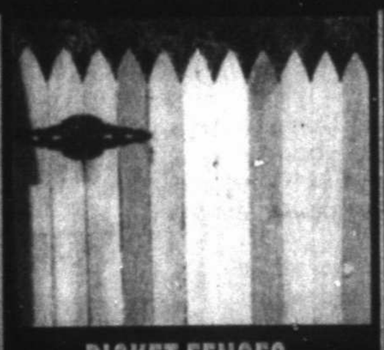
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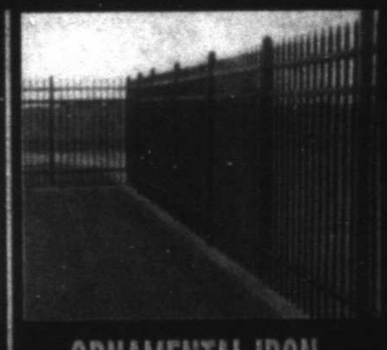
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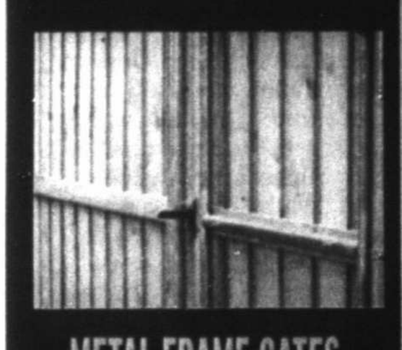
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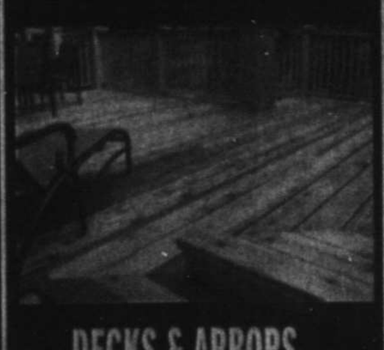
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Lady Chaps impress at Kick-Off Classic

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Midland College volleyball team is seeing what a difference a year can make.

With eight returning sophomores, the experience of the Lady Chaparrals showed during a successful opening weekend of the Midland College Kick-Off Classic at Chaparral Center.

On Saturday, MC closed out with an impressive showing by sweeping Cisco Junior College, 26-24, 25-15, 25-21, and then Western Junior College Athletic Conference opponent Western Texas College, 25-11, 25-14, 25-16, in a non-conference match.

"We played better than I was anticipating," said MC coach Tammie Jimenez, whose team went 3-1 in the classic. "I expected our match against Western to be more of a battle. I think our girls were ready to play and execute fundamental volleyball. That's what we talked about initially, just play a fundamental game. It doesn't have to be anything fancy, doesn't have to be anything super fast, just fundamentals. And I think we did that today."

Added sophomore outside hitter Ashley Vanfleet: "We just started connecting and we're starting to figure things out and how fast our offense needs to be, how our defense needs to be and how the game needs to be played. We're starting to learn better. We do have a lot of sophomores back but the freshmen are stepping up and filling in. I'm proud of us."

Jimenez added that because it's so early in the season, she doesn't put a whole lot of stock in the win against WTC. She said she's certain by the time the two teams meet again in a WJCAC opener on Sept. 6 in Snyder, the Lady Westerners will turn it up a notch.

Jimenez said that two players who stood out over the weekend were Vanfleet and sophomore libero Lauren Hermes. Vanfleet had 11 kills in the win over WTC and Hermes was steady on the back line with 24 total digs on the day.

"Ashley Vanfleet did a good job

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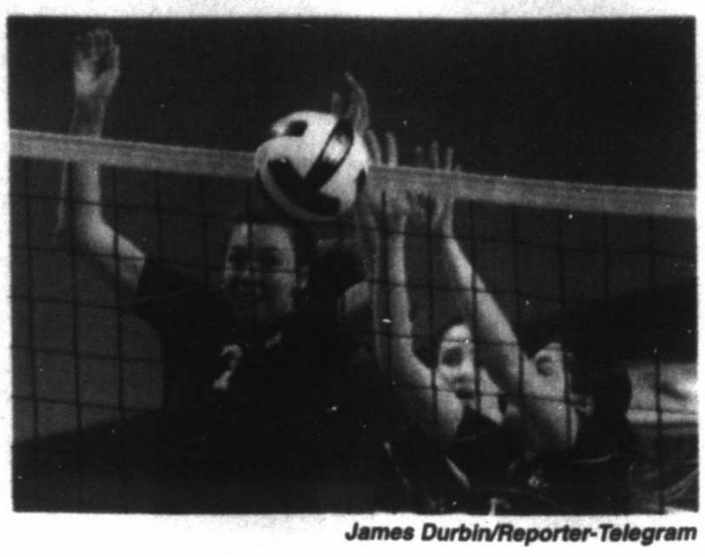

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Midland College's Kristen Johnson (7) and Kaylee Wilburn (6) block against Western Texas College on Saturday at Chaparral Center.

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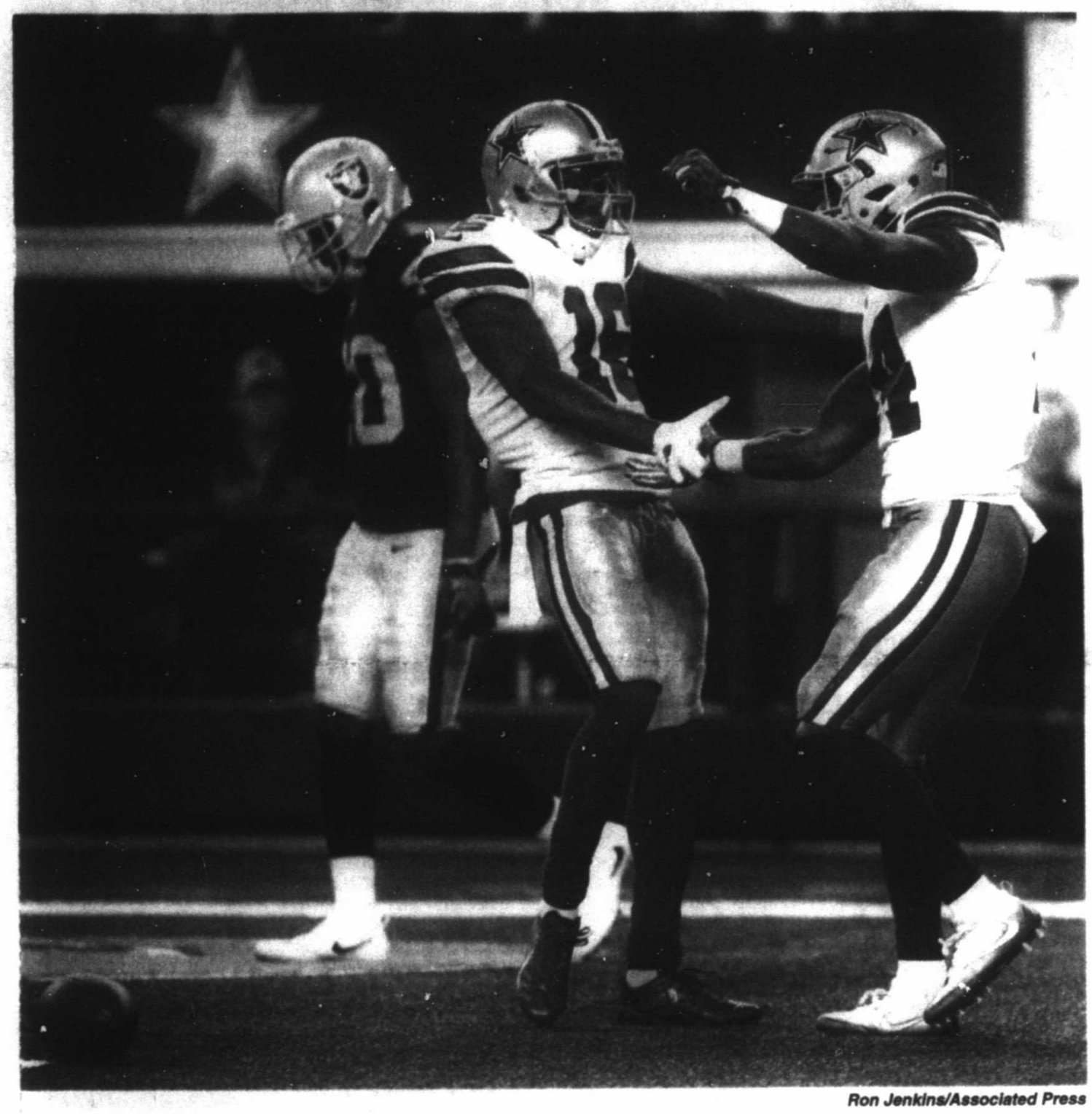

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Dallas Cowboys wide receivers EZ Nwachukwu (16) and Lance Lenoir, right, celebrate a touchdown by Lenoir on a long pass from quarterback Cooper Rush late in the second half of a preseason game against the Oakland Raiders on Saturday in Arlington.

Elliott has cameo before Dallas rallies by Oakland

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ezekiel Elliott has made his preseason cameo.

Now the star Dallas running back waits to see if his regular-season debut will be on hold until late October.

Elliott had eight touches in 10 plays in his only series of the exhibition season with a looming six-game suspension for domestic violence before undrafted rookie Cooper Rush rallied the Cowboys with two touchdown passes in a 24-20 win over the Oakland Raiders on Saturday night.

Oakland (0-3) left tackle Donald Penn played 17 snaps over two series just three days after ending his camp-long holdout. The first series covered 10 plays and 81 yards, capped by Cordarrelle Patterson's 17-yard pass from Derek Carr, who also had a 48-yard scoring toss to Amari Cooper.

Carr was 13 of 17 for 144 yards before EJ Manuel replaced him late in the second quarter.

Elliott was held out of the first three preseason games even though he was healthy throughout training camp. He is appealing the NFL's conclusion that he roughed up his girlfriend at the time a year ago in Ohio in a case that prosecutors didn't pursue.

The 2016 NFL rushing leader will be excused from the only two days of practice next week to attend the appeal hearing Tuesday in New York, and won't play in the preseason finale at Houston. If the suspension is upheld, Elliott's first possible game is Oct. 29 against Washington.

Elliott had six carries for 18 yards and two catches for 2 yards on a drive to Dan Bailey's 42-yard field on Dallas' opening series. Elliott had about the same preseason workload before his standout rookie year, although he had a hamstring injury in camp.

Dak Prescott, last year's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, had yet another solid preseason outing. The Dallas quarterback was 11 of 14 for 113 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown to Jason Witten. The 15th-year tight end had six catches for 74 yards.

Trailing 20-10 in the fourth quarter, Rush had scoring tosses of 7 yards to Ronnie Hillman and 44 yards to Lance Lenoir. Rush got the second-team nod over veteran Kellen Moore after three

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MHS runners pay tribute to late teammate at Tall City Invite

By Christopher Hadorn
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Running well wasn't the only thing on the minds of Midland High juniors Jenia Mitchell and Kandus Box during Saturday's first race of the cross-country season.

Box and Mitchell were thinking of John Butler, their teammate who passed away in a tragic accident on Aug. 12.

Mitchell, Box and all of their fellow MHS runners wore purple ribbons on their bibs to honor the memory of Butler in the Tall City Cross-Country Invitational held at Rock the Desert Festival Field.

"He was definitely a hard worker, so work hard and just do the best you can do," Mitchell said of how she will pay homage to Butler.

"Just know that he was a good person," Mitchell added. "We know where he is now."

Box shared Mitchell's sentiments.

"(I can honor John) by running the best I can, going all out for him and going all out for God as well," Box said.

Mitchell and Box highlighted MHS' performance on the 3-mile course by finishing second and third in the girls Division I race, trailing only San Angelo Central winner Bailey Kinney.

Mitchell recorded a time of 20 minutes, 22.04 seconds, while her best friend Box finished with a 20:28.47.

As sophomores, Box and Mitchell spearheaded a Lady Bulldogs' squad that finished second as a team at the District 2-6A meet and qualified for regionals.

But the two girls are hungry for more this season.

"I'm hoping to make state," Box said. "I haven't made state. Usually during my first two races, I get injured. I get injured every year. My goal is to not get injured and make it to state."

Box has been hampered by iliotibial band syndrome in previous cross-country seasons, a condition when the iliotibial

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Christopher Hadorn/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High junior Jenia Mitchell approaches the finish-line during the Tall City Cross-Country Invitational on Saturday at Rock the Desert Festival Field. Mitchell finished second with a time of 20 minutes, 22.04 seconds.

Lufkin rallies to beat Greenville, NC, 6-5 at Little League World Series

Matt Slocum/Associated Press

Lufkin players and coaches pose after winning the United States Championship baseball game against Greenville, N.C. at the Little League World Series on Saturday in South Williamsport, Pa.

By Jack Dougherty
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Rounding second base with big strides, Mark Requena knew he had just given his teammates, and all of Texas, something to smile about.

Requena hit a two-run, go-ahead home run in the sixth inning and Lufkin, Texas, overcame a five-run deficit to beat Greenville, North Carolina, 6-5 on Saturday and earn a spot in the Little League World Series championship.

Greenville was previously undefeated in the tournament, having given up just one run and one hit in three games — both to Lufkin, in a 2-1 victory Wednesday — before things changed in a hurry in this one. Pinch hitter Clayton Wigley's two-run homer to center started the rally for Lufkin in the fourth inning.

Lufkin will face Japan, which cruised through the international bracket and shut out Mexico 5-0 earlier Saturday, in Sunday's championship.

Players and coaches said the comeback meant a little bit more knowing that Texas, including Lufkin, about 120 miles northeast of Houston, was being battered by Hurricane Harvey and needed some good news.

"Lufkin is our hometown and we love Lufkin, so we want everybody to be safe so we can come back and they can congratulate us," second baseman Malcolm Deason said.

Lufkin fell behind 5-0 to Greenville in the third when JoeJoe Byrne hit a two-RBI single, then scored on Chase Anderson's groundout to second.

The Southwest region champs started chipping away at the lead in the fourth inning with Wigley's home run.

"We talked earlier that we wasn't out of the ball game," Lufkin manager Bud Maddux said. "We was going to

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'HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 3, Midland 0

TODAY'S GAME
Frisco at Midland 2:05 p.m.

INTERNET
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RECORDS
Midland 29-30
Frisco 26-35

Saturday	Today	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Frisco 3, Midland 0	Frisco at Midland 2:05 p.m.	Frisco at Midland 6:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Richmond at Sam Houston State, 6 p.m., ESPNU (subject to change or cancellation based off of Hurricane Harvey)

CYCLING

Vuelta a Espana, Stage 9: Orihuela (Torrevieja) to Cumbre del Sol, 9 a.m., OLYHD

FIELD HOCKEY

Rabo EuroHockey Men's 2017: 3rd Place Match, 7:30 a.m., ELVN

Rabo EuroHockey Men's 2017: Championship, 1:30 p.m., ELVN

GOLF

PGA: The Northern Trust, Final Round, 11 a.m., GOLF

PGA: The Northern Trust, Final Round, 1 p.m., CBS

LPGA: Canadian Pacific Open, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

Champions: Boeing Classic, Final Round, 5 p.m., GOLF

Web.com: WinCo Foods Portland Open, Final Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Wayne (OH) at Pine-Richland (PA), 12:30 p.m., ESPN

HORSE RACING

Saratoga Live: Smart N Fancy Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

3rd Place Game, 9 a.m., ESPN

Championship, 2 p.m., ABC

MLB

Seattle at NY Yankees, Noon, TBS

Houston at LA Angels, 2:30 p.m., ATTSW

Texas at Oakland, 3 p.m., FSSW

Milwaukee at LA Dodgers, 3 p.m., MLB

NY Mets at Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

MEN'S SOCCER

PL: Chelsea FC vs. Everton FC, 7:30 a.m., CNBC

Bundesliga: RB Leipzig vs. SC Freiburg, 8:30 a.m., FS1, FXDEP

PL: Liverpool FC vs. Arsenal FC, 10 a.m., NBCSN, TELE

Serie A: Torino FC vs. US Sassuolo Calcio, 10:50 a.m., beIN

Bundesliga: Hannover 96 vs. FC Schalke 04, 11 a.m., FS2

Liga MX: Toluca vs. Puebla, 11:50 a.m., UNIV, UDN

Liga NOS: Sporting vs. Estoril, Noon, GolTV

La Liga: Getafe CF vs. Sevilla FC, 1:10 p.m., beIN2

Brazil: Palmeiras vs. Sao Paulo, 2 p.m., GolTV

La Liga: Real Madrid vs. Valencia FC, 3:10 p.m., beIN2

MLS: Montreal Impact vs. Toronto FC, 3:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

La Liga: Real Madrid vs. Valencia FC, 3:40 p.m., beIN, beIN2

Brazil: Cruzeiro vs. Santos, 5 p.m., GolTV

NCAA: Washington vs. Loyola Marymount, 5:30 p.m., P12, P12 WA

MLS: LA Galaxy vs. San Jose Earthquakes, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Liga MX: Veracruz vs. Pumas de la UNAM, 6 p.m., UDN

Liga NOS: Braga vs. Porto, 7 p.m., GolTV

MLS: Seattle Sounders FC vs. Portland Timbers, 8:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

MOTORSPORTS

F1: Belgian Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN, UniMas, UDN

MotoGP: Octo British Grand Prix, 6:30 a.m., beIN, beIN2

XFINITY: Johnsonville 180, Qualifying, 10:30 a.m., CNBC

IMSA: Virginia International Raceway, 12:30 p.m., FS1

MotoAmerica: Supersport/Superstock 600, Race 2, 1:20 p.m., beIN

XFINITY: Johnsonville 180, 2 p.m., NBC

MotoAmerica: Motul Superbike Class/Bazzaz 1000, Race 2, 2:20 p.m., beIN

NFL

Chicago at Tennessee, Noon, FOX, FXDEP

Cincinnati at Washington, 3:30 p.m., FOX, FXDEP

San Francisco at Minnesota, 7 p.m., NBC

SWIMMING

FINA World Junior Championships, Day 5, 5 p.m., OLYHD

Ultimate Disc

AUDL Championship, 11 a.m., ELVN

WNBA

Chicago at New York, 2 p.m., NBAtv

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 6 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NCAA: Alabama vs. Florida State, Noon, SEC

NCAA: Oregon State vs. Kansas, 1 p.m., P12, P12 OR

NCAA: Washington vs. SMU, 3 p.m., P12, P12 WA

NCAA: Oklahoma vs. Tulsa, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

NCAA: UCLA vs. UC Santa Barbara, 7:30 p.m., P12, P12 LA

ON RADIO

MLB

Houston at LA Angels, 2:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas at Oakland, 3 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Frisco at Midland, 2 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed INF-OF Nicky Delmonico on the 10-day DL. Purchased the contract of C Rob Brantly from Charlotte (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed LHP Danny Duffy on the 10-day DL. Purchased the contract of LHP Onelki Garcia from Omaha (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned RHP Mike Morin to Salt Lake (PCL). Activated RHP Blake Wood.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated 1B Greg Bird from the 60-day DL.

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated OF Carlos Gomez from the 10-day DL. Optioned INF Phil Gosselin to Round Rock (PCL). Acquired RHP Paolo Espino from Milwaukee for cash considerations and optioned him to Round Rock (PCL). Designated RHP Tanner Scheppers for assignment.

National League

NEW YORK METS — Placed OF Yoenis Cespedes on the 10-day DL. Activated INF Jose Reyes from the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Travis Taijeron from Las Vegas (PCL). Optioned RHP Kevin McGowan to Las Vegas.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed C Francisco Cervelli on the 10-day DL. Recalled C Elias Diaz from Indianpolis (IL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed RHP Tim Melville off waivers from Minnesota (AL). Transferred RHP Miguel Diaz to the 60-day DL.

American Association

CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed LHP Ed Pruitt and RHP Roby Romero.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed LHP Darrell Thompson.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed C Tucker Pennell. Traded RHP Cal Drummond and a player to be named to Texas for RHP Jared Mortenson and a player to be named.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Traded RHP Carlos Pimentel to Fargo-Moorhead for future considerations.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Traded RHP Brad Crosey to Lincoln Saltdogs for a player to be named.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Andrew Gutierrez.

TEXAS AIRHOGS — Released LHP Chris Cotton.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Traded RHP Jesse Pratt and future considerations to Texas AirHogs for RHP/OF Jacob Morris.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Sold the contract of RHP Henderson Alvarez to Philadelphia (NL).

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Traded INF Taylor Brennan and a player to be named to Trois-Rivieres for RHP Kyle Hansen.

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF Sebastian Diaz and RHP Bobby St. Pierre.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed C Jean-Luc Blequins.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed RHP Jean-Francois Dionne.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed C Eric Wood to a two-year extension through the 2019 season.

DETROIT LIONS — Waived-injured DT Bruce Gaston.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived-injured C-G Kraig Urbik.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Kony Ealy.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	13	19
New England	1	2	0	.333	77	86
Miami	1	2	0	.333	61	89
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	26	37

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	1	0	.500	44	50
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	37	34
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	62	60
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	29	48

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	54	10
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	37	25
Cleveland	2	0	0	1.000	30	20
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	35	42

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	57	31
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	60	65
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	31	44
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	24	61

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	54	50
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	67	71
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	18	30
Washington	0	2	0	.000	20	44

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	78	74
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	27	27
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	24	31
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	33	40

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	45	28
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	68	46
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	41	47
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	30	30

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	94	43
L.A. Rams	2	0	0	1.000	37	31
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	41	50
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	61	54

Scores and schedule

Saturday's Scores

Buffalo at Baltimore, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at L.A. Rams, 7 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 8 p.m.

Today's Games

Chicago at Tennessee, noon
Cincinnati at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

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The highly anticipated HS football season is here

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Welcome to another season of high school and college football.

Time has sure flown by since the state championship games were played last December, but for most the season couldn't come quick enough.

If you were kind enough to pick up today's paper, hopefully you were able to see our annual football preview section. We tried some different things this year and I think the cover concept is different than anything else you will find out there. A big shout out to Lee's Josh Traylor, Midland High's Jacoby Thornton, Greenwood's Matt Groeschel and Midland Christian's David Threadgill for coming to the MRT studios and taking the time with photographer James Durbin to take their photos. Without you guys and the each of the four schools' coaches, none of this would have been possible.

The reason we've been putting out a section every year for almost the past two decades is for you the readers and avid high school football fans.

We try to cram as much information as possible into this section and I wish we could cram a little more. But sometimes because of critical ad space, some things have to get left off. That's the reason you will find our preseason list of Players to Watch in the back page of Sunday's sports section as an added feature.

Over the past few years, we have tried to do things a little differently and change things up. In today's newspaper world that is a must in order to keep things fresh and keep the readers interested.

With the regular season starting off, here are some key week one games to keep an eye on.

Lee at El Paso Coronado, 7:30 p.m. Friday: I know second-year head coach Clint Hartman is excited about his Rebels and they should be much improved. Coronado struggled last year, so a big road win would help the Rebels' confidence.

Midland High at El Paso Franklin, 8 p.m. Friday: Yeah, it kind of stinks that both MISD schools are out of town the first week but MHS kicks off the Tim Anuszkiewicz era on the road against a playoff team. Still, if the Bulldogs can find some consistency on offense, they should come away with the road victory.

Coahoma vs. Forsan at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Friday: This is always a cool area rivalry game between two Howard County teams. Last year, Forsan got the best of the Bulldogs, but Coahoma seems to be much improved. This year's game should be a good one.

El Paso Eastwood at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m. Friday: Midland Christian should be one of the better smaller school programs in the MRT coverage area and the Mustangs look to get things started off in the right direction against a UIL Class 6A opponent.

Those games are just a small sample size of what's going on this week and there are many more to keep an eye on, so whichever team you root for, best of luck this season.

■ Thoughts and prayers go out to Talor Nunez and his family after he revealed to the Lubbock media this week that his father, Domingo, was diagnosed with cancer and had gone through surgery to remove a giant mass.

It's not surprising that Nunez was open about his father's diagnosis as the young man has always been honest and spoken from the heart. And him being the oldest of four brothers, he probably thought it was only fitting that he would be the one to deliver the news.

Let's hope Domingo pulls through this and I hope he knows that he seems to have raised some fine boys.

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

MHS FINISHES 3RD IN EL PASO

EL PASO — The Midland High volleyball team split its final two matches to finish in third place at the Margaret Hussmann Tournament on Saturday.

El Paso Franklin swept MHS 25-17, 25-21, 25-19, before the Lady Bulldogs rebounded to edge rival Lee 30-28, 25-22, 23-25, 26-28, 15-13.

Hayley Branco led MHS (16-11) with a team-high 27 kills and added 38 digs and four blocks in the two matches. Makaylee Carter posted 40 assists, Reagan Squire had a team-high 46 digs and Gentry Foreman and Merrick Beach each recorded five blocks.

The Lady Bulldogs went 4-2 in the tournament and next travel to Lubbock Coronado at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

EL PASO FRANKLIN DEF. MHS 25-17, 25-21, 25-19
MHS DEF. LEE 30-28, 25-22, 23-25, 26-28, 15-13
MHS cumulative statistics

Kills — Hayley Branco 27, Gentry Foreman 14, Merrick Beach 13, Bailey Goodrum 7, Sarah Nelson 7, Kaitlyn Kennedy 5, Caroline Harper 4, Makaylee Carter 2, Reagan Squire 1, Brighton Butler 1, Alyssa Cottrell 1

Assists — Carter 40, Mady Kidwell 26, Squire 1, Butler 1, Beach 1, Branco 1

Digs — Squire 46, Branco 38, Butler 25, Carter 11, Kidwell 10, Beach 7, Kennedy 4, Foreman 4, Nelson 4, Harper 3, Goodrum 1

Blocks — Foreman 5, Beach 5, Branco 4, Goodrum 3, Nelson 3, Kennedy 2

Aces — Foreman 1, Kidwell 1 Butler 1, Beach 1, Carter 1

Record: MHS 16-11

Next: MHS at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m. Tuesday

LADY REBELS DROP TWO

EL PASO — Lee lost two of its final three matches to complete play in the Margaret Hussmann Tournament on Saturday.

The Lady Rebels defeated El Paso El Dorado 25-21, 25-18, 16-25, 25-14, before both El Paso Eastwood (23-25, 21-25, 25-13, 25-22, 16-14) and rival MHS (30-28, 25-22, 23-25, 26-28, 15-13) bested Lee.

Emily Hillman posted 58 kills, 22 digs and 18 aces on the day for the Lady Rebels, while Quinci Strambler had 32 kills and 15 blocks. Karigan Edwards posted a team-high 58 digs. Hillman was named to the all-tournament team.

Lee (18-11), which went 3-3 in the tournament and finished in fourth place, next hosts Monahans at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

LEE DEF. EL PASO EL DORADO 25-21, 25-18, 16-25, 25-14
EL PASO EASTWOOD DEF. LEE 23-25, 21-25, 25-13, 25-22, 16-14
MHS DEF. LEE 30-28, 25-22, 23-25, 26-28, 15-13
Cumulative Lee statistics

Kills — Emily Hillman 58, Quinci Strambler 32, Elizabeth Kuhn 32, Bleke Gibson 28, Kelsey Harrington 27, Mckenzie Gibson 18, Elsea Gillette 1

Digs — Karigan Edwards 58, Kuhn 26, Hillman 22, Jensen Letcher 19, Allie Gomez 18, Strambler 12, Jill Tarin 9, B. Gibson 4, Harrington 2, M. Gibson 1, Tori Stewart 1

Blocks —Strambler 15, Hillman 10, Harrington 7, B. Gibson 7, M. Gibson 6, Kuhn 4

Aces — Hillman 18, Gomez 13, Letcher 11, Strambler 10, Kuhn 9, Edwards 4, Harrington 2, Tarin 1

Record: Lee 18-11

Next: Monahans at Lee, 6 p.m. Tuesday

MCS LOSES TWO

LUBBOCK — Midland Christian dropped its final two matches to close out play in the West Texas Spikefest on Saturday.

Lubbock Cooper defeated MCS, 25-14, 23-25, 25-17, before Canyon topped the Lady Mustangs, 25-10, 25-13.

Andie Sheppard paced MCS (12-8) with 14 kills, 17 assists, 12 digs and a team-high four blocks. Faith Truex recorded 19 assists and Sydney Wilson totaled 27 digs.

MCS went 2-3 in the tournament and is back in action Tuesday when it travels to Big Spring for a triangular.

LUBBOCK COOPER DEF. MCS 25-14, 23-25, 25-17
CANYON DEF. MCS 25-10, 25-13
MCS cumulative statistics

Kills — Andie Sheppard 14, Landry Louder 9, Lauren Battershell 4, Lauren Danley 3, Kat O'Brien 3, Avery Jauz 2

Assists — Faith Truex 19, Sheppard 17

Digs — Sydney Wilson 27, Whitney Newman 14, Sheppard 12, Truex 7, Danley 4

Blocks — Sheppard 4, Danley 3.5, Battershell 3, Jauz 0.5, Louder 0.5

Record: MCS 12-8

Next: MCS at Big Spring triangular, Tuesday

RANGERETTES WIN A PAIR

DENVER CITY — Greenwood won two of its three matches to finish play in the Filly Festival Tournament on Saturday.

The Rangerettes defeated Sonora, 25-9, 25-21 and Friona, 22-25, 25-12, 25-22, before Midland Classical edged Greenwood, 27-25, 25-23.

Kyndall Dove led Greenwood with 24 kills, while Kailey Martinez added 23 kills and 4 1/2 blocks. Hanna Flores totaled a team-high 39 assists and 20 digs, while Kadyn Ellis registered six aces.

The Rangerettes next host Seminole at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

GREENWOOD DEF. SONORA 25-9, 25-21
GREENWOOD DEF. FRIONA 22-25, 25-12, 25-22
MIDLAND CLASSICAL ACADEMY DEF. GREENWOOD 27-25, 25-23
Cumulative Greenwood statistics

Kills — Kyndall Dove 24, Kailey Martinez 23, Payslee Sims 14, Bradi Good 9, Gracie Huber 8, Hanna Flores 8, Kadyn Ellis 3, Faith Duran 2, Madi Ulcak 1

Assists —Flores 39, Duran 20, Good 1

Digs — Ulcak 37, Sims 32, Flores 20, Duran 20, Ellis 18, Good 11, Jaycie Roye 9, Dove 4, Huber 2

Blocks — Good 4.5, Martinez 4.5, Sims 2, Dove 1, Huber 0.5, Flores 0.5

Aces — Ellis 6, Ulcak 3, Roye 3, Sims 3, Duran 2, Good 1

Record: Greenwood 15-7

Next:S Seminole at Greenwood, 7 p.m. Tuesday

LADY CHAPS

From 1C

this weekend, especially against Blinn (on Friday) night," Jimenez said. "She really stepped up her overall game. Lauren is a consistent fighter, I guess is a good way to describe her. She's always putting her best foot forward. She makes the hustle plays, she's been passing great and she's proving to be a leader for us."

Other leaders on the day were Kristen Johnson with 20 kills, Desi Marmolejo with 29 assists and six aces, and Cali Barger with 4 1/2 blocks.

Jimenez said the weekend was a good starting point for her team, which will next watch game video and make the necessary tweaks before next weekend's trip to the Blinn Tournament.

"I think we played well for it to be opening weekend," Jimenez said. "We competed well. I think we went through moments of being a roller coaster team, where we start off really slow and we have to fight back, get on a high, and then we get down low again. We talked about being a team that can be at an even pace from start to finish. But overall very pleased."

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MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. CISCO JUNIOR COLLEGE, 25-24, 25-15, 25-21
MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE, 25-11, 25-14, 25-16
Midland College cumulative statistics

Kills - Kristen Johnson 20, Cali Barger 15, Brieann Schreiber 13, Luisa Nieto 11, Ashley Vanfleet 11, Luisa Nieto 4, Erika Agaj 3, Kaylee Wilburn 2

Assists - Desi Marmolejo 29, Fernanda Meijon 23, Hermes 3, Nieto 2

Digs - Lauren Hermes 24, Schreiber 14, Marmolejo 14, Meijon 10, Nieto 4, Alexandra Rodic 3, Vanfleet 3, Johnson 1, Barger 1, Wilburn 1

Blocks - Barger 4.5, Nieto 2, Wilburn 3.5, Schreiber 2, Vanfleet 1.5, Johnson 0.5

Aces - Marmolejo 6, Schreiber 2, Meijon 2, Hermes 4, Nieto 2, Meijon 1

Record: Midland College 3-1

Next: Midland College at Blinn Tournament, Friday

OTHER MIDLAND COLLEGE KICK-OFF CLASSIC SATURDAY SCORES

Laredo College def. Cisco Junior College , 25-18, 25-11, 25-10

Blinn College def. Western Texas College 25-15, 25-10, 25-14

Laredo College def. Blinn 21-25, 25-18, 25-17, 25-20

LUFKIN

From 1C

win this ball game. I got confidence in these guys. We've been down before and fought back and they played their hearts out and we did it again."

Deason made it a one-run game in the fifth when he hit an RBI single, then scored on a wild throw by the catcher, Bryce Jackson, who tried to catch Deason stealing third.

Despite the loss, Greenville manager Brian Fields said he was delighted with his team's performance, and that his players will give the consolation game against Mexico their all.

"I just told them how proud I was of them," Fields said. "I just told them to hold their heads high. They have nothing to be ashamed of."

THIS BUD CAN COACH: Maddux has been coaching youth baseball for 41 years and has led his teams to 10 championships at various levels. This year is his first appearance at the LLWS — and he has made the tournament final.

NOT-SO-MELLOW YELLOW: Japan's fans are known for nonstop cheering but Greenville's section, decked out in the team's yellow jerseys, were rowdy, too. As pitcher Carson Hardee kept a lid on Lufkin early in the game, Greenville fans made some noise chanting: "Three up! Three down!" and "South! East!" To their credit, they chanted "South! East!" again when their team left the field after the loss. After the game, Lukin fans tried out a new cheer: "U-S-A! U-S-A!"

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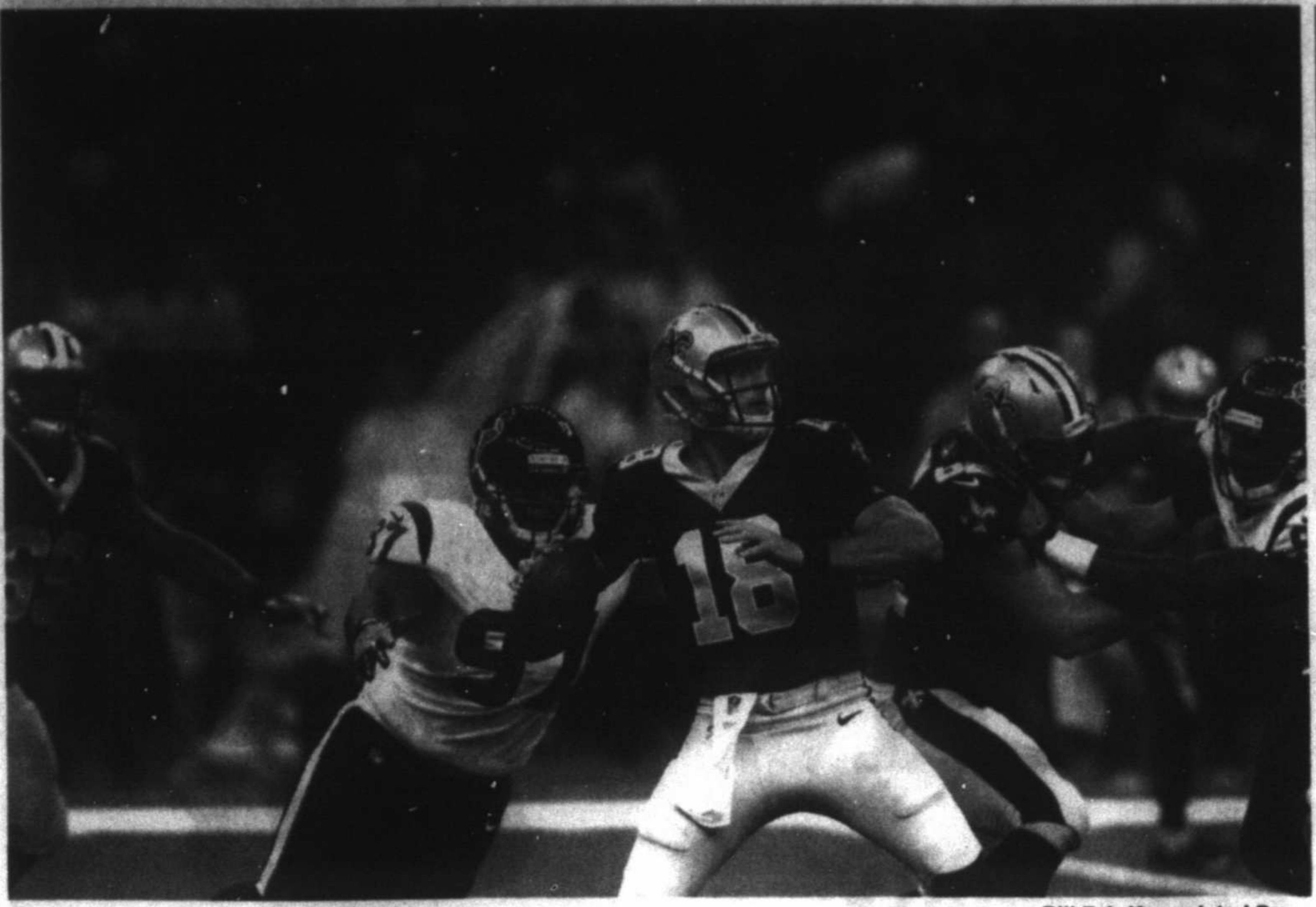

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Houston Texans nose tackle Rickey Hatley (97) moves in to sack New Orleans Saints quarterback Garrett Grayson (18) in the second half of a preseason game Saturday in New Orleans.

Saints' defense shines in 13-0 preseason win over Texans

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Texans starting quarterback Tom Savage struggled to move Houston's offense. His popular backup, first-round draft choice Deshaun Watson, didn't do much to distinguish himself, either.

Perhaps a New Orleans Saints defense that has languished near the bottom of the NFL for three seasons is improving after all.

An interception by Damian Swann, and sacks by Darryl Tapp, Al-Quadin Muhammad, Rafael Bush and Adam Bighill highlighted a defensive performance that lifted New Orleans to a 13-0 preseason victory on Saturday night.

Two of the Saints' sacks and Swann's interception came against Watson.

Darius Victor ran for a 3-yard touchdown and Wil Lutz kicked field goals of 26 and 48 yards for New Orleans (2-1), which had won two straight exhibition games after ending a 10-game preseason skid in Los Angeles last week.

Adrian Peterson made his Saints preseason debut, albeit in unspectacular fashion. Each of his six carries went for either 2 or 3 yards, totaling 15. He also had one catch for a 1-yard loss.

Peterson's carries were his first in the preseason since 2011. He had only appeared in one preseason game since then, back in 2013.

Drew Brees played for much of the first half in his first action this preseason. He completed 11 of 15 passes for 76 yards, but New Orleans was unable to move the ball consistently. It managed only one scoring drive with Brees under center, capped by Lutz's 26-yard field goal that made it 3-0.

Backup QB Chase Daniel took over for New Orleans' final possession of the first half and led its only touchdown drive in the third quarter, completing passes of 24 yards to Tommylee Lewis, 14 yards to Josh Hill and 31 yards to Brandon Coleman.

Savage was 10 of 16 for 79 yards in the first half for Houston (1-2). Watson was 11 of 21 for 116 yards and also scrambled twice for 10 yards. Watson's potential to extend plays showed when he stepped up to avoid Swann's blitz, then delivered an accurate off-balance pass to RaShaun Allen as he was being hit by lineman Tony McDaniel. The play gained 22 yards, but the drive stalled a couple plays later with Swann's interception.

Rookie Marshon Lattimore played throughout the first half and into the second.

SAINTS 13, TEXANS 0

Houston	0	0	0	0	—0
New Orleans	3	0	7	3	—13

First Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 26, 4:20
Third Quarter
NO—Victor 3 run (Lutz kick), 3:02
Fourth Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 48, 3:52
A—73,064

	Hou	NO
First downs	13	15
Total Net Yards	246	315
Rushes-yards	21-57	30-111
Passing	189	204
Punt Returns	5-27	7-45
Kickoff Returns	3-72	0-0
Interceptions Ret	0-0	1-4
Comp-Att-Int	23-42-1	22-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-22	3-15
Punts	10-46.5	8-45.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-66	6-50
Time of Possession	28:29	31:31

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Houston, Ogunbowale 7-15, L.Miller 3-14, Watson 2-10, Ervin 5-10, Todman 4-8. New Orleans, Victor 8-30, Ginn 1-24, Peterson 6-15, Edmunds 5-12, Lasco 4-10, Lewis 1-9, Ingram 4-9, Daniel 1-2.

PASSING—Houston, Savage 10-16-0-79, Watson 11-21-1-116, Weeden 2-5-0-16. New Orleans, Brees 11-15-0-76, Daniel 9-12-0-108, Grayson 2-6-0-35.

RECEIVING—Houston, Ellington 4-29, D.Anderson 3-26, Ervin 3-17, R.Allen 2-34, R.Griffin 2-22, Ogunbowale 2-20, W.Williams 2-17, S.Anderson 1-14, Hopper 1-9, Strong 1-8, Baylis 1-8, Todman 1-7. New Orleans, Thomas 4-27, Lewis 3-34, Ginn 3-26, Lasco 3-23, Coleman 2-44, Ingram 2-11, Edmunds 1-26, Hill 1-14, Fleener 1-11, Snead 1-4, Peterson 1-(minus 1).

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 0
at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Frisco catcher Jose Trevino went 2-for-3 with a walk, while Scott Heineman and Andy Ibanez each drove in a run for the RoughRiders. ... Jorge Mateo finished 1-for-4 with a double to lead Midland.

TOP PITCHERS: Frisco starter Richelson Pena scattered four hits, struck out five and walked one over eight sharp innings. He earned his second win of the season. ... RoughRiders reliever Nick Gardewine picked up his fifth save of the year with a perfect ninth inning. ... RockHounds reliever Brandon Mann struck out two Frisco batters in a scoreless and hitless ninth.

HIGHLIGHTS: An RBI groundout by Heineman broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth. ... In the sixth, an RBI triple by Ibanez and a wild pitch stretched the RoughRiders' lead to 3-0.

NOTES: With the loss, Midland's lead over the Corpus Christi Hooks for the Texas League South wild card shrunk to 5 1/2 games. The Hooks' Saturday game against the San Antonio Missions was postponed. ... With his double in the bottom of the fifth, Mateo has now reached base in 10 consecutive games. ... Teammate J.P. Sportman singled to increase his on-base streak to six games. ... Frisco leads the series with the RockHounds 1-0 and the two teams play again at 2 p.m. today.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	39	22	.639	—
Tulsa	38	23	.623	1
Arkansas	27	34	.443	12
Northwest Arkansas	25	36	.410	14

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	33	27	.550	—
Midland	29	30	.492	3½
Frisco	26	35	.426	7½
Corpus Christi	24	34	.414	8

Saturday's Scores
Arkansas 13, Northwest Arkansas 3
Springfield 8, Tulsa 3
Frisco 3, Midland 0
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, ppd.
Today's Games
Frisco at Midland, 2 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 2:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 2:10 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Frisco — LHP Ariel Jurado (9-11, 4.80); Midland — RHP James Naile (1-3, 3.81)

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 0

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Cardona cf	3	0	1	0	Mateo ss	4	0	1	0
Kinr-Falfa 3b	4	1	1	0	Boyd cf	4	0	0	0
Heineman lf	4	1	1	1	Schrock 2b	4	0	1	0
Ibanez 2b	4	1	1	1	Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0
Trevino c	3	0	2	0	Sportman rf	4	0	1	0
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	0	Ramirez lf	3	0	0	0
Bolinger 1b	4	0	0	0	Neuse 3b	3	0	1	0
Profar dh	4	0	1	0	Marincov dh	3	0	0	0
De Leon ss	4	0	0	0	Murphy c	3	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	2	Totals	31	0	4	0

Frisco	000	102	000	—3
Midland	000	000	000	—0

DP — Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 6, Midland 5. 2B — Mateo (5). 3B — Kiner-Falefa (2), Ibanez (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Pena W, 2-2	8.0	4	0	0	1	5
Gardewine S, 5	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Puk L, 2-4	6.2	7	3	3	2	5
Seddon	1.1	1	0	0	0	0
Mann	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP — Puk 2
T — 2:28. A — 5,220

DALLAS

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strong preseason showings. He was 12 of 13 for 115 yards and a 143.1 rating.

The Cowboys (3-1) preserved the win by forcing two incompletions from Connor Cook at their 9-yard line in the final seven seconds.

Lynch sits again

Marshawn Lynch sat during the national anthem for the third straight week. He hasn't spoken publicly about why he sits for the anthem, but coach Jack Del Rio said his running back has told him he has done it throughout his career.

Vaunted OL struggles

Dallas' offensive line was a hindrance in the first half, mostly because of new right tackle La'el Collins. The former starting left guard had two hands-to-the-face penalties that wiped out first downs in addition to a holding call. All-Pro right guard Zack Martin had two penalties. Chaz Green gave up a sack right after Collins' first hands-to-the-face penalty.

Long fumble return

Undrafted rookie linebacker LaTroy Lewis returned a fumble 65 yards for a touchdown early in the second half for Oakland, grabbing the loose ball in the air and running untouched to the end zone after Rush lost control as he was about to throw with cornerback Antonio Hamilton running by on a blitz.

Rokie watch

Raiders: DT Treyvon Hester, a seventh-round pick, had his third sack of the preseason, a 12-yarder on Prescott. ... S Obi Melifonwu, a second-round pick, had two tackles in his preseason debut.

COWBOYS 24, RAIDERS 20

Oakland	0	13	7	0	— 20
Dallas	3	7	0	14	— 24

First Quarter
Dal—FG Bailey 42, 5:38
Second Quarter
Oak—Patterson 17 pass from Carr (kick failed), 14:55.
Dal—Witten 10 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), 12:10.
Oak—A.Cooper 48 pass from Carr (Tavecchio kick), 3:07.
Third Quarter
Oak—L.Lewis 65 fumble return (Tavecchio kick), 4:59.
Fourth Quarter
Dal—Hillman 7 pass from Rush (Irwin-Hill kick), 12:20.
Dal—Lenoir 44 pass from Rush (Irwin-Hill kick), 7:02.
A—90,135.

	Oak	Dal
First downs	14	21
Total Net Yards	279	344
Rushes-yards	19-67	23-127
Passing	212	217
Punt Returns	2-12	5-49
Kickoff Returns	2-48	3-70
Interceptions Ret	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	24-37-0	25-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-29	2-21
Punts	6-49.7	5-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	12-132	7-54
Time of Possession	28:10	31:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Oakland, Washington 5-27, Hood 3-20, Atkinson 1-9, Lynch 2-6, Patterson 1-4, Crockett 3-3, C.Cook 1-2, Richard 1-1, Manuel 1-(minus 2), Mickens 1-(minus 3). Dallas, Morris 9-56, D.McFadden 2-21, Elliott 6-18, Rush 1-13, R.Smith 3-11, Prescott 2-8.

PASSING—Oakland, Carr 13-17-0-144, Manuel 2-4-0-8, C.Cook 9-16-0-89. Dallas, Prescott 11-14-0-113, Rush 12-13-0-115, K.Moore 2-4-0-10.

RECEIVING—Oakland, A.Cooper 4-78, Patterson 4-30, J.Cook 2-18, Mickens 2-17, O'Malley 2-11, Crabtree 2-9, Holton 1-36, Richard 1-13, Zamora 1-9, Lynch 1-7, Brent 1-7, Hatcher 1-5, P.Brown 1-4, Washington 1-(minus 3). Dallas, Witten 6-74, Hillman 4-23, Hanna 3-17, Lenoir 2-49, B.Butler 2-28, Nwachukwu 2-7, Elliott 2-6, A.Jones 1-11, Beasley 1-10, Swaim 1-7, B.Brown 1-6.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

ATHLETICS 8
RANGERS 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chad Pinder homered twice to help Oakland top Texas, ending Cole Hamels' five-game win streak.

Jed Lowrie drove in three runs for the A's, who put back-to-back victories together for the first time since Aug. 5-6 at the Los Angeles Angels.

Adrian Beltre had three RBIs for the Rangers, who lost their second straight after winning 11 of 15.

Sean Manaea (9-8) won for the first time since July 16, ending his three-game slide. He gave up two runs in five innings.

BLUE JAYS 10
TWINS 9

TORONTO — Josh Donaldson had three hits, including a two-run homer, Kendrys Morales added a solo shot and Toronto withstood a late rally by Minnesota.

Max Kepler hit a grand slam and Eduardo Escobar had a two-run drive for the Twins, who began the day with a slim lead in a crowded race for the second AL wild card.

Minnesota lost for the 11th time in 13 meetings with the Blue Jays.

Donaldson keyed a six-run fifth inning with his 23rd homer as the Blue Jays opened an 8-2 lead.

After Kepler cut it to 8-7 with his slam off Ryan Tepera in the eighth, Donaldson's RBI double off John Curtiss in the bottom half gave Toronto a two-run cushion. Donaldson later scored on a wild pitch to make it 10-7.

YANKEES 6
MARINERS 3

NEW YORK — Greg Bird reached base three times in his long-awaited return to the Yankees' lineup and Jacoby Ellsbury homered and drove in four runs, leading Sonny Gray and New York over Seattle.

Bird singled, walked twice and scored in his first game since May 1. He has been hobbled by ankle and foot problems.

Ellsbury hit a three-run homer and an RBI single. He connected off Yovani Gallardo (5-10) in a matchup of playoff contenders.

ORIOLES 7
RED SOX 0

BOSTON — Kevin Gausman pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning, Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer and the Baltimore Orioles routed the Boston Red Sox for the second straight day, 7-0 on Saturday.

It was the third straight win for the Orioles, who pounded Boston 16-3 a night earlier. Jonathan Schoop added a solo homer and posted his 95th RBI, a club record for second basemen, surpassing Roberto Alomar's 94 in 1996.

The AL East-leading Red Sox dropped their third straight and saw their lead sliced to 3 1/2 games over the second-place New York Yankees.

Gausman (10-9) struck out five and walked three. He gave up four singles in 7 2/3 innings.

National League

NATIONALS 9
METS 4

WASHINGTON — Adrian Sanchez drove in three runs, including an RBI single moments after he took a pitch to the chest while trying to bunt, and made a diving play to help Washington beat New York.

With second baseman Daniel Murphy getting some rest before a pinch-hitting appearance, Sanchez filled in well with a two-run single during a big first inning and ranged to his left to help pick up Gio Gonzalez (13-5) in the seventh. More remarkably, after taking a 96 mph sinker in the chest from Mets reliever Jeurys Familia that was called a foul ball, the rookie from Venezuela laced an RBI single to give the Nationals a valuable insurance run.

Mets rookie Robert Gsellman (5-6) allowed six runs (two earned) and nine hits in four innings. He was sent to the minors after the game.

PIRATES 1
REDS 0

CINCINNATI — Gerrit Cole ended his career-long futility against Cincinnati by hitting a solo homer and pitching seven innings for Pittsburgh.

Cole (11-8) was 0-6 against the Reds in nine starts, including a loss earlier this season. He broke through by holding down a lineup that had scored nine runs the previous night. Cole gave up five hits, didn't walk a batter and fanned six.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST
Lyon 28, Missouri Baptist 7
SOUTH
Bethel (Tenn.) 19, Edward Waters 13
Cumberland (Tenn.) 24, Bluefield 17
Faulkner 63, Kentucky Christian 8
Florida A&M 29, Texas Southern 7
Jacksonville St. 27, Chattanooga 13
Lindsey Wilson 43, St. Andrews 7
Point (Ga.) 10, Webber International 7
Southeastern (Fla.) 62, Union (Ky.) 21
FAR WEST
BYU 20, Portland St. 6
Colgate 20, Cal Poly 14
Colorado St. 58, Oregon St. 27
Montana Western 16, Coll. of Idaho 14
MIDWEST
Ave Maria 36, Cincinnati Christian 21
Baker 31, William Penn 27
Benedictine (Kan.) 42, Missouri Valley 17
Central Methodist 31, Culver-Stockton 0
Hastings 31, Jamestown 3
MidAmerica Nazarene 48, Graceland (Iowa) 25
Morningside 41, St. Francis (Ill.) 24
Olivet Nazarene 31, Kansas Wesleyan 24
Peru St. 31, Avila 14
Robert Morris (Ill.) 22, Bacone 7
St. Mary (Kan.) 49, Trinity Bible 0
Waldorf 62, Briar Cliff 26
EAST
Hawaii 38, UMass 35

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	73	56	.566	—
New York	69	59	.539	3½
Baltimore	64	65	.496	9
Tampa Bay	64	67	.489	10
Toronto	61	68	.473	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	72	56	.563	—
Minnesota	66	63	.512	6½
Kansas City	64	64	.500	8
Detroit	56	72	.438	16
Chicago	51	77	.398	21
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	78	50	.609	—
Seattle	66	64	.508	13
Los Angeles	65	64	.504	13½
Texas	64	65	.496	14½
Oakland	57	72	.442	21½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	77	50	.606	—
Miami	64	63	.504	13
Atlanta	57	70	.449	20
New York	56	72	.438	21½
Philadelphia	47	81	.367	30½
Central Division				
Chicago	69	59	.539	—
Milwaukee	66	63	.512	3½
St. Louis	65	64	.504	4½
Pittsburgh	62	68	.477	8
Cincinnati	55	75	.423	15
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	91	36	.717	—
Arizona	71	58	.550	21
Colorado	70	59	.543	22
San Diego	57	71	.445	34½
San Francisco	52	78	.400	40½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Saturday's Scores
N.Y. Yankees 6, Seattle 3
Toronto 10, Minnesota 9
Baltimore 7, Boston 0
Oakland 8, Texas 3
Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Cleveland 4, Kansas City 0
St. Louis 6, Tampa Bay 4
Houston at L.A. Angels, late
Today's Games
Seattle (Albers 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-10), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 7-10) at Toronto (Biagini 3-8), 12:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Skoglund 1-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 12-6), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Miley 7-10) at Boston (Fister 3-6), 12:35 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 5-7) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 9-7) at St. Louis (Lynn 10-6), 1:15 p.m.
Houston (Morton 10-6) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 6-12), 2:37 p.m.
Texas (Griffin 6-4) at Oakland (Cotton 6-10), 3:05 p.m.

National League
Saturday's Scores
Washington 9, N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 1, Cincinnati 0
Chicago Cubs 17, Philadelphia 2
Colorado 7, Atlanta 6
St. Louis 6, Tampa Bay 4
Arizona 2, San Francisco 1
San Diego at Miami, late
Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Taillon 7-5) at Cincinnati (Bailey 4-6), 12:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 6-12) at Miami (Straily 8-8), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 10-9) at Philadelphia (Nola 9-9), 12:35 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 5-3) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-9), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Milone 1-3) at Washington (Roark 10-8), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
Tampa Bay (Archer 9-7) at St. Louis (Lynn 10-6), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 9-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 8-9), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Stratton 2-2) at Arizona (Corbin 11-11), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lugo 5-3) at Washington (Fedde 0-1), 7:08 p.m., 2nd game

Texas boxes

ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
DShelds dh	5	0	1	0	Semien ss	4	2	2	0
Choo rf	5	2	2	0	Pinder rf	4	3	2	2
Andrus ss	5	1	3	0	Lowrie 2b	3	1	2	3
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	3	K.Davis dh	2	0	0	1
Gomez cf	3	0	0	0	Healy 1b	4	0	1	1
Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0	Canha cf	3	0	1	0
Odor 2b	4	0	0	0	Powell cf	0	0	0	0
Rua lf	1	0	1	0	M.Chpmn 3b	4	1	2	0
Mazara ph-lf	2	0	0	0	Joyce lf	3	1	1	1
Chrinos c	3	0	1	0	Garneau c	4	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	9	3	Totals	31	8	11	8

Texas	200	000	100	—3
Oakland	101	132	00x	—8

DP—Texas 2. LOB—Texas 9, Oakland 6. 2B—Andrus (34), Beltre (18), Semien (11), Lowrie 2 (40), Canha (8). HR—Pinder 2 (12). CS—Odor (6), Semien (1). SF—K.Davis (6).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Hamels L,9-2	4 1-3	9	6	6	3	2
Barnette	1 1-3	1	2	2	2	1
Marinez	2 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Oakland						
Manaea W,9-8	5	7	2	2	1	3
Dull	1	0	0	0	0	3
Casilla	1	2	1	1	0	1
Coulombe	1	0	0	0	1	0
Hendriks	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Manaea (Gomez). WP—Hamels 2, Dull, Casilla.
T—3:21. A—22,471 (37,090).

FRIDAY'S LATE BOXES
ATHLETICS 3, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
DShelds cf	3	1	2	0	Powell cf	3	0	0	0
Choo dh	4	0	0	0	Semien ss	4	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	2	0	Lowrie 2b	4	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1	K.Davis lf	3	2	2	2
Mazara rf	4	0	1	0	Joyce rf	2	1	1	0
Napoli 1b	4	0	0	0	Healy dh	3	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0	M.Olson 1b	3	0	0	0
Chrinos c	3	0	1	0	M.Chpmn 3b	3	0	1	1
Rbinson lf	3	0	1	0	Maxwell c	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	9	1	Totals	28	3	4	3

Texas	100	000	000	—1
Oakland	000	100	20x	—3

E—Beltre (5). DP—Oakland 3. LOB—Texas 6, Oakland 3. 2B—Odor (16), Joyce (26). 3B—Chirinos (1). HR—K.Davis 2 (36).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Martinez L,3-5	7	4	3	3	2	7
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Graveman W,4-4	7	9	1	1	0	6
Hatcher	1	0	0	0	1	1
Treinen S,9-14	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:26. A—14,499 (37,090).

ASTROS 2, ANGELS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Sprnger cf-rf	4	1	1	0	Maybin lf	4	0	1	0
Bregman ss	4	0	3	0	Trout cf	2	1	0	0
Reddick rf-lf	4	0	2	0	Pujols dh	4	0	0	0
Y.Grrel 1b	4	0	0	0	Calhoun rf	3	0	1	1
Ma.Gnza 2b	4	0	0	0	Simmons ss	4	0	0	0
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0	Vlbuena 3b	4	0	1	0
Gattis c	4	0	1	0	Cron 1b	4	0	2	0
J.Davis 3b	4	1	1	1	Mldnado c	3	0	0	0
Fisher lf	3	0	0	0	Pnnngtn ph	1	0	1	0
Mrsnick cf	0	0	0	0	Cowart 2b	3	0	0	0
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Houston	001	001	000	—2
Los Angeles	100	000	000	—1

DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 6, Los Angeles 8. 2B—Springer (25), Calhoun (18). HR—J.Davis (2). SB—Trout (15).

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Houston						
McHugh W,2-2	6	3	1	1	2	8
Devenski	1	2	0	0	1	1
Musgrove	1	0	0	0	1	0
Giles S,25-28	1	1	0	0	0	2
Los Angeles						
Bridwell L,7-2	7	6	2	2	0	5
Middleton	1	2	0	0	0	2
Bedrosian	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—McHugh, Bridwell, Middleton.
T—2:56. A—42,333 (43,250).

Saturday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 10, TWINS 9

Minnesota	000	021	042	—9	10	1
Toronto	011	060	02x	—10	13	1

Gee, Duffey (5), Pressly (5), Perkins (7), Curtiss (8), Hildenberger (8) and Garver; Estrada, Barnes (7), Mayza (8), Tepera (8), R.Osuna (9) and Lopez. W—Estrada 6-8. L—Gee 1-1. Sv—R.Osuna (34). HRs—Minnesota, Escobar, Kepler. Toronto, Donaldson, Morales.

YANKEES 6, MARINERS 3

Seattle	001	000	020	—3	6	0
New York	010	300	20x	—6	8	1

Gallardo, Lawrence (6) and Ruiz; Gray, Shreve (8), Kahnle (8), Betances (9) and Au.Romine. W—Gray 8-8. L—Gallardo 5-10. Sv—Betances (10). HRs—Seattle, Ruiz. New York, Ellsbury.

ORIOLES 7, RED SOX 0

Baltimore	050	000	011	—7	10	1
Boston	000	000	000	—0	4	0

Gausman, Bleier (8), O'Day (9) and C.Joseph; E.Rodriguez, Workman (7), Abad (9) and Vazquez. W—Gausman 10-9. L—E.Rodriguez 4-4. HRs—Baltimore, Beckham, Schoop.

INDIANS 4, ROYALS 0

Kansas City	000	000	000	—0	4	1
Cleveland	000	002	20x	—4	6	1

Hammel, Maurer (7), Buchter (8) and S.Perez; Clevinger, Shaw (7), Otero (8), Allen (9) and R.Perez. W—Clevinger 7-5. L—Hammel 6-10. HRs—Cleveland, Santana, Encarnacion, Perez.

TIGERS 6, WHITE SOX 3

Detroit	003	200	100	—6	9	3
Chicago	020	001	000	—3	7	1

Farmer, Stumpf (6), Saupold (7), Wilson (8), Greene (8) and McCann; Rodon, Pelfrey (6), Petricka (7), Beck (9) and Narvaez. W—Farmer 3-1. L—Rodon 2-5. Sv—Greene (5). HRs—Detroit, Cabrera, Upton. Chicago, Sanchez.

INTERLEAGUE

CARDINALS 6, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay	200	100	100	—4	6	1
St. Louis	000	002	022	—6	10	0

Snell, Hunter (8), Boxberger (8) and Ramos; Leake, Brebbia (8), Lyons (9) and Molina. W—Lyons 2-0. L—Boxberger 3-4. HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson, Duda, Hechavarria. St. Louis, Pham.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

NATIONALS 9, METS 4

New York	001	001	020	—4	11	1
Washington	410	100	03x	—9	13	0

Gsellman, Bradford (5), Smoker (7), Familia (8) and Plawecki; G.Gonzalez, Albers (7), Kintzler (8), O.Perez (9) and Wieters. W—G.Gonzalez 13-5. L—Gsellman 5-6. HRs—New York, Flores.

PIRATES 1, REDS 0

Pittsburgh	000	001	000	—1	4	0
Cincinnati	000	000	000	—0	5	0

Cole, Nicasio (8), Rivero (9) and Stewart; Castillo, W.Peralta (8), Lorenzen (9) and Barnhart. W—Cole 11-8. L—Castillo 2-7. Sv—Rivero (15). HRs—Pittsburgh, Cole.

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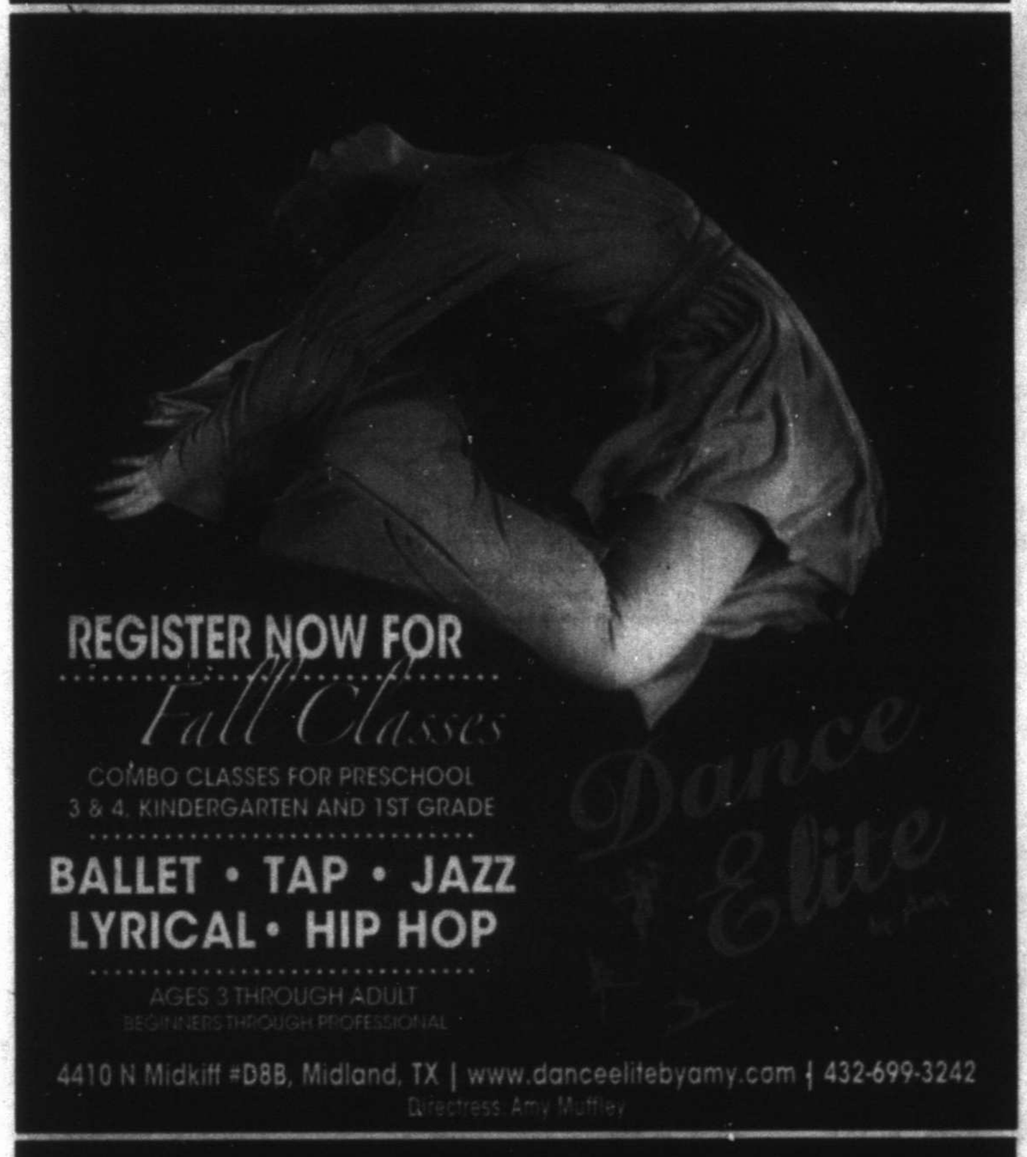

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- We are looking for any extra volunteers to help set up things like the auction table, luminarias and decorations.
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AP sources say Cavs reviewing Irving-Thomas trade

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Just when it appeared the Cavaliers' chaotic summer had calmed, there's a flare-up.

That blockbuster deal between Cleveland and Boston is stuck.

The Cavaliers have some concerns about guard Isaiah Thomas' health and are doing a "deep and thorough" review of the deal that brought him over from the Celtics, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Saturday.

On Tuesday, the Cavaliers rocked the NBA by honoring All-Star guard Kyrie Irving's trade request and dealing him to the Celtics — one of their biggest rivals — for Thomas and a lucrative package that included an unprotected 2018 first-round draft pick.

The two people said the trade has not been completed and the Cavs are continuing to do a medical evaluation on Thomas, who injured his right hip last season and had to drop out of the Eastern Conference finals against Cleveland. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the team is not publicly discussing its plans.

After Irving demanded to be traded in July, the Cavaliers entertained numerous offers before striking a deal with Boston. In exchange for Irving, the Celtics agreed to send Thomas, forward Jae Crowder, center Ante Zizic and the first-round pick they acquired from the Brooklyn Nets to Cleveland.

ESPN reported Friday night that the Cavaliers are "considering possible ramifications" after Thomas took his physical.

The Cavaliers and Celtics have until Wednesday to finalize the trade, pending the completion of physicals. It's common practice for teams to perform comprehensive medical exams on players with prior medical issues, and the Cavs were well aware of Thomas' history.

If Cleveland isn't satisfied with its findings on Thomas, the club could scrap the trade. That seems unlikely, however, because the three-time defending conference champions were determined to deal Irving before training camp, and the Cavaliers coveted a high draft pick they can use to acquire another star next season or select a top-tier talent in the draft.

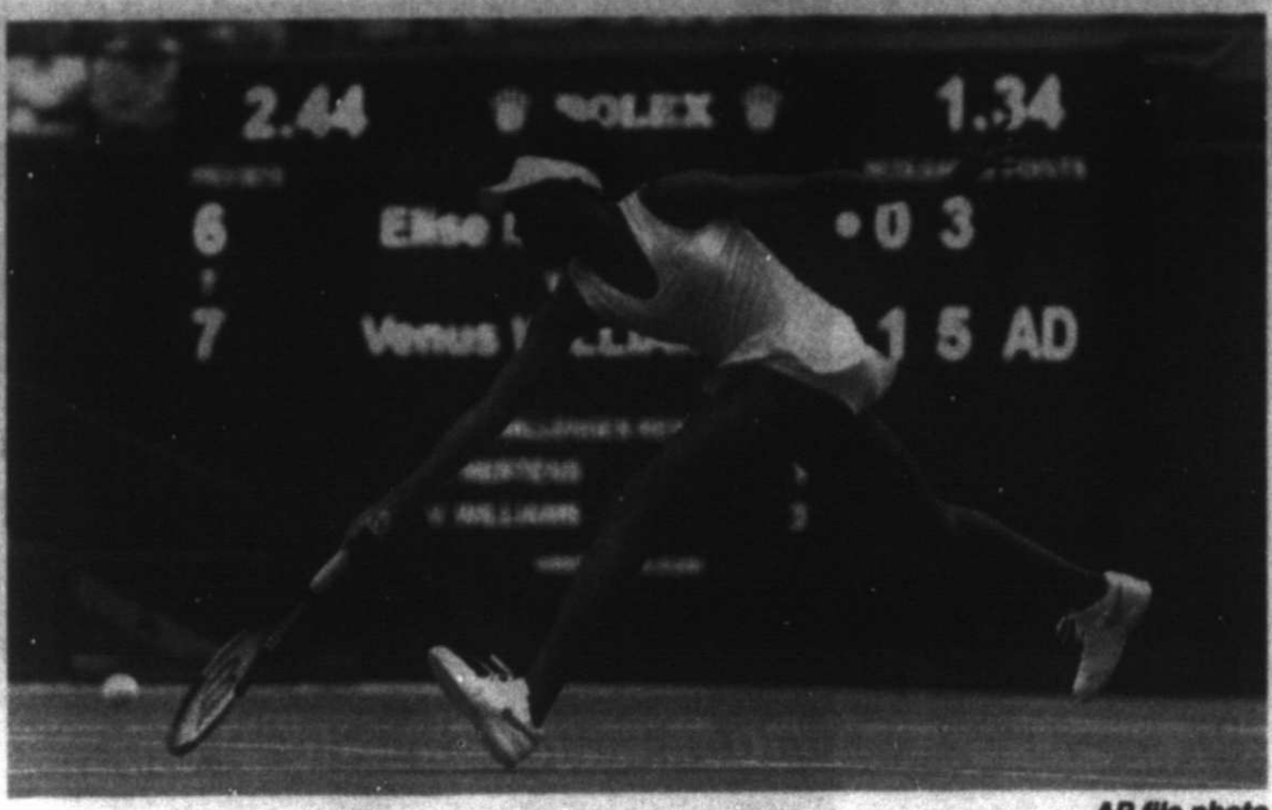
The Cavs could also request the Celtics alter the trade by giving them another player or pick.

This is all new ground for general manager Koby Altman, who has only been on the job full-time since mid-July. He was promoted after former GM David Griffin left the team not long after Cleveland's loss to Golden State in the Finals.

The 34-year-old Altman has inherited a talented team, but also one that has had a tumultuous few months and could potentially lose superstar LeBron James next summer if the game's best all-around player decides to opt out of his contract and hit the free-agent market. James left Cleveland in 2010 to play in Miami, where he won two titles.

In the short term, Altman's main concern is completing the deal for Thomas, who has blossomed into one of the league's premiere playmakers in the past few seasons.

The 28-year-old, who endeared himself to fans in Boston and across the country by playing in the postseason following his sister's death, has been rehabbing the hip he initially hurt in March. Thomas aggravated it in the second round against Washington and finally limped off the floor in Game 2 of the conference finals, which Cleveland won in five games.



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Venus Williams returns to Elise Mertens during their Women's Singles Match on day one at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships on July 3 in London.

US Open: Which American players could make some noise?

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Roddick was the last American man to win a Grand Slam title, all the way back at the 2003 U.S. Open. The last American woman other than Serena Williams to collect a major trophy? That was Venus Williams, at Wimbledon in 2008.

Roddick is retired; he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame last month. Serena Williams is on a sabbatical, expecting her first baby sometime in the next month or so. And Venus Williams? She is still going strong at age 37, able to adapt to living with an energy-sapping disease well enough to have reached two Grand Slam finals in 2017. She was runner-up to her younger sister at the Australian Open, then to Garbine Muguruza at Wimbledon .

"My hat is off to Venus — and I told her this in person years ago — that she figured out what was wrong with her and figured out how to deal with it. And to have that uncertainty of how you're going to feel every day? But obviously she's been managing it really well with her diet and her lifestyle. And the fact that she keeps coming back for more? I don't think any of us thought that she could win another Slam four or five years ago," said Martina Navratilova, an 18-time major winner whose last came at age 33.

"Great to see her still playing," Navratilova said. "I know when she first came on the tour, she said — both sisters said — 'There's no way I'm going to play in my late 20s or 30s. No way!' And here they are. ... And how lucky are we?"

As the U.S. Open starts Monday, the older Williams sister might be the closest thing to a true title contender among any of the host country's men or women. She is, after all, the only player from the United States in either draw to have won a major singles title.

A look at some of the other U.S. players worth keeping tabs on at the year's last Grand Slam tournament:

MADISON KEYS, Best U.S. Open: 4th Round, Ranked: 16th, Age: 22, Born: Illinois, Based: Florida.

Why she has a chance to win the thing: Big serve and forehand can dominate most opponents.

What could stop her: Missed time because of two procedures on her left wrist, but she said Saturday she is healthy and "feeling really good."

COCO VANDEWEGHE, Best U.S. Open: 2nd Round, Ranked: 21st, Age: 25, Born: New York, Based: California.

Why she has a chance to make a deep run: Winning second-highest percentage of service points on tour; new coach Pat Cash has helped.

What could stop her: Lost in the first or second round in all eight previous appearances at Flushing Meadows.

CICI BELLIS, Best U.S. Open: 3rd Round, Ranked: 36th, Age: 18, Born: California, Based: California.

Why she has a chance to reach the second week: Showed off smooth strokes and fearless attitude last year.

What could stop her: A lack of experience at big events or a bad-luck draw are about it.

JOHN ISNER, Best U.S. Open: Quarterfinals, Ranked: 14th, Age: 32, Born: North Carolina, Based: Florida.

Why he has a chance to make a deep run: His serves. Simple as that.

What could stop him: His returns. Simple as that.

JACK SOCK, Best U.S. Open: 4th Round, Ranked: 17th, Age: 24, Born: Nebraska, Based: Kansas.

Why he has a chance to make a deep run: Has the classic 1-2 of serve-forehand and capable of feeding off a supportive crowd.

What could stop him: Never reached a Grand Slam quarterfinal and only 3-3 at majors this year.

SAM QUERREY, Best U.S. Open: 4th Round, Ranked: 21st, Age: 29, Born: California, Based: California.

Why he has a chance to win the thing: First major semifinal at Wimbledon gives him confidence; his serve can carry him far.

What could stop him: Rarely shows up in New York, with first-round losses the past two years.

FRANCES TIAFOE, Best U.S. Open: 1st Round, Ranked: 71st, Age: 19, Born: Maryland, Based: Florida.

Why he has a chance to reach the second week: Has an all-around game and a recent hard-court win over top-10 foe Alexander Zverev.

What could stop him: Not a lot of past success on big stages; 2-6 at all major tournaments. Oh, and then there's this: He faces Roger Federer in the first round.

'12 champ Murray out of US Open; long list of injured men

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — His voice choking, Andy Murray unexpectedly announced Saturday that he was withdrawing from the U.S. Open because of a hip injury, adding to the lengthy list of top players who will miss the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Murray was seeded No. 2 at Flushing Meadows, where play begins Monday.

"Did pretty much everything that I could to get myself ready here and took a number of weeks off after Wimbledon. I obviously spoke to a lot of hip specialists. Tried obviously resting, rehabbing, to try and get myself ready here," said Murray, who won the 2012 U.S. Open for the first of his three major championships.

"Was actually practicing OK the last few days," he added, "but it's too sore for me to win the tournament. And ultimately, that's what I was here to try and do."

Murray, who yielded the No. 1 ranking to Rafael Nadal this week, has not played a match since July 12 at Wimbledon, where he was the defending champion and clearly was hampered by his hip during a five-set quarterfinal loss to Sam Querrey.

The 30-year-old from Britain revealed during a news conference at the U.S. Open site Saturday that the hip first bothered him during his semifinal loss to Stan Wawrinka at the French Open in June.

Murray said he will decide in the "next couple of days" whether to end his season because of the injury.

He has dealt with hip problems off and on for years, but not to the point where it forced him off the tour for an extended absence.

"I certainly wouldn't have been hurting myself more by trying to play. It was more a question of whether it would settle down in time," Murray said.

Murray's exit from the U.S. Open further depletes an event that already was missing three of last year's four men's semifinalists, including 2016 champion Wawrinka, runner-up Novak Djokovic and Kei Nishikori.

Three-time major champion Wawrinka recently had surgery on his left knee, 12-time major champion Djokovic has a bad right elbow and 2014 U.S. Open runner-up Nishikori has an injured right wrist. All three have said they are done for the year.

Add in 2016 Wimbledon runner-up Milos Raonic, who has a problem with his left wrist, and Murray, and now five of the top 11 men in this week's ATP rankings will be absent.

That leaves No. 1 seed Nadal and No. 3 Roger Federer — who has been dealing with a bad back himself — as the two clear favorites for the men's trophy. They were drawn Friday into the same half of the bracket, meaning they could only meet in the semifinals in New York.

"Obviously there has been a lot of players with injuries this year," Murray said. "Look, I want to be back on court as soon as I can. If it means that I can play before the end of the year, then that's what I would love to do. I miss competing, and I'll try to get myself back on court as soon as I can."

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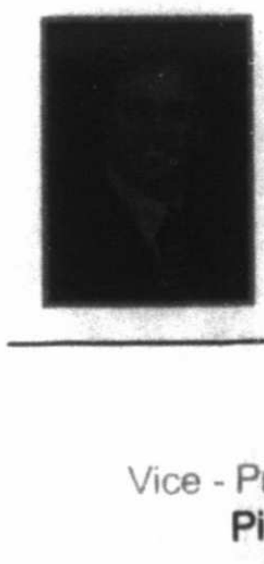
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band, located by the knee, becomes inflamed. Box hopes that more sleep and being mindful not to stretch before races will diminish the chances she is plagued by the condition again.

Meanwhile, Mitchell wants to break the 18-minute barrier this season after placing third as an individual at the 2016 District 2-6A meet.

In the Division I boys race, Big Spring senior Aaron Martinez was the runner-up with a time of 16:38.29, finishing behind race champion Tyler Milford of San Angelo Central.

Martinez ran on the Steers' 2016 team that qualified for the UIL Class 4A State Championships in Round Rock.

It was a remarkable conclusion for Martinez considering that his junior year was his first season of cross-country.

"I ran track my sophomore year," Martinez said. "Junior year I was going to run track again and my coach said, 'Why don't you try cross-country?' I was like, 'All right, I will give it a try.' I really didn't know I was going to get into it. They said I was just going to be on J.V. to help me out (with track conditioning) and I ended up being on varsity."

The MHS boys placed second in the team standings with 87 points in a race that was won by Odessa Permian with 37 points. Permian is coached by Hil Ochoa, who helmed MHS last season.

San Angelo Central won the girls team title with 46 points, out-performing runner-up Andrews (60) and third-place MHS (62).

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Tall City Cross-Country Invitational
At Rock the Desert Festival Park
Saturday
Division I
Boys

Team results — 1. Odessa Permian 37, 2. Midland High 89, 3. San Angelo Central 93, 4. Andrews 101, 5. Big Spring 120, 6. Abilene Wylie 168, 7. Lee 177, 8. Jim Ned 179, 9. Kermit 220, 10. Rankin 264, 11. Buena Vista 297, 12. Stanton 337

Top 10 finishers — 1. Tyler Milford, San Angelo Central, 16 minutes, 25.10 seconds; 2. Aaron Martinez, Big Spring, 16:38.29; 3. Antonio Herrera, Permian, 16:48.24; 4. Joshua Garcia, Odessa Permian, 16:49.42; 5. Cristian Vasquez, Kermit, 17:00.29; 6. Cooper Miller, Big Spring, 17:03.39; 7. Oscar Sotelo Torres, Permian, 17:06.45; 8. Jasson Marquez, Andrews, 17:07.84; 9. Jacob Phiffer, Midland High, 17:09.59; 10. Lorenzo Mendez, Midland High, 17:10.07

Girls

Team results — 1. San Angelo Central 46, 2. Andrews 60, 3. Midland High 62, 4. Odessa Permian 79, 5. Lee 113, 6. Kermit 143, 7. Stanton 172

Top 10 finishers — 1. Bailey Kinney, San Angelo Central, 19 minutes, 57.45 seconds; 2. Jenia Mitchell, Midland High, 20:22.04; 3. Kandus Box, Midland High, 20:28.47; 4. Catherine Lopez, Andrews, 20:29.34; 5. Elizabeth Garcia, Andrews, 20:36.64; 6. Yvette Serrano, Permian, 21:08.92; 7. Haley Bell, San Angelo Central, 21:09.06; 8. Nayeli Galindo, Lee, 21:16.45; 9. Miki Hinojos, San Angelo Central, 21:18.45; 10. Nastasia Corrales, Permian, 21:25.40

Division II
Boys

Team results — 1. Crane 26, 2. Odessa Permian 76, 3. Andrews 126, 4. Midland Christian 135, 5. Pecos 144, 6. Sanderson 145, 7. Big Spring 163, 8. Grady 193, 9. Greenwood 200, 10. Abilene Wylie 270

Top 10 finishers — 1. Jordan Velasco, Crane, 17:27.51; 2. Andy Valles, Crane, 17:52.24; 3. Wyatt Mills, Sanderson, 18:06.40; 4. Zachary Padilla, Pecos, 18:14.36; 5. Unberto Gonzalez, Permian, 18:14.70; 6. Ramon Padilla, Crane, 18:15.99; 7. Josiah Valdez, Crane, 18:29.92; 8. Anthony Ramon, Lee, 18:32.46; 9. Angel Alaniz, Pecos, 18:37.43; 10. Jace Mitchell, Midland Christian, 18:39.46

Girls

Team results — 1. Crane 80, 2. Abilene Wylie 81, 3. Hamlin 83, 4. Jim Ned 86, 5. Midland Christian 153, 6. Odessa Permian 158, 7. Big Spring 169, 8. Andrews 223, 9. Greenwood 230, 10. Midland Classical 280, 11. Stanton 292, 12. Rankin 297, 13. Pecos 309, 14. Lee 348

Top 10 finishers — 1. Jordan Johnson, Abilene Wylie, 14:13.08; 2. Railey Rodriguez, Crane, 14:14.20; 3. Alexia Heaton, Hamlin, 14:20.70; 4. Mackenzie Bryan, Jim Ned, 14:20.76; 5. Austyn Montgomery, Coahoma, 14:33.88; 6. Savannah Lejeune, Midland Christian, 14:35.95; 7. Ellenie Avempato, Midland Classical, 14:41.25; 8. Leandra Benton, Abilene Wylie, 14:47.69; 9. Michaela Ferrero, Hamlin, 14:48.68; 10. Lily Davis, Jim Ned, 14:52.93

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MRT's Preseason Top 13 Players To Watch in 2017

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Josh Traylor
School: Lee
Position: Running back
Class: Junior
Height: 5-foot-8
Weight: 180 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Traylor emerged as one of the most exciting, yet consistent offensive players in District 2-6A last season. A shifty runner who is difficult to bring down, he was a pillar of the Rebels' formidable rushing attack and racked up 1,106 yards and eight touchdowns. A 1,500-yard season is not out of the question in 2017.

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Grant Brown
School: Lee
Position: Receiver
Class: Senior
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 175 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Brown is still looking for a true breakout season as a senior. He led the Rebels in receptions (31) to go along with 323 yards and two scores last year, but could be due for a spike in production as the roster's most experienced pass catcher. An explosive athlete, Brown figures to be among the district's best receivers in 2017.

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Isaiah Nunez
School: Lee
Position: Linebacker
Class: Senior
Height: 6-foot-2
Weight: 230 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: The younger brother of former Rebels' Khiry (now at Air Force) and Talor (a senior at Texas Tech), Nunez, now an Air Force commit himself, will anchor the Lee defense in the middle of the field. He recorded a team-high 71 tackles for a loss last year and 55 total tackles as a junior. Possessing a relentless motor to go along with quality speed for his size, Nunez will command the attention of opposing offensive coordinators all season long.

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Trey Jacobo
School: Lee
Position: Defensive back/safety
Class: Senior
Height: 6-foot-1
Weight: 160 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Prior to sustaining a concussion early last season, Jacobo was perhaps the Rebels' most productive defensive player. Rangy with strong ball skills, Jacobo will keep opposing quarterbacks on their toes when firing into the Lee secondary. He notched 39 total tackles, along with an interception and a pass breakup in only four games in 2016. Jacobo also handled some of the team's punting duties and booted the ball eight times for an average of 32 yards per punt.

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Matt Groeschel
School: Greenwood
Position: Offensive tackle
Class: Senior
Height: 6-foot-6
Weight: 320 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Groeschel will certainly be among the biggest linemen in the Permian Basin. Going into his second year on the varsity, Groeschel will move to left tackle from guard and by all indications, he's seemed to improve his footwork and quickness. An all-district selection in 2016, Groeschel has also gotten the attention of college scouts.

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Noah Lujan
School: Andrews
Position: Wide receiver
Class: Senior
Height: 6 feet
Weight: 155 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Andrews coach Ralph Mason said Lujan caught the attention of many folks during the Mustangs' run in the state 7-on-7 tournament. Lujan is the returning leading receiver for AHS after catching 37 passes for 484 yards and four touchdowns and was the District 2-4A Division I Newcomer of the Year in 2016.

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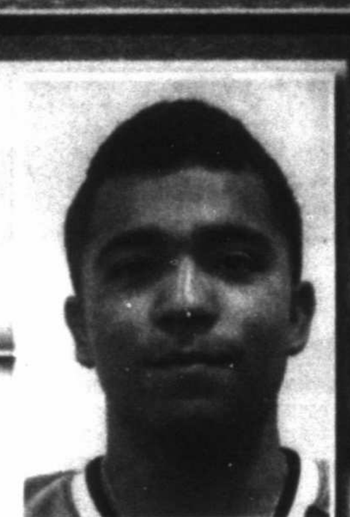

Brian Ramos
School: Greenwood
Position: Defensive end
Class: Senior
Height: 5-foot-10
Weight: 185 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Despite his size, Ramos used his speed to become a disruptive force along the Rangers' defensive line last year. He totaled 60 tackles and nine sacks to earn co-Defensive Lineman of the Year in District 2-4A Division II. With his experience and tenacity to get after an opposing quarterback, look for Ramos to have another good year.

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Cesar Chavez
School: Garden City
Position: Linebacker/running back
Class: Junior
Height: 5-foot-8
Weight: 155 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Chavez, a junior, was a defensive force for a powerful Bearkats team that fell to state champion Borden County in the regional quarterfinal last year. He recorded a team-high 153 tackles -- 20 of them for a loss -- to go along with one interception, despite missing two games. Chavez earned First Team All-District 6-1A honors, as well as all-region and all-state honorable mention last season.

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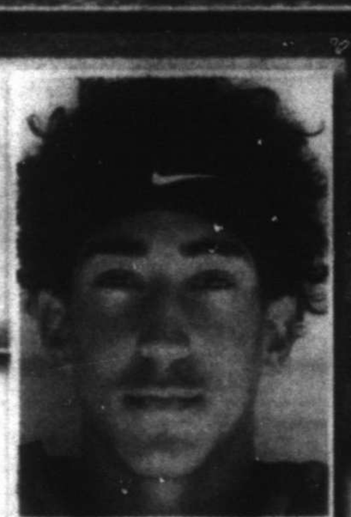

Peyton Powell
School: Midland Christian
Position: Quarterback
Class: Junior
Height: 6-foot-2
Weight: 180 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Powell can take over a game with his dual-threat ability, and he has shown he can step up against the toughest of competition. Powell set a Midland County record with 420 rushing yards against defending Class 3A Division I state champion Brock in 2016. Following a 42 TD season, Powell is only scratching the surface of his ability and is a major reason why MCS has hopes of winning its first state title since 2013.

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Juan Vasquez
School: Midland High
Position: Offensive guard
Class: Senior
Height: 5-foot-11
Weight: 315 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: The 2016 All-District 2-6A first-team guard was one of the unsung heroes of a dynamic Bulldogs offense that scored a school-record 517 points. Vasquez is the heart and soul of the MHS offensive line, as he is lauded for his character and leadership, and his ability to open up running lanes for the Dawg ball carriers. Vasquez's teammates recognized his intangibles and commitment to the program when they voted him team captain.

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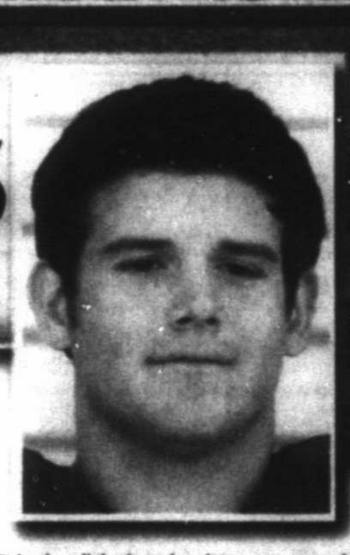

Luke Fisher
School: Midland Christian
Position: Offensive tackle
Class: Senior
Height: 6-foot-4
Weight: 285 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Fisher has all the desired qualities – size, strength, quick feet and athleticism – in an offensive tackle. Fisher, a Division I prospect, continues the Mustangs' impressive tradition of tackles, which includes Oklahoma State's Johnny Wilson. Fisher was a second-team, all-state selection in 2016.

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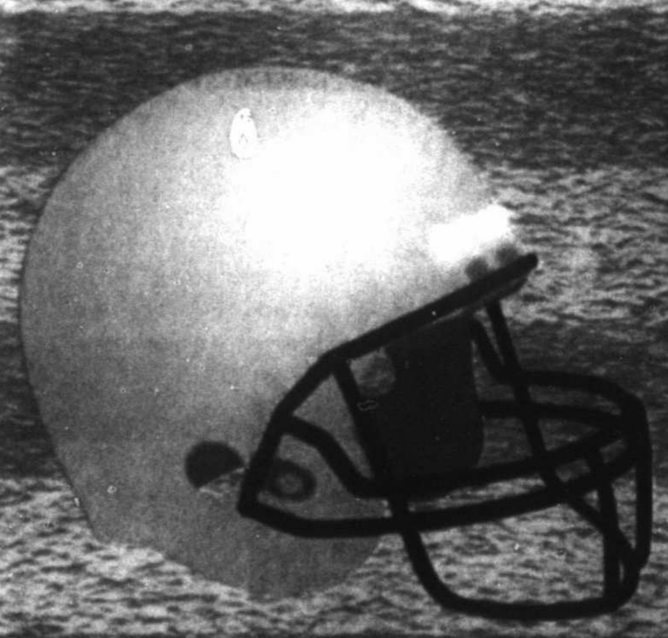
David Threadgill
School: Midland Christian
Position: Middle linebacker
Class: Senior
Height: 6-foot-2
Weight: 205 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Threadgill is always around the football. It will be intriguing to see how many tackles Threadgill can tally in his encore season after recording a team-best 129 stops as a sophomore, and following that up with an eye-popping 183 tackles during a junior season in which he earned the Reporter-Telegram's Area Defensive Player of the Year honors.



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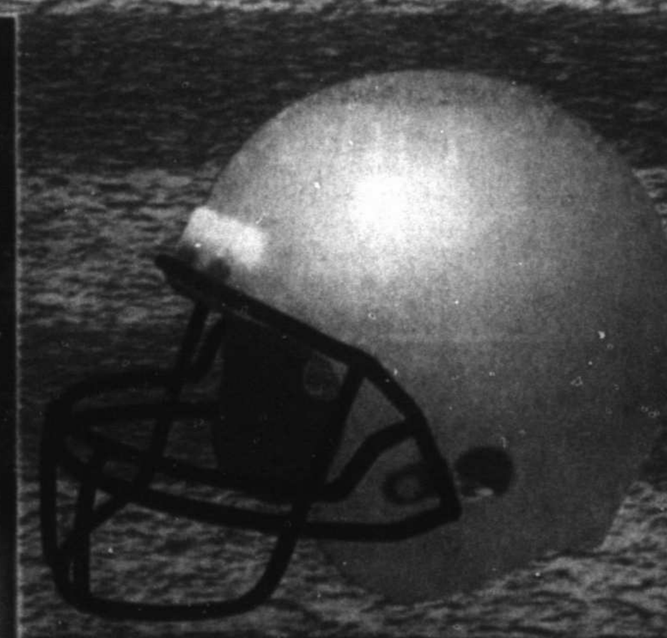
Jacoby Thornton
School: Midland High
Position: Cornerback/wide receiver
Class: Senior
Height: 6-foot-2
Weight: 197 pounds
Why he's a player to watch: Thornton is the rare defensive player that can impact a game's outcome with a turnover or blocked kick. The physical cornerback returned two touchdowns for interceptions against Lee last year. The 2016 All-District 2-6A first-team cornerback led MHS with four interceptions. This season the Bulldogs plan to utilize Thornton's skills at wide out too, as he may push 90-100 snaps in some games.



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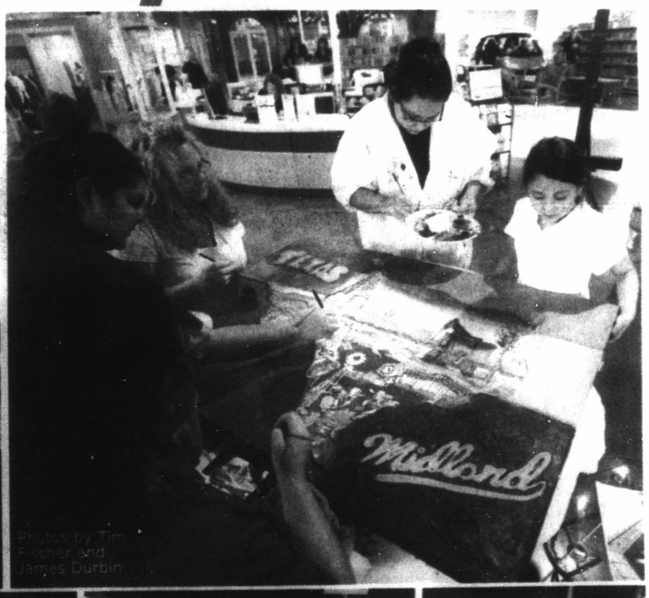
In a collaboration with the Texas Commission of the Arts, the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch hosted artist Vickie McMillan Hayes last week for a community art project. Depicting the essence of Midland through wildlife, the oilfield and architectural imagery, the public was invited to contribute to the finished product with the artist directing where to paint on the canvas.

Ultimately, layers of paint came together as one and can be seen on display at the library branch.

"I've seen people of different social, economic, racial, and philosophical backgrounds gathered around the painting coming together to create a portrait of Midland that they see themselves reflected in," Edward McPherson, MCPL education and program coordinator, said.



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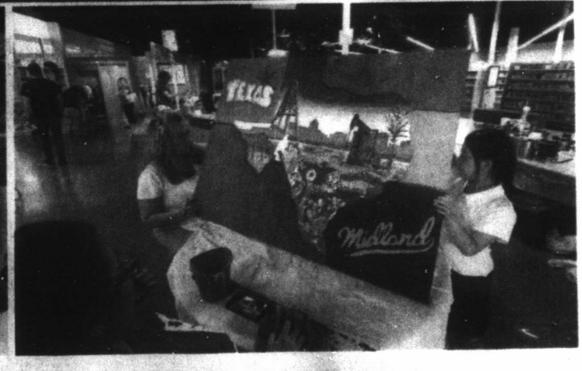


5 QUESTIONS

With Jeff Neely | actor

We continue our series of Five Questions with the cast and crew of Summer Mummers.

Jeff Neely was born in Newport, Virginia, but has lived here since 2001, and considers West Texas his home. The Navy veteran has been with Summer Mummers for 15 years, perhaps most notably as the perennial villain of the integrama. He is a full-time student at University of Texas of the Permian Basin and will graduate in December with a bachelors degree in business management. His wife, the "most sparkling and majestic" Marcy Neely, also is with Mummers. They have a family of six cats and a handful of turtles.

The 69th Season of Summer Mummers' "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" closes Saturday at the Yucca Theatre. For tickets, visit mctmidland.org.

MRT: What is been your proudest achievement in Summer Mummers?

Neely: The thing I am proudest of is getting to do the Mule Train act. I got to do it for the first time this year. That is better to me than getting cast as the villain or winning Mummer of the Year because those things are achieved through an audition process or by just never saying "no" when asked to do something. Mule Train is something you have to earn by doing all of that other stuff for a very long time and at a very high level. In the 15 years I have been a part of the show, I have seen only three other people do it, and I think two of them have been the Mule Train performers since the Permian Basin had water in it.

Neely

MRT: What would you say is your best quality and why?

Neely: I have good qualities?

MRT: Who is a real-life hero and why?

Neely: In real life, that guy who directs traffic at the dump is a hero to me. There are a lot of trucks and things coming and going and he keeps everyone safe and in line in one of the worst places to work possible — there is no place to hide from the horrendous heat, the smell is abominable, you get a coating of dumpster dirt in your mouth all day and the pay probably sucks. That underappreciated keeper of safety and order is a true hero to me because he does things I don't think I could.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Neely: I have never played or followed the sport, and I quite literally learned to play football by reading "Football For Dummies" three times last December because I made the team and I am a defensive tackle at UTPB. As it turns out, I really like playing football. Come support the team but cheer for the old man.

MRT: What book do you always recommend?

Neely: "Gone With The Wind." The movie is junk but the book is really good. That and anything by Tim Dorsey.

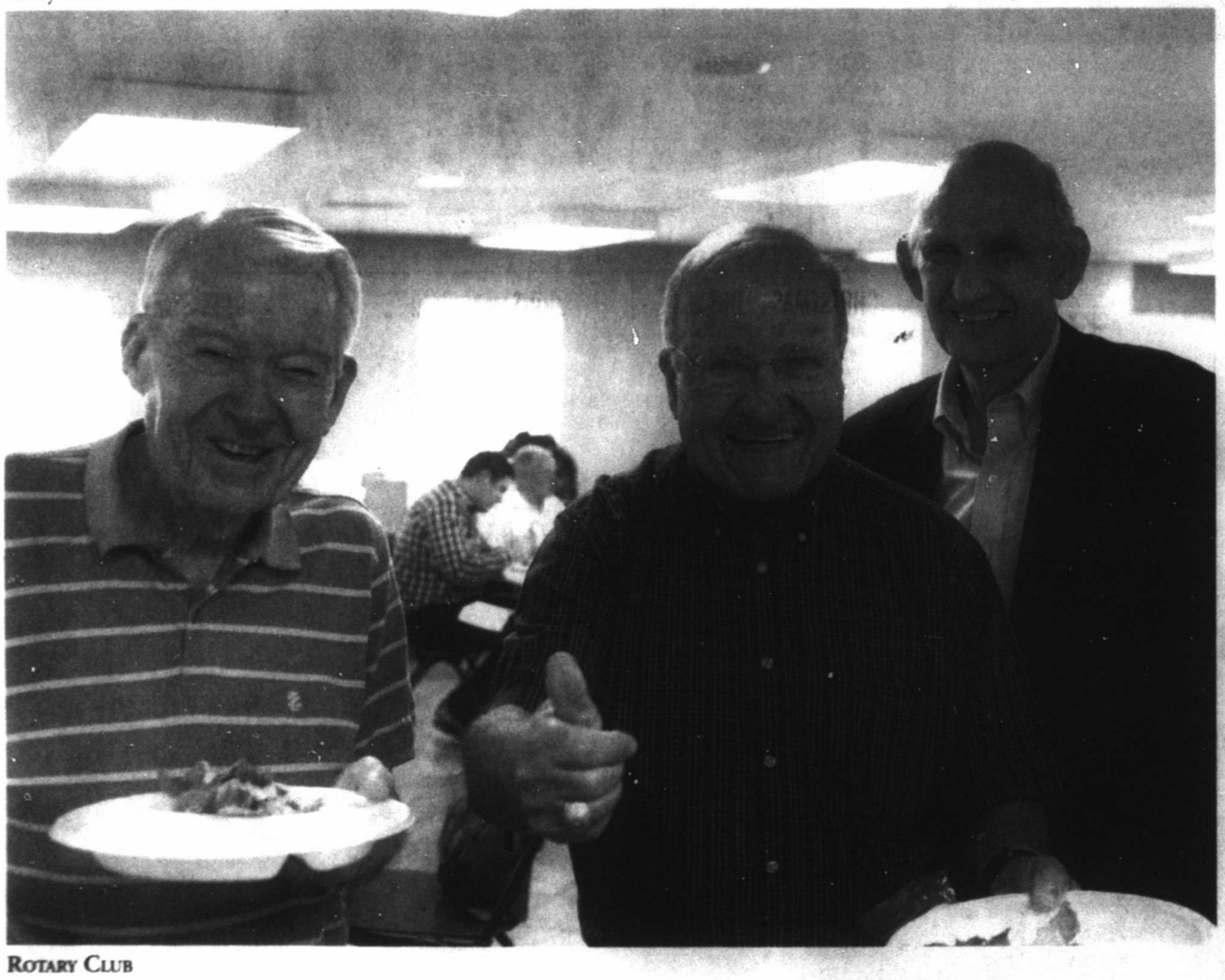
NAMES & FACES

OUT&ABOUT

BY JULIE DONNELLY

ROTARY CLUB

Tom Hyde, top row from left, Dan Kallas, Martha Kallas, Gary Peterson Bob Bivens, Jim Choate, Frank Vitrano, Spencer Blocker, Charlie Jones, Roger Freidline, Jason Rand and Greg Ulvestad; and Linda Bradshaw; Tom Segulia, sitting from left, Mark Lowe, Jean Jones, Kay Bivens, Alice Freidline, Carlos Chavez, Lance Vasicek, Bill Shuey and Mark Williams



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Spencer Blocker, from left, Frank Vitrano and Tom Hyde

ROTARY CLUB

Jean Jones, left, and Linda Hamblin

PILOT AWARD

Patricia and Bill Darby

COUPLE RECEIVE FAA AWARD

Midlanders Patricia and Bill Darby were among those who received a prestigious award from the Federal Aviation Administration. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award recognizes individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as master pilots.

A distinctive certificate and lapel pin are issued after application review and eligibility requirements have been met. Upon request, a stickpin similar in design to the lapel pin is also provided to the award recipient's spouse in recognition of his or her support to the recipient's aviation career. Once the award has been issued, the recipient's name, city and state will be added to a published Roll of Honor.

It is believed that the Darbys are the first husband-wife duo to receive the award on the same day. Both began their flying careers in January 1965 — Bill in McCamey and Patricia in Midland. Bill worked as a charter pilot and flight instructor in San Angelo before joining the FAA as an air traffic controller in 1969. Patricia worked as a charter pilot and flight instructor in Midland, Los Alamos, Denver and Dallas before joining the FAA as an air traffic controller in 1967. The couple met in 1965 at a fly-in breakfast in Pecos.

ROTARY DONATES TO MIDLAND FAIR HAVENS

The members of the Rotary Club of Midland met at Midland Fair Havens recently to deliver school supplies to the nonprofit agency's clients. Rotary members purchased the supplies under the leadership of David Sonka, community projects director.

Club President Jean Jones presented a check to Linda Hamblin, Fair Havens program director. The money was raised from the previous month's "club can," which is the Rotary's version of "passing the hat."

To have an event included in "Out and About," contact Julie Donnelly at mrtjulie@outlook.com.

ROTARY CLUB

Spencer Blocker, from left, Charlie Jones Bill Shuey and Mark Williams

ROTARY CLUB

Mike Courter, from left, Jean Jones, Larry Carroll and Tom Segulia

PILOT AWARD

Dan Venegen, from left, Mark Merritt and David Hood

PILOT AWARD

Mark Merritt, left and Jim Fowler

PILOT AWARD

Bill Lipham, left, and Bill Ritter

NAMESINTHENEWS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midlander Josh Raies, a junior at LeTourneau University in Longview, will serve as student body president for 2017-18.

Raies, a 2015 graduate of Midland Classical Academy, also is a member of the university's baseball team.

He has received recognition for his team leadership and earned academic all- conference honors for 2016-17.

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U.S. Army Pvt. Cinthia Aguilar Lopez has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Aguilar Lopez is the daughter of Araceli Lopez and a 2016 graduate of Midland High School.

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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class David A. Dover graduated with honors from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio.

Dover is the son of Aaron Dover of Midland. He graduated from Midland High School in 2010 and from Texas Tech University in 2013.

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Midlander Breck Record was one of seven members of the National Court Reporters Association to be awarded Fellowship in the Academy of Professional Reporters.

They received the honor during the association's convention earlier this month in Las Vegas.

Record, an official court reporter in Midland, has been a reporter since 1983. He has served on several committees of the NCRA, which represents stenographic court reporters, broadcast captioners, CART captioners and legal videographers.

He is a past director for the Texas Court Reporters Association, has served on the Court Reporting Advisory Board for San Antonio College and has written several articles pertaining to the reporting profession for NCRA and TCRA.

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Richardson - Stefanik

Tracy Lynn Richardson and Allen Curtis Stefanik were united in marriage on May 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The ceremony was held in a garden gazebo outside the Tapestry House, a beautiful Victorian-style manor, in LaPorte, Colorado with Nick O'Connell officiating.

The wedding reception, hosted by the bride's parents, followed at the Wedgewood at The Tapestry House with dinner, drinks, and dancing.

The bride is the daughter of Teresa Ann and Peter Paul Richardson of Midland, Texas. The groom is the son of Robert and Suzie Loader of Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Serving as Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Allie Richardson. Attending as bridesmaids were the bride's cousin, Kristen Dupree, Katie Angerhofer, Jamie Casmer, Leann Haynes, Leslie Parker, and Heidi Hughes.

Serving as Best Man was Luke Angerhofer. Attending as groomsmen were the bride's brother, Tyler Richardson, Ryan Sidebottom, Matt Bath, Tommy Faigl, Justin Vialpando, and Kris Culbertson.

The flower girls were Kennedy and Avery Casmer, daughters of bridesmaid Jamie Casmer, and Evelyn Dupree, daughter of bridesmaid Kristen Dupree. The ring bearer was Bently Angerhofer, son of Best Man Luke Angerhofer and bridesmaid Katie Angerhofer.

Tracy attended nursing school at Midland College and graduated with her BSN from Texas Tech University. She is a charge nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UC Health in Fort Collins, Colorado.

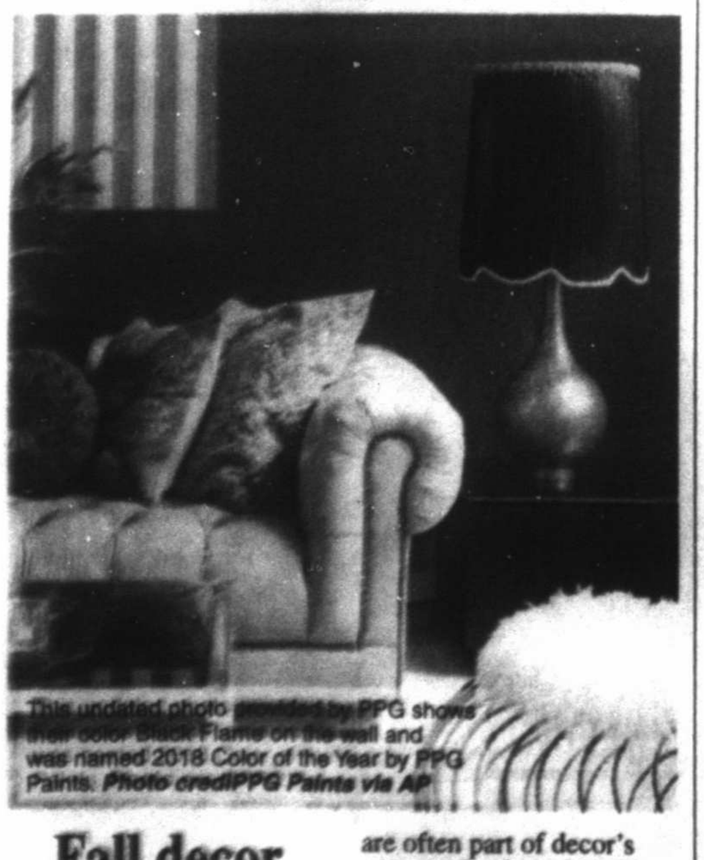
Allen graduated from the University of Wyoming with a Bachelor's degree in finance and received his Master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. He currently works in Business Development.

The couple honeymooned on a romantic cruise to Italy, Greece, and Croatia. They currently reside in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Ron and Linda Brice Celebrate 50th

Falling in love is easy, but staying in love is very special. Happy 50th Anniversary!

With love and admiration, your son, Randy.



This undated photo provided by PPG shows Paper on the wall and was named 2018 Color of the Year by PPG Paints. *Photo credPPG Paints via AP*

Fall decor uses deep, rich hues

By Kim Cook
Associated Press

are often part of decor's autumnal palette, but this year they're bigger and bolder than usual.

"Color is a powerful communicator," says Pottery Barn spokeswoman Monica Bhargava. "It can be a key point of inspiration that defines the mood

Deeper, richer hues

Please see HUES/5E

Davis - McLaughlin

John and Kimberly Davis of Midland, Texas are proud to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Michelle Leslie Davis, to Blake Thomas McLaughlin, the son of Brian and Cynthia McLaughlin of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. R Don and Marilyn Haynes of Midland, Texas and the late Mr. James C. and Jeanene Davis also of Midland, Texas. The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. John Mark McLaughlin and the late Mrs. Amy Johnson McLaughlin of San Angelo, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Slaughter, also of San Angelo, Texas.

Michelle is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies in 2010 and her Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in 2012. She is currently employed at Concho Resources.

Blake is a 2007 graduate of Midland High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History at Texas A&M in 2011. He is currently employed as an Independent Landman.

The wedding will take place on October 6, 2017 at The Wynn Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada.

GORENBRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Another Greek classic

Neither vulnerable, South deals

	NORTH ♠ 10 7 6 4 ♡ A K 6 3 ◇ J 10 5 3 2 ♣ Void	
WEST ♠ J 9 8 2 ♡ 7 ◇ 8 7 ♣ A K J 9 5 2		EAST ♠ 5 3 ♡ Q J 5 2 ◇ A 9 4 ♣ 7 6 4 3
	SOUTH ♠ A K Q ♡ 10 9 8 4 ◇ K Q 6 ♣ Q 10 8	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♣	Dbl*	3♣
3♡	4♣	4♡	Dbl

All pass

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

Another deal from Europe, this time featuring a match between teams from China and Greece. South was a Greek player known to us only as Kontomitros.

South ruffed the opening club lead in dummy and led a low diamond. He unblocked his queen when East rose with his ace. East shifted to a spade, won by South with the ace. The 10 of clubs was covered by the jack and ruffed in dummy. Declarer crossed back to his hand with the king of diamonds and led the queen of clubs, covered and ruffed with the king of hearts. South cashed dummy's ace of hearts, crossed to his hand with the king of spades, and then led a diamond to dummy's jack. This was the position:

	NORTH ♠ 10 7 ♡ Void	
		◇ 10 5 ♣ Void
WEST ♠ J 9 ♡ Void ◇ Void ♣ 9 5		EAST ♠ Void ♡ Q J 5 ◇ Void ♣ 8
	SOUTH ♠ Q ♡ 10 9 8 ◇ Void ♣ Void	

With eight tricks in the bag, dummy's 10 of diamonds was led and there was nothing East could do. Should East ruff high, South would shed his spade and make two more heart tricks on power. East chose to ruff low, but South over-ruffed and led the queen of spades. East ruffed with the jack, but the queen of hearts was the only trick left for the defense. Well done!

BRIDGE RESULTS

Permian Bridge Club

Aug. 14

Betty Moore-Linda Buzan, Joshua Yee-Lonnie Yee, Sarana Savage-Belle Harris

Aug. 15

Bob Bacon-Jim Hawkins, Ricki Perry-Tommie Strack, Kay Arrell-Patti Heard, Buzan-Marilyn Higgins

Aug. 16

Charlie Grimes-Robert Grimes, Flo Curry-Marlene Blumentritt, Kay Sewell-Greg Keys, Dorothy Brenneman-Paula Baggett, Ann Parish-Harris, Scott Vaughan-Buzan

Aug. 17

C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Baggett-Brenneman, Peggy Cook-Sonya Hopkins, Debbie Conner-Sandy Hill, Dorothy Blair-Linda Farrar

Deborah Brookins-Vaughan, Audie Brooks-Bill Brooks, Marty Massie-Moore, Mary Tift-Ann Brooks

C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Baggett-Brenneman, Brookins-Vaughan, Audie Brooks-B. Brooks, Massie-Moore, Tift-Ann Brooks

Aug. 18

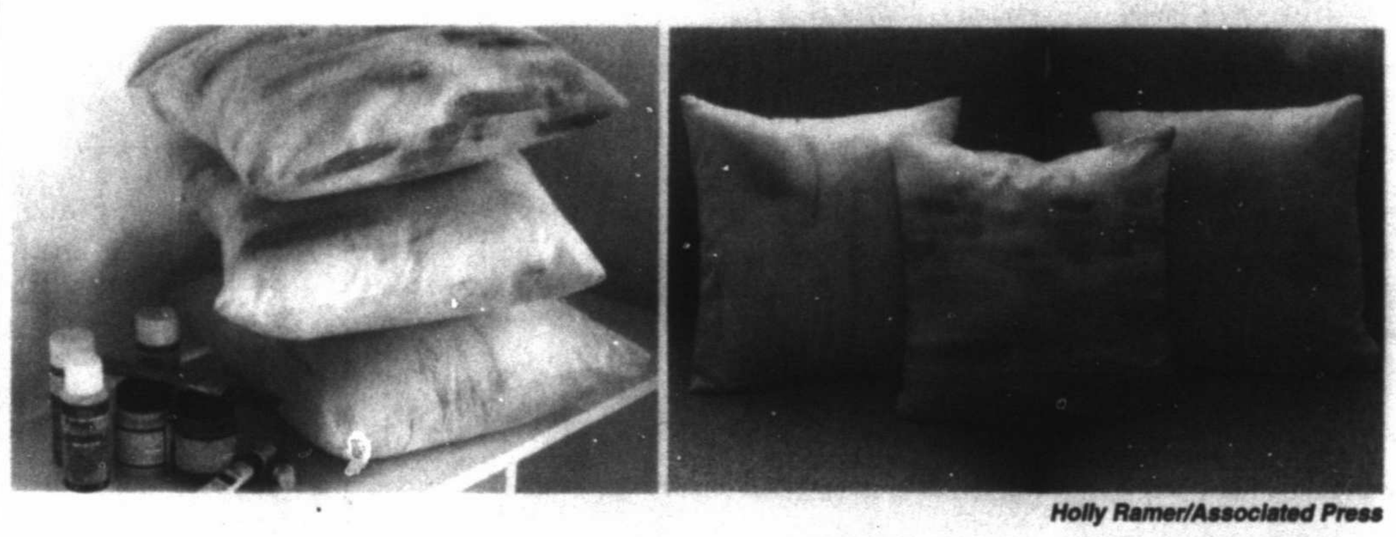
Higgins-Massie, Curry-Jean Pistole, Lena Nichols-Blumentritt, Baggett-Brenneman, Dale Beck-Hawkins, Buzan-Moore, Sue Marshall-Sally Reeder

C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Harris-Sewell, Perry-Strack, Barbara Miles-Ann Servatius, Debbie Conly-K.C. Evans, Arrell-Heard, Audie Brooks-B. Brooks

C. Grimes-R. Grimes, Harris-Sewell, Higgins-Massie, Perry-Strack, Servatius-Miles, Curry-Pistole, Baggett-Brenneman, Conly- Evans, Arrell-Heard, Audie Brooks-B. Brooks

Aug. 20

Curry-Vaughan, Conly-Evan›-Arrell-Blumentritt, Perry-Strack, Audie Brooks-B. Brooks, Linda Scarpelli-L. Yee



Holly Ramer/Associated Press

LEFT: Three pillows were created using different techniques for achieving a watercolor effect on fabric Aug. 20 in Hopkinton, N.H. Getting artwork off the walls and onto a sofa is as easy as painting fabric and using it to cover throw pillows. **Right:** Three pillows created using different techniques and some of the necessary supplies, including fabric painting medium, craft paint and liquid watercolor paint.

Whichcraft: Watercolor effects add to pillows

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — With bright splotches or pale washes of color, watercolor paintings certainly can brighten up walls. But why stop there? Applying a watercolor effect to fabric and covering pillows with it lets you display abstract artwork on your sofa or bed as well.

Looking to add some decorative contrast to my gray couch, I recently tried three tutorials on achieving a watercolor look on fabric. I then washed and dried the fabric to make sure the colors wouldn't wash out. While the basic techniques — brush strokes on fabric — were similar, they used different materials and slightly different procedures. All were easy enough that I'm brainstorming other ways to put them to use — napkins, coasters, zippered pouches and more.

Here's what I found, with each method rated from 1 to 10, with 10 indicating the least expensive, easiest and best results:

Fabric Paint

The Brit + Co website (http://go.brit.co/2uFtdYV) features a tutorial for making watercolor-effect table linens, but the method is easily adaptable for pillow covers as well. The directions call for using a sponge brush to dampen small portions of fabric, and then painting on the damp area with a liquid paint that has the consistency of water and spreads like dye. While I followed the directions, I did wonder if it would be easier to just wet the entire piece of fabric at once by running it under water and squeezing out the excess rather than wetting small portions at a time.

The paint recommended for this project, Jacquard's Dye-Na-Flow, is considerably more expensive than the materials used in the other techniques (about $5 for 2 ounces), but because it's made for textiles, no other product is needed to make it permanent on fabric.

This method produced vibrant colors that stayed true even after washing and drying.

Cost: 5
Ease: 7
Results: 8

Craft Paint

The owner of the Lovely Etc. blog (http://bit.ly/2uM3RZO) describes her mission as "creating lovely for less," and her technique for watercolor pillows was indeed the least expensive of the three I tried.

Her method involves mixing about three drops of acrylic craft paint with 10 drops of fabric painting medium and a few tablespoons of water, and then painting onto fabric. Small bottles of craft paint can often be found for about a dollar each, and fabric painting medium — which produces a washable, permanent substance than adheres better to fabric — for a dollar or two more.

This technique was really easy, but unfortunately, my results were somewhat disappointing compared to the image shown in the tutorial. I painted abstract circles with light red, pink and lavender, but as the fabric began to dry, the colors faded to pale pink, and all definition between the shapes was lost. I didn't, however, notice any further fading after washing and drying the fabric.

Cost: 8
Ease: 8
Results: 5

Watercolor Paint

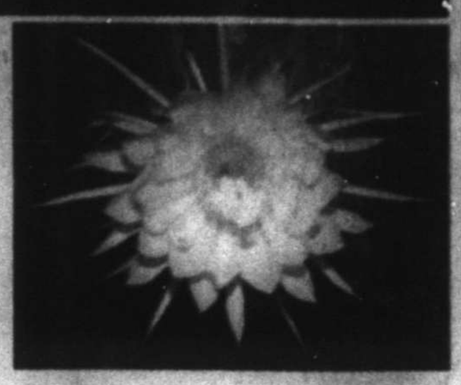
Of the three techniques I tried, this one from the blog Tidbits (http://bit.ly/2i8GmEi) was the only one that used actual watercolor paint. But because the paint on its own would wash out, it also uses fabric painting medium to make the paint colorfast.

While the tutorial calls for using solid watercolors, I used student-grade liquid watercolors because that's what I had on hand. In this method, you paint with watercolors on the fabric and then, using a clean brush, swipe over the fabric with a mixture of fabric medium and water. That adds an extra step compared to the technique using craft paint, but the results were better. I don't know if that's because of the type of paint or the technique, however.

Like the fabric paint method, the colors stayed bold as they dried, and after a trip through the washer and drier.

Cost: 7
Ease: 6
Results: 7

This plant makes a one-night-only appearance



BARBARA PORSCH
Permian Basin Master Gardener

The night-blooming cereus is not the most beautiful foliage plant. You could say it is even unsightly. But, for one night only, the egg-shaped bud covered with tan sepals blooms and slowly unfurls during the day to open about 10 o'clock at night until it regrettably fades shortly after the sunlight strikes it the next morning.

There are several flowering cacti called night-blooming cereus that all have breathtaking white flowers centered by innumerable delicate stamen. They may measure up to 12 inches in diameter and are exquisitely fragrant in the cool night air.

Even more unique are some of the traditions connected with this flower. The Chinese believe that the lovely flower, Tan-hua, brings luck and happiness to their country. Another tradition is that the golden stamen are angels pulling the hidden chariot of the Christ child.

Some call this the flower of the Nativity, pointing out deep in the cave of the bloom, two tiny stamen bending over the center. These represent Mary and Joseph and the Christ child. High above these are pistil and stamen representing the angel chorus, and three large stamen, the three Wise Men. At the very opening, also a part of the center, is a star that is the Star of the East, guiding men to the stable.

I got my start with cereus from a gentleman in Austin who had dozens of mature plants in his yard. He would put his friends on alert and then notify when they were going to open. We would all go enjoy the beauty and fragrance. One of my plants is a cutting from him that I brought with me when we moved here. It does need protection in the winter, but can handle a partial shady situation in the yard in the summer.

Bring home an heirloom plant: basic transplanting, cutting, collecting seeds

By Nancy Brachey
The Charlotte Observer

A summer trip to the family home place, whether it is in town or in the country, is a memory-maker for families. There they find not only special food and comfy chairs on a front porch made for sitting, they see plants that have been growing around the house practically forever.

These are plants that make memories because their ownership can include generations in a family or represent decades of friendship.

It is not hard to bring home a bit of these memories in the form of seeds or cuttings from special plants taken from a grandmother or aunt's garden.

Thus they become heirloom plants.

When the giver is being generous, some of these heirloom plants — including day lilies, Shasta daises, black-eyed Susans, hostas, irises, Lenten roses and peonies — can be dug up and put into a paper bag to take home. This is basic transplanting. Just sink a shovel into the ground, bring up the root system with stems and leaves attached and put it in a paper bag or pot to take home and replant.

If only a portion of the plant is being given, it can be divided, with roots and stems gently separated and the mother plant replanted. This is particularly useful with perennials that produce clumps with baby plants around their perimeter. Lenten roses are famous for producing seedlings that can easily be dug with a trowel.

Shrubs are a different matter, requiring a technique called cuttings. These shrubs — including spiraeas, viburnums, camellias, hydrangeas, forsythia, and old-fashioned roses — can be propagated by this technique.

Most plants tend to be ready for taking cuttings in early-to-mid-summer, which is the time of family reunions. The fresh growth that came out in the spring is now mature but not too woody to cut and root for new plants.

When such cuttings are taken too early, they tend to flop and deteriorate before roots emerge. The tip of the stem might still be a fresh, new green, but down the stem a ways, say 3 to 5 inches, it should be firm enough to use. Use clean, sharp shears for this work to reduce the chance of disease. The cut should be sharp and clean so that it does not crush the stem tissue. Keep the leaves, but if some are quite large, cut them in half to reduce the chance of dehydration during rooting.

Take more than one cutting because this is not foolproof. Opt for side stems instead of the tip ends and do the work in the morning while the plant has more water in its system. Transport the cuttings in a small plastic bag with damp soil or perlite around the roots and put them in a small pot of clean potting soil as soon as possible. Rooting powder is a help with this. Just dip the cut end of the stem into the powder before you put it halfway down into the soil. Water the soil well and keep the pot in a sheltered place, not in a hot, sunny spot.

New leaves will signal that the plant is rooting. As it grows, move it to a larger pot, then eventually to a space in your landscape.

A third method of saving plants is collecting seeds, commonly done with non-hybrid annuals such as sweet peas, cosmos, moon flowers, and zinnias. Look for pods of flowers that have matured. Snip off the pods and store them in a paper bag kept in a cool, dry place until sowing time next spring.

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HUES

From 4E

and feel of a home."

PPG's color marketing manager Dee Schlotter sees a trend toward interiors "that embrace nocturnal shades" in homes, hotels and stores.

Deep hues are often incorporated through matte yet soft materials, she says.

In the mood

"I love dusky blues, plums, gray of all types, and surfaces that have a mysterious effect," says Jamie Drake of New York-based Drake Anderson Interiors.

For the guest bedroom of one project, Drake/Anderson had Jonathan Kutzin of America Painting in Cresskill, New Jersey, create a strie effect with an iridescent blue top coat, evoking a moody retreat.

In another apartment, in Midtown Manhattan, Drake says his company used deep plum tones to anchor the high-altitude rooms, while another project employed dark navy walls in a cozy library. "Using a color this dark in a small space is a favorite tool to make the edges of a room 'disappear' and create a mysterious illusion of more space," he says. (www.drakeanderson.com)

Some deep, dark colors evoke privacy, quietude and a feeling of being wrapped in warmth, designers say.

But brighter, saturated hues can be uplifting and electric; Sherwin-Williams' two new collections are Affinity, inspired by craft and tribalism, and Connectivity, inspired by technology. (www.sherwin-williams.com)

Emerald city

Of the trending deepened hues, emerald green is especially dominant, Schlotter says. To her, "It represents luxury and emulates lush foliage."

"Color palettes that range from darker shades like black and navy, to gold and coral, complement the depth of emerald green, while pale neutrals like white and light gray give it a crisp and trendy edge," she says. "A courageous color, emerald green also works well with a number of materials and textures."

Emerald is showing up in upholstery. Furniture company Sauder has a little tub chair in the hue. CB2's 50s-inspired Avec sofa comes in plush emerald velvet. (www.sauder.com; www.cb2.com)

Color in the kitchen

Italian company Bertazzoni, known for its high-end ranges in rich shades like burgundy, orange, yellow and red, just introduced a new hue called Azzurro. Blending cerulean, turquoise, sapphire and cyan, it's a positive, energetic color. (www.us.bertazzoni.com)

Both Frigidaire and Kitchenaid have suites of appliances in black stainless steel.

And look for countertops and cabinetry in deeper tones, too. Cambria Quartz's Bala Blue stone is the color of deep water. In a contemporary kitchen with sleek white cabinetry, Cardigan Red's vibrant warmth would be a terrific foil. (www.cambriausa.com)

Walls and floors

Intrepid decorators will love another aspect of this trend: dark walls.

At Kip's Bay Show House a couple of months ago in Manhattan, Susan Ferrier dressed a bedroom in deep forest green. Organic objets d'art accents made it feel like a luxe nature retreat. (www.mcalpinehouse.com)

Kevin Lichten and Joan Craig cloaked a downstairs bar in charcoal silk, trimmed with bronze, creating an intimate, sexy space.

Looking ahead

If you're interested in dabbling in any of these colors, don't worry about the trend being short-lived. PPG, Olympic Paints and Glidden announced their 2018 Color of the Year choices: Black Flame, Black Magic and Deep Onyx.

And Schlotter reports that PPG's color story for 2018 will be replete with deep, rich colors like smoky greens, luxurious purples, and charred grayblacks.

They've given the palette an intriguing name: "Brave".

"These colors," Schlotter says, "reflect consumers' growing yearning for protection, strength and stability; to feel safe during uncertain times."

CALENDAR

TODAY

Eighth Annual Midland County Fair and Rodeo will feature the Chase Quine Memorial Ride, Little Miss Midland County Fair Pageant, Charro Rodeo Extravaganza and more. Noon to 10 p.m. at Horseshoe Arena. 2514 Arena Trail. midlandcofair.com.

AUDITIONS: "A Nice Family Christmas." Roles available for three men and four women. 6:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Kari Jobe, 7 p.m. at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $26.95-$41.95. wagnernoel.com.

David Phelps, 7 p.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. $25-$35. firstmethodistmidland.com.

MONDAY

"Super Kids Save the World" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful. Through a superhero theme, this show provides information on green practices such as recycling and reusing. On display through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting and rehearsal at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. 7-9 p.m. New members welcome and some instruments are available for use at the college. Contact 553-0632 for more information.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country western bands weekly. 7:30-10 p.m. at Crown Royal Club, 1110 E. Scharbauer Drive. 520-4343 or 296-9840.

TUESDAY

"Nature Notes" on Marfa Public Radio. 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

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

Crossing the Line: West Texas Line Dancing weekly meetup. 7:30-9 p.m. at MLK Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Classes are free but there is a $1 center entry fee. 713-876-9097. bbberesik@gmail.com. meetup.com/CrossingTheLineWestTexas.

WEDNESDAY

Story Time, 9:30 a.m. for ages up to 2 years; 10:30 a.m. for ages 2-6 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

First Friday introduces a new art show every month. September will feature work by Gregorio and Adam Martinez. Opening reception at 6 p.m. Friday. On view Fridays in September at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

The 69th Season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69," 7:30 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. Runs weekends through Sept. 2. MCTmidland.org.

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market: The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Labor Day Weekend
Something for everyone!

Sept. 1
First Friday Art Walk
Fredericksburg
Art Galleries in Historic District Downtown
ffawf.com

The Everly Brothers Experience
Rockbox Theater
109 N. Llano
rockboxtheater.com

Sept. 1–2
53rd Annual Harper Frontier Days Celebration
Harper Community Park
Highway 290 West
harpercommunitypark.org

Sept. 1–3
Grape Stomp
Pedernales Cellars
2916 Upper Albert Road
pedernalescellars.com

Sept. 2
Grape Stomp
Chisholm Trail Winery
2367 Usener Road
chisholmtrailwinery.com

34th Annual Doss VFD Fish Fry
Doss Volunteer Fire Station
14500 N. RR 783
dossvfd.org

Sept. 2 (cont.)
USO Style Hangar Dance
Hangar Hotel
155 Airport Road
hangarhotel.com

Bruce Robison
Luckenbach Texas
412 Luckenbach Town Loop
luckenbachtexas.com

Sept. 2–3
Grape Stomp
Becker Vineyards
464 Becker Farms Lane
beckervineyards.com

WWII Pacific Combat Program
National Museum of the Pacific War
508 East Austin
pacificwarmuseum.org

Every Evening at Dusk
Emergence of Mexican Free-Tailed Bats
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A Spanish-inspired marinade of paprika, pounded garlic and olive oil lends an earthy depth to ribs made in the oven. *Abel Uribe/ Chicago Tribune/TNS*

Ribs don't have to be barbecued to be delicious

By Michael Austin
Chicago Tribune

Baked ribs are the bane of barbecue evangelists. Sure, you can cook tender and juicy ribs in the oven, but unless actual smoke makes contact with the meat, it's not the real thing. No amount of sticky-sweet barbecue sauce changes that fact.

But what if you weren't interested in making barbecue at all? In other words: Why must every rib be a barbecue rib? Obviously, barbecue tastes great, but so do a lot of other cooking methods. Ribs have far more range than they're usually given.

For inspiration, I looked to Spain. A marinade of paprika, pounded garlic and olive oil lends a rustic red color and earthy depth. Instead of a sugary sauce, these call for something bright and zesty, exactly the sort of thing that salsa verde lends in spades. Handfuls of fresh and fragrant herbs, like parsley, oregano and mint join bracing capers and red wine vinegar.

It's not barbecue — and it's not trying to be.

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SPANISH-STYLE BAKED RIBS WITH SALSA VERDE

Prep: 20 minutes
Stand: 2 to 8 hours
Cook: 3 1/2 hours
Makes: 2 servings

2 slabs baby back ribs
2 cloves garlic, peeled
2 teaspoons salt
1/2 cup olive oil
4 tablespoons Spanish paprika
Salsa verde, see recipe

1. Remove the membrane on the back of the ribs.

2. Combine garlic and salt in a mortar, and smash with a pestle until a paste forms. Stir in olive oil and paprika. Rub ribs with the paste to coat all over; transfer ribs to a large covered container. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

3. Heat oven to 225 degrees. Cover a rimmed baking sheet with a large piece of aluminum foil. Set the ribs on top, and then wrap them up. Bake, 1 1/2 hours.

4. Remove pan from the oven. Unwrap the ribs; return pan to the oven until the ribs are very tender, but not falling off the bone, about 1 1/2 hours. Serve with the salsa verde.

SALSA VERDE

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/4 cup chopped fresh oregano
1/2 cup chopped fresh mint
2 tablespoons capers, drained, minced
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
6 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon salt

Stir all the ingredients together in a bowl to combine. Set aside for at least half an hour before using.

Panera lists drinks' added sugar on its cups

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Panera Bread will start listing the amount of added sugar and calories on the cups for seven drinks, including cola and iced teas.

The move is the latest by the company to appeal to Americans who are increasingly concerned about what's in their food and drinks. Panera and other restaurant chains have been tweaking their recipes and removing artificial ingredients to match consumer's changing tastes.

The new cups are available in eight cities, including New York, Chicago and St. Louis. They will be in all the chain's more than 2,000 locations by the middle of September.

CEO Ron Shaich said the cups list the amount of added sugar in teaspoons instead of grams because it's less confusing. "I think the only people who really understand grams are drug dealers and Walter White," Shaich said in an interview, referring to the drug-dealing character from the TV show "Breaking Bad."

A 20-ounce cola is listed as having 17.25 teaspoons of added sugar and 250 calories. Panera's blood orange lemonade has 8.25 teaspoons of added sugar and 160 calories, while a plum ginger hibiscus tea has no added sugars and zero calories.

A 20-ounce fountain drink in a cup lists the amount of added sugar and calories in seven of Panera Bread's drinks, including cola and teas. The new cups are available in eight cities including New York, Chicago and St. Louis. They will be in all the chain's more than 2,000 locations by the middle of September. *Courtesy of Panera Bread via AP*

Panera had begun listing sugar counts near its soda fountains in March when it launched its new iced teas, lemonades and other fruity beverages.

Since then, 8 percent of its fountain soda-drinking customers have switched to iced teas and other non-bubbly drinks, the company said.

Shaich said PepsiCo, which provides the soda that's sold at Panera, was told about the new cups, but he declined to describe the discussions.

PepsiCo said in a statement that it offers several drinks with no sugar added and no calories, and that the company and Panera "are both on a journey to offer consumers healthier beverage options."

HINTS FROM HELOISE

King Features Syndicate

Are these eggs fresh?

Dear Heloise: I never know how to determine whether eggs are still fresh. I remember something about putting them in water. Help? — Vivian M., Westfield, Mass.

Vivian, help is here, and it's an easy egg hint! Fill a bowl/glass with room-temperature water. Put an egg in it. If it floats, it's an older egg; if it sinks to the bottom, it's a fresher egg. — Heloise

P.S. If you are using the eggs to "hard boil" — really it's "hard cook" — you should boil the eggs for no more than a minute, then turn the heat off, cover the pot and let it sit for 15 minutes. Use older eggs. Fresh ones do not have much of an air pocket and are harder to peel.

GOOD COFFEE HINTS

Dear Readers: DO'S and DON'TS for making good coffee:

1. Start with a clean coffeepot.
2. Use fresh, clean water.
3. Do use the proper grind for the method you choose for brewing.
4. Do drink it right away! — Heloise

A LA ... WHAT?

Dear Heloise: I'm confused! I see the term "A la this or that" on menus and have no idea what it means. I don't do a lot of cooking and never learned what some of these culinary terms mean. — Rochelle R., Blaine, Minn.

Rochelle, don't fret! You are not alone! Here are three explanations for you from my book "In the Kitchen With Heloise."

- "A la king": Food that's been prepared in a rich cream sauce.
- "A la mode": It's French for "in the manner of." If you see this in reference to a dessert, it means "with ice cream."
- "Al dente": It's an Italian term for cooking pasta so that the teeth can feel it. Pasta should never be overcooked. — Heloise

GARBAGE DISPOSAL SMELL

Dear Heloise: My garbage disposal has a terrible odor. I tried grinding lemons in it, but that gave me only a temporary solution. In a small kitchen like mine, a smelly garbage disposal is a serious problem! — Sally T., Rock Hill, S.C.

Sally, here are some hints to banish garbage disposal odors:

- When you use limes/lemons/grapefruit, follow up with lots of running cold water.
- Try a few drops of peppermint oil or spearmint in a cup of water, then put that into the disposal
- Put the stopper in, fill the sink with hot water, then pull the plug and run the disposal.
- If the odor persists, there may be a buildup of "gunk" under the splash guard. Try cleaning the underside of the black splash guard with hot, soapy water. — Heloise

P.S. It's important to run cold water for 30 seconds or so to push whatever you are getting rid of through the plumbing.

A 'BERRY' GOOD IDEA

Dear Heloise: Blackberries, blueberries, etc., are sold in grocery stores in clear plastic clamshell packs. Placing a rubber band around a box prevents an "explosion" if you drop one. Good shopping. — George B., via email

Running commentary on food takes the joy out of dining

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Charlene," whom I met through a local charity organization. We have many things in common, including the fact that we're both retired, and we enjoy each other's company. Charlene is slim (not skinny), very energetic and fit for her age.

The problem is, it's impossible to share a meal with her. As soon as the food is served, Charlene starts a constant commentary about "how big the portions are" and how she "couldn't possibly eat" what is before her (it doesn't matter how little is on the plate). Often, she DOES actually eat most of her meal. Then the ongoing comments start about how she was such a pig, and she won't be able to eat another thing all day.

I don't know if she thinks she's setting a good example (I am not slim), or if she has some psychological issues surrounding food. I am tired of this routine. Is there any way I can ask her to stop without hurting her feelings? — SICK OF HEARING IT IN IDAHO

DEAR SICK: I can see how sitting through repeat performances of those refrains would get old fast. Of course there's a way to get her to stop. All you have to say is, "You know, when you say that, it prevents me from enjoying MY meal, so please don't do it when you're with me."

DEAR ABBY: I have been selected to attend a symposium in New York that will be attended by one or more members of the British royal family. While I feel no animosity toward the royal family, some of my ancestors died fighting for freedom from English rule during the American Revolution.

I think it would be a grave dishonor to my ancestors to address the royals as "Your Highness" or any other term that suggests they are above me, especially since this gathering will take place on U.S. soil. How can I address them in a way that would be respectful, but would not demean the sacrifices of my ancestors? — KEN IN OHIO

DEAR KEN: Be polite and gracious. Do not raise the subject of the American Revolution, because I am quite sure they are already well aware of it. To smile and say, "It's nice to meet you," would not dishonor your ancestors or embarrass the sponsors of the symposium, and that's what I recommend you do.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a large family. On Sundays, some of them come over to visit me. Sometimes they'll get into arguments and get really angry.

Because this is happening in my home, what position am I to take? I was told by one of my daughters that I should not allow them to come here anymore. Because I am not involved in the argument, I don't feel I should do that.

I enjoy my daughters visiting me. I don't want to tell them they cannot come to their mother's house. What do you advise? — MOM OF MANY IN THE WEST

DEAR MOM OF MANY: You're the mother. If your family's heated arguments make you uncomfortable — and a pitched battle would qualify — you are within your rights to tell them you prefer they argue elsewhere because it upsets you. I do NOT advise you to exercise the "nuclear option" by banishing them from the premises, because to do so would be an overreaction.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	In Touch Ministries		GMA/Sunday		The Truth	House	Matter	This Week		Church	J.Jones	Paid
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Paid	Paid	First Baptist Church		CBS Sunday Morning (N)			Face the Nation		Mission	First Baptist Odessa	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Hunters	Hunters	Beakman	Beakman	Bill Nye	Bill Nye	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	SaveBell	BradyB.	BradyB.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Extra	W.Minist	Insight	FaithAve	Fox News Sunday		OCFC	J.Prince	Paid	Paid	Nature	J.Jones
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Southwest "Part 2"		Essentials	Mission	In Touch Ministries		On Wings	Messiah	Shepherd's Heart		Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Minute	Secrets	In Search	Paid	Sunday Today (N)		Meet the Press (N)		Paid	Off-Road	Paid	Paid
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Sesame	Cat/ Hat	Speaks	SplashB.	Sid	Cat	Jet Go!	Wild K.	O. Squad	Arthur	Cyberch.	Mind
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Pagado	Pagado	Programa pagado		Netas divinas		Al punto		Como dice el dicho		Fútbol Central	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		(4:00) Jewelry TV		Spaces	Homeown.	Green	Hazelton	O.House	HomeT.	First Baptist Church		Paid	Dog Chall.
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:50) ★★★★ The Bear			Who Framed Roger Rabbit?			(:15) ★★★ Cry Freedom ('87, Bio) Denzel Washington, Kevin Kline.					
HBO	300	550	14	14		(4:45) Rules Don't...		Boxing HBO After Dark				(:15) 24/7	(:45) Hard Knocks		Making	★★ Max Payne	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(:05) Keeping Up With the Joneses				Insecure	(:25) ★★★ Platoon Charlie Sheen.				(:25) Ballers	LastWeek	Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:35) Blast From the Past			The Huntsman: Winter's War				★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.				Thrones
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:05) The Omen		★★ Reign of Fire			(:45) Midnight Special Michael Shannon.				(:40) Maze Runner: The Sco...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:45) Cabin Boy		(:05) ★★ Baby Mama			(:45) ★★ 12 Rounds ('09, Act) John Cena.				(:35) Ouija: Origin of Evil		
PLEX			96			(:10) The Company			(:45) The Company			(:20) ★★★ Fat Man and Little Boy Paul Newman.					Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:45) The Parent ...		Hell or High Water Chris Pine.			(:45) Comet ('14, Com/Dra) Justin Long.				★★ Meet the Browns		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	★★★ Billy Elliot ('00, Dra) Jamie Bell.				Three Men and a Baby			Separat.	★★★ Beaches ('88, Dra) Bette Midler.			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	C.Minds "The Tribe"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		C.Minds "Machismo"		Criminal Minds		Murder of Laci P	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	MASH	Dead "Nebraska"		Dead "Triggerfinger"		Dead "18 Miles Out"		The Walking Dead	
BET	58	-		40		BET Rej	Carpenter	BET Rej	BET Rej	Martin	(:35) Martin	(:10) Martin	(:45) Martin	(:20) Martin		(:55) Martin	(:25) Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Shahs of Sunset		A Night	A Night	Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Real Housewives		Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Pre-game	EPL Soccer West Brom vs Stoke				Paid Program		Racing	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	New Day Sunday		Inside Politics		State of the Union		Zakaria GPS (N)		Reliable Sources		State of the Union	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage		Hawaii	Hawaii
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	The Lion	Puppy Pals	Mickey	Puppy	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	Bizaard.	Underc.	Spy Kids 4: All t...	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter Road		SportsCenter (N)		E:60 (L)		Baseball Little League World Series (L)				SprtC (N)	LittleLg
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	(5:00) ESPN Films		SportsCenter Special		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		E:60	
FNC	45	48	53	22	55	(5:00) FOX & Friends Sunday						Morning Futures		MediaBuzz		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Patricia H	S. Kitchen	Heart	Rules	Cooking	Barefoot	Barefoot	Barefoot Contessa		Pioneer	Southern	BBQ
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Robert Pattinson, Billy Burke, Kristen Stewart.						★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09, Dra) Kristen Stewart.					
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Outdoors	OU Ball	OU Spot	Sports	Paid	Paid	Fantasy Hour		XPoints	Insider	Focused	Polaris
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Ellen	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	★★ The Other Woman		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Lucy	I Love Lucy	Middle	Middle	Chance at Romance Ryan McPartlin.				Like Cats & Dogs (2017, Romance)			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip	FleaFlip
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Top Gear		Top Gear "Cuba"		Counting Cars: Drive "Back in the Wind" (N)						Found	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	In Touch Ministries		Amazing	David Jer.	J.Osteen	Paid	G. Up Supermodel		G. Up Supermodel		A Fatal Obsession	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC	Business	PoliticsNation (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		AM Joy (N)				MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				Pre-race	F1 Auto Racing Belgian Grand Prix (L)					F1 Extra	Live	(:55) EPL Soccer Arsenal at Liverpool (L)			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	PAW	PAW	P Ranger	Sponge	Turtles	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Paid Program		Paid Program		Off-Road	E. Power	Truck T.	D.Muscle	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) Paid Program		Twilight	Twilight	Silent House Elizabeth Olsen.			(:55) ★★★ Dark Skies Keri Russell.				(:50) It
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning T...				
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) The Doctor...		★★ Guns of Darkness David Niven.				★★★ Gaby Leslie Caron.			(:45) ★★★ The Glass Slipper		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Liga extra	(:55) EPL Fútbol Arsenal at Liverpool (L)			
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings		Four Weddings	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	LawOrder "Trade This"		Law & Order		Law & Order "Mega"		Law & Order		LawOrder "Untitled"		★★★ King Kong	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	(:10) Chris	(:50) G. Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	(:35) G.Girls	(:10) G.Girls	(:50) G.Girls	(:25) The Golden Girls		G. Girls	G. Girls
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Paid	T.Point	In Touch	J.Osteen	Suits "Full Disclosure"		Shooter		Law&O: SVU "PTSD"		SVU "Liberties"	
WGN	19	85				Lord	Creflo	Paid	Paid	★★★ Lethal Weapon 4 ('98, Act) Mel Gibson.					Cops	Cops	Cops

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AUGUST 27, 2017

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	G	S	R	C	W	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	World of X Games (N)		Tennis		Baseball Little League World Series (L)					Paid	News (N)	Carrasco
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	Tough Mudder		PGA Golf The Northern Trust Site: Glen Oaks Club -- Old Westbury, N.Y. (L)								RawTrav.	News (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	BradyB.	BradyB.	Mary	Mary	Rhoda	Rhoda	Lucy	Lucy	The Love Boat			LoveStyle
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football Pre-season Chicago Bears at Tennessee Titans (L)						NFL Football Pre-season Cincinnati Bengals at Washington Redskins (L)					
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Z. Levitt	Mani Erfan	Aleph	Creation	Southwest "Part 1"		Southwest "Part 2"		HaYesod	Hebrew	Jerusalem	Housecall
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	IAAF Track Field Weltklasse Zürich			Count.	NASCAR Auto Racing Johnsonville 180 Site: Road America (L)						Inside Ed.	News (N)
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	W.L.Yoga	Wild Photo	Martha	Martha	Chef's	Chef	Baking "Desserts"		Nova		News. (N)	Japan
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	MFL Fútbol Puebla at Toluca (L)				Republica deportiva		Aquí y ahora		Al punto		Nacional	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		DogChall.	Bucket List	Green	Homes	Cars.TV	A.Athlete	Entertainers		Missing	Insider	Major Crimes	
FLIX	340	575		165		★★★ A Bronx Tale Robert De Niro.				(:05) ★ Rabid			(:40) ★★ The Final Cut			(:15) ★★ 1408	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	(:45) Bill Maher		(:45) VICE	Making	★★ Be Cool ('05, Com) John Travolta.				(:40) ★★★★ Suicide Squad		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(11:25) Hacksaw Ridge			(:45) Thrones		(:45) Thrones		(:45) Thrones		(:45) Thrones		Thrones
HBOS	304	552	16	102		Thrones	Room104	(:15) Boxing Site: StubHub Center -- Carson, Calif.					Making	(:45) Bill Maher	LastWeek	Insecure	Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(10:40) Maze Run...		(:55) ★★★ Gran Torino Clint Eastwood.				(:55) ★★★ Blow ('01, Dra) Johnny Depp.				Road to Perdition	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★★ The Express ('08, Bio) Dennis Quaid.					(:25) ★★★ Body of Lies				(:35) ★★ Pitch Black		
PLEX			96			(11:25) ★★ Flood		(:05) ★★ Flood Robert Carlyle.			(:45) ★★ Earthquake Charlton Heston.				(:50) Fat Man and Little Boy		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie	(:25) ★★★ I Am Number Four			(:15) Hell or High Water Chris Pine.				Dice	Episodes	Twin Peaks	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(:05) ★★★ Billy Elliot ('00, Dra) Jamie Bell.				★★ The Cookout Ja Rule.			★★ Doom Karl Urban.			(:15) The Hunti...	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Murder "Media Frenzy"		S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Dead "Better Angels"		The Walking Dead		Dead "Seed"		Walking Dead "Sick"		Dead "Walk With Me"		Dead "Killer Within"	
BET	58	-		40		(:55) Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	(:05) Martin	(:40) Martin	(:10) Martin	(:45) Martin	(:20) Martin		(:55) Martin	(:25) Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Wives "Reunion Part 2"		Real Wives Dallas		Real Wives Dallas		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Vander	Wives NJ
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hawaii	Naked "23 Days"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Movie	(:35) Bizaard.	Raven's.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Andi M.	Bunk'd	Jessie	Cali Style	Cali Style	Descendants	
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Heisman	H.S. Football -- Gibsonia, Pa. (L)						MLS Soccer Toronto FC at Montreal Impact (L)			SprtC (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Sportscenter US Open		Championship Drive		30 for 30		Heisman		Championship Drive		SprtC (N)	Profile
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		Journal Editorial R.		America's News HQ		Greg Gutfeld Show		America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	The Kitchen		WorstCooks		Chopped		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(:10) ★★ The Twilight Saga: Eclipse ('10, Dra) Kristen Stewart.						(:10) The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1					Movie
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas vs Oakland				Insider	Pre-game	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics (L)					
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(10:30) The Other...		★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.					★★★ The Proposal ('09, Com) Sandra Bullock.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Eat, Play, Love (2017, Drama) Jen Lilley.				All of My Heart ('15, Dra) Lacey Chabert.				Destination Wedding Alexa PenaVega.			
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FleaFlip	FleaFlip (N)	Got Game	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Found		Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(11:00) A Fatal O...		A Wife's Nightmare Jennifer Beals.				A Neighbor's Deception Ashley Bell.				The Other Mother	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	MSNBC Live (N)		Meet the Press		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)		MSNBC Live (N)	
NBCSN	38	43				League Goal Zone (L)		Grudge	Wakeb.	Wrestling United World Championship				Motorsport Hour (N)		Motorsport Hour (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Loud H.	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(11:50) ★★★ It (1990, Horror) Harry Anderson, Dennis Christopher, Tim Reid.								Sharknado 5: Global Swarming			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at New York Yankees (L)						★★★ Transformers ('07, Act) Megan Fox, Shia LaBeouf.					
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	Movie	★★★★ An American in Paris Gene Kelly.				★★★ Gigi ('58, Mus) Leslie Caron.				(:45) ★★ Father Goose		
TELE	20	-	10	20		La Liga Premier (L)		Rumbo Mundial (N)		Enfoque	Van Helsing ('04, Act) Kate Beckinsale, Hugh Jackman.					Videos	Noticias
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé "Lost in Translation"				90 Day Fiancé "Lies and Goodbyes"				90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(11:00) ★★★ King Kong Adrien Brody.				★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.						Man of Steel	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	Loves Ray	Loves Ray
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law&O: SVU "Anchor"		SVU "Behave"		Law&O: SVU "Dirty"		SVU "Scorched Earth"		SVU "Spiraling Down"		SVU "Official Story"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Blue Bloods	

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	America's Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Family Feud (N)		Steve Harvey's Funderdome (N)		The $100,000 Pyramid (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Extra Weekend		(:35) Fall Preview
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	60 Minutes		Big Brother (N)		Candy Crush "Catching Air" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Golden Days"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) CBS 7 Wire	(:05) Falcon	(:35) Element.
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	A. Griffith	A. Griffith Show	Columbo "Columbo Goes to College" Columbo is invited to be a guest speaker.				Kolchak: Night Stalk "The Trevi Collection"		Honey-mooners	The Odd Couple	Cheers	B.New-hart
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(3:00) NFL Football	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	2 Broke Girls	Inside the Game	Robert Jeffress	Texans 360
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mission: M25	Shepherd's Heart		The Essentials	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Behind the Veil	Wings of Truth	Our Messiah
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Dateline NBC		NFL Football Pre-season San Francisco 49ers at Minnesota Vikings Site: U.S. Bank Stadium -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)						NewsWest 9 (N)	County Reporter	Whacked Out	Bones
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Secrets of the Six Wives "Divorced"		Secrets Six Wives "Beheaded, Died"		Masterpiece Mystery! "Endeavour: Canticle" (N)			Vicious "Stag Do"	Austin City "Foals/ Alejandro Escovedo"		Secrets Six Wives "Beheaded, Died"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Festival Internacional del Humor		100 Mexicanos Dijieron		Pase VIP		Aquí y ahora		María de Todos	Noticiero Univision	Republica deportiva	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Rizzoli & Isles		Castle "Crossfire"		CSI: Miami		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Scandal	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) ★★ 1408		★★★ A Bronx Tale Robert De Niro.				(:05) ★★ The Yards Mark Wahlberg.				★ Phat Beach	
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	(:50) Thrones "Beyond the Wall"			Game of Thrones (SF) (N)			(:25) Ballers	Insecure	VICE	Game of Thrones	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Thrones	(:45) ★★ Panic Room Jodie Foster.				(:45) ★★★ Watchmen ('09, Act) Billy Crudup, Malin Akerman.						Movie
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(5:50) Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculia...				★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.				The Huntsman: Winter's War			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:40) Road to Per...		★★★ The Color of Money				(:05) Midnight Special Michael Shannon.				Master of the ...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:25) The Forest Natalie Dormer.			★★★★ Alien: The Director's Cut				The 9th Life of Louis Drax			Movie
PLEX			96			(4:50) Fat Man & ...		The Company			(:45) The Company			(:20) The Company			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Donovan "Dogwalker"		Twin Peaks (N)		Donovan "Sold" (N)		Episodes	Dice (N)	Ray Donovan "Sold"		Twin Peaks	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:15) The Hunting...		★ The American ('10, Cri) George Clooney.				★★★ The Insider ('99, Susp) Russell Crowe, Al Pacino.					Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	S. Wars	Storage W.	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	S. Wars	(:05) S.Wars	(:35) S.Wars	(:05) S.Wars	(:35) S.Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	Dead "Say the Word"		Dead "Hounded"		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Talking-Hardwick (N)		Preacher	
BET	58	-		40		Martin	Martin	MTV Video Music Awards (N)				Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	BET Rejoices	
BRAVO	65	76		41		Shahs of Sunset		Shahs of Sunset (N)		Shahs of Sunset		Real Housewives		Watch	Shahs of Sunset		H.Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	The Nineties "The One About TV"				CNN Report "Diana: Chasing a Fairytale" (N)				The Nineties		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Naked "Forsaken"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Python (N)		Naked "Rise Above"		Naked "Primal Fear"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(5:00) Descendants		(:05) Descendants 2 Dove Cameron.				Bizaard.	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball New York Mets at Washington Nationals (L)						SportsCenter (N)			SportsC.
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball Minnesota vs Los Angeles (L)				Heisman	30 for 30 "What Carter Lost"			Championship Drive		ESPN FC (N)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	35	FOX Report Sunday		Watters World		The Next Revolution		Fox News Sunday		Watters World		The Next Revolution	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game (N)		Food Truck Race (N)		Guy Trip	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins		Food Truck Race	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:50) The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2					★★★ The DUFF ('15, Com) Mae Whitman.					What a Girl W...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Rangers	Knockout	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Oakland Athletics						Football	School (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						The Strain (N)		(:05) The Strain		(:10) Snowfall	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Sun, Sand and Romance Paul Campbell.				Chesap. Shores (N)		G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Life (N)	Life (N)	Island (N)	Island (N)	H.Hunt	House	Life	Life
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged Fire "Khopesh"		(:55) Forged "Talwar"		Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged "Talwar"	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) The Other ...		Unwritten Obsession Haley Webb.				Woman on the Run (Susp) Sarah Butler.				Unwritten Obs...	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Meet the Press		Dateline NBC		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN	38	43				F1 Auto Racing Belgian Grand Prix				eSports "Rocket League: Universal Open" (L)				WR Rugby World Cup Women's			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Henry Danger		Henry Danger		F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Bar Rescue		MTV Movie Awards The 27th bash awards TV series for the first time.						Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Zombieland Woody Harrelson.				★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra					★★ Repo Men Jude Law.		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15, Act) Robert Downey Jr..						★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15, Act) Robert Downey Jr..					
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) Father Goose		LeslieCaron Star		(:15) ★★★★ Lili ('52, Mus) Leslie Caron.				★★★ The L-Shaped Room Leslie Caron.			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Los pingüinos de Madagascar ('14, Ani)				Gran Oportun (N)		Don Francisco (N)		Titulares	Videos	The Last Warrior	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		(:05) SpouseHouse (N)		(:10) 90 Day Fiancé		(:10) 90 Day Fiancé	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★★ Man of Steel Henry Cavill.				The Last Ship (N)		The Last Ship		★★ Green Zone ('10, Act) Yigal Naor.			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	MTV Video Music Awards (N)					Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	SVU "October Surprise"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern
WGN	19	85				Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Bones		Bones	

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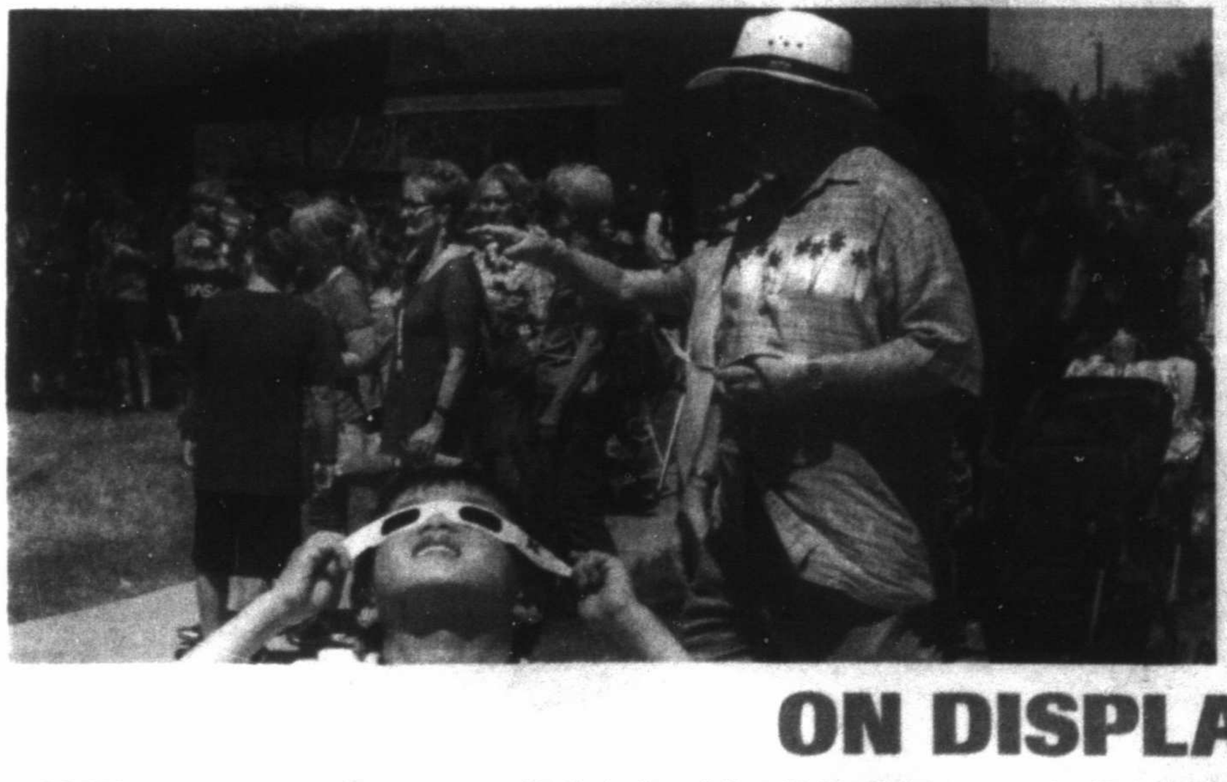
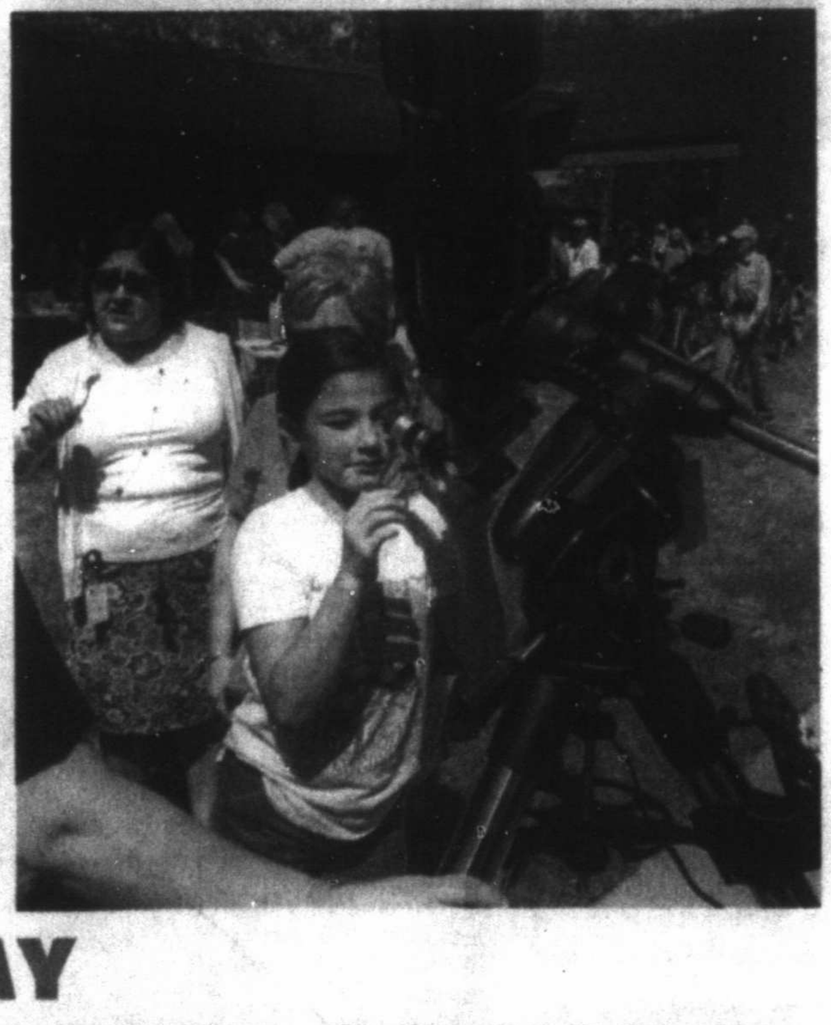
Light in the sky

The Museum of the Southwest hosted a viewing party Monday for the solar eclipse event. The museum teamed up with the Sibley Nature Center, West Texas Astronomers and Heartland Solar to provide eyeglasses, telescopes, information and activities for children. About 3,000 people attended the viewing party.





ON DISPLAY

CLOSING

Midland Art Association: Works by Kerry McClain throughout the month of August. 9 a.m. Monday-Friday at Community National Bank, 401 W. Teas Ave. midlandartassociation.org.

Ongoing

"Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame" features original prints, photographs, Polaroids, documentary film and more. On display through Sept. 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. ellenoelartmuseum.org.

"Alpha by Artist" is an exhibition of works by Herb Williams. The exhibition runs through Sept. 7 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

Works by Erwin E. Smith features 30 images by the early Texas photographer who documented cowboys and the open range. On display through Sept. 22. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

"Three Millennia of Art in West Texas" will feature works by Donald Judd, rock art and art from the 1920s. Through Sept. 24 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Works by Ken Rowland. The local artist will display watercolors depicting the Southwest and Big Bend. His works will be on display through Sept. 30. 6 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Art Exhibit at Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St.

Ballroom Marfa, 108 E. San Antonio St. Marfa. ballroommarfa.org.

Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dome shows Tuesdays -Saturdays. Closed Sunday and Monday. museumsw.org.

"New Horizons" dome show, noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through August.

"The Secret Lives of Star" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through August.

"Dawn of the Space Age" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through August.

George Bush Childhood Home. Tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave. 432-685-1112.

Midland Army Airfield Museum. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays. 9600 Wright Drive. Admission currently free. highskywing.org.

Midland County Historical Museum, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Permanent exhibits include early Midland artifacts, pioneer relics and fossil remains. Archives include photographs, documents, newspapers and extensive obituary files. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St. 432-682-5447.

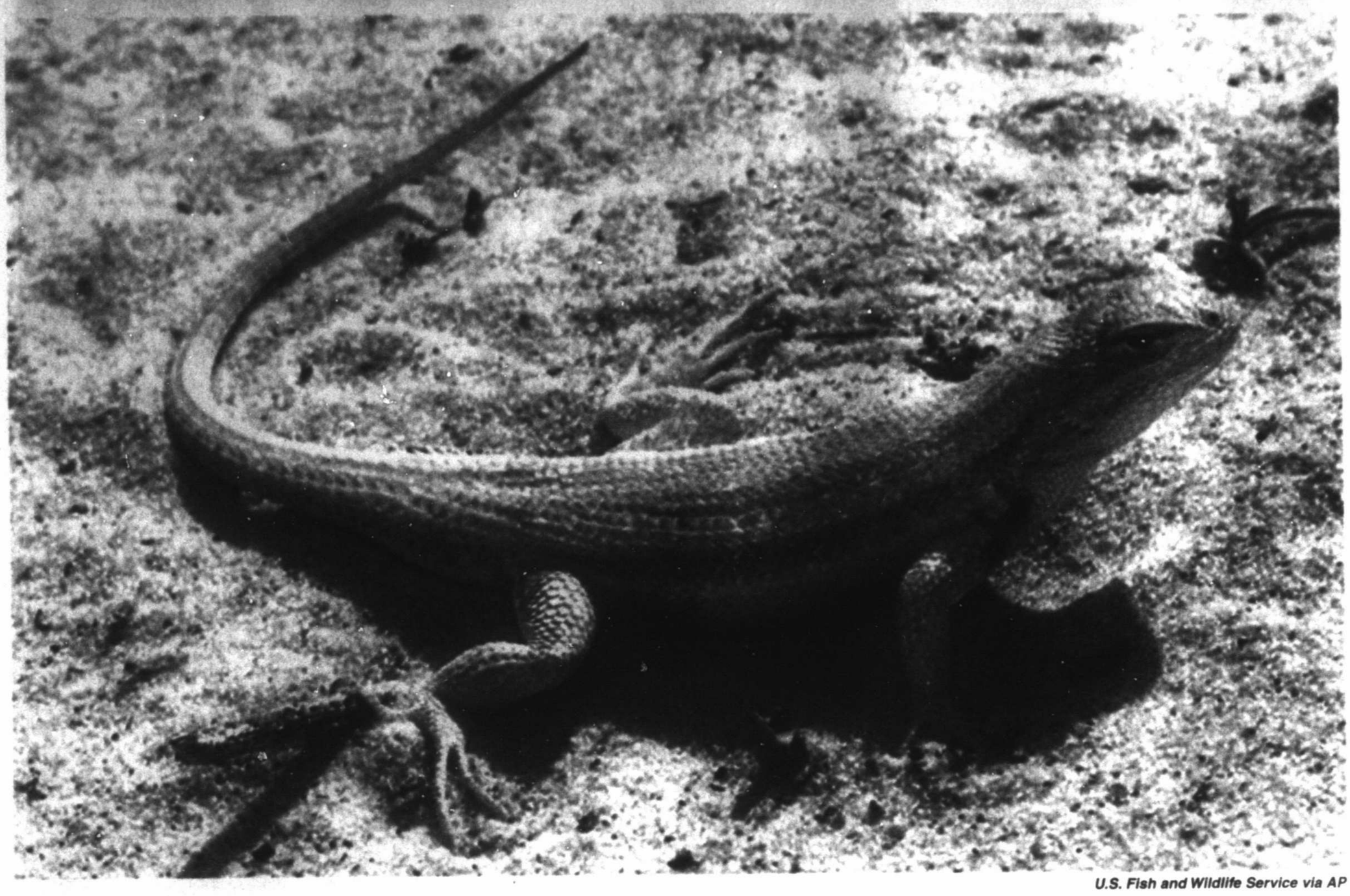
Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. Free. 432-335-6640. odessa.edu.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 432-683-4403. ppbpetro.org.

Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St. Call for appointment. Available for rental for weddings and special occasions. 432-685-7368. midlandtexas.gov.

OIL REPORT

Concentration on conservation



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This undated file photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shows a dunes sagebrush lizard in Chaves County, N.M.

Rise of sand mines impact lizard's habitat

■ PBPA working to maintain conservation efforts, keep dunes sagebrush lizard off Endangered Species list

By Mella McEwen
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Millions of dollars have been spent and over a million acres of Permian Basin land enrolled in conservation efforts targeting the dunes sagebrush lizard.

That effort in 2011 and 2012 successfully kept the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from listing the lizard under the Endangered Species Act.

"We put plans on the ground, and they're working," said Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, which rallied the oil and gas industry around the effort.

But the recent rise of sand mining operations in West Texas — the Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates 15 are operating or planning to operate in Crane, Ector, Ward and Winkler counties — has thrown an unanticipated wrinkle in those efforts, because the operations are primarily located in the lizard's habitat.

"We've had sand for billions of years considered not of desirable quality, but technological advances mean it's now a good proppant. And there's quite a bit of cost savings if it's mined locally," Shepperd said.

The development has Shepperd and others overseeing the conservation efforts scrambling to ensure the lizard remains unlisted. They're working with the mining companies, many of which are new to the area, he said.

"We've had six meetings with mining companies, and by far they were not aware of the issue," he said. "But also by far they have agreed to address the issue, adjust their plans or site their mines outside of the habitat."

Shepperd said the Fish and Wildlife Service is being updated on the issue.

"We want to make sure they understand what we're doing and that the industry is willing to coordinate adjustments," he said.

"I think we're going to be OK. I think we'll be successful in protecting the lizard and its habitat," he said.

In a report to the Fish and Wildlife Service earlier this month, Robert Gulley, director of the comptroller's division of economic growth and endangered species management, said 20,000 acres of the lizard's habitat and buffer zone are located within proposed mining sites, including 7,400 acres with very high likelihood of the lizard's presence. More than 271 acres already have been disturbed between March and July of this year.

Two companies, Black Mountain and Vista Sand, have changed their proposals and will not mine in the habitat and have agreed to acquire acreage with high likelihood of the lizard's presence and enroll it in the Texas Conservation Plan. Two other companies, Badger and Unimin, also plan to avoid habitat acreage.

However, nine of the 15 still plan to operate in habitat acreage. High Roller said it will avoid habitat or work in low-likelihood regions, while U.S. Silica has reduced the area of low-likelihood acreage it will mine.

"The important thing to focus on is, one, the oil and gas industry is united in its position and has been working diligently to reach a conclusion where sand companies are taking measures consistent with the conservation plans," Gulley told the Reporter-Telegram by phone from his Austin office.

That unity is getting the attention of the sand companies, he said.

"Before too long, you'll see a significant number of sand miners making accommodations for conservation purposes," he said.

He acknowledged concern about the rapid development of sand mines in West Texas and that there are companies moving forward and disturbing habitat. Fish and Wildlife Service officials are watching to see how successful efforts are to persuade mining companies to accommodate the conservation plans.

"This is something that's developing extremely rapidly," Gulley said. "What I tell you today will be different tomorrow. We have to maintain constant contact" with the mining companies, the industry and Fish and Wildlife Service, he said.

"We want the sand companies to be successful, but we also don't want to harm the lizard's habitat," Shepperd said. "We want to be able to explore for oil and gas for decades to come."

Energy consultant sees difficult task in balancing oil markets

■ Rise of US, Canadian shales complicates OPEC efforts

By Mella McEwen
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Awash in a glut of oil that has kept crude oil prices low for almost three years, members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is struggling to restore market balance.

It's an effort that Boston-based ESAI Energy, an energy consulting group, says is expected to continue for several years. Hampering that effort is rising supplies from non-OPEC members such as the U.S., where output is expected to near or exceed record highs of 9.9 million barrels a day. Additional supplies are expected to come from natural gas liquids and alternative fuels.

In its recent five-year outlook, ESAI Energy projects non-OPEC supply of crude oil and condensate to add about 2.3 million barrels a day to global supplies, 70 percent of which will come from the U.S. despite a slowdown in shale growth on the horizon. Non-OPEC natural gas liquids and alternative fuels will add another 1.9 million barrels a day, and NGL supply from OPEC will add another 900,000 barrels a day.

"Strong growth from the U.S. and Canada will make OPEC's task difficult," Elisabeth Murphy, analyst with ESAI, said in a phone interview from her Boston office.

"Our producers are profit maximizers and don't run like national oil companies," she said.

Murphy said there are regions where production has been declining or is stagnant, either because of low oil prices or infrastructure issues.

"Nevertheless, OPEC has a big task to keep a tight rein on its members. And it will be difficult, with Iran and Iraq adding capacity."

If the global oil balance is tenuous, teetering toward oversupply, it also can be tenuous, teetering toward shortages, she said.

"The global oil balance can be tenuous in the other direction," she said. "The political turmoil in Venezuela could mean disruption of their production. The gains Nigeria and Libya have made in their production levels could turn around. There's also turmoil elsewhere that could push the balance into deficit."

Should that happen, she said, "Permian Basin producers will step up their efforts quickly if a shortfall does show up. Our shale production could plug the supply deficit."

A bullish situation for the industry is that inventories are coming down, which Murphy said is a seasonal trend in the U.S. Strong demand from Latin America is spurring U.S. refiners to keep utilization rates high and to export product. This is keeping demand for domestic crude high, she said.

Complicating efforts is decelerating growth in global demand for oil, Murphy said. Low oil prices had supported demand, especially in government stocking and petrochemicals, according to the study. But much of the petrochemical-led growth has been met with gas-derived products.

Murphy said natural gas and natural gas liquids are a byproduct of crude oil production.

"Many Permian Basin producers are seeing increases in natural gas and natural gas liquids in their overall output and capturing additional revenues," she said.

Crude demand is slowing, she acknowledged, but continues to grow in developing countries.

Murphy said demand for crude in making transportation fuel is only one portion of overall demand. The rise of liquefied natural gas facilities to export natural gas and NGLs is growing, she said.

She expressed confidence that producers, especially Permian producers, have become adept at lowering costs and improving efficiencies in the face of low prices and falling demand.

"Producers are getting more familiar with the plays they're in, so they're getting better. Their focus is on the geology so they get the best results. Rig performance and completions are getting better. Drilling time is shorter,

Please see OPEC/2F

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

This is an aerial view of a fracturing wellhead powered by a series of Halliburton pumping units at a fracking site managed by Octane Energy in 2016 near Stanton.

■ COMMENTARY

One road to efficient transportation may be paved with hydrogen

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

In the race to replace oil as a transportation fuel, researchers at Rice University are giving hydrogen a boost by introducing an economical and ecological way of generating the gas.

Their breakthrough could make hydrogen fuel cell vehicles, which emit only water, competitive with electric vehicles that rely on batteries.

While U.S. companies have focused on storing electricity in batteries, the Japanese government has promoted a hydrogen-based economy. Both technologies aim to solve the same problem of how to store energy produced by renewable sources, such as wind and solar power, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The technology that comes to dominate this global competition will make or break entire industries. Hydrogen is the most common element in the universe, but on Earth most of it is molecularly tied to something else, like carbon in natural gas or oxygen in water. To use hydrogen as a fuel, we have to break the hydrogen molecules free and isolate them.

Jim Tour and his team of chemists and material scientists at Rice University have been working on finding a way to do this conveniently and inexpensively. "How do you store electricity? You have to make it into a fuel — something you can put into a bottle and ship around," Tour said. "Hydrogen is a great way to store electricity." The cheapest and most common way to produce hydrogen is to use heat, steam and a nickel catalyst to split methane into hydrogen and carbon dioxide. But generating one carbon dioxide molecule for every two hydrogen molecules makes little environmental sense if the goal is to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Chemists can produce hydrogen using other processes and catalysts, but they required enormous energy and were uneconomical. Until now. Tour has been working with a form of carbon called graphene, which is a one-atom thick lattice that is stable, nontoxic, very light and very conductive. In 2014, Tour perfected a way to use a laser to grow graphene inexpensively on plastic, wood and other materials. This month, Tour announced that his laser-induced graphene sheets, when coated with inexpensive nickel- or cobalt-based catalysts, can split two water molecules into two molecules of hydrogen and one molecule of oxygen. If the small amount of electricity needed for this process comes from wind or solar source, it produces no greenhouse gases.

"From one side of the graphene on plastic sheet comes hydrogen, and from the other comes oxygen, so you don't have to do a gas separation, which normally you'd have to do," Tour told me. "What these catalysts do is allow you to do it at a very low voltage, which is very efficient."

Tour's work was peer-reviewed in the American Chemical Society's journal Applied Materials and Interfaces.

A low-cost, highly efficient method of generating hydrogen improves the economic competitiveness of hydrogen fuel cells, which capture the energy produced when hydrogen and oxygen are combined to make water. Fuel cells can generate energy for as long as there is hydrogen and oxygen, which is usually taken from the atmosphere. Although U.S. automakers have focused on electric vehicles powered by lithium ion batteries, which store electricity as chemical energy, Japanese automakers have made major strides in reducing the cost of fuel cell cars. Toyota executives say they are working to develop a hydrogen infrastructure for Japan within 15 years.

"Fuel cell vehicles have been made. Tanks to store hydrogen to 5,000 pounds per square inch have been made," Tour said. "With a battery, you are storing the electricity in the vehicle. Here you would store the electricity in the form of hydrogen, and you would bring it back in a fuel cell. The efficiencies would be very similar. But the amount of energy you can store is much, much greater in the hydrogen form."

Fuel cell demonstration vehicles from Toyota, Hyundai, Honda and Mercedes-Benz have clocked more than 3 million miles and 27,000 refueling stops. They typically have a 250-mile range, like all-electric battery cars, but they can be refueled in five minutes compared to hours for recharging a battery. For now fuel cells are far more expensive than internal combustion engines or battery-powered cars. Fuel cells, though, have many applications outside of transportation. Fuel cells are used for electricity generation in remote locations, including on spacecraft. Tour says these are still early days for his laser-induced graphene sheets, but experiments have demonstrated enormous potential. Rice has already licensed the graphene technology to Houston-based PfP Technologies, which plans to initially use graphene to recycle water produced in oil fields.

Melissa Phillip / Houston Chronicle

Patrick Pouyanne, chairman and CEO of Total, is shown during CERAWeek by IHS Markit on March 8 in Houston.

Total snubs 'expensive' U.S. shale with North Sea-focused deal

By Angelina Rascouet
Bloomberg

When Total warned last month it was ready for acquisitions, U.S. shale assets weren't at the top of its shopping list.

On Monday, the French energy giant agreed to buy the oil and gas unit of A.P. Moller-Maersk, its biggest purchase since 1999. The $7.45 billion deal, including debt, reinforces Total's footprint in conventional oil and gas assets in Europe and Africa. U.S. shale — whose development over the past decade has upended the balance in the oil market — won't be part of the portfolio.

Chief Executive Officer Patrick Pouyanne said shale assets were "quite expensive" and that Total wasn't the best company to develop them. The deal puts a value of about $50 to $55 a barrel on Maersk, while U.S. shale is closer to $80, he said.

U.S. shale tends to have "higher asset prices," Brendan Warn, head of international oil and gas equity research at BMO Capital Markets, said by phone. "It's not Total's core competency. They've tended to be contrarian almost and focus on offshore, conventional" and longer-cycle projects.

The transaction will add about 1 billion barrels of oil equivalent to Total's reserves, with more than 80 percent of those in the North Sea, spanning Norway, Denmark and the U.K.

"The deal is really about consolidation in the North Sea," Valentina Kretzschmar, a corporate director at energy consultancy Wood Mackenzie, said by phone.

Total is present in the U.K. North Sea through Laggan-Tormore, which started producing last year, as well as in the Elgin-Franklin project.

With the Maersk deal, the major will add an operating stake in Culzean, another U.K. North Sea project that's expected to meet 5 percent of total U.K. gas demand. Total will also get an 8.44 percent stake in the giant Johan Sverdrup oil field off Norway, which is scheduled to start pumping in late 2019.

"They are buying the highest quality asset offshore-wise in the world which is Johan Sverdrup," Havar Blakset, partner at consultancy Rystad Energy AS, said by phone. "This deal makes sense."

The acquisition will yield cost synergies, particularly in the North Sea, of more than $400 million a year, Total said.

The assets acquired will add 160,000 barrels of oil equivalent to Total's production next year, climbing to 200,000 barrels early next decade. The company's oil and gas production will immediately increase by 6 percent, according to Wood Mackenzie.

The decision to buy an explorer and producer whose assets are more than two-thirds oil is "surprising" since Total expects gas to make up the biggest share of its portfolio by 2035, Kretzschmar said.

Although Total is exposed to U.S. shale gas via its Barnett assets in North Texas and the Utica assets in Ohio it bought for $2.3 billion in 2012, it has the smallest presence in the shale patch among European majors, she said.

Price has so far been a deterrent to further expansion.

"You have to put $80 dollar-a-barrel assumption in the model and I'm not ready at all to acquire assets at $80 dollar per barrel," Pouyanne told analysts on a conference call Monday. "It will make some of the owners of the resources very happy; I'm not sure it would make shareholders very happy."

Still, that won't necessarily stop the French company from continuing to hunt for assets.

"U.S. shale is a gap in Total's portfolio and we think that Total will still be looking for opportunities," Kretzschmar said. "The price is going to be the key determinant."

Worst bust in a generation dings executive pay

By Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

Average compensation for Houston's top executives fell last year as the worst oil bust in a generation battered earnings of the energy companies that dominate the region's economy.

Average compensation among the 500 highest-paid executives in the Houston area's publicly traded companies fell by 9 percent, to about $3.3 million last year from $3.6 million in 2015, according to data compiled by corporate consultants Longnecker & Associates.

"This is energy-driven, no doubt," said Chris Crawford, Longnecker's president.

But that doesn't mean that all CEOs went without raises, even as the earnings of their companies took a beating. Greg Garland, chief executive of Phillips 66, saw his compensation rise 9.3 percent last year to more than $25 million,as the Houston refiner's profit plunged 60 percent to $1.6 billion from $4.2 billion in 2015. The compensation of Halliburton CEO Dave Lesar, who recently gave up his chief executive duties, climbed 12.4 percent to $17.8 million last year, even as his planned merger with Baker Hughes collapsed under antitrust concerns and the oil field services company's losses widened to nearly $6 billion in 2016 from less than $700 million in 2015.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. lost nearly $3 billion last year, but the compensation of Al Walker, CEO of The Woodlands-based exploration and production company, rose 9.2 percent in 2016 to $18.7 million. Halcón Resources Corp. filed for bankruptcy last year; when it emerged, CEO Floyd Wilson received shares of the reorganized company that pushed the value of his annual compensation to $24.1 million, nearly 800 percent above his 2015 compensation of around $2.9 million.

Total compensation for executives very rarely gets cut, even in the wake of billions of losses, bankruptcies and thousands of layoffs, said Praveen Kumar, executive director of the Gutierrez Energy Management Institute at the University of Houston and a corporate governance specialist. Often, company boards, which determine executive compensation, are picked and directed by the CEO, who is often the chairman of the board, too, Kumar noted.

Meanwhile, worker pay across the country has stagnated.

"The one compensation that has totally bucked that trend is CEO compensation — that has had no shortage of growth," Kumar said.

Phillips 66 said it sees executive compensation as a crucial part of attracting and retaining high-quality executives. Halcón and Halliburton declined to comment. Anadarko did not respond to requests for comment.

In 2016, Houston's energy companies, which dominate the local economy, had one of their worst years since the 1980s — oil prices bottomed out at $26 a barrel from a 2014 peak of $107 and natural gas prices sank to their lowest in nearly two decades as companies laid off tens of thousands in the oil patch and struggled with a sluggish recovery.

The decline in average compensation for Houston's executives bucked the national trend, in which average executive compensation rose slightly, said Marc Hodak, a partner at Farient Advisors, a California consulting firm specializing in executive compensation and corporate governance. He said it's likely a sign that Houston's economy remains weighed down by the effects of the last oil bust.

"The Houston economy is still in the doldrums because of the concentration of energy, versus the rest of the country," he said.

Executive compensation is a complex mix of salaries, cash bonuses, stock awards, pension benefits and other perks, typically tied to performance goals and comparisons to how much CEOs at similar companies are earning.

Local energy companies have likely protected their CEO compensation from the shock of plummeting oil prices, said David De Angelis, an assistant professor of finance at Rice University who studies executive compensation. Companies use benchmarking, basing compensation on performance relative to similar companies as a way to account for economic forces, such as falling oil prices, that are beyond the control of CEOs.

Performance benchmarking is a particularly common practice in the energy industry, De Angelis said.

"Even if oil prices are going down, the stock price needs to go up relative to their competitors," De Angelis said. "So as long as it does not go down as much as (other companies'), they are going to get their award."

Among companies with the highest-paid executives, stock prices at the end of 2016, when oil price were rising again, were higher than at the end of 2015, when prices were careening toward a 13-year low in early 2016. Shares of Phillips 66 closed at $86.41 on the last trading day of 2016, up from $81.80 in 2015. Halliburton's stock ended 2016 at $54.09, up from $34.04 in 2015, while Anadarko's stock ended last year at $69.73, up from $48.58 in 2015.

The result: Compensation for Houston's top-paid CEOs showed little impact from the recent downturn. Of the 10 best-paid CEOs in Houston, only two — Ryan Lance of the oil independent ConocoPhillips and Martin Craighead of energy services company Baker Hughes — saw their total compensation decline.

Lance's compensation slid by 10 percent as the value of his pension fell by more than $1 million. His pay package still totaled more than $19 million.

Compensation rose sharply for Houston executives outside the energy sector. William Delaney, CEO of the food distribution company Sysco Corp., received a 51 percent bump to more than $14 million; Sysco earned a profit of nearly $1 billion during its fiscal 2016, which ended in July that year.

Former Waste Management CEO David Steiner, who left the company in November, received a bump of nearly 49 percent to boost his pay package to more than $17 million. The company reported a profit of $335 million in 2016.

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completions are improving production and ultimate recovery," she said.

In the Permian Basin, the push to acquire acreage and consolidate positions is allowing producers to drill longer and longer laterals, also improving production rates.

The push toward multi-well pads has resulted in a rising inventory of drilled, uncompleted wells, or DUC's, which is why ESAI predicts shale output this year will rise 580,000 barrels a day to average 5.2 million barrels a day despite a slowdown in the rig count. Next year, ESAI expects shale production, led by the Permian, to rise another 450,000 barrels a day to 5.6 million barrels per day.

"Even if the rig count remains unchanged, there would still be wells coming on line," she said. "Competition for experienced fracking crews is high, so costs are higher. So perhaps putting off completing a well a bit isn't so bad, waiting until there's less demand and maybe save a little money."

Locking in prices through hedges helps "give them a lifeline if prices are uncertain and they know much of their production costs will be covered," Murphy said. "I don't believe $48 will cover all their costs. If they expect prices to fall or if they fear the risk of falling prices, they'll lock in prices."

An estimated 65 percent of Permian production for 2017 has been hedged, and she predicts producers will be hedging more of their 2018 production, especially if prices remain in the low $40s.

"That's not a great price and operators are profit maximizers first, so they look for any opportunity to increase profits. I have a feeling we'll still see hedging increase as time goes and they look for any opportunity to get a higher price," she said.

The risk is locking in an oil price only to have futures prices rise above that level, cutting off any upside to producers, Murphy said.

Whether or not to hedge is difficult to gauge, she said. "It depends on the individual cost structure, what level they're leveraged and where they're producing. Some lenders require producers to hedge."

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Keeping the Lease Alive: Modifications to the Oil and Gas Lease Agreements
Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
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Instructor: Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald
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Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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Instructor: Alyce Hoge
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6: Title: Federal Laws that Impact the Oil & Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: September 1-29, 2017 Registration Deadline: Noon, September 1, 2017
See PPDC website for more information on course fees for new and returning students: www.midland.edu/ppdc

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Start Date: September 7, 2017 - Thursday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Speaker: Craig Covey, Data Analyst - Concho
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Well Service and Workover Pressure Control
Instructor: Mike Cure
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Instructor: Tommy Lent
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Valuation of Upstream Oil and Gas Properties
Instructor: Edwin C. Moritz
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Cost: $1250; Out of State: $1275

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Instructor: Albert Garza
Start Date: September 13 - 14, 2017 - Wednesday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $475; Out of State: $500

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: September 18-19, 2017 - Monday- Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

Right of Way Acquisitions Training
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: September 18, 2017 - Monday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; Out of State - $525

Advanced Right of Way Acquisitions Training (Includes Field Trip)
Instructor: Don Valden
Start Date: September 19, 2017 - Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $500; Out of State - $525

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PetroSkills: Advanced Hydraulic Fracturing - AHF
Start Date: September 25-29, 2017 - Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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PHDWin
Instructor: Celia Houston
Start Date: September 26-27, 2017 -Tuesday - Wednesday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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The Art of Technical Sales
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: September 29, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $250; Out of State $275

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6: Introduction to Division Order Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: October 3, 2017; End Date: October 30, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, October 3, 2017
$612.50; Out of State: $637.50 - the required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 1 of 6: Introduction to Land Management Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: October 3, 2017; End Date: October 30, 2017; Registration Deadline: Noon, October 3, 2017
$612.50; Out of State: $637.50

Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: October 9-10, 2017 - Monday- Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $625; Out of State $650

Well Control Drilling/ Workover (Well Sharp)
Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: October 9-13, 2017, Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $1200; Out of State $1225

Optimizing Oilfield Systems Using Spreadsheet Models
Instructor: Peter L. Galusky, Jr., Ph.D., P.E.
Start Date: October 13, 2017 - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $350, Out of State $375

Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
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SQL: Application to Oil/Gas Relational Database
Instructor: Celia Houston
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Remediation & Restoration of Hydrocarbon & Brine Contaminated Soils
Instructor: Kerry Sublette
Start Date: October 18, 2017 - Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: $395; Out of State: $420

Completions and Stimulation for Geoscientists
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: October 18, 2017 - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $375; Out of State $400

Petroleum Engineering for Non-Engineers
Instructor: Dr. Jennifer Miskimins
Start Date: October 19-20, 2017 - Thursday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $695; Out of State $720

PetroSkills: Surface Production Operations - PO3
Instructor: Cliff Redus
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MID-WEEK WTI AVERAGE PRICES

Posted	$44.30	Shell Trading	$45.00
Energy Transfer Partners*	$44.75		
Flint Hills Resources*	$45.00	Nymex futures	$47.80*
Phillips 66	$45.03	Net price without transportation charge	
Plains*	$45.00	Note: Posted prices as of Aug. 23	

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Post Oak Energy pumping $100M into Eagle Ford company

Houston private equity firm Post Oak Energy Capital said it's pumping $100 million into Sierra Resources' Eagle Ford shale business.

The Sierra EF subsidiary of Houston's Sierra Resources is focused on South Texas shale gas development while most of the industry is now focused on oil in the Permian Basin. Business in the Eagle Ford suffered during the downturn of the last two years, but has slowly shown more signs of renewed life throughout 2017.

Sierra is a 20-year-old, privately owned business largely backed by GSO Capital Partners.

Post Oak said the new investment will focus on dry natural gas exploration and production.

"(Sierra) Management has an impressive track record of investing in and operating across a number of basins across the country, and is well positioned for success in the highly-economic Eagle Ford Shale play," said Post Oak managing director Frost Cochran.

Weatherford hires new COO to help lead turnaround

Weatherford International CEO Mark McCollum is hiring his former Halliburton colleague, Karl Blanchard, as the new chief operating officer to help turn around the struggling oilfield services giant.

McCollum left his Halliburton chief financial officer role in the spring to lead Weatherford. Blanchard worked at Halliburton for about 33 years before becoming the COO of Seventy Seven Energy in 2014.

"I have witnessed the effectiveness of his leadership first-hand, and I am very much looking forward to working with him to create a more balanced and integrated organizational structure at Weatherford," McCollum said.

McCollum said he's aligning more of the business under Blanchard to help improve "collaboration, innovation and process discipline."

Weatherford, which operates out of Houston, struggled in the past few years with financial losses, massive layoffs and charges of accounting fraud, ultimately resulting in the departure of longtime leadership. In late July, McCollum said he started a three-pronged approach to complete previously announced plans to sell all or parts of some units, to review all of Weatherford's products and offerings, and to squeeze more costs out of operations. He said he expected cost reductions to reach "the Weatherford bone a bit."

ARB Midstream opens Houston office, expands trading footprint

DENVER — ARB Midstream LLC has added an experienced crude oil and intermediates trading team, formerly of Colonial Oil Industries Inc., to lead the company's Gulf Coast marketing and trading activities.

The new team is led by Ashutosh Redkar and William Breaux and is headquartered in ARB's new Houston offices.

"The addition of these key personnel and their Gulf Coast trading portfolio advances ARB's strategy to develop a crude oil and intermediates asset and trading platform throughout the North American inland corridor, from Western Canada down to the Gulf Coast, and to provide fully integrated wellhead-to-refinery economics to producers and refiners," said Adam Bedard, chief executive officer at ARB Midstream.

Redkar joins the ARB management team as senior vice president of Crude and Intermediate Trading. Before joining ARB, he was head of Crude Oil & Fuel Oil Trading for Colonial Oil Industries Inc., in Houston. Breaux is vice president of Crude Supply and Trading and most recently was at Colonial Oil Industries.

Shell's massive Appomattox hull begins voyage to Texas

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

The massive four-column hull of a deep-water oil platform began sailing from South Korea to Texas this week, starting a months-long voyage that will bring Shell closer to finishing a multibillion-dollar Gulf of Mexico project.

The departure is the latest milestone for a gigantic venture the European company sanctioned two years ago in the face of a raging oil bust that forced many of its rivals to scuttle offshore plans.

As oil prices tumbled, Shell spent $600 million and employed 1,500 workers in Texas and Louisiana alone to fabricate parts for the so-called Appomattox project, expected to start pumping oil 80 miles off Louisiana by the end of the decade. Even so, Shell says it could still wring a profit from its 125,000-ton platform with oil prices below $50 a barrel, after deep cost cutting.

"If you look at the platforms, we used to have a lot more focus on the deeper, the bigger," said Wael Sawan, executive vice president of deep-water at Shell, in a recent interview. "Much of our technology spend is now geared toward more capital efficiency, lower costs."

Shell said it has whittled down expenses on the Appomattox by more than 20 percent, as it cut down on the time it needed to drill wells and took advantage of lower equipment prices. The company used new high-tech rigs to drill faster, and it closely monitored every step to slash non-productive time.

As the platform's hull makes its way from south Asia to U.S. waters, it edges closer to the last major step in the platform construction, which is to integrate the hull with the platform's topsides in Ingleside, Texas.

Next, Shell will install the platform in the Gulf. At its peak, Shell's portion of the project will produce 175,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day. Still, even now, new deep-water projects are much rarer than during the go-go years of $100 a barrel oil.

"What you won't see is a flurry of activity," Sawan said. "You'll see only the best and most robust projects come through — projects that break even with sub-$40 oil, you'll see that activity pick up."

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Crockett County

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204CH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 3997 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 10.37 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42426 Permit issued 8/14

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204DH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 3977 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 10.37 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42427 Permit issued 8/14

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204EH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 3957 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 10.99 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42428 Permit issued 8/14

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204FH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 3937 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 10.99 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42430 Permit issued 8/15

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204GH
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EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204HH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 1334 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 11.05 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42432 Permit issued 8/15

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204IH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 1314 fel, 10522 fsl, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 11.05 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42433 Permit issued 8/15

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204JH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 1294 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 11.05 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42434 Permit issued 8/15

EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #4204KH
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EP Energy E&P Company LP
University East #42C4LH
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 10522 fsl, 1254 fel, Sec 4, Blk 42, Abst. 354U, ULS, 11.05 s Barnhart; TD 8999; API #42-105-42436 Permit issued 8/15

Occidental Permian Ltd.
South Cross Unit #280
Crossett South (Detrital)-Directional; 247 fnwl, 1065 fnel, Sec 70, Blk 35, Abst. 4938, H&TC RR, 4.3 sw McCamey; TD 5800; API #42-105-42429 Permit issued 8/15

Reagan County

Bold Operating LLC
Bold WTG 5-234 B #3HM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 572 fsl, 292 fel, Sec 221, Blk 1, Abst. 569, T&P RR, 8.3 e Big Lake; TD 8900; API #42-383-39962 Permit issued 8/14

Sable Permian Resources Land LLC
Hickman Allocation C #17HA
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2462 fel, 492 fnl, Sec 206, Blk 1, Abst. 434, T&P RR, 6.07 e Big Lake; TD 8000; API #42-383-39968 Permit issued 8/18

SEM Operating Company LLC
University 9 #2707WC
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 7393 fsl, 2280 fwl, Sec 27, Blk 9, Abst. 197U, ULS, 10.4 nw Big Lake; TD 10000; API #42-383-39967 Permit issued 8/18

Upton County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Grace 45-1 #4304H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 750 fsl, 1080 fwl, Sec 40, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 759, T&P RR, 4.9 sw Midkiff; TD 9736; API #42-461-40645 Permit issued 8/14

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Sebastian 19-30A #4101H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2240 fnl, 708 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 406, T&P RR, 4.9 sw Midkiff; TD 9559; API #42-461-40648 Permit issued 8/17

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Sebastian 19-30A #4401H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2180 fnl, 708 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 406, T&P RR, 4.9 sw Midkiff; TD 10100; API #42-461-40647 Permit issued 8/17

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Sebastian 19-30A #4202H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2220 fnl, 708 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 406, T&P RR, 4.9 sw Midkiff; TD 9600; API #42-461-40649 Permit issued 8/17

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Sebastian 19-30A #4301H
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC-Horizontal; 2200 fnl, 708 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 38, T-5-S, Abst. 406, T&P RR, 4.9 sw Midkiff; TD 10000; API #42-461-40650 Permit issued 8/17

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Andrews County

Lime Rock Resources IV-A LP
UL 10 Trinity #3H
Fuhrman-Mascho-Horizontal; 345 fsl, 440 fel, Sec 28, Blk 10, Abst. 312U, ULS, 14.6 sw Andrews; TD 5000; API #42-003-47619 Permit issued 8/17

Pacesetter Energy LLC
University Thoroughbred #1H
Shafter Lake (San Andres)-Horizontal; 445 fsl, 164 fel, Sec 3, Blk 14, Abst. 443U, ULS, 7 nw Andrews; TD 9000; API #42-003-47618 Permit issued 8/17

Culberson County

Three Rivers Operating Co. III LLC
Daltex Munn Unit 43-6 #8H
Ford West (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 11 fnl, 360 fel, Sec 43, Blk 45, Abst. 721, PSL, 38.2 nw Pecos; TD 9600; API #42-109-33162 Permit issued 8/15

Glasscock County

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Calverley "36-25A" #4807H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 260 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 807, T&P RR, 7.1 nw Garden City; TD 9435; API #42-173-37694 Permit issued 8/18

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Calverley "36-25A" #4207H
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 290 fsl, 2310 fwl, Sec 36, Blk 35, T-3-S, Abst. 807, T&P RR, 7.1 nw Garden City; TD 8337; API #42-173-37695 Permit issued 8/18

Howard County

Legacy Reserves Operating LP
Ryan C #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 1340 fel, 2294 fnl, Sec 27, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 276, T&P RR, 13 n Big Spring; TD 8500; API #42-227-39223 Permit issued 8/18

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Van Halen 1608 #1LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 221 fsl, 363 fel, Sec 16, Blk A, Abst. 565, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.6 w Big Spring; TD 12000; API #42-227-39215 Permit issued 8/15

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Van Halen 1618 #1WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 221 fsl, 323 fel, Sec 16, Blk A, Abst. 565, Bauer & Cockrell, 8.6 w Big Spring; TD 12000; API #42-227-39217 Permit issued 8/15

Sabalo Operating LLC
The Colonel 25-36 #1AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 341 fnl, 302 fwl, Sec 26, Blk 33, T-3-N, Abst. 1251, T&P RR, 1.4 sw Vealmoor; TD 9000; API #42-227-39203 Permit issued 8/14

SM Energy Company
Bob Wiley C #2349WA
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 320 fnl, 653 fel, Sec 23, Blk 32, T-1-N, Abst. 139, T&P RR, 6.3 ne Big Spring; TD 9000; API #42-227-39212 Permit issued 8/15

Surge Operating LLC
Wolfe-McCann Unit 10-15 #4SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 293 fnl, 670 fel, Sec 10, Blk 33, T-2-N, Abst. 1233, T&P RR, 3.87 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39206 Permit issued 8/15

Surge Operating LLC
Sledge Unit 06-07 #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 64 fnl, 1613 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 1067, T&P RR, 4.47 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39216 Permit issued 8/14

Surge Operating LLC
Hamlin Unit 19-18 #8SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2349 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 19, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 7.08 ne Knott; TD 10000; API #42-227-39218 Permit issued 8/17

Surge Operating LLC
Newton Unit 06-43 #3AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 11 fsl, 1613 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 1067, T&P RR, 4.45 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39219 Permit issued 8/15

Surge Operating LLC
Newton Unit 06-43 #2SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2613 fnl, 1613 fwl, Sec 6, Blk 32, T-2-N, Abst. 1067, T&P RR, 4.46 se Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-227-39220 Permit issued 8/15

Loving County

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip 76-7 Unit A #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 270 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 76, Abst. 1234, PSL, 18.1 n Mentone; TD 13100; API #42-301-33583 Permit issued 8/17

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Silvertip 76-7 Unit A #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fnl, 240 fwl, Sec 18, Blk 76, Abst. 1234, PSL, 18.1 n Mentone; TD 13100; API #42-301-33576 Permit issued 8/15

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Boxwood 55-1-12 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 13 fnl, 976 fel, Sec 12, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1273, T&P RR, 19.76 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33580 Permit issued 8/18

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Boxwood 55-1-12 Unit #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 13 fnl, 1006 fel, Sec 12, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1273, T&P RR, 19.76 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33581 Permit issued 8/18

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Boxwood 55-1-12 Unit #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 13 fnl, 1036 fel, Sec 12, Blk 55, T-1, Abst. 1273, T&P RR, 19.77 nw Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33582 Permit issued 8/18

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Menifee 54-2-44 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 57 fel, Sec 44, Blk 54, T-2, Abst. 246, T&P RR, 6.32 nw Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33578 Permit issued 8/15

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Old Rosebud 54-2-44 Unit #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 2655 fwl, Sec 44, Blk 54, T-2, Abst. 246,

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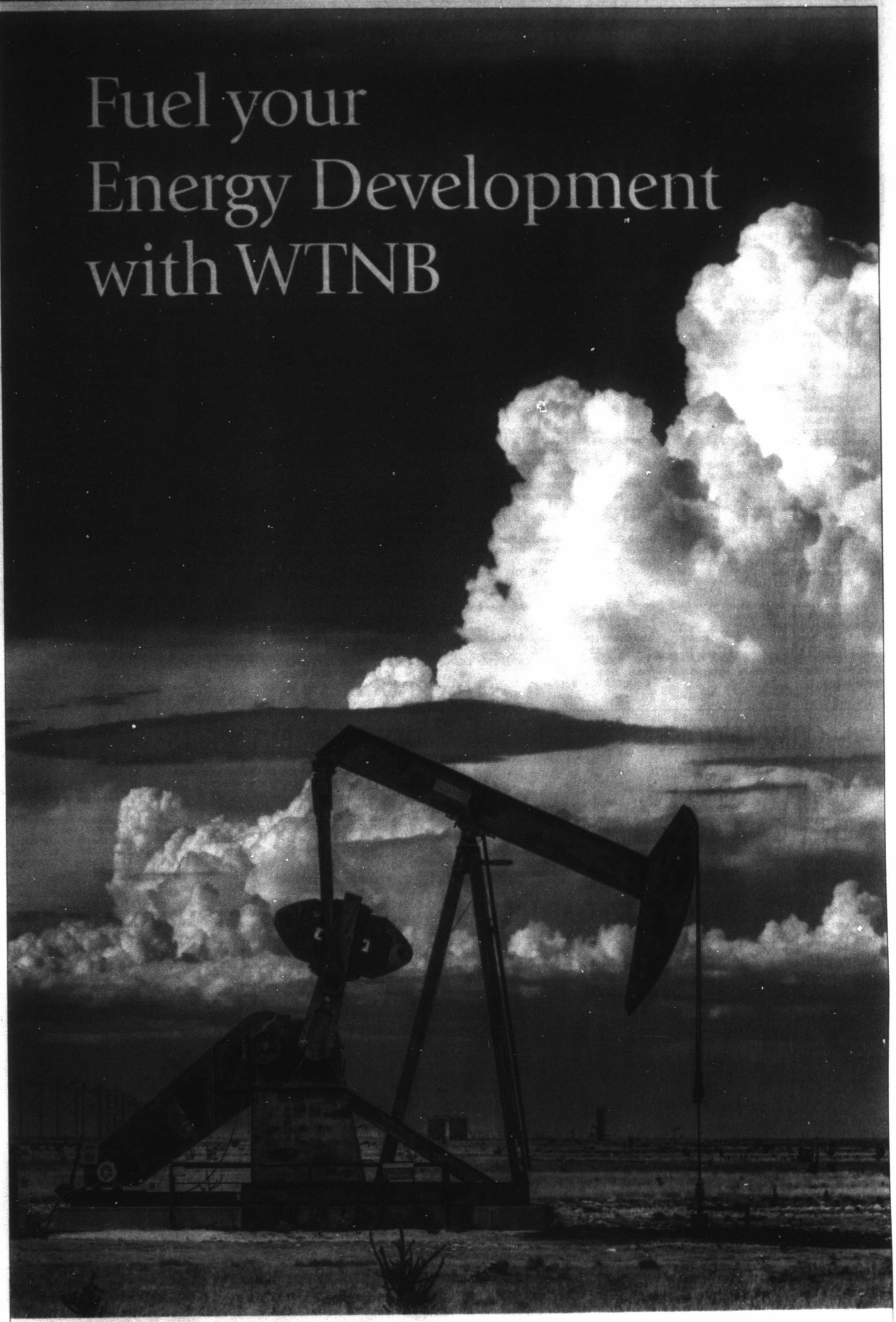

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Instructor: Randy Seright
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Negotiation and Interest Calculations
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Instructor: Larry Chapman
Start Date: December 4 - 8, 2017 - Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Petra Fundamentals
Instructor: Greg Hinterlong
Start Date: December 4-5, 2017 - Monday-Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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The Art of Technical
Instructor: Paul Hughes
Start Date: December 8, 2017 - Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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Carbonate Reservoir Characterization: The Lucia Method
Instructor: David M. Orchard
Start Date: January 22 -23, 2018 - Monday - Tuesday -8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
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On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Calculations
Instructor: Sherry Robinson
Start Date: Jan 4- January 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 4 of 6: Title: Oil & Gas Law and its Impact on Land Practices
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: Jan 4 - Jan 30, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Jan 4, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

On-Line Division Order Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Oil & Gas Law
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: February 2 - February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
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On-Line Land Management Certificate Program: Module 5 of 6: Title: Legally Enforceable Oil & Gas Contracts
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Start Date: February 2 - February 27, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, Feb 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

On-Line Division Orders Certificate Program: Module 6 of 6 Modules: Title: Oil and Gas Contracts
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 2 - March 28, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50 - The required text is the NADOA Study Guide, which is $75 (one-time charge). Students need to join NADOA for $75 to download the "no cost" manual only available to members.

On-Line Land Management Certificate Program - Module 6 of 6 Modules: Title: Federal Laws that
Impact the Oil and Gas Industry
Instructor: Alyce Hoge
Start Date: March 2 - March 28, 2018 Registration Deadline: Noon, March 2, 2018
Cost: $612.50; Out of State, $637.50

Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
Start Date: March 6-7, 2017 - Tuesday - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $430; Out of State: $455

Waterflooding: Performance Predictions and Surveillance
Instructor: Dr. Michael Wiggins
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Oilfield Terminology
Instructor: Tommy Lent
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Tom Green County

Independence Resources Management LLC
Pfluger B #1816
Spraberry (Trend Area); 6806 fel, 2590 fsl, Sec 18, Blk A, Abst. 8546, GC&SF RR, 42.9 nw San Angelo; TD 7900; Comp 8/13/2017; producing from 6535-6716, fracture stimulated; pump 40 BO, 39 MCF, 58 BW, 39.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32306

Independence Resources Management LLC
Pfluger B #4906
Spraberry (Trend Area); 4576 fel, 4156 fsl, Sec 49, Blk 7, Abst. 954, H&TC RR, 42.5 nw San Angelo; TD 7900; Comp 8/10/2017; producing from 6600-7164, fracture stimulated; pump 33 BO, 48 MCF, 94 BW, 39.8 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32069

Independence Resources Management LLC
Pfluger D #2407
Spraberry (Trend Area); 5635 fwl, 2475 fsl, Sec 24, Blk A, Abst. 8527, TC RR, 45.9 nw San Angelo; TD 8200; Comp 8/11/2017; producing from 6917-7581, fracture stimulated; pump 42 BO, 20 MCF, 27 BW, 39.4 Oil Gravity; API #42-451-32103

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Andrews County

XTO Energy Inc.
Fullerton Clearfork Unit #6025
Fullerton-Horizontal; 9289 fnl, 13457 fwl, Sec 7, Blk A-32, Abst. 1975, PSL, 18.5 nw Andrews; TD 7413 TVD, 7413 MD; Comp 8/2/2017; producing from 6616-7208, fracture stimulated; pump 156 BO, 144 MCF, 1380 BW, 39.42 Oil Gravity; API #42-003-47451

Ector County

Capstone Natural Resources II LLC
Flag Ranch B #2
Goldsmith (Clearfork); 330 fwl, 330 fnl, Sec 17, Blk 45, T-1-N, Abst. 342, T&P RR, 13 nw Goldsmith; TD 6990; Comp 7/28/2017; producing from 5683-6720, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 102 BO, 85 MCF, 580 BW, 35.5 Oil Gravity; API #42-135-43507

Loving County

Shell Western E&P
Galapagos 53-2-27 LOV #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 430 fsl, 1400 fel, Sec 27, Blk 53, T-2, Abst. 33, T&P RR, 8.1 ne Mentone; TD 11656 TVD, 16456 MD; Comp 7/22/2017; producing from 11545-16188, fracture stimulated; flow 1687 BO, 4395 MCF, 3072 BW on 32/64 inch choke, FTP 2630 psi, 45.3 Oil Gravity; API #42-301-32518

Midland County

XTO Energy Inc.
Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4312 #4312AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 405 fwl, Sec 42, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 1129, T&P RR, 23 se Midland; TD 9238 TVD, 19550 MD; Comp 8/2/2017; producing from 9521-19425, fracture stimulated; flow 197 BO, 689 BW on 64/64 inch choke, 40 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41327

XTO Energy Inc.
Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4314 #4314AH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2372 fel, 268 fsl, Sec 31, Blk 38, T-4-S, Abst. 113, T&P RR, 22.9 se Midland; TD 9200 TVD, 20092 MD; Comp 8/4/2017; producing from 9614-19967, fracture stimulated; flow 346 BO, 287 MCF, 399 BW on 39/64 inch choke, FTP 215 psi, 41.29 Oil Gravity; API #42-329-41366

Texas RRCD 8A

Garza County

Three R Oil Company
S.M. Swenson #4
Post (Glorieta); 330 fsl, 448 fel, Sec 3, Blk 8, Abst. 113, H&GN RR, 9.5 e Post; TD 2750; Comp 8/1/2017; producing from 2560-2652, treated with acid and fracture stimulated; pump 8 BO, 30 BW, 36.9 Oil Gravity; API #42-169-34241

New Mexico

Eddy County

Chi Operating Inc.
Benson Delaware Unit #23
Benson; Sec 11 T19S R30E; 990/N & 150/E BHL: 450/N & 330/E; EL 3465 GL, TD 5265, PBTD 5220; Spud 10-2-14, Comp 2-10-15; production is through treated perfs: 4534-4938. Treat: 7182 gals 7 1/2% NEFE HCL, 747 bbls 20# grl, 23,530# 20/40 NW sd. IP: 2-15-15 Flow 24 hrs 9 BO, 60 BW, 0 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 493 w/425 sx, 8 5/8 @ 2064 w/992 sx, 5 1/2 @ 5265 w/660 sx, 2 7/8 @ 5262; API #30-015-42566

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Pavo Macho 31 B2LI Federal Com #1
East Palmillo; Sec 31 T18S R29E; 1980/S & 185/W. BHL: 1825/S & 334/E; EL 3397 GL, TD 12075 MD, 7671 TVD, PBTD 12075 MD, 7671 TVD; Spud 3-14-17, Comp 6-2-17; production is through treated perfs: 7824-12035. Treat: 8,300,327 gals slickwater, carrying 5,667,640# 100 mesh sd & 2,770,980# 30/50 white sd. IP: 6-4-17 Flow 24 hrs 330 BO, 2063 BW, 311 MCF, TP 410, CP 1080, GOR 942, Gty 39.5. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 295 w/530 sx, 9 5/8 @ 1138 w/400 sx, 7 @ 7820 w/900 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7081-12035 w/300 sx, 2 7/8 @ 7025; API #30-015-44066

COG Operating LLC
Bultaco State #3
Livingston Ridge; Sec 36 T22S R31E; 5/S & 1090/E. BHL: 50/N & 1283/E; EL 3479 GR, TD 15447, PBTD 15185; Spud 10-12-16, Comp 6-9-17; production is through treated perfs: 10641-15112. Treat: Acdz w/85890 gals 7 1/2 %, Frac w/8903904# sd & 8880270 gals fluid. IP: 6-13-17 Flow 24 hrs 638 BO, 2907 BW, 789 MCF, TP 475, CP 275. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 775 w/675 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4580 w/1300 sx, 5 1/2 @ 15408 w/2450 sx, 2 7/8 @ 9975; API #30-015-43670

Matador Producing Co.
Kathy Coleman 14 23S 27E RB #206
Purple Sage; Sec 14 T23S R27E; 1881/N & 335/E. BHL: 2261/N & 238/W; EL 3108 GR, TD 14154, PBTD 14134; Spud 3-15-17, Comp 5-19-17; production is through treated

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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T&P RR, 6.32 nw Mentone; TD 12000; API #42-301-33579 Permit issued 8/15

Anadarko E&P Onshore LLC
Law Dog 29-41 Unit #2H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2505 fsel, 555 fswl, Sec 41, Blk 29, Abst. 1195, PSL, 7.8 e Mentone; TD 13000; API #42-301-33584 Permit issued 8/18

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Arrington 3WS #3H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 490 fwl, 797 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33585 Permit issued 8/17

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Arrington 3WS #4H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 515 fwl, 799 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33586 Permit issued 8/17

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Arrington 3WS #5H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 540 fwl, 800 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33587 Permit issued 8/17

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Arrington 3WS #6H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2530 fwl, 800 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33588 Permit issued 8/17

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Arrington 3WS #7H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2555 fwl, 802 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33589 Permit issued 8/17

Headington Energy Partners LLC
Arrington 3WS #8H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2580 fwl, 803 fsl, Sec 48, Blk 53, T-2, T&P RR, 6.8 ne Mentone; TD 11600; API #42-301-33590 Permit issued 8/17

Martin County

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Finishing Nail 2528B #6JM
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fnl, 800 fel, Sec 37, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 287, T&P RR, 13.1 nw Stanton; TD 8900; API #42-317-40919 Permit issued 8/18

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Finishing Nail 2528B #3MS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 300 fnl, 1026 fel, Sec 25, Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 281, T&P RR, 13.1 nw Stanton; TD 8700; API #42-317-40918 Permit issued 8/18

CrownQuest Operating LLC
Billy 135A ##
Spraberry (Trend Area) R 40 EXC; 475 fwl, 467 fnel, Sec 135, Blk A, Abst. 1072, S. Holloway, 5.8 nw Tarzan; TD 12000; API #42-317-40954 Permit issued 8/18

Diamondback E&P LLC
Mabee Breedlove C #2307LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 4899 fel, 7257 fsl, Sec 256, Abst. 595, Briscoe CSL, 12.8 nw Tarzan; TD 10500; API #42-317-40947 Permit issued 8/18

Diamondback E&P LLC
Mabee Breedlove A #2303LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 4839 fel, 7257 fsl, Sec 256, Abst. 595, Briscoe CSL, 12.8 nw Tarzan; TD 10500; API #42-317-40946 Permit issued 8/18

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Holcomb 39-40 #211
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 39, Blk 35, T3-N, Abst. 103, T&P RR, 9 ne Lenorah; TD 11000; API #42-317-40949 Permit issued 8/15

Endeavor Energy Resources LP
Holcomb 39-40 #212
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 270 fnl, 355 fel, Sec 39, Blk 35, T-3-N, Abst. 103, T&P RR, 9 ne Lenorah; TD 11000; API #42-317-40950 Permit issued 8/15

QEP Energy Company
UL 2631 #05SB
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 315 fsl, 1199 fwl, Sec 31, Blk 7, Abst. 31U, ULS, 20.7 ne Andrews; TD 9700; API #42-317-40952 Permit issued 8/17

Midland County

Chevron USA Inc.
GBG 41/38 D #0031WB
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 433 fsl, 1203.7 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 10.4 s Midland; TD 11500; API #42-329-41888 Permit issued 8/17

Chevron USA Inc.
GBG 41/38 D #0032LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 433 fsl, 1228.7 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 10.4 s Midland; TD 11500; API #42-329-41889 Permit issued 8/17

Chevron USA Inc.
GBG 41/38 E #0033WB
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 433 fsl, 1253.7 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 10.4 s Midland; TD 11500; API #42-329-41890 Permit issued 8/17

Chevron USA Inc.
GBG 41/38 E #0034LS
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 433 fsl, 1278.7 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 10.4 s Midland; TD 11500; API #42-329-41891 Permit issued 8/17

Chevron USA Inc.
GBG 41/38 F #0035WB
Parks (Consolidated)-Horizontal; 433 fsl, 1303.7 fwl, Sec 41, Blk 40, T-2-S, Abst. 272, T&P RR, 10.4 s Midland; TD 11500; API #42-329-41892 Permit issued 8/16

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AC/AF Fee B #0162LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 85 fsl, 1135 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 205, T&P RR, 12.9 s Midland; TD 9600; API #42-329-41894 Permit issued 8/16

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AC/AF Fee C #0163LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 85 fsl, 1160 fwl, Sec 21, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 205, T&P RR, 12.9 s Midland; TD 9600; API #42-329-41895 Permit issued 8/18

Chevron USA Inc.
Midland AC/AF Fee D #0171LS
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 85 fsl, 1798 fel, Sec 21, Blk 39, T-3-S, Abst. 205, T&P RR, 12.9 s Midland; TD 9600; API #42-329-41896 Permit issued 8/18

Pecos County

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco 36-32 Unit #3WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 347 fwl, 332 fnl, Sec 36, Blk OW, Abst. 6443, TC RR, 7.9 s Coyanosa; TD 11500; API #42-371-39602 Permit issued 8/14

Diamondback E&P LLC
State Neal Lethco 36-32 Unit #4WA
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 347 fwl, 362 fnl, Sec 36, Blk OW, Abst. 6443, TC RR, 7.9 s Coyanosa; TD 11500; API #42-371-39603 Permit issued 8/14

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
County Line 18B-C2 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 330 fsl, 500 fel, Sec 17, Blk C-2, Abst. 5085, PSL, 2.26 sw Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39600 Permit issued 8/15

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
County Line 2920B-C2 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 330 fsl, 192 fwl, Sec 29, Blk C-2, Abst. 8445, PSL, 4.24 sw Coyanosa; TD 15000; API #42-371-39605 Permit issued 8/17

Reeves County

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Pop D 4-59 60 #U 31H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 336 fswl, 2112 fsol, Sec 59, Blk 4, Abst. 410, H&GN RR, 6.4 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36243 Permit issued 8/14

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Doc Gardner #U 21H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 2505 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 13, Abst. 4373, H&GN RR, 11.2 sw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36253 Permit issued 8/15

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Doc Gardner #U 29H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 265 fnl, 2535 fwl, Sec 194, Blk 13, Abst. 4373, H&GN RR, 11.2 sw Pecos; TD 12000; API #42-389-36254 Permit issued 8/15

Centennial Resource Production LLC
Pop E 4-59 60 #B 32H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 336 fswl, 2082 fsel, Sec 59, Blk 4, Abst. 410, H&GN RR, 6.4 nw Pecos; TD 11000; API #42-389-36244 Permit issued 8/14

Oxy USA WTP LP
Polo Grounds 150 #11H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 410 fnl, 330 fwl, Sec 150, Blk 13, Abst. 2516, H&GN RR, 17.3 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36261 Permit issued 8/17

Oxy USA WTP LP
White 30-31-1N #25H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 2330 fsl, 329 fel, Sec 31, Blk 50, T-8-S, Abst. 4594, T&P RR, 23.6 s Pecos; TD 14000; API #42-389-36266 Permit issued 8/17

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranger C4-6-15 #4311H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 990 fel, 437 fnl, Sec 6, Blk C-4, Abst. 1169, PSL, 17.2 e Pecos; TD 11428; API #42-389-36231 Permit issued 8/14

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranger C4-6-15 #4313H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 407 fnl, 990 fel, Sec 6, Blk C-4, Abst. 1169, PSL, 17.2 e Pecos; TD 11328; API #42-389-36232 Permit issued 8/14

Parsley Energy Operations LLC
Ranger C4-6-15 #4315H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 407 fnl, 660 fel, Sec 6, Blk C-4, Abst. 1169, PSL, 17.2 e Pecos; TD 11400; API #42-389-36233 Permit issued 8/14

PRI Operating LLC
Cobra State 2 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 500 fsl, 330 fel, Sec 47, Blk 50, T-7-S, Abst. 2773, T&P RR, 21.2 se Pecos; TD 13000; API #42-389-36259 Permit issued 8/16

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
Pipeworks #B302H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 631 fwl, Sec 6, Blk C-21, Abst. 2509, PSL, 15.8 sw Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-389-35982 Permit issued 8/14

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
Pipeworks #U 03H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 250 fnl, 661 fwl, Sec 6, Blk C-21, Abst. 2509, PSL, 15.8 sw Mentone; TD 11000; API #42-389-35981 Permit issued 8/14

Resolute Natural Resources Co. LLC
North Elephant 2 Unit #C201SL
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 336 fswl, 559 fnwl, Sec 10, Blk 2, Abst. 4343, H&GN RR, 12.31 se Orla; TD 11900; API #42-389-36242 Permit issued 8/14

Ward County

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
Whiskey River 7374B-34 #1H
Phantom (Wolfcamp)-Horizontal; 2395 fnel, 2729 fsel, Sec 73, Blk 34, Abst. 214, H&TC RR, 6.97 se Pyote; TD 15000; API #42-475-37287 Permit issued 8/16

Jagged Peak Energy LLC
Condiment King 6920A-34 #1H
Wolfbone (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 400 fsl, 338 fwl, Sec 61, Blk 34, Abst. 211, H&TC RR, 17.6 sw Monahans; TD 15000; API #42-475-37308 Permit issued 8/18

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Sealy Smith Foundation #1048H
Monahans (Clearfork)-Horizontal; 6296 fsl, 5629 fel, Sec 37, Blk A, Abst. 958, G&MMB&A, 4.7 n Monahans; TD 12500; API #42-475-37302 Permit issued 8/17

Winkler County

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Engineering Graduate Moves on to Next Chapter

Kayetlin Wheeler
Communication and Special Projects

Prince Muhindo graduated in the 2017 Summer Commencement receiving a Bachelor of Science with a Major in Petroleum Engineering. Excited to get out into the world and begin his career as a petroleum engineer, Prince would like to remain in Odessa but is open to going wherever he can get a job. While looking back at his time at UTPB he found it hard to pinpoint his singular favorite memory, but he did truly love being an orientation leader.

Prince grew up in Congo reading and hearing about the exciting opportunities America held. Since he was a little kid, America inspired him. The opportunities and promises this country held made America not only a number one choice for pursing a higher education, but his dream. When his time came to attend college, he decided to leave Congo behind and fly stateside.

Leaving one's native country to move a world away to attend college is no easy task. However, that didn't stop Prince, and it hasn't always easy since he did not know English.

"All I knew how to say was 'My name is Prince, I am from Congo,' " said Prince Muhindo. I had to go to an English program where the teacher literally drew pictures since she couldn't speak my native language."

While at UTPB Prince became a resident assistant. He was also the president of International Student Organization for three years. As if that wasn't enough, Prince proctored for Testing Services and Academics Accommodations and was a member of the International Advisory committee.

As he moves on to the next chapter of his life, Prince says that he will miss the community of people that he met at UTPB. An international student by definition means leaving behind friends and family. At UTPB, Prince said that he never felt lonely. There was always something for him to do and there were always friends to be made.

Falcons volunteer during Welcome Week

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UTPB students show their Falcon community spirit by volunteering at the West Texas Food Bank in Odessa during UTPB Welcome Week.

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #0819NW
Kermit; 1221 fnl, 2081 fwl, Sec 19, Blk 74, Abst. 1842, PSL, 7.2 nw Kermit; TD 3500; API #42-495-33899 Permit issued 8/15

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #1036NE
Kermit; 1121 fel, 8612 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 74, Abst. 1843, PSL, 6 nw Kermit; TD 3500; API #42-495-33900 Permit issued 8/17

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #1619NW
Kermit; 2541 fwl, 2543 fnl, Sec 19, Blk 74, Abst. 1842, PSL, 6.9 nw Kermit; TD 3500; API #42-495-33901 Permit issued 8/17

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #1519SE
Kermit; 2081 fel, 3864 fnl, Sec 19, Blk 74, Abst. 1842, PSL, 6.6 nw Kermit; TD 3500; API #42-495-33902 Permit issued 8/17

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #1519SW
Kermit; 1881 fwl, 5185 fnl, Sec 19, Blk 74, Abst. 1842, PSL, 6.4 nw Kermit; TD 3500; API #42-495-33904 Permit issued 8/18

Champion Lone Star Operating LLC
CLS Walton #0936SE
Kermit; 3301 fel, 6105 fsl, Sec 36, Blk 74, Abst. 1843, PSL, 5.5 nw Kermit; TD 3500; API #42-495-33903 Permit issued 8/18

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Borden County

Surge Operating LLC
Leviathan Unit B 29-20 #8SH
Spraberry (Trend Area)-Horizontal; 486 fsl, 404 fel, Sec 29, Blk 31, Abst. 230, T&P RR, 8.06 ne Vealmoor; TD 10000; API #42-033-32433 Permit issued 8/15

Gaines County

McClure Oil Company Inc.
Ladd #2
V&S (San Andres); 660 fwl, 660 fsl, Sec 44, Blk H, Abst. 1453, D&W RR, 19.3 ne Seminole; TD 5400; API #42-165-38612 Permit issued 8/16

Parallel Petroleum LLC
Good Bull #1H
Carm-Ann (San Andres)-Horizontal; 781 fsl, 1549 fwl, Sec 12, Blk A-22, Abst. 725, PSL, 11 s Seminole; TD 5000; API #42-165-38605 Permit issued 8/14

Ring Energy Inc.
Odysseus #1H
Harris (San Andres)-Horizontal; 214 fsl, 455 fwl, Sec 22, Blk A-22, Abst. 1167, PSL, 13 s Seminole; TD 5100; API #42-165-38590 Permit issued 8/15

XTO Energy Inc.
Robertson Clearfork Unit #1065
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 1224 fsl, 4565 fwl, Sec 8, Blk A-24, Abst. 1433, PSL, 9.8 sw Seminole; TD 7600; API #42-165-38611 Permit issued 8/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Robertson Clearfork Unit #1154
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 1284 fnl, 750 fel, Sec 10, Blk A-24, Abst. 655, PSL, 7.9 sw Seminole; TD 7600; API #42-165-38613 Permit issued 8/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Robertson Clearfork Unit #3904
Robertson North (Clearfork 7100); 2585 fnl, 4391 fwl, Sec 4, Blk A-24, Abst. 683, PSL, 9.7 sw Seminole; TD 7600; API #42-165-38614 Permit issued 8/18

Garza County

Unitex Oil & Gas LLC
Ogawlee #1
Dorward; 330 fel, 330 fnl, Sec 59, Blk 5, Abst. 32, GH&H RR, 11 e Post; TD 4000; API #42-169-34252 Permit issued 8/15

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #133-7
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 1933 fsl, 2404 fel, Sec 158, Blk 3, Abst. 1584, H&GN RR, 4.08 ne Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35323 Permit issued 8/18

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #136-13
Kelly-Snyder; 7591 fsl, 2830 fel, Sec 178, Blk 3, Abst. 944, H&GN RR, 2.98 nw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35328 Permit issued 8/18

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #322-1A
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 5830 fsl, 3319 fwl, Sec 195, Blk 97, Abst. 2275, H&TC RR, 8.42 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35325 Permit issued 8/18

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #322-4A
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 5831 fsl, 3241 fwl, Sec 195, Blk 97, Abst. 2275, H&TC RR, 8.38 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35326 Permit issued 8/18

Kinder Morgan Production Co. LLC
SACROC Unit #327-5
Kelly-Snyder-Directional; 5831 fsl, 3370 fwl, Sec 195, Blk 97, Abst. 2275, H&TC RR, 8.41 sw Snyder; TD 7500; API #42-415-35327 Permit issued 8/18

Terry County

Boaz Energy II Operating LLC
Helen #20
Kingdom (Clearfork 7200); 418 fsl, 1095 fwl, Sec 10, Blk D-11, Abst. 895, SK&K, 17 nw Brownfield; TD 8000; API #42-445-32450 Permit issued 8/18

XTO Energy Inc.
Ella Covington 'B' #21
Suntura (Lower Clearfork); 1940 fwl, 1220 fnl, Sec 21, Blk D-14, Abst. 88, C&M RR, 18.2 nw Brownfield; TD 8690; API #42-445-32451 Permit issued 8/15

Yoakum County

Occidental Permian Ltd.
Wasson North Clearfork Unit #183
Wasson Northeast (Clearfork)-Directional; 4262 fel, 9071 fnl, Sec 678, Blk D, Abst. 472, J.H. Gibson, 9.2 ne Denver City; TD 8600; API #42-501-36846 Permit issued 8/18

Wishbone Texas Operating Co. LLC
Cougar 726 #1H
Platang (San Andres)-Horizontal; 200 fnl, 330 fel, Sec 7269, Blk D, Abst. 1515, J.H. Gibson, 12.04 nw Denver City; TD 9000; API #42-501-36845 Permit issued 8/18

New Mexico

Eddy County

Matador Production Co.
SST 6 State #123
East Palmillo; Sec 6 T19S R29E; 1871/S & 85/E; 12 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 12250 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44325

Matador Production Co.
SST 6 State #124
East Palmillo; Sec 6 T19S R29E; 499/S & 185/E; 12 mi SW Loco Hills; Rot 12250 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44324

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1001
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 615/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18075 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44313

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1003
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 1935/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18118 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44314

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1005
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 2025/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18894 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44315

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1007
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2380/S & 705/E; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18824 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44305

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1201
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 645/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18326 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44306

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1202
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 675/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18326 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44307

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1203
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 1965/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18367 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44308

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1204
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 1995/W; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 18366 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44310

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1205
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 1995/E; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 19141 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44311

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1206
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2280/S & 1965/E; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 19135 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44312

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1207
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2380/S & 675/E; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 19067 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44304

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 25 St #1208
Purple Sage; Sec 25 T23S R29E; 2380/S & 645/E; 9 mi SE Loving; Rot 19065 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44309

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 30 St #701
Nash Draw; Sec 30 T23S R30E; 2310/S & 600/W; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 16678 Delaware; API #30-015-44320

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 30 St #702
Nash Draw; Sec 30 T23S R30E; 2310/S & 630/W; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 17594 Delaware; API #30-015-44326

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda North 30 St #902
Nash Draw; Sec 30 T23S R30E; 2310/S & 630/W; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18870 Delaware; API #30-015-44327

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda South 30 St #701
Nash Draw; Sec 30 T23S R30E; 2310/S & 630/W; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 17718 Delaware; API #30-015-44323

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda South 30 St #702
Nash Draw; Sec 30 T23S R30E; 2310/S & 690/W; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 17610 Delaware; API #30-015-44322

XTO Energy Inc.
Remuda South 30 St #902
Nash Draw; Sec 30 T23S R30E; 2310/S & 660/W; 9 mi NE Malaga; Rot 18865 Delaware; API #30-015-44321

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 18 Federal #1
Cotton Draw; Sec 7 T24S R31E; 609/S & 712/W; 15 mi NE Malaga; Rot 14860 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44317

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 18 Federal #23
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 335/N & 2122/E; 14 1/2 mi E Malaga; Rot 14966 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44316

Oxy USA Inc.
Patton MDP1 18 Federal #73
Cotton Draw; Sec 18 T24S R31E; 335/N & 2092/E; 14 1/2 mi E Malaga; Rot 15992 Bone Spring; API #30-015-44318

COG Operating LLC
Copperhead 31 Fee #20
Purple Sage; Sec 31 T26S R29E; 670/S & 400/W; 15 mi S Malaga; Rot 21245 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-44319

Lea County

Nearburg Production Co.
Lea South 25 Federal #1
South Lea; Sec 25 T20S R34E; 1650/S & 330/E; 13 mi SE Halfway; Rot 11700 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43895

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Birddog 20 17 B2FC St #1
South Berry; Sec 20 T21S R34E; 2415/N & 2350/W; 16 mi SE Halfway; Rot 17900 Bone Spring; API #30-025-43898

Goodnight Midstream Permian LLC
Snyder SWD #1
SWD; Sec 17 T21S R36E; 1450/N & 708/E; 3 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 11500 Devonian; API #30-025-43901

WILDCATS

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Irion County

TXP Inc.
Ostrander 1802 #1
Wildcat; 467 fnl, 1320 fwl, Sec 1802, Abst. 74, J. Dunman, 15 ne Mertzon; TD 7100; API #42-235-36211 Permit issued 8/17

Texas RRCD 8

Ward County

Halcon Operating Co. Inc.
Sealy Ranch #5901
Wildcat; 8863 fsel, 4637 fnel, Sec 59, Blk F, Abst. 27, G&MMB&A, 4.2 ne Pyote; TD 15000; API #42-475-37307 Permit issued 8/18

New Mexico

Lea County

EOG Resources Inc.
Thor 21 #709
Wildcat; Sec 21 T26S R33E; 175/S & 439/E; 13 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17209 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43897

EOG Resources Inc.
Nautilus 16 State Com #710
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R34E; 186/N & 1727/W; 4 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17599 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43899

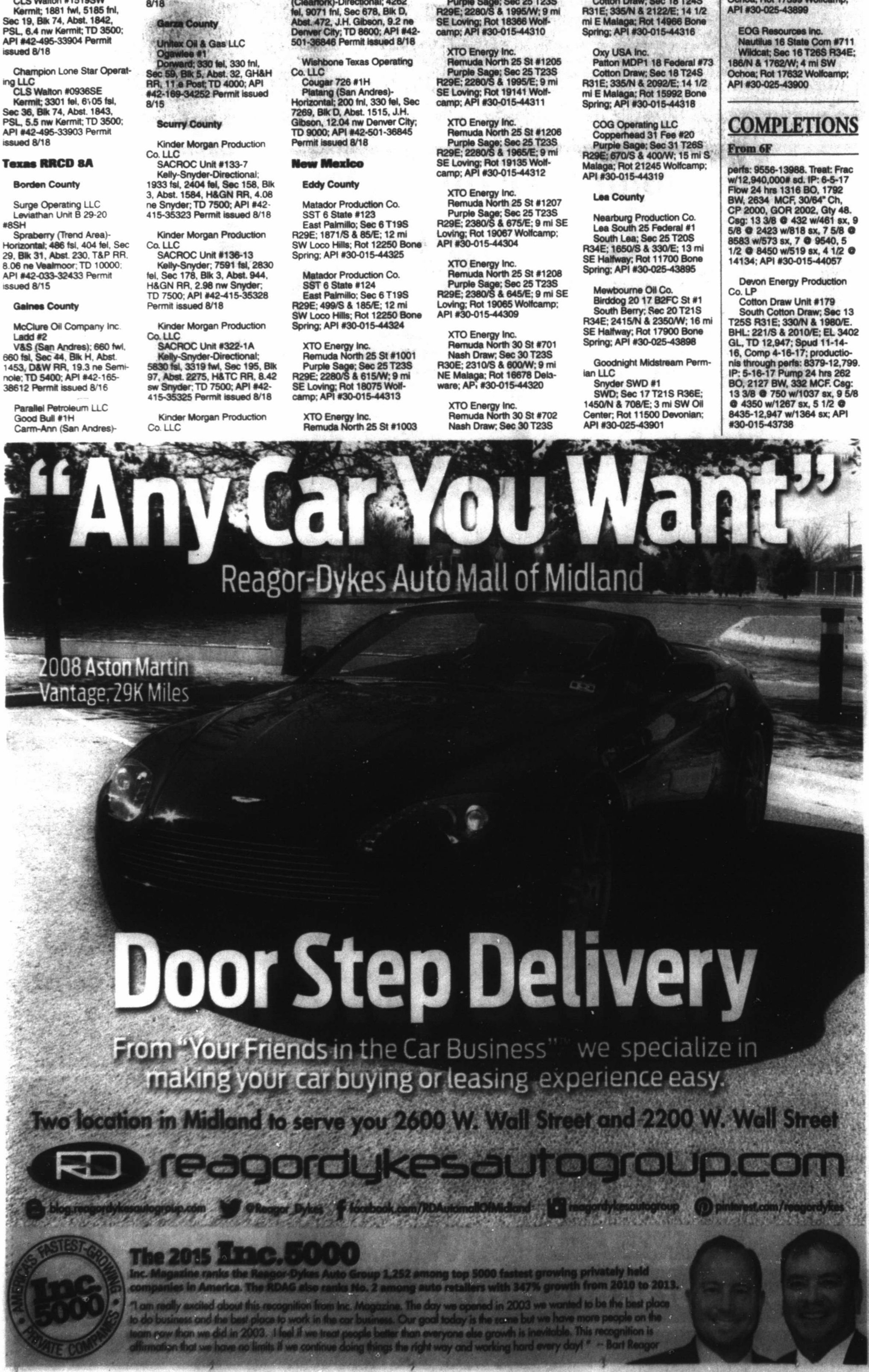
EOG Resources Inc.
Nautilus 16 State Com #711
Wildcat; Sec 16 T26S R34E; 186/N & 1762/W; 4 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 17632 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-43900

COMPLETIONS

From 6F

perfs: 9556-13988. Treat: Frac w/12,940,000# sd. IP: 6-5-17 Flow 24 hrs 1316 BO, 1792 BW, 2634 MCF, 30/64" Ch, CP 2000, GOR 2002, Gty 48. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 432 w/461 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2423 w/818 sx, 7 5/8 @ 8583 w/573 sx, 7 @ 9540, 5 1/2 @ 8450 w/519 sx, 4 1/2 @ 14134; API #30-015-44057

Devon Energy Production Co. LP
Cotton Draw Unit #179
South Cotton Draw; Sec 13 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1980/E. BHL: 221/S & 2010/E; EL 3402 GL, TD 12,947; Spud 11-14-16, Comp 4-16-17; productionis through perfs: 8379-12,799. IP: 5-16-17 Pump 24 hrs 262 BO, 2127 BW, 332 MCF. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 750 w/1037 sx, 9 5/8 @ 4350 w/1267 sx, 5 1/2 @ 8435-12,947 w/1364 sx; API #30-015-43738



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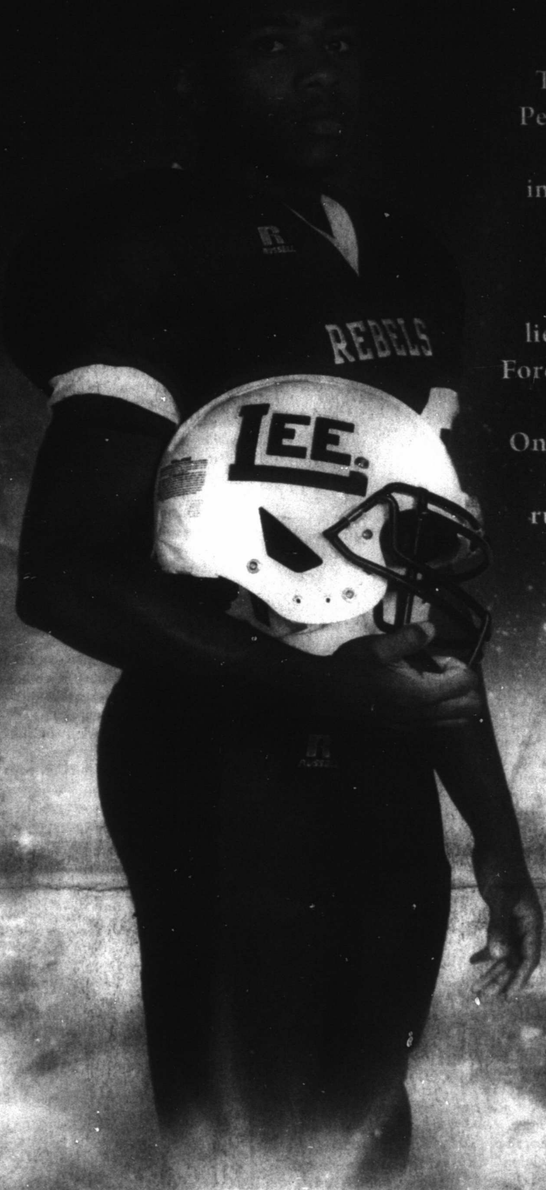

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A RETURN TO GLORY

Permian seen as the team to beat in District 2-6A this season

Permian Panthers' Brother Miller, 18, runs for a short gain before being tackled by Midland Bulldogs' McLane Mannix, 1, during the first quarter at Ratliff Stadium.
Jacob Ford/Odessa American

By Christopher Hadorn
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While it hasn't been a factor in the state championship hunt of late, District 2-6A remains a revered and romanticized circuit throughout the Lone Star State.

The folklore and the history still draws the attention and curiosity of outsiders. And this fall, the district's most storied program, Odessa Permian, has a chance to return to the top after an uncharacteristic non-playoff season.

The 2016 Panthers went through growing pains with injury woes and younger players during a 6-4 campaign and a fifth-place showing at 2-4. With 17 starters back on offense and defense, Permian is poised for a district title run. The Panthers have a talented bunch, which includes Navy quarterback commit Steve Steen, explosive playmaker Brother Miller, and a loaded front seven that includes three linebackers who each recorded at least 79 tackles last season.

"Permian is probably the favorite, they should be," San Angelo Central head coach Brent Davis said. "They were so young last year and they were very talented. They had just had some bad luck. Plus they didn't make the playoffs so they're going to be more fired up, so I think Permian is going to be the favorite and I think everybody else is right there close to them, maybe a notch below." The Bobcats have won a share of the district title in four consecutive years, but they might be facing their most adversity to repeat this season.

Central only returns six starters and one on defense from last season's 12-1 squad. Junior Maverick McIvor, the Bobcats' new starter at quarterback, is talented, but the last time he played the position was during his freshman year at Class 1A Fort Davis. Despite their obstacles, Central is still respected by the district's coaches.

"You can't ever count Central out," Midland High head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said. "I think they're really well coached. That program has really developed and has gotten strong over the last four or five years. I would expect the same thing. I don't know you're going to be able to watch their team and say they really took a big dip."

Both Midland ISD schools have aspirations to compete for playoff berths.

Midland High lost a sizable chunk of its starters and its all-time winningest coach Craig Yenzer to retirement from last season's 9-3 team that finished second in District 2-6A. But this is a Bulldogs program that has been to the playoffs in three consecutive seasons, so there is an expectation within the culture to make the playoffs even with younger players.

Although Lee is coming off a 3-7 record and 2-4 district mark in head coach Clint Hartman's first year, there is an internal optimism that permeates the Rebels fieldhouse.

"They all have gained a huge amount of strength in the spring and the offseason," Hartman said of his players. "They understand our system. We have a bunch of hard working kids."

Furthermore, the cupboard isn't bare at Lee, as the program has some truly talented players such as 1,106-yard rusher Josh Traylor and Air Force linebacker commit Isaiah Nunez.

"We know that Clint has got some good young kids coming through his program," Anuszkiewicz said. "I'm sure those guys will be an improved football team."

Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship, both 2016 postseason teams, could stonewall both MISD teams from reaching the playoffs.

Tascosa only has eight starters returning from its third-place squad, but head coach Ken Plunk and his coaching staff might be the toughest to game plan and prepare against because of their triple-option offense.

"I think that (triple-option offense) keeps them in every game because what they do is so different from the rest of the district that when you play those guys, it's a completely different week," Anuszkiewicz said. "It's a completely different concept, so that gives them an opportunity. Coach Plunk has done a great job there of just developing consistency within the Tascosa program and we will continue to see that too."

Frenship begins a new era under first-year head coach Jay Northcutt, who will be installing a spread offense, which is vastly different from the Tigers' multiple-I, run-oriented attack from 2016.

Even with the transfer of star running back Garrison Johnson to Manvel, Northcutt inherits a capable roster with its share of experienced players.

Odessa High, which finished 0-10 in 2016, will be hoping to fare better with another season under the watch of second-year head coach Danny Servance. The Bronchos are going to rely on speed and quickness.

"This district is one of the best districts in the state, I don't care what anybody says," Permian head coach Blake Feldt said. "It's going to be a tough road like it always is in this district."

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM DISTRICT 2-6A STAFF PREDICTIONS

With first-place votes in parentheses, with points based on 7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

School	Points
1. Odessa Permian (3)	21
2. San Angelo Central	18
3. Amarillo Tascosa	14
4. Lee	12
5. Midland High	9
6. Wolfforth Frenship	7
7. Odessa High	3

FROM THE SPORTS EDITOR

Welcome to another season of high school football. And welcome again to the Midland Reporter-Telegram's annual football section, entitled this year, "Guardians of the West Texas Gridiron."

We thought we would have some fun with the theme this year, influenced by the movie, "Guardians of the Galaxy." After all, shouldn't football be fun?

But this year's theme can be interpreted in a lot of ways.

For one, the standouts we featured this year are those who not only are considered key members of their football teams, but they are highly thought of by their coaches and teammates.

They are leaders, both on and off the field. They are exceptional young men with great character. These student-athletes also take a lot of pride in their programs and the towns and communities they represent. It is important to them that they not only help their teams succeed but make those in the stands and those who support them proud.

Regardless of wins and losses, we are certain that the players and the teams they represent will be great representatives for the Permian Basin and West Texas, where football is still king.

As always, this section wouldn't have been possible without the help of a lot of people at the Reporter-Telegram.

First and foremost, I want to start by thanking my staff of Will Korn and Christopher Hadorn. Once again, they rose to the challenge over the last few weeks of not only working on great stories for this section but performing the everyday duties that comes with putting out a daily sports section. I've said this many times, but we are not braggers here at the MRT. We don't do the work to get accolades or high praise. We do it because that's what we think we should do in order to put out the best product that we can.

MRT photographers Tim Fischer and James Durbin did a great job of producing many of the photos you will see in this section. From shooting our four standouts - Lee's Josh Traylor, Midland High's Jacoby Thornton, Greenwood's Matt Groeschel and Midland Christian's David Threadgill - in the studio to going out and getting headshots and practice art, they are just as important in producing the section you see here today.

Of course, we can't put out the section without the advertising department, led by advertising director Adrianne Hrebicek. Adrianne has been extremely helpful to me over the last three years of coordinating this section, and once again she was a rock star.

A big shout out goes to MRT graphic artist Fabian Molinar, who designed the four section covers in relation to this year's theme. His work made this year's section unique and fun to look at.

A big thank you also goes out to the rest of the folks in graphics for laying out the section this year and making sure we put out a great product.

I especially don't want to forget those in the back shop, led by John Maddox and Sergio Ramirez, for worked hard to produce the printed product.

I would also like to thank Publisher Jeff Shabram and Editor Stewart Doreeen for their support in allowing the sports department to put out a football section. Putting out a printed product in today's world can be challenging with so many people gravitating toward digital, so it's reassuring that there are folks who believe that the printed product in still an important one.

If there is anybody I forgot to mention, I apologize, but know that you are greatly appreciated.

And the reason why we do this is because we know that high school football is important to our readers.

It was that way before I got here and it will be long after I'm gone. Enjoy.

Oscar LeRoy, Sports Editor

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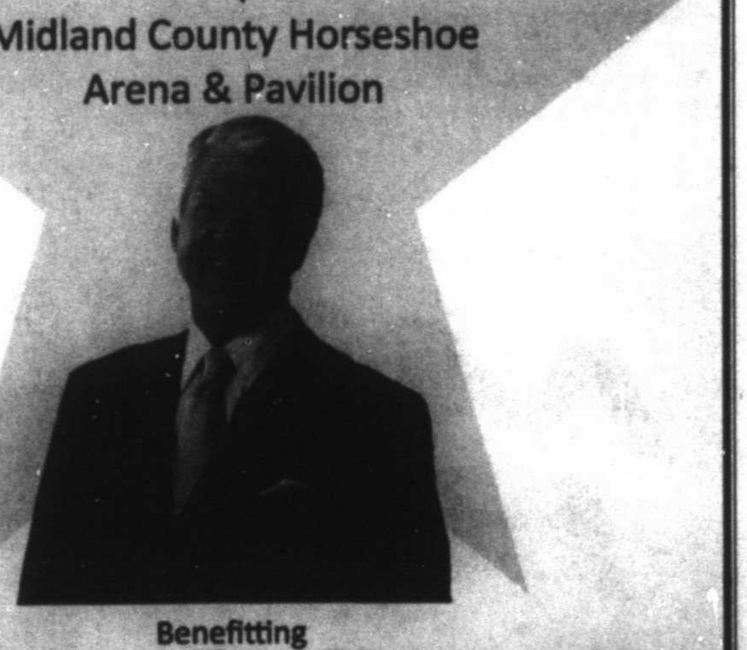

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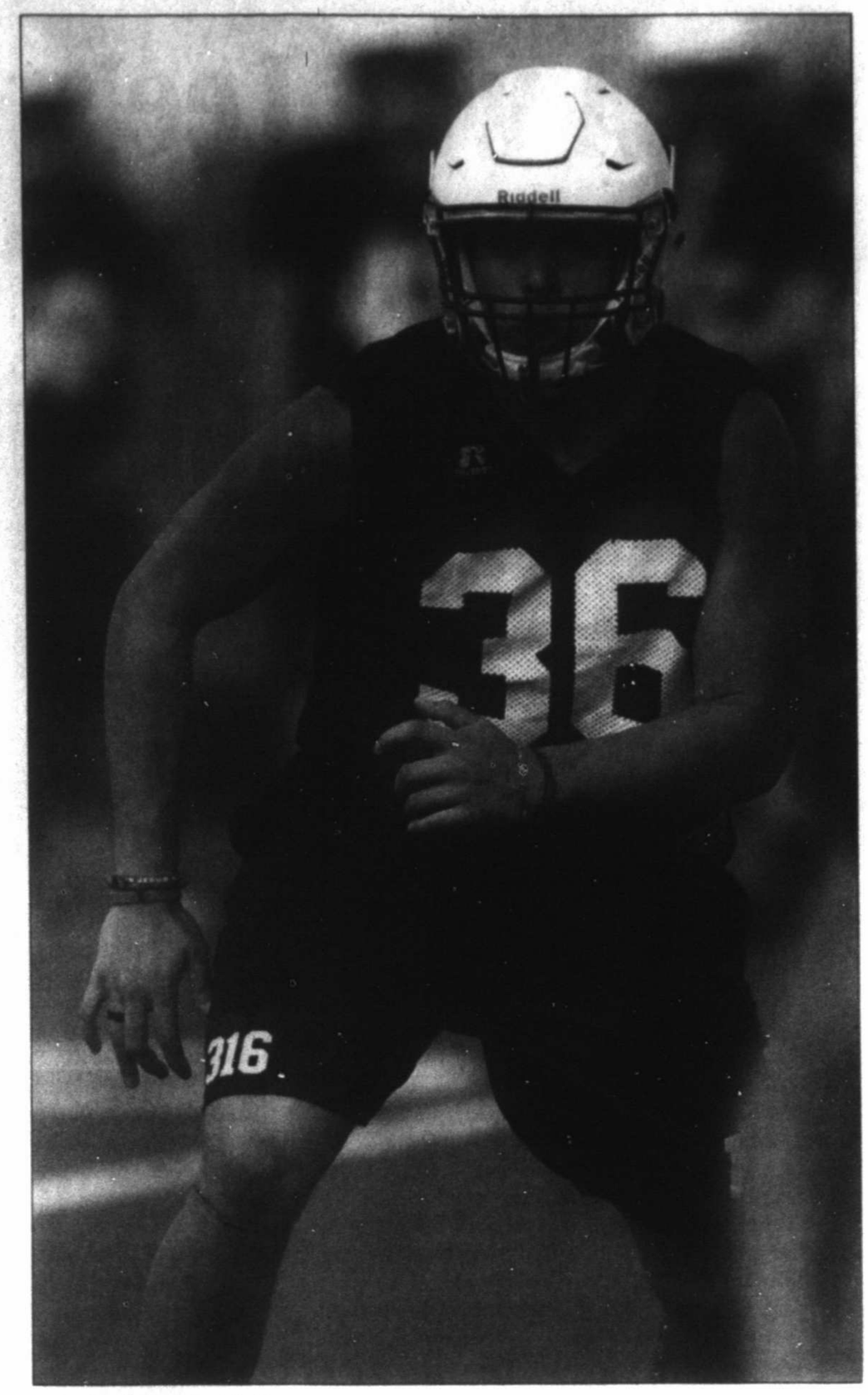
Bringing a positive presence to a team

Nunez deserving of being named Rebels' captain



Lee linebacker Isaiah Nunez .
TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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This offseason, Lee senior linebacker Isaiah Nunez was voted by his teammates to be the Rebels' defensive captain.

For second-year head coach Clint Hartman, no one deserved the prestigious honor more. Nunez, through his tenacity and sterling character, has earned a seemingly unbreakable trust from his team and coaches. Without knowing better, some might guess he's entering his fourth varsity season, not his second.

"I've got three daughters - and you don't say this without thinking about it - I'd let Isaiah Nunez date my daughters," Hartman said. "That's how much I trust him. He's a person that if he says he's going to take care of your daughter or take her out, he's going to do it the right way. I would venture to say he's going to make a long career and the United States will be safer because of a guy like that. I love him."

Hartman added that Nunez brings an undeniably positive presence to the program, one with the potential to coax the best out of each individual player.

"When you look around a football team, you can always find out who the alpha male is - he's it," Hartman said. "When he walks into the weight room, he demands respect. When he walks into the huddle, he demands respect. When he talks, he demands respect. Sometimes you say you're looking for 'it.' He's got it. If you're looking to hire a guy to run a Fortune 500 company and he needs to have it, (Nunez) has it."

Upon first sight of Nunez, his 6-foot-2, 241-pound frame stands imposing. But Nunez, who in May committed to play at the Air Force Academy, accompanies a burly stature with a gleaming and endearing smile.

He was quick to admit that Hartman and the Lee coaching staff has benefited him just as much as his selfless persona has helped to further bond an already inspired football team.

"It definitely means a lot," Nunez said of the program's trust in him. "All the hard work that he has put us through and everything he does to (help me) push myself (is special). It's not just earning his trust, but being a better person is really what he helps all of us to do."

Those long hours of relentless work paid off for Nunez in particular this offseason.

In addition to his bid for captaincy, Nunez, a second team All-District 2-6A selection at defensive end in 2016, desired to try a new position: Linebacker. He knew he had the needed size and agility and would do whatever it took to make the switch and strengthen the Rebels' defense this season.

Hartman told him he had to get faster and so Nunez put himself through grueling sprint workouts with the Lee track team, on top of his commitment to competing in shotput and discus.

Nunez said he asked the Lee boys track coach and football assistant, Floyd White, to hold him to the same standards as any of his other runners.

"Every day if you looked outside, I'd be the only big dude running on that track," Nunez said.

"Sometimes I even tried to get some of the lineman to join me. No matter what, they definitely treated me like one of the sprint runners out there."

Over time, Nunez increased his speed and quickness and now runs between a 4.6 and 4.7 (40-yard dash). Though he did the work needed over the last few months, he won't talk much about himself doing it.

He's not that kind of leader. Rather, he focuses on how he and his team's transformation in the offseason can lead to success in 2017.

"We definitely went through a way harder offseason than we did last year and that really helped us out a lot," Nunez said. "We also got faster and a lot of stronger. It has changed us for the better, everything he has done. We're all one now. We all know we're all having fun and it's all together."

Added Hartman: "Because of how hard he works, that's why he's going to get all the accolades (that he will). I wish I could clone him."

Isaiah is the third-oldest of the four Nunez brothers. Talor and Kaleb are former Lee standouts who have gone on to play at the collegiate level, where Isaiah will soon be headed himself. The youngest brother, Elijah, is a freshman at Lee.

Isaiah said his goal is to do the same thing that Talor and Kaleb did for the program in their senior seasons – 2012 and 2015, respectively. But he wants to do it even better and expects Elijah to outperform him when his time comes.

"My goal is to set the tone," Nunez said. "I know we can get really far and I know we are really going to change the atmosphere here at Lee. I really want to set the bar high, so they can do better.

"That's what I expect of my little brother too – I expect better out of all the younger groups. It really does mean a lot that even when I'm gone, this is where I'm going to come back to and know people are doing better since we set the bar high."

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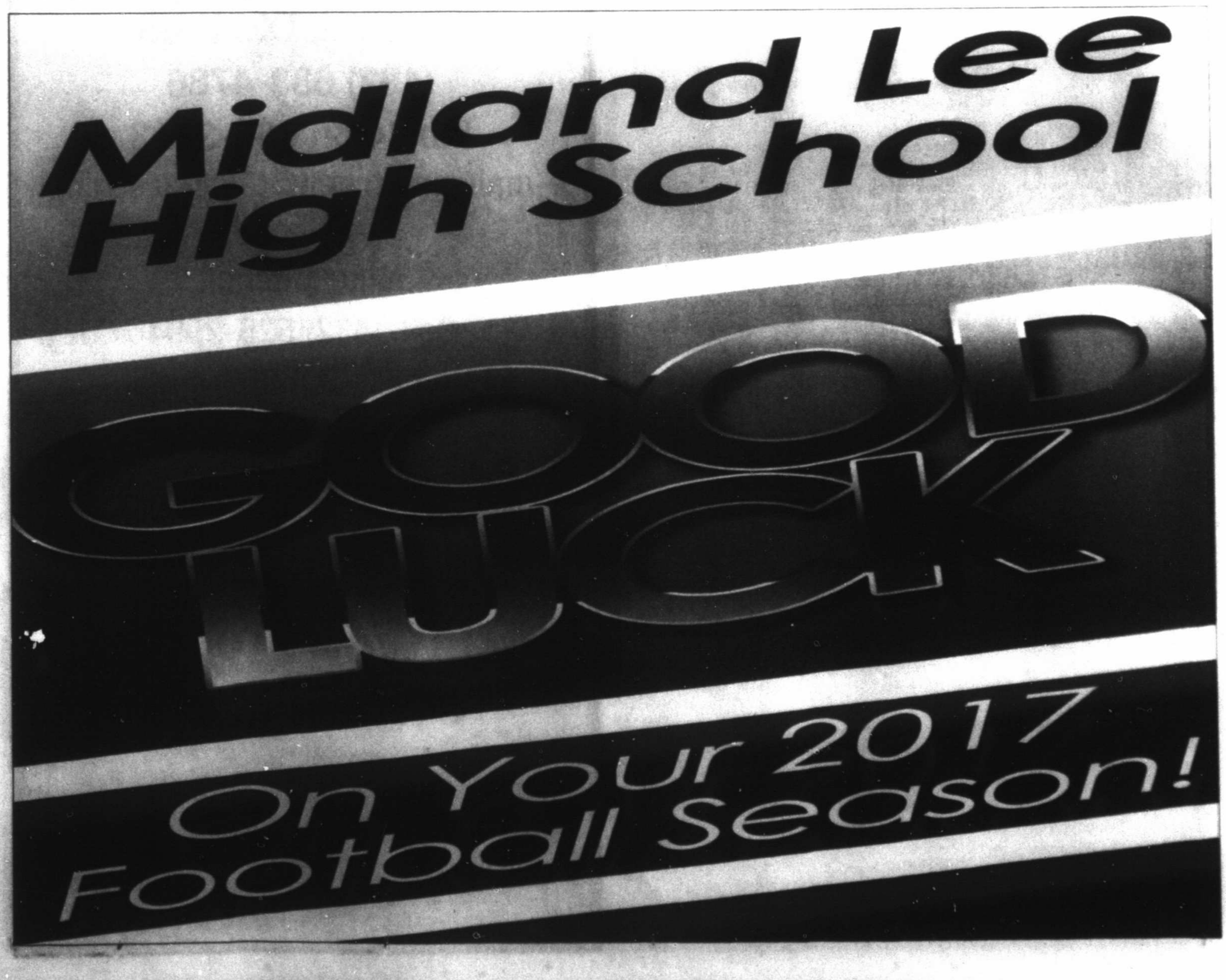
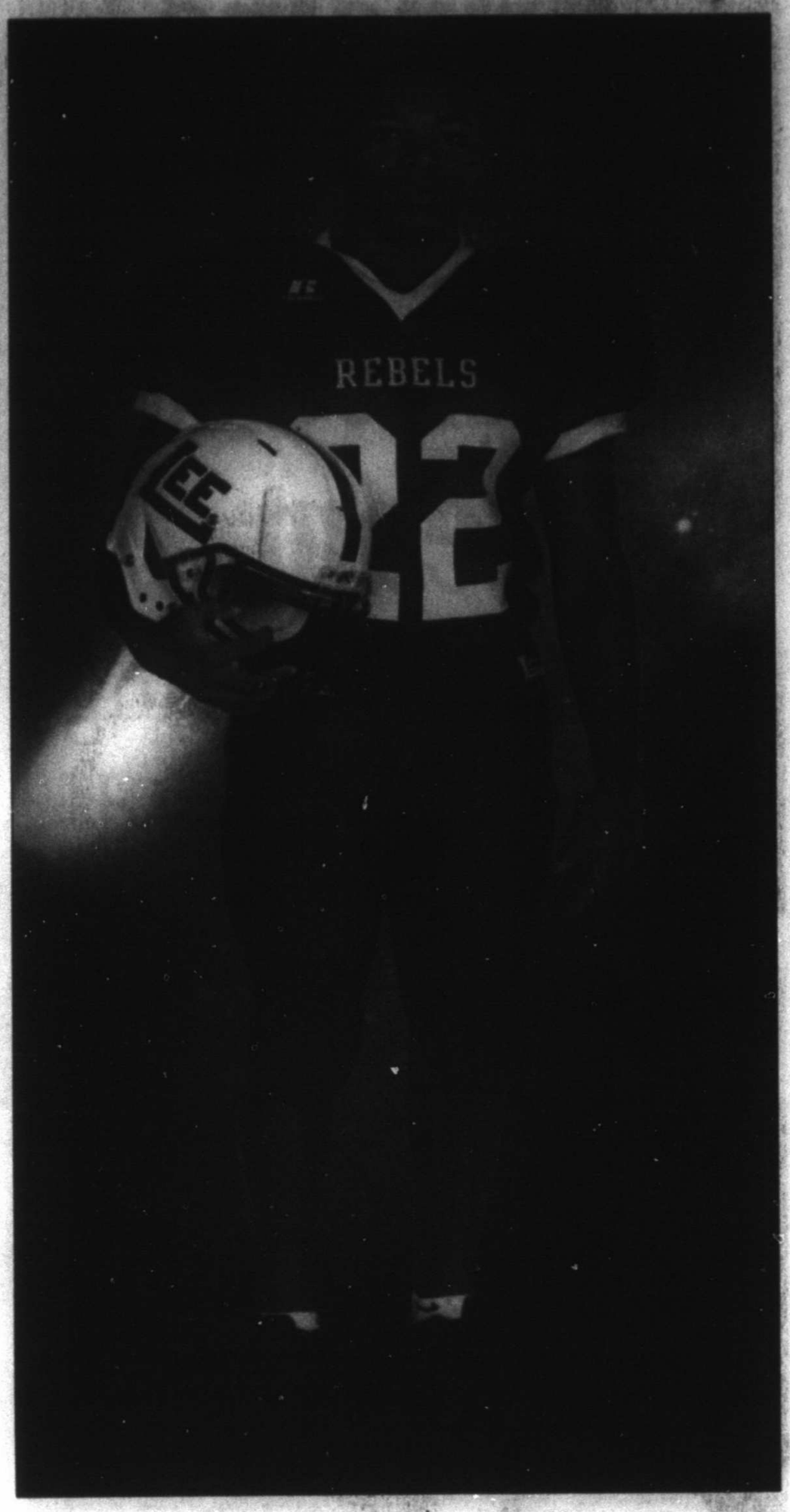


Q&A with Lee's standout junior running back Josh Traylor



Lee running back Josh Traylor in portrait.
JAMES DURBIN/REPORTER-TELEGRAM

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Last season, Josh Traylor produced a breakout season that nestled itself nicely in the annals of the storied Lee football program.

Traylor became the program's fourth running back to rush for 1,000 yards or more as a sophomore, joining the legendary Cedric Benson, Farris Strambler and Trent Hines, who last accomplished the feat in 2004.

Traylor made a mark in the second week of the season, his first varsity start. He busted onto the scene with 82 yards on 16 carries in a 48-14 loss at Abilene High.

From there, he grew into the Rebels' focal point on offense and went on to rush for at least 110 yards in a game more five times.

He totaled a team best 1,106 yards to go along with eight scores, while averaging a head-spinning 7.5 yards per carry.

For his efforts, Traylor was named District 2-6A's Newcomer of the Year.

Heading into the 2017 season, Traylor figures to carry a similar load in the Rebels' backfield, setting the tone for head coach Clint Hartman's Auburn inspired spread offense.

Though he stands just 5-foot-8 and was one of the shortest backs in the district last year, Traylor played with a toughness much larger than his stature.

He hopes to bring that same hard-nosed edge to Team 57, which will be aiming for its first playoff berth since 2013.

The emerging junior sat down with the Reporter-Telegram to discuss the growth of his game, as well as some of his thoughts on the 2017 season.

Q: Your first varsity season is behind you. How do you feel about your upcoming junior season with Team 57?

I feel good about it because all offseason, we worked our tails off. We really put in a lot of work. Coach Hartman was pushing everybody, we were all pushing ourselves to get better. Hopefully this season is going to be the one for all of us.

Q: Last year you had a historic season, becoming the fourth Lee running back to gain 1,000 yards as a sophomore. How do you build on a season like that?

I just need to get better, because honestly, I wasn't even expecting to do that well last season. God was working with me last season and led me on the right path.

Q: You got a lot of attention last year for the kind of season you had. How do you block out anybody's expectations of you and just get out there and play your game?

At Lee, everybody talks about 'Cedric had this many yards' and I say 'I'm going to do me. I've got to do my own thing.' I'm going to rely on everybody else to (help) encourage me to do better. I'm out there for my teammates. I love the support everyone gives me, but I'm out there doing what I've got to do to help our team win.

Q: You'll have played with two quarterbacks with two different styles in Sema'J Davis and Colby Standard. What are some of the differences you see between the two?

They do have two different playing styles. Sema'J, he could pass and run both exceptionally. Colby, he's more of a passing quarterback, so we'll rely on him to pass the ball really well too. Sema'J helped lead me on the right path last year and Colby is doing the same thing. It's not going to be that big of a transition.

Q: You guys are expected to have a formidable offensive line this season. What are some of your thoughts on the guys up front and how they'll help pave the way for you this season?

I love the lineman, they are the main people I hang out with to be honest with you. (Cormac) Fish, Stephen (Quiroz), (Nacho) Rubio, all the guys. They take care of me like I'm one of them - like I'm a lineman too!

Q: What part of your game have you improved on the most since your breakout sophomore season?

I like to think of myself as never being a selfish player. I always rely on my teammates to pick me up when I'm feeling down. When I feel like I can't do it, I rely on them. I'm going to go up to my teammates and ask them 'Is this the right way to do it?' or 'Is there anything I need to fix?'

Q: What part of your game are you focusing on improving the most entering this season?

Right now, I'm probably one of the shortest running backs or players in the district. Really, I've just got to work on my power and my physicality, to let them know that just because I'm short, they aren't going to overrun me.

Q: Having spent one year under Coach Hartman and his staff, how comfortable are you guys now as a group with his expectations?

We feel like Coach Hartman has been with us since we were little. We're already comfortable with him. When he first came (in March of 2016) everybody said, 'This is the guy for us and we wouldn't want any other coach besides him.' He's really good at taking care of all of us.

Q: What does this team have to do to make it back to the playoffs for the first time since 2013?

All the work we've put in during the offseason, we need to put in the same kind of work during the games on Friday night. During the offseason, we always have each others' back, pushing each other to do better. We need to push each other on the field, carry each other, lift each other up.

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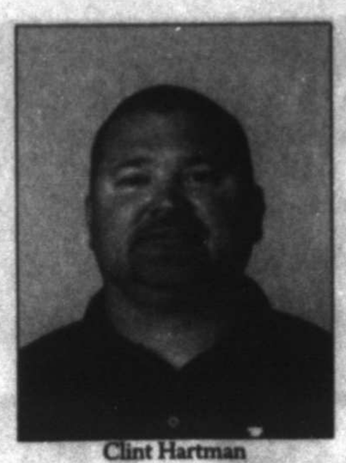

Clint Hartman

District: 2-6A
Head coach: Clint Hartman, 2nd season at Lee (3-7 at Lee, 69-42 in nine years as a head coach)
Assistant coaches: Frank Maldonado, Blake Tiddle, Brandon Allen, Floyd White, Scott Hicks, Will Murchison, Brody Smith, Boe Smith, Randy Wilson, Tip Stephenson
2016 record: 3-7, 2-4 in District 2-6A (5th)
Returning starters: 8 offense, 5 defense
Typical offense: "Auburn" spread
Typical defense: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Southlake Carroll, 57-7 in area round
Enrollment: 3,044
Homecoming: Oct. 20 vs. Odessa High
Rivalry game: Sept. 29 vs. MHS
Home stadium: Grande Communications Stadium

Colby Standard runs the ball during the first day of Lee football practice Aug. 7, 2017.
James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at El Paso Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	El Paso El Dorado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Lubbock Monterey	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.

* denotes District 2-6A game

2016 RESULTS
Regular season

Aug. 26	Lee 42, El Paso Coronado 12
Sept. 2	Abilene High 48, Lee 14
Sept. 9	El Paso Coronado 62, Lee 35
Sept. 16	Lubbock Monterey 51, Lee 24
Sept. 23	MHS 47, Lee 14
Sept. 30	Lee 42, Amarillo Tascosa 35, OT
Oct. 7	San Angelo Central 35, Lee 21
Oct. 14	Lee 62, Odessa High 17
Oct. 28	Wolfforth Frenship 58, Lee 28
Nov. 4	Odessa Permian 55, Lee 28

2016 LEE STATISTICS
(3-7, 2-4 in District 2-6A)

Opponents	107	114	113	79	0	--413
Lee	63	65	91	84	7	--310

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Traylor	148	1,106	7.4	8
Sema'J Davis	172	993	5.8	11
David Jones	15	130	8.7	1
Connor Friel	29	105	3.6	0
Colby Standard	10	103	10.3	0
Jordan McDonald	5	65	13.0	1
Nicco Sorianello	7	42	6.0	1
Taye Britt	3	31	10.3	2
Payton Tranum	4	21	5.3	0
Grant Brown	4	11	2.8	1
Elijah Prince	5	9	1.8	0
Jordan Rodriguez	1	6	6.0	0
Daniel Parra	1	3	3.0	0
Total	404	2,606	6.5	25

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Sema'J Davis	128	228	8	1,706	15
Colby Standard	2	3	0	8	0
Total	130	231	8	1,714	15

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Taye Britt	14	377	26.9	4
Grant Brown	31	323	10.4	2
Colby Standard	18	256	14.2	2
Payton Tranum	22	220	10.0	2
Nicco Sorianello	13	146	11.2	1
Sheldon Bass	13	125	9.6	2
Julian Stricklin	10	98	9.9	1
Noah Arredondo	3	85	28.3	1
Josh Traylor	2	12	6.0	0
Anthony Ford	1	12	12.0	0
Total	127	1,654	13.0	15

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Sema'J Davis	11	0	0	0	66
Josh Traylor	8	0	0	0	48
Taye Britt	8	0	0	0	48
Christian Alvidrez	0	24	0	1	24
Nathan Bowden	0	19	0	0	19
Grant Brown	3	0	0	0	18
Payton Tranum	2	0	0	0	12
Nicco Soriallello	2	0	0	0	12
Julian Stricklin	2	0	0	0	12
Colby Standard	2	0	0	0	12
Sheldon Bass	2	0	0	0	12
Jordan McDonald	1	0	0	0	6
Noah Arredondo	1	0	0	0	6
David Jones	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	44	43	0	1	310

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Sema'J Davis	11	358	32.5
Trey Jacobo	8	256	32.0
Nathan Bowden	7	248	35.4
Kougar Rodriguez	3	107	35.6

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT	PBU	S	CF
Kougar Rodriguez	38	20	58	2	1	0	0	0	0
Isaiah Nunez	39	16	55	10	0	0	1	2	1
Taye Britt	40	8	48	1	2	1	3	0	2
Dustin Hunt	27	21	48	4	1	0	3	2	2
Mason Hubbard	23	17	40	4	1	0	0	1	0
Trey Jacobo	32	7	39	1	0	1	1	0	0
Isaiah Garza	12	9	21	2	0	0	1	1	0
Elijah Prince	8	10	18	1	0	0	5	0	0
Felipe Diaz	5	13	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connor Friel	10	7	17	2	0	0	1	0	0
Jauqai Polk	10	6	16	4	0	0	0	0	0
Jorrdyn Dunn	11	3	14	0	0	1	1	0	0
Colby Standard	10	2	12	1	0	0	2	0	0
Jonathan Bostick	8	4	12	0	0	0	1	1	0
Javien Johnson	6	5	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Julian Stricklin	8	3	11	0	0	0	2	0	0
Isaiah Ramirez	8	3	11	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bryce Clevenger	5	4	9	0	0	0	0	1	0
Justin Hutson	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keenan Leal	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael Parada	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zane Spraglin	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Simmons	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson Pertile	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
H. Hubbard	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noah Arredondo	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryce Jones	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
D.D. Spraglin	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruben Luna	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rodrigo Rodiguez	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Israel Delgado	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnathan Villavicencio	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, INT - interception, PBU - pass breakup, S - sack, CF - caused fumble

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,606	260.6	1,714	171.4	4,320	432.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,280	228.0	2,205	220.5	4,495	449.5

2017 LEE ROSTER
(subject to change)

No.	Name	Position	Class
1	Sheldon Bass	WR	Jr.
2	John Henry Garcia	WR	Sr.
3	Grant Brown	WR	Sr.
4	Levi Corpus	WR	Sr.
5	Elijah Prince	DB	Sr.
6	Mykai Pertile	DB	Jr.
7	Isaiah Garza	DL	Sr.
8	Adrayll Burnett	DB	Sr.
9	Isaiah Harvey	DB	Jr.
10	Colby Standard	QB	Sr.
11	Trey Jacobo	DB	Sr.
12	Logan Acosta	DB	Jr.
13	Tyler Madrid	WR	Sr.
14	Bryce Jones	DB	Sr.
15	Felix Hinojosa	QB	Jr.
16	Alex Aguirre	WR	Sr.
17	Fernando Hernandez	WR	Sr.
18	Rodrigo Urias	WR	Jr.
20	Keenan Leal	DB	Sr.
21	Javien Johnson	DB	Sr.
22	Josh Traylor	RB	Jr.
23	Nathan Lopez	DB	Sr.
24	Carlos Rodriguez	DB	Sr.
25	Joe Cervantes	DB	Sr.
27	Y'Mari Collins	RB	Sr.
28	Avery Akbar	RB	Sr.
29	Oscar Valdez	WR	Jr.
30	Jonathan Bostick	LB	Sr.
31	Isaiah Bermea	LB	Sr.
33	Jordan McDonald	WR	Sr.
34	Abraham Mendez	DL	Sr.
36	Isaiah Nunez	LB	Sr.
40	Hulen Hubbard	LB	Sr.
44	Dylan Goode	DL	Sr.
50	Owen Sullivan	LB	Sr.
53	Kougar Rodriguez	LB	Sr.
55	D.D. Spraglin	DL	Sr.
56	Deadrian Madrid	DL	Jr.
59	Britton Murry	OL	Sr.
63	Eric Cisneros	OL	Sr.
67	Cormac Fish	OL	Sr.
68	Julian Jaquez	OL	Sr.
71	Nick Shores	OL	Sr.
72	Nacho Rubio	OL	Sr.
73	Joseph Hart	OL	Jr.
74	Javien White	OL	Jr.
75	Mark Valadez	OL	Sr.
76	Mason Sanchez	OL	Sr.
77	Stephen Quiroz	OL	Sr.
78	Ian Ordorica	OL	Jr.
79	Chris Chatham	OL	Sr.
80	Justice Ramsey	WR	Sr.
83	Jorge Gonzales	TE	Jr.
88	Loic Fouonji	WR	Sr.
89	John Thompson	WR	Jr.
90	Tracy Mackey	DL	Sr.
96	Dakota Meeks	DL	Sr
98	Joseph Hart	DL	Jr.

BREAKING DOWN THE REBELS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2017: Senior Colby Standard will be the team's starter but junior backup Felix Hinojosa has also shown to be capable during practices. Standard, who was a catcher for the Rebels baseball team, has a strong, accurate arm to go along with - plenty of mobility and a no-nonsense approach to the position. He won't necessarily dazzle with his feet like former quarterback Sema'j Davis, but he expects to be a bit sharper through the air.

RUNNING BACK

What to expect in 2017: Reigning District 2-6A Newcomer of the Year Josh Traylor will carry a major portion of the backfield load this season. As a sophomore, he busted onto the district's scene to the tune of 1,106 yards and eight scores while averaging 7.5 yards per carry in 2016. Senior Avery Akbar, who was in line to start to last year before a knee injury last spring, is a capable secondary runner. Lee should have one of the district's best backfields.

RECEIVERS/TIGHT END

What to expect in 2017: Hartman said he is planning to experiment with the tight end position with a rotation of players. But the team is solid at receiver, led by third-year varsity slot, senior Grant Brown, as well as returning wideout Sheldon Bass, a junior. Senior Tyler Madrid will join the corps in his first year on varsity, while 6-foot-5 sophomore from Cameroon, Loic Fouonji, should become a vertical threat. John Henry Garcia is another other name to watch on a unit with more height than the program has had in a while.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: The deepest position in the Lee program right now. Hartman said for the first time in his coaching career, he has 10 lineman who will see plenty of action in the trenches. Led by Steven Quiroz, Cormac Fish, Britt Murry and Mason Sanchez -- a transfer from Odessa High, the Rebels' offensive line could really pave the way for Traylor, Akbar and others in the backfield.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: Hartman said he manufactured some depth when the team switched to a 3-4 defense from a 4-2-5 formation this offseason. He feels the unit can field two rotations of three players who are ready for varsity competition. Javien White, Joseph Hart, Tracy Mackey, Isaiah Garza and Dylan Goode will be some names to keep on eye on in this group.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2017: Another pronounced strength of Team 57, spearheaded by what should be one of the premier duos in the district in seniors Isaiah Nunez and Kougar Rodriguez. It should be a very quick unit with plenty of range and will include added experience in the form of Mykai Pertile, Jonathan Bostic, Isaiah Bermea and speedster Adryall Burnett.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2017: The secondary returns a respectable amount of experience and could become a real strength this season. Senior safeties Trey Jacobo and Elijah Prince bring ball-hawking presence with varsity action under their belts. Hartman calls junior Logan Acosta the best corner in the program and added senior J.J. Javien Johnson has had a fantastic offseason. Senior Keenan Leal also returns to the unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2017: Jacobo, who punted last season and Fouonji, who grew up playing soccer, are slated to handle punting duties. John Thompson, a junior, is the leading candidate as place kicker in 2017 after handling that role on the JV squad in 2016. Fouonji is also in the mix to kick. Jacobo and Acosta are expected to be the team's lead kickoff/punt returners.

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AMARILLO TASCOSA

REBELS FAST FACTS
District: 2-6A
Head coach: Ken Plunk, 9th season at Tascosa (44-46 in eight years)
Assistant coaches: Josh Ritchey, Jay Belcher, Trey Burleson, Dane Hamrick, Brandt Martin, Derek Galt, Dale Davis, Joe Ledoux, Greg Fortner, Jason Underwood
2016 record: 7-5, 3-3 in District 2-6A (4th)
Returning starters: 5 offense, 3 defense
Typical offense: Flexbone
Typical defense: 4-2-5
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Mansfield, 54-43 in Class 6A area round
Enrollment: 2,215
Homecoming: Sept. 29 vs. Odessa High
Rivalry game: Sept. 22 vs. Amarillo High
Home stadium: Dick Bivins Stadium,

Amarillo 2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	at Amarillo Palo Duro	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Plainview	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Lawton MacArthur	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	a-*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	*Wolfforth Frenship	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 2-6A opponent
a-Denotes homecoming game

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 25 Tascosa 44, Amarillo Palo Duro 14
Sept. 2 Tascosa 48, Plainview 28
Sept. 9 Tascosa 23, Amarillo High 21
Sept. 15 Lawton (Oklahoma) MacArthur 27, Tascosa 24
Sept. 23 Tascosa 41, Odessa High 21
Sept. 30 Lee 42, Tascosa 35, OT
Oct. 7 Tasocsa 34, Wolfforth Frenship 27
Oct. 14 Tascosa 21, Odessa Permian 20
Oct. 21 Midland High 49, Tascosa 34
Nov. 3 San Angelo Central 49, Tascosa 15

Playoffs

Nov. 11 Bi-district, Tascosa 47, El Paso Montwood 16
Nov. 18 Area, Mansfield 54, Tascosa 43

2017 TASCOSA ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Class
1	Brandon White	WR/DB	Jr.
2	Gregory Creekmur	RB/LB	Sr.
3	Steven Krob	WR/DB	Sr.
4	Taylan McKellar	QB/DB	Jr.
5	Nashon Ray	RB/DB	Sr.
6	Jayden Peek	WR/DB	Sr.
7	Connor McAnzul	QB	Sr.
8	Sedadrian Thomas	WR/DB	Sr.
9	Deveion Gray	RB/LB	Sr.
10	Kamron Mason	WR/DB	Sr.
11	Gabe Matlock	WR/DB	Sr.
12	Will Baxter	WR/DB	Sr.
13	Evan Enos	QB	Jr.
14	Logan Aguilera	QB/DB	Jr.
15	Tafari Gomillon	RB/DB	Sr.
16	King Doerue	RB/LB	Jr.
17	Daemian Gray	RB/LB	Jr.
18	Hunter Oaks	QB	Jr.
19	Carlos Lopez	K	Sr.
20	Adam Mendoza	WR/DB	Sr.
21	Lamaron Smith	RB/DE	Sr.
22	Bryce Pearson	WR/DB	Jr.
23	Elijah Cofer	WR/DB	Sr.
24	Barron Walker	RB/LB	Sr.
25	Treveal Bridges	RB/LB	Sr.
26	Kameron Kisselburg	WR/DB	Jr.
27	Jacob Plunk	RB/DB	Jr.
28	Elyjah Evins	RB/LB	Sr.
29	Connor Carrasco	RB/LB	Sr.
30	Zabrian King	FB/DE	Sr.
31	Jaaron Tillmon	RB/DB	Jr.
32	Amjad Dala	WR/DB	Sr.
33	Nathan Schmidt	WR/DB	Jr.
34	Randall Campbell	FB/DE	Jr.
35	Jaiston Bridges	RB/LB	Sr.
36	Colin Fields	FB/LB	Jr.
37	D'Andre Campbell	FB/LB	Jr.
38	Patrick Bosquez	WR/DB	Sr.
39	Ayden Noriega	RB/DB	Jr.
40	Eugene Espinosa	RB/LB	Jr.
41	Grayson Travis	FB/LB	Jr.
43	Zavian Pinkard	FB/DB	Jr.
44	Max Murray	RB/LB	Sr.
45	Hagen Martinez	RB/LB	Sr.
47	Jayden Rinehart	FB/DE	Jr.
51	Daulton Howard	OL/DL	Sr.
52	Andrew Armstrong	OL/DE	Jr.
55	Britton Knebusch	OL/DL	Jr.
56	Ian Martinez	OL/DL	Sr.
57	Caesar Prieto	OL/DL	Jr.
58	Zane Chavez	OL/DL	Jr.
59	Kyle Gonzalez	OL/DL	Sr.
60	Gabriel Hutching	OL/DL	Sr.
61	Reese Radney	OL/DL	Sr.
62	Matthew Vaughn	OL/DL	Sr.
63	Colton Cates	OL/DL	Jr.
64	Ethan Martinez	OL/DL	Sr.
65	Alex Mincey	OL/DL	Jr.
67	Elijah Miller	OL/DL	Jr.
68	Felipe Verde	OL/DL	Jr.
72	Aaron Ray	OL/DL	Sr.
74	Traevin Blount	OL/DL	Sr.
75	Jorge Gonzalez	OL/DL	Jr.
76	Alfredo Sanchez	OL/DL	Jr.
77	Jacobi Lott	OL/DL	Sr.
80	Josiah Saldana	WR/DB	Jr.
81	Floyd Rouwtt	WR/DB	Sr.
82	Reggie Malone	WR/DB	Sr.
83	Josue Torres	RB/DB	Jr.
84	Lucas Creery	WR/DB	Jr.
87	Kenyon Shaffer	WR/DB	Jr.
89	Bailey Woodard	WR/DB	Jr.
90	Trejen Lawrence	OL/DL	Sr.
91	Johnathan Trevino	WR/DB	Jr.
92	L.B. Moore	WR/DE	Sr.

2017 REBELS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

Strength: Runnning game, speed, depth
Weakness: New starting quarterback
Key players :
RB King Doerue, Jr. - A quick, but physical runner who racked up 636 yards and nine scores last season. He'll spearhead a deep Rebels' rushing attack.
WR Brandon White, Jr. - Hauled in 13 passes for 300 yards and a score last season in a run-focused offense. Now in his third varsity season, White should be the go-to target in the passing game.
QB Connor McAnaul, Sr. - Expected to take over under center for the Rebels. How quickly he grasps the Tascosa flexbone offense will be a major key this season.
Plunk on the offense: "We're a multiple option football team and we should be fairly effective (moving the ball), more than we were last year. We have a lot of guys returning."

DEFENSE

Strength: Defensive line
Weakness: Experience with only three returning starters
Key players:
LB Deveion Gray, Sr. - Recorded 16 total tackles and five for a loss last season, to go along with a sack. He'll help to re-fortify a defense that graduated many talented seniors.
Plunk on the defense: "I think we feel good about our defense. We should have a fast defense and our defensive line could be a strength. We need to get a couple kids ready, but they're smart kids."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Speed, experience
Weakness: None
Player to watch:
K Carlos Lopez, Sr. - An All-District 2-6A honorable mention selection last season, Lopez brings a strong and varsity-tested leg to Tascosa's special teams unit.
Plunk on the special teams: "We're fairly set at special teams. We have Carlos Lopez returning as our kicker."
Northcutt on the defense: "I think our strength on defense is going to be our front."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Kick return units, kicking and punting and coverage units.
Weakness: None
Northcutt on the special teams: "Special teams are looking good. I think our special teams is going to be a strength of our team.

WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP

TIGERS FAST FACTS
District: 2-6A
Head coach: Jay Northcutt, 1st season (offensive coordinator at Garland Sachse in 2016)
2016 record: 5-6, 3-3 in District 2-6A
Returning starters: 5 offense, 6 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: Multiple
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to El Paso Americas, 30-16, in bi-district
Enrollment: 2,548.5
Homecoming: Oct. 6 vs. Midland High
Rivalry game: Sept. 15 at Lubbock Cooper
Home stadium: Peoples Bank Stadium,

Frenship 2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at E.P. Montwood	8 p.m. CDT
Sept. 8	E.P. El Dorado	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Lubbock Cooper	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Tascosa*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	S.A. Central*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Lee*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes District 2-6A game

2016 RESULTS Regular season

Aug. 26 Frenship 24, E.P. Montwood 14
Sept. 2 Frenship 42, E. P. El Dorado 28
Sept. 9 Lubbock Cooper 35, Frenship 0
Sept. 16 Abilene Cooper 28, Frenship 25
Sept. 23 Frenship 40, Permian 28
Sept. 30 Midland High 38, Frenship 28
Oct. 7 Tascosa 34, Frenship 27
Oct. 14 S.A. Central 63, Frenship 21
Oct. 21 Frenship 24, Odessa High 21
Oct. 28 Frenship 58, Lee 28
Postseason
Nov. 11 Bi-district, E.P. Americas 30, Frenship 16

2017 TIGERS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

Strength: Skill position players
Weakness: Adjusting to a new offensive scheme, replacing junior running back Garrison Johnson who transferred to Manvel
Players to watch:
WR Camdyn Caravelli, Sr. – The 6-foot, 175-pound target is back after compiling 613 receiving yards and four touchdowns last season.
WR Nick McCauley, Sr. – After shining with five interceptions as a cornerback last season, the 5-foot-10 wide out will play an important role in Northcutt's newly installed spread offense.
RB Myron Harrell, Jr. – The track and field sprinter is expected to carry the Tigers' rushing attack.
Northcutt on the offense: "The strength of our offense is going to be our skill kids. We have some upperclassmen at any of those spots that are very athletic and I think that group is going to make up our strength on offense."

DEFENSE

Strength: Return six starters, experience at defensive line, linebacking corps and secondary
Weakness: Lack of size
Players to watch:
LB Scooter Garcia, Jr. – Active linebacker is coming off a fine sophomore campaign with 111 tackles.
NG Isaiah Williams, Sr. – The 5-foot-11, 220-pound interior lineman will play a key role on a defense that will utilize multiple fronts.
DB Justyce Bocanegra, Sr. – Speedy player who enjoyed a 75-tackle, two-interception season in 2016.

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

BOBCATS FAST FACTS
District: 2-6A
Head coach: Brent Davis, 9th year (66-30 at Central, 167-87 overall in 22 seasons)
2016 record: 12-1, 6-0 in District 2-6A
Returning starters: 5 offense, 1 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: Multi 8
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Allen, 34-21, in regional semifinal
Enrollment: 2,862.5
Homecoming: Sept. 15 vs. Kerrville Tivy
Rivalry game: Oct. 27 vs. Odessa Permian
Home stadium: San Angelo Stadium

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Trophy Club Nelson	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Kerrville Tivy	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Killeen Shoemaker	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Lee*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Frenship*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Midland High*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Tascosa*	7 p.m.

*denotes District 2-6A game

2016 RESULTS
Regular season

Aug. 26 Central 63, Abilene High 26
Sept. 2 Central 72, Byron Nelson 35
Sept. 9 Central 52, Kerrville Tivy 0
Sept. 16 Central 53, Killeen Shoemaker 13
Sept. 30 Central 55, Odessa High 0
Oct. 7 Central 35, Lee 21
Oct. 14 Central 63, Frenship 21
Oct. 21 Central 28, Permian 14
Oct. 28 Central 40, Midland High 21
Nov. 3 Central 49, Tascosa 15
Postseason
Nov. 11 Bi-district, Central 72, E.P. Franklin 7
Nov. 18 Area, Central 66, Keller Timber Creek 14
Nov. 25 Regional, Allen 34, Central 21

2017 ROSTER (Subject to change)

No.	Name	Class	Position
1	Jesse Scott Jr.	Sr.	WR/SB
2	Nick Severson	Sr.	SS
3	Gage Smith	Sr.	CB/K
4	Jackson Timme	Jr.	SB
5	Daylon Green	Jr.	MLB/RB
6	Nick Hernandez	Sr.	DE/TE
7	Maverick McIvor	Jr.	QB
8	Jackson Herrington	Sr.	QB
9	Bobby Pena	So.	RB
10	Austin Barron	Sr.	RB
11	Noah Perez	Sr.	QB/WR
12	Jashon Hall	Jr.	CB
13	Philip Lupton	Jr.	SB
14	Henry Teeter	Sr.	WR/TE
15	Noah Gatton	Sr.	LB
16	Will Wagner	Sr.	SB
17	Sam Stovall	Sr.	MLB
18	Ryan Martin	Sr.	QB
20	Cesar De La Torre	Sr.	DE
21	Jakobe Green	Sr.	FS
22	Jaden Coates	Sr.	SB
24	Demarcus Cobb	Sr.	RB
25	Mason Clark	Sr.	DE
26	Otto Haynes	Sr.	CB
27	Jacob Wieting	Jr.	FS
28	Alejandro Uriegas	Sr.	FS
29	Cody Parker	Jr.	FS/RB
30	Anthony Guerrero	Sr.	LB
31	Felix Martinez	Sr.	DE
32	Malik Finley	So.	FS
33	Eddie Bonner	Sr.	MLB
34	Jake Knowles	So.	C
36	Cade Klausner	Sr.	CB
37	Gabriel Carrillo	Sr.	B/WR
42	Payton Menchaca	Sr.	DE
44	Michael Neira	Sr.	DT
45	Hunter Sadler	Jr.	DT
46	Hunter Stelly	Sr.	DT
48	Xy'kerion Paulk	So.	DT
49	Malik Smith	Sr.	DT
50	Kurt Klausner	So.	G/T
54	Gavin Reinhardt	Sr.	G
55	Esidoro Holguin	Sr.	G
56	Jarrett Hill	Sr.	G/C
58	Oscar Nino	Jr.	DE/QB
68	Gavin Fields	Sr.	G
70	Boston Johnson	So.	T
75	Gunner Couch	Jr.	G, T
76	Cullen Moore	Sr.	G, C
77	Rowdy Garza	Jr.	G
80	Cole Moore	Sr.	WR
5	J.B. Vincent	Sr.	WR

2017 BOBCATS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

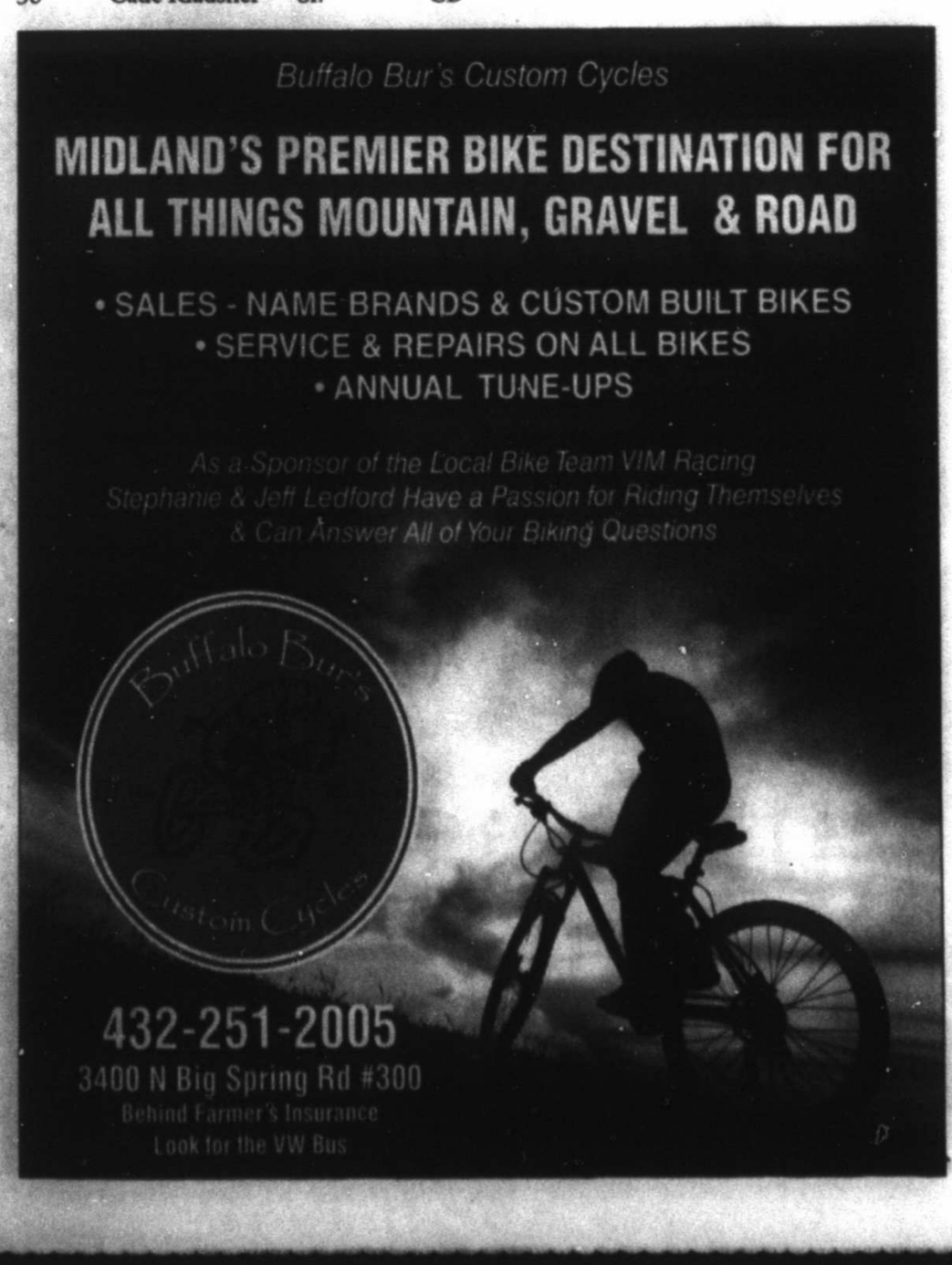
Strength: Athleticism at QB, offensive line has two anchors with size and experience.
Weakness: Lost a lot of talent at the skill positions
Key Players to watch:
QB Maverick McIvor, Jr. – Former Fort Davis star is a natural QB, according to Davis. McIvor starred as a wide receiver on the Bobcats' 2016 district championship team.
WR Henry Teeter, Sr. – The 6-foot-4, 202-pound wide out is the Bobcats' top weapon after gaining 730 receiving yards in 2016.
OT Gunner Couch, Jr. – Couch is the rare Class 6A junior that has been starting since his freshman season. Couch will move from guard to tackle this year.
Davis on the offense: "McIvor had a really good summer in 7-on-7 and we're hoping he will continue the tradition of the great quarterbacks that we've had here. We just got two returning starters on the o-line, we've got Gunner Couch and we've got Jarrett Hill. The rest of them are coming off the J.V."

DEFENSE

Strength: Capable secondary, players that logged key varsity experience in reserve roles
Weakness: Only one returning starter
Key Players to watch:
CB Gage Smith, Sr. – The Bobcats' lone returning starter on defense. The 5-foot-10, 160-pound corner is battle-tested, starting some games as a sophomore.
DT Malik Smith, Sr. – The 6-foot, 283-pound interior lineman played extensively off the Central bench last season.
SS Nick Severson, Sr. – Steps into a starting role after being a special teams ace in 2016. The 6-foot-2, 180-pounder runs a 4.6 40-yard dash.
Davis on the defense: "I feel good about our defense. We had a really good spring. We had some kids that we think grew up. It's their turn. We have a lot of seniors on defense, they just don't have a lot of experience on Friday night, but I think our non-district schedule is tough enough to get us prepared."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Coaching
Weakness: Lost all key parts to graduation
Davis on special teams: "It's a big old question mark because we don't have any returners. Our kicker graduated and our punter graduated. We're going to develop some there for sure. That is probably the weakest part of our team right now."



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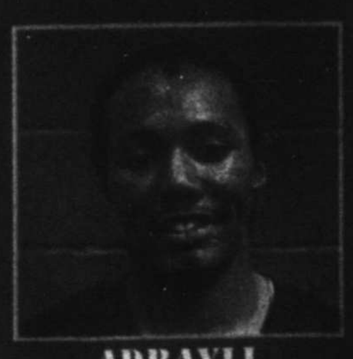

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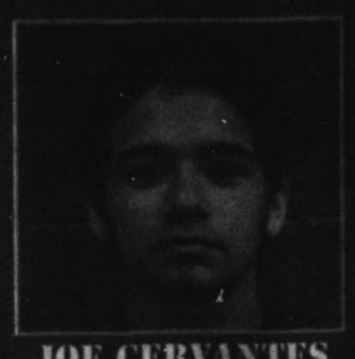

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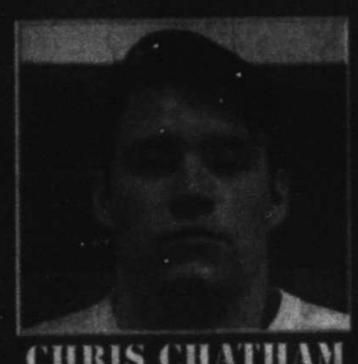

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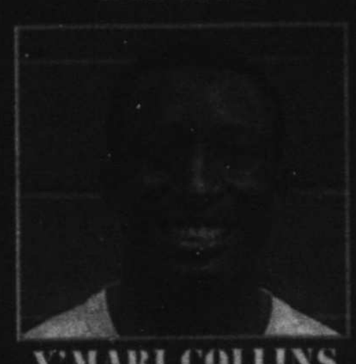

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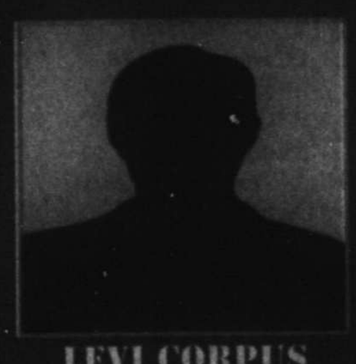

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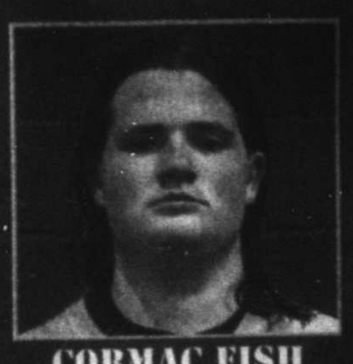

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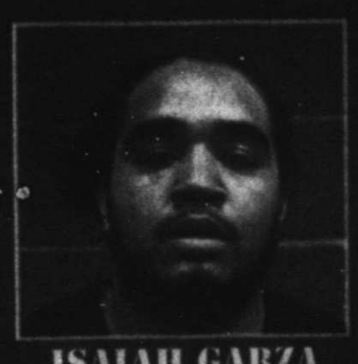

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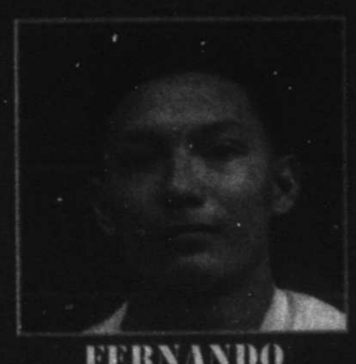

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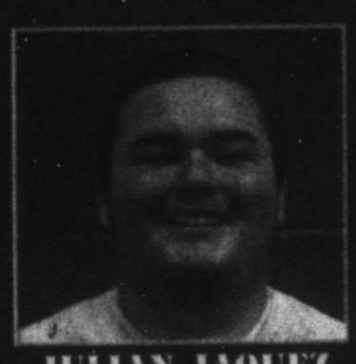

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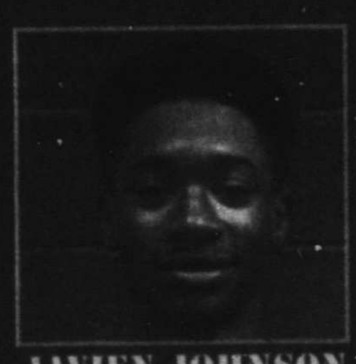

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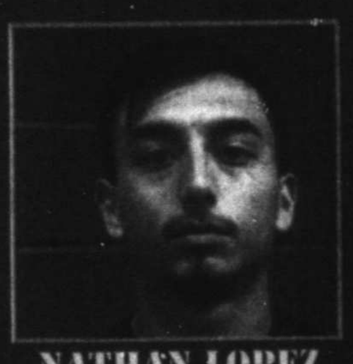

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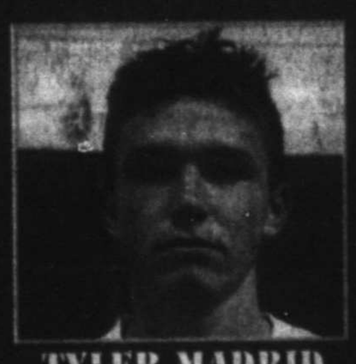

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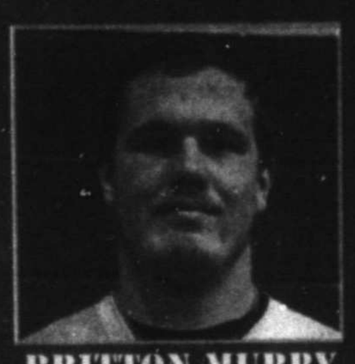

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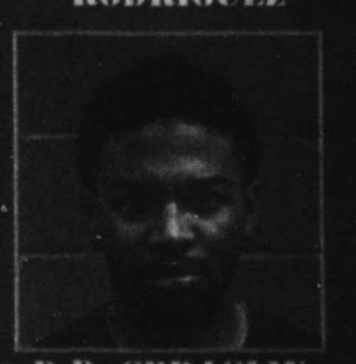

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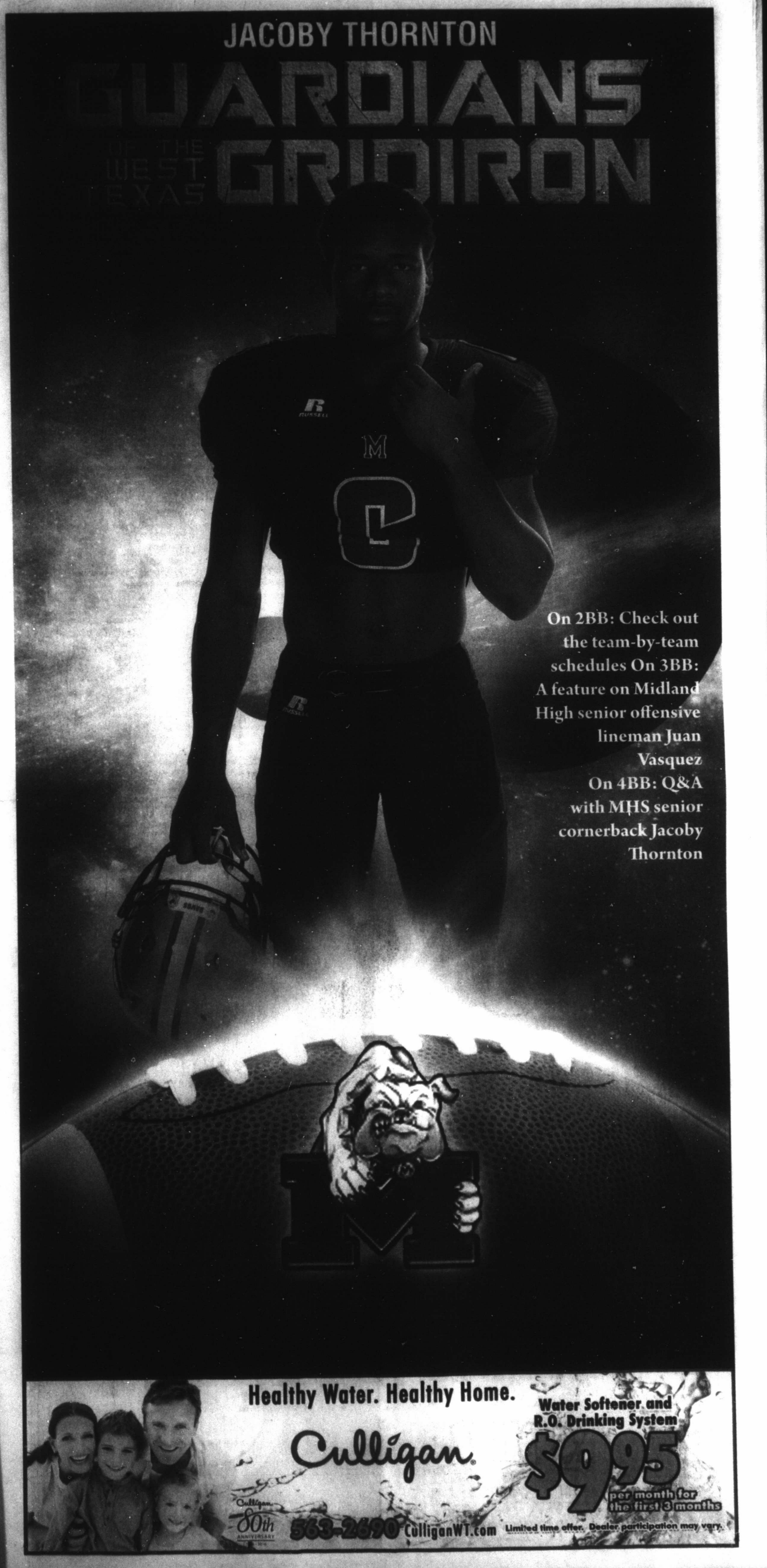

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DISTRICT 2-6A
MIDLAND HIGH

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at El Paso Franklin	8 p.m. (CDT)
Sept. 7	El Paso Montwood	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at DeSoto	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 22	Keller	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Odessa High	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Grande Communications Stadium

LEE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at El Paso Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	El Paso El Dorado	7:30p.m.
Sept. 21	at Lubbock Monterey	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Grande Communications Stadium

ODESSA HIGH

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	at Lubbock Monterey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at *Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*San Angelo Centra	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Midland High	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Ratliff Stadium

ODESSA PERMIAN

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Austin Vandegrift	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	El Paso Franklin	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at El Paso Eastwood	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Lee	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

AMARILLO TASCOSA

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	at Amarillo Palo Duro	7 p.m
Sept. 8	Plainview	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Lawton MacArthur	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	*Wolfforth Frenship	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.

Home game at Dick Bivins Stadium, Amarillo

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Byron Nelson	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Kerrville Tivy	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Killeen Shoemaker	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*AmarilloTascosa	7:30 p.m.

Home games at San Angelo Stadium

WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at El Paso Montwood	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	El Paso El Dorado	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Lubbock Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at *Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	at *Amarillo Tascosa	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	*San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Lee	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Peoples Bank Stadium, Wolfforth

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION I
ANDREWS

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Lubbock Hig	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Levelland	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *San Elizario	7:30 p.m. (CST)
Oct. 20	*Fabens	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Clint Mountain View	7:30 p.m.(CST)
Nov. 3	*Clint	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Mustang Bowl, Andrews

CLINT

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Chaparral (N.M.	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Santa Teresa (N.M.)	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	El Paso Austin	8 p.m.
Sept. 29	Tornillo	8 p.m.
Oct. 6	Silver (N.M.)	8 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Fabens	8 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Clint Mountain View	8 p.m.
Oct. 27	El Paso Cathedral	8 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*San Elizario	8 p.m.

Home games at Lion Stadium, Clint

CLINT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	El Paso High	8 p.m.
Sept. 8	at El Paso Austin	8 p.m.
Sept. 15	El Paso Irvin	8 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Tornillo	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Denver City	8 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Lubbock Estacado	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Clint	8 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *San Elizario	8 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Fabens	8 p.m.

Home games at Lobo Stadium, El Paso

FABENS

Date	Opponen	Time
Sept. 1	at El Paso Riverside	8 p.m.
Sept. 8	El Paso Horizon	8 p.m.
Sept. 15	at El Paso Jefferson	8 p.m.
Sept. 22	Pecos	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	El Paso Cathedral	8 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Anthony	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Clint	8 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*San Elizario	8 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Clint Mountain View	8 p.m.

Home games at Wildcat Stadium, Fabens

SAN ELIZARIO

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	El Paso Austin	8 p.m.
Sept. 8	Gadsden (N.M.)	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at El Paso High	8 p.m.
Sept. 22	at El Paso Cathedral	8 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Anthony	8 p.m.
Oct. 6	Tornillo	8 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Fabens	8 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Clint Mountain View	8 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Clint	8 p.m.

Home games at Eagle Stadium, San Elizario

DISTRICT 3-4A DIVISION I
BIG SPRING

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Amarillo Caprock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Sweetwater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Canyon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Graham	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Abilene Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Stephenville	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Brownwood	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Memorial Stadium, Big Spring

ABILENE WYLIE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Vernon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Lubbock Monterey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Denison	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Argyle	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Brownfield	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Brownwood	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Stephenville	7:30 p.m.

Homes games at Bulldog Stadium, Abilene

BROWNWOOD

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Canyon	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Graham	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Liberty Hill	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Alvarado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	b-Giddings	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Abilene Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Stephenville	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Pearland Shadow Creek	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Snyder	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Gordon Wood Stadium, Brownwood
a-at Peoples Bank Stadium, Frenship
b-at Temple

SNYDER

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Greenwood	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Muleshoe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Sweetwater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Levelland	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Perryton	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Abilene Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Stephenville	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Brownwood	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Tiger Stadium, Snyder

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION II
GREENWOOD

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Brownfield	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Shallowater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Fort Stockton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Seminole	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Monahans	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Pecos	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Lamesa	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Sweetwater	7 p.m.

Home games at J.M. King Stadium

FORT STOCKTON

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Kermit	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Denver City	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Uvalde	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at *Greenwood	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Pecos	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Lamesa	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Sweetwater	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Seminole	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Monahans	7 p.m.

Home games at Panther Stadium, Fort Stockton

LAMESA

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Dimmitt	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	New Deal	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Lubbock Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Slaton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Sweetwater	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Fort Stockton	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Seminole	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Monahans	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Greenwood	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Pecos	7 p.m.

Homes games at Tornado Stadium, Lamesa

MONAHANS

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Wall	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Canyon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Sept 29	*Seminole	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Greenwood	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Pecos	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Lamesa	7 p.m.
Nov 3	*Sweetwater	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Fort Stockton	7 p.m.

Home games at Estes Memorial Stadium

PECOS

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Brady	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Kermit	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Alpine	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Fabens	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Sweetwater	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Fort Stockton	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Seminole	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Monahans	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Greenwood	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Lamesa	7 p.m.

at Eagle Stadium, Pecos
a-at Ozona

SEMINOLE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Lubbock High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Amarillo River Road	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Greenwood	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Pecos	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Lamesa	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Sweetwater	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Fort Stockton	7 p.m.

Home games at Wigwam Stadium, Seminole

SWEETWATER

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Wichita Falls	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Big Spring	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at *Pecos	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	*Lamesa	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Fort Stockton	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Seminole	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Monahans	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Greenwood	7 p.m.

Home games at Mustang Bowl, Sweetwater

DISTRICT 2-3A DIVISION II
COAHOMA

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at McCamey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bangs	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at San Angelo Grape Ck	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	San Angelo TLCA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Lubbock Roosevelt	

Home games at Bulldog Stadium, Coahoma

COLORADO CITY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Albany	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Crane	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Christoval	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at San Angelo TLCA	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Iraan	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Lubbock Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Stanton	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Wolf Stadium, Colorado City

IDALOU

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Shallowater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Littlefield	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Post	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Muleshoe	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Denver City	7:30 p.m.
Oct.13	at *Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Lubbock Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Stanton	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Reddell Field, Idalou

LUBBOCK ROOSEVELT

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	New Deal	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Slaton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Lamesa	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Littlefield	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Floydada	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Nov.3	at *Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Coahoma	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Eagle Stadium, Lubbock

STANTON

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Seagraves	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Wink	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Christoval	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Merkel	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Alpine	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Lubbock Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Colorado City	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Buffalo Stadium, Stanton

DISTRICT 4-2A DIVISION I
FORSAN

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Eldorado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Morton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Wink	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Hawley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Anson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Post	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Stamford	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Buffalo Stadium
a-at Big Spring

ANSON

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Hamlin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Jim Ned	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Albany	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Roscoe	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Windthorst	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Stamford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Hawley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Post	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Tiger Stadium, Anson

HAWLEY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Munday	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Bangs	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Hamlin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Lubbock Christian	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Mason	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Seymour	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 at *Forsan		7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Anson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Post	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Stamford	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Forrest Field, Hawley

POST

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Tahoka	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Coleman	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Slaton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Farwell	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Stamford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Hawley	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Anson	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium, Post

STAMFORD

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Brock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Munday	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Merkel	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Haskell	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Hamlin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Olney	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Anson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Post	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Hawley	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Forsan	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Bill Anderson Stadium, Stamford

DISTRICT 6-1A DIVISION I
GARDEN CITY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	a-Austin Veritas	1 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Santa Anna	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Marfa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	b-Milford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 at *Robert Lee		7:30 p.m.

a-at Borden County HS
b-at Santa Anna

ROBERT LEE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Panther Creek	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Grady	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Santa Anna	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Ira	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Highland	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Eden	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Garden City	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Griffith Stadium, Robert Lee

STERLING CITY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	a-Valley	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Imperial Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Meadow	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Aspermont	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Hermleigh	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Richland Spring	8 p.m.
Oct.13	b-Follett	6 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Westbrook	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Eagle Stadium, Sterling City
a-at Jayton
b-at Lockney

WESTBROOK

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	a-Aspermont	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Ackerly Sands	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Loop	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Grady	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Lorzine	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Sterling City	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Wildcat Stadium
a-at Borden County

DISTRICT 7-1A DIVISION I
RANKIN

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Trinity	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Grady	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Fort Davis	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at *Marfa	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Imperial Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Red Devil Stadium, Rankin

BUENA VISTA

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Eden	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	El Paso Faith Christian	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Trinity	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at EP Immanuel Christian	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Marfa	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Fort Davis	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Rankin	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Longhorn Stadium, Imperial
a-at Borden County

FORT DAVIS

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Dell City	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Sierra Blanca	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Midessa Homeschool	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Grandfalls-Royalty	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Dell City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Marfa	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Bart Coan Field, Fort Davis

MARFA

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Sierra Blanca	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Grandfalls-Royalty	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Dell City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Fort Hancock	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Imperial Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	*Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Fort Davis	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Martin Field, Marfa

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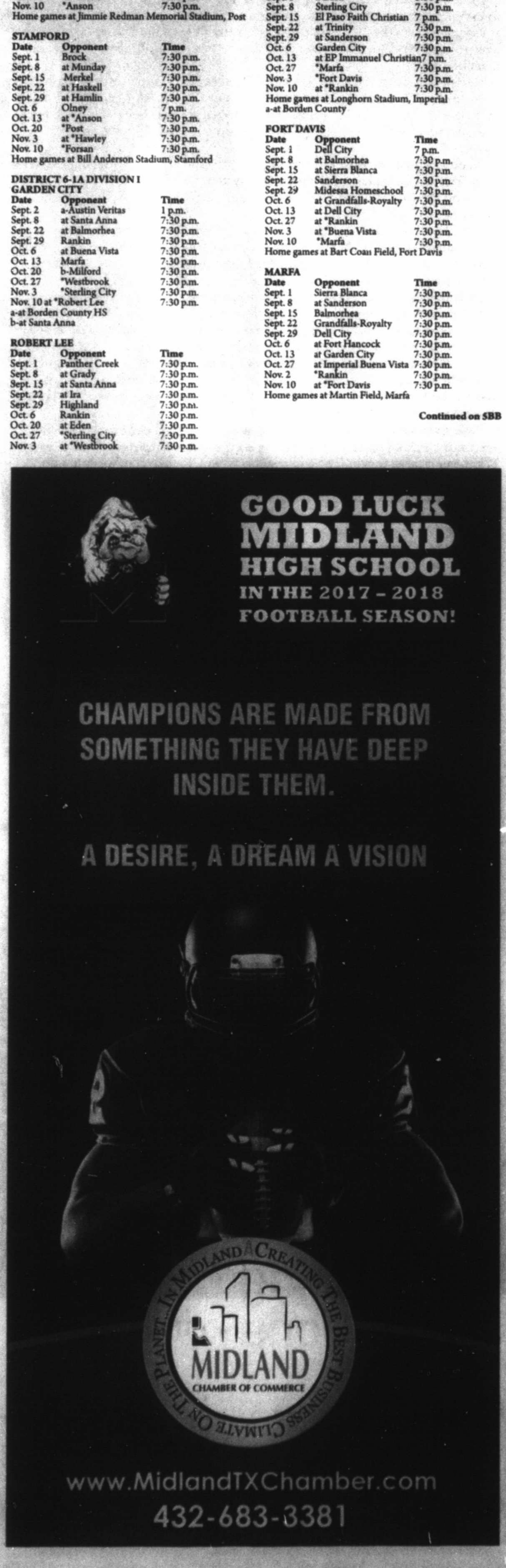

Big part of the Midland High brotherhood

Senior OL Vasquez teaching younger players the Bulldog way

By Christopher Hadorn
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Being a Midland High football player has special meaning to senior offensive guard Juan Vasquez. The 5-foot-11, 315-pound left guard considers the Bulldog football program a brotherhood.

Vasquez' deep appreciation for MHS football was solidified during his freshman season when his family's home burned to the ground.

Vasquez soon learned that his extended football family was there to support him during a trying time.

"When that happened, everybody chipped in, the whole Bulldog family," Vasquez said. "Everybody - freshman coaches, Midland High coaches here, my teammates stepped in. They all had my back. Right then and there, I was like, 'You know what? At my weakest point, they were there for me. There's no reason from here on out why I can't be there for them.'"

As horrific as the experience might have been, Vasquez doesn't reflect on it as a gloomy time. Vasquez is grateful that he had people in his life that cared to help, which included his family's employer Pioneer Natural Resources.

"We're great now," Vasquez said. "We bounced back. It's a blessing. God helped us out. He put a lot of great people in our path. I'm being serious, the whole Bulldog family just chipped in automatically, no doubts. They had our back."

Three years later, Vasquez is now a bona fide team leader who is giving back to his younger teammates, teaching them what it means to be a Bulldog.

Vasquez enters the 2017 campaign as the Bulldogs' most decorated offensive player, coming off a junior season in which he garnered All-District 2-6A first-team honors.

But his impact on the program extends well beyond his pancake blocks on the gridiron. Vasquez said he learned the value of giving back when then seniors Jacob Granado and Coleton Whitlock welcomed him in with open arms and offered to help him get better when he attended weight room sessions in 2014.

"Juan is almost like the perfect Bulldog," MHS head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said. "He's a kid that has grown up in this system. He doesn't know really know anything else but Midland High football and he bleeds purple. This is really important to Juan.

"His leadership characteristics are outstanding. Our football team very nearly unanimously voted him to be one of our team captains. The kids on our team obviously trust him and he's earned that trust because of his hard work, dedication and commitment to our team."

Having a experienced leader like Vasquez will be crucial for a Bulldogs offense that will using first-year starters at quarterback, running back, the top four wide receiver spots and at least two of the offensive line positions this season.

The MHS offense is coming off a prolific season in which it exhibited balance with 3,216 yards passing and 2,228 yards rushing, but its 2017 identity might be a little unclear with so many new faces. Vasquez says his fellow linemen need to be flexible and be able to master both pass blocking and run blocking disciplines.

"We do whatever it takes to win," Vasquez said. "If we need to run the ball, we run the ball all game. If we need to pass the ball, we'll pass the ball all game. Whatever it takes to win. The end result is to win. Pass or run, we could do both."

Vasquez said he has fond memories of the 2016 season when the Bulldogs went 9-3 overall with a second-place finish in District 2-6A, but he's ready to the turn the page and write a new chapter.

The right offensive guard has faith in the younger group of players that are filling in on offense.

"Every high school loses seniors," Vasquez said. "We lost seniors here, but the thing that counts are people willing to step up and fill the spots. They're coming in and working their butts off. They're coming in ready to make plays and make their own mark because last year was last year.

"That's in the past. You can't do nothing about the past now. We got to worry about the future and we're ready for it. Everybody is ready to make their own mark."

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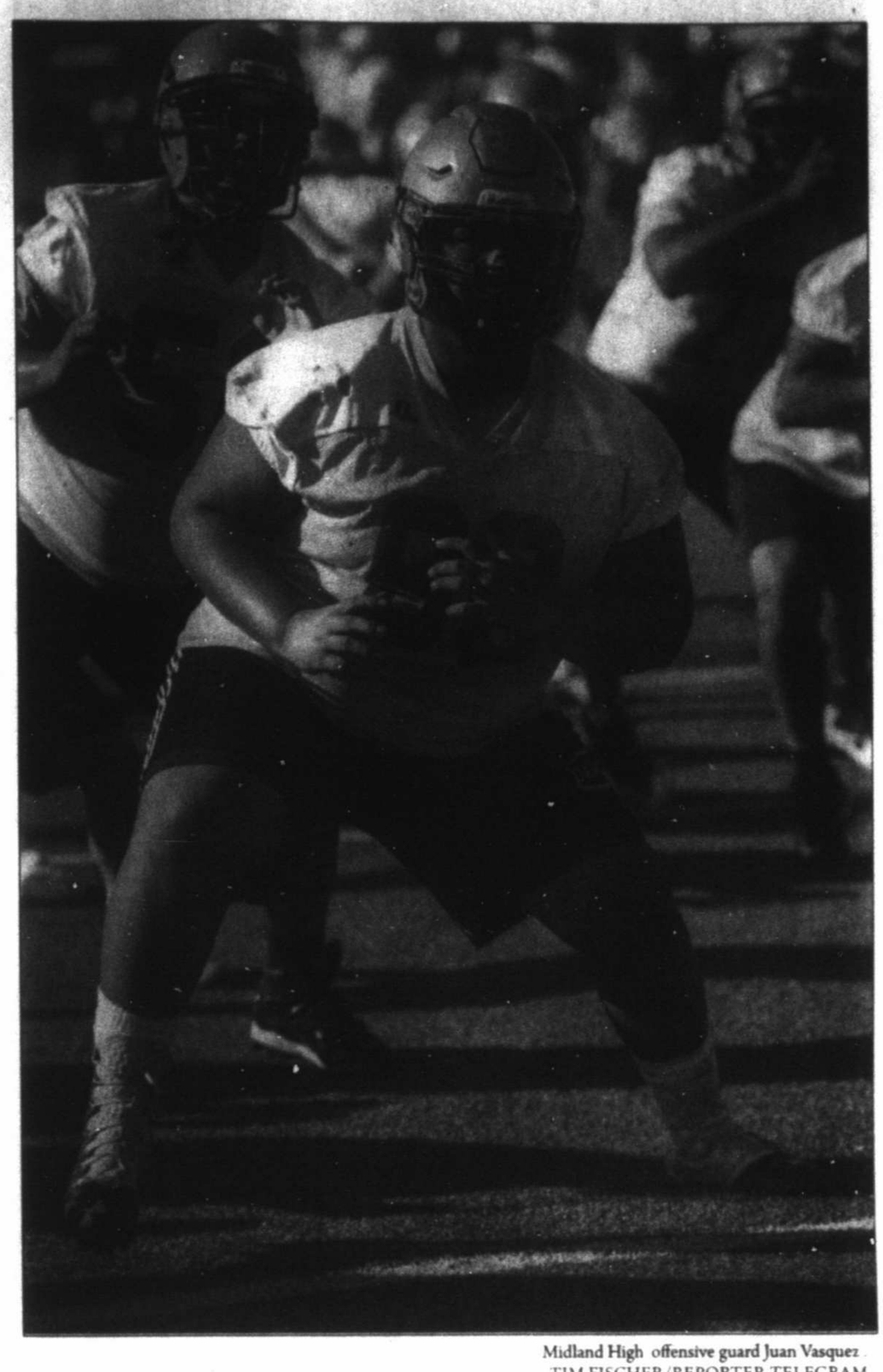

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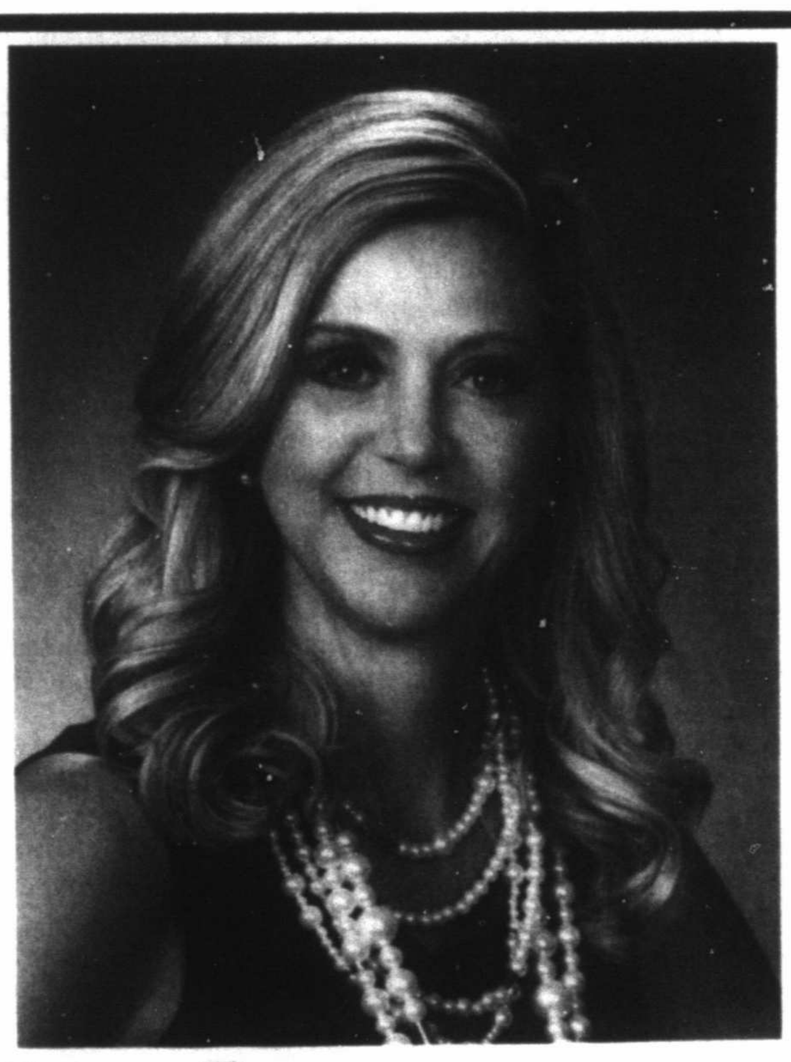

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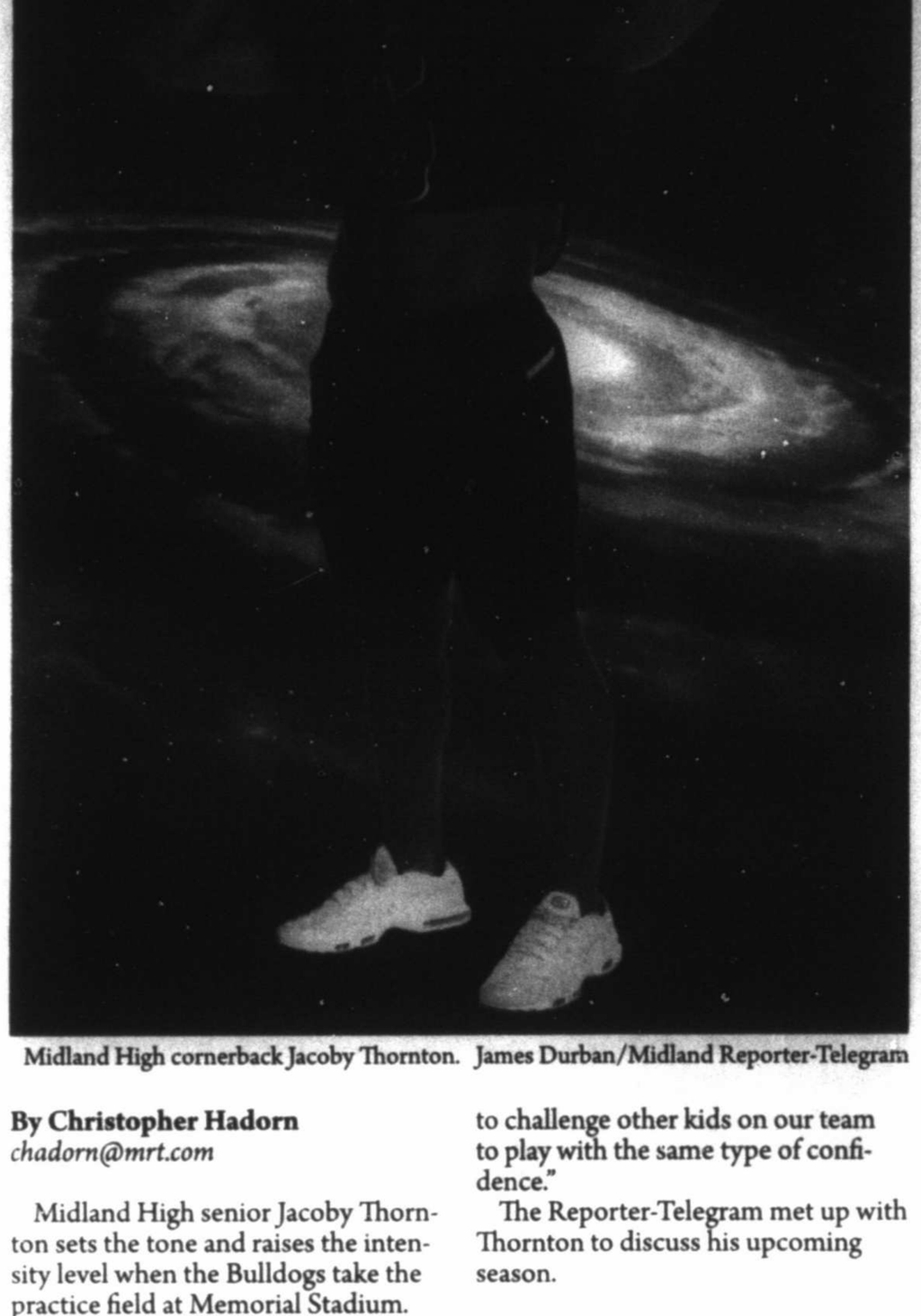
Q&A with Midland High senior cornerback Jacoby Thornton



Midland High cornerback Jacoby Thornton. James Durban/Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Midland High senior Jacoby Thornton sets the tone and raises the intensity level when the Bulldogs take the practice field at Memorial Stadium.

Don't tell Thornton it's just practice. Thornton wants to win, whether it's a one-on-one drill or a pass coverage play in 7-on-7.

"Jacoby knows how to compete," MHS head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said. "When we go out on the practice field, Jacoby is a kid that really likes to compete and he wants to go against the best. Jacoby wants to be challenged."

That competitive spirit helped Thornton secure the Bulldogs' starting cornerback job as a junior, and he went onto to lead the team with four interceptions and return two of them for touchdowns during a 9-3 season when he earned first-team all-district honors.

The 6-foot-2, 197-pound Thornton, who also shined on special teams last year blocking kicks, will play a larger role this season as a wide receiver on offense.

Anuszkiewicz said Thornton is a player that is anxious to do more and help the team any way he can.

"He definitely brings a sense of confidence onto the field," Anuszkiewicz said. "I think what we expect to see out of Jacoby this year is for him to challenge other kids on our team to play with the same type of confidence."

The Reporter-Telegram met up with Thornton to discuss his upcoming season.

Q: Coach Anuszkiewicz says you like to compete, that's what propelled you to become a first-team, all-district player. Where does your drive and fire come from?

I don't know. I think I'm just a natural born killer on the field honestly.

Q: Coach Anuszkiewicz says you're a laid back kid off the field, but on the field you're very confident. Do you become a different person when you get in-between the white lines?

No, it's not that. I like to compete and whenever I make a play, I like to let the person in front of me know that I made a play on you and I'm going to continue to make plays and there's nothing you can do about it.

Q: Do you get insulted when quarterbacks throw the ball your way?

Yes, I get insulted. But I don't take it as a compliment when they don't throw me the ball because it means I'm not doing my job either because good corners get interceptions, so you've got to bait them.

Q: Has conditioning been a big part of your focus because you might be playing 100 snaps in some games?

I have to make sure my body is in tip-top shape because I never know how many plays I might have to play – sometimes maybe more on offense, sometimes maybe more on defense.

Q: Coach Anuszkiewicz says that you are eager to do more and help out the team in any capacity. Why do you ask to take on more responsibilities?

Because it's my final year, my senior year and I want to make sure that if we're losing, that I did everything possible to make sure that we didn't. I want to make sure I'm doing everything. I don't want to have any regrets when I graduate.

Q: Do you like to play a physical brand of corner since you have some size on you?

Yes, I will play physical in press coverage because I feel like receivers aren't adjusted to the level of physicality I bring to the position. But I feel like I can also play off (the receiver) because I have good catch up speed and ball skills.

Q: Is that part of your motivation this year is to draw more attention from college programs?

Yes, of course. Yes, I always want to get more attention and more schools looking at me. But my first job is to win games because they're not going to look if we don't win.

Q: What areas would you like to improve in at cornerback?

Eye discipline and tackling, I can do better on that.

Q: What do you mean by eye discipline?

The different coverages you play require you to look different places. Like if you're playing press coverage, you should never look at the quarterback. But when you're off, you have to take your first three steps looking at the quarterback because his dropback can show the route before it develops and you can be prepared. If you look too long, the receiver can just run right by you.

Q: Is football your life?

I wouldn't say it's my life. I'm definitely not one-dimensional. I would rather put all my time into this because I'm not playing for me. I'm playing for my mom (La Saundra Christian) and my family. I'm trying to get out of here and get them out of here too.

Q: What kind of influence has your mother has had on your life?

If it wasn't for my mom, I probably wouldn't be here actually. She's always on top of me about my grades and even on the field, she makes sure I don't get hurt. She wakes me up for workouts and takes me to the workouts and picks me up, making sure that I have a ride. If it wasn't for my mom, I couldn't do any of this.

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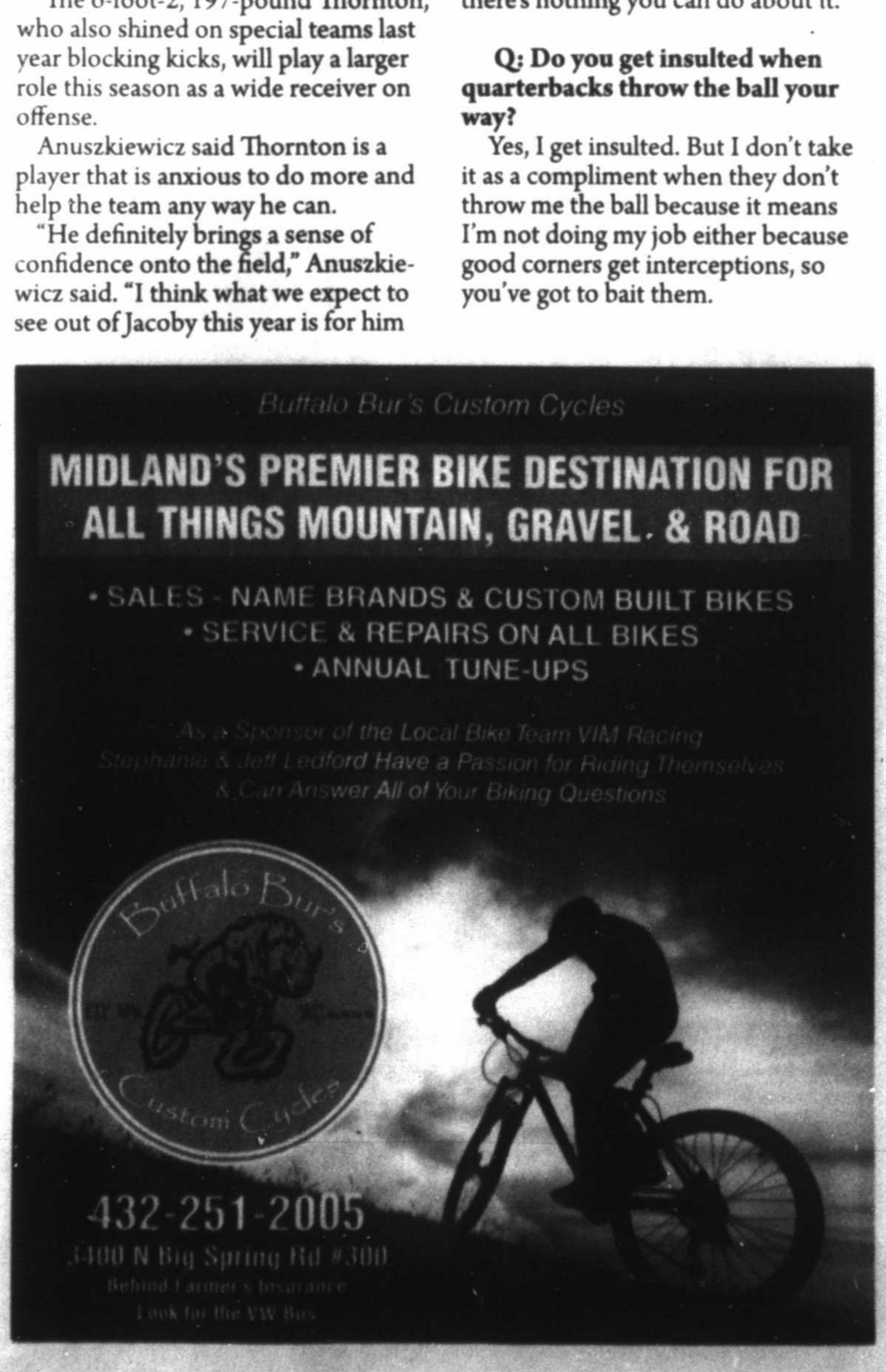
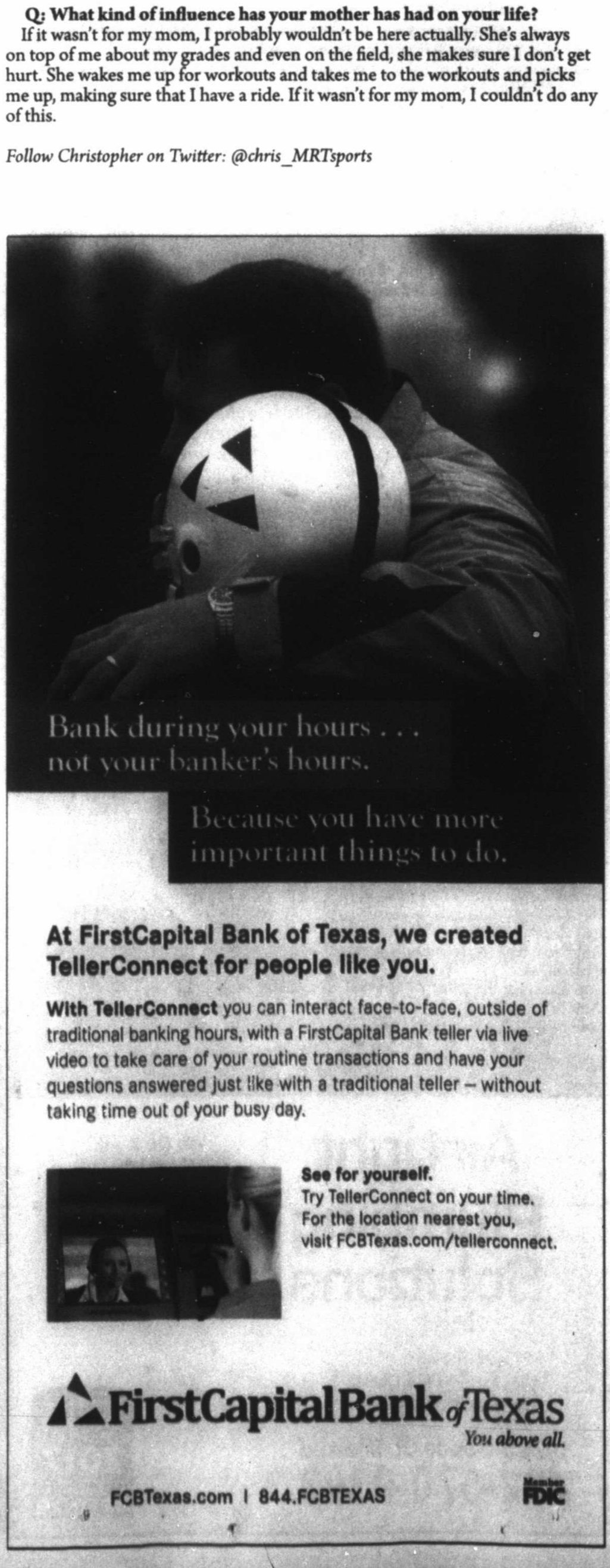
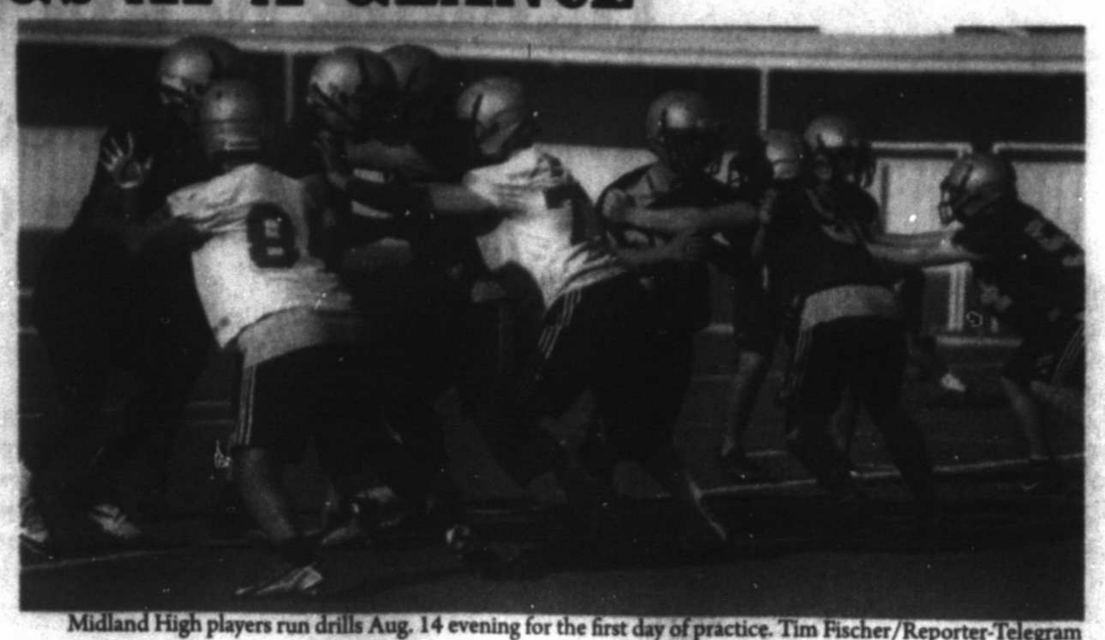




BULLDOGS AT A GLANCE

Tim Anuszkiewicz



Midland High players run drills Aug. 14 evening for the first day of practice. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

District 2-6A
Head coach: Tim Anuszkiewicz, 1st season at MHS (6-23 in 3 seasons at Borger)
Assistant coaches: Ector Lopez, Jeff Streun, Todd Pearson, Mike Rushton, Jarryd Taylor, Mike Bettenhausen, Danny Neighbors, Mason Munguia, Nick Hull, Mike Sadler, J.D. Bales, Matt Medley, Ryan Holmstrom, Steve Martin, T.J. Turner
2016 record: 9-3, 5-1 in District 2-6A
Returning starters: 3 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Tulsa off-set two-back/Air Raid
Typical defense: 4-2-5
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Arlington Bowie, 37-30, in area
Enrollment: 2,980
Homecoming: Sept. 22 vs. Keller
Rivalry game: Sept. 29 vs. Lee
Home stadium: Grande Communications Stadium

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at E.P. Franklin	8 p.m. CDT
Sept. 8	E.P. Montwood	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at DeSoto	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Keller	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Lee*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Frenship*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Tacosa*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	S.A. Central*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Odessa High*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes District 2-6A game

2016 RESULTS

Regular season

Aug. 25	MHS 56, E.P. Franklin 28
Sept. 2	MHS 38, E.P. Montwood 28
Sept. 9	DeSoto 49, MHS 43
Sept. 16	MHS 24, Keller 21
Sept. 23	MHS 47, Lee 14
Sept. 30	MHS 38, Frenship 28
Oct. 7	MHS 49, Permian 48
Oct. 21	MHS 49, Tascosa 34
Oct. 28	MHS 40, S.A. Central 21
Sept. 4	MHS 49, Odessa High 0

Postseason

Nov. 10	Bi-district, MHS 73, EP El Dorado 52
Nov. 19	Area, Arlington Bowie 37, MHS 30

2016 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS (9-3, 5-1 IN DISTRICT 2-6A)

Opponents	100	105	57	117	- 379
MHS	146	143	120	108	- 517

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Ricky Hubert	189	1,190	6.3	18
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	104	563	5.4	7
Nick Hernandez	48	257	5.4	3
Jalen Childress	9	101	11.2	3
Tim Gates	6	47	7.8	0
Ryan Perales	5	33	6.6	1
Juleion Bowers	3	31	10.3	1
McLane Mannix	1	12	12.0	0
Gyren Scurlark	1	7	7.0	0
Caedon McDonald	1	3	3.0	0
Team	2	-16	-8.0	0
Totals	369	2,228	6.0	33

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Jackson Anuszkiewicz	179	286	14	3,066	36
Ryan Perales	13	14	0	150	1
Totals	192	301	14	3,216	37

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
McLane Mannix	47	941	20.0	12
Jalen Childress	46	936	20.3	10
C. McMaryion	40	598	15.0	8
Juleion Bowers	35	525	15.0	6
Michael Galindo	4	99	24.8	1
Greyson Brockington	4	66	16.5	0
Caedon McDonald	3	24	8.0	0
Damien Fuentez	2	12	6.0	0
Greyson Brockington	1	11	11.0	0
Michael Hailey	1	8	8.0	0
Ricky Hubert	5	2	0.4	0
Trystin Pallanes	1	2	2.0	0
Nick Hernandez	1	1	1.0	0
Andre Ritchie	1	-4	-4.0	0
J. Anuszkiewicz	1	-5	-5.0	0
Totals	192	3,216	16.8	37

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Ricky Hubert	18	0	0	0	108
Ignacio Correa	0	61	0	6	79
Jalen Childress	13	0	0	0	78
McLane Mannix	12	0	2	0	76
C. McMaryion	8	0	0	0	48
Juleion Bowers	7	0	0	0	42
J. Anuszkiewicz	7	0	0	0	42
Nick Hernandez	3	0	1	0	20
Jacoby Thornton	2	0	0	0	12
Michael Galindo	1	0	0	0	6
Ryan Perales	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	72	61	3	6	517

PUNTING

Player	No.	NetYds.	NetAvg.	Long	In20
McLaneMannix	31	1,049	33.8	87	4

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	S	TFL	FR	INT	PD
Sims	80	41	121	0	2	3	3	10
Essman	75	31	106	1	4	4	0	2
Barron	74	33	107	4	9	1	0	3
McCalister	66	26	92	0	7	2	0	7
Wood	50	29	79	0	4	1	1	2
Springer	47	17	64	3	15	0	0	4
Thornton	34	10	44	0	0	0	4	6
Abney	31	14	45	2	3	1	0	1
N. Marquez	30	5	35	0	0	0	0	4
Echols	25	24	49	2	3	0	0	1
Klattenhoff	18	9	27	0	0	0	1	0
Mannix	18	4	22	0	0	0	0	1
McCullough	16	14	30	1	3	1	0	0
Taylor	12	5	17	0	0	0	0	0
Garcia	12	14	26	1	4	0	0	0
Hernandez	8	1	9	0	0	0	1	0
Marker	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0
I. Marquez	6	4	10	0	0	0	0	0
Zarate	6	1	7	0	1	0	0	0
Nabarrette	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Sapien	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mathews	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	0
Reeves	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Hubert	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Montoya	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1
Bowers	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tagle	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Correa	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chandler	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gates	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Acrey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McCarty	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perkins	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackle, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,228	185.7	3,216	268.0	5,444	453.7

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
3,491	290.9	1,700	141.6	5,191	432.6

2017 ROSTER (Subject to change)

No.	Name	Class	Position
1	Mikey Galindo	Sr.	WR
2	Sam Hullender	Sr.	WR
3	Nick Gonzales	Sr.	WR
4	Nolan Gonzales	Sr.	SS
5	Tim Gates	Jr.	RB
6	Jacoby Thornton	Sr.	CB/WR
7	Suddin Sapien	Jr.	QB
8	Riggs McDonald	So.	QB
9	Collin McCullough	Sr.	DE
10	Caedon McDonald	Jr.	RB
11	Darius Manning	Sr.	WR
12	Elijah Turner	Sr.	WR/QB
13	Jalen Terhune	Sr.	WR
14	Aiden Brown	Sr.	FS
15	Ross Marker	Sr.	LB
16	Ty Anders	Sr.	WR
17	Josh Acrey	Jr.	CB
19	Jordan Ortega	Jr.	CB
20	Jesiah Portillo	Jr.	SS
21	Braeden Horne	Jr.	CB
22	DQ Harris	Jr.	WR
24	Tony Zarate	Sr.	SS
26	Angel Nabarrette	Sr.	LB
29	Clarence Williams	Sr.	RB
30	Ramon Natividad	Sr.	LB
31	Matt Potter	Sr.	RB
32	Simon Glenn	Sr.	SS
33	Jesse Villareal	Jr.	SS
37	J.P. Estrada	Sr.	TE
39	Caleb Handy	Sr.	CB
40	Armando Maldonado	Sr.	DE
41	Seth Ryan	Sr.	DL
42	Logan Simmons	Sr.	DE
44	Sean Porter	Jr.	FS
45	Smith Essman	Jr.	LB
50	Isaiah Hernandez	Jr.	LB
52	Ethan Ruiz	Jr.	DE
53	Dylan Williams	Sr.	LB
54	Marshall Mayfield	Jr.	LB
55	Joshua Ramos	Jr.	OL
56	Marshall Mills	Jr.	DL
60	Mercedes Valero	Sr.	OL
62	Zach Breaux	Sr.	DL
63	Omar Villanueva	Sr.	OL
65	Isaiah Vargas	Sr.	DL

2017 ROSTER (Subject to change)

No.	Name	Class	Position
66	Juan Vasquez	Sr.	OL
68	Ammar York	Jr.	DL
70	Brandon Nanez	Sr.	OL
71	Trey Abeln	Sr.	OL
74	Jacob Ramos	Sr.	OL
75	Fidel Lopez	Sr.	OL
77	Seth Van	Sr.	OL
78	ZaeBryan Shrock	Sr.	DL
80	Chris Aaron	Sr.	DE
81	Dre Wilson	Sr.	WR
82	Ruben Ramos	Sr.	TE
84	Ricky Rodriguez	Sr.	WR
85	Aaron Muniz	Sr.	K
87	Marcus Sanchez	Sr.	TE
88	Roman Natividad	Jr.	DE
99	Seth Abney	Sr.	DL

BREAKING DOWN THE 2017 BULLDOGS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2017: Junior Suddin Sapien exited spring football at the top of the depth chart, but is expected to draw competition from senior Elijah Turner and sophomore Riggs McDonald. Sapien is a prototype quarterback with a strong arm and has the athleticism to roll out of the pocket and improvise. Turner can heave the deep ball and has the elusiveness to be a force in the Dawgs' zone-read rushing attack. McDonald brings confidence and a gunslinger mentality to the position.

RUNNING BACKS

What to expect in 2017: Tim Gates and Daquarius Harris impressed with their physical style of running during spring football. Despite his 5-foot-7, 170-pound frame, Gates brings a refuse to go down attitude when rushing. Caedon McDonald is a strong, versatile player that can run downhill, catch the ball out of the backfield and block.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

What to expect in 2017: This position group was arguably hit hardest by graduation with McLane Mannix (Nevada) and Juleion Bowers (UTEP) now playing at the Division I level. MHS will look toward Plano East transfer Darius Manning, Sam Hullender and Michael Galindo to take their place. Turner and all-district cornerback Jacoby Thornton will help at wideout as multi-position weapons. TE Marcus Sanchez dazzled in spring football with his physicality in terms of blocking defensive ends and linebackers. J.P. Estrada and Caedon McDonald will also see tight end reps.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: Omar Villanueva, who shined as a sophomore, is back at left tackle after missing the entire season due to a shoulder injury. Senior LG Juan Vasquez anchors the unit. Josh Ramos steps into the center spot after being groomed to play the position on J.V. Seniors Brandon Nanez and Fidel Lopez return after playing on the right side of the line in 2016. Abilene Cooper transfer Levi Brown, Trey Abeln and Seth Van are slated to be a part of the offensive line rotation, and could push for starting roles on the right side.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: DE Collin McCullough moves into a full-time starting role after playing significantly in 2016. McCullough, a team captain and outstanding student, is lauded for being a workout warrior, his high motor and ability to play fast off the edge. DT Stetson Abney doesn't have ideal bulk for an interior lineman, but he succeeds with toughness, speed and by using his athleticism to outmaneuver heavier linemen. Transfer Seth Ryan (La Verne, Calif.) will compete for the other tackle spot, while Armando Maldonado, Marshall Mills and Ammar York are in the mix for the other end position.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2017: Junior Smith Essman has a nose for the football, registering 106 tackles after spending the first two games on the junior varsity squad. Essman, who lived in the weight room in the offseason, has matured into a stronger and more physical player. Angel Nabarrette, Ross Marker and Roman Natividad are competing for the other linebacker position.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2017: Tony Zarate brings top-notch coverage skills to the dawg position, which is similar to a strong safety/rover. The undersized Zarate plays with heart and has won over his teammates by being elected team captain. Caedon McDonald could factor into the other dawg spot as an iron man. Aiden Brown and Sean Porter are both making strong pushes to be starting free safety. Brown is an aggressive tackler, while Porter has made strides in the weight room. Thornton is the star of the group at one cornerback spot, and Braeden Horne, Josh Acrey and Jordan Ortega are vying for time at the opposite cornerback position.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2017: Aaron Muniz will step in and take over as kicker. Quarterbacks Turner and Sapien could stay out on the field on fourth down and contribute as punters. Thornton, Turner and Manning are the favorites to return kicks. Zarate is a candidate to be a punt returner.

Team from 2BB

DISTRICT 6-1A DIVISION II

GRADY

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Roscoe Highland	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at New Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Sands	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Loop	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Wellman-Union	

Home games at Wildcat Stadium, Lenorah

DAWSON

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Grandfalls-Royalty	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Anton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Whitharral	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Klondike	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Amherst	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Grady	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Loop	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Wellman-Union	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Sands	7:30 p.m.

Home games at McAuley Field, Welch

LOOP

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Lazbuddie	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Patton Springs	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Silverton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	a-Mullin	11 a.m.
Oct. 6	Balmorhea JV	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Wellman-Union	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Sands	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Grady	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Lubbock Kingdom Prep	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Mustang Field, Ackerly
a-at Garden City

WELLMAN-UNION

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	Loraine	10 a.m.
Sept. 8	Cotton Center	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Patton Springs	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Plainview Christian	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Hart	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Ropes	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Loop	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Sands	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Grady	7:30 p.m.

Home games at Wildcat Stadium, Wellman

PRIVATE SCHOOLS
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	EP Eastwood	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Brock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	EP Americas	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	FW All Saints	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Alvin Shadow Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Grapevine Faith	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*FW Christian	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Wall	7:30 p.m.

Fighting to get to the top

Steen works his way to becoming a very good Permian QB

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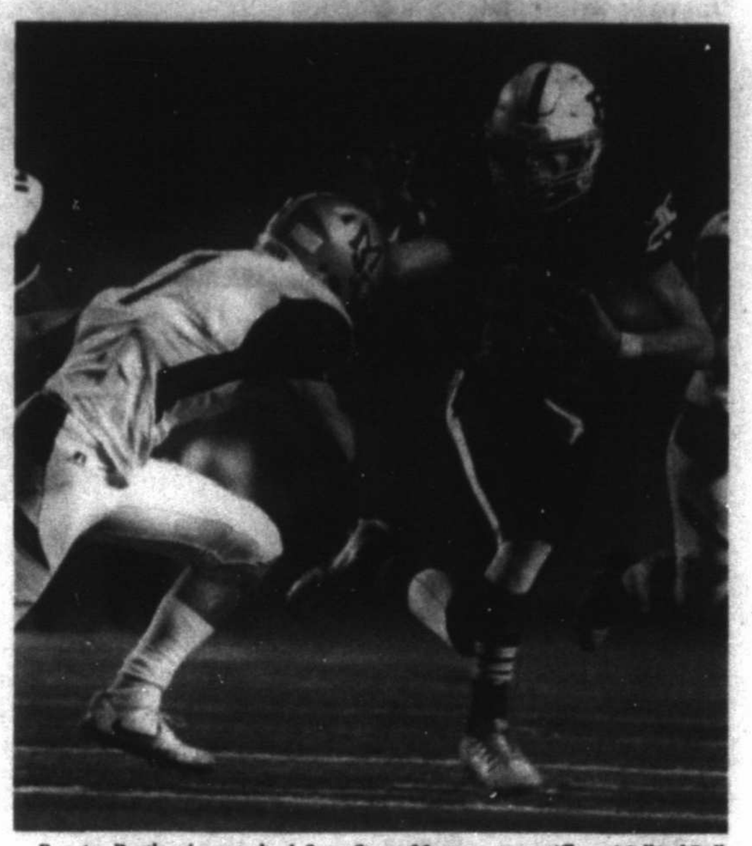

Permian Panthers' quarterback Steve Steen, 25, attempts to stiff arm Midland Bulldogs' McLane Mannix, 1, during Oct. 7, 2016 game at Ratliff Stadium. Jacob Ford|Odessa American

Odessa Permian senior quarterback Steve Steen knows what it's like to fight his way to the top. Permian head coach Blake Feldt said it's Steen's refusal to back down and his competitive fire that defines him as a player.

"People talk about 'Well he's fast and he can do this and he can do that,'" Feldt said. "But the biggest attribute that Steve has is his competitiveness, his fight, his grit, his will to win. You better pack a lunch, because he's going to fight your tail tooth and nail to win that football game. And that's the kind of guy you want at quarterback."

Set to begin his second varsity campaign, Steen, who committed to play at the Naval Academy on July 4, is aiming to help lead the Panthers to redemption after they stumbled to a 6-4 mark and missed the playoffs last year.

Undersized throughout his football career, nothing came easy for Steen on his journey to becoming the Panthers' varsity signal caller.

A scrawny middle schooler, he assumed the lowly role of third string quarterback on his seventh grade team in 2012. In eighth grade, he continued to grind and made the jump to second string after the quarterback ahead of him on the depth chart quit.

The first member of his family to play football, Steen finally earned a starting nod for Permian's freshman team in 2014. He forged a lasting impression with the program's coaches all the way through his junior varsity campaign the following season.

"That was a really cool thing, to feel like I earned the spot just working my way up, starting from the bottom," said Steen, who now stands 6 feet and 170 pounds, but plays with heart and physicality far greater than his stature.

Steen's experience battling through adversity continued well into his varsity stint. First, he had to win a position battle last spring and fall to become the Panthers' starter as a junior.

He wasn't necessarily asked to be a gamechanger in his first varsity season, but it didn't take long for him to get forced into such a role. Early last season, the Panthers were decimated by a string of injuries to some of their top offensive playmakers, including home run receivers Kobe Robinson and Brother Miller.

Steen suddenly found himself as Permian's go-to presence within the team's veer offense. The Panthers stumbled to an 0-4 start in District 2-6A play, losing two district games by one point in heartbreaking fashion. But in return, Steen accumulated invaluable experience shouldering a heavy load, thanks to an opportunity to play loose and actively learn his position.

"That just gave me a lot of opportunity to make the big plays, be the guy," Steen said. "I had the opportunity to break for some long runs and find receivers with play action. I could open up my game and so now that gave me that experience."

Permian capped off its season with blowout home victories over rivals Odessa High and Lee and Steen's trial by fire was complete. He finished the year with 1,987 total yards (875 rushing, 17 touchdowns) and 31 total touchdowns en route to earning honorable mention all-district honors.

While Steen's experience grew, so did his confidence to be handle any situation he might face on the field. He admitted that when he took his first varsity snaps a year ago, he was second guessing himself in a tricky offensive formation.

"You have to be confident in every decision that you make," Steen said. "You're reading every play - you're reading whether that defensive end is going to crash, or whether that linebacker is going to take the pitch.

"When I got that confidence, I could go through my reads quicker and you play a faster game when you're more confident. So I'm carrying that over (into the 2017 season) and a better knowledge of the offense."

Now with a deep and athletic supporting cast back to full health, Steen believes his team owes it to the Permian faithful to return to greatness. No one understands more than Steen that last year's result was unacceptable.

"This year, now we have a chip on our shoulder," Steen said. "With last year, a lot of that feels like we let half of the city down. We're looking to redeem ourselves. We owe it to the city, we owe it to the fans."

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PANTHERS FAST FACTS
District: 2-6A

Head coach: Blake Feldt, 5th year (29-16 in four seasons at Permian, 120-73 in 17 years overall as head coach)
Assistant coaches: Jeff Ellison, Ron King, Kirk Thurman, Vance Washington, Eric Jonas, Tyler Wright, Thad Fortune, Raul Sanchez, Brian Cameron
2016 record: 6-4, 2-4 in District 2-6A
Returning starters: 8 offense, 9 defense
Typical offense: Veer
Typical defense: 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2015, lost to Amarillo Tascosa, 17-10 in Class 6A area round
Enrollment: 3,595
Homecoming: Oct. 20 vs. Amarillo Tascosa
Rivalry game: Nov. 3 vs. Odessa High
Home stadium: Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Austin Vandegrift	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	El Paso Franklin	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at El Paso Eastwood	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Wolfforth Frenship	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Midland High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Amarillo Tascosa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *San Angelo Central	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Lee	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 2-6A opponent

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 26	Permian 21, Austin Vandegrift 20
Sept. 2	Permian 61, El Paso Franklin 0
Sept. 9	Permian 55, El Paso Eastwood 34
Sept. 15	Permian 55, Bishop Timon-St. Jude (New York) 12
Sept. 23	Wolfforth Frenship 40, Permian 28
Oct. 7	Midland High 49, Permian 48
Oct. 14	Amarillo Tascosa 21, Permian 20
Oct. 21	San Angelo Central 28, Permian 21
Oct. 28	Permian 49, Odessa High 0
Nov. 4	Permian 55, Lee 28

2017 ROSTER
(subject to change)

No.	Name	Position	Class
2	Alex Rose	Slot/WR	So.
3	Toddrick Robinson	Slot/WR	Jr.
4	Justin Hammond	Slot/WR	Jr.
5	Christian Tschauner	DB	Jr.
6	Keshawn Jones	Slot/WR	Sr.
7	Carson Roberts	K	So.
8	Hunter Pence	Slot/WR	Jr.
9	Ben Vore	S	Sr.
10	Brayden Rhea	S	Jr.
12	Jayden Alanis	DB	Jr.
13	Christian LaChance	DB	Sr.
14	Jake Blain	Slot/WR	Jr.
15	Brandon Smith	RB	Sr.
16	Preston Ellison	OLB/RB	Sr.
17	Bryce Smith	DB	Jr.
18	Brother Miller	Slot/WR	Sr.
19	Nakavieon White	WR	So.
20	Easton Hernandez	QB	So.
21	Seth Higdon	S	Sr.
22	Chase Stell	WR	So.
25	Steve Steen	QB	Sr.
26	Christian Rodriguez	QB	Jr.
27	Ed Williams	RB	Jr.
28	Zacimbricc White	DB	Sr.
29	Rakeeb Adeyemi	DB	Jr.
30	Bryson Claborn	OLB	Jr.
32	Mason Sellers	S	Jr.
33	Cameron Martinez	LB	Jr.
34	Justin Gonzales	Slot/WR	Jr.
36	Dominique Nelson	RB	Jr.
37	Mark Samaniego	RB	So.
38	Jonah Garcia	DB	Sr.

2017 ROSTER
(subject to change)

No.	Name	Position	Class
39	Kaden Horrell	RB/DB	Jr.
40	Jaden Riggs	OLB	Jr.
41	Jaydon Darnes	RB	Sr.
42	Jerron Ontiveroz	LB	Sr.
43	Nicholas Ybarra	OLB	Sr.
44	Marshall Wemmer	S	Jr.
45	Bailey Grizzell	LB	Sr.
46	Keatyn Armstrong	OLB	Jr.
47	Tanner Adams	LB	Jr.
49	Ethan Easley	SNP	Sr.
50	Tanor Johnson	LB	Jr.
51	O'Ryan Farley	OL/DL	Sr.
52	Andres Delao	OLB	Sr.
54	John Hinojos	OL	Jr.
55	Matt Jones	OLB	Jr.
56	Jacob Wilkerson	DL	Sr.
57	Grant Hankins	LB	Jr.
60	Pablo Olivares	OL	Sr.
61	Paul Freeman	OL	Jr.
62	Jake Parchman	OL	So.
63	Dawson Reynolds	OL	Jr.
65	Isaak Gamboa	OL	So.
66	Marc Prieto	OL	Sr.
68	Brady Greenlee	OL	Sr.
69	Juan Cruz	OL	So.
71	James Bruce	OL	So.
72	Landon Peterson	OL	Jr.
73	Bryson White	OL	Jr.
74	Quatro Luna	OL	Sr.
75	Rodney Gann	OL	Jr.
76	Khaled Abu-Alghanam	DL	Sr.
77	John Duggan	OL	Jr.
78	Willem Rossingh	OL	Sr.
80	Zane Murphy	S	Sr.
81	Devin Graham	WR	Sr.
83	Wyatt Stiles	WR	Jr.
85	Damian Reyes	WR	Jr.
86	Zach Jaques	WR	Sr.
87	Peyton Young	H/OLB	Sr.
88	Azariah Gamboa	DB	Sr.
89	Garrett Hankins	WR	Jr.
90	Devin Hinojos	DL	Jr.
93	Zach Burlingame	DL	Jr.
97	Alvaro Ramos	DL	Sr.
99	Dorian Rand	DL	Sr.

2017 PANTHERS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

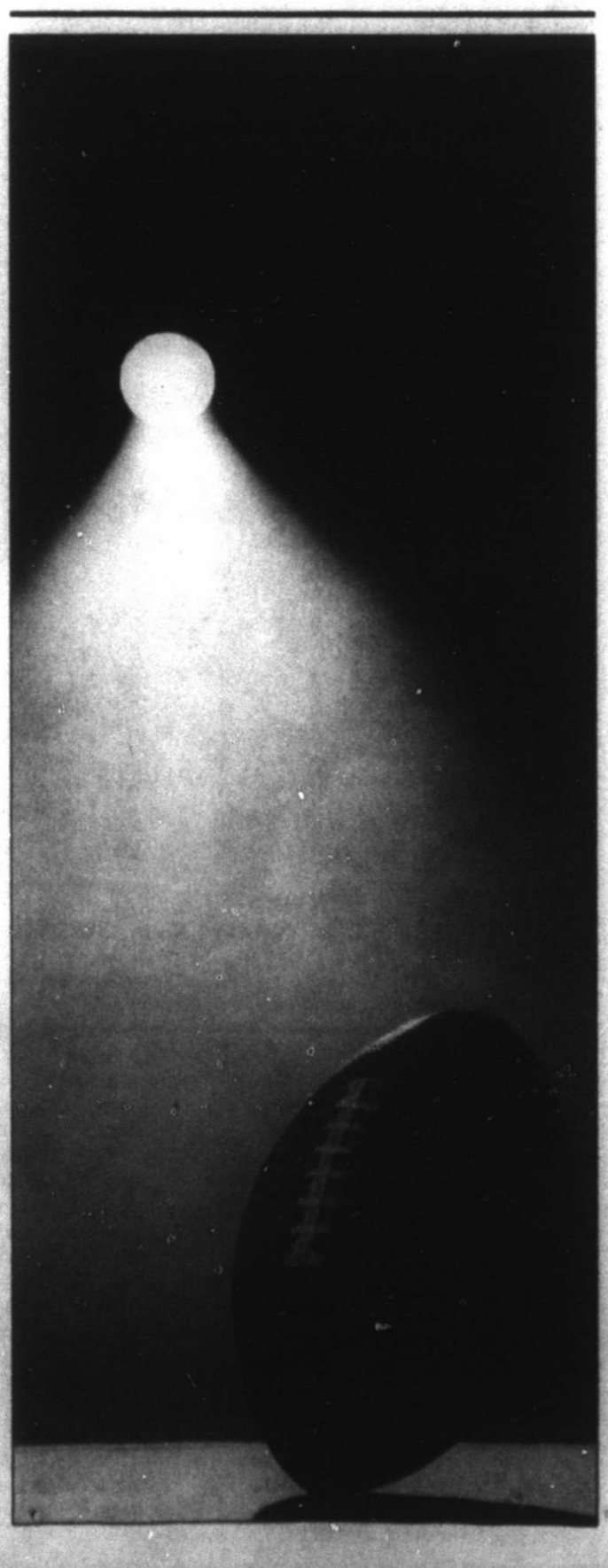
Strength: Experience, athleticism at skill positions
Weakness: None
Player to watch:
QB Steve Steen, Sr. - Gritty and athletic, Steen will direct the Panthers' tricky veer option for the second season. In 2016, he totaled 1,987 yards and 31 touchdowns despite many key offensive weapons out with injuries.
WR Brother Miller, Sr. - He's a truly explosive athlete capable of breaking a huge play on any touch. Prior to a season-ending ACL tear in week 5 of last season, Miller racked up 627 total yards and four scores.
RB Ed Williams, Jr. - Expected to lead the Panthers' backfield after posting 682 yards and nine TDs last year as a sophomore. He's among the best backs in District 2-6A.
Feldt on the offense:
"We've got a quarterback that is an excellent player. The majority of all those skill guys are coming back and I think we've got a chance to be decent."

DEFENSE

Strength: Experience, versatility
Weakness: Secondary depth
Player to watch:
LB Tanner Adams, Jr. - One of the top returners to a defense that was very young last season. As a sophomore, Adams recorded 106 tackles in 2016.
LB Preston Ellison, Sr. - Expects to be a major presence in the middle of the field for the Panthers after notching 79 tackles a year ago.
DL O'Ryan Farley, Sr. - A force for Permian on the edge, Farley produced eight sacks last year. He figures to be just as disruptive this season.
Feldt on the defense: "Defensively, (we were) the best we've been coming out of the spring (since I've been at Permian). We've got a chance to be better than we were two years ago defensively. That's saying something because I thought we were really good on the defensive side of the ball with that 10-2 team (in 2015)."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Athletic return group, deep snapper
Weakness: Proven kicker/punter
Player to watch:
K Carson Roberts, So. - Feldt said Roberts, set for his varsity debut, has a strong leg and has looked promising during the offseason. But this is a big role for a young player. Can he deliver for the Panthers?
DS Ethan Easley, Sr. -Feldt likes what he has seen from his deep snapper and expects he'll bring consistency to the unit's punt and field goal teams.
Feldt on the special teams: "We've got some pretty good players on special teams and I think we've got a chance to be pretty decent."



One speedy Broncho

Explosive Caufield hungry to help OHS get wins

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Permian defensive lineman Dorian Rand tackles Odessa High wide receiver Tyrone Caufield during first half of the game last year at Ratliff Stadium.
Edyta Blaszczyk|Odessa American

Odessa High junior Tyrone Caufield has always been one of the focal points of a team's offense since his pee-wee football playing days.

Caufield manned the running back position between pee-wee and eighth grade. Although he loved playing running back, Caufield was moved out of the position by his freshman year, and it was completely out of his control.

"As I started getting older, I noticed I started hitting a little growth spurt and you know, tall guys can't be in that backfield," Caufield said. "I guess wide receiver was just the best fit for me."

Now 6-foot-1, Caufield has assimilated himself quite well at the Bronchos' wide receiver spot. The explosive Caufield averaged an impressive 22.6 yards per catch last season.

The electrifying 160-pound wideout brings a 4.4 40-yard dash time to an OHS receiving corps that is flushed with speed.

"I don't want to say too much about our speed, that's just something for them to see," Caufield said. "That's just one of our little weapons that we have."

Caufield figures to play a significant role on a Bronchos offense that is trying to build on an underwhelming 2016 performance when they scored only 93 points.

"He's an exciting player," OHS head coach Danny Servance said. "He is a guy that makes a lot of plays, so you want to try to get the football in his hands. He's a guy that can stretch the field and go vertical and come up with big plays. You just like that about him."

The other thing that is clear about Caufield is that he is miffed by the Bronchos' 0-10 showing in 2016, and he realizes that only hard work on a daily basis will bring OHS back to a competitive state where it can push for its first postseason berth since 2013.

"We're hungry for a win," Caufield said. "It's not just going to come by not working. We have to work for it every day."

Caufield hates to lose, and his disgust of defeat is noticeable by others.

"It really does mean a lot to him," Servance said. "He's a guy, who is a fierce competitor and he wants to win as a bad as anyone else out here. He will do anything that you can ask him to do in order to accomplish that."

Caufield, who has a deep appreciation for writing and poetry, is also driven to earn a college scholarship for football. Caufield has a chance to thrive on the gridiron over the next two years because he has been playing with OHS junior quarterback Trey Smith since the third grade. Caufield says the pair have so much chemistry that they can read each other just by simple eye contact.

The junior also has faith and confidence in his other teammates to do their part to give him the daylight to make plays in open space.

"Every day they're making me better just how I am making them better," Caufield said. "Without them, I wouldn't average 23 yards (a catch)."

"Every screen that I get, I want to take it to the house, and I trust that my team could block that and we could take it to the house," Caufield added.

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BRONCHOS FAST FACTS

District: 2-6A
Head coach: Danny Servance, 2nd season (0-10 at OHS, 55-60 in 10 seasons)
Assistant coaches: Dean Garza, Matt Anastasio, Brad Berherdt, Tanner Street, Chris Murry, Eric Langehenning, Dex Dennard, Ammad Quigley, Eric Garcia, Jason Bush, Kyle Wolfle, Brandon Mugrage, Jared Couch, Garret Morris, Jaron Dobbins
2016 record: 0-10, 0-6 in District 2-6A
Returning starters: 8 offense, 6 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Arlington Martin, 52-2, in the Class 5A area playoffs.
Enrollment: 3,965
Homecoming: Oct. 27 vs. Wolfforth Frenship
Rivalry game: Nov. 3 vs. Odessa Permian
Home stadium: Ratliff Stadium

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 31	at Lubbock Monterey	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Amarillo High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Tascosa*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	S.A. Central*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Lee*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Frenship*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Permian*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Midland High*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes District 2-6A game

2016 RESULTS
Regular season

Aug. 26	Lubbock Monterey 41, OHS 13
Sept. 2	Amarillo High 57, OHS 0
Sept. 9	Lubbock Coronado 63, OHS 14
Sept. 16	Abilene High 53, OHS 7
Sept. 23	Tascosa 41, OHS 21
Sept. 30	S.A. Central 55, OHS 0
Oct. 14	Lee 62, OHS 17
Oct. 21	Frenship 24, OHS 21
Oct. 28	Permian 49, OHS 0
Nov. 4	Midland High 49, OHS 0

2017 ROSTER
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No.	Name	Class	Position
1	Seth Marsh	Sr.	DB
2	Kristian Alvarez	Sr.	WR
3	Dre Cobb	So.	QB/WR
4	Trey Smith	Jr.	QB
5	Joseph Chavez	Sr.	DE
6	Chase Webster	Sr.	WR/QB
7	Tyrone Caufield	Jr.	WR/DB
8	Kameron Gonzales	Jr.	QB
9	Aaron Ochoa	Sr.	DB
10	Zeke Garcia	So.	QB/WR
11	Nathaniel Terain	Sr.	QB
12	Julian Galindo	Jr.	RB/DB
13	Edgar Sanchez	Sr.	WR
14	Brey Dominguez	Sr.	DB
15	Ramon Rodriguez	Sr.	DB
16	Cameron Limon	Sr.	DB
17	Alex Perales	Jr.	WR/DB
18	Senjun McGarity	So.	RB
19	John Navarette	Jr.	OLB
20	Charles McClure	Jr.	DB
21	Keve Robinson	Sr.	RB/DB
22	Nathan Levario	Sr.	RB
23	Ty Stevens	Sr.	RB
24	Angel Marrufo	Sr.	DB/WR
25	Anthony Carrasco	Sr.	RB/SS
26	Josh Lara	Jr.	RB/LB
28	Jaden Gonzales	Jr.	DB/WR
28	Nathan Gonzales	Sr.	DB
29	Brian Lira	Sr.	DB
31	C.J. Washington	Sr.	OLB/TE
32	Chris Nunez	Sr.	ILB
34	Christian Gamboa	Sr.	OLB
35	Brison Smith	Sr.	DE
36	Cade Mendoza	So.	DB
40	Lorenzo Mendoza	Sr.	RB
41	Oscar Lucio	Jr.	ILB
44	Kade Carlile	Sr.	LB
45	Michael Gonzales	So.	ILB
46	Keevan Majors	Jr.	DE
47	Dustin Eilers	Sr.	DE
50	Larry Steger	Sr.	DE
54	Juan Gallegos	Sr.	DL

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No.	Name	Class	Position
55	Baylor Wilson	Jr.	DE/OL
56	Christian Alvarez	Sr.	OL
57	Chris Aguirre	Sr.	OL
65	Jacob Redwine	Sr.	C/NG
66	Chris Garcia	Sr.	OL
67	Alvaro Leyva	Sr.	DE
68	Brandon Jones	Jr.	C
70	Camden Lujan	Sr.	OL
72	Justin Aguirre	Jr.	OL
73	Nathan Sanchez	Sr.	OL
75	Jaime Acosta	Sr.	OL/DE
76	Johnathan Denman	Jr.	OL/NG
77	Caedon Murry	Jr.	OL/DL
78	Jesus Parra	Sr.	OL
79	Luis Nunez	Jr.	OL
80	Christian Hinojos	Sr.	DB
81	Conrad Martinez	Sr.	WR/DB
85	Isaac Jaramillo	Sr.	WR
86	Baylee Gamble	Sr.	K/P
88	Zay Brown	Sr.	WR
89	Jacob Munoz	Sr.	TE/LB

2017 BRONCHOS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

Strength: Speed and experience at wide receiver
Weakness: Youth at quarterback
Players to watch:
WR Tyrone Caufield, Jr. – The 6-foot-1, 160-pound wide out can score from anywhere on the field, averaging 22.6 yards per reception in 2016.
WR Zay Brown, Sr. – The 6-foot-1, 180-pound receiver will team with Caufield to create some height mismatches. **WR Julian Galindo, Jr.** – Versatile 5-foot-9 weapon is an able pass catcher, rusher and coverage guy.
Servance on the offense: "(Junior QB) Trey Smith has done a great job over the summer of working hard and getting himself into good physical shape to where can be more of a run threat as well as a passing quarterback. Our offensive line was young last year so we are hoping that playing those guys last year, throwing them into the fire is going to work well for us this year."

DEFENSE

Strength: Speed and experience Weakness: Lack of size
Players to watch:
MLB Oscar Lucio, Jr. – Servance calls him the quarterback of the defense. He is the Bronchos' leading returning tackler with 51 solo stops.
CB Aaron Ochoa, Sr. – He intercepted two passes last year, returning one for a TD. The 6-foot defensive back runs a 4.6 40-yard dash.
S Charles McClure, Jr. – A tremendous athlete that makes tackles behind the line-of-scrimmage and plays on the ball. OHS legacy player runs a 4.4 40-yard dash.
Servance on the defense: "We're more athletic this year than we were last year. In this district, and probably, just against all of these spread offenses, one thing you've got to do is be able to tackle in the open field. You've got to have guys who are athletes that can match up against other athletes out there, and keep them in front of you, and make tackles."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: The chance to make big plays in both the return game and on coverage units.
Weakness: Proven kicker and punter
Servance on the special teams: "We work hard on our special teams. We think we have some guys have a chance to return some punts, return some kickoffs this year."

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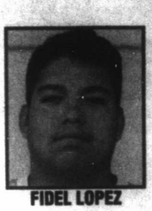
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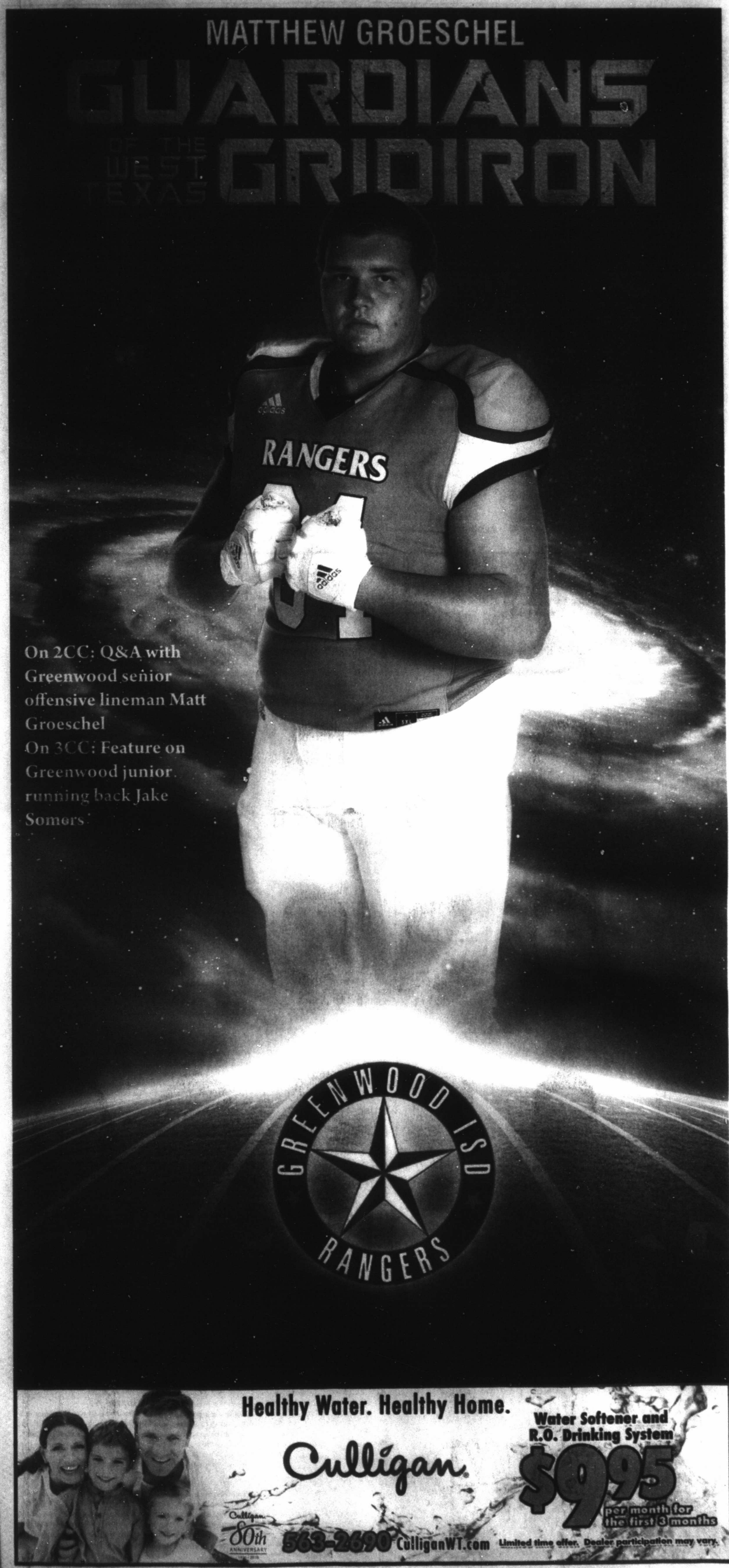
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Groomed for the spotlight position at Greenwood

Somers ready for the role of Rangers' starting quarterback

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jake Somers remembers when he was in junior high and would see former standout Greenwood quarterback Kam Williams play with the Rangers. Somers dreamed of the day he would get to play under the Friday night lights just like Williams.

Now entering his junior season at Greenwood, Somers will get his chance to step into the quarterback spotlight this year as the projected starter in head coach Jared Sanderson's first year.

He's grown up in the program and he learned from last year's starter Ben Brockman. Now Somers believes he's ready.

"I remember watching Kam Williams, he was the quarterback back in the day and he was my favorite guy," Somers said. "I just hope I'm like that to other kids and I inspire them to play football for as long as they can and just grow, get bigger and stronger, so maybe I can come back and watch them play."

Sanderson said from what he's seen, Somers is ready to step into the starting quarterback role.

"He understands what we're trying to accomplish with the scheme and understanding the offense," Sanderson said. "Jake's another kid that's very smart and understands defensively what he's seeing. Obviously we're going to try to protect him a little bit and get his feet underneath him early on. He doesn't have a whole lot of experience, but he's doing an outstanding job of growing through the summer. He's really picking everything up well. He's another kid that leads by example. He has great character. You don't have to worry about him outside of the fieldhouse or in the classroom. He's a kid that the other kids follow."

Last year as a backup to Brockman, Somers completed 50 percent of his passes for 123 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. Like past Greenwood quarterbacks, Somers also has the capability of running with the football as he rushed for 163 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries.

"Last year I was on varsity and Ben was our quarterback and he was a cool guy to look after and follow," Somers said. "He kind of got me into the flow and showed me how things on varsity work.

"I've learned a bunch over the years. In the last couple of years, I feel like I definitely matured a lot more. I feel like I'm more comfortable passing the ball now."

Still, with a new coaching staff coming in, Somers had to learn some new terminology and plays. With constant repetition and work, Sanderson's last year at Levelland showed how well an offense can work behind a special quarterback in Nick Gerber – who broke the Texas single-season passing record of 5,617 yards – and four receivers that were at or near 1,000 yards.

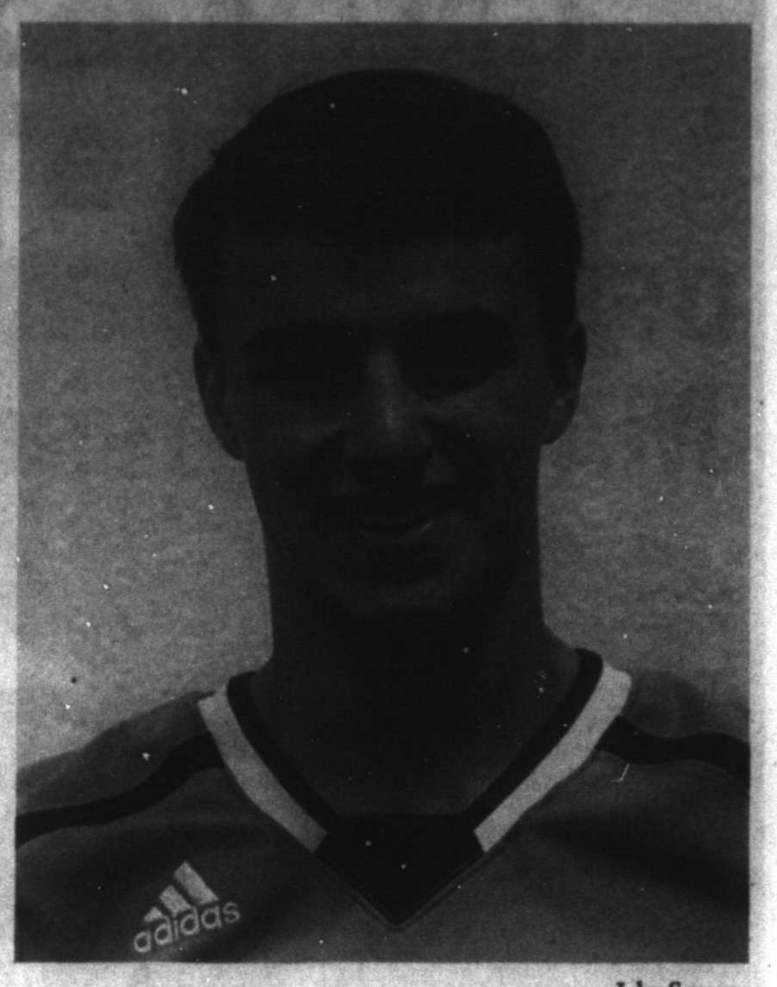
"Our offense really focuses on the defense and trying to do things that get them out of position," Sanderson said.

While the numbers put up in Sanderson's last year at Levelland are going to be extremely difficult to duplicate, Somers and the head coach like the potential of the players they have on offense to have a very productive year.

"On the offensive side, we have a good coaching staff and on the offensive line we've got a lot of returners from last year," Somers said. "I was looking at the wide receivers, most of them are on defense, but we have a bunch of good receivers and then the second team comes in and they're pretty much the same. We also have some pretty strong running backs - big, strong, tough guys. I feel like it's all going to be good this season."

Somers added that it's going to be important for his team to keep focused on the game at hand.

"Every day we day break out of practice by chanting, 'Overachieve. District champs,'" he said. "That's our main goal, winning district, but you've got to take it one game at a time."



Jake Somers

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RANGERS FAST FACTS

District: 2-4A Division II
Head coach: Jared Sanderson, 1st year (27-21-1 in four years overall)
Assistant coaches: Jhett Norman, Brad Morgan, Lee Brockman, Pat Liles, Stephen Rodriguez, Macy Thompson, Lloyd Chisum, Brody Anthony, Josh McDonald, Mason Ragland
2015 record: 7-3 overall, 4-2 in District (third)
Returning starters: 4 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Defensive formation: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Bushland, 49-42, in Class 4A Division II bi-district round
Homecoming: Sept 29 vs. Fort Stockton
Rivalry game: Oct. 13 vs. Monahans
Home stadium: J.M. King Memorial Stadium

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Brownfield	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Shallowater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	*Fort Stockton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at *Seminole	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Monahans	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Pecos	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Lamesa	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Sweetwater	7 p.m.

*Denotes District 2-4A Division II game

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 26	Greenwood 34, Snyder 20
Sept. 2	Greenwood 63, Brownfield 37
Sept. 9	Greenwood 42, Shallowater 10
Sept. 23	Greenwood 59, Fort Stockton 8
Sept. 30	Greenwood 52, Seminole 50
Oct. 7	Monahans 42, Greenwood 28
Oct. 21	Greenwood 77, Pecos 45
Oct. 28	Greenwood 56, Lamesa 14
Nov. 4	Sweetwater 28, Greenwood 14
Nov. 10	Bi-district, Bushland 48, Greenwood 42

2017 ROSTER
(subject to change)

No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
1	Brett Liles	Sr.	6-0	145	WR/DB
2	Brandon Contreras	n/a	6-2	170	WR/DB
3	Kobe Jameson	Jr.	5-9	155	WR/DB
4	Cade Bracey	Sr.	6-1	185	WR/LB
5	Derek Rimer	So.	5-10	125	K/P
6	Brian Ramos	Sr.	5-8	180	RB/DL
7	Jared Nail	Sr.	5-6	130	WR/DB
8	Josh Nail	n/a	5-10	145	WR/DB
9	Gunnar Holcomb	Sr.	6-3	190	WR/LB
10	Coby Robbins	n/a	5-7	180	OL/DL
11	Brody Ray	So.	6-2	160	WR/DB
12	Jake Somers	Jr.	6-0	175	QB/DB
13	Jantzen Baker	n/a	6-0	180	TE/DL
21	Seth Weatherby	Jr.	5-9	155	WR/DB
22	Ryan Snodgrass	So.	5-16	165	RB/LB
25	Tristan Ruiz	n/a	5-10	170	WR/LB
31	Aliber Garza	n/a	5-10	185	RB/LB
32	Efrain Franco	So.	5-11	200	RB/LB
50	Tyson Thompson	n/a	6-1	240	OL/DL
51	Sloan Stephens	Sr.	6-5	225	OL/DL
52	Christian Bell	So.	5-11	215	OL/DL
53	David Perez	n/a	5-11	230	OL/DL
54	Jayden Kitchens	So.	6-1	220	OL/DL
62	Jerry Vazquez	Jr.	5-7	215	OL/DL
63	Braden Latham	Sr.	5-8	200	OL/DL
64	Matt Groeschel	Sr.	6-6	315	OL/DL
70	Jared Rose	n/a	5-10	285	OL/DL
72	Dalton Richardson	Sr.	5-10	225	OL/DL
75	Parker Wigington	Jr.	6-3	295	OLDL
80	Fidencio Soto	n/a	5-10	180	RB/LB

2016 Greenwood statistics
(6-1, 3-1)

Opponents	63	83	39	27	--198
Greenwood	105	79	80	91	--355

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Stace Bell	109	795	7.3	14
Ben Brockman	112	726	6.5	16
Samuel Shaw	45	259	5.8	4
Jake Somers	21	77	3.7	0
Fabian Madrid	5	12	2.4	0
Tyler Ellison	3	38	12.7	0
Seth Weatherby	3	10	3.3	1
Jared Nail	1	14	14.0	0
Efrain Franco	1	-1.0	-1.0	0
Totals	300	1,930	6.4	35

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
B. Brockman	101	170	6	1,513	10
J. Somers	7	14	0	74	1
Totals	108	184	6	1,587	11

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Fabian Madrid	26	439	16.9	5
T. Ellison	24	268	11.2	1
Hunter Wigington	20	457	22.9	4
S. Bell	13	104	8.0	0
Bret Liles	5	36	7.2	0
Seth Weatherby	4	81	20.3	0
Cade Bracey	4	50	12.5	0
Julian Leyva	4	27	6.8	0
S. Shaw	2	20	10.0	1
Tyler James	2	15	7.5	0
Gunnar Holcomb	1	9	9.0	0
Josh Reyes	1	15	15.0	0
Totals	94	1,348	14.3	10

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
S. Bell	14	32	2	2	126
B. Brockman	16	0	7	0	110
F. Madrid	6	0	0	0	36
S. Shaw	4	0	0	0	24
H. Wigington	4	1	0	0	26
S.Weatherby	1	0	1	0	8
T. Ellison	1	0	0	0	6
B. Liles	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	49	33	11	2	355

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.
S. Bell	15	478	31.9
Totals	15	478	31.9

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
H. Wigington 13	45	58	0	1	0
Luke Cowan 13	37	50	7	0	0
F. Madrid 15	34	49	6	1	1
Brian Ramos 12	29	41	7	1	0
S. Weatherby 16	24	40	7	1	0
Gunnar Holcomb 18	21	39	4	1	0
Jared Nail 9	25	34	0	0	0
Lane Gonzalez 7	23	30	0	0	3
S. Shaw 17	12	29	3	0	0
Josh Reyes 0	27	27	0	1	0
J. Somers 1	22	23	0	0	0
Cade Bracey 7	16	23	2	1	0
Sloan Stephens 6	14	20	5	0	0
Efrain Franco 4	12	16	0	0	1
Jonathan Rodriguez 2	14	16	1	0	0
B. Latham 5	11	16	1	0	0
Kesmond Andrews 5	10	15	3	0	0
J. Leyva 5	10	15	0	1	1
Nick Medrano 4	11	15	1	0	0
T. Ellison 4	10	14	0	0	0
B. Brockman 4	9	13	0	0	1
Bret Liles 3	9	12	0	0	0
Jayden Kitchens 2	9	11	4	0	0
S. Bell 6	4	10	0	0	0
Jordan Kelley 1	4	5	0	0	0
Dalton Richardson 1	3	4	0	0	0
Jerry Vasquez 0	3	3	0	0	0
D. Merryman 1	2	3	0	0	0
C. Ramsey 0	3	3	0	0	0
P. Wigington 0	2	2	0	0	0
Cade Allen 0	1	1	0	0	0
G. Franco 0	1	1	0	0	0
Israel Soto 0	1	1	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery. INT - interceptions

BREAKING DOWN THE 2017 RANGERS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2017: Junior Jake Somers is the likely starter after serving as Ben Brockman's backup last season, completing 50 percent of his passes for 123 yards and a touchdown. Sanderson said he's got several other candidates to who could also play quarterback in sophomore Weston Wilber, junior Coby Jamison and sophomore Brody Ray. Sanderson said whoever's not playing quarterback will play other positions.

RUNNING BACK

What to expect in 2017: Sanderson said there are three kids that are rotating in and out of this position. Sophomore Efrain Franco got some varsity experience last year, as did sophomore Ryan Snodgrass. Senior Fidencio Soto has also been in the rotation. Also look for junior Seth Weatherby to possibly get some reps after getting limited playing time in the position last season.

WIDE RECEIVERS

What to expect in 2017: Sanderson also believes he's got some skill kids who can do a good job of catching the ball and do something with it after they catch it. Senior Jared Nail (3 catches, 26 yards in 2016), senior Cade Bracey (4 catches, 50 yards last year) and senior Gunnar Holcomb all bring varsity experience to the unit. All three are also expected to play on defense.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: The line will be led by 6-foot-6, 320-pound senior left tackle Matthew Groeschel, who will be the anchor the line after playing guard last year and being named first team all-district. Next to him will be sophomore guard Christian Bell and sophomore center Jayden Kitchens. At right guard will be returning starter, state qualifying power lifter and senior Dalton Richardson, while right tackle is expected to be senior Sloan Stephens (6-5, 220). Sanderson said not only will this group be a strong group but they're smart and understand the game.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: This group will be senior heavy anchored by ends Braden Latham (35 tackles, 4 tackles for loss) and 2016 District 2-4A Division II Defensive Lineman of the Year Brian Ramos (60 tackles, 13 tackles for loss). Junior Jerry Vasquez (10 tackles in 2016) will look to man the middle in the new three-man front, which seems to fit the Rangers' personnel better according to Sanderson. He said he also wants to limit the workload for those on the offensive line and increase speed on defense.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2017: The four-man linebacking corps will feature some of the skill players as Bracey (32 tackles, 4 tackles for loss) and Franco (21 tackles) will be inside, while Holcomb (45 tackles, 5 TFL) will be one of the outside linebackers. Sanderson said there's a battle going on for the other OLB spot.

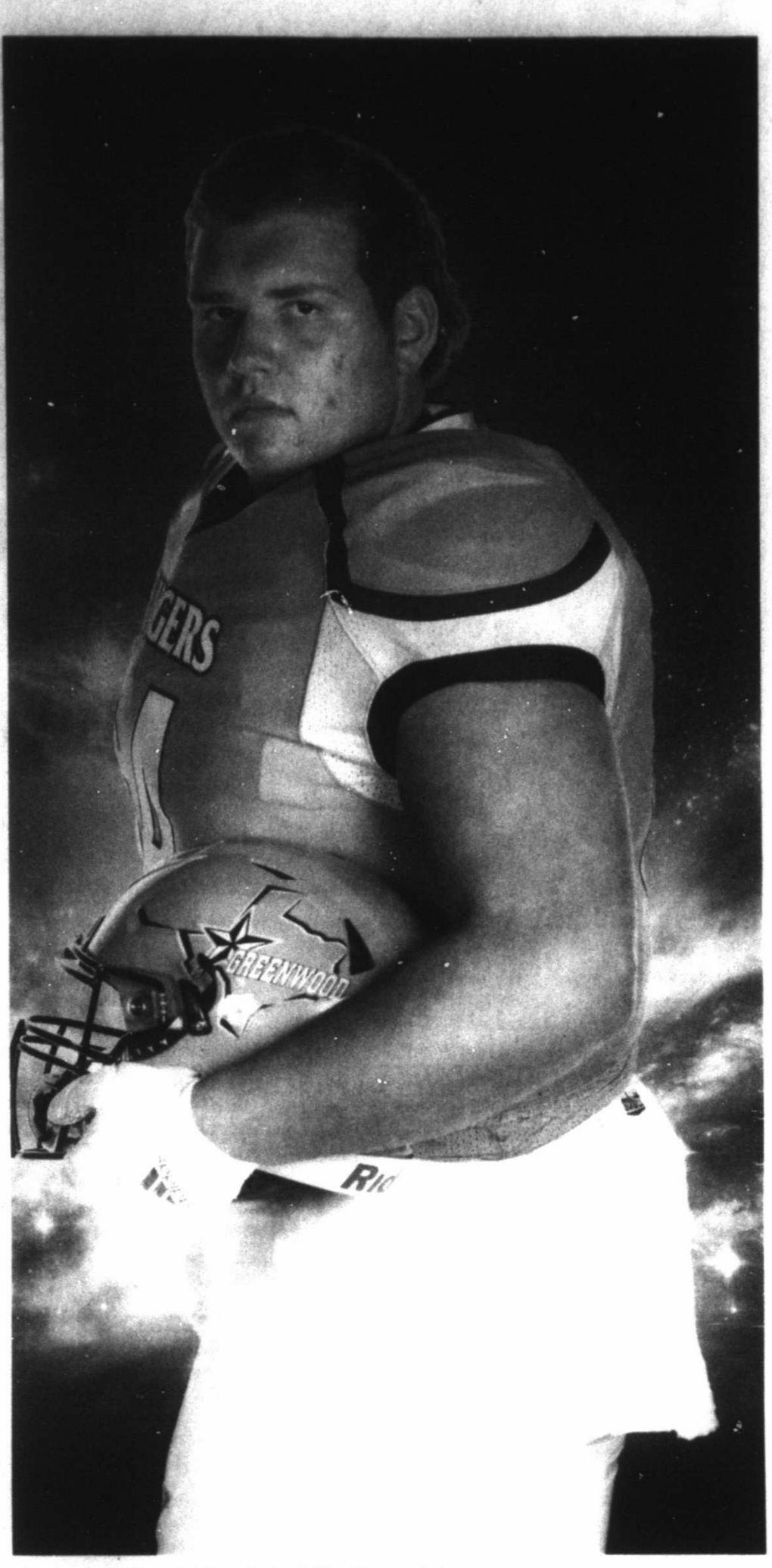
SECONDARY

What to expect in 2017: The unit will be led by senior cornerback Brett Liles (116 tackles), who will also play some wide receiver. Sanderson said being a coach's son, Liles is smart and understands the game. Nail (45 tackles) and Weatherby (48 tackles, 7 TFL) will be the two starting safeties and both are coming off productive years. The other starting cornerback spot was still to be determined at press time.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2017: Sanderson said he didn't know much about special teams but sophomore Derrick Rimer, who came up to varsity late last year and is a soccer player, may do most of the kicking. Sanderson said Brandon Contreras seems to be a reliable deep snapper. Sanderson said thanks to the skill players available, they have plenty of candidates to returns punts and kicks.

Q&A WITH GREENWOOD SENIOR OFFENSIVE TACKLE MATT GROESCHEL



Greenwoods Matt Groeschel. James Durbin/Midland Reporter Telegram

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First-year Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson admits that he's never had a lineman like Matt Groeschel.

It's hard to miss Groeschel, the senior offensive lineman, who stands 6-foot-6 and weighs 320 pounds. But not only does he tower among most of his opponents at the Class 4A Division II level, he can also move for a big guy.

Thanks to his improved footwork, Groeschel is moving from guard to left tackle.

"In the scheme and what we're trying to do, I think he fits that position well," Sanderson said. "He's gotten a lot better as far as protection goes and he's a lot quicker than he's been in the past. He's working himself into that position.

"He's a special kid. He's smart, he's versatile and he can play any position on the line. I look forward to him having a big year. He's a great kid, he's a great leader and he works extremely hard every day."

Groeschel spoke with the Reporter-Telegram just before the start of two-a-days to give his thoughts on the season.

How excited are you for the upcoming season?

I'm real excited. Our team is coming together really well so far and I think we'll have a pretty good season.

What has it been like with a new head coach?

Whenever Coach Sanderson got there, it was an automatic connection between him and the players. I just think things are coming together and things are going great so far.

What does it mean to you to be a senior?

It means this is my last ride for high school. It's my last high school everything - last season, last two-a-days, last time playing on the field. Just got to give it my all.

Talk about the transition moving from guard to left tackle.

The transition wasn't something that was abnormal for me. I pretty much play every position really well, so it wasn't too complicated. At the tackle spot your placement has to be a lot better and more consistent.

How do you think your development as a lineman has come along over the years?

It's been pretty good. I've basically been getting stronger. I've worked on having quicker feet and hand placement. (Offensive line coach Macy Thompson) has been a huge blessing in my football career. He has taught me a lot of techniques, but on the other hand that football can also be fun.

What is it about being an offensive linemen that you like?

Playing offensive lineman is a unique position. If we do something wrong, the whole play is screwed up, so it really all starts with the offensive line. Without a good offensive line, you really can't do anything on offense. We're the nastiest guys on the field.

What's your attitude, your mentality when you're out on the field?

I'm out there to punish whoever is in front of me. I'm not out there to make friends, not out there to make buddies, it's all business.

Do you consider yourself a leader on that offensive line?

I do consider myself a leader. I've put in the time and the effort. I've paid the price throughout all four years of being a Ranger, that I meet the requirements to be a leader.

What are you looking for from the team this year?

I'm looking for a lot of kids to step up. We have a lot of young guys on the team and I feel if they step up, no one can stop us.

Do you have any personal goals this year?

I want to be first-team all-state on the offensive line and I want to be a team leader, team captain and go on to the next level.

What's one thing that people don't know about you?

I'm a homebody but I like (deer) hunting. It's just kind of relaxing, waiting for the animals to come in. I have come out in Texas Trophy Hunters three times.

I know you've been looking at colleges. How is that coming along?

It's coming along well. I've got my list up to 21 (that have shown interest) and have three that offered -Purdue, Midwestern State and UTPB.

Is deciding on a school something you want to take your time with?

I have some schools that I've been looking in to, but I'm just waiting on more to come in.

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BREAKING DOWN DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION II (IN PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH)

1. Monahans (9-3, 6-0 in district in 2016): The Loboes should once again challenge for the top spot in this very tough district. The Loboes will have to overcome the loss of several players to graduation but FB Tylan McCalister returns after rushing for 1,751 yards and 26 touchdowns to go with six receptions for 117 yards and two TDs. QB Dante Griner also returns after completing more than 50 percent of his passes for 1,011 yards, 13 TDs and five interceptions. The key for the Loboes is how well the young defense comes along.

2. Seminole (9-4, 3-3): The Indians will have to replace QB Brett Hicks but they return 12 starters, including TE/DE Reese Moore, who has committed to the University of Texas as an offensive tackle. RB/LB Cade Barnard (534 yards rushing, 193 tackles) has eight scholarship offers on the table from FBS schools. DL Rusty Froese returns after posting 100 tackles, while LB Aron Dominguez had 106 tackles in 2016.

3. Sweetwater (13-2, 5-1): The Mustangs made it all the way to the Class 4A Division II championship game before falling to state power West Orange-Stark but they have to replace some talent lost to graduation and head coach Shane Mobley left to coach at Sealy. Ben McGehee came over from Temple where he was an associate head coach and he will have dynamic QB Chris Thompson also coming back. Thompson rushed for 1,197 yards, passed for 3,170 yards and accounted for 26 TDs. WR Kobe Clark had 1,251 yards receiving and 12 TDs, while LB Kiante McCoy returns after posting 130 tackles.

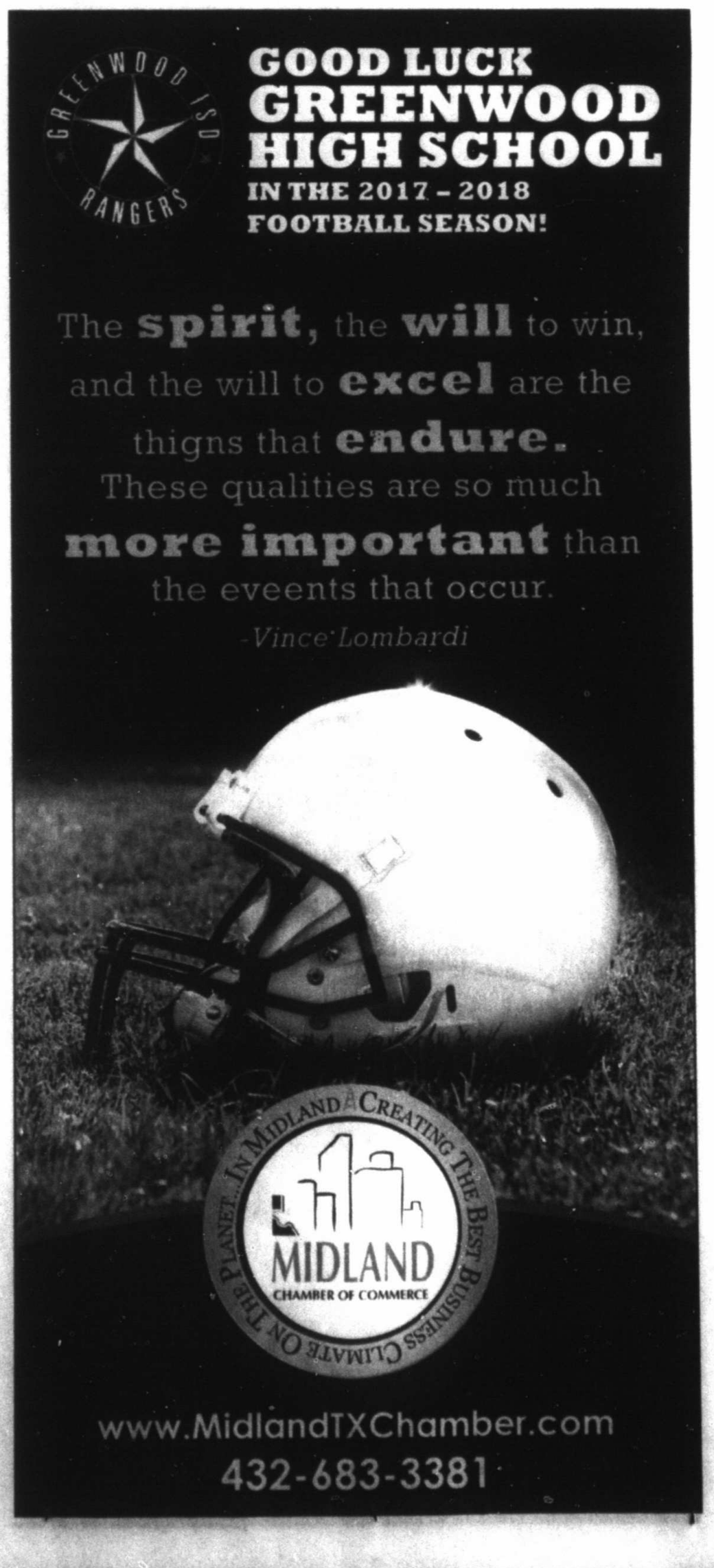
4. Greenwood (7-3, 4-2): The Rangers have a new coach in Jared Sanderson but the program's expectations of making the postseason remains the same. The Rangers will have to replace several key players lost to graduation but Sanderson believes he's got good experience on both lines and good skill position players to make some noise in the district.

5. Pecos (5-5, 2-4): The Eagles believe that they should challenge for a playoff spot thanks to the return of 15 starters. The headliner here is four-year starting QB Bubba Henson, the son of head coach Chris Henson, who can create plays with his arm and feet. He's rushed for 2,202 yards and 29 TDs and has passed for 5,355 yards and 62 TDs in his career. The defense should be led by LB Pablo Hidalgo (109 tackles).

6. Fort Stockton (3-7, 1-5): The Panthers hope to make strides in Mike Peters' second year as a head coach. The Panthers, though, will be hard pressed to make the playoffs in this loaded district, but they should make things interesting for those teams battling for postseason spot. The Panthers have to replace Kobe Henderson, who transferred to Crane. LB Cole Daggett (94 tackles) spearheads the defense.

7. Lamesa (1-9, 0-6): Former Midland High assistant and Lee grad Rodney Sims takes over as head coach after Tim James stepped down in May. Sims will look to revive a struggling program that hasn't had a winning season since 2001. The Golden Tornadoes return RB Jace Burleson, who rushed for 1,060 yards and 10 TDs.

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy



Now it's his turn to lead

Senior Keesee ready to lead Andrews from QB position

Andrews' QB Jace Keesee throws passes during practice Aug. 10. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

By Oscar LeRoy
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ANDREWS – Jace Keesee watched and learn from some of the best quarterbacks to ever come through Andrews.

Now it's his turn.

Going into another season of high expectations for the Mustangs, Keesee will start at quarterback for the Mustangs, which are coming off an 11-2 season.

Keesee, a senior, believes he's ready for what comes with being the quarterback of the Mustangs.

"The last two, three years, I learned quite a bit from Jase (Hammack) and Triston (Williams)," he said. "It's just really a lot of techniques and footwork, making the correct reads and learning the offense. This summer was a big help, especially with 7-on-7."

Andrews' deep run to the state's 7-on-7 tournament was big for the first-year starting quarterback as it not only gave him a taste of what it's like running the Mustang high-powered offense but also gave him a chance to work with the other skill players on chemistry.

"Seven-on-7 gave us a lot of confidence and we have a lot of people coming back," he said. "It was the farthest any Andrews team has ever gone. It was good to show everyone that we can play too. The young guys coming up, we got them a bunch of experience playing some really quality opponents. Chemistry is a big thing with the receivers and running backs. I think we have more chemistry this year than we had last year."

Senior wide receiver Noah Lujan, who also had a good 7-on-7 state tournament, said he's confident in what Keesee can do.

"Jace can throw the ball but he can also run very fast," Lujan said. "He's very athletic. He knows the game well, he knows how to put the ball in the right spot. He also has good chemistry with all the receivers. If we something that we think won't work, he'll check it quick and he'll know what to do."

Sixth-year head coach Ralph Mason also believes Keesee is ready to step into the role after seeing the shows the dedication and the work to become a better quarterback.

"He comes in, he talks about things and he's being great leader on the field," Mason said. "That's what you've got to have in that position, especially in that offense. His arm strength has really improved over the course of the last year. He's going bring another dimension to the game because he can run the football too. (An opposing) defense is going to have a little something extra to worry about."

Keesee got a taste of being the guy last year when he had to step in at quarterback for the injured Williams midway through a hard-fought 21-14 victory over rival Big Spring. He got his first varsity start at QB the following week in a 49-28 loss to Class 5A Lubbock Coronado and finished the season completing just more than 50 percent of his passes for 280 yards, four touchdowns and two interceptions.

"They kind of threw me into the fire at the end of the Big Spring game," Keesee said. "We came together as a team and won that one and then I got my first start against Coronado the following week. It didn't end the way we wanted but I saw some things I could learn from. Going into this year, I have a start under my belt, so I have a lot of confidence going in. There are no nerves or anything coming into this year."

Keesee won't get much of a break when the defense is on the field because he is also a projected starter at safety, where he earned first-team all-district last year. That's OK with the senior, who wants to be on the field as much as possible.

"It's a lot of fun. I love hitting as well," Keesee said. "They kind of gave me the green light to decide if I wanted to play both ways, and I said, 'of course.'"

Mason said he didn't have a problem with his quarterback playing both ways as long as Keesee can handle it.

"Jace is not afraid of contact," Mason said. "A lot of times our quarterback just plays quarterback but he doesn't want any part of that. He wants to play on both sides."

Keesee said the key to having the kind of season they want will be their chemistry.

"We're always going to face teams that have more talent than us, that are bigger than us, but technique, chemistry and having a strong brotherhood is what we're going to have to lean on against better teams," he said.

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MUSTANGS FAST FACTS

District: 2-4A Division I
Head coach: Ralph Mason, 6th year (43-18 at Andrews and overall)
Assistant coaches: Don Long, Tom Harvey, Britt Narrell, Michael Reed, Bill Stotts, Stormy Jackson, Scott Kello, Robert Morris, Eric Pierce, Jason Richters, Todd Handley, Matt Gafford, Todd Warren, Craig Cooke
2016 record: 11-2, 4-0 in district (1st)
Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense
Typical offense: spread
Typical defense: 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Levelland, 53-22, in Class 4A Division I regional round
Enrollment: 1,056
Homecoming: Sept. 29 vs. Big Spring
Rivalry game: Sept. 29 vs. Big Spring
Home stadium: Mustang Bowl, Andrews

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at San Angelo Lake View	7:30 p.m
Sept. 8	Lubbock High	7:30 p.m
Sept. 15	at Levelland	7:30 p.m
Sept. 22	Monahans	7:30 p.m
Sept. 29	Big Spring	7:30 p.m
Oct. 6	at Lubbock Coronado	7:30 p.m
Oct. 13 (CST)	at *San Elizario	7:30 p.m
Oct. 20	*Fabens	7:30 p.m
Oct. 27 (CST)	at *Clint Mountain View	7:30 p.m
Nov. 3	*Clint	7:30 p.m

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 26	Andrews 65, San Angelo Lake View 27
Sept. 1	Andrews 28, Lubbock High 16
Sept. 9	Andrews 77, Levelland 76
Sept. 16	Andrews 43, Monahans 40
Sept. 23	Andrews 21, Big Spring 14
Sept. 30	Lubbock Coronado 49, Andrews 28
Oct. 7	Andrews 72, San Elizario 0
Oct. 14	Andrews 68, Fabens 6
Oct. 21	Andrews 73, Clint Mountain View 10
Oct. 28	Andrews 52, Clint 14
Nov. 10	Bi-district, Andrews 73, Borger 27
Nov. 18	Area, Andrews 59, Brownwood 38
Nov. 25	Regional, Levelland 53, Andrews 22

2017 MUSTANGS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strengths: Talent at skill positions, offensive line experience
Weakness: Offensive line depth

KEY PLAYERS

QB Jace Keesee, Sr. - The senior is ready to step into the starting role after serving as a backup last year to Triston Williams. Also brings some more mobility to the position.
WR Noah Lujan, Sr. - The 6-foot Lujan looks to be the top target for Keesee as he's the leading returning receiver for with 37 receptions for 484 yards and four touchdowns.
WR Casey Buck, Sr. - The 6-1, 200-pound Buck should be another threat in passing game after catching 27 passes for 409 yards and seven TDs in 2016.
Coach Mason on the experienced line: We've got a good offensive line with five starters back. They had a good year last year and they're only getting better because they're stronger and they're more knowledgeable."

DEFENSE

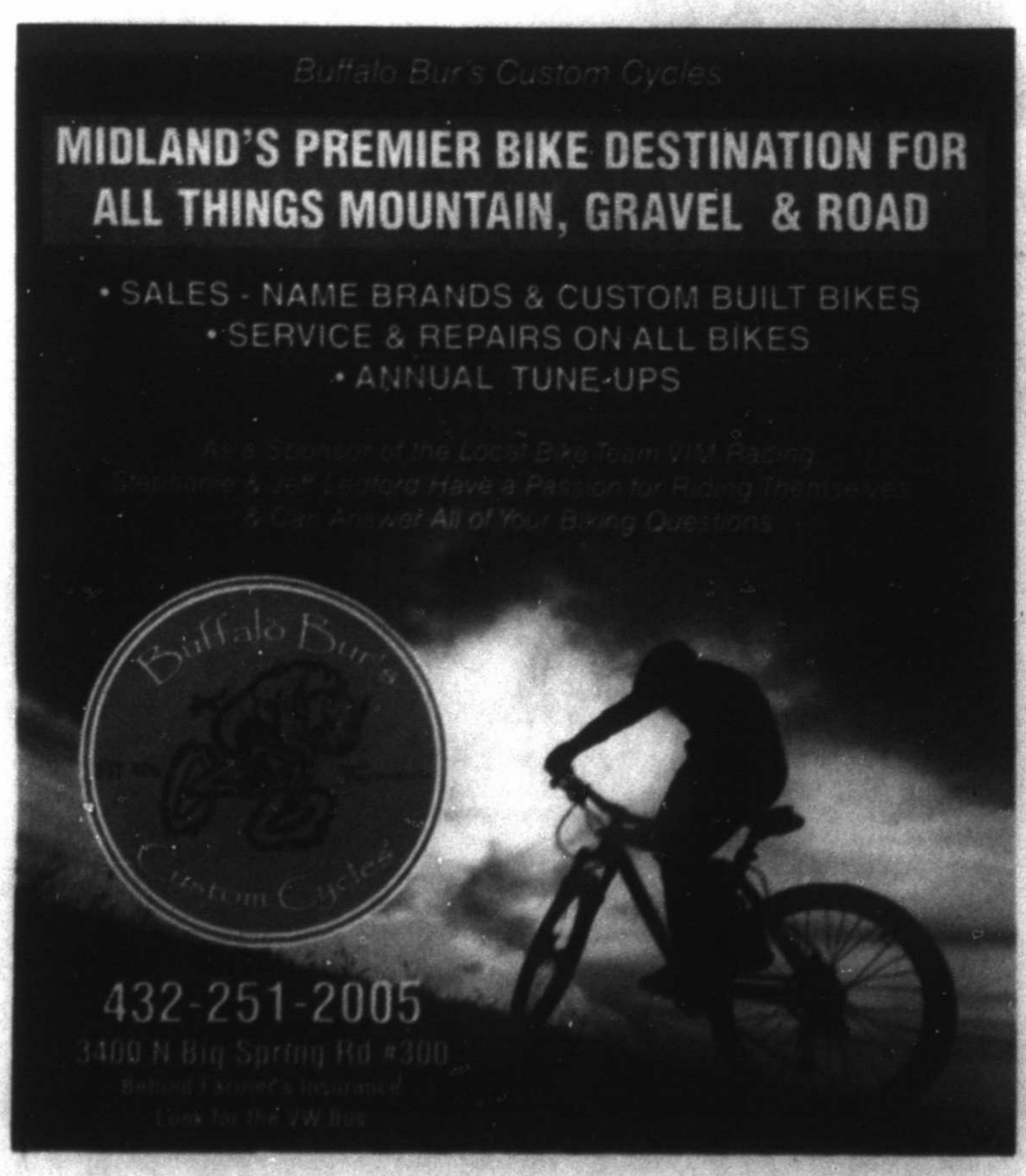
Strength: Experience at key positions
Weakness: Secondary depth

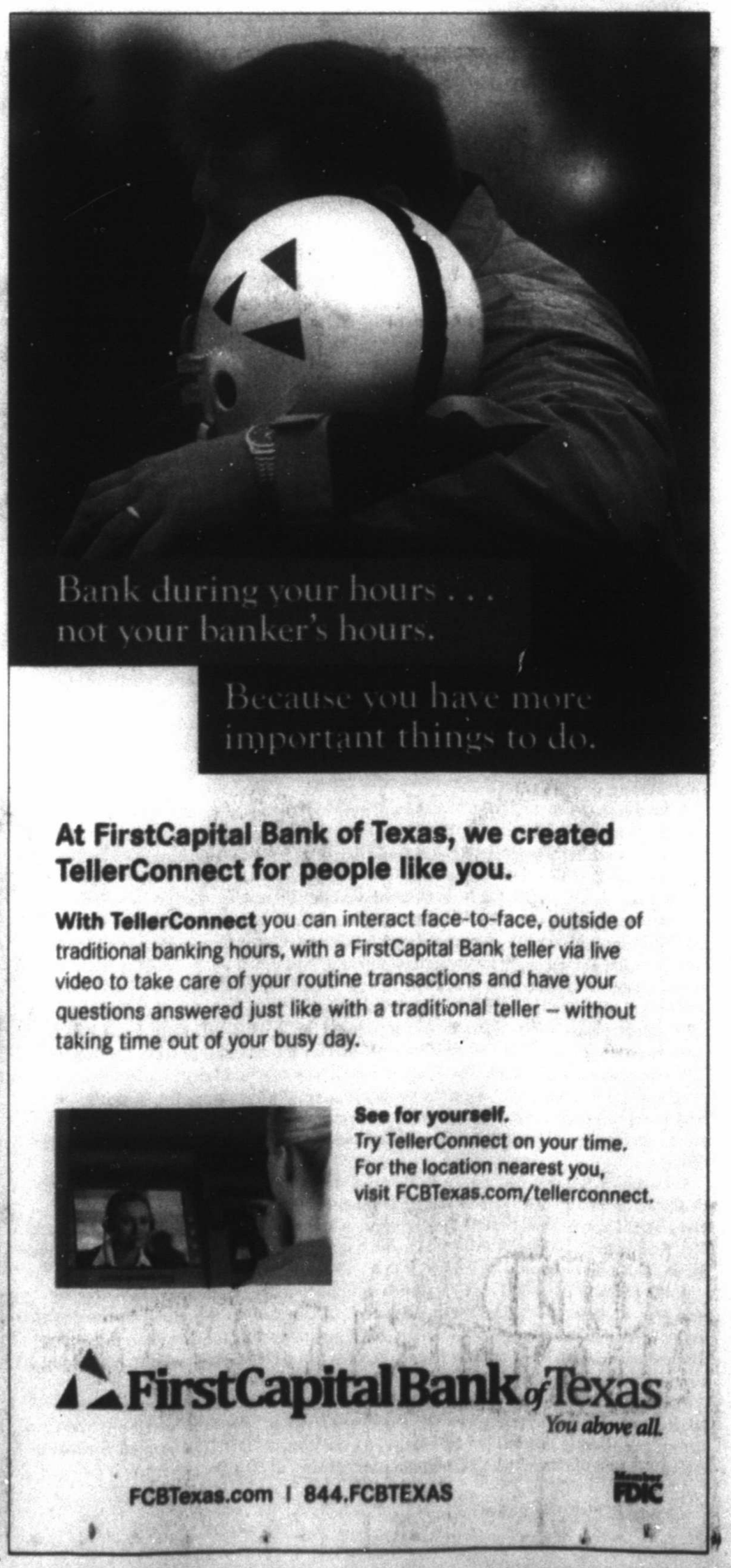
KEY PLAYERS

LB Brittin Garcia, Sr. - Garcia is the leading returning tackler after post 90 stops to go with 10 tackles for loss, three fumble recoveries and an interception.
LB Casey Buck, Sr. - Buck should also excel on this side of the ball after a year in which he had 74 tackles with five tackles for loss and two interceptions.
DE Beau Narrell, Sr. - Narrell is the top returning defensive lineman after recording 51 tackles, three tackles for loss, two sacks and a fumble recovery.
Coach Mason on defense: "The kids look like they understand it so much better, so I'm expecting a really great year on defense."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strengths: Speed in the return game
Weakness: Unproven kicker and punter at the varsity level
Coach Mason on the special teams: "Vito Prieto and Casey Buck could do the punting. Jaden Brown kicked on the JV last year and I think he's going to be fine. I expect good things out of special teams."





The big man in Big Spring

Cisneros aims to lead Steers in McLemore's first season

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BIG SPRING - The transition for a new coach is never easy but things can be made a lot easier when he has players willing to buy into his program.

First-year Big Spring coach Mitch McLemore will look to improve a program that struggled to an 0-9 record in 2016. From early indications the Steers seem to be behind their new coach as the program has seen an increase in participation to the point where the team was running out of practice equipment the first week of practice.

One of those players, who's glad to see the excitement return to the program after a couple of lean years is 6-foot-1, 260-pound senior left tackle and nose guard Damien Cisneros.

"I'm ready to get it started," Cisneros said. "We have Coach Mac here and he's got a plan for us. We're hyped, we're excited."

McLemore enjoys having a player like Cisneros as well to help him not only with the transition but be a leader that others could follow.

"He's a leader on the field and off the field," McLemore said. "He's a great encourager. He's always got something positive to say to the team after practice. He's powerful, he's got a powerful first step and he's a good football player. He's got a chance to be exceptional."

Cisneros said he takes pride in being a leader, especially now that he's a senior.

"I try to be a leader. I try to hype the guys up even when they make mistakes," he said. "I've got to get everybody in line. This is my senior year. You've got to put everything on the line and you can't hold anything back."

Scheme-wise not much is expected to change for the Steers as they will stay with the spread offense, while running a multiple stack defense. McLemore with the coaching staff still getting to know the personnel, everybody will be training on both side of the ball and they will decide who's best to put on the field.

Regardless of everything that still needs to be ironed out, Cisneros likes what he's seen.

"A lot of plays are a lot easier," said Cisneros when comparing last year to this year. "We have a faster offense and a faster defense. The intensity is a lot higher than it was last year."

Cisneros will be counted to play on both lines this season and is one of a few veteran linemen the Steers have coming back.

Despite the challenges of playing both ways, Cisneros said he's up to the challenge and is actually looking forward to it.

"Most people wouldn't like it because you've got to play both sides of the ball and you get more time on the field," he said. "But it's actually pretty fun once you learn how to play on both sides of the ball."

Cisneros said the key for the Steers will be staying and playing together as a team. After the season they had last year, you can bet Cisneros and the rest of the team is ready to put it behind them.

"I'm just ready to have a good season with my brothers, my coaches," he said.

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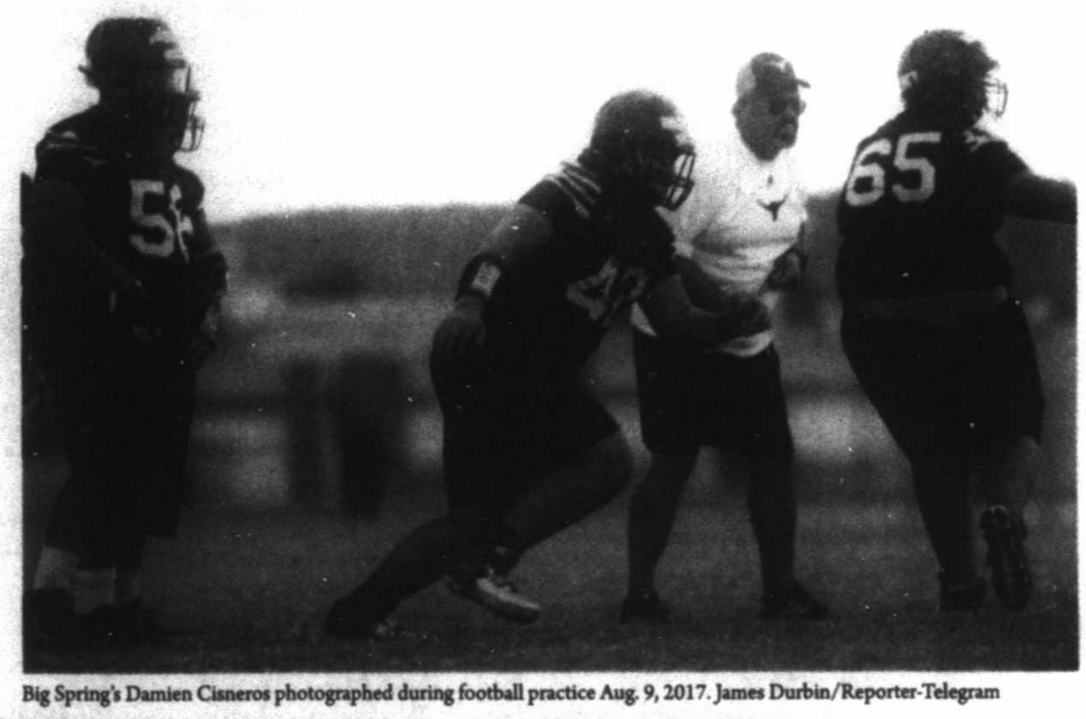

Big Spring's Damien Cisneros photographed during football practice Aug. 9, 2017. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

STEERS FAST FACTS

District: 3-4A Division I
Head coach: Mitch McLemore, 1st year (18-17 in three years overall)
Assistant coaches: B. Buzzard, M. Woodard, E. Tuttle, D. Jeffrey, J. Lane, C. Arista, S. Arista, R. Chaney, E. Parker, D. Carrillo, R. Sanchez, E. Parker, C. White, B. Buzzard, N. Tyerman
2016 Record: 0-9, 0-4 in district (5th)
Returning starters: 5 offense, 5 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: Multiple stack
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Stephenville, 59-42, in Class 4A Division I regional round
Enrollment: 1,010
Homecoming game: Oct. 6 vs Graham
Rivalry game: Sept. 29 at Andrews
Home stadium: Memorial Stadium, Big Spring

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Amarillo Caprock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Sweetwater	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Monahans	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Canyon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Andrews	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Graham	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Snyder	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Abilene Wylie	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Stephenville	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Brownwood	7:30 p.m.

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 26	Amarillo Caprock 37, Big Spring 12
Sept. 2	Big Spring 60, Sweetwater 20
Sept. 16	Canyon 42, Big Spring 14
Sept. 23	Andrews 21, Big Spring 14
Sept. 30	Graham 50, Big Spring 20
Oct. 7	Snyder 34, Big Spring 14
Oct. 14	Abilene Wylie 59, Big Spring 7
Oct. 21	Stephenville 52, Big Spring 27
Oct. 28	Brownwood 57, Big Spring 13

2017 STEERS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Offense: Offensive line, skill positions
Weakness: Inexperience at quarterback

KEY PLAYERS

QB or WR Jack Everett, Sr. – Everett is expected to be in the mix for the starting quarterback spot but if not, he'll help out at the wide receiver position thanks to his athleticism.
WR Jeremiah Cooley, Jr. – McLemore said Cooley could be something special thanks to his size (6-foot, 4, 190 pounds) and athleticism.
OL Jordan Dunn, Sr. – Dunn is an experienced lineman who should help protect whoever is playing quarterback for the Steers.
Coach McLemore on the offense and defense: "There's a new offense, new defense, new staff. There's a learning curve, which is the biggest question going into the season."

DEFENSE

Strength: Key players returning on defense
Weakness: Depth

KEY PLAYERS

NG Damien Cisneros, Sr. – Cisneros is an explosive player off the line and also provides experience and leadership to the position.
MLB Brett Berringer, Jr. – Berringer is a quick, physical player who looks to anchor the middle for the Steers defense.
S Mikey Renteria, Sr. – Renteria is another key returner on this side of the ball and will look to lead the secondary.
Coach McLemore on defense: "I think (defense is) going to help us early, really fast."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Plenty of capable players to return kicks and punts.
Weakness: Lack of proven kicker and punter
Coach McLemore on special teams: "We're pretty excited about special teams since we're going have a lot of speed to put on the field. The kicker and punter are still up in the air, but we're still going to be pretty decent."

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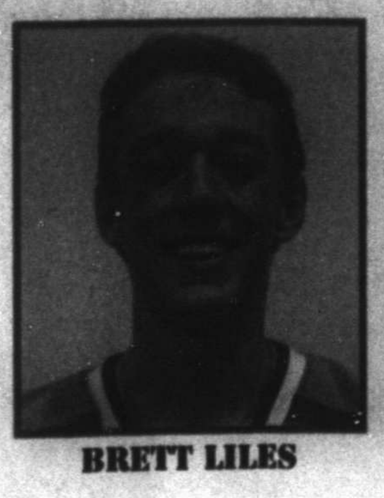
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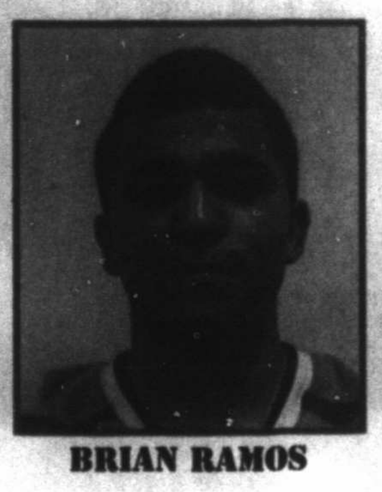
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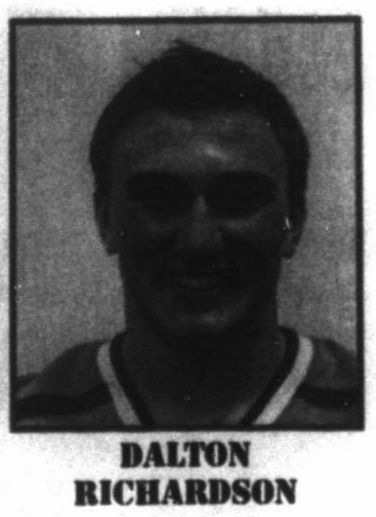
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A confident leader

Coahoma's Pearson looking for more this season

By Oscar LeRoy
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COAHOMA – Braden Pearson has a quiet but confident demeanor about him.

The senior quarterback and linebacker for Coahoma is coming off a great season in which he rushed for 1,031 yards and six touchdowns in helping the Bulldogs recover from a slow start and make the playoffs.

But now Pearson and the Bulldogs want more after last year's solid finish and a ton of starters returning from a 3-7 team.

"I'm just ready to get out there, work hard and compete," Pearson said. "We're going to be a different team this year. We have a lot of experience on the field. I think all of this experience is going to help us win football games. We've all been working hard this summer. I have a really good feeling about this season."

Early last year, things didn't look good for the Bulldogs as they lost their first four games, as the team was still maturing with a lot of young players on the roster. But then Coahoma won its next two games and finished the District 2-3A Division II season with a 2-2 mark to make the playoffs as the No. 3 seed.

"Last year we started off real rough but we improved a bunch," Pearson said. "All that improvement really gave us confidence. We don't really look like the same team on film. We're 10 times better than we were last year. We have more experience and we've been working out, getting stronger and faster. We all know the offense. Last year, we struggled with the plays. This year we're going to be moving fast and it's going to be real hard to stop us."

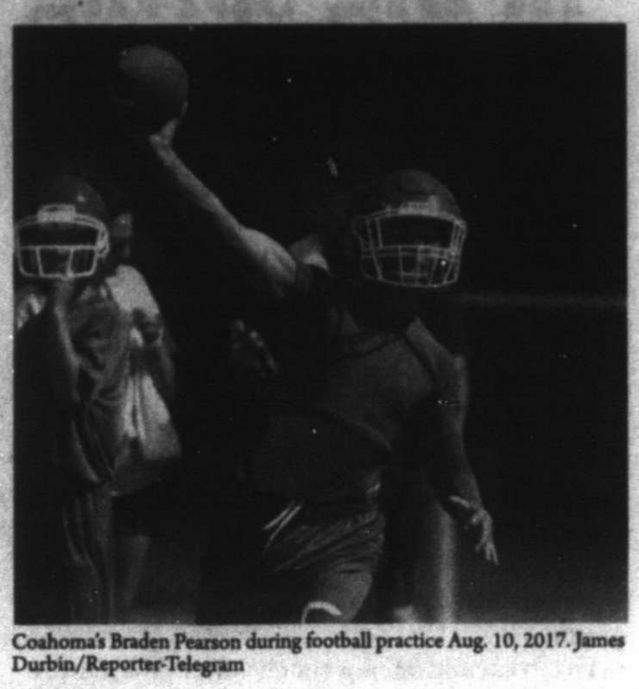
While Pearson had a great season running the ball, the Bulldogs are now looking to him to play mostly quarterback this season.

Third-year head coach Fred Dietz said Pearson is a leader for his team and is excited about his potential at quarterback.

"He's done everything we asked him to do since football season ended last year," Dietz said. "He's really taken the reins as far as getting kids to summer workouts, coming out here to throw the football, to going to play 7-on-7. He has a tremendous grasp to what we're doing offensively. He really gets it. And he's just a tough, determined kid. He's somebody that we count on big time. He's going to compete at quarterback. He kind of has the inside track to get the first crack at it."

Pearson said since he played some at quarterback last year, he's ready for the new challenge and added that not only can he run with the football but is a capable passer as well.

"I feel confident," he said. "I know the offense. I trust my linemen and they are a lot better than they were last year. They're smarter, faster and stronger. I have a lot of respect for those guys because they worked their butts off. Playing quarterback is going to be nothing new, really. I know every play. It's going to be a good year."



Coahoma's Braden Pearson during football practice Aug. 10, 2017. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Pearson is also confident that he and Bulldogs can improve from last season.

"It was fun last year. We're going to do better this year, I can tell you that," he said. "Those stats aren't going to be anything compared to this year's. We're going to get out there and work. We're not nervous anymore. We want to win district and do good in the playoffs. We just need to play as a team."

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BULLDOGS FAST FACTS

District: 2-3A Division II
Head coach: Fred Dietz, 3rd year (6-14 in two years overall)
2016 record: 3-7 overall, 2-2 in district (3rd)
Returning starters: 8 offense, 9 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 3-3 stack
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Childress, 58-6, in Class 3A Division II bi-district
Enrollment: 243
Homecoming: Oct. 6 vs. San Angelo TLCA
Rivalry game: Sept. 1 vs. Forsan in Big Spring
Home stadium: Bulldog Stadium, Coahoma

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at McCamey	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bangs	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at San Angelo Grape Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	San Angelo TLCA	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at *Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Lubbock Roosevelt	

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2016 RESULTS

Aug. 25	Forsan 42, Coahoma 19
Sept. 2	MCamey 40, Coahoma 26
Sept. 9	Reagan County 47, Coahoma 14
Sept. 23	Grape Creek 78, Coahoma 50
Sept. 30	Coahoma 27, San Angelo TLCA 6
Oct. 7	Coahoma 35, Stanton 8
Oct. 14	Idalou 28, Coahoma 6
Oct. 21	Colorado City 33, Coahoma 6
Nov. 4	Coahoma 24, Lubbock Roosevelt 6
Nov. 11	Bi-district, Childress 58, Coahoma 6

2017 Roster
(subject to change)

Name	Class	Pos.
Joseph Manning	Jr.	WR/DB
Gage Clark-Burdell	Jr.	WR?LB
Braden Pearson	Sr.	QB/LB
Adam Clark	Sr.	WR/DL
Zack Schneider	So.	QB/DB
Josh Grimsley	Sr.	RB/DB
Caimon Billingsley	Sr.	RB/LB
Zach Holmes	Sr.	WR/LB
Joe Isaac Escobedo	Sr.	RB/LB
Trey Brumley	Sr.	WR/DB
Rolando Ortiz	Sr.	OL/DL
Landon Barber-Grant	Sr.	OL/DB
Lane Williams	Sr.	OL/DL
Nathan Ramirez	Sr.	OL/DL
Josh Yanez	Sr.	OL/DL
Keegan Dobbs	So.	OL/DL
Braidon Walker	Sr.	OL/DL
Bracy Bacon	Sr.	OL/DL
Jonathon Schneider	So.	OL/DL
Aleks Duenes	Jr.	WR/DB

2017 BULLDOGS AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Offensive line, skill positions
Weakness: Depth

KEY PLAYERS

QB Braden Pearson, Sr. - Pearson was the Bulldogs' big playmaker last year after rushing for more than 1,000 yards. This year, Coahoma is looking for him to lead more at the QB position.

WR Zach Holmes, Sr. - Holmes was a first-team all-district pick last year after leading the Bulldogs with 29 receptions for 446 yards and two touchdowns. Coahoma will look to get him the ball in a lot of ways.

WR Gage Clark-Burdell, Jr. - Clark-Burdell is a big target at receiver, standing 6-foot-4. He earned first-team all-district honors last year with 28 catches with 261 yards and four TDs.

Coach Dietz on offense: "Offensively, it's nice to be able to walk out there and play football. And for the kids to understand what the signals are, what the formations are without really having to teach a bunch of that. It's repetition now."

DEFENSE

Strength: Defensive line, linebackers
Weakness: Secondary depth

KEY PLAYERS

DE Adam Clark, Sr. - Clark was a first-team all-district selection last year and looks to once again wreak havoc off the line by using an explosive first step.

SLB Joe Isaac Escobedo, Sr. - Escobedo returns after leading the tea, in tackles with 98 and also earning first-team all-district honors. Dietz said he's a high-character kid and good football player.

MLB Caimon Billingsley, Sr. - Another first-team all-district selection will anchor the middle for the Bulldogs after posting 88 tackles in 2016.

Coach Dietz on defense: "We should be good on defense. I feel we've got a lot of defensive line depth but I wish we had more depth in secondary."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Return game
Weakness: Proven kicker and punter
Coach Dietz on special teams: "We're looking to replace the kicker (Tyler Martin) we lost to graduation but we try not to get too fancy with our special teams. We're just going to have to be creative with our kicking game until we find that kicker and punter."

An anticipated comeback for Stanton

Wheeler returns from knee injury, looks to lead the Buffaloes

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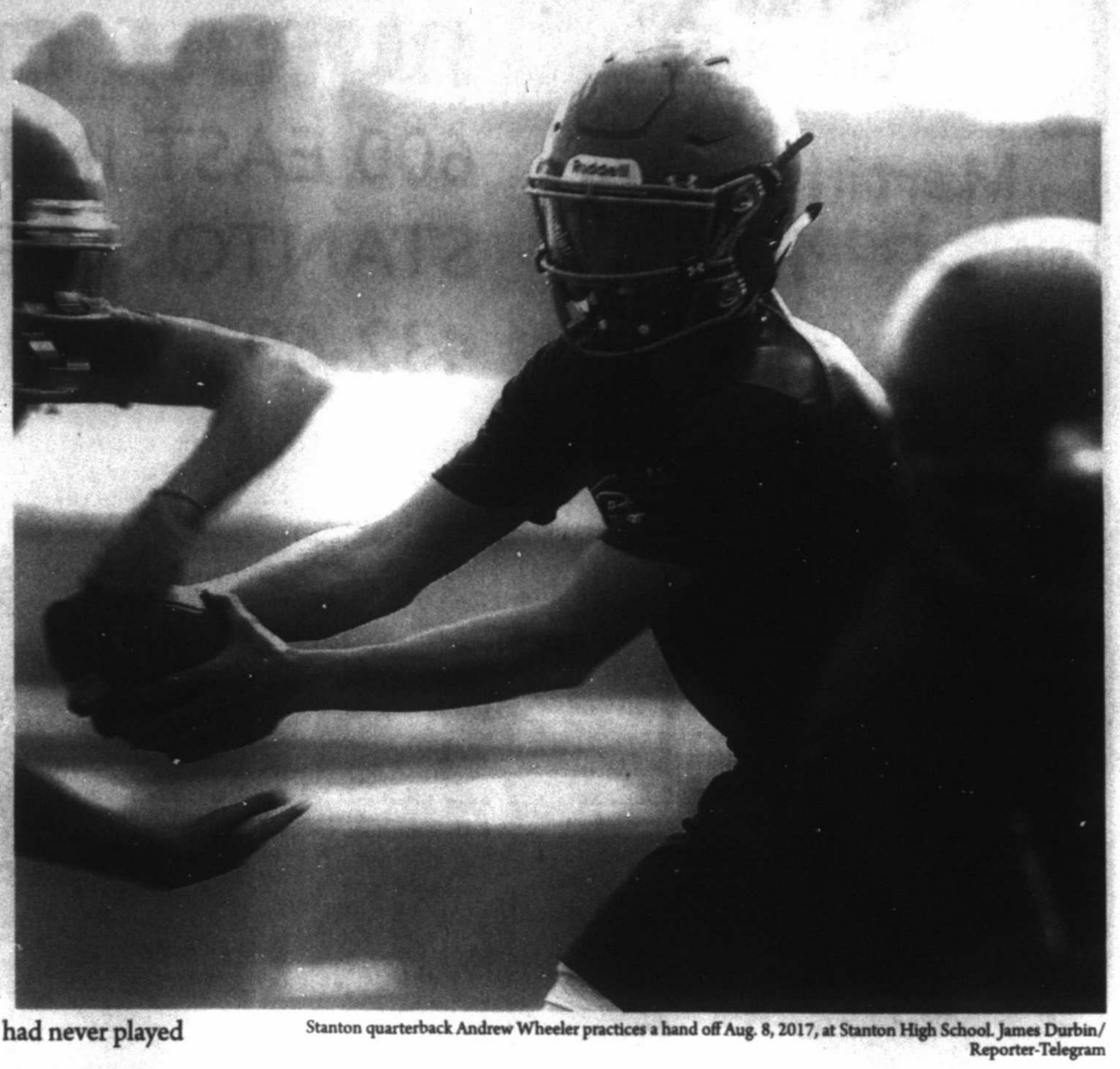

Stanton quarterback Andrew Wheeler practices a hand off Aug. 8, 2017, at Stanton High School. James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

STANTON -- Andrew Wheeler never got a chance to show last year what he could do for the Stanton football team at quarterback.

Wheeler's season was over before it began when he suffered a left knee injury during 7-on-7 play last summer.

It was one of a few key injuries the Buffaloes suffered last season on the way to a tough and trying 0-9 season.

This season the Buffaloes look to bounce back from a trying year behind some more experience players and a groomed quarterback like Wheeler leading the offense.

"I'm really excited, happy to be back, especially coming back from injury," Wheeler said. "Being able to coach and watch from a different perspective. Last year was very interesting. I learned a lot and I absorbed a lot of information and just hope to flip the tables for this year. There's a lot of excitement for this year and just excited what the year holds for us."

Wheeler, a senior, said he was injured on a routine play, while playing receiver. The end result was ligament damage and season-ending surgery in August of 2016. Just like that, Wheeler went from a projected starter to a supporter on the sidelines.

"It was very tough not being able to help and contribute besides vocally was very difficult," he said. "But being able to do that and contribute in some ways was helpful in some ways."

Wheeler's loss didn't help the Buffaloes, who suffered other key injuries along the way and struggled mightily to put points on the board. Stanton was also forced to use Reagan Nichols at quarterback, a position he had never played before last season.

Stanton coach John Peterson won't make any excuses for his team last year and admits the team didn't play well enough.

"(Wheeler) would have been a first-year (varsity) quarterback last year, so it's really hard to say how it could have affected (the offense)," Peterson said. "It changed it because what he could do and what Reagan could do are two different things. Andrew brings a little bit more mobility and both on the throwing end are very similar. If anything, you're having to take a kid who didn't need to play quarterback last year and put him in that position, which he wasn't trained for. Andrew has trained to be a quarterback since junior high. Reagan was a lineman, a little bit of a tight end, a little bit of a running back."

Peterson said Wheeler also provides strong leadership and the other kids seem to follow.

"His character is very good," Peterson said. "The kids love him. He's excited about being the quarterback and having that opportunity. He told me after last season, 'Just put me on the field somewhere coach. I'll do anything you want.' He was going to be our quarterback last year and he's going to be our quarterback this year. He's a great kid. The kids get together at his house and do things, have pizza parties and things like that. I think his leadership, his friendship, his commitment to our program is going to be a plus."

Even with Wheeler back in the fold, don't expect the Buffaloes to put too much of a load on the quarterback. Peterson said the team is going to look to run the ball more and even run the Wing-T at times. The coach said not only will that help ease Wheeler into the position but they want to use their depth at running back to their advantage.

"We don't have enough skill receiver kids to do spread full time," Peterson said. "I think it better suits us to be in more run-oriented offense."

Wheeler, who said he's back to being 100 percent, said he's just ready to get back on the field.

"We're very motivated. Compared to last year, without a doubt," Wheeler said. "There's little to no negativity at all on the football team this year. I see us going in a very good direction right now. The key is working together and positivity. We need to bring our ability, help each other out, not try to do too much and trust in each other."

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BUFFALOES FAST FACTS

District: 2-3A Division II
Head coach: John Peterson, 9th year (36-47 in Stanton and overall)
Assistant coaches: Dan Arista, Doug Gordon, Jeff Dunn, Jonathan Thiebaud, Joshua Tally, Cody Hogan, Phillip Hall, Kolten Self
2016 record: 0-9, 0-4 in district (5th)
Returning starters: 5 offense, 6 defense
Typical offense: Pro-I
Typical defense: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2013, lost to Cisco, 54-10, in Class 2A Division II bi-district round
Enrollment: 255
Homecoming: Sept. 29 vs. Merkel
Rivalry game: Oct. 13 at Coahoma
Home Stadium: Buffalo Stadiurn, Stanton

2017 ROSTER
(subject to change)

No.	Name	Pos.	Class
2	Adrian Rodriguez	RB/DB	Sr.
3	Andrew Wheeler	QB/DB	Sr.
4	Ricky Rangel	WR/LB	Sr.
5	Aaron Marquez	WRDB	Sr.
6	Andy Simpson	RB/DB	Sr.
7	Noel Lopez-Reyna	WR/DB	Sr.
8	Devin Holloway	WR/DB	Sr.
9	Sam Lopez	QB/DB	Sr.
10	Devin Simpson	QB/DB	So.
14	Reagan Nichols	QB/LB	Jr.
20	Chris Almaguer	RB/DB	Jr.
21	Cameron Yarbrough	RB/DB	Jr.
22	Keegan Dahl	WR/DB	Jr.
23	Noe Ureste	WR/DB	Jr.
28	Chayanne Aguirre	RB/LB	Sr.
40	JaColby Thorp	WR/LB	Sr.
44	Wes Ulmer	OL/LB	Jr.
52	Devin Gonzalez	OL/LB	Jr.
53	Ethan Quaid	OL/DL	So.
55	Chandler Denson	OL/DL	Jr.
56	Rankin Kiker	OL/DL	Jr.
58	Alejandro Machuca	OL/LB	Sr.
60	Chris Hernandez	OL/DE	Sr.
72	Jonathon Aguilar	OL/DL	Jr.
72	Cody Hensley	OL/DL	So.

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Seagraves	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Wink	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Forsan	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Christoval	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Merkel	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Alpine	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Lubbock Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Idalou	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Colorado City	7:30 p.m.

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 26	Seagraves 44, Stanton 0
Sept. 2	Wink 38, Stanton 8
Sept. 9	Forsan 34, Stanton 0
Sept. 23	Merkel 28, Stanton 0
Sept. 30	Alpine 40, Stanton 24
Oct. 7	Coahoma 35, Stanton 8
Oct. 14	Lubbock Roosevelt 8, Stanton 0
Oct. 28	Idalou 59, Stanton 6
Nov. 4	Colorado City 35, Stanton 0

2017 BUFFALOES AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

Strength: Running back depth
Weakness: Lack of depth at receiver

KEY PLAYERS

QB Andrew Wheeler, Sr. - Wheeler returns after a season-ending knee injury and he looks to stabilize the position this season.
RB Adrian Rodriguez, Sr. - Rodriguez looks to lead a nice stable of running backs for the Buffaloes after rushing for 424 yards last season.
OL Jonathon Aguilar, Jr. - Aguilar brings experience and will look to help the Buffaloes have success in the running game.
Coach Peterson on the offense: "We're try to be a little more run oriented, use a little more play action passing. We've got enough running backs to do that."

DEFENSE

Strength: Experience in key positions
Weakness: Overall depth

KEY PLAYERS

DT Chris Hernandez, Sr. - Hernandez looks to make a strong return after missing much of last season with a hand injury.
DE Wes Ulmer, Sr. - Ulmer looks to provide leadership and be a steady force on the defensive line.
LB Adrian Rodriguez, Sr. - Rodriguez is the leading returning tackler with 43 stops in 2016 and will look to lead the linebacker corps.
Defensive coordinator Dan Arista: "The team is very motivated. The kids have worked hard in the spring, getting stronger, getting faster."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Sophomore Cameron Yarbrough returns after returning kicks last year and is the only one with experience.
Weakness: Experience
Coach Peterson on special teams: "We're still looking for a kicker, punter and deep snapper. It is what it is."

BREAKING DOWN DISTRICT 2-3A DIVISION II (IN PROJECTED ORDER OF FINISH)

1. Idalou (8-4, 4-0 in district in 2016): The Wildcats return four starters on each side of the ball from last year's district championship but the program tends to reload every year. RB Mark Caballero returns after rushing for more than 1,700 yards and garnering all-state honors. The Wildcats are also expected to have good lines on both sides of the ball and a solid defense.

2. Colorado City (4-7, 3-1): The Wolves look to build off last year's playoff appearance with 13 starters returning. Two-way starter Markis Monroe leads the way after rushing for 761 yards and posting 49 tackles and two INTs last year. Three other defensive players return after recording 64 or more tackles. In addition to playing defensive back, Erick Hernandez is expected to play quarterback this year for the Wolves.

3. Coahoma (3-7, 2-2): The Bulldogs have high hopes this year as they return 17 starters from a playoff team. The Bulldogs will be led by QB Braden Pearon, who rushed for 1,031 yards and six touchdowns last year. The Bulldogs also have a strong offensive line, talented wide receivers and a strong linebacking corps.

4. Stanton (0-9, 0-4): The Buffaloes look to rebound after a winless season and they might do just that with 11 starters returning and QB Andrew Wheeler back after missing all of last year with a knee injury. The Buffaloes also seem to have good group of running backs that will help the Buffaloes become more of a run-oriented offense this season.

5. Lubbock Roosevelt (3-8, 1-3): The Eagles made the playoffs last year and they could be in the mix again this year if they can hold of Stanton in taking the final spot. Roosevelt returns four starters on each side of the ball and will be led by RB/DB Stephen Calcote, who rushed for 429 yards and four touchdowns and recorded 38 tackles.

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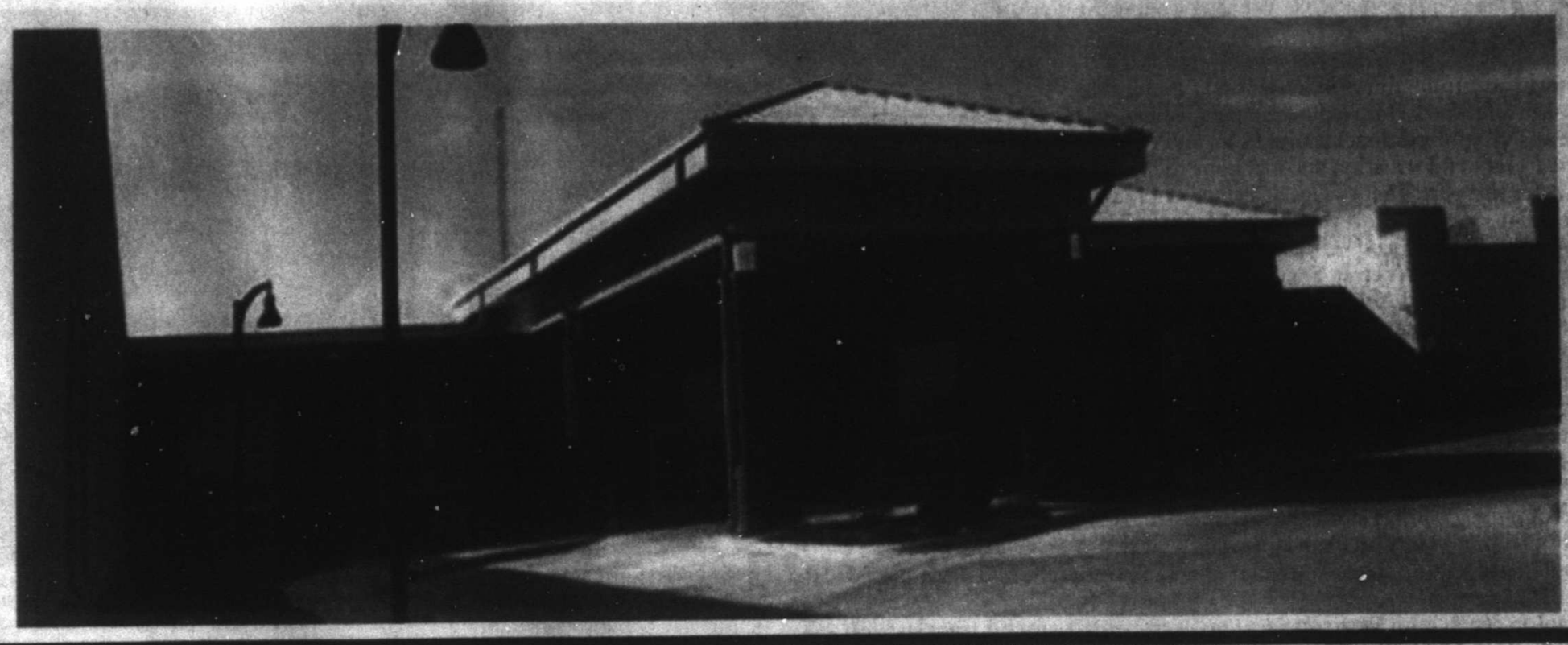

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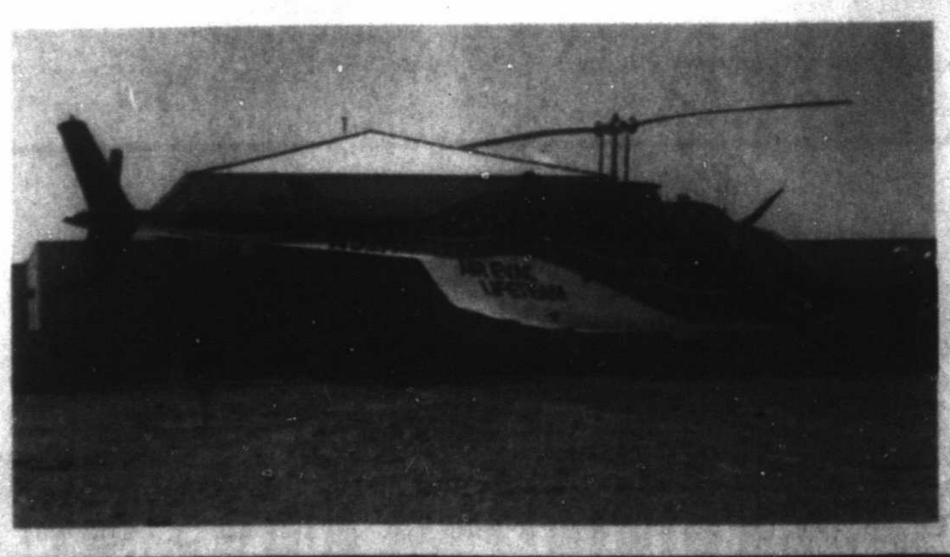

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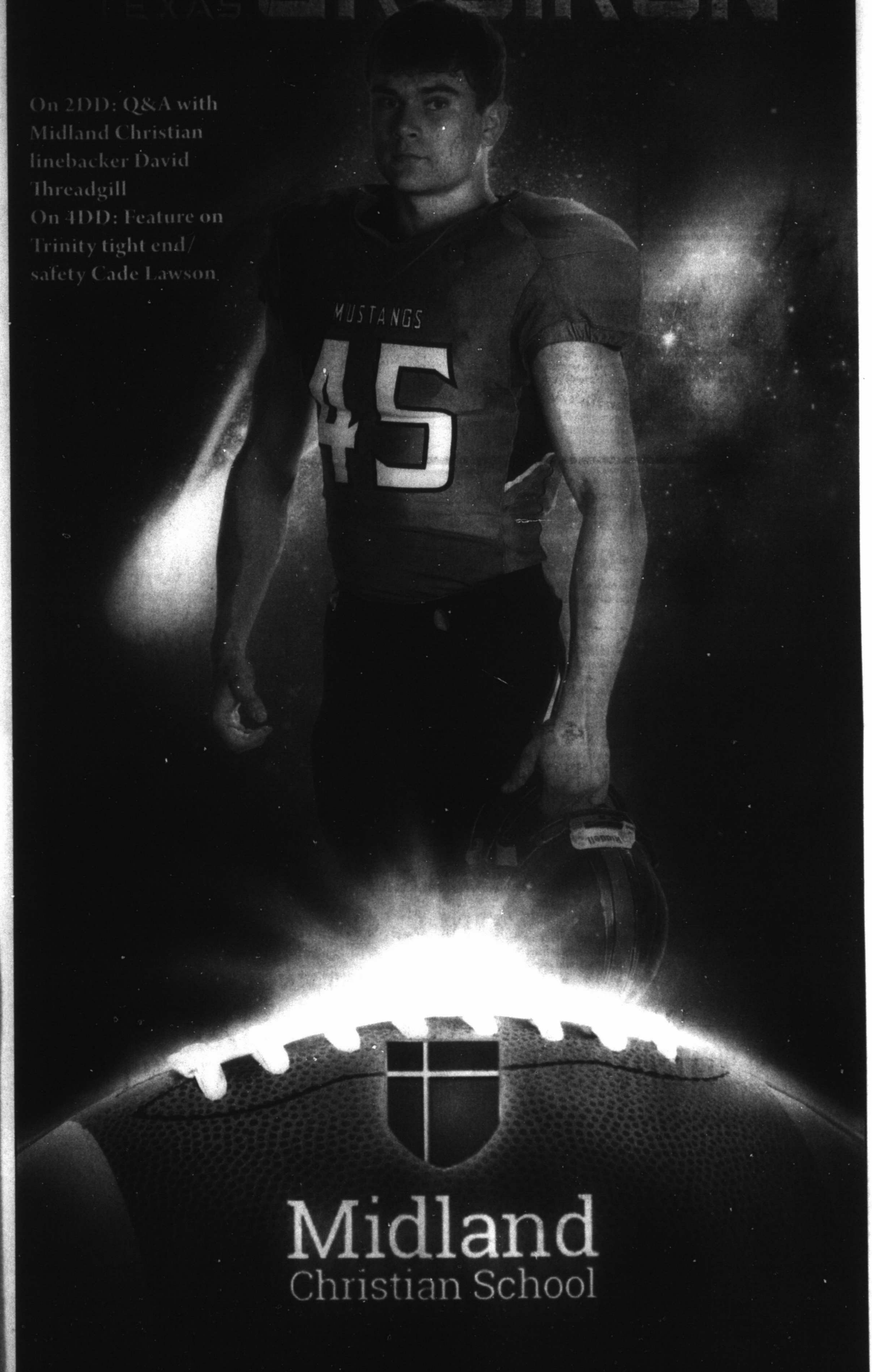

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Q&A with Midland Christian's senior MLB David Threadgill

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Midland Christian middle linebacker David Threadgill has been referred to as an old school football player by Mustangs head coach Greg McClendon.

Threadgill brings unbridled passion for the game to the gridiron and the weight room. The 6-foot-2, 205-pound senior lives, breathes and sleeps the game.

"David is pound for pound maybe the hardest working kid in this program," McClendon said. "He's just a football junkie and a workout junkie. He can't live without it."

Threadgill is the quintessential linebacker with a nose for the football.

Threadgill roamed sideline to sideline and made a whopping 177 tackles in 2016, earning the Reporter-Telegram's Area Defensive Player of the Year.

"My expectations for him is that he leads this defense, becomes cleaner and less apprehensive," McClendon said. "That he makes really quick reads, reacts and flies to the football, and builds on what was a record-breaking year last year with tackles."

The Mustangs' team captain and the 2016 TAPPS Division II, District 1 Co-Defensive MVP sat down with the Reporter-Telegram to talk about the upcoming 2017 season.

Q: How does football change for you as a senior?
Football gets easier. Since I've been playing for four years, everything is kind of slowed down a lot and I kind of feel like I'm in a lot better shape. It's just better. It's going to be a better year.

Q: You had 177 tackles last year. What goes into getting that many tackles?
The want to. I just want to be the best. I just want to tackle. Helping the team, I have to do that so we can win. That's what I do.

Q: Who are the guys up front that allow you to roam to the ball carrier a little bit more freely?
On the d-line this year, Nifemi Esan, he's going to be a big factor. He played d-tackle last year, and John Graniczny, he's going to help out a lot. Then we got a few younger guys that are going to filling in too.

Q: Have you always been a linebacker?
I always played linebacker. I was a quarterback in third grade, but I played linebacker too.

Q: Do you have a favorite linebacker that plays professionally or college?
(Houston Texans') Brian Cushing right now. He's my favorite. He's really mean. I like him a lot.

Q: What is your routine on a typical game day?
On game day, I will kind of wake up on my own. I don't really set my alarm. I just wake up when I wake up. I eat a really good breakfast, a pretty decent lunch, probably a sandwich or something, not too heavy. Right before the game I make sure to always take a nap and listen to music after I wake up until the game starts. I like head banging, loud, crazy music, and I just get ready to go.

Q: Do you have any individual goals for this year?
I want more tackles than I ever had in a year, make all-state would be nice and I want to win state bad. That's the main goal is to win state. I don't really care what I got to do, that's what I want.

Q: Which aspect of playing linebacker do you like the best? Is it playing the run, rushing the passer or dropping back into coverage?
I really like rushing the passer, but playing the run is probably where I make my money at.

Q: What's your favorite type of play at linebacker?
I like it when they run right at me. That's my favorite. It gets personal when they run at me. They think that they can take me on, but it just gets personal when they do that. That's my favorite. I get to step up and show what I am made of.

Q: What do you like to do for fun away from football?
Actually (the weekend of Aug. 5-6) is my birthday so my grandparents live on (Lake Ransom by Lubbock) so I am going to go fish and ride jet skis and just hang out. That's going to be a lot of fun. I like to work out. I like to just relax really and spend time with friends and family.

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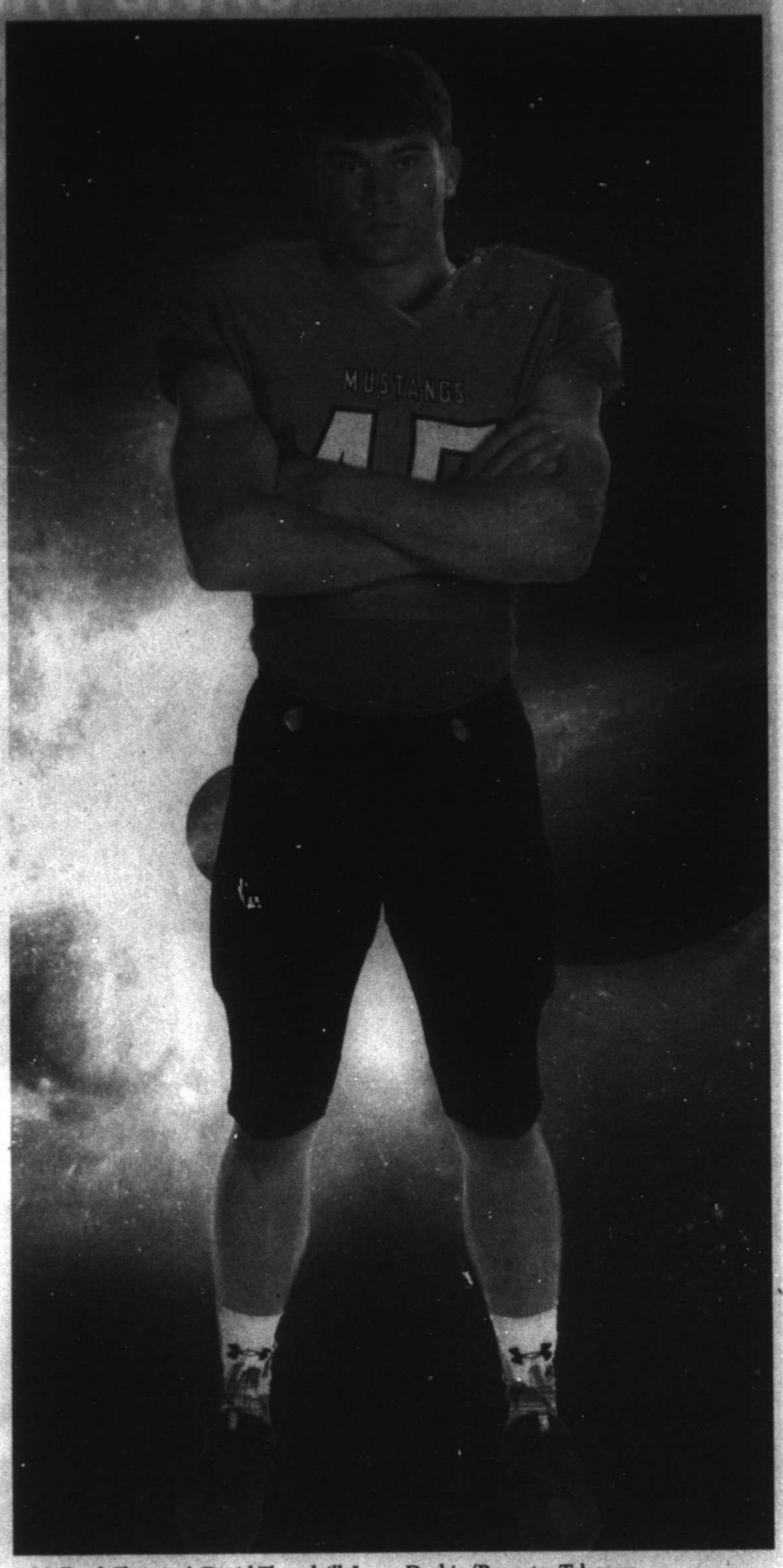

Midland Christian's David Threadgill. James Durbin/Reporter Telegram

Breaking down TAPPS Division II, District 1
(in projected order of finish)

1. Midland Christian (8-5, 3-1 in district in 2016): The Mustangs lost the majority of their starters, but have the makings of a special season as they return their top offensive player with QB Peyton Powell, best defensive player with MLB David Threadgill and a difference maker at left tackle with Luke Fisher. MCS' fortunes might depend on staying healthy as it will take on a challenging non-district schedule, which includes Dave Campbell Texas Football's No. 1- ranked private school Fort Worth All Saints, Class 3A powers Brock and Wall and two Class 6A programs with El Paso Eastwood and El Paso Americas.

2. Grapevine Faith (12-2, 3-1): The 2016 TAPPS Division II state champions knocked out MCS, 26-23, in a hard-fought state semifinal game. The ingredients are still there for a repeat, as returning QB Deuce Hogan is only a sophomore. The Lions bring back seven defensive starters, which includes a stout front seven that consists of 2016 TAPPS Division II, District 1 Co-Defensive MVP Ben McClendon at linebacker, LB Max Norris and disruptive DE Grant Cobb.

3. Fort Worth Christian (8-3, 3-1): The Cardinals spoiled the Mustangs' hopes for an outright district title by squeaking out a 35-34 win in the regular season finale. The Cardinals are a district championship contender as well, as they boast a formidable offense that is spearheaded by junior dual-threat QB Tyler Knoop and RB Cade Garcia. Knoop is protective of the football, throwing just four interceptions in his first year of starting. Garcia scored 10 TDs and averaged 10 yards a rush in 2016.

4. Fort Worth Southwest Christian (5-6, 1-3): Southwest Christian was a team of extremes in 2016, winning five games by an average margin of victory of 33.4 points, and dropping six contests by an average margin of defeat of 31.5 points. The 2016 playoff team was outscored 140-23 by the three teams that shared the TAPPS Division II, District 1 title.

5. Frisco Legacy Christian (3-6, 0-4): The Eagles have a promising offense that eclipsed the 52-point barrier in two wins last season. Legacy has a capable receiving corps, led by 6-foot-2 Coleman Taylor and the fleet-footed Major Fogle. The Eagles' playoff hopes will hinge on improving a defense that surrendered 404 points last season.

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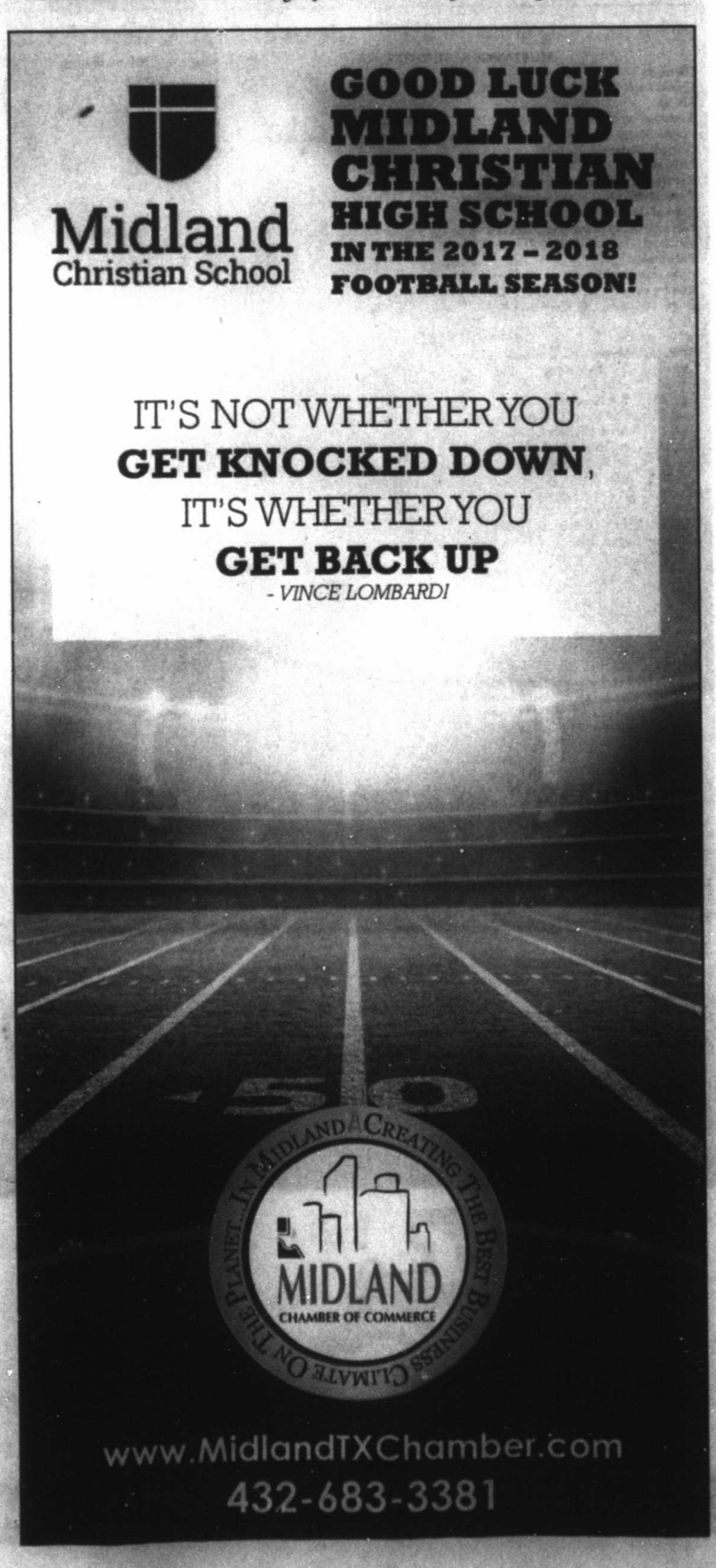

The Mustangs' scoring machine

Midland Christian's Powell shoots for an even bigger season

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Midland Christian's Peyton Powell throws against Brook Hill in the TAPPS Division II bi-district playoff game Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016, at Gordon Awtry Field. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Containing Midland Christian quarterback Peyton Powell is quite the chore for opposing defensive coordinators.

The 6-foot-1, 170-pound junior can reach the end zone from anywhere on the gridiron, at any time.

Powell was a scoring machine in 2016, accounting for 42 total touchdowns on the ground and through the air.

Powell did most of his damage with legs, rushing for 1,594 yards and 27 TDs, while averaging nearly a first down every time he carried the ball.

"Just outrun them, that's my favorite move," Powell said of his preferred open-field maneuver. "It's easier to outrun them."

Behind Powell's playmaking ability, the Mustangs reached the TAPPS Division II state semifinals, but it was an unfulfilling culmination for a program that has tallied seven 11-man state titles.

"We know we got out earlier than we should have last year," Powell said. "I feel like this year, we know that we should get to stay and win it. We just need to put in the work and just take it game to game."

Powell knows in order for MCS to achieve its state championship goal, he needs to continue to evolve and improve.

To become a better quarterback, Powell spent his summer days meeting up with his receivers to throw passes to, and working with his father, Garry, a former Odessa Permian signal caller and wide receiver.

"I thought that throwing would be a main part of this season as part of my success," Powell said. "That's what I've working on mostly this offseason is throwing. I feel like that's the part of my game that I was missing mostly, accuracy and power with the ball."

In his first varsity season, Powell completed 56.8 percent of his passes for 1,918 yards and a respectable 15:9 touchdown-to-interception ratio.

Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon believes Powell is on the right path to being better in 2017.

"It is pretty simple, my goal for him is for him to lead us to the state championship," McClendon said. "Beyond that, I'm seeing a tremendous growth in leadership. He's explosive. I think he's throwing the ball a ton better than he did last year and he didn't have a bad year throwing the ball last year. I think he's much more polished, much more comfortable back there. My expectations are for great things."

Powell is a three-sport athlete that also excels as a forward on the Mustangs basketball team and he captured the TAPPS 5A state championship in the high jump with a height of 6 feet, 4 inches.

Despite his other athletic accolades, it's clear that playing football is what Powell lives for the most, especially playing the quarterback position.

Quarterback has been Powell's position since he took up the sport as a flag football player in his early grade school years.

While Powell wants to be a more balanced, dual-threat quarterback that puts defenses in conflict with his passing and running, the junior also is willing to do whatever it takes to win.

Last year, Powell set a Midland County record with a whopping 420 rushing yards against defending Class 3A state champion Brock.

"I guess the defense just wasn't prepared for that scheme that we had going that game," Powell said. "We are looking for more games like that this year.

"I'm trying to do as much as passing as I can do. But whatever helps the team win, that's what I have to do."

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MUSTANGS FAST FACTS

District: TAPPS Division II-1
Head coach: Greg McClendon, 20th season (169-67 in 19 seasons, all at MCS)
Assistant coaches: Tyler Fleet, David Jeffrey, Mike Robles, Bren Holland, Ronnie Reeger, Randy Josey, Matt Counts, Fred Thrweat, Ryan Tucker, Chris Brazzell, Manny Rodriguez
2016 record: 8-5, 3-1 in TAPPS Division II-1
Returning starters: 5 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Spread/empty/multiple
Typical defense: Multiple 4-3
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Grapevine Faith, 26-23, in state semifinal
Enrollment: 385
Homecoming: Sept. 15 vs. El Paso Americas
Rivalry game: Oct. 13 at Grapevine Faith
Home stadium: Gordon Awtry Field

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	E.P. Eastwood	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Brock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	E.P. Americas	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Ft. Worth All Saints	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Alvin Shadow Creek	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Grapevine Faith*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Ft. Worth Southwest*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Wall	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Frisco Legacy*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Ft. Worth Christian*	7:30 p.m.

*denotes TAPPS Division II-1 game
All games played at Gordon Awtry Field

2016 RESULTS

Regular season

Aug. 26	E.P. Eastwood 34, MCS 28
Sept. 2	Brock 57, MCS 41
Sept. 9	E.P. Americas 41, MCS 28
Sept. 16	MCS 42, Dallas TACA 0
Sept. 24	MCS 42, Alvin Shadow Creek 14
Oct. 7	MCS 40, Grapevine Faith 28
Oct. 14	MCS 54, Ft. Worth Southwest 14
Oct. 21	MCS 41, Wall 36
Oct. 28	MCS 55, Frisco Legacy 0
Nov. 4	Ft. Worth Christian 35, MCS 34

Postseason

Nov. 12	Bi-district, MCS 82, Bullard Brook Hill 31
Nov. 19	Quarterfinal, MCS 49, Tyler Grace 28
Nov. 26	Semifinal, Grapevine Faith 26, MCS 23

2017 ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Position
1	Peyton Powell	Jr.	QB/S
2	Randall Blanscett	Jr.	WR/CB
2	J.T. McCollum	Fr.	QB/DB
3	Josh Brown Sr.		WR/DB
4	Cooper Carlisle	So.	WR/DB
5	Luke Sheppard	Sr.	RB/DB
6	Payton Murdock	Jr.	RB/DB
7	Coy Stewart	Sr.	WR/DB
8	Zayne Lujan	Jr.	RB/K
9	Micah Strahan	Jr.	WR/DB
9	Gage Jordan	Fr.	RB/DB
10	Nathan Tankersley	Fr.	RB/LB
12	Rhett Clark Fr.		QB/LB
13	Ben Gibbs	Jr.	RB/LB
20	Andrew Flatt	Fr.	WR/DB
21	Silas Crews Sr.		HB/DB
21	Tristan Marsh	Fr.	RB/LB
22	Blaine Brunson	Sr.	FB/LB
24	Zack Wells So.		WR/DB
24	Hayden Awtry	Jr.	WR/K
25	Garison Breeding	So.	RB/LB
25	Luke Greenlee	Fr.	WR/DB
26	Zach Thomas	Jr.	WR/DB
27	Kaden Shoemaker	Jr.	FB/LB
28	Isaiah Aguirre	Jr.	WR/DB
33	Bryson Harper	Sr.	RB/LB
33	Ryan Parker	Fr.	TE/DL
34	Daniel Loftis	Jr.	TE/LB
34	Colton Wolfe	Fr.	TE/LB
35	Kage Gilbreath	So.	TE/DE
35	Nate Jackson	So.	OL/DL
37	Joe RawickiJr.	K	
41	Ryan Weathers	Jr.	TE/LB
44	Luke Thomason	Jr.	TE/LB
45	David Threadgill	Sr.	TE/LB
50	Daniel Gower	Jr.	OL/DE
52	Steven Welch	Sr.	OL/DL
52	Albert Tena Fr.	n/a	
53	Jeremy Helmcamp	Sr.	OL/DL
55	Sam Culpepper	So.	OL/DL
56	Colin Rogers	So.	OL/DL
57	Chandler Carter	Jr.	DE/TE
59	Nifemi Esan	Sr.	OL/DL
59	Christian Olivas	Fr.	OL/DL
61	Todd Gibson	Jr.	OL/DE
63	John Graniczny	Jr.	OL/DL
65	Jake Stephen	Jr.	OL/DL
71	Tyler Wilson	So.	OL/DL
72	Ben Thompson	Jr.	OL/DL
75	Luke Fisher Sr.		OL/DL
75	Trevor Tucker	So.	OL/DL
77	Samuel Lujan	Sr.	OL/DL
79	Michael Madrid	So.	OL/DL
80	Grant Scherzer	So.	WR/LB
86	Josh Keating	Fr.	RB/DL
88	Josh Bailey Sr.		WR/DE
88	Kevin Priestley	Fr.	WR/DB

2016 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS

(8-5, 3-1)

Opponents	76	102	65	101	-344
MCS	157	201	109	92	-559

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	170	1,594	9.4	26
A. Needham	83	701	8.4	9
Bryson Harper	52	356	6.8	8
Blake Ray	21	220	10.5	3
Luke Sheppard	39	218	5.6	5
Tristen Davis	20	123	6.2	2
Coy Stewart	7	59	8.4	1
Cody Wolfe	11	58	5.3	0
Garrett Eddison	5	38	7.6	0
Joseph Bermea	2	16	8.0	0
Silas Crews	5	6	1.2	0
Carter Eckles	1	2	2.0	0
Totals	416	3,391	8.2	54

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	124	218	9	1,918	15
A. Needham	39	76	3	610	6
Blake Ray	5	11	0	61	2
Coy Stewart	1	2	0	10	0
Totals	169	307	12	2,599	23

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Blake Ray	36	681	18.9	8
Luke Watson	43	651	15.1	6
A. Needham	32	443	13.8	2
Cody Wolfe	16	255	15.9	4
Coy Stewart	10	165	16.5	1
Luke Sheppard	10	131	13.1	1
Josh Bailey	8	99	12.4	1
Bryson Harper	8	67	8.4	0
Joseph Bermea	3	60	20.0	0
Silas Crews	3	47	15.7	0
Totals	169	2,599	15.4	23

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	27	0	2	0	166
Blake Ray	13	0	0	0	78
A. Needham	11	0	6	0	78
Joe Rawicki	0	51	0	0	51
Bryson Harper	8	0	1	0	50
Luke Sheppard	6	0	0	0	36
Luke Watson	6	0	0	0	36
Cody Wolfe	4	0	0	0	24
Coy Stewart	2	0	0	0	12
Tristen Davis	2	0	0	0	12
Silas Crews	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Bailey	1	0	0	0	6
Zayne Lujan	0	2	0	0	2
Tyvavion Rusell	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	81	53	10	0	559

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	S	TFL	FC	INT	PD
Threadgill	103	74	177	1	5	0	1	1
Schmidt	40	54	94	2	0	0	1	1
Hooper	62	37	99	1	3	2	0	3
Eddison	63	42	105	2	9	0	2	1
Crews	55	20	75	0	5	3	3	7
Mowles	45	40	85	1	7	2	0	3
Troglin	33	20	53	0	3	2	0	2
Esan	25	20	45	1	7	2	0	3
Davis	14	7	21	0	1	0	0	1
Ray	27	18	45	0	1	3	5	6
Wolfe	25	20	45	0	0	0	1	6
Needham	17	7	24	0	1	0	1	3
Russell	23	36	59	4	1	0	0	0
Brunson	13	9	22	0	1	1	0	0
Brown	5	1	6	0	0	0	1	0
Graniczny	10	6	16	0	7	1	0	0
Stewart	9	5	14	0	0	1	0	0
Patty	6	3	9	0	1	0	0	0
Bailey	8	4	12	0	1	0	0	0
Harper	9	3	12	0	0	0	0	0
Musquiz	3	3	6	0	1	0	0	0
Watson	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gibbs	2	2	4	0	1	0	0	0
Breeding	8	10	18	0	0	1	2	3
Fisher	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Lujan	2	1	3	0	1	0	0	0
Thomason	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Madrid	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Powell	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wilkerson	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Patterson	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Loftis	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gilbreath	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rawicki	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gill	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Weathers	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, INT - interception, PD - pass defended

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
3,391	260.8	2,599	199.9	5,990	460.8

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,972	228.6	1,968	151.4	4,940	380.0

BREAKING DOWN THE 2017 MUSTANGS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2017: The MCS offense is spearheaded by junior Peyton Powell, a dual-threat quarterback that can take over a game. Luke Sheppard and Coy Stewart, two of the team's better athletes, are backup quarterbacks. Baylor baseball commit Anderson Needham, a playmaker at quarterback and wide receiver last season, has transferred to Rockwall Heath.

RUNNING BACK

What to expect in 2017: The Mustangs are expecting big things from Sheppard, who was slowed down by a high ankle sprain as a sophomore and by a knee injury as a junior. Sheppard is a versatile back that can also line out wide and catch the ball. Bryson Harper will share the workload with Sheppard. Harper averaged 6.8 yards per carry and scored eight rushing TDs in 2016.

WIDE RECEIVERS H-BACKS

What to expect in 2017: The receiving corps will be led by a pair of explosive playmakers that includes junior Randall Blanscett and Stewart, a senior. Josh Bailey and Joe Rawicki will also vie for receptions at the receiver spots. Senior Silas Crews will serve as the teams H-back, doubling as a capable blocker and threat in the passing game.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: Senior left tackle Luke Fisher is a four-year starter that combines quick feet and great strength in a 6-foot-4, 285-pound frame. MCS head coach Greg McClendon says Fisher is in his best shape and is faster and quicker than he has ever been. RG Jeremy Helmcamp and RT Steven Welch return on the right side of the offensive line, both of whom are seniors. John Graniczny is the favorite to take over the center spot and Carter Chandler has emerged early on at left guard.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: Senior Nifemi Esan and junior Jake Stephen will hold down the middle at the defensive tackle positions. Graniczny also has defensive line experience, recording seven tackles for loss in 2016. Bailey and Carter are the frontrunners to start at defensive end. Daniel Gower, Todd Gibson, Kage Gilbreath and Colin Rogers also factor into the defensive end rotation.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2017: Middle linebacker David Threadgill is a tackling machine that plays with a lot of heart. McClendon has high hopes for this group, which includes Bryson Harper at strong outside linebacker, Blaine Brunson at weak outside linebacker and an improving Daniel Loftis that is having a strong camp and is pushing for a starting job. Kaden Shoemaker and Ben Gibbs are also in the mix.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2017: The Mustangs will get a boost from the return of safety Josh Brown, who missed all but two games in 2016 due to a knee injury. Brown is now fully recovered and is expected to play a major role patrolling the Mustangs' secondary. In addition to Brown, Crews is expected to be another leader of the secondary at one of the cornerback spots. Crews had a team-high seven passes defended and also had three interceptions last year. Garison Breeding is slated to start at a safety spot after garnering significant playing time as a freshman. Payton Murdock, Stewart, Zayne Lujan and Powell will help at the cornerback position and Sheppard will fill in at safety from time to time.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2017: The multi-dimensional Powell will be the Mustangs' primary punter and will occasionally return kickoffs. Rawicki returns at kicker a season after making 51 PAT. Stewart is the leading candidate to return punts, while Harper and Sheppard will help on kick returns as well.

The speedy Charger

Lawson key in helping Trinity transition to 11-man

By Christopher Hadorn
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Trinity tight end/free safety Cade Lawson is such a smooth runner that head coach Antwan Alexander says he runs like a deer in his white shoes.

"He's just so light on his feet," Alexander said. "It doesn't look like he is running as fast as he is but he is covering a lot of ground. He has very deceptive speed."

Ironically, Lawson is an avid hunter that manages and raises deer on his family's ranch near Sweetwater.

"Maybe him being out there, he is picking up some traits," Alexander quipped.

In addition to his speed, Lawson is expected to be one of the Chargers' leaders during a monumental season, in which they are making the jump from six-man to 11-man football.

Trinity will lean upon the 5-foot-11, 160-pound senior for his versatility, poise and vocal leadership during a transition year where some growing pains are to be expected.

"It's definitely been a team effort," Lawson said. "All of us seniors out here have been really trying to keep everybody in good spirits, keep their head on straight, keep our heads on straight and keep each other in line."

In six-man last year, Lawson scored touchdowns via the rush, as a receiver and on an interception return.

Lawson is a capable athlete that also shines on the diamond as the Chargers' catcher in baseball, and runs the 200 meters, 400 relay and 800 relay for the school's track team.

"When the game is on the line, we can count on him that he will make the big play," Alexander said of Lawson. "He's not going to crack under pressure."

Like six-man, Lawson will serve as Trinity's last line of defense as a safety that is known for his ball hawking and hard-hitting prowess.

But it's on offense where Lawson's role will change significantly as a tight end. Lawson will be asked to be strictly a blocker on the line on some plays. He will be also asked to hold his blocks for a longer period of time before breaking away into a pass receiving route.

Although 11-man is a new game, Lawson feels it's simpler in some respects because the positions are more specialized.

"In six-man, we're all running around like chickens with our heads cut off, but now we're out here doing our job and keeping it pretty simple," Lawson said. "If everybody does their job, we make this thing work."

In the conversion to 11-man, Lawson and his Chargers teammates are being guided by a reputable coaching staff that includes former Texas Tech players Alexander and Brik Brinker (receivers coach), and offensive coordinator Josh Norman, the Lee grad who starred on the University of Oklahoma's 2000 national championship team and played tight end for the San Diego Chargers in two seasons.

"We're out here, all busting our butts just trying to make this work and trusting the coaches," Lawson said. "We're just kind of doing what they tell us and we're following their direction."

With his ability to stretch the field, Lawson figures to play a prominent role as a pass catcher in Norman's pro-style offense.

But like a true team leader, Lawson says he enjoys delivering a textbook run block that results in a Chargers' touchdown.

"It's fun," Lawson said of run blocking. "I like being the guy who gets the pat on the back after we go score a touchdown."

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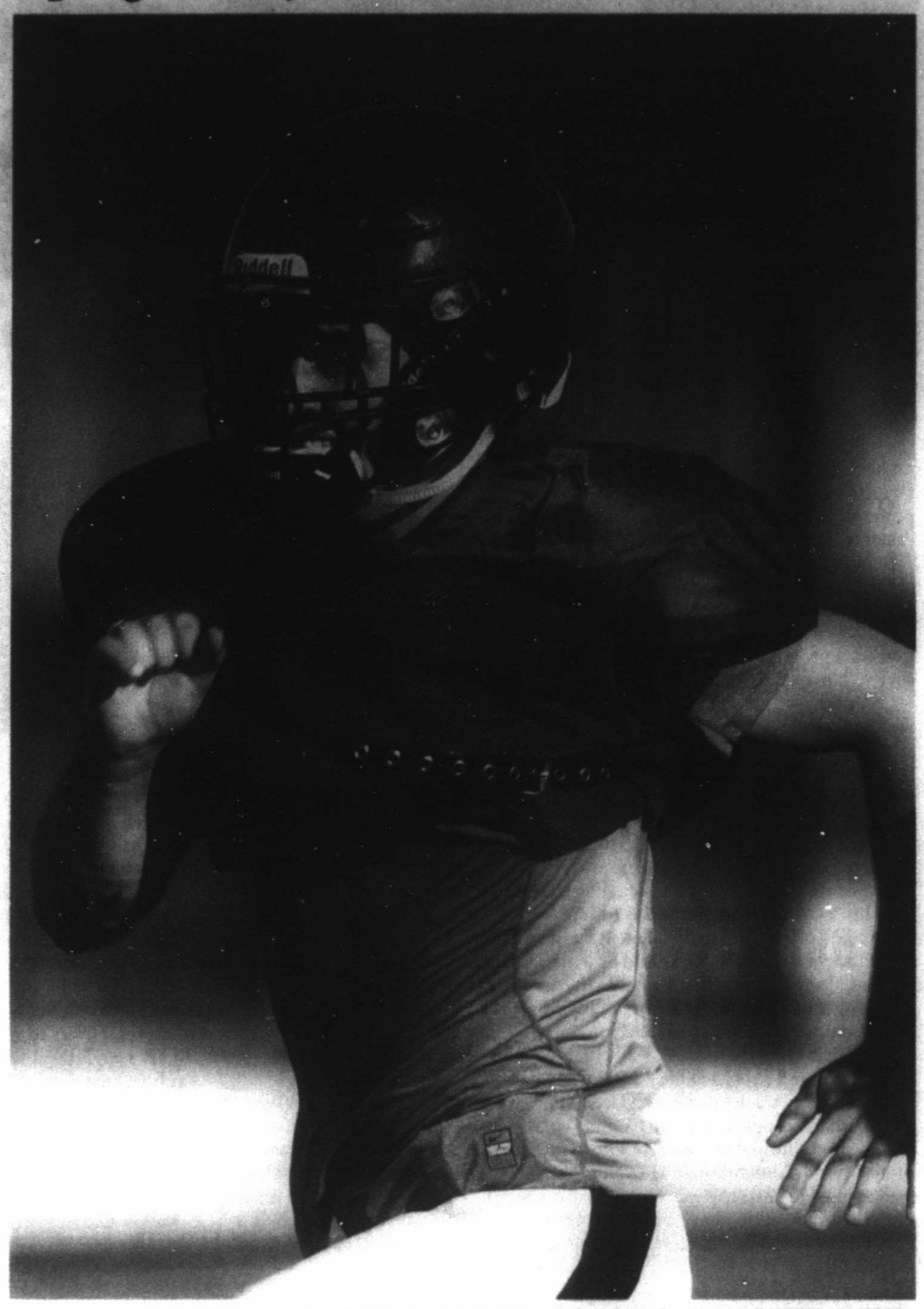

Trinity's Cade Lawson runs during football practice Aug. 11, 2017, at Scharbauer Sports Complex. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

CHARGERS FAST FACTS

District: TAPPS Division III-1
Head coach: Antwan Alexander, 5th year (32-14 record overall)
Assistant coaches: Josh Norman, Shane Roberts, Michael Midkiff, Orlando Padilla, Brik Brinker, Larry Brown, Marcos Beltran, Logan Rubacalva
2016 record: 7-4, 3-0 in TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1
Returning starters: 4 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Pro-style
Typical defense: 30 stack/3-5
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Rockwall Heritage, 66-16, in TAPPS Six-Man Division I semifinal
Enrollment: 188
Homecoming: Sept. 29 vs. Fort Worth Calvary
Home stadium: Coombes Field

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Denver City	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Tyler All Saints	TBA
Sept. 29	Fort Worth Calvary	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Blooming Grove	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Lubbock Trinity*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Willow Park*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	F.W. Lake Country*	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Lubbock Christian*	7 p.m.

*denotes TAPPS Division III, District 1 game

2016 RESULTS

Regular season

Aug. 25	Trinity 60, Dell City 0
Sept. 2	Trinity 38, Rankin 30
Sept. 8	Lubbock Titans 68, Trinity 46
Sept. 16	Buena Vista 44, Trinity 27
Sept. 30	Balmorhea 70, Trinity 20
Oct. 7	Trinity 60, McLean 14
Oct. 21	Trinity 66, Abilene Christian 16
Oct. 28	Trinity 52, Watauga Harvest 22
Nov. 4	Trinity 64, Denton Calvary 30

Postseason

Nov. 18	Quarterfinal, Trinity 70, Dallas Lutheran 24
Nov. 25	Semifinal, Rockwall Heritage 66, Trinity 16

2017 ROSTER
(subject to change)

No.	Name	Class	Position
1	Daniel Webb	Sr.	QB/CB
2	Logan Ramsey	Sr.	RB/DB
4	Mark Fanous	Sr.	WR/CB
5	Eli Arp	So.	WR/OLB
9	Braden Brown	Fr.	RB/LB
15	Ivan Valles	Fr.	RB/CB
16	Ethan Le	Jr.	WR/OLB
18	Dawson Butts	Jr.	QB/DL
21	Gus Philipps	So.	RB/ILB
22	Cade Lawson	Sr.	TE/S
23	Diego Tejada	Jr.	WR/CB
25	Jonathan Duke	So.	RB/DB
50	Preston Picciano	Jr.	OL/LB
51	Carson Parrish	Jr.	OL/ILB
52	Ethan Lujan	Jr.	OL/DL
62	Emeka Odukwu	So.	OL/DL
67	Noah McIntosh	Jr.	OL/DL
70	Justin Chavez	Fr.	OL/DL
88	Jude Garcia	Sr.	WR/DE
89	Davis Seybert	Fr.	OL/DE
99	Zane Self	Jr.	OL/DL

BREAKING DOWN THE 2017 CHARGERS

QUARTERBACK

What to expect in 2017: Senior Daniel Webb and junior Dawson Butts are competing for starter in offensive coordinator Josh Norman's pro-style offense. Head coach Antwan Alexander says the winner of competition will be the one who shows the most feel for reading the defense and finding the open receiver. Webb has a little bit of an edge due to his experience as the team's six-man quarterback in 2016.

RUNNING BACKS

What to expect in 2017: Senior Logan Ramsey leads this group after scoring 15 total TDs last season. Alexander says Ramsey will be utilized similar to how Stanford used All-American RB Christian McCaffrey last season, in which he will be motioned out wide pre-snap and be thrown the ball on short passes in the open field to take advantage of his elusiveness. Sophomore Gus Philipps will also factor into carries.

WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

What to expect in 2017: Jude Garcia, Ethan Le and Mark Fanous are the top three targets in the Chargers' wide receiver corps. Alexander raves about Garcia's hands. The speedy Cade Lawson will be a weapon that can stretch the field at tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: This will be one of the focal points of the six-man to 11-man transition because Trinity's offensive linemen won't be allowed to run downfield and catch passes anymore. Noah McIntosh will play center and Emeka Odukwu has claimed one of the guard spots. Preston Picciano has the versatility to play both guard and tackle. Zane Self and Ali Tejani round out the offensive line. Tejani put on weight over the summer to get to 185 pounds. Alexander says the offensive line won't be massive, but will rely on smarts to succeed as a unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE

What to expect in 2017: Lujan will be a key piece up front because he has the versatility to play end, nose guard and tackle. Alexander lauds Lujan for his inquisitiveness, wanting to know how to play every position. At 6-foot-2, 200 pounds, Carson Parrish will serve as the Chargers' pass rushing end. Parrish has a knack for reading plays and reacting.

LINEBACKERS

What to expect in 2017: Philipps and Picciano will anchor Trinity's linebacking corps. Picciano was groomed to play the position by his older brother Chris Picciano, a 2016 senior that was the leader of the Chargers defense.

SECONDARY

What to expect in 2017: Diego Tejada, Jonathan Duke, Webb and Fanous will contribute at cornerback. Webb is a ballhawk with the aptitude and understanding of how to cover wide receivers. Alexander says sophomore Eli Arp brings a pit bull demeanor to the strong safety position. Arp has great instincts against the run, and Alexander said he attacks ball carriers like a heat-seeking torpedo. Lawson will handle free safety responsibilities.

SPECIAL TEAMS

What to expect in 2017: Parrish and Tejada are candidates to kick and punt due to their soccer backgrounds. Lawson, Ramsey, Garcia and Tejada are all potential kick/punt returners.

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Someone other can look up to

Forsan QB Hergert looks to lead team by example

By Will Korn
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FORSAN – Over the last few seasons, Forsan head football coach Jason Phillips has always had players with top flight leadership ability and character on his roster.

Names like Jessy Cervantes and Ian Park come to mind in 2015. Last season it was explosive running back Tearell McVae, who reeled off 1,879 yards and 21 touchdowns.

In 2017, it's senior quarterback Bryce Hergert's turn to be the face of the Buffaloes' program. And just like those who have come before him, his shining strength is his dedication to leading by example and action.

Hergert's pride in the Forsan name, community and program also stands out.

"It means a lot, especially since you have tons of guys of looking up to you and you lead by example," Hergert said. "You've got to be very vocal sometimes. But most of the time, if you're doing the right thing everyone will follow. I don't ever want to ever be that guy that they tell to do something different."

Phillips said Hergert has the field smarts and physical tools needed to help the Buffaloes build on their 9-4 campaign last season, which included a run to the Class 2A regional quarterfinal.

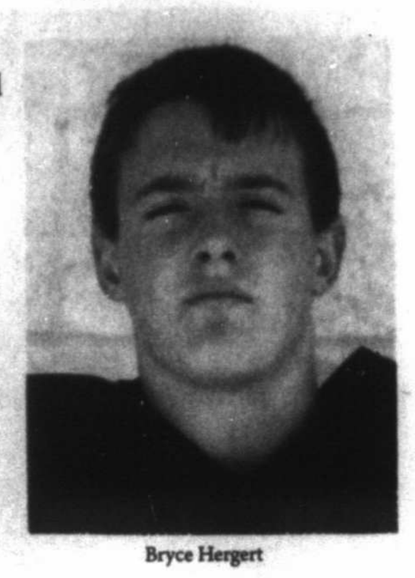
It's Hergert's detailed and comprehensive knowledge of every piece on the field, as well as his hunger to work and be challenged, that highlights him under center.

"It's a blessing, he makes my job a lot easier," Phillips said. "He's just such a good leader and he's one of those guys that as a quarterback, he's trying to know not just what he's supposed to do and what the receivers and running backs are supposed to do. He's wanting to know what the lineman are supposed to be going. That way he can get everybody in the right position to be successful. His work ethic is what he brings most to our program and it's contagious."

Phillips added that the Buffaloes have incorporated a number of new offensive sets to better suit their personnel following the departure of McVae. Hergert, an all-district second-team selection last season, has been more than up to that task.

He has even made suggestions to the coaching staff that have been implemented into the Forsan offense.

"We're putting a lot on his plate and he's a good one to be able to do that with," Phillips said. "He's a smart kid and he breathes and lives football. He constantly wants to absorb everything you tell him. He's done a good job picking up the offense and he's even tweaked a couple to things that we didn't notice."


Bryce Hergert

Hergert, who stands 6-feet and weighs 175 pounds, turned in a strong junior season in 2016, his first as a varsity quarterback. He provided a respectable presence in the air to accompany McVae's electric run game with 1,611 yards and 18 passing touchdowns to just seven interceptions. A capable runner himself, he added 428 yards and six scores on the ground.

Now in his second year at quarterback, Hergert said he fully embraces his position and has become more comfortable with a much increased responsibility. He craves the pressure of making the right decision and doesn't back down from what is in front of him.

"Every year – I've heard a lot of pros say -- the game gets slower," said Hergert, also the team's punter who can line up at safety. "As you learn more, you start to pick apart the offense, you go through your progressions, look at, what are the safeties doing and what are the cornerbacks doing. (You) look at the linebackers, change the (snap) count, see if they are blitzing. As I grow I start to learn more and it's slowing down a lot.

"Last year I was kind of learning the ropes and everything. This year I came back, I know things and I have the mentality that I'm ready to get going. I like to be able to make the decisions to get everything rolling."

Working with several talented skill players on offense and defense, Hergert believes his Buffaloes are in for a memorable season.

"I think we're going to step up and I think we're going to surprise a lot of people," Hergert said. "I think our mentality as a program is changing. We're no longer looking to just win district and make the playoffs. We're looking to win district and go further than last year and contend."

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BREAKING DOWN DISTRICT 4-2A DIVISION I

(In projected order of finish)

1. Post (10-3, 3-1 in district in 2016): After advancing to the regional semifinal last year, the Antelopes return more starters - 17 – than any other team in the district. Running back/linebacker Michael Pherguson will lead Post offense and defense after turning in a phenomenal all-around campaign in 2016. He finished last year with 1,186 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns, to go along with a 95 tackles and a team-high eight sacks on the defensive side. Post also welcomes back a formidable linebacker duo of Brandon Brittian (146 tackles) and Austin Brittian (77 tackles).

2. Anson (10-4, 3-1): The Tigers are bringing back 12 starters from a team that blazed its way to the regional final in 2016. Cheif among those is linebacker Chris Jones (154 tackles, nine sacks), who is an early favorite to be the district's defensive MVP. Joining Jones as returners are star linebacker Jason Soliz (89 tackles, six interceptions), as well as threatening defensive end Brandon Padilla (101 tackles, six sacks). Anson will field a younger offense this season, but it has the defensive pieces to challenge for the district title.

3. Hawley (8-4, 2-2): Hawley boasts the district's leading candidate for the offensive MVP award in quarterback Quay Stokes. Last season he accounted for 4,028 total yards (3,106 passing, 922 rushing) and 51 total touchdowns. Stokes, who is approaching 10,000 yards passing and rushing in his high school career, will demand the attention of every opposing defense in the district. How will the defense hold up in one of the deeper districts in the state?

4. Forsan (9-4, 2-2): The Buffaloes welcome back 10 capable starters from a team that went 9-4 a season ago. But perhaps the biggest question for Forsan this year: How to replace graduated running back Tearell McVae, who contributed over 1,600 yards to a potent Forsan rushing attack? It'll start with senior quarterback Bryce Hergert, now in his second year as a starter under center. He has top receiver Garrett Evans (30 receptions, 506 yards, six touchdowns) back. Forsan will need some younger players to step up.

5. Stamford (2-8, 0-4): The Bulldogs will be looking for a fresh start after sinking to an 0-4 mark in district play last season. They do have 16 returning starters who will be hungry, headlined by tight end Lonnie Applin (556 yards, five TDs) and running back Steven Johnson (556 yards, 5 TDs). Winning in this district figures to be just as tough as it was last season. But experience might pay off a little more this season.

- Compiled by Will Korn

FORSAN BUFFALOES

District: 4-2A Division I
Coach: Jason Phillips, ninth season at Forsan (45-42 in eight seasons)
2016 record: 9-4, 2-2 in district
Returning starters: 5 offense, 5 defense
Typical offense: Spread
Typical defense: 3-4
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Anson 43-31 in Class 2A regional quarterfinal
Enrollment: 195
Homecoming: Sept. 1 vs. Coahoma at Big Spring
Rivalry game: Sept. 1 vs. Coahoma at Big Spring
Home stadium: Buffalo Stadium, Forsan

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	a-Coahoma	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Eldorado	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Stanton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Reagan County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Morton	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Wink	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Hawley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at *Anson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Post	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at *Stamford	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 4-2A Division I opponent
Home games at Buffalo Stadium
a-at Big Spring

2016 RESULTS

Aug. 25	Forsan 42, Coahoma 19
Sept. 2	Forsan 33, Eldorado 0
Sept. 9	Forsan 34, Stanton 0
Sept. 16	Reagan County 42, Forsan 14
Sept. 23	Forsan 35, Morton 7
Sept. 30	Forsan 53, Wink 36
Oct. 7	Hawley 58, Forsan 14
Oct. 21	Forsan 27, Anson 24
Oct. 28	Post 28, Forsan 21
Nov. 4	Forsan 26, Stamford 20

Playoffs

Nov. 10	Bi-district, Forsan 41, Ozona 22
Nov. 18	Area, Forsan 51, New Deal 8
Nov. 26	Regional, Anson 43, Forsan 31

2017 BUFFALOES AT A GLANCE

OFFENSE

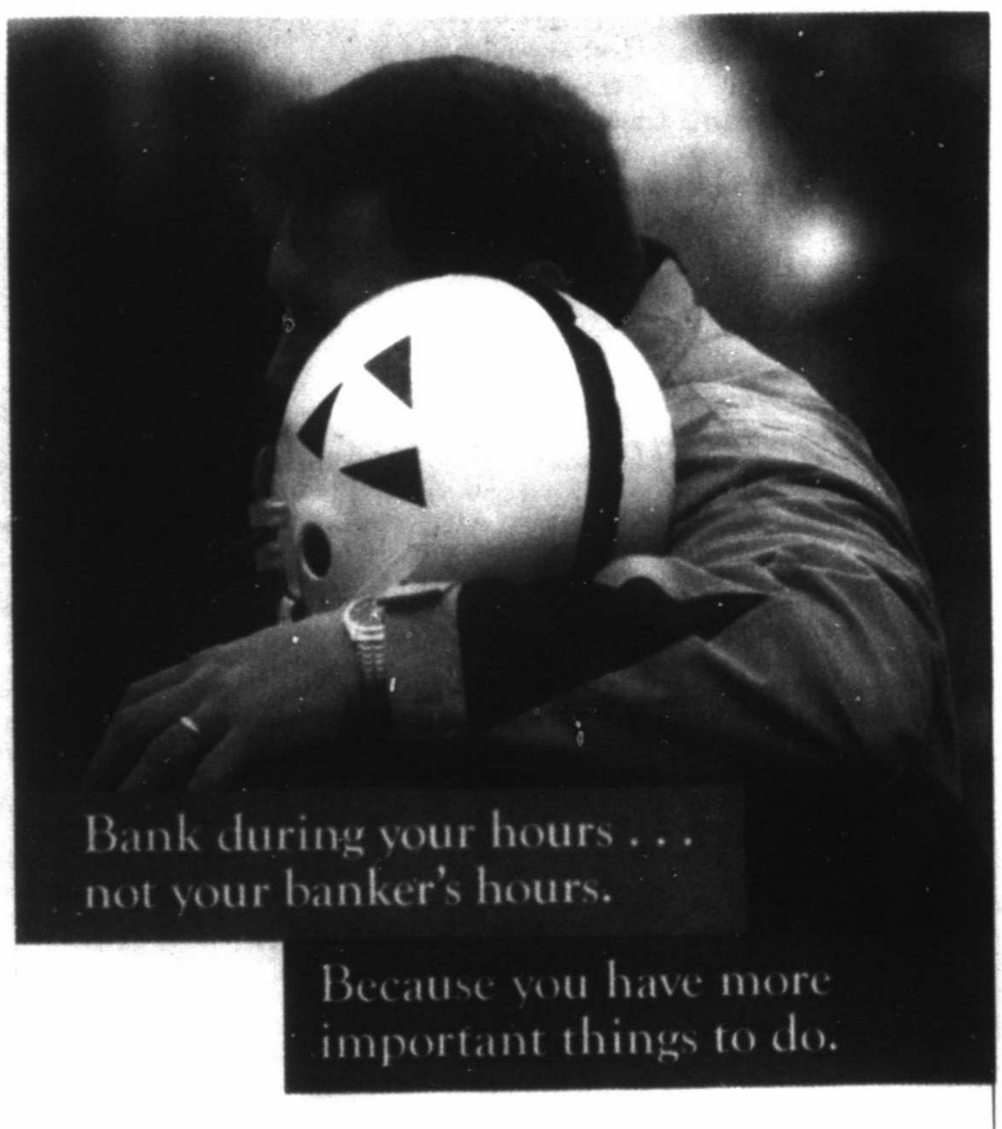
Strength: Returning skill players
Weakness: Having to incorporate new offensive sets
Player to watch: QB Bryce Hergert, Sr -- The leader of the Buffaloes' offense and program this season. Totaled 2,037 yards and 24 TDs last year and will be called upon for even more in 2017.
Phillips on the offense: "We like where we stand on offense. We've really thrown a lot on their plate as far as new formations and new sets and new motions. We'll probably throw the ball a little more than people are used to seeing us."

DEFENSE

Strength: Experience, secondary
Weakness: Switch to 3-4 defense may take time
Player to watch:
LB/WR James McCafferty, Sr -- Recorded 90 tackles, 4 1/2 for a loss and an interception in 2016. He'll be a major presence in the middle of the field for Forsan.
Phillips on the defense: "I really like where we stand on defense. We're going to fly to the football as always and we're going to put pressure on the quarterback."

SPECIAL TEAMS

Strength: Versatility, speed, return game
Weakness: Kicker
Player to watch:
P/QB Bryce Hergert, Sr -- Handled the team's punting duties admirably a season ago and will do the same this year.
Phillips on the special teams: "We really haven't done a whole lot special teams-wise. We're still in the works on replacing (graduated kicker Lane Schaefer). We still have some speed back there, some guys that can make some plays."



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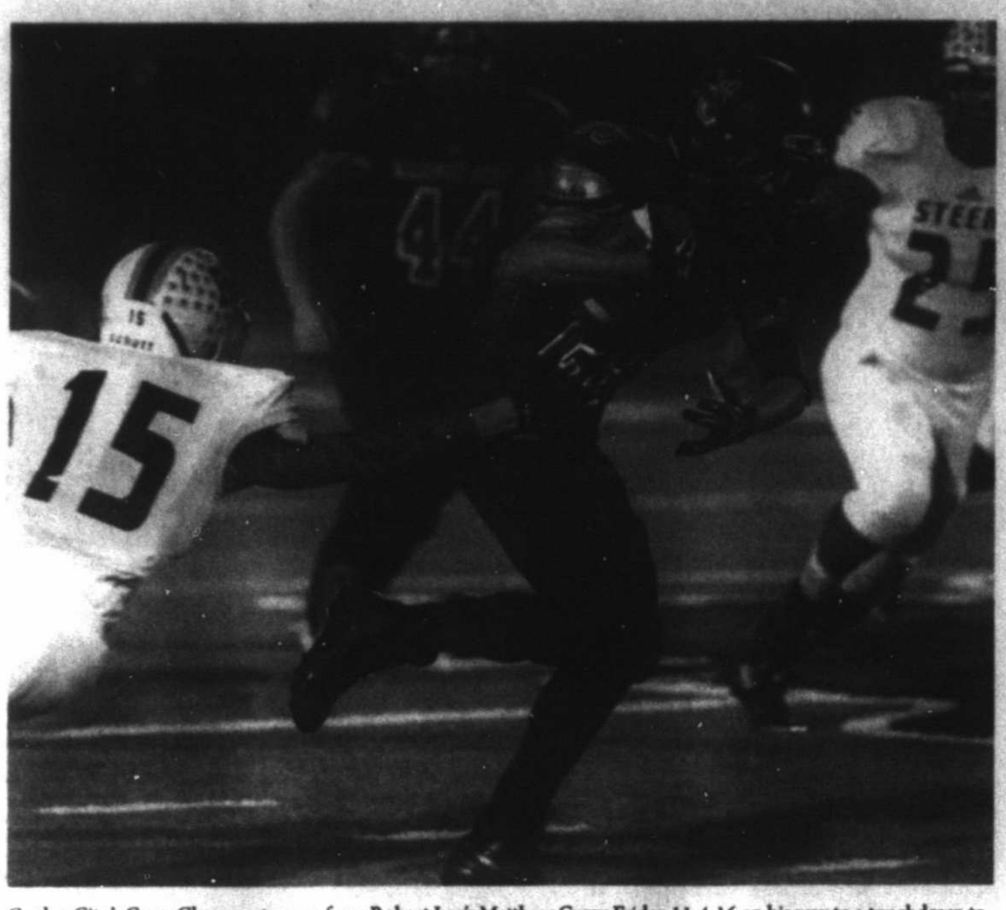
No such thing as rebuilding in Garden City

Grady, Rankin look to return to promise



Garden City's Cesar Chavez gets away from Robert Lee's Matthew Curry Friday 11-4-16 on his way to a touchdown to end the first half and seal the mercy rule win 48-0. Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

By Will Korn
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The Garden City football team doesn't believe in "rebuilding."

Talent comes in and out of the program with each passing season. But the Bearkats simply find a way to re-load and compete year after year.

Such is the way for teams that expect to be in the conversation for state titles.

In 2016, led by a pair of all-state senior stars in Riley Eggemeyer and Ethan Goodwin, Garden City produced a 10-3 campaign and its second consecutive run to the Class 1A six-man Division I state quarterfinal, where it fell 66-48 to eventual state champion Borden County.

Third-year head coach Jeff Jones said this year's Bearkats squad will no doubt feel the loss of Eggemeyer and Goodwin. But a group that was young last season has grown more experienced and plenty of ability will still take the field.

"Every year you just want to re-load and get better," Jones said. "That was the first thing we talked about (when practice started). Those two guys are gone, they were nice to have but they're not coming back through that door. We're not going to re-invent the wheel. We're just going to keep doing what Garden City does. There will just be different names in the end zone."

Stepping into the spotlight for the program in 2017 will be senior quarterback Trent McMillan and junior linebacker/running back Cesar Chavez.

McMillan, a first team all-district and second team all-region signal caller, passed for 1,291 yards and 33 touchdowns a year ago and also held down duties at safety.

Chavez, who was named an honorable mention to the all-state team, led the Bearkats with 153 tackles last year, including 20 for a loss and one interception.

Those two stars, along with six other seniors -- five with varsity experience -- will be called upon by Jones to carry the program this season.

Jones said the sheer amount of returning experience has made practices and workouts flow as smoothly as possible. He expects that to carry over to the field under the lights.

"We are so much further along than we were at this point last year. Having that experience back will be big," Jones said. "I really think the seniors will have to step up and be leaders of this team. It's these seniors' turn and they have been waiting for this.

Meanwhile the area's two other six-man programs, Grady and Rankin, will be looking to return to an era of promise in 2017.

Grady, which won a playoff game in three straight seasons from 2012-14 but has missed the playoffs in each of the last two years, is assembling a foundation that head coach Brent Lucas is proud of.

"We're trying to build it back up like it was in 2014," said Lucas. "It has been a hard pill to swallow, going from winning three straight gold footballs to not making the playoffs in back-to-back years."

With 17 players at practice, the Wildcats' level of enthusiasm and participation is higher than it has been in years. Lucas said he can sense a wave of fresh energy from his players, especially after the team ended a 2-8 campaign last season with a pair of victories.

"We're more confident, I can see it in the way we practice," Lucas said. "I see it in all those guys who have been on varsity. They are good kids and I think they're glad to be out there."

For second-year head coach Jeff Shelton and Rankin, the objective this season is to realize potential.

The Red Devils made the playoffs in three straight years between 2011-13 and advanced to the state quarterfinal in 2012. Much like Lucas at Grady, Shelton is aiming to return his team, which went 2-8 last year, back to brighter days.

"We have to be motivated to be the best football team we can possibly be," Shelton said. "That is our focus right now."

Lately, there has been an uptick with Red Devil athletics as a whole, as the boys track team won the district title last season and the boys basketball team advanced to the area round of the playoffs.

Shelton said that momentum could be a sign for his team this season.

"It gives you that little mentality that maybe we're closing the gap," Shelton said.

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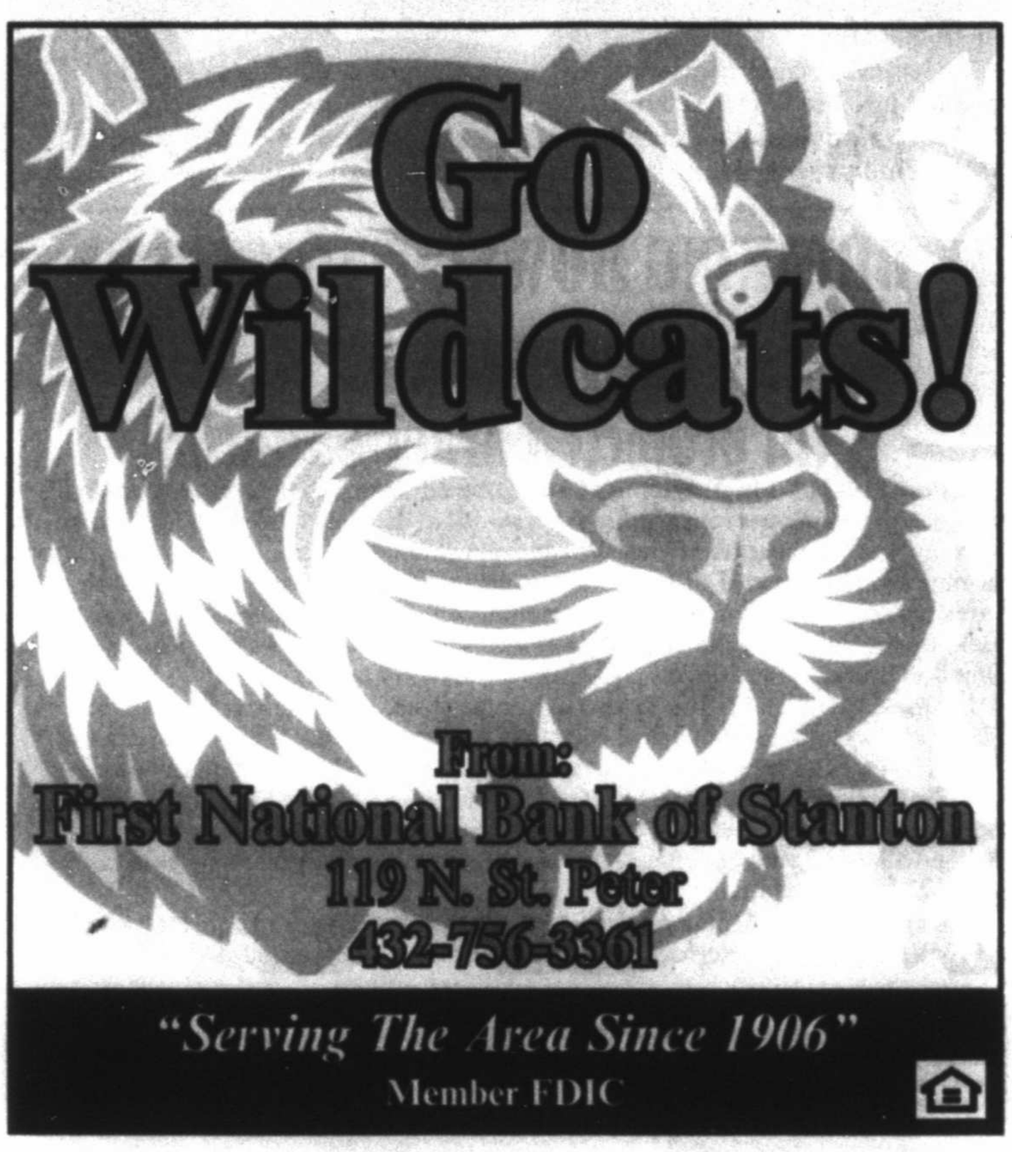

SIX MAN CAPSULES
GRADY WILDCATS FAST FACTS

District: 6-1A Division II
Head coach: Brent Lucas, 2nd year (3-7 overall)
2016 record: 3-7, 2-2 in district
Returning starters: 4 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Multiple formations
Typical defense: 2-3
Last playoff appearance: 2014, lost to Happy, 60-36 in Class 1A area round
Enrollment: 58
Homecoming game: Oct. 20 vs. Dawson
Rivalry game: Oct. 13 at Sands
Home stadium: Tunnell Field, Lenorah

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Roscoe Highland	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Westbrook	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at New Home	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at *Sands	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Dawson	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at *Loop	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Wellman-Union	

*Denotes district opponent
Home games at Wildcat Stadium, Lenorah

2016 RESULTS
Regular season

Aug. 26	Roscoe Highland 46, Grady 40
Sept. 2	Robert Lee 62, Grady 14
Sept. 9	Water Valley 94, Grady 49
Sept. 16	Grady 37, Rankin 28
Sept. 23	Westbrook 56, Grady 28
Sept. 30	New Home 50, Grady 42
Oct. 7	Sands 76, Grady 26
Oct. 14	Dawson 67, Grady 66, OT
Oct. 27	Grady 66, Loop 6
Nov. 4	Grady 67, Wellman-Union 20

2017 WILDCATS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

Strength: Receivers
Weakness: Blocking, running game
Key Player
QB Charles Cassell, Jr. -- Will take over the position in the absence of injured starter Jordan Rodriguez, who is dealing with a torn ACL and meniscus. Cassell will hold the keys to the Wildcat offense.
DEFENSE
Strength: Defensive ends
Weakness: Secondary
Key Player
DE Marshall Cox, Jr. -- At 6-foot-2, he brings plenty of size and physicality to Grady's pash rush.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Strength: Snapper, holders
Weakness: Kicker
Key player
K Elijah Ontiveros -- A promising kicker who could help Grady pick up some extra points this season. Missed extra points was an issue in 2016.

GARDEN CITY BEARKATS FAST FACTS

District: 6-1A Division I
Head coach: Jeff Jones, 3rd year (42-35 in eight years overall)
2016 record: 10-3, 3-0 in district
Returning starters: 3 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Jaybird
Typical defense: 2-3
Last playoff appearance: 2016, lost to Borden County, 66-48 in state quarterfinal
Enrollment: 94
Homecoming game: Oct. 13 vs. Marfa
Rivalry game: Sept. 29 vs. Rankin
Home stadium: Bearkat Stadium, Garden City

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	Austin Veritas	1 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Santa Anna	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Rankin	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Imperial Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Marfa	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Milford (at Santa Anna)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Westbrook*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Sterling City*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Robert Lee*	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 6-1A Division I opponent
Home games at Bearkat Stadium, Garden City

2016 RESULTS
Regular season

Aug. 27	Garden City 62, Austin Veritas 16
Sept. 2	Garden City 52, Santa Anna 6
Sept. 16	Balmorhea 45, Garden City 35
Sept. 23	Garden City 56, Rankin 6
Sept. 30	Garden City 70, Imperial Buena Vista 46
Oct. 8	Garden City 56, Marfa 6
Oct. 14	Milford 68, Garden City 56
Oct. 21	Garden City 60, Westbrook 14
Oct. 28	Garden City 58, Sterling City 28
Nov. 4	Garden City 48, Robert Lee 0
	Playoffs
Nov. 11	Garden City 63, Ira 14
Nov. 18	Garden City 51, Marfa 0
Nov. 26	Borden County 66, Garden City 48

2017 BEARKATS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

Strength: Experience, depth, tradition
Weakness: Chemistry
Key player
QB/Sr. Trent McMillan, Sr: -- McMillan will carry the Bearkats' offense this season after passing for 1,291 yards and 33 touchdowns last year. He's an intelligent player with leadership skills.
DEFENSE
Strength: Experience, depth, tradition
Weakness: Size
Key player
LB/RB Cesar Chavez, Sr. -- Chavez will anchor Garden City's defensive effort after recording 153 tackles and 20 for a loss in 2016. He earned all-state honorable mention recognition, as well as first team all-district and all-region.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Strength: Kicker
Weakness: None
Key player
K Scott Miller, Sr. -- The Bearkats all-district and all-region kicker will be a key piece of the special teams unit.

RANKIN RED DEVILS FAST FACTS

District: 7-1A Division I
Head coach: Jeff Shelton, 2nd year (37-62 overall)
2016 record: 2-8, 1-2 in district
Returning starters: 4 offense, 4 defense
Typical offense: Multiple formations
Typical defense: Multiple formations
Last playoff appearance: 2015, lost to Sterling City 67-22 in bi-district
Enrollment: 67
Homecoming game: Sept. 22 vs. Grady
Rivalry game: Sept. 29 at Garden City
Home stadium: Red Devil Stadium, Rankin

2017 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	Balmorhea	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Trinity	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Sanderson	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Grady	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Garden City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Water Valley	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*Fort Davis	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	at *Marfa	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*Imperial Buena Vista	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 7-1A Division II opponent
Home games at Red Devil Stadium, Rankin

2016 RESULTS
Regular season

Aug. 26	Balmorhea 50, Rankin 0
Sept. 2	Trinity 36, Rankin 30
Sept. 9	Rankin 54, Sanderson 8
Sept. 16	Grady 37, Rankin 28
Sept. 23	Garden City 56, Rankin 6
Sept. 30	Robert Lee 30, Rankin 22
Oct. 7	Water Valley 84, Rankin 70
Oct. 21	Rankin 58, Fort Davis 20
Oct. 28	Marfa 71, Rankin 33
Nov. 4	Imperial Buena Vista 52, Rankin 0

2017 RED DEVILS AT A GLANCE
OFFENSE

Strength: Improved speed
Weakness: Ability to finish drives
Key player
SB Kamren Shelton, Sr. -- Expected to be the Red Devils' go-to offensive threat this season.
DEFENSE
Strength: Speed
Weakness: Applying pressure, getting off blocks
Key player
LB Markus Black, Sr. -- Talented tackler who was undone by a midseason injury last year. He could be poised for a breakout 2017 campaign.
SPECIAL TEAMS
Strength: None
Weakness: Kicker

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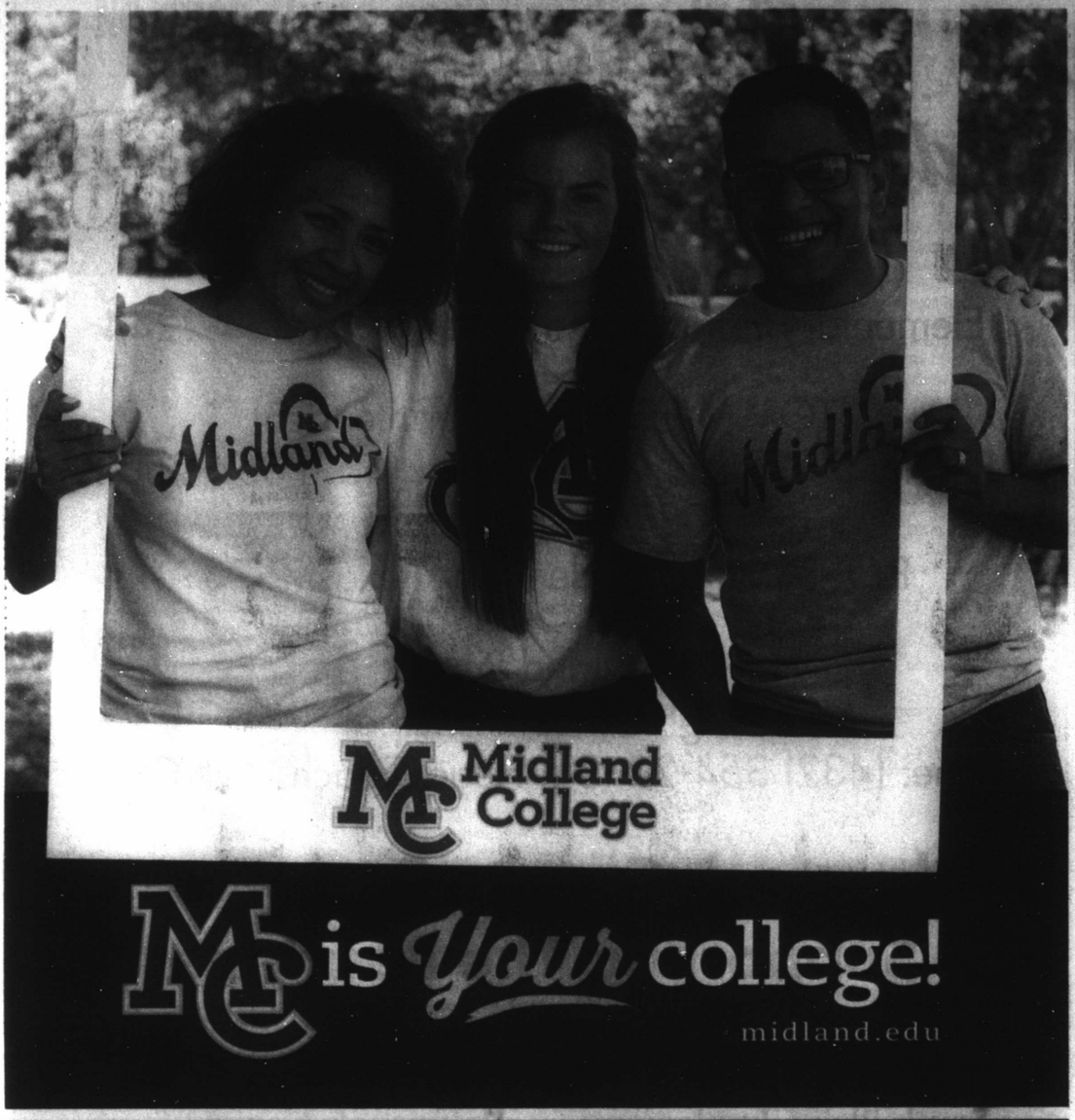

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