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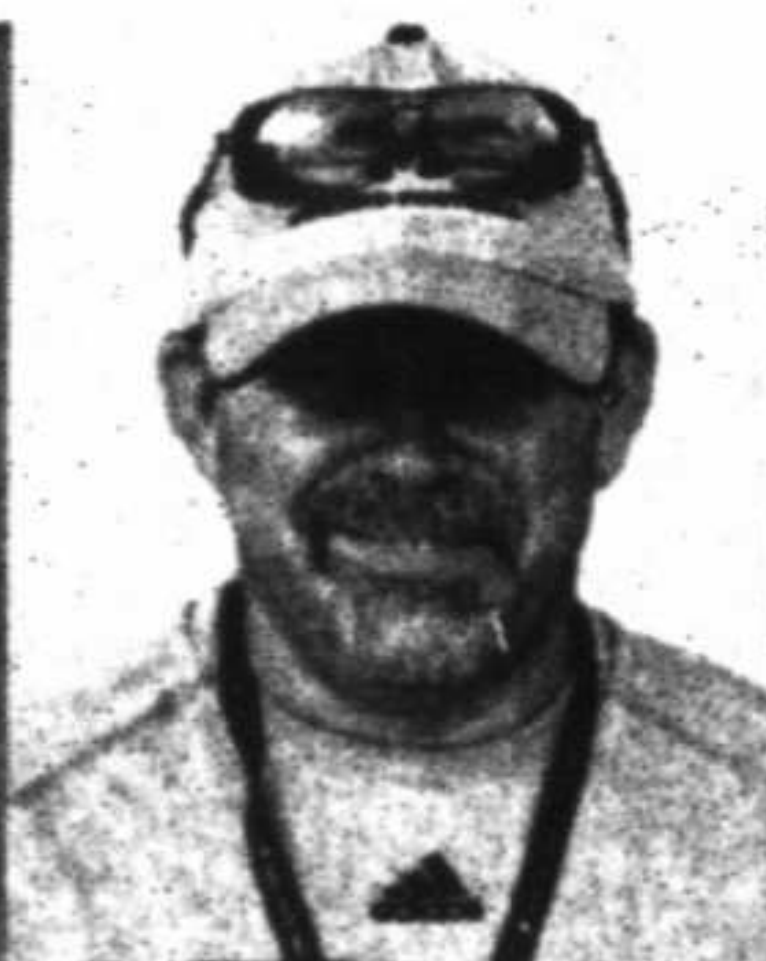
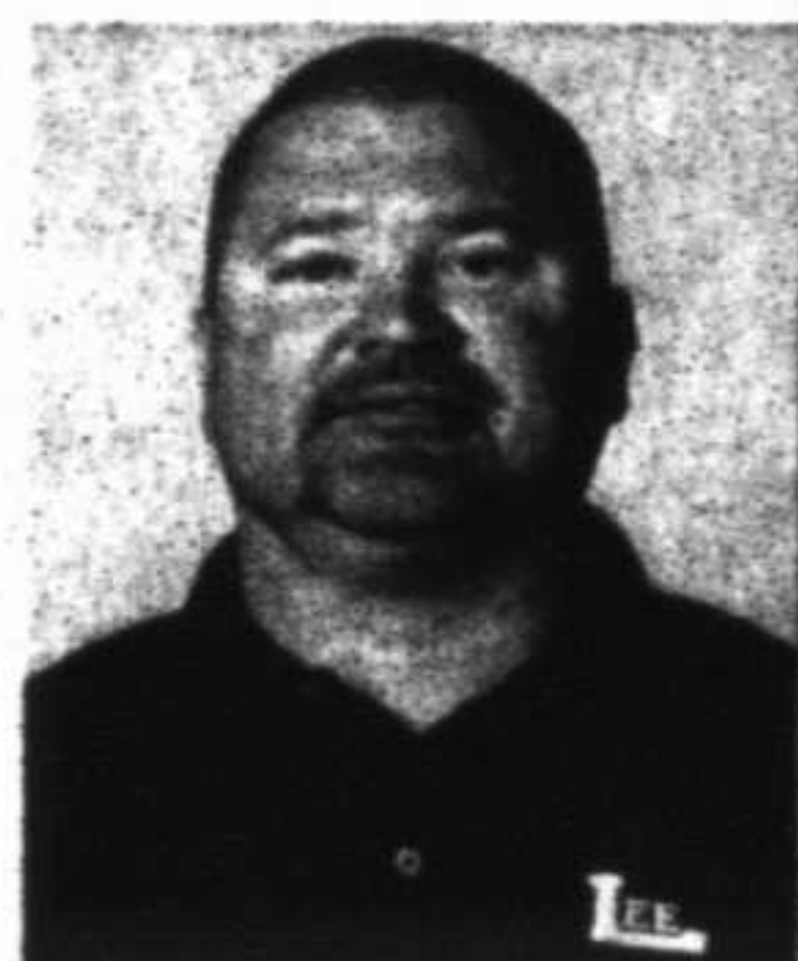
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Midland High School and Lee High School test their mettle on the field.

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Average home selling for more than \$355,000

■ Sellers need fewer days to sell homes for more money

By Stewart Doreen
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If a person wants to buy an average house in Midland County, he or she has to act fast and will have to spend more than ever before.

The Permian Basin Board of Realtors

reported that July was another month when prices went one direction and the number of days a home sold stayed on the market went the opposite direction. Both either set or tied new PBBOR records and provided more data the sellers' market has never been stronger.

Homes, according to PBBOR information, went for an average price of \$355,469 during the month of July. That amount was more than \$5,000 greater than June, nearly \$30,000 greater than the

average this year and more than \$33,000 greater than July 2017.

On the other hand, the average number of days on market stayed at 19 for the second straight month. That record low is 13 fewer days than the average for this year and 17 fewer days than July 2017. The quickest sales in July happened for homes in the \$400,000 to \$499,999 range (13 days) and the \$250,000-\$299,999 range (14 days).

"July continued our steady real estate

trends for the market in Midland," wrote Carroll Nall, vice president of operations for the PBBOR. "This makes four months straight we remain the No. 1 Real Estate Market in the country as stated by several reporting agencies."

There was a little silver lining for buyers, as the total number of homes on the market rose from 304 in June to 356 in July. While the number of homes is still

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GARDEN OF RUST



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These are a few of the more than 120 antique cars photographed July 24, 2018, in a field in Midland County. At top right, the front of a Pontiac Trans Am is visible with shaker hood scoop missing and a brake drum holding down a piece of metal to cover the exposed intake. At far right, the front half of the rear of what appears to be a Malibu or Chevelle is entirely overgrown by vegetation. Center and top left, are full-size GM passenger cars, one a coupe, one a sedan.

Son of educator runs for school board

■ Austin Beam, a ConocoPhillips engineer, said quality education system is important to young people

By Stewart Doreen
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A computer engineer at ConocoPhillips is running for the District 6 school board position at Midland ISD.

Austin Beam, a former Midland ISD student and son of a 35-year-plus educator, told the Reporter-Telegram on Thursday that he wants to make students and teachers his top priorities as he ventures into education politics.

District 6 is one of three seats up for election in November; the others are Districts 3 and 5. Beam joins Rick Davis and Lauren Party as those who announced candidacies to represent District 6, which includes Lee High School, Abell Junior High, Rusk Elementary, Scharbauer Elementary and Bush Elementary.

"When you are in a family of an educator, education is an important part of you," Beam said. "I want to be a part of enabling folks to see not only how great this community can be but how great the

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Midland only Texas city with average gas price above \$3

By Stewart Doreen
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Local drivers again got a little break when it came to the price of gas, but according to this week's AAA Texas gas report, Midland is the only city among the 27 larger metropolitan areas with an average price of gas at or above \$3.

The report also shows the two cities with the lowest average price in the state are not along the Texas coast or anywhere near it. They are Amarillo and Wichita Falls, where drivers are paying an average of \$2.50 a gallon, which is 56 cents lower than what

drivers in Midland pay.

On the bright side, Midland drivers did see the average price drop 1 cent. This extends the streak of weeks when the average price inside the city did not increase. But still, there are cities where gas is cheaper, much cheaper. To the west, the average price is 35 cents less in El Paso. To the southeast, drivers in San Angelo are paying an average of \$2.58. To the east, AAA Texas reported an average of \$2.64 in Abilene. And to the north, drivers are finding themselves in cheap-gas paradise. In Lubbock, the average price, according to the organization, is \$2.51. Distributors have told the Reporter-

Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and Midland's distance from pipelines. There are also issues with the high cost of living, at least in Midland and Odessa, where rents are climbing at rates incomparable around the nation. There's also the supply-and-demand factor. There is a great demand in Midland and Odessa relative to the amount of supply.

Midland drivers are seeing an average price, according to AAA Texas, that is 45

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Price of oil

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The big number

Hurricane Harvey caused \$125 million in damage, from homes to oil refineries. Page 2A

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Year after Harvey, poor having toughest time recovering

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Shirley Paley's life before Hurricane Harvey was already a struggle. The 61-year-old former postal worker was raising her 17-year-old autistic grandson while dealing with a workplace injury that left her legally blind, on disability and in need of three cornea transplants.

Harvey's torrential rainfall flooded Paley's modest home near Kashmere Gardens, one of Houston's historically African-American neighborhoods, forcing her to live out of her SUV for more than a month and triggering severe depression and anxiety in her 12-year-old granddaughter that led to several suicide attempts. Still unable to move back home and desperate to speed up the repair process, Paley has accumulated thousands of dollars in debt from high-interest payday and car title loans.

"I was trying to keep this straight, strong face. But in the end, I would just die at night," Paley said.

Harvey has been described as the storm that didn't discriminate, inflicting an estimated \$125 billion in total damage on rich and poor alike. But community leaders say that in the year since the storm came ashore, those in the poorest afflicted areas are having a harder time recovering. Unlike wealthier homeowners who could draw on savings and were more likely to have flood or homeowners insurance, low-income residents have been more reliant on a patchwork of organizations to meet their recovery needs.

"If you were living on the edge and lost everything, you really are back to square one," said Elena Marks, president and CEO of the Episcopal Health Foundation.

A survey of residents from 24 of Texas' hardest-hit counties that was conducted by Episcopal Health and the Kaiser Family Foundation in June and July found that 40 percent of Hispanics and 60 percent of African-Americans said they weren't getting the help they need, including assistance for home repairs and with completing applications for



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Shirley Paley receives a hug from Keith Downey on Aug. 9 inside her Houston home, which was damaged during Hurricane Harvey. Paley hopes to move back into her home soon.

aid.

In the coastal city of Port Arthur, where nearly 30 percent of the roughly 55,000 residents live in poverty, Harvey "pushed some of the folks that were just barely holding on, pushed them over the edge," said Mayor Derrick Freeman.

Harvey damaged up to 85 percent of the structures in the city, and only 15 to 20 percent of residents had flood insurance.

"Everyone else pretty much is fending for themselves or waiting for the federal government to send some type of disaster relief their way," Freeman said.

The median income in Kashmere Gardens is between \$22,000 and \$25,000 a year. The help many have received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency isn't enough to rebuild their homes.

Before Harvey, "there was a great need here in the community, voids to be filled. So now you are going to put a hurricane on top of this?" said Keith Downey, president of the Kashmere Gardens Super Neighborhood, a local community group.

Neighborhood resident Rosalind Orphey, 67, has spent the past year seeking help to tear down and rebuild her 89-year-old mother's home. She only got \$14,000 from FEMA and at least three nonprofits have told Orphey that the cost of tearing down and rebuilding the home is too high for them.

"We've been productive

members of the community all our lives. We try to get help and nobody is there to help us," Orphey said.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said providing housing for economically struggling residents remains one of his key concerns.

The city is set to receive \$1.1 billion in Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, funding from the federal government for housing needs. Under federal guidelines, 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for projects that benefit low- and moderate-income individuals.

But Houston likely won't get that funding until the fall. And the \$1.1 billion won't be enough, Turner said.

Officials and community advocates say addressing affordable housing needs also includes helping renters, many of whom remain in mold-infested housing complexes that haven't been properly fixed.

"Even if somebody were to say, 'I'm going to move out of this hell hole of an apartment after Harvey,' they don't have any place to go," said Ed Emmett, the top elected official in Harris County, where Houston is located.

Groups like Texas Housers, a nonprofit focused on housing, say they hope the recovery shines a light on low-income areas that historically haven't received the services and infrastructure they've needed for flood resiliency and economic development.

Texas Housers has expressed concern that the state's long-term recovery plan undercounted the unmet needs of the poorest residents by using a formula that didn't consider any damage of less than \$8,000 to homes and \$2,000 for renters. Texas Housers says its analysis found low-income homeowners suffered an average of \$7,000 in damage, while higher income homeowners had average damages of \$13,500.

The formula the state used was mandated by the federal government, said Heather Lagrone, deputy director for community development and revitalization with the Texas General Land Office, which is in charge of implementing the state's long-term recovery plan.

But in calculating how it would allocate funding for various programs, including buyouts, the land office considered other factors, including race and income, that look at a community's ability to recover, Lagrone said.

Paley said that since Harvey hit, she has often felt like her life was sinking in quicksand.

"I see the light at the end of the tunnel," said Paley, who hopes to be back in her home by September or October.

Meanwhile, Orphey and her mother are still looking for help to rebuild their home.

"I'm just as lost as the day of the hurricane," Orphey said.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Police: 3 teenagers arrested in school attack plot

TAYLOR — Three Texas high school seniors were arrested after investigators say they were overheard discussing plans to launch an attack at school using explosives and firearms.

Taylor ISD superintendent Keith Brown says students at Taylor High School overheard the 17-year-old boys discussing their alleged plans Wednesday, and notified administrators.

A Taylor police detective and a school resource officer who were on campus at the time arrested the three and charged each with making a terroristic threat, a misdemeanor.

The teens were taken to the Williamson County jail, about 30 miles north of Austin. Two remained in custody Thursday. Authorities have not released any information on a motive.

Police say none of them had weapons on them when they were taken into custody. School officials say no students were in danger.

Texas appeals court dismisses fraud charge against oil heir

DALLAS — A Texas appeals court has dismissed mortgage fraud charges against an heir to a Dallas oil fortune, citing prosecutorial misconduct by a former Dallas County District Attorney.

The Dallas Morning News reports that the 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas ruled last week that a trial court judge in 2013 correctly dismissed the cases against Al Hill III. The court ruled that Hill can't be reindicted.

Hill alleged that District Attorney Craig Watkins pursued the mortgage fraud charges against him in order to gain favor with lawyer Lisa Blue, who was in a legal battle with Hill over attorney fees.

Watkins and Blue have denied the allegations, but Justice David J. Sneed wrote an opinion this month that questioned activity in

the case.

Popcorn salesman mistaken for Australian politician

AUSTIN — A case of mistaken identity has thrust the co-owner of a popcorn company from Texas into the middle of Australian politics.

Texas Peter Dutton shares the same name on Twitter with an Australian Liberal Party member who is vying to become the country's next prime minister. That Peter Dutton's verified account is @PeterDutton_MP.

The Texas Dutton has tweeted that he wishes "the people of Australia would look at (his) profile" and see that he's a 30-year-old black man before sending him tweets. The Australian Dutton is 47 and white.

The American Dutton has received tweets from people who support and oppose his Australian namesake. He writes that it has been fun and he would love to visit Australia and sell his popcorn there.

NEW MEXICO Clovis officials to observe anniversary of library shooting

CLOVIS — Officials in Clovis will hold a moment of silence Tuesday on the one-year anniversary of a fatal shooting inside a city library.

Mayor David Lansford is scheduled to lead the 8 a.m. observance on the south lawn of the Clovis-Carver Library.

A 16-year-old high school student was charged in the shooting that left two librarians dead and four other people seriously wounded on Aug. 28, 2017.

City officials say \$30,000 donated after the shooting will go to college scholarships in the names of the two librarians killed — Krissie Carter and Wanda Walters — along with donations to five high school libraries in Curry County in the women's memory.

In addition, portraits of Carter and Walters painted by a local artist will be displayed at the Clovis-Carver Library.

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cents higher than the state average and 23 cents higher than the national average. One year ago, the average price in Midland was \$2.23 — 10 cents higher than the state average and 11 cents lower than the national average. The average price in Amarillo was \$2.07. The average price in Wichita Falls was \$2.09.

The average price of gas in Odessa fell by 1 cent to \$2.99. Midland and Odessa still rank Nos. 1 and 2 among the larger metropolitan areas. The third highest average can be found in El Paso and Dallas (\$2.71).

Much of the Houston metropolitan area, which is home to more than 6 million people, was deluged with 3 to 4 feet (0.9 to 1.22 meters) of rain.

Although Texas bore the brunt of the storm, Vinton, Louisiana, received slightly less than 2 feet (0.61 meter) of rain and Harvey's remnants continued to dump rain as they moved farther inland, dropping about 1 foot (0.3 meter) in Robertson County, Tennessee.

AAA Texas reports that gas prices across the state are getting less expensive with many Texans seeing slow, but steady pump price drops during the last few weeks.

"Compared to July, consumer demand for gasoline is waning and prices are following suit," the AAA Texas report stated. "In September, gas stations will start selling winter-blend gasoline. This blend, which is cheaper to produce, contains a fuel that evaporates at low temperatures for vehicle engines to operate properly, especially when the engine is cold."

Gas Price Report

Cheapest gas: \$2.83 (Sam's Club, Tucuman/SW 191)	
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): \$2.89 (Murphy USA, Brownsville/Kingwood Drive)	
Most common price: \$3.03 and \$3.05	
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Amarillo \$2.36, Lubbock \$2.38, San Angelo \$2.42, El Paso \$2.48, Abilene \$2.84, Odessa \$2.85, Midland \$2.83	
Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday \$3.019	\$2.802
Last week \$3.013	\$2.820
Last month \$3.044	\$2.851
Last year \$2.218	\$2.130

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Harvey's deluge killed dozens and caused billions in damage

■ A year after Harvey roared ashore, it is remembered for rain

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hurricane Harvey slammed into Texas last August as a powerful Category 4 storm, killing dozens of people and causing billions of dollars in damage. Though its fiercest winds quickly dissipated, the storm hovered for days as it trudged inland, dumping several feet of rain on many Gulf Coast communities and the Houston area.

Here are more figures about Harvey:

Death and destruction

Harvey killed 68 people, making it the deadliest U.S. storm since Superstorm Sandy in 2012, which killed 72, according to a National Hurricane Center report.

All but three of the Harvey deaths were directly attributed to freshwater flooding, which damaged more than 300,000 structures and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage, federal statistics show. Several oil and gas refineries were knocked offline for days, which raised U.S. gasoline prices, the report states.

Adjusting for inflation, Harvey was the second costliest tropical cyclone in U.S. history, trailing only Hurricane Katrina in 2005, according to the hurricane center report.

Wind and rainfall

When Harvey made landfall in Rockport, near Corpus Christi, on Aug. 25, 2017, it was the first storm since 2004 to come ashore as a Category 4 hurricane, with maximum winds of 133 mph (213 kph).

Nederland, a city about 90 miles (145 kilometers) east of Houston near the Louisiana border, received

60.58 inches (1.54 meters) of rain during Harvey, which broke the U.S. record set by Hurricane Hiki in Hawaii in 1950.

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BEAM

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community is."

Beam said his father was an educator for more than three decades, including six years in Midland. Having his father in education — and even as his own school principal — created a passion for the public education system, Beam said. The 29-year-old said that over the past decade he has not had the opportunity to be as engaged in education as he would like, so the father of a 2-year-old saw running for school board as an opportunity to get involved.

Beam said it is important that his son receive a quality education.

"He can do that in Midland, and Midland ISD can continue to grow the school

system and develop," he said. Beam made it clear his campaign won't focus on what other people have done or are doing but what he brings to the table. Beam, who graduated from Seagraves High School in Seagraves, has a computer engineering degree from Texas Tech University and an MBA from Mississippi State University. He and his wife are engineers for ConocoPhillips. They are active at Crestview Baptist Church and are part of this wave of young people who have come to Midland and are deciding if Midland will be that long-term home. The 26-something said he gets mixed responses about Midland from young families in the city.

"One of the reasons they don't love Midland is the

schools," Beam said.

He believes the board doesn't have that representation from the demographic he represents, and that matters. He also made clear he can still be a voice for the entire community.

Beam said quality education is of the utmost importance and that caring for teachers is part of his background. He said district must equip students and teachers with everything needed to improve that quality of education.

Beam also reflected on his experience in the Midland ISD system. He said he was a student during the "cluster system" days, which he said meant being bused to numerous elementary schools. Still, he felt his experience at MISD was "very good."

HOUSES

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less than two months of inventory, it is nearly double the 184 homes that were on the market in March.

"We are still short on inventory on homes in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 price range but that range appears to be gaining some ground," Nell wrote. "We remain optimistic that these trends will continue into the late fall. There are still a great number of people and companies moving into the area."

"Seems that the Permian Basin is the place to be these days. There are families here from all over the world making the market work day in and day out for our economy."

Other notables from the July report included:

Total inventory for July was \$71.5 million. The number of homes sold fell from 232 in June to 216 in July.

The median price for a home sold also dropped but only by less than \$1,000. The median price for a home is still more than \$314,000, just off the record, according to the FREDOR. The most homes sold was in the \$300,000 to \$399,999 price range (57).

Housing Market

Homes on the market: 388
Homes sold: 216
Days on the market: 19
Average sold price: \$335,489
Average list price: \$361,833
Median sold price: \$314,107
Median list price: \$319,999

Source: Permian Basin Board of Realtors

WORD OF THE DAY
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Oblige
[uh-BLYE]
verb
1: to constrain by physical, moral, or legal force or by the exigencies of circumstance
2 a: to put in one's debt by a favor or service
b: to do a favor for
c: to do something as or as if as a favor

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Fair festivities fire off

This date in Midland

On Aug. 24, 1934, the National Weather Service recorded 5.32 inches of rain in Midland, a record that stands to this day.

On Aug. 24, 2017, retired general Tommy Franks was in Midland to help dedicate Tommy Franks Elementary in east Midland. Lee High School Principal Stan Van Hoozer announced the Lee band would not play notes from the song "Dixie" in the school fight song.

Things to do

Beat the Heat Clay Shoot benefiting Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 9 a.m., Midland Shooters Association, 5911 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. pbrca.org.

Bridge lessons with Sara Cantrell, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Free.

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

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

The ninth annual Midland County Fair, 5-11:45 p.m., Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. \$5. midlandcofair.com.

Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.

Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

Family Fun Night with a movie screening and snow cones, 6 p.m., The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

Night Market featuring food by Bus 22 and local vendors, 7-11 p.m., The Urban Market, 312 N. Colorado St.

Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m., The Delour, 1709 Rankin Highway.

Friday Night Live: Cotton Fox, 7 p.m., Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. macstexasbbq.com.

Runescarred, 7 p.m., Gabby Doo Saloon, 6009 N. Golder Ave., Odessa.

Party on the Patio with live

music, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

The 70th Season of Summer Mummies: "Diabolical Deeds on the Diamond or Wall - Was that a Squirrel in the Infield?" 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. \$12-\$25. MCTMidland.org.

Enchiladas and Entertainment. Four-man freestyle battle tournament. Performances by Rudabaka, Andy the Rapper, Mastamind and more with free enchiladas, 8 p.m., Cactus House, 114 E. 29th, Odessa. \$10.

Travieso de la Tierra, Grupo

Maximo Grado, Jesus Ojeda, 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. \$50. haciendaeventcenter.com.

Drew Moreland, 9 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Back to School Party, 9 p.m., The Reserve (inside the DoubleTree), 117 W. Wall St. \$5.

DJ Wildones, 9 p.m., the Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supernova Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive. \$10.

Karaoke Karaoke with DJ Cico, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112

W. Highway 80.

Department, slated to begin on Jan. 1, 1913.

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In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The first day of the Midland County Fair began Thursday. The ferris wheel at Horseshoe Pavilion entertains early visitors.

music, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

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In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

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All or Nothing evening:
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Daily 4 day: 4-1-4-4
Daily 4 evening: 8-0-9-0
Daily 4 night: 1-9-7-7
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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
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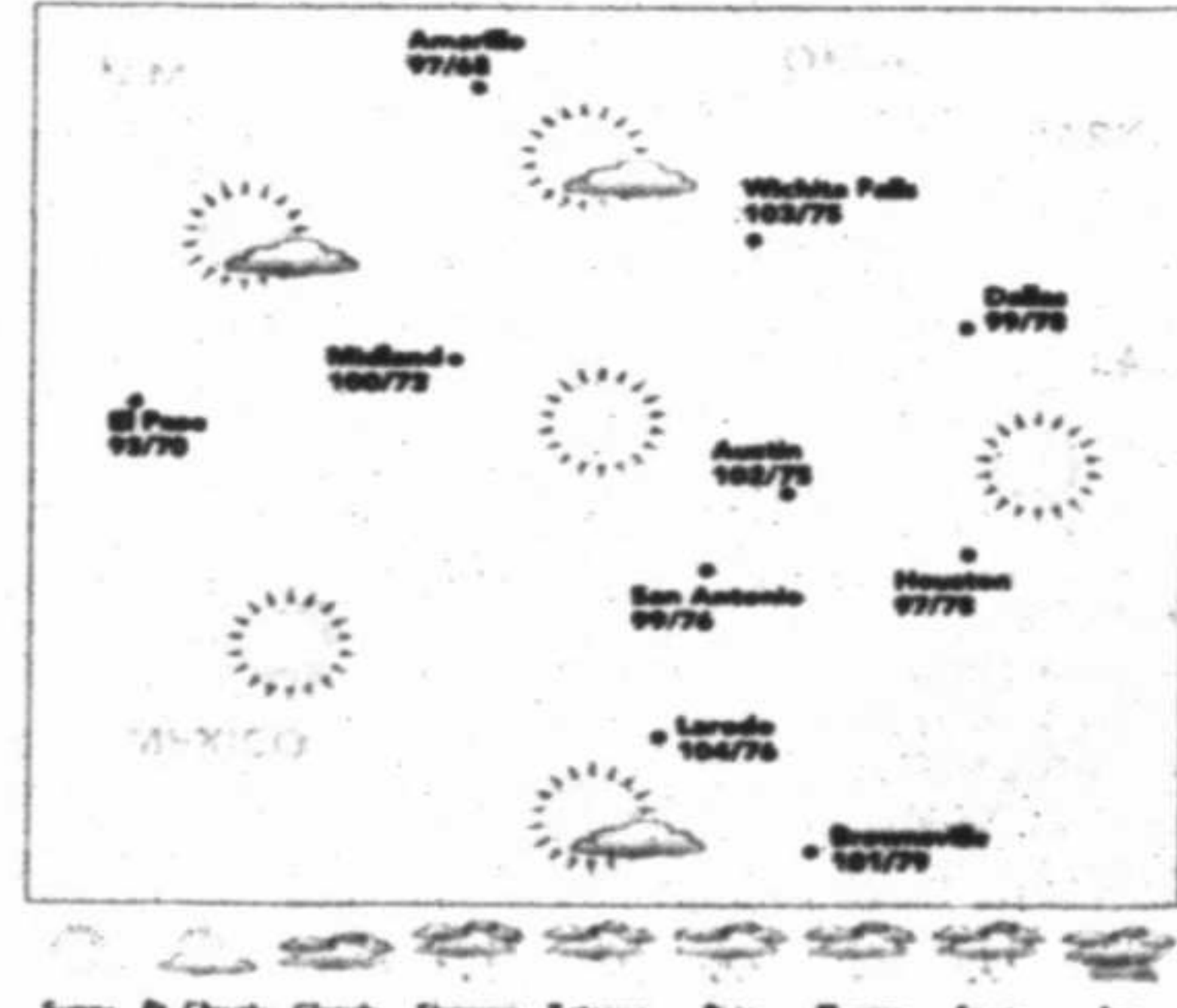
Aug. 23 records
High: 106, set in 1977
Low: 61, set in 1940, repeated in 1961

Precipitation
Tuesday: 0.00 inches
Wednesday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 2.88 inches
Year total: 8.14 inches
Normal total (year to date): 9.19 inches

Winds
Wind speed: 25 mph
Gust speed: 32 mph

Aug. 24 forecast
High: 100

Forecast for Friday, August 24, 2018



Low: 75
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: South 10-15 mph today and tonight

Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:19 a.m.
Sunset: 8:22 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 Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 24, 2018:

This year you have to sort through more confusion and misunderstandings than you are used to. You will gain because of this necessity. You'll also feel that you are more in control of your life. If you are single, be aware that you could meet someone who is emotionally unavailable. Take your time before you decide to get involved. If you are attached, the two of you often cannot be fixed. You love being by yourselves. AQUARIUS does not understand why you are not more available.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Take charge of the moment, even though you might feel as if you are surrounded by difficult people. Good luck comes out of a wild set of circumstances that might not be easy to sift through. Do nothing, and you will land well. Tonight: TGIF with friends.

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Defer to others, knowing full well that you do not have all the answers. Sort through some of the confusing messages that could affect you in strange ways. You might not be getting the total gist of what is being suggested. Tonight: Out and about till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You have a way of activating others' interests. Someone close to you could prove to be very helpful. This person seems to make your load lighter, so make it OK to accept his or her help. Tonight: Opt for a power nap, and you will come back refreshed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your emotional levels could go up and down, depending on several discussions. Know that a major disagreement is likely to take place. You'll find an ingenious solution to eliminate petty squabbling. Tonight: Give up feistiness and go for more romance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your fun ways attract someone who is anxious to get to know you better. You might opt to retreat to your home early. You will need some time off before you enter into this type of situation. Everyone wants to be near you today. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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You might find yourself in the middle of divisive communication. In any case, you will emerge feeling great, as you can handle any snippy comments. You are on top of your game, and there is little that bothers you. Tonight: You don't have to go far to find fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Others seem to understand that you might not feel up to snuff. You might be able to avoid problems if you take a day to yourself. Your optimism comes through later in the day, when a child or loved one seeks you out. Tonight: Visit with an older family member.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You could find yourself caught in a collision between two very different people. This could toss you and your plans into chaos. Know that you have the ability to clear up this

problem quickly. Tap into your resourcefulness. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your unique point of view might cause people to distance themselves, as they are not used to free thinking. As a result, you might need to be more flexible. Demonstrate an understanding of where others are coming from. Tonight: Join friends at a favorite haunt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Reach out to someone in the know. Generally, this person comes to you for feedback. A discussion will present an alternative view. Listen, and you will land well. Allow a new friend to coax you into doing what he or she wants. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You could be one of the most desired people to hang out with right now. You will have your plate full, but you might be so happy that you won't notice any looming responsibilities or problems. Tonight: Tackle a challenge, knowing that you can handle it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You might want to distance yourself from a problem. Respond to questions, but first carefully mull over what you are hearing. The more you can do alone, the better you will feel. Enjoy a friend or loved one being close to you. Tonight: Go on a weekend retreat.

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Democratic congressional candidate Ammar Campa-Najjar speaks during an interview Wednesday in San Diego. Despite an ongoing FBI investigation into his campaign spending, Campa-Najjar's competitor, U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, coasted through the June primary election largely unscathed. But on Tuesday, the Republican congressman and his wife were charged by a federal grand jury with using more than \$250,000 in campaign funds for personal gain. The indictment brings a jolt of uncertainty into the contest, in a year when Democrats have targeted a string of Republican-held House seats across the state.

Latino Arab-American hopes to unseat indicted Republican

By Julie Watson and Michael R. Blood
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Democratic congressional candidate Ammar Campa-Najjar was working on a TV advertisement to boost his exposure when news broke that his opponent, the heavily favored Republican U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, was indicted.

The 29-year-old former Obama administration Labor Department official whose father is a Palestinian Muslim and mother a Mexican-American Catholic has never held elected office. In Hunter, he's taking on a widely known Iraq war veteran who coasted through the June primary in the most Republican district in Southern California with a 30-point, first-place finish after serving five terms.

With the indictment, Campa-Najjar suddenly found himself thrust in the spotlight — fielding calls throughout the night from the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, supporters, even some local Republican elected officials. Within 24 hours, he received hundreds of emails and gave nearly two dozen interviews to local and national media outlets.

It was the attention, he said, his campaign deserved.

After months of knocking on doors, Campa-Najjar is seizing the opportunity to re-introduce himself to voters in the 50th District, many of whom are not familiar with his name.

"We're excited," Campa-Najjar said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I don't crowd over the misery of other people. I feel for him and his family, but I feel more for the people of our district who deserve some much-needed representation after many years of not having a real representative."

The Hunter name is

something of a political dynasty in the area. Hunter's father was elected to the seat in 1980 and held it until his son won in 2008.

But the indictment of Hunter and his wife Margaret that alleges they illegally converted his campaign account into a household checkbook reorders his re-election contest, giving Democrats a suddenly stronger hand in a district that for decades has embraced Republican candidates. The Hunters pleaded not guilty Thursday.

Campa-Najjar said he was hopeful of breaking the Hunter family's nearly 40-year hold on the district that runs largely east of coastal San Diego, abutting Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base and stretching toward a remote area near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Campa-Najjar vows to reach people who had voted for President Barack Obama in 2008 and eight years later backed Donald Trump. He said "they are not ignorant. They are ignored, by my party, their party and the country."

He said he offers "sensible solutions" that cross party lines, including Medicare-for-all if it does not increase government debt and free college tuition based on merit and need.

He does not believe in abolishing the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency like some liberal candidates. Campa-Najjar, who lives in Jamul near the U.S.-Mexico border, says walls are not the answer when 40 percent of those entering the U.S. illegally come by plane and overstay their visas. He supports tougher fines for employers who break immigration laws and believes that immigrants who were brought to the United States as children should be given U.S. citizenship.

Campa-Najjar said his motivation for running is personal.

His mother, who di-

voiced his father when he was 8 and raised Campa-Najjar and his brother, did not have the support she should have from the government.

At 15, he worked as a janitor to help her pay the bills.

Born in San Diego County, Campa-Najjar spent part of his childhood in Gaza, before coming back to San Diego County, and is fluent in Spanish and Arabic.

Campa-Najjar said he is proud of his heritage but is American first. He has made clear that he has no personal connection to his grandfather, who was the member of a Palestinian terror group and orchestrated an attack in the early 1970s that killed 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.

Campa-Najjar said he never met his grandfather, who was killed by Israeli commandos 16 years before Campa-Najjar was born.

"I'm happy to take responsibility for my own choices and my own decisions," he said. "I think other men are responsible for their own crimes, whether it's somebody who I share a lineage with and nothing else, or a sitting congressman whose being indicted and could be facing serious charges in the future."

About a third of the district is Latino and it is also home to one of the largest Iraqi Chaldean populations in the United States. One of Campa-Najjar's campaign offices is in the city of El Cajon east of San Diego, near a business district with falafel shops, taco stands and signs in Arabic, English and Spanish, reflecting the district's changing demographics as immigrants and refugees have settled there.

It is in a dilapidated home with yellow tape around the front porch. On a recent day on the door, a paper sign under Campa-Najjar's portrait on a red

white and blue poster told visitors to knock on the back door.

Campa-Najjar's campaign has been a largely grassroots operation that until now has largely gone unnoticed as Democrats have concentrated on other districts believed to be more vulnerable for Republicans. The party holds a nearly 15-point registration edge over Democrats, and President Donald Trump won the district by the same margin while losing statewide by more than 4 million votes in 2016.

But that changed this week.

"I'm getting a lot of support as you can imagine," he said.

There is no doubt a win would be an upset even with the allegations against Hunter and his wife. The couple has been charged by a federal grand jury with using more than \$250,000 in campaign funds to finance family trips to Italy and Hawaii, golf outings, school tuition and theater tickets.

Voters in Hunter's rural hometown of Alpine were sharply divided on what it all means. Some are shocked, some outraged, and some are rising to defend Hunter and his claim of being pursued by politically motivated prosecutors eager to see one of Trump's early supporters in Congress fall. Hunter says his "constituents are not easily misled" and he will fight the allegations the same way he fought as a Marine.

Campa-Najjar said he feels "saddened a bit" that a combat veteran returned from the battlefield and lost his way, becoming the "poster child of corruption" for Washington. He added that voters, including Hunter's base, want honest politicians.

"If we are a nation of laws, then you cannot in good conscience vote for Duncan Hunter," he said.



Denis Poroy/AP

U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, center, leaves an arraignment hearing Thursday in San Diego.

Congressman, wife plead not guilty to illegal spending

By Julie Watson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter was swarmed by demonstrators yelling "shame on you!" as he left a federal courthouse Thursday in San Diego after pleading not guilty to charges of illegally using his campaign account for personal expenses.

The California Republican and his wife, Margaret, entered their pleas in federal court, where prosecutors said bond could be set low because the couple is living paycheck to paycheck. The judge agreed to set bail at \$15,000 for the congressman and at \$10,000 for his wife.

After the arraignment, demonstrators holding signs that read "Duncan Hunter Ethics and Integrity Matter" and "Crooked Duncan Hunter" followed him as he walked to a pickup truck. He got in and removed a "Lock me up!" sign shoved onto the windshield as he was driven away. His wife was not seen leaving the courthouse after the arraignment.

A 60-count indictment unsealed Tuesday charges the couple used more than \$250,000 to finance family trips to Italy and Hawaii, golf outings, school tuition, theater tickets and even fast food purchases, and then attempted to conceal the illegal spending in federal records.

Even as the five-term incumbent was under investigation by the FBI, Hunter easily won a 30-point victory in a June primary and established himself as a strong favorite to hold onto his strongly Republican 50th Congressional District seat in San Diego and Riverside counties, which his father held for many years.

Hunter's attorney, Gregory A. Vega, has claimed there was political motivation pressure to tarnish Hunter before the general election.

Vega told reporters after

the arraignment that "the congressman has faced more difficult battles than this in Iraq and Afghanistan. He looks forward to his day in court." Hunter's website says he quit his job as a business analyst soon after 9/11 and joined the Marines, serving three combat tours overseas.

In a statement, House Speaker Paul Ryan called the charges "deeply serious" and said Hunter will be removed from his committee assignments, pending resolution of the case. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said Ryan should call on Hunter to resign.

The California secretary of state's office said there is no process in the elections code for Hunter to remove his name from the ballot, and there can be no write-in candidates for the November election.

The indictment alleges the couple dipped into campaign cash for years to bankroll their lifestyle, while their household budget was awash in red ink. The spending ranged from the banal to the lavish, from movie tickets to a \$6,288.74 family vacation at a resort in Hawaii.

"The Hunters spent substantially more than they earned," the indictment said. "They overdrawed their bank account more than 1,100 times in a 7-year period resulting in approximately \$37,761 in 'overdraft' and 'insufficient funds' bank fees."

Hunter's opponent in the general election is Ammar Campa-Najjar, 29, a Democrat who has never held elective office. He received 17 percent of the votes in the primary, coming in second to Hunter. The top two vote getters in California primaries advance regardless of their party affiliation.

Campa-Najjar made a brief appearance outside the courthouse before Hunter exited. He promised to bring "national pride" to the district not "national shame."

Report: Trump administration needs to step up on 'Obamacare'

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldívar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A congressional watchdog said Thursday the Trump administration needs to step up its management of sign-up seasons under former President Barack Obama's health care law after mixed results last year in the throes of a failed GOP effort to repeal it.

The report from the Government Accountability Office is likely to add to Democrats' election-year narrative that the administration actively undermined "Obamacare" without regard for the consequences to consumers.

The nonpartisan GAO was more nuanced. On one

hand, it found problems with consumer counseling and advertising and recommended such basic fixes as setting enrollment targets. On the other, it credited administration actions that did help people enroll, such as a more reliable HealthCare.gov website and reduced call center wait times.

Sign-ups for 2019 begin this November.

The report found that: ■ The Health and Human Services Department under Trump broke with its own previous practice by failing to set enrollment targets for last year. The watchdog recommended that HHS resume setting goals, a standard management tool for government agencies. Without setting numeric goals, HHS won't

be able to measure whether it is meeting "its current objective of improving Americans' access to health care," the report said. The administration responded that it does not believe such targets are relevant.

■ HHS used "problematic" and "unreliable" data to justify a 40 percent cut in funding for enrollment counseling programs known as Navigators. HHS responded that it's making changes to how those counseling programs are evaluated. But it has cut funding again, by about 70 percent.

■ When HHS slashed money for open-enrollment advertising by 90 percent overall, officials said they were doing away with wasteful spending. But

an internal study by the department had actually found paid television ads were one of the most effective ways to enroll consumers. The budget for TV ads went from \$26.6 million in the Obama administration's final year to zero under President Donald Trump.

"This independent and nonpartisan GAO report confirms that the Trump administration's sabotage of our health care system is driving up costs for consumers and leaving more Americans without health insurance," said a statement from a group of Democratic lawmakers led by Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey.

HHS said in a statement that the 2018 enrollment season was the "most cost-effective and successful

experience" for consumers, citing a 90 percent customer satisfaction rate with the HealthCare.gov call center.

Republicans' drive to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act stalled in the Senate last year, and the Trump administration instead found itself having to run a program the president repeatedly branded a "disaster."

The watchdog found that sign-ups in the 39 states served by HHS through the federal HealthCare.gov website dipped by 5 percent last year, while states running their own enrollment effort maintained their sign-up levels. A total of 11.7 million people enrolled for 2018 coverage, with about 85 percent receiving subsidies to help pay their premiums.

The report validated a longtime Republican criticism that high premiums discourage consumers from signing up for coverage. But it also found that Trump contributed to premium increases for 2018 by canceling payments that reimburse insurers for lower deductibles and copays provided to low-income people. That forced the carriers to jack up rates.

"Substantial increases" in premiums triggered by Trump cut both ways, the watchdog found. People with modest incomes entitled to subsidies got more financial aid from the government, and their coverage became more affordable. But solid middle-class customers paying full premiums were priced out of the market.

Anger over Ed Dept mulling federal money for guns in schools

By Maria Danilova
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Education Department said Thursday that it is weighing whether to allow states to use federal funds to purchase guns for schools, prompting a storm of criticism from Democratic lawmakers and educators.

If approved, the plan would likely generate a lot of controversy at a time when a string of especially deadly school shootings earlier this year led to the rise of a powerful student-led gun control movement.

A senior Trump administration official told The Associated Press on Thursday that the agency is reviewing legislation governing federal academic enrichment grants to see if the money can be used to procure firearms.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly, said the bipartisan Every Student Success Act, passed in 2015, does not expressly prohibit or allow the use of Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants for the purchase of firearms. The official said the agency received several letters asking it to clarify what those funds could be used for and began researching the issue.

DeVos, who chairs a federal commission on school safety, has previously said that schools should have the option to arm teachers. The commission, formed in the aftermath of the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people, has been criticized for omitting the topic of gun control.

The plan, first reported by The New York Times, prompted swift condemnation from Democratic lawmakers and many educators on Thursday, who accused the Trump administration of wanting to deprive students



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Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies at a House Committee on Education and the Workforce hearing on May 22 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

of much-needed mental health support and other resources in the interests of the National Rifle Association.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., called the idea "one of the most egregious, short-sighted and dangerous executive branch abuses of our education system in modern history."

"Secretary DeVos continues to lead an anti-student and anti-teacher campaign on behalf of special interests and the NRA that rejects proven and effective initiatives to ensure a safe, welcoming school climate for children," she added.

Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut, which was the site of the Sandy Hook school shooting, swiftly introduced an amendment that would block the Education Department from using the funds to arm schools.

"The Secretary of Education cares more about the firearms industry's bottom line than the safety of our kids, and that should scare parents to death," he said.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, accused DeVos of trying "to do the bidding of the National Rifle Association and gun manufacturers."

"Instead of after-school programs or counselors, programs that are critical for creating safe and welcoming schools and addressing the mental health needs of kids, DeVos wants to turn schools into armed fortresses and make kids and educators less safe," Weingarten said in a statement.

"She wants to turn the U.S. government into an arms dealer for schools. That's insane," she added.

Martin West, associate professor of education at Harvard University, expressed skepticism.

"It seems very hard to imagine that members of Congress drafting Title IV envisioned that the funds would be used to arm teachers," West said.

One of the requests for clarification came from Texas, where many school districts allow staff to carry weapons on campus. The Texas Education Agency said in a statement Thursday that it asked Washington for guidance in April after schools started asking whether they can use the grant money to cover the cost of guns. The problem took on even greater urgency in Texas after 10 people were killed in a school shooting outside Houston in May.

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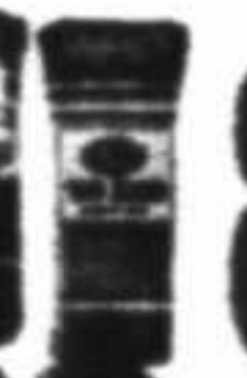
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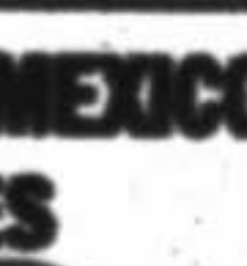
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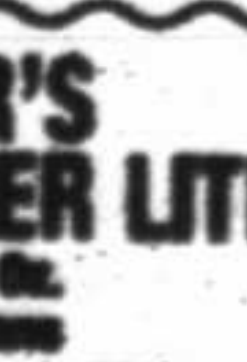
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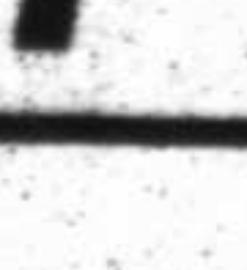
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Don't hold your breath about impeachment

■ Republican Party shouldn't promise that President Trump will be exonerated

Underpromise. Overdeliver. That has been my advice to every young lawyer and journalist I've mentored over a 35-year legal career and a 28-year broadcasting career. It has never failed as advice, though many have failed to heed it.

With that in mind, some advice for commentators about the Paul Manafort conviction and the Michael Cohen guilty plea: They tell us a lot. They do not, however, tell us whether the president is going to be impeached.

He might be impeached. In fact, a Democrat-controlled Congress in 2019 would almost certainly introduce, vote on and likely pass articles of impeachment based on the Cohen plea and other theories of various interpretations of the emoluments clause.

But we aren't close to President Donald Trump's removal from office or his resignation. It still looks as though the Republican Party is going to pick up seats in the Senate and may even hold the House.

We aren't even in shouting range of "collusion and conspiracy" with Rus-

HUGH HEWITT

Special to the Washington Post



sia, though lots of pundits like to shout about it. Three Republican senators on the Intelligence Committee — chairman Richard Burr of North Carolina, Tom Cotton of Arkansas and James Lankford of Oklahoma — have told the Associated Press, in Burr's case, and me in Cotton's and Lankford's cases that they had not seen any factual evidence presented to the committee of collusion or conspiracy by the president or his 2016 campaign.

Flat-out rejections from three members of the committee of the overarching charge behind the special counsel's appointment is a good indication that removal from office because of collusion with Russia isn't in the cards for the president.

And while we're at it, none of this has any impact on Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination, no matter how much the president's opponents wish otherwise. I don't want to overpromise, but it still seems

likely Judge Kavanaugh will be Justice Kavanaugh come the first Monday in October.

Special Counsel Robert Mueller is the master of underpromising. In fact, he hasn't promised a thing. So it is possible he has plenty of evidence of collusion and conspiracy that hasn't been shared with the Senate Intelligence Committee. Possible, but unlikely.

It is possible that new and as yet undeveloped theories of impeachment will emerge — say financial crimes involving the president's development empire. But nothing to see there, yet. There's been some speculation, but that's not the stuff of impeachment. Impeachments come in cases the public easily grasps, if not in complete detail, then with complete conviction: President Richard M. Nixon abused his power. President Bill Clinton lied about Monica Lewinsky. If you can't state the premise in a simple sentence, you aren't going to move the one key congressional committee, much less both chambers of Congress.

We do have, right now, two admitted/convicted felons in Cohen and Manafort who are both in a position to grievously wound the president politically. They might. They could flip — Cohen already seems to have done so — and tell many tales. All will come out eventually.

But anyone who says, "This means impeachment!" is either lying or looking for ratings. There's a lot of the latter going around. The special counsel doesn't care about ratings. The Republican Party doesn't either. It shouldn't promise exoneration of the president, but neither should it be afraid to point out there are two investigations underway here: One into the president's campaign to win the office in 2016, and one into whether some senior officials in the FBI and Justice Department made efforts to make sure he didn't win. Both matter. And neither is close to being finished.

Cable news is entertainment. And pictures of Manafort and Cohen, even pictures of Stormy Daniels, aren't that entertaining beyond those already addicted to one of the two story lines. Beyond the sliver of Americans that watch cable news at night (whether of the left or right variety), fantasies about impeaching Trump elicit a vast, giant "Huh?"

So, no, the world didn't change Tuesday with the Cohen plea and the Manafort verdict. Twitter shook. But it will shake again today with something else. And tomorrow with another thing. When Mueller sends a subpoena to the White House, that's when it gets interesting.

OUR VIEW

South Elementary shows that academic reform is possible

Laurels

■ **For the Financial Services team at Midland ISD.** We are quick to throw out arrows when a government entity doesn't meet a community's high standards. We should be just as quick when an entity exhibits the type of improvement that Chief Financial Officer Darla Moss and her team did. Last year, the Texas Education Agency gave Midland ISD a financial accountability score of "C." Under the leadership of Moss, who is in her first year, Midland ISD earned an "A." From a 72 to a 92 — that is the type of performance this community appreciates.

■ **For XTO Energy.** Readers of "Our View" know we see the value of public-private partnership. That is why we appreciate XTO energy, which is providing the city of Midland with \$500,000 to help fund the final phase of the Dennis the Menace park renovation. Many Midlanders will benefit from XTO Energy's giving, so for that we say thank you.

■ **For the Reporter-Telegram Sports staff.** Sports Editor Oscar LeRoy and Chris Hadorn worked hard to put together a terrific football preview. "Building for Success" will be in Sunday's edition and will feature all the information you need to get ready for the upcoming season.

■ **For South Elementary.** The hard work of the staff and students during the 2017-18 school year paid off as South dramatically improved and worked its way off the state's list of failing schools. South had one of the longest "improvement required" streaks in the state heading into the 2017-18 campaign, so we hope all Midlanders acknowledge that academic reform is truly possible at every Midland ISD campus.

Arrow

For lack of community participation. So, you say the city needs to hold night meetings to get more resident participation? That wasn't the case last week as the city held a special evening meeting for residents to provide feedback on the tax rate. And there wasn't any feedback. No one stepped up to the plate to give the council constructive criticism on the tax rate, and no one was there to say if the council was making the right decision.

We expect the council to continue to provide evening hearings from time to time on important matters. That is responsible government. However, we also expect community members to live up to their part of the bargain.

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GOP won't have anything to salvage

What President Trump and his cadre have done is very bad. What Republican leaders are doing is unforgivable.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell stood on the Senate floor Wednesday morning for his first public remarks since the seismic events of the day before: The president's former personal lawyer pleaded guilty to fraud and breaking campaign finance laws, implicating the president in a crime; the president's former campaign chairman was convicted on eight counts of financial crimes, making him one of five members of Trump's team who have been convicted or have admitted guilt; and a Republican congressman was indicted, the second of Trump's earliest congressional supporters to be charged this month.

It was time for leadership, McConnell ducked. Instead, he hailed Trump's campaign rally in West Virginia the night before. He disparaged President Barack Obama's record. He spoke about low unemployment "under this united Republican government." He went on about coal, taxes, apprenticeship programs, health research, prisoner rehabilitation and more — and not a peep about the corruption swirling around the president. When reporters pressed McConnell in the hallway for comment, he brushed them off.

McConnell's counterpart in the House, Speaker Paul D. Ryan, was equally cowardly. "We are aware of Mr. (Michael) Cohen's guilty plea to these serious charges," was his office's official statement. "We will need more information than is currently available at this point."

What more do you need, Mr. Speaker? What more will it take, Republicans? It seems nothing can bring them to state what is manifestly true: The president is unfit to serve, surrounded by hooligans and doing incalculable harm.

A scroll through Republican lawmakers' tweets since the Cohen-Manafort combination punch late Tuesday found shameful silence. GOP House leaders Kevin McCarthy and Steve Scalise tweeted about a murder allegedly committed by an illegal immigrant.

It briefly appeared that Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley was doing the right thing. He tweeted a suggestion to read Gerald Seib's Wednesday Wall Street Journal column proclaiming the "darkest day of the Trump presidency." Fourteen minutes later came a corrective tweet from Grassley: He meant a previous Seib column, on another subject.

Among the few Republican lawmakers demonstrating dignity: Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, ex-FBI agent, commended his former colleagues for "upholding the rule of law."

This intolerable silence of the Republicans — through "Access Hollywood," racist outbursts, diplomatic mayhem and endless scandal — is what

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allows Trump and his Fox News-viewing supporters to dock their spaceship in a parallel universe where truth isn't truth. At Tuesday night's rally in West Virginia, Trump's irony-challenged audience could be heard chanting "Drain the Swamp!" and "Lock her up!" (Hillary Clinton, that is), just a few hours after Paul Manafort's conviction and Cohen's guilty plea.

Republican lawmakers fear that with 87 percent of Republican voters backing Trump, crossing him is political suicide. But this is circular. Support among the Republican base remains high because Republican officeholders validate him.

It took a year from the Watergate break-in to Republican Sen. Howard Baker's immortal 1973 question about a Republican president: "What did the president know and when did he know it?"

Instead of Baker, today we have Texas' John Cornyn, the No. 2 Senate Republican, saying: "I would note that none of this has anything to do with the Russian collusion or meddling in the election."

And Grassley: "I don't think I should be speculating."

But there doesn't have to be collusion, or even speculation, to recognize that something is terribly wrong. There is no good answer to the question Cohen lawyer Lanny Davis posed after his client said under oath that Trump directed him to pay off two women to influence the election: "If those payments were a crime for Michael Cohen, then why wouldn't they be a crime for Donald Trump?"

A few Republican senators (Jeff Flake, Bob Corker, Ben Sasse, Susan Collins, Richard Burr) have rhetorically distanced themselves from Trump. But their modest efforts don't sufficiently protect the party, or the country, from Trump's sleaze and self-dealing.

The moral rot is spreading. Two weeks ago, Rep. Chris Collins, R-New York, was arrested on charges related to insider trading — from the White House lawn. On Tuesday, Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-California, and his wife were charged with using campaign funds for travel, golf, skiing, tuition, tickets, clothing, makeup, dental work and more, often while claiming the funds were being used on charities.

His office's Trumpian response: "This action is purely politically motivated."

If Republicans don't put some moral distance between themselves and Trump, there will soon be nothing left to salvage.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Trump and Sessions spar as Trump rages

By Jill Colvin
and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions punched back hard at President Donald Trump's latest sneering criticism Thursday as their long-running rift exploded into a public smackdown.

Trump, concerned by the legal downfall of two former advisers, accused Sessions of failing to take control of the Justice Department, leading Sessions to declare that he and his department "will not be improperly influenced by political considerations."

Trump's anger with Sessions boiled over in an interview with Fox News in which the president also expressed frustration with the plea agreement with the one-time legal "fixer" Michael Cohen cut with prosecutors, including implicating Trump in a crime that Cohen admitted.

Trump said it might be better if "flipping" — co-operating with prosecutors in exchange for more favorable treatment — were illegal because people co-operating with the government "just make up lies" to get favorable treatment.

In the wide-ranging interview, Trump also defended himself against talk of impeachment — "the market would crash ... everybody would be very poor" — tried to distance himself from Cohen — "I would see him sometimes" — and said anew that he hadn't known in advance about Cohen's hush money payments to silence women alleging sexual relationships with the celebrity businessman.

Trump's latest shots against law enforcement came as he appeared increasingly vulnerable to long-running investigations after this week's one-two punch of Cohen's plea deal and the conviction of Trump's former campaign chair Paul Manafort.

Trump has spent more than a year publicly and privately venting over Sessions' decision to recuse himself from the federal Russia-collusion investigation because he'd worked on Trump's campaign.

Trump, who blames that decision for the eventual appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller, told "Fox and Friends" host Ainsley Earhardt that Sessions "never took control of the Justice Department and it's a sort of an incredible thing."

"What kind of man is this?" Trump said.

"You know the only reason I gave him the job? Because I felt loyalty, he was an original supporter," Trump said of Sessions, an Alabama Republican who was the first senator to endorse Trump's bid.

Sessions has made clear to associates that he has no intention of leaving his job voluntarily despite Trump's constant criticism. But his tone in his statement on Thursday made clear he is tired of the president's attacks.

"I took control of the Department of Justice the day I was sworn in, which is why we have had unprecedented success at effectuating the President's agenda." Then he declared, that while he's attorney general the actions of the department "will not be improperly influenced by political considerations. I demand the highest standards, and where they are not met, I take action."

In New York, meanwhile, it was reported that federal prosecutors have granted immunity to David Pecker, the publisher of National Enquirer, which bought and killed the stories of two women.

And people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press that the publication kept a safe containing documents on hush money payments and other damaging stories it killed as part of its cozy relationship with Trump leading up to 2016 election.

In awkward schedule timing, Sessions met later



President Donald Trump, left, listens as Attorney General Jeff Sessions, foreground, speaks on Thursday during a cabinet meeting in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington. Also pictured is Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, right.

Thursday with the president on prison and sentencing reform at the White House.

But two people familiar with their meeting said the dispute was not discussed. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the private conversation.

Sessions has generally absorbed the Trump's blows without responding, though he has occasionally pushed back.

In February, after Trump complained that Sessions' response to Republican complaints about the FBI was "disgraceful," the attorney general said in statement he would "continue to discharge my duties with integrity and honor" and the department would "continue to do its work in a fair and impartial manner."

Allies, including Republican members of Congress have long advised Trump that firing Sessions — especially before the upcoming midterm elections — would be deeply damaging to the party.

But Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, who in March said firing Sessions would "blow up" the Judiciary Committee, has been shifting his tone.

"I think there will come a time, sooner rather than later, where it will be time to have a new face and a fresh voice at the Department of Justice," he told reporters on Thursday. "Clearly, Attorney General Jeff Sessions doesn't have the confidence of the president."

But others stood by Sessions.

Republican Ben Sasse of Nebraska told Senate colleagues, "Everybody in this body knows that Jeff Sessions is doing his job honorably, and the attorney general of the United States should not be fired for acting honorably and for being faithful to the rule of law." He said it would be really difficult to confirm a successor "if he is fired because he is executing his job rather than choosing to act as a partisan hack."

People close to the president said they were not aware of any immediate plans to dismiss Sessions, at least before the November congressional elections.

Cohen's claims that Trump orchestrated a campaign cover-up to buy the silence of two women who claimed he had affairs with them has shaken the White House and the president, who has expressed worry and frustration behind closed doors that a man

intimately familiar with his political, personal and business dealings for more than a decade had turned on him.

His anger was palpable overnight as he bellowed to the world in an all-caps tweet at 1:10 a.m.: "NO COLLUSION - RIGGED WITCH HUNT!"

In his interview with "Fox & Friends," which was taped at the White House on Wednesday and aired Thursday, Trump railed against Cohen for "flipping."

"I know all about flipping," Trump said. "For 30, 40 years I've been watching flippers. Everything's wonderful and then they get 10 years in jail and they — they flip on whoever the next highest one is, or as high as you can go."

That arrangement "almost ought to be outlawed. It's not fair," Trump said, adding that it creates an incentive to "say bad things about somebody ... just make up lies."

That drew immediate rebukes from the legal community.

Neal Katyal, Supreme Court lawyer and former acting solicitor general, compared Trump's comments in a tweet to "what one expects from a mobster, not the President of the United States." He later said it was outrageous that Trump had "decided to condemn the entire practice of flipping nationwide, which is essential to law enforcement operations."

"If President Trump's views were the law, literally thousands of criminals

would be on the street today," he said.

The president's comment and others in recent days have fed criticism that Trump, a "law and order" candidate, is now living in an upside-down world in which campaign finance violations are "not a crime," former White House Counsel John Dean, who helped expose the Watergate scandal, is a "RAT," and Manafort, a man found guilty of defrauding the government, should be applauded.

Trump has said repeatedly that he feels bad for Manafort, and has praised him for refusing to cooperate with the DOJ.

"(U)nlike Michael Cohen, he refused to 'break' — make up stories in order to get a 'deal.' Such respect for a brave man!" he tweeted.

Dean, counsel under President Richard Nixon, went to jail for his role in the Watergate scandal, but also cooperated with the government.

He tweeted Thursday that Trump "thinks, acts and sounds like a mob boss."

Some Democrats, meanwhile, are discussing the possibility of impeaching Trump — should they retake control of the House in November's elections.

Trump argued such a move could have dire economic consequences, but added: "I don't know how you can impeach somebody who's done a great job."

Trump turns to Fox friend for coveted interview

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News' Ainsley Earhardt was by turn sympathetic and gently probing during her interview with President Donald Trump that aired on Thursday, yet was also caught mischaracterizing one of his answers while promoting the event.

The "Fox & Friends" co-host had a coveted yet pressure-filled opportunity. She interviewed Trump the day after news of lawyer Michael Cohen's plea deal and the guilty verdict at former campaign manager Paul Manafort's trial broke almost simultaneously.

Instead of a straight news reporter, Trump invited to the White House a host of his favorite morning show, which airs curated news and opinion tailored to his supporters. Trump called Earhardt "a truly great person" while tweeting a promotion of her book in May.

Portions of the interview were aired throughout the three-hour program.

Earhardt started with ice-breakers, asking Trump how he handles all the publicity. She interjected, "right," when the president complained that reporters "like to cover nonsense."

Her questions about the news were direct, if not particularly challenging, and she didn't ignore the big stories.

She asked Trump to respond to Cohen's claim that the president directed him to pay for the silence of two women who said they had affairs with Trump. She said that "one story said" that Trump didn't know anything about the payments — without noting that it was Trump who initially said that.

Still, she followed up when Trump didn't answer. Trump said the payments didn't come from his campaign, "they came from me."

Earhardt also asked the president if he was considering pardoning Manafort.

That exchange caused Earhardt problems when she made an appearance on Sean Hannity's prime-time show Wednesday night

promoting the interview. She said to Hannity that Trump told her he would consider a pardon. "I think he feels bad for Manafort," she said.

While Trump proclaims his "great respect" for Manafort in the interview, he skirted the question about whether or not he would pardon his former aide.

Her appearance with Hannity — Fox's most emphatic Trump supporter — illustrated the pitfalls of mixing news and opinion. Earhardt praised Trump, calling him "very brave" for speaking to her. "We learned in journalism school, if someone constructs a narrative, you've got to defend yourself," she said.

When she and Hannity talked about whether the midterm elections came up in the interview, Earhardt said that if Democrats win control of the House of Representatives, "their agenda is going to be to impeach. Because there's no Russia collusion, at least so far. So what's the next step? If they hate you so much, what are they going to do?"

When she interviewed Trump, her question was much simpler: "If the Democrats take back power, do you believe they will try to impeach you?"

Earhardt also asked Trump about the murder of Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts. The government says the suspect is a Mexican in the country illegally; his lawyers say that's not true. Either way, Fox has given the story much attention — prompting an argument on Fox's air Wednesday between Juan Williams and Greg Gutfeld about whether it was being emphasized to divert people from bad news on Trump.

To be fair to Earhardt, she was caught for this interview between apocalyptic expectations and an audience filled with people who love Trump and hate journalists. Earlier this week, MSNBC's Mika Brzezinski said that Fox faced a challenge: "Are they going to ask the real questions or are they going to aid in his deflections?" she said.

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The Midland Shooters Association hosts Beat the Heat Clay Shoot benefiting Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Lunch will follow the event. 9 a.m.

SATURDAY



COOKING TIME

YMCA Meats Midland: Cooking for a Cause is a cook-off event for teams with live music, family entertainment and more at the Midland YMCA. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



TEE OFF

The seventh annual Golf to Honor tournament at Hogan Park Golf Course is hosted by the Permian Basin Area Foundation. The event benefits the Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund. 8 a.m.

MONDAY

ENGLISH 101

Midland Need to Read's fall classes for adults begin. The \$25 fee covers materials required for class. Register at midlandneed-toread.org.

TUESDAY

GO GREEN

Golf fans get a double dose of tee time with MARC's "Hope-in-One" golf tournament at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. 8 a.m.



THE WRITE STUFF

The Midland Senior Center offers Writing for Fun workshop with local authors. Memberships are free for seniors. 10 a.m.

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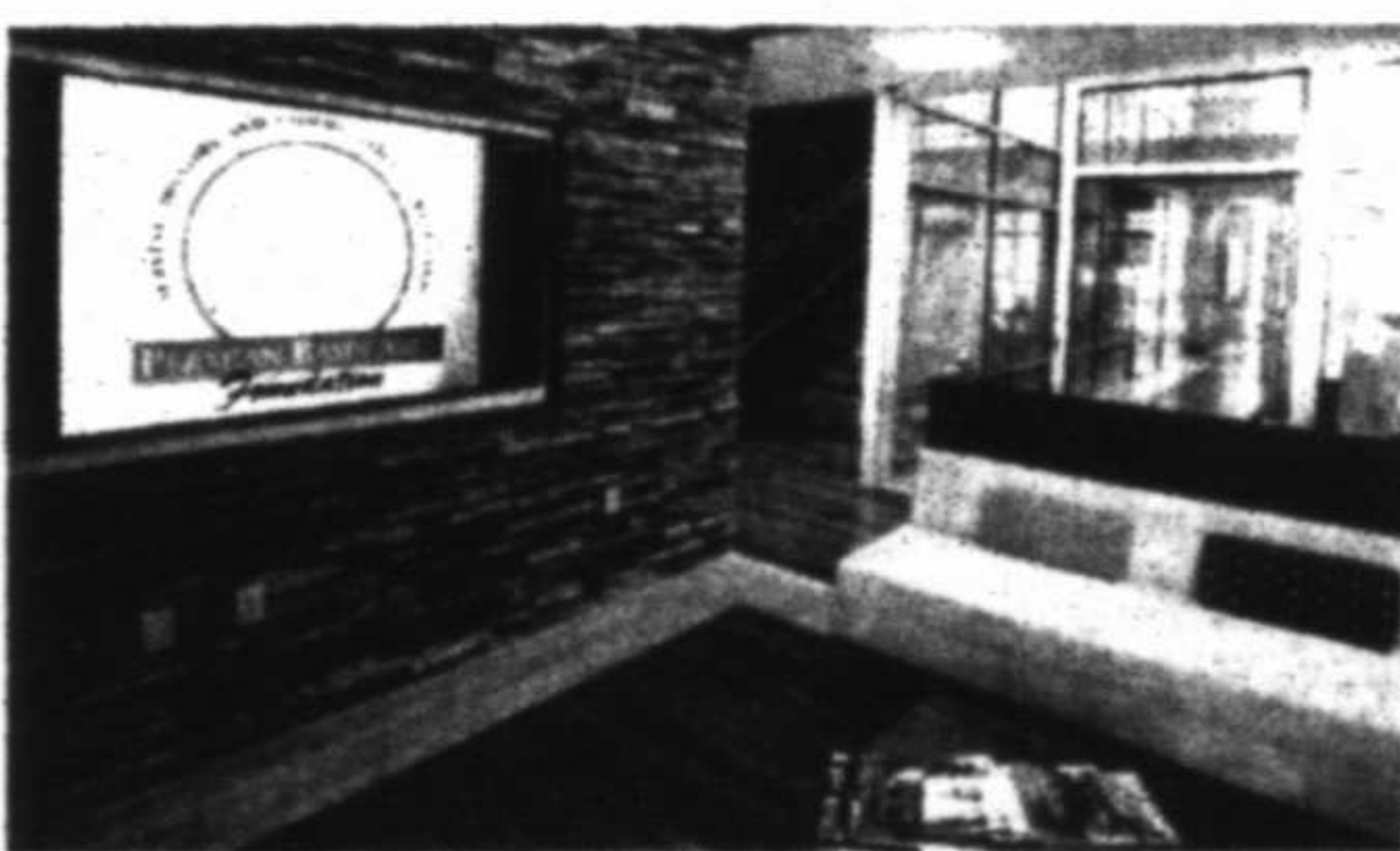
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The Permian Basin Area Foundation's new building features a spacious interior with several conference rooms and additional offices for future growth. The office, located at 3312 Andrews Highway, also uses solar power for efficiency and sustainability. The foundation will host its "Golf to Honor" tournament benefiting the Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund at Hogan Park on Saturday.



Get the full picture

More photos of the new building will appear in Saturday's edition.



Immanuel Journaling workshop can provide deeper bond with God

By Rich Lopez
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Journaling isn't a new tool in spiritual practice but how it's done can be key to a closer relationship with God, according to therapist Sungshim Loppnow.

She said Immanuel Journaling is a way to interact with God in a way that enhances prayer.

"The workshop will teach people how to interact outside of the usual prayer routine," she said in a phone interview. "They will learn a more integrated way of praying that facilitates a conversation with God."

Loppnow of Glendale, California, is a family therapist, author and spiritual director who works to help people cultivate a profound relationship with God.

The process of Immanuel Journaling was detailed in her book "Joyful Journey."

In the workshop, planned for Saturday at Mid-Cities Community Church, she will cover the three parts of Immanuel Journaling: interactive gratitude, thought rhyming

with God and reading aloud.

"To start, 'quieting' is being still to enter into this intimate prayer. We're bombarded with distractions, so I'll teach how to notice those things in his quiet presence," she said. "And thought rhyming is rhyming in our thoughts to restore peace."

The last part could be the most challenging, she said. Journaling often consists of private thoughts and Loppnow encourages sharing those thoughts. But part of journaling includes sharing with friends or family — a spiritual book club, perhaps.

"It's a most powerful time to read aloud among your group and the safest way of sharing God," she said. "In some ways, God is speaking to that community."

She and some professional contemporaries developed the idea of Immanuel Journaling.

"I've studied how it works and how we process our information and how that enters into faith. We have a brain that facilitates hearing the mind, and humans were designed to share those situations," she said.



If you go

Immanuel Journaling workshop with Sungshim Loppnow. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Mid-Cities Community Church, 3306 Neely Ave. \$49 including lunch. jostartshere.com/midland.

Panel will discuss state of local nonprofits

From staff reports

Midland Shared Spaces will host its inaugural State of the Nonprofits luncheon, which will feature a panel discussion geared toward volunteerism and corporate giving.

The keynote address will be given by Steve H. Murdock, former state demographer and former director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

He will discuss demographic and socioeconomic changes and the implications they have on the nonprofit community.

MSS teamed with the Nonprofit Management Center and the United Way to have

this event represent the large voice of the nonprofit sector.

"There is the state of education and the economy and oil and gas, but we're a pretty large sector without that voice," MSS executive director Autumn West said.

Panel speakers include Jeff Hughes, founder of 100 Men Who Give a Damn About Midland; community supporter Dolores Vick; and Jami Owen, executive director of the Midland Education Foundation.

The panel will be moderated by former MSS board president Deana M. Savage.

MSS will debut a video about the impact of nonprofits in Midland County as well as

the challenges they face today.

"The face of the relationship between the corporate world and nonprofits is changing, and this is a call for true partnership on both sides," West said. "It's more than just sponsor dollars or writing a check or buying a table. Nonprofits want to see companies engage, and companies want to see their dollars at work. I hope the takeaway is a renewed knowledge and spirit in the strength of the nonprofit community."

State of the Nonprofits 2018 is planned for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. Tickets are \$100 and are available at stateofthenonprofits.org.

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347-737-8952

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Mission Square, 4400 N. Big Spring
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432-528-9099

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432-694-1373

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9541 W. 57th St., Odessa, TX
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1701 N. Main
432-683-3339

First United Methodist Church
Main & Ohio St.
432-682-3701

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600 N. Goldsmith St., Goldsmith, TX
432-385-1212

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
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432-694-2571

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
4501 Thomson Drive
432-694-2544

Visionary Hollowell Community UMC
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Muslim Association of West
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432-699-4513

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2309 S. Fort Worth
432-686-8526

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432-262-5072

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432-556-2082

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432-664-9113

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Midland Center Room 3
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432-563-5683

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432-685-3858

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3500 Park Lane
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St. Paul C.M.C. Church
409 S. Lee Street
432-682-0010

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711 S. Main
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1205 S. Belmont
432-683-4806

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1207 W. 10th St., Odessa, TX
432-381-8352

True Life Christian Fellowship Church
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432-687-3077

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Jesus Name United Pentecostal Church
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432-694-8702

Lighthouse Pentecostal Church
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432-682-7186

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511 S. Stonewall
432-664-0803

The Pentecostals
5110 W. Illinois Ave.
432-697-4007

The Goodwill UPC (United Pentecostal Church)
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432-685-3919

First Presbyterian Church
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432-684-7821

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2801 N. Garfield
432-684-6542

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Obituaries



Jesus Vela Ramirez

Jesus Ramirez of age 83, passed to be with his Lord and Savior on August 21, 2018. He was born in Doctor Coss Nuevo Leon, Mexico on September 20, 1934 and grew up in Camargo, Tamaulipas Mexico.

At the age of 34 he moved to Stanton, Texas where he met and married the love of his life Juanita Ramirez. He worked as a farmer with Mr. Hoot Leonard for over 30 years.

Jesus was a very faithful member of Temple Jerusalem for over 36 years. He lived to serve the Lord and had a sincere passion for helping those in need. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and feeding his 'Palomas'.

Jesus was preceded in death by his wife Juanita C. Ramirez, two sisters and one brother.

He is survived by his 5 children, Lee Villalobos of Midland, Texas, Rosemary Vera of Midland, Texas, Paco Rodriguez of Midland, Texas, George Rodriguez of Midland, Texas and Victoria Caraveo of Midland, Texas, one brother Reyes Ramirez of Monterey, New Mexico, eight grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Evening prayer service will be held at Temple Jerusalem, 1205 S. Belmont in Midland, Texas at 7:00 p.m. on Friday August 24, 2018 and Saturday August 25, 2018. Viewing will also be at Temple Jerusalem at 10:00 a.m. Friday August 24, 2018 and Saturday August 25, 2018.

A funeral service will be on Monday August 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Temple Jerusalem. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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

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Margaret Ann Henry

Margaret Ann Henry, a long-time resident of Midland, Texas passed away at the age of 93, on August 20, 2018 in Odessa, Texas.

Visitation will be Friday, August 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a receiving of friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday evening at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 201 South Carver Street in Midland, Texas. Pastor Woodrow W. Bailey III will officiate. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Margaret Ann McIver Henry was born July 20, 1925 to the late Mae Bell McGill and Duncan McIver in Wilmington, North Carolina. She attended public school in Culberson County, North Carolina.

She met Abraham L. Henry, and they married on November 5, 1945. The family moved to Waco, Texas and later to Midland, Texas. Three children were born in Midland.

They united with the Macedonia Baptist Church in 1952 under the leadership of the late Rev. H. F. Doyle, and in 1973, the leadership of the late Rev. O. J. Archie, and 2009, the leadership of present pastor Rev. Woodrow W. Bailey III. Mrs. Henry remained a faithful member until her death. In July 2018, Mrs. Henry celebrated 66 years with the Macedonia Church family. She was the oldest female member. Her service at Macedonia before she became ill and could no longer attend included: Sunday School and Training Union teacher, member of the adult choir (with her beautiful soprano voice), member of Mission groups, chairperson of the kitchen committee and was an excellent cook.

She also served as the Sunday School Director for the Lovely Sunset Baptist District Association, as well as a sponsor for the District Junior Mission.

Mrs. Henry was employed with the Margaret and Ezell Graham family for over 10 years. She earned her GED and was employed with MISD for 29 years as a Cafeteria Manager, she retired at age 65.

Preceding her in death was her husband of 40 years, Abraham L. Henry in 1985, two sons, Montgomery Henry and James Williams, two daughters, Margaret Denise Smith and Jeanne McLaurin, two sisters, Mattie King and Anne Dudley, two brothers Joe McIver and Larmon McIver.

To cherish her beautiful memories, she leaves one daughter, Cathy Hocker.

(Larry), one son, Steve Henry (Julia), three step-sons, McArthur Henry, Stafford Henry (Rene), and Abraham L. Henry Jr. (Verna), one brother, Charles Howard. Twenty-three grandchildren, many great and great-great grandchildren. Mrs. Henry lived a long rich life and will be truly missed by her family, church family and many, many friends.

The family of Margaret Henry would like to extend special thanks to, Dr. Premila Johnson, Dr. Maurice Lopez and staff, Dr. Brian Middlebrook and staff, Orchard Park Assisted Living and Memory Care of Odessa and staff, The staff of Home Hospice of Odessa, Texas, Encompass Home Health Care and Carolyn Bailey, Senior Companion, for the attentive care given to our loved one.

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

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Sonia Rosemary Weber Wilson

Sonia Rosemary Weber Wilson of Odessa, Texas, passed away Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at home in Odessa, Texas. She was 87 years old. The family will accept guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 24, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside service will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Sonia Rosemary Weber was born March 21, 1931 in Frankenthal, Germany. While Sonia was working at Port Lyautie, in Morocco Africa, she met the love of her life Charles Ferd Wilson.

They married in 1956 in Tangier, French Morocco in North Africa. This started a long loving marriage that traveled the world and settled down in Midland, Texas after retiring from Texas Instruments.

Sonia was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Charles Ferd Wilson Jr., her brother, Yves Weber, and her husband Charles Ferd Wilson.

Sonia is survived by sons, Carl Alan Wilson and wife Rhonda of Midland, Patrick Michael Wilson of Midland, Michael Ferd Wilson and wife Karla of Midland, Kent Douglas Wilson of Fort Worth, TX, twin daughters, Alicia Louise Thomas and husband Donald of Keller, TX, and Sonya Jean Johnson.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM 1788 in Midland.

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and husband Gary of Midland, 15 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Sonia was dearly loved by everyone that met her. She brought smiles and laughter where ever she was. She will be missed on this earth, but we know she is in a better place and we will see her again someday in Heaven.

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

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Zachary "Zack" Thomas Bilbrey

Zachary "Zack" Thomas Bilbrey, 32, left this life for the next on August 21, 2018. He was born to Kathleen "Kathy" and Delbert "Debo" Bilbrey on April 9, 1986 in Midland, Texas.

He is survived by his daughter, Zoe Bilbrey, parents, "Kathy" and "Debo" Bilbrey, siblings, Micheal (Sherry) Bilbrey, and Jennifer (Johnathon Kepple) Bilbrey, niece, Britni Paredes, nephews, Chad and Thomas Bilbrey and Nolan Kepple, maternal grandmother, Doris (Robert) Donegan and numerous other loving family members.

Zack is preceded in death by his brother, Brandon Smith, paternal grandparents, Delbert and Birdie Bilbrey, maternal grandparents, Ray and Rachel James, niece Kali Rodriguez.

Zack was a people pleaser and found joy in pleasing others. He never met a stranger and was the life of the party. Zack loved making people laugh and was ever ready with a smart comeback. His whole world was his daughter, and to her, he was a hero. Zack was a smooth talking salesman who, in his mama's words, could sell ice to an eskimo!

While his absence from the presence of his family and friends is felt in a huge way, he will always be remembered with a smile and as his mama's baby.

Viewing will be held Friday, August 24, 2018 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with his family receiving visitors from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at All services will be held at American Heritage Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM 1788 in Midland.

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TODAY

Beat the Heat Clay Shoot benefiting Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Lunch will follow the event, 9 a.m. at Midland Shooters Association, 5911 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. pbrcada.org.

Family Fun Night with a movie screening and snow cones, 6 p.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

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

SATURDAY

The seventh annual Golf to Honor tournament benefiting the Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund. The event is hosted by the Permian Basin Area Foundation, 8 a.m. at Hogan Park Golf Course, 3500 N. Fairgrounds Road. PBAF.org.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Free Yoga. Open class; participants should bring mats. 9 a.m. Saturday at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. Free.

Immanuel Journaling. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church, 3309 Neely Ave. \$59. joystartshere.com/midland.

YMCA Meets Midland: Cooking for a Cause. This inaugural fundraiser is a cook-off event for teams and features live music, family entertainment and more. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. General admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children. To register a team, call 682-2551. Midlandymca.org.

The third annual Back the Red and Blue in the 432. The event celebrates and recognizes local first responders. Food, bake sale, games, karaoke and more will be part of the festivities. 2-8 p.m. at American Legion Post 19, 501 Veterans Airport Lane.

The Great American Read read-in and book fair by Basin PBS. 2-4 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. basinpbs.org.

Youth Movie Night. 7-10 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

SUNDAY

Soul Surfers Youth Bible study. 9:30 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder training for caregivers and professionals. This nine-part series teaches how to understand and respond to affected persons. 3 p.m. through Oct. 14 at High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 W. County Road 60. For more information or to sign up, email hynnapup@hscf.net.

MONDAY

Learn English: Classes for adults. Free covers materials required for class at Midland Need to Read. \$25. Register online at midlandneedtoread.org.

Odessa Optimist Club is a group dedicated to recognizing youth in the community. Noon at the Zant Community Room at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd.

Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. at Yoga Sanctuary.

4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

TUESDAY

"Hope-in-One" golf tournament benefiting MARC. 8 a.m. at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. marctexas.org.

Writing for Fun 10 a.m. at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. seniorlinkmidland.org.

Permian Basin Buddhists meet with a free discussion group and meditation basics. Open to all. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12-Step Group.

7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers Class continues with the Rev. Nancy Springer discussing the church, worship and more. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N.

Financial Peace is a nine-week program by Dave Ramsey; it offers learning tools to become financially successful. 6:30 p.m. at Second Baptist Church, 3125 Travis Ave.; and 7 p.m. at Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 State Highway 191 and 3309 Neely Ave. Register at fpu.com.

Wednesday Summer Series is geared toward all ages to learn the story of a Bible character. 7 p.m. at North A Church of Christ, 505 San Angelo St.

Legal Aid on Services. Legal Aid of Northwest Texas will provide information about the services they offer. 10:45 a.m. at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. seniorlinkmidland.org.

State of the Nonprofits with keynote speaker Steve H. Murdoch. 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. stateofthenonprofits.org.

We Honor Veterans Lunch and Learn with guest speaker Sgt. Joseph Gonzalez of the U.S. Marine Corps. Open to the public. 11:30 a.m. at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. RSVP by emailing rthaberman@hospiceofmidland.org.

Shot and Chip Clinic by Midland Humane Coalition. Shots and microchipping available for dogs and cats. 6-8 p.m. at Ulmer Park, 2700 W. Kentucky Ave. midlandhumane.org.

Before You Say I Do Fall 2018. This seven-week class is for dating or newly married couples. Free child care provided. 6:30 p.m. at Kellview Heights Baptist Church, 402 W. Scharbauer Drive. Free but registration is required by emailing will@kellview.com.

Interdenominational Ministers Alliance Annual Revival Conference with guest speaker Pastor Windsor Archie. 7 p.m. through Aug. 31 at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 303 E. Shandon Ave.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

La Hacienda Alumnis Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. Thursdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich.Lopez@fjones.com.

Beaumont's oldest black church celebrating 150th anniversary

By Phoebe Suy
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — From its beginnings in the years after the Civil War, Beaumont's oldest black church has witnessed the establishment of the area's first black public school, weathered desegregation and this year will celebrate 150 years as a "beacon of light in the community."

"Born and raised" in St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church, Walter McClooney said he strives to keep his "commitment (to the church) palatable."

The Beaumont Enterprise reports the 79-year-old church trustee said St. Paul A.M.E. Church is a part of the legacy and vision of the "spiritual builders" who founded the church in 1868.

"We're the beneficiaries of what they did," said McClooney, pointing to the vaulted ceiling and colorful glass windows that adorn the Waverly Street sanctuary.

McClooney, the third generation in his family to attend the church, said St. Paul was "very special" to him as one of the oldest black churches in Beaumont.

St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church grew out of a Methodist church organized for blacks three years after the end of the Civil War, according to historical church documents. Members of the young church met on alternate Sundays in the basement of the Jefferson County Courthouse.

A Beaumonter since "the close of the War between

the States," church founder and former slave Woodson Pipkin was known for his "quaint old timey ways and self-respecting habits," according to church documents.

Pipkin formally became the group's first pastor in 1872 and moved the church to the second story of his residence once located in the 900 block of Market Street. The church soon outgrew the upper story of Pipkin's home and moved to a larger location on Beaumont's north side at the site of what is now Alice Keith Park.

On Sundays, the church doubled as a school where many church members learned to read and write, according to an account by local historian Judith Lindsey.

Pipkin later donated a

lot on Wall Street that was the "center of activities for blacks," witnessing countless births, deaths, weddings and civic ceremonies. St. Paul remained at the downtown location until the early 1960s, when the old building began to give way to "age and decay," according to church records.

When the upper story of the church's structure craved in, church members made do and held services in the basement. But when a fire destroyed the two-story building, the congregation raised funds to purchase the Waverly Street property.

St. Paul "stands on their shoulders" of longtime church members who have "kept the faith," McClooney said.

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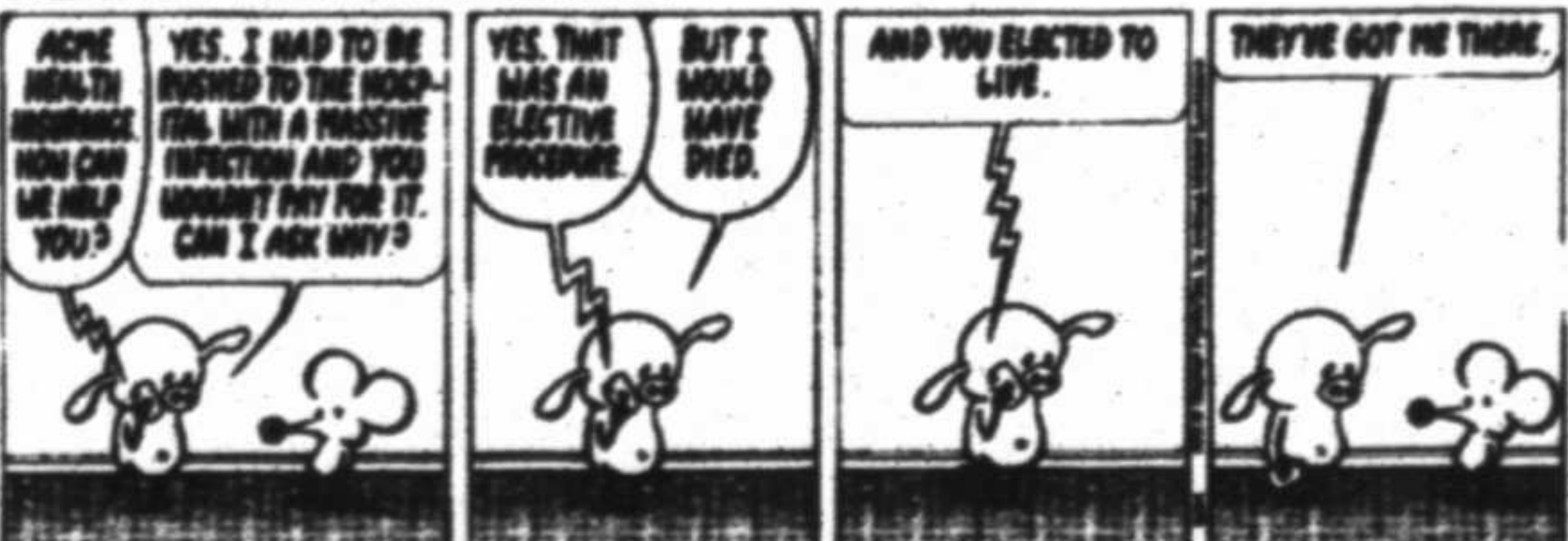
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Terry and DeLaura Gammage, owners of the Legacy Real Estate Brokerage, said they are very proud of being able to carry on the tradition that Legacy has built over the last 15 years. Along with Gina Lann, the broker, the trio manages a company that has over 55 agents and operates in more of a family style of business, believing in fostering a community within the company that focuses not just on selling real estate but providing top customer service with agents that are reliable and work hard for every client.

"Fortunately, Legacy Real Estate is blessed with some 60 highly educated, motivated and professional agents to meet the challenges of today's real estate market," Terry said. "Here at Legacy we take pride in knowing that our clients are in great hands to guide them through the buying and selling process."

Terry and DeLaura both cited that the family-feel within the company is what drives everyone to help Legacy maintain its great success in business and relationships within the community.

"We may not have as many agents as some other companies out there," DeLaura said. "While we're not the largest agency, everyone with Legacy Real Estate puts in a lot of time and effort to make things a success in helping the brokerage handle the most volume of sales and transactions in the area."

"Much of the success to the business is because of the agents who bring

the knowledge, commitment to the job and devotion to helping buyers and sellers in the area," Terry said.

That success has seen the business receive multiple awards over the years, including gold awards from the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Readers' Choice that is voted on by the community. From 2007 to 2017, Legacy Real Estate won 11 straight Gold Awards as the local community's top real estate company. Recently, they added another Gold Award as the top residential real estate agency in the area for the 2018 Readers' Choice awards to now make it 12 consecutive years of receiving top honors from the community.

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MHS emphasizing physical play in scrimmage

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High head coach Tim Anuskiewicz wants to see toughness and physicality from his football team today.

The Tall City Bulldogs host Class 5A Division II program Plainview in their only scrimmage at 7 p.m. at Grande Communications Stadium. MHS will get a chance to see where it stands before its Aug. 31 regular-season opener against visiting Canyon Randall at Grande Communications Stadium.

Plainview is a rare high school program that commonly runs multiple tight end sets and lines its quarterback under center,

so Anuskiewicz believes its style is a good gauge for his team when evaluating line of scrimmage play.

"My question mark right now is how we will respond to the physicality that it takes to play in 6A football?" Anuskiewicz said. "I think Plainview brings that to the table. They're going to test us in that regard, so we will see how our kids answer the call."

Last Saturday, Anuskiewicz and his



Anuskiewicz

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Lee evaluating depth entering last scrimmage

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee head coach Clint Hartman isn't ready to name starters where his football team has key position battles.

The Rebels are only a week away from their Aug. 31 season opener at Smithson Valley, but Hartman and his coaching staff are still in the process of evaluating players.

That assessment of players will continue today when Lee meets Amarillo High in its second and final scrimmage at 6:30 p.m. at Estacado High School in Lubbock. "As soon as there's no competition,

people slack," Hartman said. "We're not going to have that around here. We love to compete every day, every second, every minute."

Senior Felix Hinojosa and sophomores Shemar Davis and Mikey Serrano are competing for the Rebels' starting quarterback duties.

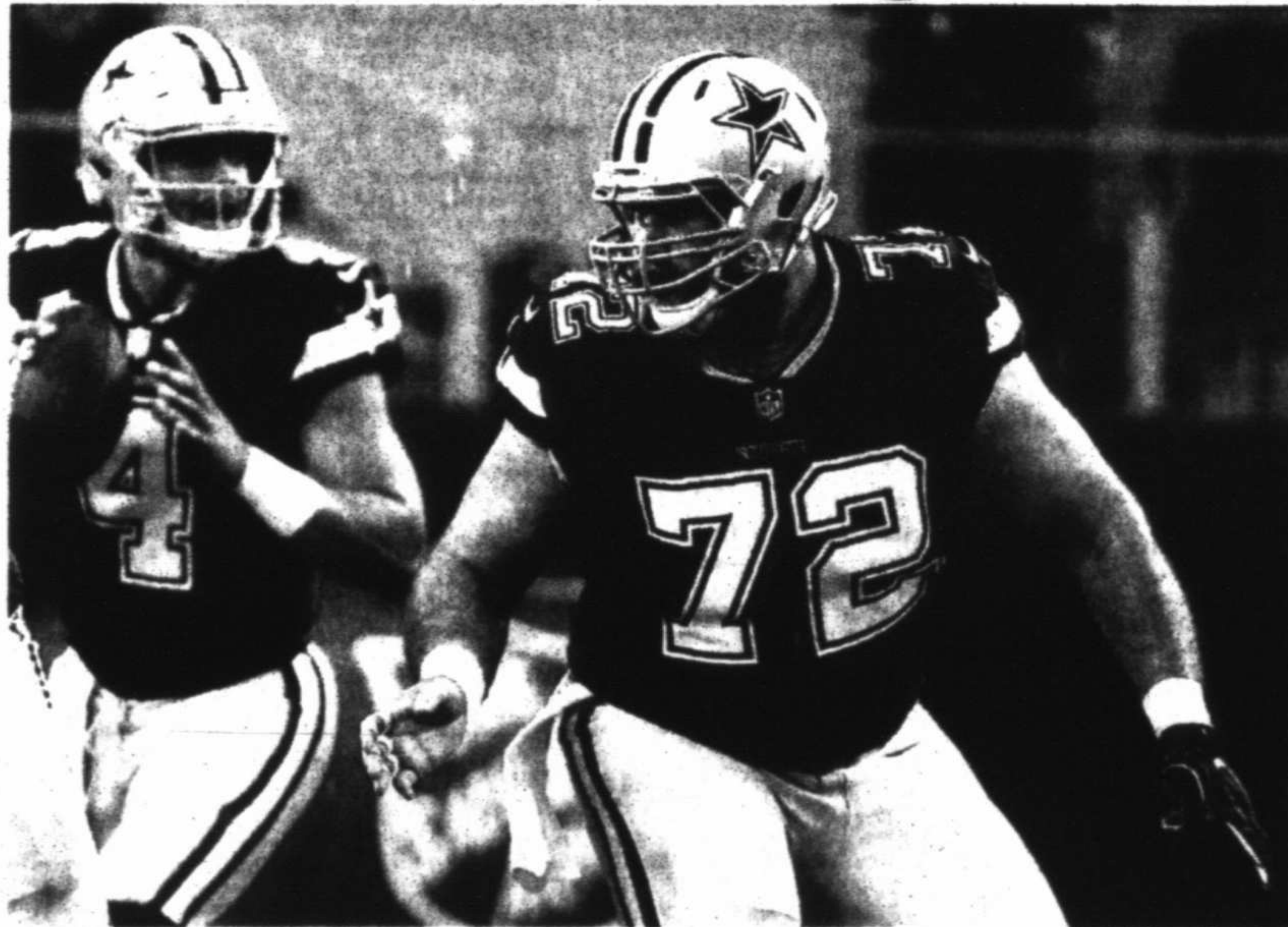
Hinojosa shined last week by throwing three touchdown passes in a scrimmage against Leander Rouse. Meanwhile, Serrano tossed a TD pass



Hartman

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Cowboys' big void



AP file photo

Dallas Cowboys center Travis Frederick (72) defends as quarterback Dak Prescott (4) prepares to pass during a game against the Los Angeles Chargers on Nov. 23, 2017, in Arlington. Frederick's revelation that he is battling a rare neurological disorder will reverberate on and off the field for the Dallas Cowboys. They're likely to begin the season without their stalwart at center, and without knowing what will happen with their teammate's recovery.

Team moves on with ill Frederick on its mind

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — A year ago, Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Joe Looney grabbed the spotlight during training camp as the prankster who took the field in star running back Ezekiel Elliott's jersey, his cover blown by the gut sticking out under No. 21.

Now that Looney has become the starting center under the serious circumstances of Travis Frederick's battle against a rare neurological disorder, the career backup plans to keep his sense of humor.

"Things are still the same," Looney said Thursday, almost exactly a year after a similar throng of reporters surrounded his locker to discuss his antics in practice at team headquarters.

"Football is a game. And I'm going to come out here and have fun every day doing it. Sometimes it's not going to be perfect. But at the end of the day, this is a game and I've got to enjoy it."

Looney and the rest of the Cowboys will have Frederick on their mind as they

prepare to start the regular season. The 27-year-old Frederick will likely miss the visit to Carolina on Sept. 9 and any number of games after that.

The Cowboys simply don't know how long Frederick will be out as he undergoes treatment for Guillain-Barre Syndrome, an auto-immune condition that causes the body to attack a network of nerves around the brain and spinal cord.

Weakness is one of the primary symptoms, in some cases signaled by burning sensations similar to what football players call "stingers," usually injuries around the neck. That's what Frederick was describing to the team when the Cowboys were still in California for training camp.

Frederick was cleared by a specialist in the Los Angeles area over concerns about his neck. But symptoms persisted after the Cowboys returned to Texas. He got the diagnosis this week and was in his third day of treatment Thursday.

The 2016 All-Pro said in a statement issued by the team that treatment will continue for several days. And while

Frederick and his teammates are optimistic he will return soon, nobody can say when.

Most people recover from even the most severe cases of the disease, but some will continue to have some degree of weakness, according to the National Institute for Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Former NFL lineman Mark Schlereth missed the second half of the 1993 season with Washington because of Guillain-Barre and wrote on Twitter that he didn't fully regain his strength for a year. But Schlereth played until 2000 and won two Super Bowls with Denver after the diagnosis.

"It's tough," said 2014 All-Pro guard Zack Martin, one of Frederick's best friends on the team. "During training camp, he really didn't know what was going on. He was kind of telling us how he was feeling. It's tough that he didn't know until a couple of days ago."

Owner Jerry Jones said he was relieved to get the diagnosis but deflected

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By keeping it in family, Urban Meyer tarnishes legacy

■ COMMENTARY

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Football coaches talk a lot about creating a family atmosphere in their programs.

They walk into the homes of teenagers and tell the loved ones of each recruit: "We'll make him not only a better player, but a better person."

College football media guides are filled with coaching staff bios accompanied by photos with smiling wives and children. Players call the team a brotherhood. Coaches' wives bond over the shared experience of an unorthodox and transient life. They become team moms.

All of this makes sense. As seriously as we take college football — too seriously, clearly — we're talking about unpaid 18-22 year olds playing a game. This business doesn't need to be all business. But what has transpired over the last three weeks at Ohio State is a lesson to all coaches: Your football program is not a family.

Urban Meyer treating Zach Smith like family almost cost one of the most accomplished coaches in college football his job. A case can be made that it should have. Instead, Meyer is suspended for the first three games this season.

It's OK to run your football program as a family right up until the point when it gets dysfunctional. When families are confronted with a troubled or troublesome relative, they tend to close ranks. They search for solutions within and often look to mom and dad to clean up the mess.

Meyer thought he knew best how to handle Smith, a former player for him and the grandson of his mentor, the late Ohio State coach Earle Bruce.

Instead of acting like the vice president in charge of football for THE Ohio State University, and protecting the employer that pays him millions to be the face of a \$7 billion institution, Meyer's instinct was to shield his family.

"As I reflect, my loyalty to his grandfather likely impacted the way I treated Zach Smith," Meyer said Wednesday night, part of a dispassionate reading of a statement. "I should have demanded more from him and recognized red flags."

The red flags started in 2009 when Zach Smith was arrested in Gainesville, Florida, where he was working for Meyer and the Gators. Smith allegedly picked up his pregnant wife, Courtney, and threw her against a wall. He denies that.

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Young Lady Chaps lean on Marmolejo for guidance

By Oscar LeRoy
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Desiree Marmolejo used to be in the same shoes as the Midland College freshman volleyball players are in this season.

Just a year ago, the 5-foot-4 sophomore setter from McAllen was a player that was nervous and homesick.

She admits she still misses home but now she's a player that the younger ones look up to being now that she and Alexandra Rodic are the only two sophomores on the team

this season, as they are joined by 12 freshmen.

"I compare myself to them a lot to when I was a freshman because I know it's hard," she said. "You're a newbie, you don't want to mess up and you just want to be good."

"It's a big challenge with 12 freshmen and two sophomores on the team. We try to set the example the best we can. And even though we make our mistakes, sometimes they're always looking up to us and they want the best from us."

Marmolejo's leadership will be crucial on and off the court. As a setter, she's the

one that basically directs the traffic, or as she says, she's the "quarterback of the team." As a veteran, her job is to help the young players get acclimated to the college game and the expectations that come with it.

"I see myself as a leader for my team," Marmolejo said. "We try to get them together as much as we can. I try to show them what coach is about and tell them not to get mad or frustrated if coach yells at us. I let them know not to get rattled and stay calm. Coach is amazing and she pushes us to the best of our ability. She just wants us to play our best volleyball game that we can."

MC coach Tammie Jimenez said she could tell Marmolejo had some leadership qualities



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Midland College's Desiree Marmolejo (1) hits against Odessa College on Sept. 20, 2017, at Chaparral Center.

Little League World Series spot an honor for umpires, too

By Sara Perlowitz
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Ryan Gibson remembers buying clothes from the local Salvation Army to put together his first umpire uniform when he was about 14 years old. Jeff Pruitt recalls going to thrift stores to buy gray pants and a blue, button-down shirt.

Now, they're both part of the 16-member umpire crew at the Little League World Series, a group with more than 350 years of experience combined. The umpires play a big role in making the games run smoothly, but they have a tough road before they end up in South Williamsport — and they do all the work on a volunteer basis.

First, they need a recommendation from the local district administrator of Little League to work in a regional tournament.

The umpires volunteering at the regional level are then evaluated and given one of two responses — one being a recommendation to work another regional event, in which case the ump in question keeps working and tries again later, and the other being that the umpire is recommended for a World Series assignment.

Even within that level, there are different meanings to term "World Series." Little League actually runs seven different baseball and softball tournaments that carry the "World Series" title, such as the Senior League Baseball World Series and the Little League Softball World Series.

But the most famous of the competitions, the one in South Williamsport, is technically the Little League Baseball World Series.

While an umpire can work in a World Series assignment once every four years, being selected for the Little League Baseball World Series can only happen once.

"It's a long journey and you learn a lot," said Troy Lare of Hermon, Maine. "Every step of the way teaches and gets you to the point where you need to be, to be here."

"And when you find out you're here, your heart stops for about 10 to 15 minutes and then you get back to life and get ready to come."

The umpires need to practice their craft just like any professional. Attending clinics is a way to stay updated on all of the rules and regulations, but a lot of development comes from being observant



Canada catcher Andre Juco tags out Puerto Rico's Carlos De Jesus (17) at home during the fourth inning of Little League World Series baseball tournament game Wednesday in South Williamsport, Pa.

and studying. "We watch film on our mechanics to improve," said Danny Gill of Lake Wales, Florida. "Just like a hitter or a fielder, you tend to pick up bad habits and you've got to get yourself back to where you need to be."

Wayne Kurtz of Alberta, Canada, said he also watches umpires at higher levels.

"When you watch a Major League Baseball game, sometimes you see how Major League players perform their job on the field," Kurtz said. "Baseball players will watch baseball umpires. It's funny because then an umpire will watch an umpire on TV, too."

As might be expected, people on the LLWS crew started out as players.

"I played baseball when I was younger," Kurtz said. "I just enjoyed the game so much that I decided I would become an umpire. I set a goal for myself and that was to someday get to Williamsport and, 15 years later, I'm here."

In an organization that counts more than 1 million adult volunteers in all roles, it takes a lot of

love of baseball and dedication to make it happen.

Pruitt of East Bethel, Michigan, remembers calling a Little League doubleheader about 25 years ago, before both of his kids were born.

Gibson of Brownstown, Michigan, joked that Pruitt was "dating himself" throughout the interview.

"You're only as old as you feel," Pruitt responded. "I have just as much fun as the kids. I'll quit umpiring when I quit having fun out there."

Little League World Series Games

At South Williamsport, Pa.
UNITED STATES
NEW ENGLAND (R.I.) vs. MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.), 10 a.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-WEST (Tex.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL
ASIA/PACIFIC (Hawaii) vs. AUSTRALIA (Aust.), 10 a.m.
EUROPE (Spain) vs. AFRICA (South Africa), 12 p.m.
JAPAN (Japan) vs. LATIN AMERICA (Cuba), 2 p.m.
MEXICO (Mexico) vs. CANADA (Canada), 4 p.m.

Double Elimination
Thursday, Aug. 18
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
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MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
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Sunday, Aug. 21
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
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Monday, Aug. 22
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
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Tuesday, Aug. 23
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SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 24
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 25
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
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SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 28
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 29
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 30
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 31
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 1
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 2
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 3
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 4
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 5
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 6
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 7
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 9
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 12
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 13
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 10 a.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 12 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 2 p.m.
SOUTH (Pa.) vs. NORTH (Pa.), 4 p.m.
MID-ATLANTIC (N.Y.) vs. GREAT LAKES (Ill.), 6 p.m.
SOUTH-EAST (Pa.) vs. NORTH-WEST (Calif.), 8 p.m.

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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	30	.698	—
New York	79	47	.627	9½
Tampa Bay	67	61	.523	22½
Toronto	58	69	.457	31
Baltimore	57	70	.450	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	73	54	.575	—
Minnesota	61	66	.480	12
Detroit	53	75	.414	20½
Chicago	48	79	.378	25
Kansas City	38	90	.297	35½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	77	50	.606	—
Oakland	76	52	.594	1½
Seattle	72	56	.563	5½
Los Angeles	63	65	.492	14½
Texas	57	72	.442	21

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	72	55	.567	—
Philadelphia	69	58	.543	3
Washington	64	64	.500	8½
New York	56	71	.441	16
Miami	51	76	.395	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	73	53	.579	—
St. Louis	71	57	.555	3
Milwaukee	71	58	.550	3½
Pittsburgh	63	65	.492	11
Cincinnati	56	72	.438	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	71	56	.559	—
Colorado	70	57	.551	1
Los Angeles	67	61	.523	4½
San Francisco	63	66	.488	9
San Diego	50	80	.385	22½

Sunday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 7, Cleveland 0
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 6, Oakland 4

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 7-4) at Baltimore (Cobb 4-15), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 9-8) at Toronto (Borucki 2-3), 6:07 p.m.
Boston (Nolasco 7-1) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 6:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-8) at Detroit (Fulmer 3-8), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Mancuso 11-9) at Minnesota (Corkish 5-7), 7:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Clevinger 9-7) at Kansas City (Walker 6-5), 7:15 p.m.
Seattle (Ramirez 0-2) at Arizona (Godley 13-6), 8:40 p.m.

Houston (Rios 9-10) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 7-7), 9:07 p.m.
Texas (Hutchinson 2-2) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 6-1), 9:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 2, Washington 0
San Francisco 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Colorado 4, San Diego 3
Atlanta 5, Miami 0

Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 1
Today's Games
Cincinnati (Harvey 5-7) at Chicago Cubs (TBD), 1:20 p.m.

Philadelphia (Arrieta 9-8) at Toronto (Borucki 2-3), 6:07 p.m.
Atlanta (Polysky 10-7) at Miami (Staley 4-6), 6:10 p.m.

Washington (Rodriguez 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 3-4), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Mazeroski 5-7) at Milwaukee (Biley 2-3), 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Miles 13-3) at Colorado (Senzile 4-3), 7:40 p.m.
Seattle (Ramirez 0-2) at Arizona (Godley 13-6), 8:40 p.m.

San Diego (Richard 7-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Pelt 5-4), 9:10 p.m.
Texas (Hutchinson 2-2) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 6-1), 9:15 p.m.

Line scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 7, INDIANS 0
Boston.....000 000 000-0 00
Cleveland.....000 000 000-7 10 0
Pulis, Cimber (5), O'Perez (5), Tamm (5) and P. Perez, Price, Thornton (5) and Leon W-Price 14-6 L-Pulis 4-4

TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 2
Chicago.....000 000 000-0 00 1
Detroit.....000 000 000-7 10 0
Shields (7) and Hernandez (5) and VerHagen (7), Coleman (5), Renteria (5) and Griner W-Boyd 9-11 L-Shields 5-15 Hfs-Chicago, Rendon (4), Detroit, Castellanos (18), Matlock (3), Rodriguez (1)

RAIS 4, ROYALS 3
Kansas City.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Tampa Bay.....000 000 000-4 11 0
O'Duffy, McCarthy (5), Hefner (7), Henry (7), Meier (5), Pineda (5) and S. Perez, Clemons, Kolarik (5), Alvarado (5), Romo (5) and Sore, Perez W-Romo 3-3 L-Pym 3-4

THURS 6, ATHLETICS 4
Oakland.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Minnesota.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Cobb, Pelt (5), Tolson (5) and Lucroy, Phlegley, Stewart, Busseltz (5), May (7), Rogers (5), Maffi (5), Hesterman (5) and Wilson, Garver W-Busseltz 4-5 L-Cobb 5-3 S-B-Hesterman (4), Hfs-Oakland, Davis (5), Loretto (5), Minnesota, Kaylor (18)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
GIANTS 3, METS 1
San Francisco.....001 000 000-0 00 0
New York.....000 000 000-10 0 0
Bumgarner, W. Smith (5) and Hendry, DeGrom, Fowler (7), O. Smith (5) and Montero, Pineda W-Bumgarner 5-5 L-DeGrom 6-8 S-W Smith (11), Hfs-San Francisco, Longoria (14), New York, Foster (14)

BRUINS 5, MARLBOR 0
Atlanta.....001 000 000-5 12 0
Miami.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Newcomb, L. Jackson (7), Balle (5) and Powers, Hernandez, Garcia (4), Rios (5), Garza (5), Garza (7) and Rios (5), Hernandez 11-4 L-Hernandez 3-7 Hfs-Atlanta, Culbreth (10), Auna (21), Incarte (5)

PHILLIES 2, NATIONALS 0
Washington.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Philadelphia.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Hofa, Hestman (5) and Allen, Schaner, Sore (5), Holland (5) and Robinson, Wilson W-Hofa 15-3 L-Schaner 16-6 S-Rios (5), Hfs-Philadelphia, Hernandez (18)

ROCKIES 4, PADRES 3
San Diego.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Colorado.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Lindstrom, Wengert (7), Conley (5), Strommen (5), Nolas (5) and Gills, Pineda, Shaw (7), Maffi (5), Rios (5) and Loretto, W-Rios 14-2 L-Nolas 4-5 Hfs-San Diego, Pineda (15), Colorado, Galt (7), Desmond (18)

CHIC 7, REDS 1
Cincinnati.....000 000 000-0 00 0
Chicago.....001 000 000-7 10 0
DeGrom, Loretto (7) and Conley, Strommen (5), Nolas (5) and Gills, Pineda, Shaw (7), Maffi (5), Rios (5) and Loretto, W-Rios 14-2 L-Nolas 4-5 Hfs-San Diego, Pineda (15), Colorado, Galt (7), Desmond (18)

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 5, HOOKS 0

At Whataburger Field, Corpus Christi

TOP HITTERS: Midland shortstop Richie Martin was 2-for-3

LEE

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of his own, and Davis impressed, too, with his running. Davis is the younger brother of former Lee quarterback Sema J Davis, a redshirt freshman at Abilene Christian.

"Right now, if we played, Felix is the guy," Hartman said.

In addition to quarterback, Lee also has nine players vying for five starting spots on the offensive line.

But not all the competition revolves around starting roles. Hartman and his staff want to see if any second team and third team players can contribute on varsity on a rotational basis.

"The position battles, they will clear up after this week a little bit," Hartman said. "But we're always of the mindset if we can play more players and stay fresh for the long run and not hurt our team. You can't just play players to play. You can't just rotate guys. They've got to be able to play. If you can do that, then it helps us in this league for the long run."

In 2017, the Rebels typically played first team players on the defensive line for two series, and then rotated the second team players on the line for a single series.

Ideally, Hartman would like to have the same arrangement on the defensive line this season.

So far, he says nose guard Jaiven White, and defensive ends Daedrian Madrid, Tracy Mackey and Romeo Martinez have solidified their status as either starters or part of Lee's key rotational group. Madrid also has the versatility to play nose guard in the Rebels' 3-4 defensive scheme.

Behind those four, senior nose guard Joseph Hart and sophomore defensive end Larry West are competing to become part of the rotation that will contribute in varsity games.

MEYER

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The family closed ranks. Courtney decided not to press charges. Meyer and his wife sent the couple for counseling and came away doubtful of her allegations, according to the report delivered by independent investigators into Meyer's handling of domestic violence allegations against Zach Smith.

After Meyer hired Smith at Ohio State in 2011, one thing after another could have led to Smith being fired for simply being bad at his job. The investigation called it a "pattern of troubling behavior."

Smith brought a high school coach to a strip club while on a recruiting trip. Meyer warned him to not do it again.

Smith had credit cards declined when setting up recruiting trips and was delinquent in paying for other expenses. Meyer said he vaguely remembered those issues.

While Smith's marriage was falling apart, his performance at work suffered. He was late and no-showed on some responsibilities, the report said. Meyer's boss, athletic director Gene Smith, recommended Smith be fired. He wasn't.

In 2016, Meyer directed Zach Smith into a drug treatment facility. Meyer did

COWBOYS

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several questions about the severity of the illness, which likely will determine how long Frederick is out. Frederick said he was encouraged by doctors telling him they thought they caught the disease early.

In retrospect, there was a telling moment early in camp in California when Frederick was uncharacteristically pushed back several feet right after the snap by defensive tackle Antwan Woods in one-on-one drills. A frustrated Frederick shoved Woods, causing a brief scuffle.

"It's amazing to me that he's been out here going through two-a-days and creating half the fights because he probably wasn't

"They've got to earn it through the scrimmage and practice, so we're going to see," Hartman said.

Other position groups where Hartman wants to see Lee's depth is at running back behind two-time, 1,000-yard rusher and starter Josh Traylor, and at wide receiver beyond Sheldon Bass Jr., Loic Fouonji and Logan Acosta.

The Rebels are developing sophomore Christian Romero to backup Bass and Fouonji at the two outside receiver spots and Acosta in the slot.

Davis and outside linebackers Isaiah Harvey and Ryan Quiroz are getting backup reps at running back.

"We don't just play players to play, you've got to earn it," Hartman said. "If we've got enough that can play, we are going to try to get them into the games and get them doing things."

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THSCEF BENEVOLENCE FUND

Attendees to the Lee-Amarillo High scrimmage can donate funds to the Texas High School Coaches Education Fund Benevolence Fund, which assists coaches and athletes experiencing hardships. The THSCEF Benevolence Fund helps players dealing with catastrophic injuries and families that are facing difficulties because of a coach's death or illness.

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SCRIMMAGE LEE VS. AMARILLO HIGH

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Estacado High School, Lubbock

Scrimmage order of events: First team offense vs. first team defense for 10 plays (both sides); Second team offense vs. second team defense for 10 plays (both sides); First team offense vs. first team defense for 10 plays (both sides); Second team offense vs. second team defense for 10 plays (both sides); Special teams session; First running clock 12-minute quarter with no special teams; Second running clock 12-minute quarter with no special teams

not tell Gene Smith about this — or that 2009 arrest in Florida.

So it should be no surprise when confronted with allegations Zach Smith physically assaulted his wife in 2015, Meyer merely scolded Smith and threatened to fire him if Meyer found out he hit Courtney Smith. Charges were never filed.

Last month, Meyer finally fired Zach Smith after Courtney Smith received a protective order against her ex-husband. According to investigators, Meyer texted his agent that his plan for Big Ten media day was to keep the reasons in-house. "I will not tell media," Meyer wrote.

The text Meyer got back from his agent: only "a matter of time before he did something that did substantial harm to you or the program."

Too late. "While we do not doubt that Coach Meyer respects women and is dedicated to fostering an environment of respect for women in his program," the report said, "his apparent blind spot for Zach Smith seems to have impaired his judgment and his management of the behavior of at least one of his assistants."

That blind spot now leaves a permanent mark on Meyer's legacy.

satisfied within himself how he was responding (as I look back on it," Jones said. "But that's Frederick." Jones didn't want to discuss the idea of adding another center, although the Cowboys did sign undrafted rookie Jacob Oniesorge this week.

"I haven't and I don't have a plan as to how we'll work through this relative to the position on the team," Jones said.

Martin, the right guard, has taken snaps at center occasionally since joining Dallas but is still viewed as an emergency option. He will miss the rest of the preseason but expects to be ready for the opener after hyperextending his left knee in the exhibition loss to Cincinnati last weekend.

Marquise Brown is more than a speedster

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Marquise "Hollywood" Brown showed up to Oklahoma with an exceptional gift that he relied on a bit too much.

Brown was used to blowing by people with his speed, so he kept doing it. The junior college transfer finished with 1,095 yards receiving last season in his first year with the Sooners — the eighth-highest yardage total in school history.

Even with all that success, coach Lincoln Riley said, Brown was still figuring out the nuances of the game. He enters this season a more complete player.

"His speed is such a weapon," Riley said. "Half the time (last season) it was awesome and half the time it was out of control and you were like, 'What are you doing?' Now it's so much more refined. He knows when to use it. He's gone from being a fast guy to really starting to become a good football player."

Brown didn't play against Ohio State last season and had just 18 catches the first six games before becoming the man announcer Gus Johnson calls "Hollywood" — a nod to Brown's Florida hometown and his eye-catching play.

He had six catches for 126 yards against Kansas State, then scored a touchdown against Texas Tech before he truly broke out with a school-record 265 yards and two touchdowns against Oklahoma State. He later caught eight passes for 114 yards and a touchdown in the College Football Playoff semifinal



AP file photo

Oklahoma wide receiver Marquise Brown carries the ball during the Rose Bowl against Georgia on Jan. 1 in Pasadena, Calif.

against Georgia.

He's beyond normal fast. Former Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield said last season that Brown was faster than Dede Westbrook, the current Jacksonville Jaguars receiver who was timed at 4.34 seconds in the 40-yard dash at Oklahoma's pro day in 2017.

Brown's speed helped him catch touchdown passes of 87 yards against Tulane and 84 yards against Oklahoma State, the fifth- and ninth-longest receptions in school history. He also had a 77-yarder against Oklahoma State.

Brown figures teams will be more prepared to deal with his speed after watching film. To counter the extra attention he expects, he took several steps this summer to make sure

there's more to his game. He spent time working out with Pittsburgh Steelers receiver Antonio Brown, put on muscle and improved his nutrition.

"Just being fast is not going to get you to everything," Marquise Brown said. "Being fast is going to get you by, but you're going to come across somebody who's just as fast as you, so you're going to have to use other tools."

Brown, listed at 5-foot-10 and 168 pounds, is noticeably more muscular this season. He says this is the strongest he's ever been.

"It made me a lot more comfortable coming across the middle, going up for balls," he said. "I feel more confident that if someone hits me, I'm not going to get hurt."

Riley said Brown's mental game has improved, too.

"Just more consistent," Riley said. "He's a better every-down player. He understands what we're doing. He knows how to play in control."

Brown said he knows he'll be on Florida Atlantic's radar in the opener on Sept. 1, and that's fine with him. CeeDee Lamb caught 46 passes for 807 yards last season, and tight end Grant Calcaterra is a preseason all-conference selection. Running back Rodney Anderson also has proven to be a capable receiver.

"I mean it's hard to be a marked man in this offense," he said. "You mark me, then someone is going to go off."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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NEW MEXICO Racetrack with 'moving grandstand' proposed in state

CLOVIS — A Las Vegas casino executive is proposing a new racetrack and casino in eastern New Mexico with a "moving grandstand" that will allow an audience to travel alongside running horses.

Daniel Lee, president and CEO of the Nevada-based Full House Resorts, is vying for New Mexico's sixth racetrack/casino license and hopes his \$200 million resort and racetrack with the shifting grandstand will set him apart.

Full House Resorts said the moving grandstand would circle the track, traveling at the same speed as the racehorses.

"In a typical race, spectators in the grandstand only see two brief moments of a race — its start and the closing seconds at the finish line," Lee said in a statement. "Our moving grandstand changes that, allowing spectators to race side-by-side with the horses for every dramatic second of the race."

In addition to the racetrack, the proposed "La Posada del Llano" includes a casino, luxury hotel,

18-hole golf course, water park, and other amenities near the New Mexico-Texas border in Clovis, New Mexico.

The development will also feature a premium RV park, a water park located in the track's infield, and 5 miles of recreational riding trails, according to the company's proposal.

La Posada is one of five groups in intense competition to win the New Mexico racetrack/casino license.

New Mexico Racing Commission Executive Director Izzy Trejo said 11 groups submitted letters of intent earlier this month, but five tied to Raton, New Mexico, and one from Las Vegas, New Mexico, failed to submit formal applications by Friday's deadline.

Three applications from Clovis, New Mexico, one from Tucumcari and one from Lordsburg near the southern Arizona border remain.

OHIO

Gil Brandt, Pat Bowlen nominated for Hall of Fame

CANTON — Gil Brandt and Pat Bowlen have been nominated for the Pro Football Hall of Fame as

contributors to the game.

Currently a consultant to the NFL and one of the key figures in the staging of the draft, Brandt was one of the key contributors to the building of the Dallas Cowboys. As vice president of player personnel from 1960-89, Brandt helped Dallas grow into one of the most powerful and popular sports franchises in America. Among the Cowboys' innovations were extensive use of computers and deeply scouting the historically black colleges for talent.

"This is, without question, one of the greatest things that have happened in my life," Brandt said Thursday.

Bowlen, the longtime owner of the Denver Broncos, is the only owner in NFL history with 300 overall victories during his first 30 seasons. Under his leadership, the Broncos had a sensational run of success, winning three Super Bowls and seven conference titles.

"This is an exciting day for our family and the Broncos fans who have been so supportive of Pat Bowlen for the Pro Football Hall of Fame," Bowlen's family said in a statement. "Pat would be the first to say it's not just

about him but a credit to the many players, coaches and executives he worked with over the years. We're thankful to the contributor committee for recognizing the incredible impact Pat's had on the NFL."

"As we look forward to the final vote, our family also congratulates Gil Brandt on his well-deserved nomination."

The contributors committee is comprised of nine members of the overall selection committee. The 2019 contributor nominees were reduced to 10 semifinalists. Then, on a rotating basis, five of the nine members of the committee met at the Hall of Fame to discuss each of the nominees. The category is for individuals who made outstanding contributions to professional football in capacities other than playing or coaching.

To be elected to the hall, Bowlen and Brandt each must receive 80 percent voting support by the entire 48-member selection committee in February on the day before the Super Bowl.

Previously, the senior committee nominated former Kansas City Chiefs defensive back Johnny Robinson.

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coaching staff had a chance to see how their players performed in a full contact, intersquad session.

"There are areas where we need to get more physical," Amuszkiewicz said. "I think that's something that we've learned about our team, so we have kind have stressed that this week — getting more physical up front especially. I think that's a little normal early, so we're trying to get into that routine of winning in the trenches and getting our offensive line and d-line going."

The MHS offensive line will be an area of evaluation today for the coaching staff.

Amuszkiewicz said returning starter Joshua Ramos has solidified himself at center, while junior Spencer Blue has been solid at left tackle. However, the right side of the line has to be sorted out, and junior Ben Browder, senior Seth Reed, senior Carlos Balza and sophomore Brent Camis are vying for spots.

"It's a good bunch of kids," Amuszkiewicz said. "I think we've got a lot of kids that can play there, so I think a lot of it is just going to be sorting out where they go, guard or tackle and what makes us the best football team possible."

Another position group battle to watch is slot receiver. The Bulldogs feel good about juniors Campbell Keithley and Josh Lehrer as pass catchers on the outside, but the competition is still fluid at the inside spots. Senior Dez Washington, junior Nick Balano and sophomores Daniel Garcia and Preston Brockington are vying for playing time at slot receiver. Amuszkiewicz said the jump to the varsity level is the biggest adjustment for the two sophomores.

"When you go from ninth grade to varsity football, there's going to be a learning curve that comes along with it, and the learning curve, it's all about speed," Amuszkiewicz said. "You don't practice with the same speed that you do at the ninth grade school that you practice out here. The sophomores that we're looking at, I think that's a question mark right now. Are they ready to play at this speed?"

At one of the cornerback spots, returning starter Josh Acree has a chance to be a lockdown coverage guy. But, the other cornerback spot has yet to be determined, as senior Tanner King, sophomore Josh Garza and senior Javon Mathews are competing for starting duties.

"We're just trying to find out where we are as a football team,"

Amuszkiewicz said. "Are we going to be physical enough to go out and compete at the level that we have to compete at? I think that's a big question mark for our football team right now."

MHS-PLAINVIEW SCRIMMAGE TO BENEFIT BENEVOLENCE FUND
Spectators at the Midland High-Plainview scrimmage can donate to the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation Benevolence Fund, which assists athletes and coaches experiencing hardships.

The program known as "Our Day to Shine" has raised over \$514,000 and paid over \$536,000 to coaches and players in need.

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When/where: 7 p.m. Grande Communications Stadium

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Financial roundup

Slide in banks, energy firms weighs on US stock indexes

U.S. stocks capped another day of listless trading with a slight loss Thursday as a slide in banks and industrial companies offset solid gains for the technology sector. Homebuilders also declined following new data showing sales of new U.S. homes slumped in July. U.S. crude oil prices also ended essentially flat.

Investors had their eye on the latest developments in the U.S.-China trade dispute as both nations held their first high-level talks in two months. Traders also were looking ahead to today's gathering of central bankers including Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, an annual symposium that has often generated market-moving news.

"It's been a fairly quiet day," said Paul Springmeyer, head of investments at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "There's obviously some reservation about what's going to come out from Jackson Hole, from Chairman Powell."

The S&P 500 fell 4.84 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,855.96. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 76.62 points, or 0.3 percent, to 25,656.96. The Nasdaq composite lost 10.64 points, or 0.1 percent, to 7,878.46. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 5.49 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,717.05.

Stocks spent much of the day hovering just below their previous day closing levels.

Markets showed little reaction to the latest round of dueling tariffs between the U.S. and China. The countries imposed 25 percent tariffs on \$16 billion of each other's goods Thursday, including automobiles and factory equipment. The increases were announced previously.

Beijing has rejected U.S. demands to scale back technology development plans that its trading partners say violate Chinese market-opening pledges and that American officials worry might erode the United States' industrial leadership.

Investors came into this week feeling cautiously optimistic that the talks may lead to an end to the U.S.-China trade dispute. The market has mostly shrugged off the trade uncertainty in recent weeks, focusing instead on another strong quarter of corporate earnings growth. Earnings at S&P 500 companies have surged 23 percent in the first half of this year versus the same period a year earlier, according to S&P Global Market Intelligence.

"The market is waiting to see the effect of the tariffs," said JJ Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade. "It's hard to argue what's going on with earnings."

Of more immediate interest for the market is today's annual gathering of central bankers. Powell was scheduled to deliver a keynote speech that traders are sure to scrutinize for signs of Fed views on Turkey's currency crisis and U.S.-China trade tensions. If Powell sounds confident, investors would likely conclude the Fed will keep gradually raising rates.

Gold fell 0.5 percent to \$1,141 an ounce. Silver slid 1.4 percent to \$14.54 an ounce. Copper dropped 0.5 percent to \$2.66 a pound.



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Traders work Oct. 5, 1990, on the New York Stock Exchange. In 1990, the S&P 500 declined 19.92 percent from July 16 until Oct. 11.

Longest bull market in history may still have room to run

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

The current bull market for U.S. stocks is now the longest of all time. How much longer might it last?

Strong corporate earnings growth and a resilient U.S. economy bolstered by a solid job market and consumer confidence set the stage for the market to continue the upward trajectory it's been on for more than nine years, experts say. Even rising interest rates are not likely to derail the bull.

Data show the S&P 500 typically notches gains during periods when rates are rising.

Missing for now are signs that the

U.S. economy is speeding toward a recession.

"Bull markets don't die of old age, they die of fright," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist for CFRA. "What bull markets are most afraid of is recession."

The S&P 500, the market's benchmark index, has gained 323 percent since bottoming out in March 2009 during the Great Recession, according to FactSet.

The bull market stumbled at times during its run, most recently in February, when the S&P 500 fell 10 percent from its January all-time high. It would take a 20 percent tumble to usher in a bear market.

At this point, the usual indicators of

a possible recession — big declines in U.S. housing starts, consumer confidence and company earnings — are not flashing warning signs.

For now, the trends that have helped steer the market higher remain.

Most of the companies in the S&P 500 reported earnings and revenue this year that exceeded Wall Street's expectations. Analysts expect more of the same in the third quarter.

And despite the uncertainty over global trade tensions, the U.S. economy is on solid ground.

Helped by tax cuts, it clocked in at an annual pace of 4.1 percent growth from April through June, the fastest quarterly expansion since 2014.

Improve financial picture ahead of potential downturn

By Sarah Skidmore Sell
Associated Press

The economy is growing, the stock market is soaring and unemployment remains low. It's the perfect time to prepare for the worst.

Any economist or financial planner will tell you that no party goes on forever. And it's much easier to make smart decisions when things are going well than when times are tough.

So, The Associated Press talked to a few experts about what steps to take now while things are hot to better position yourself for when they, inevitably, are not.

INVESTMENTS

Stocks just set the record for the longest bull market of all time at 3,453 days — about 9 1/2.

It's good news if you've been invested that whole time. But the boom period for stocks might have thrown off your ratio of investments, making it time to rebalance. Take a look at your portfolio and make sure you aren't over-invested in stocks and adjust accordingly.

While you're at it, make sure you are content with the overall investment plan.

"I would suggest everyone take a look at their accounts and make sure they are comfortable, just in case," said Jeanne Thompson, senior vice president at Fidelity Investments. "Would you be comfortable with your plan if it were to drop 10 percent?"

What investors should be doing now is what they should always be doing, said Mark Stoeckle, CEO of the Adams Funds: Be honest about how much risk they can take on to meet their goals and tune out the noise.

In short, make a plan and stick to it. Trying to time when you should be in or out of the market is a fool's game, he said.

DEBT AND SAVINGS

It's a good time to rededicate yourself to the basics of financial health — paying off debt and saving adequately. Interest rates are going up — that's



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A woman walks on a bridge as heavy traffic moves along the 110 Freeway during rush hour Feb. 14, 2017, in Los Angeles. Being proactive can pay off well, financially and emotionally. Career coach Sheryl Spanier said that the people she sees who are most successful, think about their career strategically, being savvy about both where they and their industry are going.

bad news if you're carrying any variable debt, but good news if you have savings.

Savings have been earning little to no interest as the Federal Reserve kept benchmark rates at historic lows, but online savings accounts are now approaching as high as 2 percent and CD rates are as high as 3 percent, according to Bankrate.

"You can put yourself on the right side of the interest rate equation by paying off debt and increasing savings," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst for Bankrate.

WORK

Your job, in some sense, is one of your biggest financial assets as it's the source of your livelihood.

Unfortunately, most people pay attention to managing their career only when their job is threatened, and that is often after a period of denial, said career coach Sheryl Spanier. But taking care of your professional life proactively can pay off — financially and emotionally.

Spanier said that the people she sees who are most successful think about their career strategically — being savvy about both where they and their industry are going. They also are always marketing themselves and building their portfolio of experiences and expertise to better position themselves within that framework. Following that script can make you

indispensable when times are tougher, should layoffs or other unwelcome job changes occur.

"Don't approach this whole thing with a fear perspective," she said. "It's about growing, it's about what you care about and what you are curious about. That tends to get submerged when people are under duress and trying to protect themselves against a career crash."

Networking is also important, even in good times. This means staying connected to people you like, those who have helped you and that you can help.

HOUSING

Housing should, first and foremost, be treated as a place to live and not an investment, said Mark Fleming, chief economist for First American Financial Corp.

All the same, it's good to consider the financial implications of any decisions you might be making.

Homeowners should make sure, as always, that they aren't playing too fast and loose with their cash.

If you own a home, make sure you have savings on hand to protect yourself if you hit a financial pothole in the future. If you are feeling confident and want to remodel, don't overextend yourself financially or invest too much in an update that won't pay off if you have to sell.

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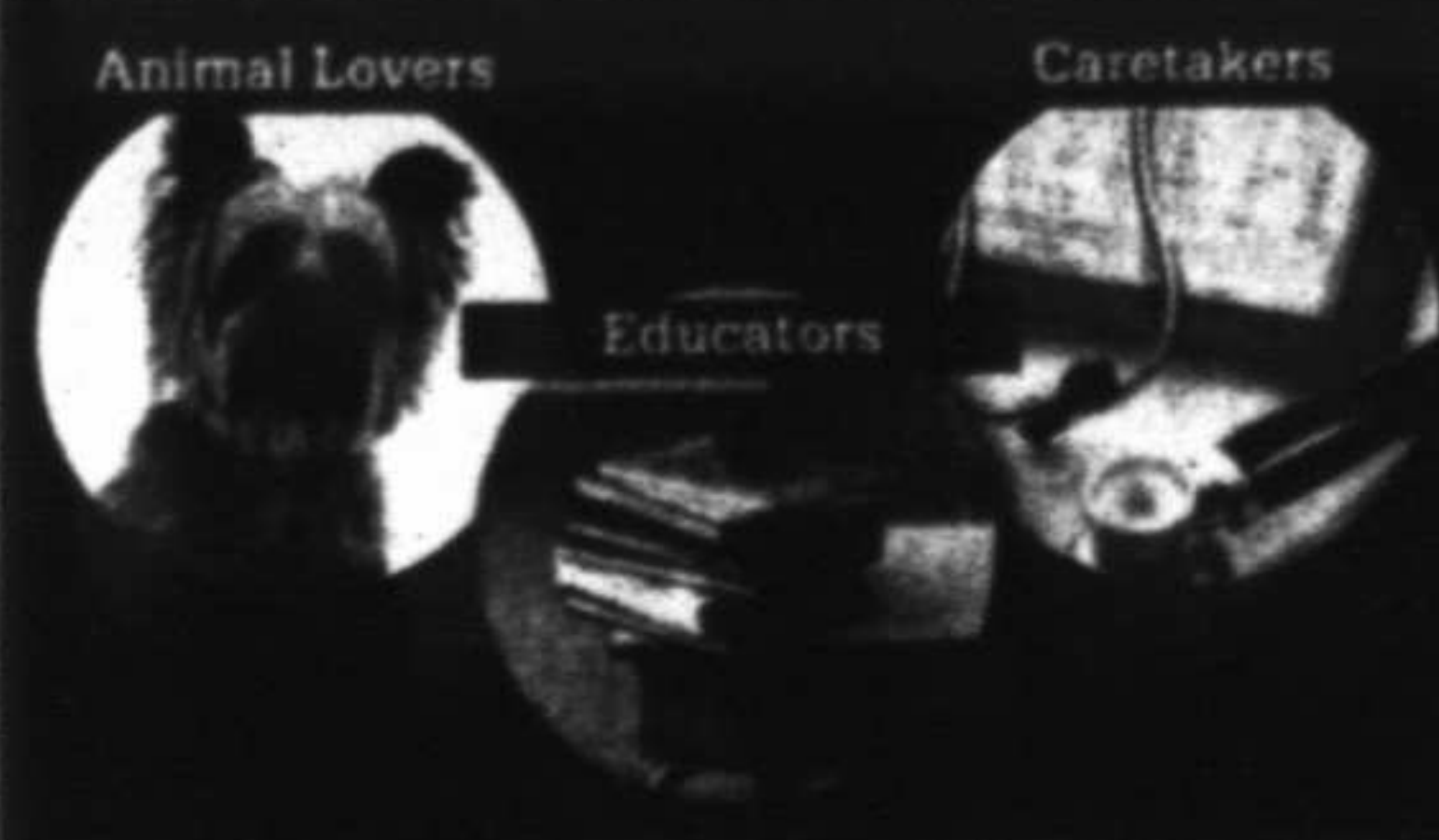
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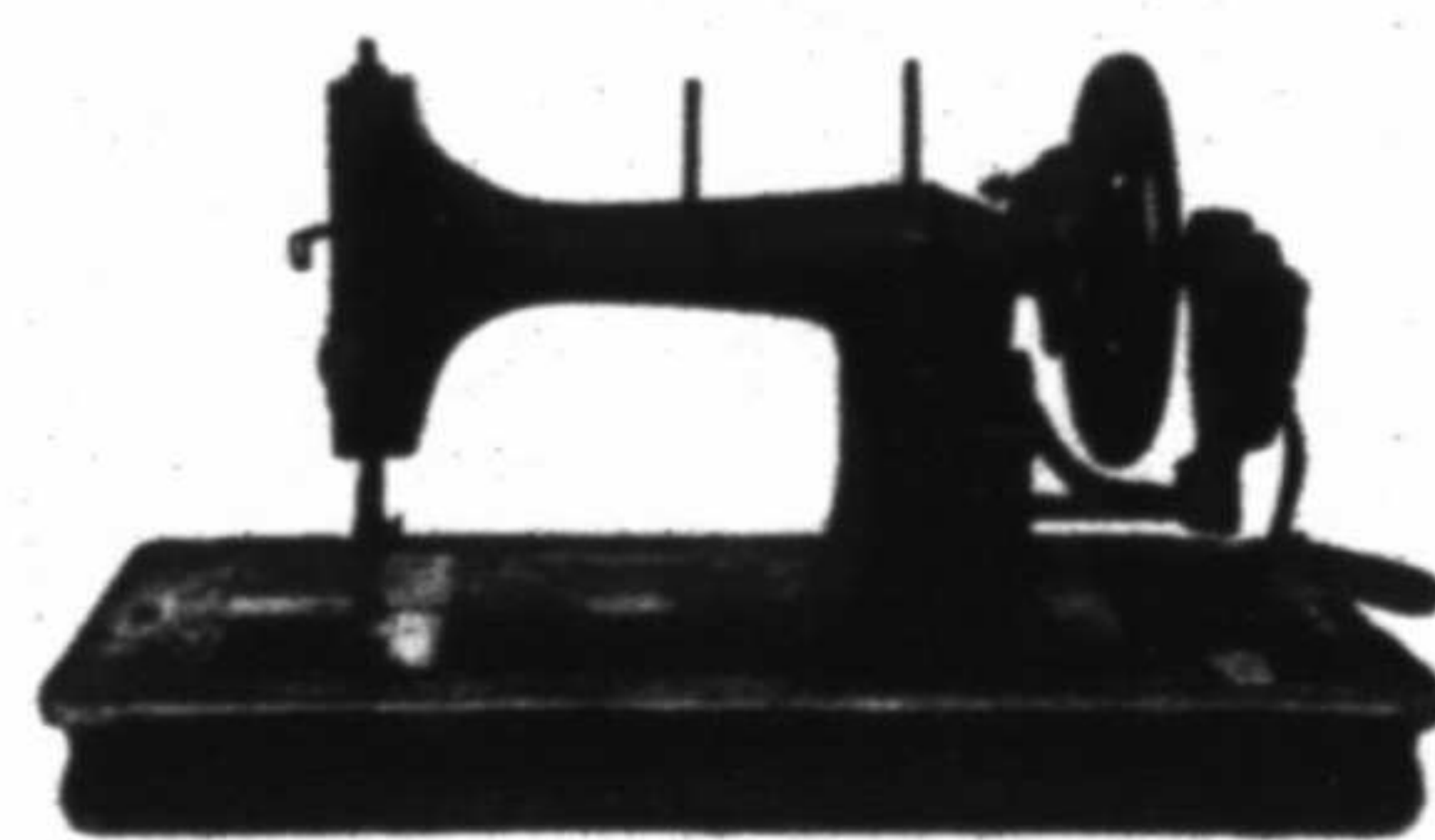
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LEGAL NOTICE

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Bid No. 19000004

For: FV19 Utilities Chemicals

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas. Purchasing Division

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL & GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., 6301 DEAUVILLE BLVD. MIDLAND, TEXAS 79706, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres formation, A. A. Bradford NCT-2 Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 11 miles South of Midland in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 4500 to 5530 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512) 463-6792.

Legal and Public Notices

Notice Of Public Sale Of Personal Property

Pursuant to the lien granted by the Texas Self-Storage Facility Act, notice is hereby given that the undersigned self-storage unit will be sold at a public sale by competitive bidding, to satisfy the lien of the Lessor, with Metro Storage LLC as managing agent for Lessor, for rental and other charges due from the undersigned. The said property has been stored and is located at the respective address below. Units up for auction will be listed for public bidding on-line at www.Storagestuffbid.com beginning five days prior to the scheduled auction date and time. The terms of the sale will be by lot to the highest bidder for cash only. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged per unit. All sales are final. Metro Self Storage LLC reserves the right to withdraw any or all units, partial or entire, from the sale at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. All contents must be removed completely from the property within 48 hours or sooner or are deemed abandoned by bidder/buyer. Sale rules and regulations are available at the time of sale.

Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants at the following locations:

Metro Self Storage

315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703
The bidding will close on the website Storagestuffbid.com and a high bidder will be selected on September 13, 2018 at 10AM

5018-Luz Leon

RV15-Joshua W. McKenzie
2004 Ford EXC (1FBNH41L24ED33786)

RV15-Joshua W. McKenzie
2011 Polaris (6GANV76A82160165)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Harry Crawford, Jr., Deceased, were issued on August 21, 2018, in Cause No. P19522, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Lela Crawford.

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: L. Shene Stokes
Attorney at Law
300 North Marlandfield, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 21st day of August, 2018.

L. Shene Stokes
Attorney for Lela Crawford
State Bar No.: 18273600
300 North Marlandfield, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-8346
E-mail: stokesl@stokeslaw.com

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jimmy Loveless Station, Deceased, were issued on August 7, 2018, in Cause No. P19471, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Martha Station.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Martha Station
5700 State Hwy 348 South
Midland, Texas 79706

DATED the 21st day of August, 2018

/s/ Brad Miller
Brad Miller
Attorney for Martha Station
State Bar No.: 14106300
TGAAR Tower
24 Smith Road, Suite 400
Midland, TX 79705
Telephone: (432) 686-7743
Facsimile: (432) 683-6229
E-mail: bmiller@brockettmcneel.net

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Midland Community College District for a Special Exception from the City of Midland Site Plan Review Standards, Section 11-10-2, - Development Standards, concerning building materials on the following property: A 142.92 Acre Tract of land out of Section 15, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the east side of N. Garfield Street, approximately 580 Feet north of W. Wadley Avenue. (Council District 3).

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2969.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Family Promise of Midland for a Zone Change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, to an amended PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center on the south half of Block 23, Gardens Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on northwest corner of Ward Street and W. Ohio Street, Council District 3.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Kinley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for a Zone Change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, to PD, Planned District for a Housing Development, on the following described property: a 17.84-acre tract of land out of Section 24, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of Briarwood Avenue, approximately 727-foot east of Austin Drive, Council District 4

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2969.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Maverick Engineering for Zone Change from a PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, in part, and 1F-1, One Family Dwelling District, in part, to MF-1, Multiple Family Dwelling District, on the following described property:

A 8.03-acre tract of land located in Section 30, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the south side of Andrews Highway, approximately 670 feet west of N. Midland Drive. (Council District 4)

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8.03-acre tract of land located in Section 30, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Nicholas P. Leach for a Zone Change from a PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, to an Amended PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center on the following described property:

Lot 4, Block 17, Skyline Terrace, Unit 7, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of North Midland Road, approximately 1,030-foot south of Loop 250 North, Council District 1.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2969.

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GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE BENEFITING Main Street Church of Christ building fund. Saturday, August 25th at 7am. We will have EVERYTHING you are looking for. Located at Main Street Church of Christ, corner of Main & Parker, Midland, TX.

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3908 GASTON Drive Friday & Saturday 8am-3pm. Mens, women & baby girl clothes, TV stand, bookshelf, baby accessories, tables, etc.

4615 ERIE Drive Moving Sale, Saturday August 25th 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Everything must go. living room, dining room, desks, miscellaneous

4615 KIOWA Drive Saturday 7am-7pm Kids women's and men's clothes, as well as lots of miscellaneous items

4616 GRACELAND Dr. Friday & Saturday 8am-3pm. Antiques, clothes, furniture, lots of men's shoes & clothing, exercise equipment, medical equipment, Cokes machines, several baby items, car seat & baby clothes, women's clothes & lots of miscellaneous

Estate Size Garage Sale Sat-Sun 8-5 5108 Reeves Cr. Tools, tool box, collectible house wares, clothing, misc

1407 E Pecan Ave. Saturday 7am-1pm. Grade school boys clothes, teen to high school girls clothes, mens clothes, student desk, wooden planter boxes and lots of miscellaneous.

1901 ENGLISH Drive Friday & Saturday 8am-3pm. Vintage collectibles, Boards Babes, vintage bicycles, indoor & outdoor furniture, vintage coin lot books, & more.

2310 NEELY Saturday 8AM-2PM. Moving Sale. Guns, furniture, household items, Tupperware, collectible dolls, furniture, chairs, saw, lamps, kitchen table & chairs & more.

2706 CALDERA Dr. Saturday 8am-1pm. Flat Screen Crt Home Decor, clothing, shoes, purses, small furniture & lots of miscellaneous.

2915 CHAMARCHI Sat-Sun 7:30am-7:00pm. Home decor, furniture, clothes, toys, etc.

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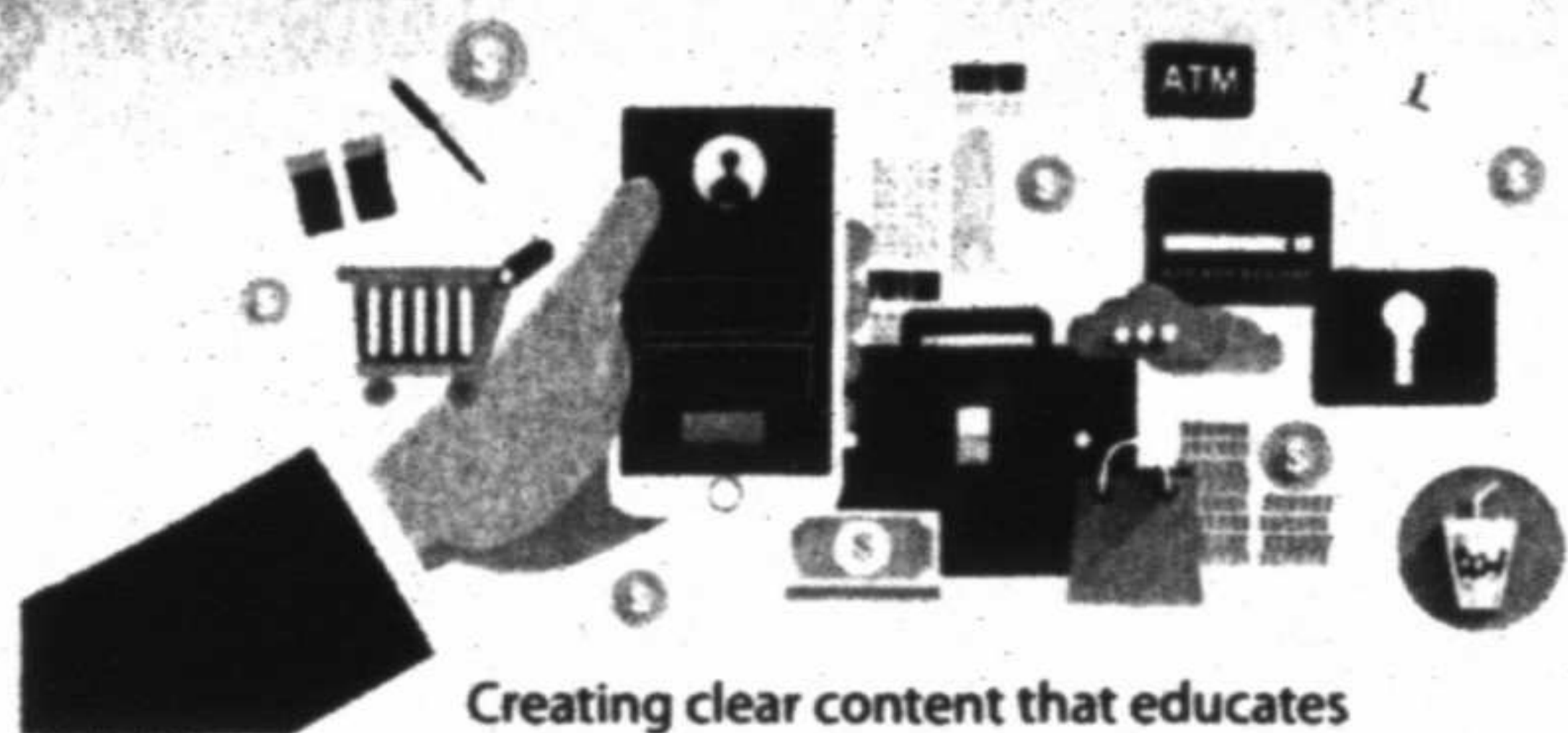
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