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ELECTION RESULTS

Voters easily pass seven constitutional amendments. More inside.

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PART OF THE FAMILY

Tens of thousands of H-E-B workers found out Monday they'll soon be co-owners of the largest private employer in Texas. Read all the details about the change inside.

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Midland man charged in deputy-involved shooting

Rico Robledo held on attempted capital murder charge; bonds total $600,500

By Brandon Mulder
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A Midland man has been charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer after an incident in early October resulted in a deputy-involved shooting, according to court records.

Rico Lee Robledo, 22, is accused of firing a weapon at a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy on the morning of Oct. 3. Robledo has also been charged with evading arrest, unlicensed possession of a firearm and burglary of a vehicle, according to the sheriff's office. He is being held in the county jail on bonds totaling $600,500.

Robledo

The incident occurred at about 3 a.m. Oct. 3 when a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper observed a suspicious vehicle behind a convenience store at Thomason Drive and Loop 250, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The trooper then pursued the driver of the vehicle — 17-year-old Esmeralda Ramirez — as she headed eastbound down an alley.

The trooper then advised deputy Sgt. Chris Hoban that two men were conducting suspected illegal activity inside the store. The two men — Robledo and 21-year-old Joe Villarreal — fled the store along Thomason Drive. Hoban pursued Robledo in his patrol vehicle to where Robledo was hiding behind a mesquite bush, according to the article.

Hoban ordered Robledo to stand up and surrender. Robledo then allegedly produced a firearm and started firing at the sergeant, who retreated behind his vehicle and returned fire, striking Robledo both in the head and groin area, according to the article. Hoban was not injured in the incident.

Midland police arrested Villarreal, who allegedly was hiding in a backyard. Villarreal and Ramirez were charged with evading arrest, unlawfully carrying a weapon and attempted capital murder of a peace officer. Charges against Ramirez have been dismissed and Villarreal faces the two charges of evading arrest and unlawfully carrying a weapon, according to the sheriff's office.

If convicted of the first-degree felony, Robledo could face up to 99 years in prison.

State of the economy

Construction on the H-E-B location near the intersection of Highway 191 and Loop 250 continues Tuesday. *Jamie Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

It appears that 'worst' of response is over

Editor's note: In advance of the Chamber of Commerce's State of the Economy, economists M. Ray Perryman and Karr Ingham present their views. The chamber's annual event is 11 a.m. today at Midland Center. Mayor Jerry Morales is the guest speaker.

THE ECONOMIST
By M. Ray Perryman

Economic and fiscal fallout from the decline in oil prices continues, but the Midland and Odessa Metropolitan Statistical Area economies have stabilized to some extent over the past few months. It will take some time for the full effects of the end of the oil surge to work their way through the economy. Clearly, the oil and gas industry was a major contributor to growth in output (real gross product) in the region over the past few years, with spillover effects across a spectrum of industries, including oilfield services, pipelines, hotels and restaurants.

Part of what we are seeing is the effects of the various stages of the oil surge. When the area was growing rapidly, companies began to evaluate entering the market. A number of national retail and hotel chains expanded their presence in the region in response to strong gains in employment, population and other measures of economic activity. In response, construction companies ramped up their capacity, hiring workers in response to additional demand. In this way, the pace of growth escalated. Now, not only has the oil surge ended (or at least been interrupted), but the slowing is rippling through the economy. The effects for some industry groups will naturally lag.

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KARR INGHAM
Economist

Midland economy is in healthy 'state'

■ Because of cyclical nature of industry, region will pick up where it left off when oil prices recover

Economic assessments come in all forms, have different meanings, cover different time spans and consider varying pieces of data and information. For example, cyclical economic growth can occur in generally unhealthy economies (picture the Soviets and their notorious five-year plans that often managed to squeeze out 3 percent to 5 percent economic growth — before the system collapsed at their feet). Conversely, cyclical economic decline can occur in economies that are generally structurally healthy. That is exactly what is occurring in Midland at this point.

The state of the Midland economy taken in literal and current fashion is one of transition from growth to decline. The Midland Development Corp.'s Midland Economic Index, a tool for tracking growth rates and business/economic cycles in the Midland general economy, has been in a state of decline for virtually all of 2015. The index peaked in January at 237.5, has declined now for eight straight months through September, and is down by 4.2 percent compared to that January peak level. The index in September fell below its year-ago level for the first time in five years, posting a 0.9 percent decline compared to the September 2014 Midland Economic Index.

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Hillary Clinton says she'll make **gun control** a voting issue. More on what she said on Page 7A.

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See what's going on around town in Weekender.

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Election guide: Voters OK amendments; Houston ordinance defeated

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Voters statewide approved all seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution on Tuesday — giving themselves tax breaks, cementing their rights to hunt and fish, pumping billions of extra public dollars into roads and freeing some top elected officials from having to live in the state capital.

Gov. Greg Abbott said by passing every measure by wide margins, Texans "are creating an even better place for future generations to live, work and raise a family."

Here's a guide to what happened on Election Day:

Tax cuts coming

Voters approved Proposition 1, which will increase homeowners' school property tax homestead exemption from $15,000 to $25,000, saving the average family roughly $125 annually while costing the state about $1.2 billion in tax revenue for school districts during the first two years.

The Legislature has budgeted extra funding so schools won't see shortfalls, at least in the short term.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who oversees the Texas Senate, said the proposition's "huge margin of victory" will "give us the clout to do more property tax relief" during the next legislative session in 2017.

Also passing was Proposition 2, which offers property tax exemptions to the spouses of totally disabled veterans who died before January 2010. Similar exemptions already exist for spouses of totally disabled veterans who died in 2011 or later.

Anywhere but Austin

The land and agriculture commissioners, comptroller, attorney general and members of the Railroad Commission will be allowed to live somewhere other than Austin under Proposition 3.

Supporters argued that modern technology allows elected officials to do their jobs from anywhere. None of the current holders of eligible offices have acknowledged any plans to move away from the Texas capital, however.

The amendment won't apply to the governor and the 1856 Greek Revival-style Austin mansion Gov. Abbott occupies. It also has no effect on the lieutenant governor, Texas Supreme Court justices or Court of Criminal Appeals judges.

Raffle rights

Passage of Proposition 4 means professional teams can hold charitable raffles at all home games. That's good news for supporters, which included the Dallas Cowboys and most of the state's top sports franchises.

Gone fishin'

Proposition 6 "recognizes the right for people to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife" and will protect those activities from future lawsuits.

Though such legal challenges have been sparse, Texas now joins 18 other states in solidifying such guarantees in their constitutions.

Road funding bonanza

Proposition 5 lets counties with fewer than 7,500 people privatize road construction and maintenance — up from the current maximum of 5,000 residents. About 70 counties qualify.

And Proposition 7 means that, when sales tax revenue exceeds $28 billion per fiscal year, the next $2.5 billion would go to road construction and maintenance starting in September 2017.

Then, beginning in September 2019, if tax revenue from vehicle sales and rentals exceeds $5 billion per fiscal year, 35 percent of the amount exceeding $5 billion would go to road funding.

The amendment allows the GOP-controlled Legislature to bolster transportation infrastructure strained by Texas' booming population without raising taxes.

"Prop 7 will provide an efficient way to dedicate a portion of our sales tax revenue to build the roads that our children and grandchildren will use," said Rep. Joe Pickett, an El Paso Democrat who chairs the House Transportation Committee. "All we are doing is taking the success of the Texas economy and dedicating a portion of it to transportation."

Equal rights rererndum

An ordinance that would have established nondiscrimination protections for gay and transgender people in Houston has failed to win approval from voters.

Supporters had said the ordinance would have offered increased protections for gay and transgender people, as well as protections against discrimination based on sex, race, age, religion and other categories.

On Monday, Gov. Abbott had tweeted his support for opponents, saying, "HOUSTON: Vote Texas values, not @HillaryClinton values. Vote NO on City of Houston Proposition 1. No men in women's bathrooms."

Campaign for Houston, which fought the ordinance, said opponents included a diverse group of individuals, such as pastors from all denominations and local and state elected officials.

The ordinance was initially approved by the Houston City Council in May 2014, but a lawsuit to have residents vote on the measure eventually made it to the Texas Supreme Court, which in July ordered the city to either repeal the ordinance or put it on the ballot.

Houston mayor's race

Voters in the nation's fourth largest city also were choosing a successor for term-limited, openly gay Mayor Annise Parker, but a runoff looked likely since none of a field packed with 13 hopefuls was expected to win a majority of the ballots cast.

A second round of voting would take place Dec. 12 between Tuesday's top two finishers.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Regulator maintains gas company permits despite quakes

The regulatory agency overseeing the oil and gas industry in Texas has voted to maintain the wastewater injection permits for two companies whose North Texas wells are believed to have caused a series of small earthquakes.

The Texas Railroad Commission decided Tuesday to allow the permits.

The commission previously ordered hearings after a university study suggested the companies' wells were responsible for quakes that shook Reno. The study concluded that rumblings in the shallow Ellenburger formation that migrated down the fault into the deepest layer of rock triggered the quakes.

But the commission determined in September that seismicity was likely not caused by injection wells, which store briny wastewater from hydraulic fracturing.

GROOM

Bicyclist, Army veteran on trek dies after Texas accident

A California bicyclist on a nationwide journey to draw attention to the rights of U.S. military veterans has died in a Texas traffic accident.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Tuesday identified the victim as 48-year-old Stephen Michael Clift of San Diego, California.

DPS said Clift was struck Thursday night by a vehicle on eastbound Interstate 40 near Groom. Clift was transported to a hospital in Amarillo, where he died on Friday.

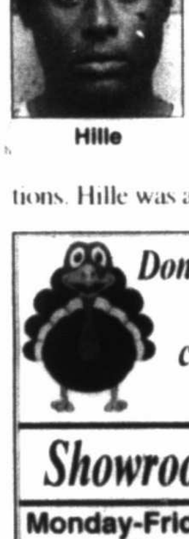
Cpl. John Gonzalez said the traffic wreck appears to have been an accident. No charges were immediately filed against the driver.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports Clift, who served in the Army, was on a bicycle journey called March Across America for Homeless Veterans.

Man arrested on vehicle burglary charges

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested on multiple felony charges over the last week for allegedly burglarizing vehicles and stealing items, including a firearm, according to court records.


Hille

Drevon Tupac Markel Hille, 18, was charged with two state felonies of burglary of a vehicle with two previous convictions. Hille was already being held for the U.S. Marshals Office on multiple charges, including unlawful possession of a firearm, which he allegedly stole from a vehicle he burglarized. He was being held Tuesday on a total of $25,000 in bonds for the newest charges.

Hille told police that he walked around in early morning hours "checking vehicle doors to see if they were unlocked" and that he has burglarized about 50 vehicles in October, according to his arrest affidavit.

Hille allegedly broke into four vehicles on Thursday and stole a firearm, a GoPro, a wallet, and some cash. He dropped the stolen items while evading police, according to the affidavit.

Police took Hille to the area on Kansas Avenue where he said he dropped the items. Police found a damaged Go Pro camera and a black wallet, according to the affidavit.

If found guilty of a state felony, Hille could face up to two years in prison.

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Council hosts first hearing for TNC ordinance

■ Ordinance outlined in Tuesday's meeting; those unsure about the ordinance can go to the city secretary's office for a copy

"I've personally had people tell me that it took two hours to get a taxi at night. There are not enough (transportation) companies servicing our growing community."

J.Ross Lacy, Midland City councilman

By Cassie Burton
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Midland City Council on Tuesday held its first public hearing for an ordinance that would regulate transportation-network companies — such as Uber and Lyft — similarly to how taxi companies are regulated. Four people, all of whom work for transportation services such as taxi cab companies, spoke against the ordinance. The CEO of Stop DWI, Charles Hodges, spoke in favor.

The ordinance has three sections that were outlined by the city attorney's office at Tuesday's meeting. The first section regulates the network. A company such as Uber would pay a $3,000 annual fee; provide drivers' names, vehicle information and proof of insurance every six months; explain how they charge their customers; and submit a plan detailing how they plan to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among their drivers.

The second part regulates the drivers. Prospective transportation-network drivers would need to go to city offices, apply for a transportation-network company (TNC) License and provide their name, address, Texas driver's license information, driving record and criminal history information. Each driver would then pay $25 for a license and sticker that they must show in their vehicle, according to the city attorney's office.

A third section includes miscellaneous provisions. A vehicle cannot be older than nine years old or have more than 150,000 miles on it. An applicant would be rejected if he or she has a felony or serious driving violation on their record.

An additional restriction is that only taxi cabs can legally pick up clients from the airport. The city attorney's office said that, since taxi cab companies incur costs picking up clients from the airport — because even waiting in line at the departure section requires a permit — they would not allow TNC drivers to edge in on that particular market.

The restrictions are fairly normal to regulations in other cities where Uber has landed, according to Leandre Johns, Uber Technologies North and West Texas general manager. City Attorney John Ohnemiller and councilman J.Ross Lacy, who headed the effort to regulate transportation network companies, said they looked at other city ordinances to create Midland's own.

Johns and Uber Technologies communication agent Debbee Hancock said that, since Uber already conducts a background check of state and local and federal records, the provision that would-be drivers have to go through a second background check through the city is repetitive. Prohibiting vehicles with more than 150,000 miles is also unusual, as the only city to include that in an ordinance repealed it, according to Hancock.

"We're extremely excited about being in Midland," Johns said. "We think it's one of the fastest-growing cities around Texas. The beauty of what we do is really create accessibility for riders ... and the flexibility (for drivers)."

Uber was part of the process to create the ordinance, according to city officials and Johns. Johns also said that hundreds of drivers already work for Uber in the Midland area, a number that he hopes does not drastically change because of the two background checks requirement.

Hodges spoke in favor of the ordinance because Stop DWI supports any effort "to reduce drunken drivers on these roads." He said studies have shown that drunken driving is reduced in cities where companies such as Uber operate..Councilmen expressed similar thoughts.

Four Midland and Odessa residents spoke against the ordinance. One criticism from taxi cab driver Thomas Sie was that TNC's have to pay $3,000 for a yearly permit, whereas taxi cab companies must pay $200 per vehicle.

Those opposed also questioned the effectiveness of the ordinance in regulating public safety, which city officials said was the main point of the proposed ordinance. Councilmen Spencer Robnett and Lacy outlined the built-in security features of apps such as Uber, which show the driver's face and name, license plate number and the vehicle's make, model and color. There also is a feature that allows a rider to notify someone that they are taking an Uber ride, which would allow that person to monitor the rider's trip until it is complete.

"I've personally had people tell me that it took two hours to get a taxi at night," Lacy said, later providing his own experience as evidence that "there are not enough (transportation) companies servicing our growing community."

Those opposed also asked if the ordinance, should it pass, could be enacted earlier than its projected effective date of Jan. 1 because TNC drivers can pick up riders at the airport until it passes. Councilmen rejected the suggestion because an earlier date could place undue burden on Uber drivers to apply for a license, especially during the holiday season.

Those who are unsure about the ordinance — specifically how much the wording mirrors the language in ordinances regulating taxi cabs and other transportation services — can go to the city secretary's office for a copy, council members said.

Councilman John B. Love said that, should taxi cab companies evolve to compete with TNC's namely by creating similar online apps — the companies could switch regulations and be considered a TNC.

The second public hearing is set for the next council meeting, 10 a.m. Nov. 17.

Also included in the ordinance:

■ A Uber driver from Odessa can deliver a rider to Midland to complete a transaction in-process. However, the driver cannot pick up a second rider unless he or she has a TNC license.

Lacy expects that the city of Odessa will likely consider a similar ordinance if Midland passes one.

■ A licensed TNC vehicle cannot act as a taxi cab vehicle, and vice versa.

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■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m. at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Support group and club meetings today

■ Overeaters Anonymous, noon at B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ Coffee Break for Men, 9 a.m., HospiceMidland 911 W. Texas Ave., 682-2855.

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon at 200 Plaza St.

Municipal Courts Week

The city of Midland will celebrate Municipal Courts Week — Nov. 2-6 — by acknowledging students who participated in the court's "Litter Free Midland" poster contest and "Drive + Texts = Wrecks" video contest.

An open house is planned for 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Municipal Court, 406 E. Illinois Ave. Students will be recognized at 4:30 p.m.

Source: city of Midland

Rules for food handlers

Texas Department of State Health Services has established new rules for food handling. Updates on the new rules will be provided at two sessions on Thursday — 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. — at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

The rules, which went into effect on Oct. 11, are for restaurants, day care facilities, schools and mobile food vendors.

For more information, please contact call 681-7613.

Source: city of Midland

Community calendar

■ H-E-B's 13th annual Feast of Sharing is 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Horseshoe Pavilion. The free Thanksgiving meal is open to the entire community.

H-E-B expects to serve 7,500 people this year, according to a press release. Live music will be part of the event.

■ Midland County Public Library's Bookmobile will be at Casa de Amigos, 110 E. Garden Lane, 3:30-5:45 p.m. Friday. Patrons can sign up for a library card and check out books and DVDs.

Bilingual books will be available, said Judith Motyka, Casa's community relations manager.

■ The Denny's at 3701 W. Wall St. and been remodeled, and the restaurant is celebrating on Thursday. Ten Grand Slam breakfasts will be given away every hour between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Customers have the opportunity to win other prizes, according to a press release.

■ HOBBS, N.M. — Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is to speak Tuesday at the University of the Southwest for the school's Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series. The event is set for 7 p.m. at Hobbs High School.

Rice's appearance is free, but tickets are required. They are available by calling 575-492-2107 or by emailing tickets@usw.edu.

■ The next in a series of Coffee with a Cop is 7-9 a.m. Thursday at the Midkiff Road Starbucks. Residents are invited to meet with Midland Police Department officers.

For more information, call MPD Community Relations at 685-7582.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room or just at home.

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Today in history

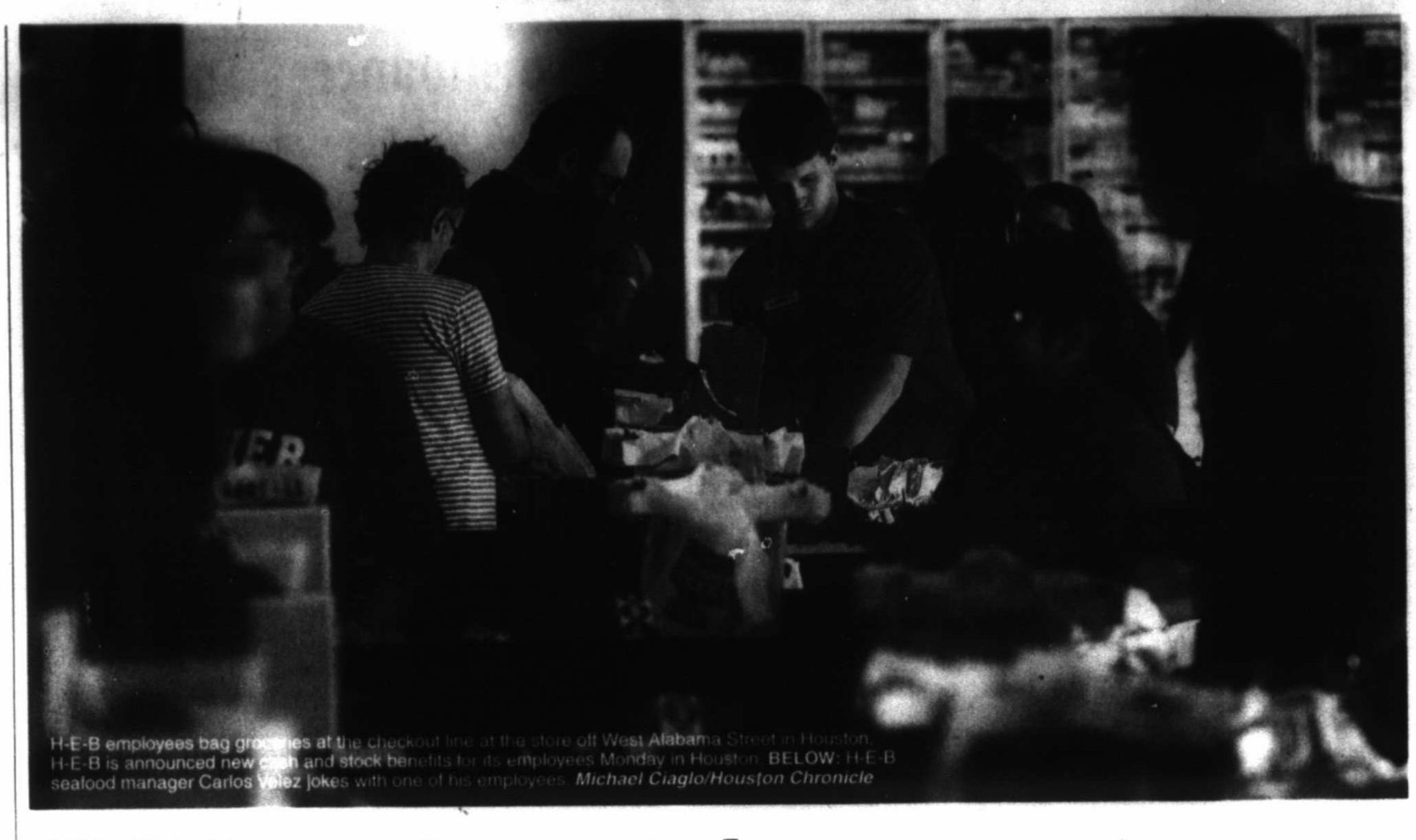
Today is Wednesday, Nov. 4, the 308th day of 2015. There are 57 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1952, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president, defeating Democrat Adlai Stevenson. The highly secretive National Security Agency came into existence.

In 1979, the Iran hostage crisis began as militants stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran, seizing its occupants; for some of them, it was the start of 444 days of captivity.

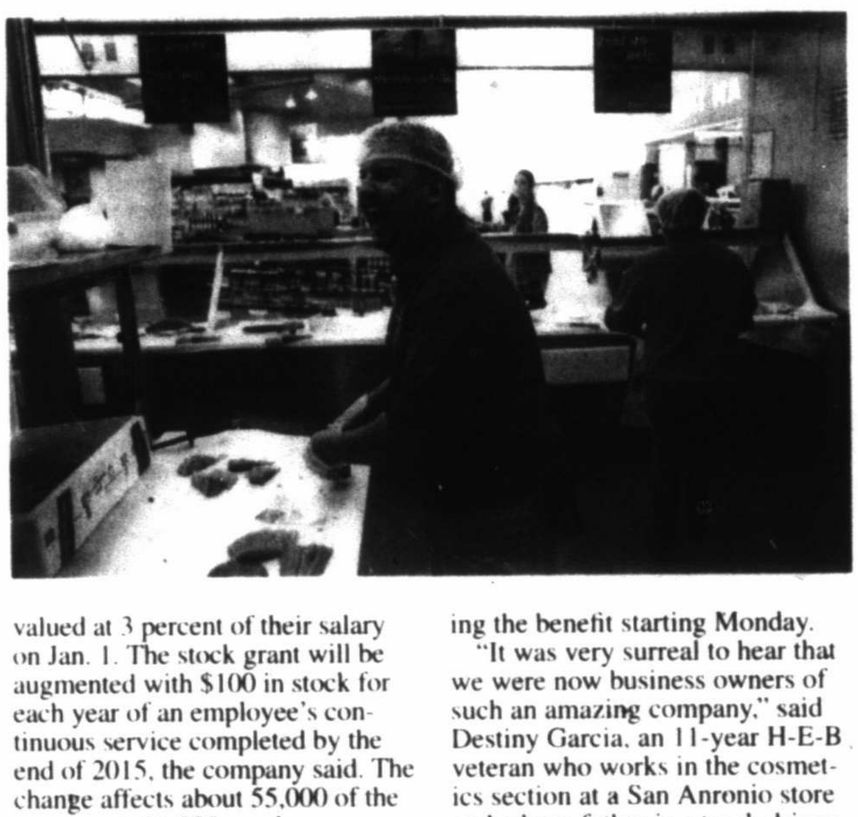
In 1995, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a right-wing Israeli minutes after attending a festive peace rally.



H-E-B employees bag groceries at the checkout line at the store off West Alabama Street in Houston. H-E-B is announced new cash and stock benefits for its employees Monday in Houston. BELOW: H-E-B seafood manager Carlos Velez jokes with one of his employees. *Michael Ciaglo/Houston Chronicle*

H-E-B employees to become part-owners

By Vicki Vaughan
San Antonio Express-News



Tens of thousands of H-E-B workers found out Monday they'll soon be co-owners of the largest private employer in Texas.

The San Antonio-based grocery empire, which has more than 21,000 employees at 97 stores in the greater Houston area alone, announced that eligible workers statewide will receive a stock grant on Jan. 1. The goal is to build up the employee stake in the privately held company to 15 percent.

"You may not realize how valuable you are," chairman and CEO Charles Butt said in a video presentation played at individual store meetings. "But I surely do."

The Butt family will remain in place as the primary owners of the privately run company that was founded in 1905 and now generates annual sales of $23 billion at 318 stores in Texas and 52 Mexico.

Under H-E-B's plan, eligible employees will receive a stock grant valued at 3 percent of their salary on Jan. 1. The stock grant will be augmented with $100 in stock for each year of an employee's continuous service completed by the end of 2015, the company said. The change affects about 55,000 of the company's 86,000 employees.

Store managers met with workers in a series of meetings explaining the benefit starting Monday.

"It was very surreal to hear that we were now business owners of such an amazing company," said Destiny Garcia, an 11-year H-E-B veteran who works in the cosmetics section at a San Antonio store and whose father is a truck driver for the company. "Financially, it will give me a little more peace of mind knowing I work for a company that takes pride in me and to take pride in a company that works for me."

That was the reaction company leaders wanted.

"The bet we're making is a company full of owners can be a company of employees," Houston-division president Scott McClelland said. "Owners will do the little things for a customer to make them want to come back again."

Workers getting $100 each

H-E-B has about 21,000 employees in its Houston region, which extends from Beaumont to Huntsville and College Station and southward to Bay City. It plans to open seven stores regionally through the end of 2016, McClelland said.

At the Monday meetings, employees also were told they'll receive $100 in cash, to be paid in about two weeks, as part of the company's 110th anniversary.

Please see **H-E-B**/5A

MDC reaches deal with energy sector company

From staff reports

The Midland Development Corp. and Midland City Council have approved an economic development agreement with an energy sector company that committed to a new annual payroll of $3.3 million and $36 million in new capital investment by Dec. 31, 2020, according to a press release from the MDC.

Houston-based Tenaris Global Services (USA) Corp. will establish a service center for the storage, inspection and preparation of the running of steel tubular goods for the energy sector. The company manufacturers and supplies steel pipe products and related services for the oil and gas industry. From its new location, Tenaris will supply oil country tubular goods and accessories, sucker rods and coiled tubes to the Permian Basin oil and gas industry.

"The MDC agreement is a loan forgivable of up to $2 million based on performance of the creation of capital investment and payroll, according to the release. Funds will be distributed after Tenaris meets capital investment and payroll criteria. In addition, Midland County Commissioners' Court has approved a property abatement for economic development with Tenaris for the construction and operation of the new facility, according to the release.

"Midland County is pleased to have a relationship with such a high-quality corporation as Tenaris," County Judge Mike Bradford said.

"We would like to thank Midland County Judge Mike Bradford, the Midland Commissioners' Court, Mayor (Jerry) Morales and the City Council, as well as the Midland Development Corp., for welcoming Tenaris and for their support in helping move this project forward," said Roberto De Hoyos, Tenaris vice president of Public Affairs. "We look forward to becoming a valued member of the Midland community, sharing our long-lasting commitment to excellence in all aspects of our operations."

MDC approved the agreement Friday; the council approved it Tuesday, according to an MDC spokesman.

Paxton's lawyers ask judge to throw out charges

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Attorney General Ken Paxton claims that his felony indictment on securities fraud charges this summer was bungled by grand jury leaks and a flawed investigation, and he has asked a judge to throw out the case.

The request, made in more than 100 pages of court filings Monday night, is the most aggressive attack the Republican has launched against two first-degree felony charges since a grand jury in his hometown of McKinney indicted him in July. He has already pleaded not guilty but has kept a low profile, mostly limiting public appearances to gatherings of Christian conservatives and tea party groups, which overwhelmingly carried him into office in January.

Brian Wice, one of two special prosecutors from Houston in the case, called

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INGHAM

From 1A

The decline in the index from January to February 2015 brought to a close a phenomenal five-year period of growth in which, remarkably, the Midland Economic Index increased for 59 straight months. Over that five-year period, the index expanded by more than 71 percent, averaging a whopping 14.5 percent growth per year. General spending in Midland per Midland sales tax data very nearly doubled over the period of time, posting a 93 percent increase even when adjusted for inflation. Real auto spending increased by 175 percent over that period of time. More than 32,000 jobs were added to the Midland economy during that extraordinary run, an expansion of about 48 percent.

The tide has turned, however, and most measures of the Midland general economy are now in decline. The culprit is widely known to just about everyone, and that is a 60 percent decline in the price of crude oil, which has in turn lowered the Permian Basin rig count by 60 percent along with other measures of regional oil and gas activity. The Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index, which tracks growth rates and cycles in the Texas Permian Basin oil and gas economy, peaked in November of 2014 and has lost about 27 percent of its value since then.

So that is the state of the Midland economy from that perspective. It is also the "state of the economy" that the oil and gas industry makes up a huge share of the Midland general economy. The degree to which that is the case is a bit of a moving target, but in a direct sense it is probably somewhere between 60 and 70 percent. Contrast that to the state of Texas economy as a whole, of which 10 to 12 percent is comprised of the upstream (exploration and production) oil and gas industry, and the Houston economy of which the upstream oil & gas industry makes up about 20 percent.

The Midland economy, therefore, is arguably more connected to a single base industry than perhaps any other metro area economy in the country. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? Different people have a different answer to that question, but mostly it just is, and that is not likely to change anytime soon.

Even though the sharp decline in crude oil prices and the resulting contraction in the regional oil and gas economy has now taken the Midland general economy into a state of decline, as well, it would be difficult to argue that the local economy has not been well-served by the dramatic expansion in regional oil and gas activity. This is not true just of the last five years, but in large part has been the case dating back to 2002 when both oil and natural gas prices began to increase.

The Permian Basin, already a global influence in petroleum production, has really flexed its muscle over that period of time, and in particular over the last five years as horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing have done what was long thought to be impossible: shifting regional petroleum production from decline to strong growth. The region stands ready to pick up where it left off when prices improve, and Midland will continue to serve as an activity hub of one of the most important energy-producing regions on the planet. Therefore, even though the Midland economy is presently enduring a cyclical decline, the state of the Midland economy is good, healthy and strong.

PERRYMAN

From 1A

as companies often choose not to stop midway through certain types of projects (such as building a new store or hotel).

Even so, unless oil prices and industry activity decline again, it appears that the worst of the response is over (there is still some potential fallout as drilling companies reduce capital budgets for next year). The ultimate pace of recovery (or further economic decline) will be largely driven by when the oil price turnaround begins in earnest. There are some signals that things are changing in the crude oil market. Although conditions are not yet right for a sustained increase in prices, recent developments are enhancing the prospects for upward movement in the next six to 12 months. In particular, many producing nations are in desperate need of higher prices and domestic production is already stabilizing and declining. Once that happens, we can expect activity in the industry to pick up, to the benefit of the regional economy.

Even with the uncertainty in the energy market and its impact on the region, expansions and new developments are still occurring in the area. Several aerospace companies are moving to the new Spaceport Business Park in Midland. Other local businesses are also expanding. Odessa is moving forward with downtown revitalization efforts, including the development of a new hotel and convention center.

The bottom line is that the Permian Basin regional economy is likely to continue to feel the effects of the oil price decline for a while but less dramatically than in the recent past. Given the current status of the oil market, a major further decline in the industry appears unlikely. On the demand side, we do see slowing in the Chinese economy, for example, which will work to reduce the overall need for oil in the near term. There are also supply-side considerations, such as the potential for oil from Iran coming on the market. The fact that a major driver in the market is political rather than economic makes it virtually impossible to predict with certainty when prices will turn around. Once they do, Midland, Odessa and the surrounding region will begin to recover and expand. The bottom line is simply that the current prices will not support long-term production sufficient to meet global needs; thus, prices must ultimately rise. When something has to happen, it does.

H-E-B

From 4A

Butt, 77, whose grandmother founded the company in Kerrville in 1905, said creating an employee ownership plan "has been my dream for decades."

In the video shown to store managers and later to employees, Butt said his grandmother, Florence Butt, arrived in Texas broke and with a sick husband. Through her "true grit," he said, she eventually made the store a success, aided by her youngest son, Howard, Butt's father.

"My dad had no growth plan," Butt said, "but he had his mother's determination" and was an entrepreneur willing to take risks.

Today, H-E-B is the nation's 15th-largest private employer, according to a Forbes ranking.

Butt said the stock grant is a way to hold onto the company's culture, to maintain focus on the bottom line and to hire and retain the best people. He said his nephews, Howard Butt III and Stephen Butt, support the employee stock ownership plan. Howard Butt leads the development of the company's division in Mexico, while Stephen Butt heads Dallas-based Central Market.

To be eligible for the stock grant, an H-E-B employee must be at least 21 years old, have completed at least one year of service and have worked at least 1,000 hours in the calendar year. That works out to an average of about 20 hours a week. Under those rules, 64 percent of the company's 86,000 Texas employees automatically will become stockholders in the company in January.

Eligible employees also will receive dividends on their holdings.

The plan won't require employees to make a contribution, but the stock can't be traded or sold.

"This is probably the most important thing to happen at H-E-B in a heck of a long time," President and Chief Operating Officer Craig Boyan said. Employees will "know of the confidence that the company has in them and the financial benefits that go along with that."

While there's no firm date to reach its goal of employees owning 15 percent of the company, "we've had outside actuaries look at this, and I can say they estimate that we'll reach that level in a reasonable period of time," he said.

When an employee leaves H-E-B, his or her account will be converted out of H-E-B stock and the proceeds reinvested in a separate diversified fund.

Coming soon

Read about Midland H-E-B employees' reaction in a future edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

At the end of the following year, the former employee can elect to take that as cash. Retirees, those who become disabled and the family of an employee who dies will receive the benefit right away.

Because H-E-B isn't selling stock to its employees, it isn't subject to Securities and Exchange Commission reporting requirements, spokesman Winell Herron said in an emailed statement.

In addition, a trust counts as one owner, said Corey Rosen, founder of the nonprofit National Center for Employee Ownership. That could help H-E-B avoid having to release financial information to the SEC, which regulates only companies with more than 2,000 owners.

Rare move in retail trade

Although H-E-B believes the stock grant plan "is quite rare in the retail industry," Boyan said, the company can look to other regional grocers, including the larger Florida-based Publix Super Markets, as models.

Publix employees, who became partial owners shortly after the chain began in 1930, now are majority owners. Boyan called Publix "one of the best-performing retailers in the country."

"We admire that company greatly," he said. "They are similar to H-E-B in culture."

But for H-E-B to make 55,000 immediately eligible "is unique, I think. We think this is one of the largest ever family-owned stock plans of its kind in terms of the number of employees."

Some chains have turned to employee ownership because it makes workers more passionate and likely to stay in their jobs, said David Livingston, a supermarket analyst with DJL Research. That improves customer experience and helps them stand out from Wal-Mart, with its low-price, no-frills shopping experience.

As Wal-Mart raises its wages, employee ownership could help the chains keep an advantage in hiring, Livingston said.

"It's a good strategic move, I think," he said of H-E-B's decision. "I think this is a way for it to keep attracting good people."

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Craig Boyan, H-E-B president and chief operating officer

PAXTON

From 4A

the filings baseless and said they didn't merit comment.

Paxton is accused of deceiving wealthy investors, including a Texas lawmaker, by helping convince them to pump more than $100,000 into a tech startup without revealing that he was being paid by the company, Servergy Inc. The alleged fraud took place in 2011, when Paxton was still a state lawmaker.

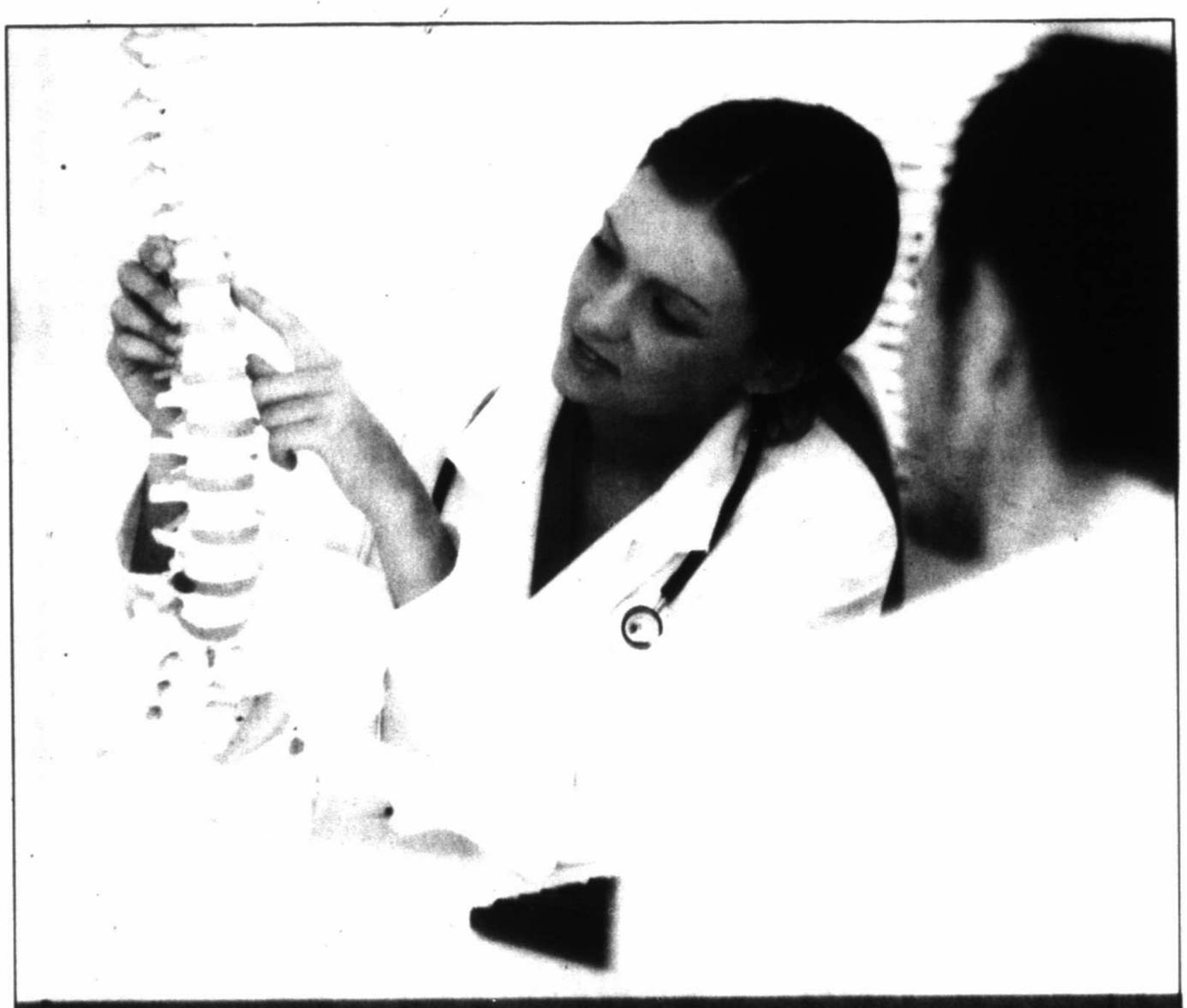
Paxton faces 5 to 99 years in prison if convicted on the most serious charges, but his lawyers say the case is already too tainted to go forward.

The allegations include claims that a judge violated the secrecy of the grand jury proceedings by telling his wife about the Paxton case. Paxton's legal team also says the grand jury was improperly selected and that the prosecution is unlawful because the Texas State Securities Board, which fined Paxton $1,000 last year for not registering as an investment adviser, never referred the case to criminal investigators.

One of the lesser charges against Paxton, his attorney contends, also came after the statute of limitations had expired.

Paxton attorney Philip Hilder said in a statement that the circumstances "bring to the Court's attention serious matters related to this prosecution."

Paxton has said he will not resign. His office last month, however, said that Paxton has begun removing himself from some duties that could present conflicts with his role as Texas' top prosecutor. One example is that Paxton has recused himself from matters in his office that pertain to state financial regulators.



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Moderator is supposed to be forgotten when debate is over

■ Questions posed to candidates should be tough, not insulting

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

The great thing about journalism is that those who practice it are always in a position to learn something new.

For instance, I'm learning a lot about presidential debates. As someone who's been doing this a long time, I always thought that the purpose of a debate was for the candidates to flesh out differences in their approaches to serious issues by slugging it out with one another.

It wasn't until the embarrassingly bad CNBC Republican debate — and the fall-out from it, including the decision by the Republican National Committee to cancel future NBC-sponsored debates — that I realized I was wrong. As far as the moderators and their defenders are concerned, the purpose of a debate seems to be for the media to slug it out with the candidates.

Imagine how different American history might have turned out if Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas had in 1858 — during those seven debates, at three hours each — missed the opportunity to engage with one another because they were too busy fending off petty and argumentative questions from a newspaper writer who was determined to keep attention focused on himself.

That's one of the keys to understanding how we got here. We have to ask: Who benefits from presidential debates these days? Of course, it should be the voters. But it's really the networks, who get to showcase their high-priced talent and try to shape public policy, all while making a fortune by charging exorbitantly high advertising rates.

If you're part of the fourth estate, and you're thinking that you should have gone into politics instead of journalism because you're convinced that you could do a better job of running this country than either the current president, or the fleet of candidates vying for a chance to be the next one, then you too could moderate a debate.

For an example of how to do the job badly, just review the performance of CNBC's John Harwood, who whipped out the condescension early on by using his first question to mock Donald Trump for conducting "a comic-book version of a presidential campaign" and suggesting that the billionaire had as much of a chance of making his tax plan work as he would "flying away from that podium by flapping your arms."

The questions were unfair and displayed a liberal media bias. The idea seemed to be to try to goad candidates into saying something outrageous. And the moderators seemed to want to ask questions and answer them, too. When Republicans complained after the event was over, unsympathetic commentators responded that the candidates were "whining" about being asked tough questions.

On a recent episode of CNN's "Reliable Sources," host Brian Stelter was tone-deaf to Republican complaints. It was as if they were speaking some foreign language that Stelter didn't understand.

"Are the candidates just trying to avoid media scrutiny?" he asked. "And if so, what can the press do about it?"

Gee, I don't know, Brian. Maybe spend more than a few minutes preparing to moderate a presidential debate and check our egos at the door?

Equally clueless was Brian Steel, CNBC's senior vice president of communications, who released a statement saying he stood by the moderators.

"People who want to be president of the United States should be able to answer tough questions," it read.

No doubt. But tough is one thing; insulting is another. It's the job of the journalists to ask questions, not to argue with candidates until they cough up what the panel considers the right answer. The goal shouldn't be to make the candidate look incompetent or extreme, but simply to give viewers at home a closer look at the candidate. Ah yes, the viewers. Remember them?

In 2007, I was one of the media questioners in a PBS debate between Democratic presidential candidates. If you didn't know that, or if you knew but forgot, then I did a good job.

A debate moderator knows that he's failed when he becomes the story. He is supposed to put a spotlight on the candidates, and then disappear and be forgotten. In moderating the debate between Democratic candidates, CNN's Anderson Cooper pulled that off. Obviously the CNBC anchors did not.

The network's Republican debate will not soon be forgotten. Nor should it be, until journalists are able to look in the mirror and fix what's broken.

GUEST VIEW

Better textbook review plan needed

San Antonio Express-News

The State Board of Education must appoint better qualified candidates to serve on textbook review teams.

The recent uproar over a geography textbook that referred to slaves as "workers" in a section on immigration has again placed Texas in an unfavorable national spotlight over the textbooks the state agency adopts for public schools.

The textbook in question was one of 89 books and classroom software packages that was approved by the SBOE in 2014 and made it into the classroom this fall. The books came under textbook-panel review in the summer of 2014, only a few months after the SBOE voted unanimously to impose tighter rules on who serves on the appointed review groups.

Among the new rules they adopted earlier that year was a mandate that teachers or professors be given priority to serve on panels for textbooks in their area of expertise. They also allowed the hiring of experts to check objections to content raised by reviewers to ensure the complaints were based on fact and not ideology.

The rule changes did not work as intended.

An analysis by the Texas Freedom Network of the textbook-review panelists who served that summer found that many lacked qualifications in a relevant field or had no teaching experience. The organization identified more than a dozen academics who sought appointment to the panels but were not selected; only three higher education academics were included in the more than 140 named to serve on the textbook-review panels.

The quality of the content in the textbooks approved for use in Texas public schools has national impact. With more than 5 million school children, Texas is the nation's second-largest textbook market, and publishers pretty much cater to the market as a matter of economics.

The system is flawed and needs improvement.

If the SBOE is going to rely heavily on the recommendations from appointed panels, minimum credentials are essential.

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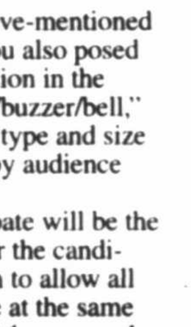

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Dear Ben:

I write to you in your capacity as debate negotiator for Republican presidential candidates. I understand you may have an opening for a moderator for your Feb. 26 debate. Please consider this letter my application for the job.

I applaud Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus' decision to suspend NBC as a debate host because of the "mean" and "gotcha" questions CNBC asked at last week's debate. I feel passionately that a debate is neither the time nor the place for hard questions, and as debate moderator I will rigorously adhere to gentle and affectionate questioning.

I also share Donald Trump's outrage that Telemundo, a Spanish-language outlet, would be allowed to co-host the February debate even though a Telemundo journalist had the gall to challenge Trump about the rapists and criminals he says Mexico sends to America. Let me assure you that, as debate moderator, I would not challenge Trump or any other candidate on this or any factual matter.

Furthermore, I have read your draft letter proposing requirements for future debate moderators, and I wholeheartedly and unreservedly commit to abide by every one of them. Specifically, I pledge to meet the following demands you listed:

■ Not to allow the temperature in the room to exceed 67 degrees at any time.

■ Not to ask any candidate to raise his/her hand at any time.

■ Not to ask yes/no questions.

■ Not to engage in any "lightning round" questioning.

■ Not to allow any camera angles that show the candidates using notes.

■ Not to show an empty lectern if a candidate is late in returning from a bathroom break.

■ Not to show any "reaction shots" of audience members or of me, the moderator.

■ Not to broadcast any graphics or biographical information without the express pre-approval of the candidates.

Additionally, per your list of requirements, I promise:

■ To allow all candidates to make opening and closing statements of at least 30 seconds each.

■ To allow the candidates unlimited time to rebut one another whenever their names are mentioned.

■ To ask an equal number of questions of each candidate, and to guarantee that each candidate receives an equal amount of response time.

As a further inducement to hire me as your moderator, I will go beyond the above-mentioned requirements cited in your letter. You also posed questions about standards for inclusion in the debate, debate length, use of "gong/buzzer/bell," debate format, stage design and the type and size of the audience and clothing worn by audience members.

In order to guarantee that this debate will be the thoroughly enjoyable experience for the candidates that we all want it to be, I plan to allow all 15 candidates to debate on the stage at the same time and not to cut off candidates if they exceed their time limits. I pledge to hold the overall debate length to 30 minutes, including opening and closing statements, in order to minimize time for gaffes and unscripted remarks. To avoid unhelpful reactions from the audience, I promise to have no audience. I will pipe in artificial applause of precisely the same pre-agreed length and decibel level for all candidates after all answers.

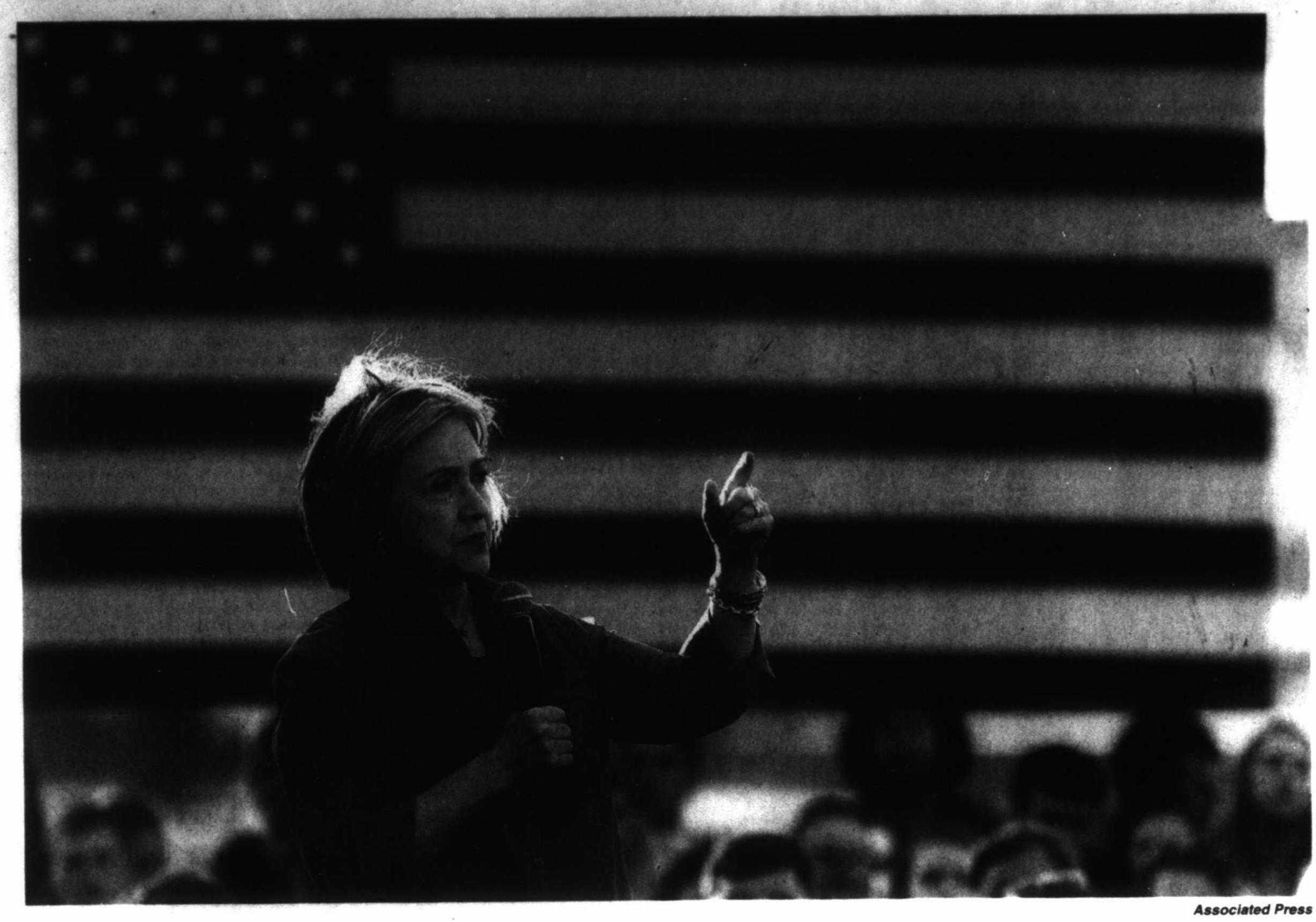
I will submit my questions in advance for pre-approval by the campaigns. No questions will be asked about women, racial minorities or any other issue that might cast the Republican Party in an unfavorable light. There will be no questions about any candidate's past statements or actions, including but not limited to: bankruptcies, financial difficulties, missed votes and inconsistencies. Candidates will be seated in Barcaloungers. If candidates feel overheated, the moderator will fan them while they answer and provide them with their choice of lemon or cucumber ice water. I will begin each question with the phrase "Mother, may I," and I will address candidates as "your excellency," "your eminence" or another honorific approved by the campaigns.

I hope this application meets with your approval. I believe the format outlined above will, after the CNBC debate debacle, truly make Republicans look great again and return journalists to their proper role as palace courtiers. I am hopeful that I can convince my colleagues at washingtonpost.com to live-stream the debate. Though I cannot promise you that any network will broadcast the debate, I believe this should not be a major impediment. Under the requirements you proposed, very few people will be watching anyway.

Sincerely,
Dana Milbank

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a town hall meeting Tuesday in Coralville, Iowa.

Hillary Clinton wants to make gun control a 'voting issue'

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

CORALVILLE, Iowa — Hillary Rodham Clinton vowed Tuesday to make stricter gun control into a campaign that can compete with the powerful National Rifle Association's drive to preserve gun rights, and to put the issue on the minds of voters when they cast ballots on Election Day.

"We're going to make this a voting issue just like the other side does," Clinton said at a town hall event in early-voting Iowa.

Clinton said that while cutting down gun violence has become a tough political battle, she's determined to push measures that would expand background checks, make it harder for guns to land in the wrong hands and overturn a law shielding gun manufacturers in lawsuits.

Clinton's appeal comes amid an uptick in public support for tighter gun laws, and during the first presidential campaign since a series of gun massacres and the December 2012 shooting in a Newtown, Connecticut, elementary school that killed 20 children and six educators. The issue remains popular among Democrats, who unsuccessfully pushed for gun legislation in Congress following the Newtown shootings.

An AP-GfK online poll this month found that 58 percent of Americans now think gun laws should be made stricter, while 27 percent think they should be left as they are and 12 percent think they should be made less strict. That's a slight shift since an AP-GfK poll conducted in December 2013, when 52 percent of Americans said gun laws should be made stricter.

But Democrats have avoided taking on the NRA in recent presidential elections. When Clinton's husband, President Bill Clinton, left the White House after the 2000 election, he suggested that one of the reasons Vice President Al Gore lost was because of opposition in rural states to Gore's approach on gun control.

Though it sounded Tuesday like she was taking political aim at Republicans, Clinton's strategy also is designed to shore up support in her own party by driving a wedge between liberal Democrats and her chief primary rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

The former secretary of state and Sanders have tangled over gun violence since last month's first Democratic debate. Representing rural Vermont, Sanders voted for a 2005 measure to give gun manufacturers immunity from lawsuits. Clinton opposed that bill in the Senate and said in the debate that Sanders wasn't tough enough on guns.

Sanders said in an interview Tuesday with MSNBC that he supported expanding instant background checks and pointed to votes in the past to ban assault weapons. But he suggested he'd be more capable of bringing various factions together to make improvements to the nation's gun laws.

"The difference perhaps that I have with the secretary on that is that I believe we need a consensus," Sanders said.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who has struggled to gain traction in a field dominated by Clinton and Sanders, has also pushed for more stringent gun control.

O'Malley, campaigning in New Hampshire, rolled out a series of executive actions on Tuesday that he would take if elected president, including instructing his administration to stop defending a law that gives legal immunity to gun dealers and manufacturers when their weapons are used to commit crimes.

Clinton is airing new ads in Iowa and New Hampshire trumpeting her stance on guns and met Monday in Chicago with a group of mothers whose children were victims of gun violence, including the mothers of Tamir Rice and Michael Brown, who were both killed by police, and Trayvon Martin, the 17-year-old whose 2012 shooting prompted protests around the country.

Republicans say the issue represents another shift by Clinton, who pointed to hunting as a way of life and a cultural touchstone during her 2008 primary race against Obama.

"Hillary Clinton's hypocrisy on guns reinforces that she will do or say anything to get elected and that she is well outside the mainstream on the Second Amendment," said Michael Short, a Republican National Committee spokesman.

At the outdoor town hall, Clinton pointed to another difference with her rivals: the federal minimum wage. Clinton said she favored a $12-an-hour wage and would encourage communities to go higher, noting that some cities have approved a $15-an-hour minimum wage.

Both Sanders and O'Malley back a $15-an-hour federal minimum wage, which has been championed by fast-food workers and unions around the nation.

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E. coli outbreak tests Chipotle's vow to track ingredients

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Chipotle's industry-leading commitment to tracking its ingredients from farm to table is being put to the test by an E. coli outbreak that has sickened at least 37 people as of Tuesday, nearly all of whom ate recently at one of the chain's restaurants in Washington state or Oregon.

Scientists also said Tuesday that they identified the specific microorganism responsible, which they believe was carried on fresh produce such as lettuce, tomatoes, cilantro or onions, or possibly even spices.

The chain of casual Mexican restaurants voluntarily closed 43 locations in the two states after health officials alerted the company to a growing number of E. coli cases involving people who shared one common experience: a meal at Chipotle during the last two weeks.

The numbers grew Tuesday from three to 12 probable cases in Portland area and from 19 to 25 probable cases in five counties near Seattle.

Dr. Scott Lindquist, Washington's state epidemiologist, said the specific microorganism responsible for the outbreak is Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O26.

Now officials are doing more tests, on samples of human waste and on any E. coli found in food samples, looking for exact DNA matches. That, in turn, should indicate which ingredient carried it into the meals of diners, Lindquist said.

Food from the restaurants linked to the outbreak is being tested, and Lindquist said they may know by today which produce, if any, tests positive for the same bacteria.

Authorities have already asked Chipotle to turn over information about its food suppliers.

"We're really relying on working closely with Chipotle," said Dr. Katrina Hedberg, Oregon's state epidemiologist.

Chipotle Mexican Grill Chairman Steve Ells said in a statement Tuesday that the company immediately closed the restaurants "out of an abundance of caution, even though only eight restaurants have drawn concern."

The company also says it is doing its own tests in restaurants and distribution centers. It is fully sanitizing the restaurants, replacing all the food and testing batches of ingredients in its supply chain as it helps investigators, the statement said.

Multi-state outbreaks have increased sharply in recent years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday. On average, two dozen occurred from 2010 to 2014, up from six a year from 1973 to 2010. That's partly due to better detection, but food industry consolidation has meant companies ship to wider networks of grocery stores and restaurants now, so tainted products can spread more widely as well.

In this case, identifying the supplier of any contaminated produce should be easier because Chipotle uses traceability software, made by the Durham, North Carolina-based FoodLogiQ company, and has promised its consumers that it can trace every box of fresh ingredients from farm to table, in real time.

"Ideally, any of these trace-back systems should help," said Jaydee Hanson, a senior policy analyst at the Center for Food Safety, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that promotes food safety and sustainable agriculture.

Health officials believe knowing the distribution of food along Chipotle's supply chain will give them useful information, said Dr. Jeff Duchin, health officer for Seattle and King County Public Health.

"We're really hoping that the trace-back will give us some good clues about what the cause could be," Duchin said.

He acknowledged, however, that this will be a difficult investigation because so many of the same ingredients go into multiple dishes at Chipotle.

Things to know about the E. coli outbreak tied to Chipotle

SEATTLE — Chipotle closed 43 of its Pacific Northwest locations in response to an E. coli outbreak that health officials have connected to the Mexican food chain.

Thirty-seven people have fallen ill, and most of them had eaten at a Chipotle, officials said Tuesday. Nine people in Washington state and three in Oregon have been hospitalized, but no one has died.

At least one lawsuit has been filed by a woman who said she got sick after eating a burrito bowl at a Chipotle in Vancouver, Washington, on Oct. 21.

Here are some things to know about the outbreak:

What's being done to find the source?

Health officials in Washington and Oregon have been interviewing those with a confirmed case of E. coli to find out what they ate. Their blood is being tested to identify the exact strain of the illness.

They have identified the specific microorganism responsible for the E. coli outbreak, which will help officials determine the exact source of the illness, said Dr. Scott Lindquist, Washington epidemiologist.

Food from the affected Chipotle stores also is being tested. Lindquist said officials may know by today what type of food tests positive for the same microorganism.

Health officials believe the culprit will likely be fresh food such as lettuce or tomatoes, but they won't know for sure until the testing and interviewing is complete.

Could people get sick from eating somewhere else?

It's possible all the people who have gotten sick have something else in common, other than Chipotle. It's also possible the full extent of the outbreak has not been discovered.

Lindquist said he's keeping an open mind about the reach of the outbreak but is hopeful officials have stopped the spread of the illness by closing Chipotle restaurants in Washington and the Portland, Oregon, area.

If the illness is traced to a food supplier, the business may be sending its products to other restaurants or grocery stores. Health officials will not know for sure until they find the source of the E. coli.

Have other food-based health problems been tied to Chipotle?

The chain faced a salmonella outbreak linked to tomatoes that sickened dozens of people in Minnesota beginning in August. In California, health workers said norovirus sickened nearly 100 customers and employees at a Chipotle restaurant in Simi Valley in mid-August.

Bill Marler, a Seattle food safety lawyer, said three problems within a couple of months means Chipotle isn't paying enough attention to food safety.

Will Chipotle close more restaurants?

So far, the outbreak appears limited to Washington and Oregon. Chipotle said there is no evidence of a link to other locations, so it won't be closing any more restaurants.

The company said it has 1,931 locations, and each restaurant brings in about $2.5 million in revenue a year on average. Chipotle's stock fell 2.5 percent to close at $624 on Monday.

What is E. coli and how do I know if I have it?

There are hundreds of E. coli and similar bacteria strains in the intestines of humans. Most are harmless, but a few can cause serious problems.

Symptoms of E. coli infection include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting.

Marisa D'Angeli, medical epidemiologist with the Washington State Department of Health, encourages anyone who has been sick with intestinal symptoms and has eaten at Chipotle since mid-October to go to the doctor and get tested.

She also said anyone with bloody diarrhea should go to the doctor whether they have eaten at Chipotle or not.

By Donna Gordon Blankinship
Associated Press

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Hospital appreciates the dedication of family caregivers

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The month of November is recognized as National Caregivers Month. It is a time when we thank, support, educate, empower and show appreciation for the dedication our family caregivers provide.

Many of us will be caregivers at some point in our lives. Caring for a sick or disabled family member takes a heavy toll on a caregiver's physical and emotional health.

At Midland Memorial Hospital, more than 60,000 patients are seen in our Emergency Department each year; almost 10,000 patients receive a surgical procedure; another 80,000 patients get an outpatient diagnostic procedure done; and more than 12,000 patients spend on average five days in our hospital. That is more than 150,000 encounters with people in the greater Midland area each year.

The average size of a household or family is 2.5, according to the U.S. Census Bureau in the most recent census information. Therefore, there have been more than 225,000 additional people we have had an encounter with this past year who serve as caregivers. We recognize and appreciate these caregivers as an important part of the care delivered. We recognize that not all care takes place in our hospital. Care is provided in nursing homes, clinics and, medical provider offices, among other places. Most care actually occurs in the home. Family caregivers have the best interest of their loved ones at heart.

Excellence in health care occurs when we work together with our

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Honoring caregivers

Midland Memorial Hospital is honoring family caregivers this month by distributing gifts in patient rooms and giving "I care" buttons, free popcorn and gift shop discounts to those identified as caregivers.

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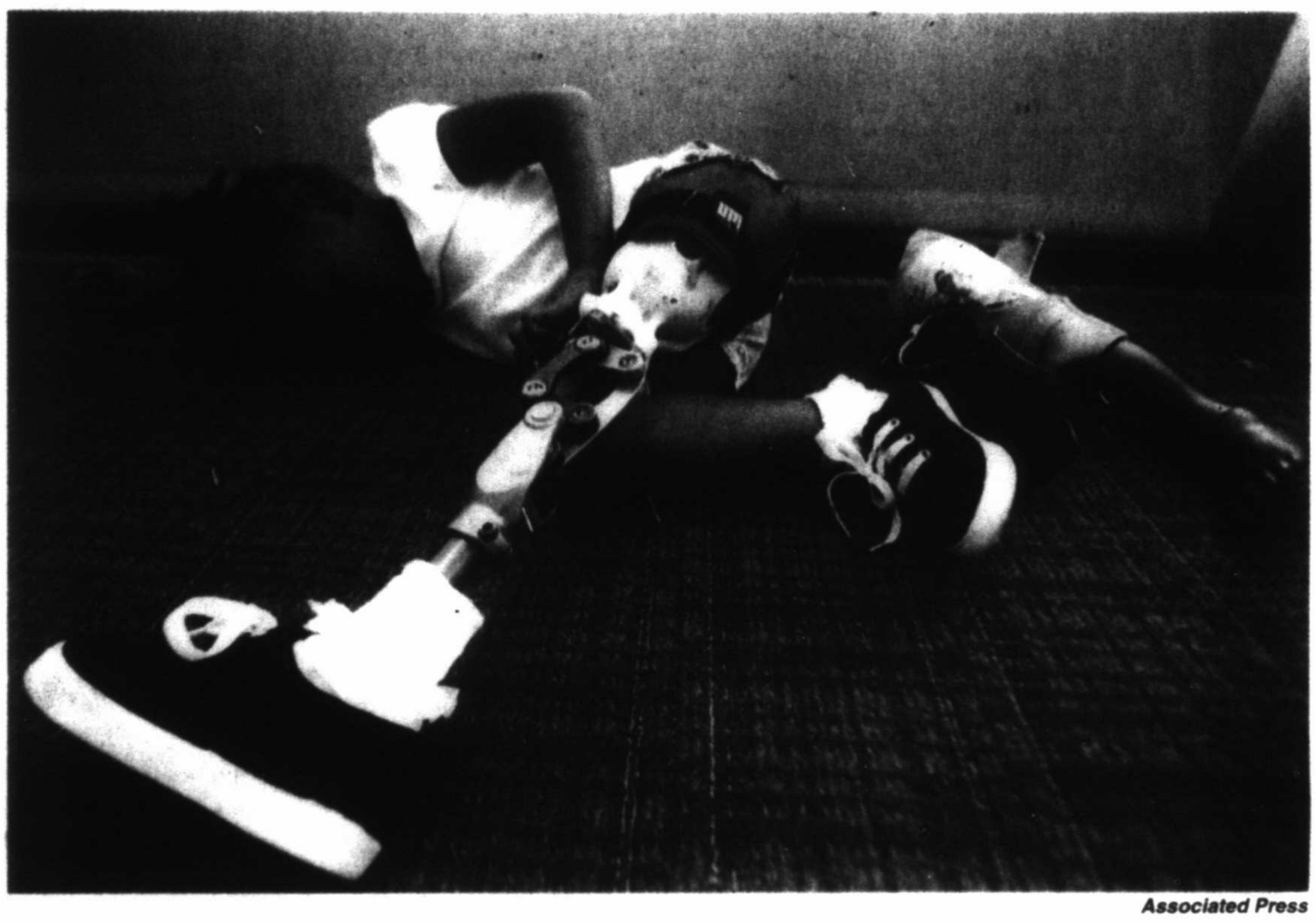

Associated Press

Miyah Williams, 3, wearing her prosthetic leg, rests in Washington on Oct. 23 at a meeting about the need for new pediatric medical devices hosted by Children's National Health System. Miyah struggled with a painful and hard-to-move socket attaching her prosthesis until last August, when she received a new softer and more flexible kind. Miyah's old prosthesis lays on the floor.

Parents, docs push for pediatric medical devices

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Improvise isn't a word parents want to hear from their kid's doctor. Yet pediatric specialists too often have to jury-rig care because many of the medical devices needed to treat sick children were built for adults.

Part of the problem is size.

Doctors fixed Alice de Pooter's faltering heartbeat by wedging an adult pacemaker into a baby's body. But the device's large battery bulged so badly under her rib cage that she struggled to sit upright until her first birthday.

It's also an engineering problem. Children aren't just miniature adults; their bodies are growing and changing. When adult devices haven't been formally studied in children, using them in youngsters can raise safety questions.

"It affects patient care. We need to find a resolution," Dr. Matthew Oetgen, chief of orthopedic surgery and sports medicine at Children's National Health System, said at a recent grants competition that the Washington hospital hosted to help spur development of innovative pediatric devices.

There's little financial incentive to create and test pint-sized devices because children overall are healthier than adults and make up a fraction of the treatment market.

But families are starting to demand solutions.

A birth defect left Miyah Williams with one leg missing at midthigh. The prosthetic leg she received as a toddler came with such a painful, sweat- and sore-inducing socket — a rigid cup connecting the leg to her thigh — that she refused to wear it. Her mother eventually found a small San Francisco company willing to design a softer, adjustable socket able to grow some as Miyah does.

Miyah, now 3, dances to show off a leg finally comfortable enough to wear all day.

"She told them earlier today that her bone no longer hurts," Tamara Williams of Fayetteville, North Carolina, said of manufacturer LIM Innovations. "They made her a socket that changed her life."

The industry acknowledges medical devices designed specifically for children often lag five years to 10 years

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DR. DAVID POWER & RACHELLE CAMPOS
Midland Memorial Hospital

Total joint replacement possible if other treatments fail

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part series on joint pain and the Total Joint Center at Midland Memorial Hospital.

The following are answers to common questions about arthritis and the surgical option of total joint replacement.

Q: What is arthritis?

The word arthritis literally means joint inflammation. It refers to more than 100 different diseases. These diseases usually affect the area in or around joints such as muscles and tendons. There are many types of arthritis. Most forms of arthritis are chronic, which means they can last a lifetime.

Q: How does arthritis feel?

Arthritis usually causes stiffness, pain and fatigue. The severity varies from person to person, and even from day to day. In some people, only a few joints are affected and the impact might be small. The joints of the body are the site of much of the action in arthritis. Many types of arthritis show signs of joint inflammation: swelling, stiffness, tenderness, redness or warmth.

Degenerative joint disease (osteoarthritis) is the most common type of arthritis. Joint inflammation is not a prominent feature of this condition. While normal joints can support a vast amount of use, mechanical abnormalities of a joint make it susceptible to degeneration. Many things affect how your joints and muscles feel. When your joints are inflamed or damaged, you need to take certain precautions as you do your daily activities. You can also learn how to use your body with the least stress to your joints for less pain, easier movement and even more energy. Arthritis can make it hard to do the movements you rely on every day for

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Study: ER treatment inadequate for many teen sexual assault victims

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Pres

CHICAGO — Many sexually assaulted teens seeking emergency room care don't receive recommended tests and prevention treatments for pregnancy and venereal disease, according to a new study.

Testing and treatment rates varied widely among 38 children's hospitals studied, from zero teens treated to almost 90 percent tested.

Subpar treatment puts teens at risk for infections including HIV, chlamydia and gonorrhea, along with unwanted pregnancies. The results highlight a need for better awareness of testing and treatment guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the study authors said. Their report, based on 2004-13 data on almost 13,000 teens treated, was published Monday in Pediatrics. Here are some details:

Assault rates

Teen sexual assault is more common than some might think. Up to 25 percent of U.S. girls and 10 percent of boys are sexually abused or assaulted by the age of 18, the researchers said. Almost 11 percent of high school girls and 4 percent of boys reported having been raped in a 2013 government survey. Studies suggest these rates have been mostly stable in recent years.

What's recommended?

The CDC and pediatricians recommend testing sexually assaulted teens for several venereal diseases and giving preventive antibiotics for chlamydia and gonorrhea. Other advice includes testing for hepatitis B in unvaccinated patients and for HIV and syphilis in areas where those diseases are prevalent, and providing pregnancy tests and emergency contraception.

Compliance

On average 44 percent of assaulted teens got recommended tests and about one-third got preventive treatment, according to the study, led by researchers at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia who analyzed information from a childrens'

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Obituaries

A.A. Thomas, Jr.

A.A. Thomas, Jr. (JR), 87, of Midland, Texas, passed away on November 1, 2015.

JR was born in Fort Worth, Texas on March 8, 1928, to Arthur and Thelma Thomas. He graduated from North Side High School in 1946. He married Louise Holmsley on June 9, 1949.

They moved to Midland in 1956. JR owned two successful businesses: West Texas Welder's Supply and Midland Freight Salvage. He served two terms on the Midland City Council and served as Mayor Pro Tem.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Louise Thomas; three children (spouses), Debbie Thomas Guidry (Jack) of Keller, Texas, Donna Thomas Oehler (Greg) of Fredericksburg, Texas, and Drue Thomas (Melanie) of Midland.

He is also survived by ten grandchildren; Caprice Guidry, Paul Guidry, Gina Guidry McKinney, Jackson (Vanessa) Guidry, Anna Guidry, Laura (Mike) Bailey, Leslie (Kris) Kneese, Halen Thomas, Dara Thomas, and Alyssa Shaw; and by great grandchildren, Isaac, Ari, and Nolan Guidry, Ellie, Hattie, and Annie Bailey, Kathryn and Gage Kneese, Carson Chastain, and Ford Cochran.

Pallbearers will be Jack Guidry, Greg Oehler, Jerry Koonce, Jeremiah Jolly, Rusty Welch, and Ronnie Cadenhead.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jackson Guidry, Kris Kneese, and Mike Bailey.

A graveside service has been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park with Robert Kirk officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to Alzheimer's Research, or to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Legacy Ranch and Compass Hospice in Midland for their loving support.

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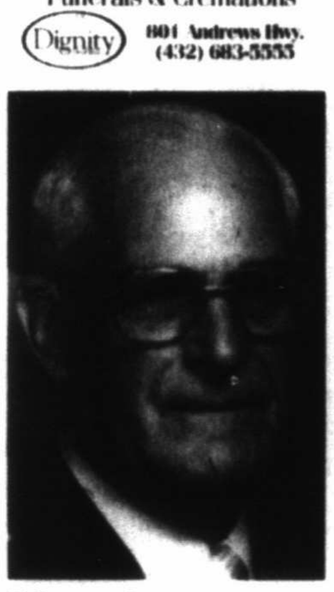

Edward Doyle Snody

Edward Doyle Snody, 94, long-time resident of Midland and owner of Snody Construction Company, passed away on November 2, 2015.

Doyle was born March 5, 1921 in Vera, Texas to William D. and Maude Snody.

Doyle is survived by his wife of 73 years, Evelyn; three daughters, Mary Holder of Houston, Texas, Helen Shifflet and her husband Gary of Fort Worth, Texas, and Edna Ballard of Overland Park, Kansas; and by five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and three great, great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, November 5, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Texas.

Maria De Jesus Alvarez Ulate

Maria De Jesus Alvarez Ulate was born in San Juan, Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico to Fabian Alvarez and Maria De La Cruz Gonzales on November 15, 1933. She spent the majority of her early life on a ranch and was known to be a great dancer.

In the early 1970's, she met Jacinto Ulate and married him shortly thereafter. As Mrs. Ulate, she took on the role of mother to his seven children and then had three of their own. She was a full-time housewife. Maria was a very creative person; hobbies included drawing and sewing. She was also known to be a vivid storyteller and a people person. She went on to become a grandmother and great grandmother of many children. On November 2, 2015, Maria passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family.

Maria is preceded in death by her husband, Jacinto M. Ulate; two sons, Norberto Ulate and Vicente Ulate; and by a daughter, Antonia Holguin.

She is survived by her children; five sons, Jose Ulate, Greg Ulate, and Filiberto Ulate all of Midland, Nicolas Ulate of Odessa, and Nabor Ulate of Ojinaga, Chihuahua Mexico; two daughters, Carmen Barrera of Midland and Norberta Ulate of Odessa; and by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Viewing will be today from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m., both at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

Funeral mass is set for Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@ntx-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.fewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Floyd Allen Wilson

Floyd Allen Wilson, 81, of Wolfforth, Texas, formerly from Midland, Texas, went to Heaven on November 1, 2015. He was born on September 16, 1934 and raised in Stroud, Oklahoma.

He married the love of his life, Charlene, in 1954. They moved to Midland to begin their family.

He began his career in auto mechanics for Studebaker and continued to be a mechanic for 50 years.

He was a member of Faith Country Church in Midland, Texas.

He loved God and his family and was a talented musician. He played in his church, the community center, and at nursing homes. He enjoyed life to the fullest. His ever uplifting, positive spirit, contagious smile, and giving heart was known to all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his son, Steven Allen Wilson, and his wife, Lenna (Charlene) Fowler Wilson.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Robby Dickenson, of Wolfforth, Texas; grandchildren, Christopher Chaney of Midland, Texas, Britt Dickenson of Wolfforth, Texas, and Tara and T.J. Green of Coahoma, Texas; great grandchildren, Aubrey, Kaylor, Emily, and Berkley Green of Coahoma, Texas; and by many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Christopher Chaney, Britt Dickenson, T.J. Green, Rod McDonald, Dale Crouse, and Ed Shrum.

Mac McDonald will be an honorary pallbearer.

He will lie in state at Ellis Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. There will be a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Death Notices

Miller J. Goodman

Miller J. Goodman, 93, of Midland, passed away Saturday, October 31, 2015.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday, November 6, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 7, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. A reception will follow the interment at the funeral home.

Survivors include son, Galen Goodman; and daughter, Patty Goodman Simon.

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Number of Americans using 5 or more drugs nearly doubles

By John Fauber
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — One of the first medical references to the term "polypharmacy" is in a 1959 New England Journal of Medicine paper that warned of a growing number of multiple drug preparations on the market.

It even hearkened back to ancient times to one of the first such preparations, a concoction known as theriac used for poisonous animal bites. It was made from squill (a flowering bulb), viper's flesh, opium and honey.

Today, polypharmacy refers to people taking five or more prescription drugs. And, according to a paper Tuesday in JAMA, the number of Americans on such regimens has nearly doubled over a decade to 15 percent of adults.

Instead of snakes, the modern culprits more likely are societal conditions such as aging and obesity and possibly nonmedical factors such as increased Medicare coverage and the ever-present direct-to-consumer television ads.

Instead of flowers and honey, today's most popular or fastest-growing drugs include cholesterol-lowering statins, antidepressants and drugs to control diabetes, acid indigestion and high blood pressure.

The JAMA paper also found that, in addition to the growing ranks of polypharmacy patients, the number of adults taking at least one prescription drug grew from 51 percent of the population in the years 1999-2000 to 59 percent in 2011-2012, the most recent year data was available.

"The population has aged," said lead author Elizabeth Kantor, an epidemiologist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. "Older people tend to take more drugs."

So do heavier people. Several of the drugs that saw increasing use were for conditions linked to obesity.

In the study, blood pressure drugs were among the most prescribed, increasing from 20 percent of adults in 1999-2000 to 27 percent in 2011-2012.

Statins increased from 6.9 percent to 17 percent; antidepressants increased from 6.8 percent 13 percent; antidiabetic drugs increased from 4.6 percent to 8.2 percent; and tranquilizers and sedatives increased from 4.2 percent to 6.1 percent.

Some drug classes saw a decline in use including sex hormones for women, declining from 19 peteent to 11 percent, and antibiotics, declining from 5.7 percent to 4.2 percent.

The prescription numbers were based on a national in-home survey of 38,000 adults looking at use of 18 classes of prescription drugs in the previous 30 days.

The unanswered question is whether the prescribing trend is beneficial.

"The increase in use of prescription medications over time is good for those who need them and bad for those who don't," said Walid Gellad, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh who was not involved in the study. "We need to make sure we are careful about who's who."

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> **Walid Gellad,** University of Pittsburgh associate professor of medicine

Side effects and drug interactions can be serious problems for people taking multiple medications, said Lee Vermeulen, a clinical professor of pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy.

For instance, drugs that reduce blood sugar in diabetics can lower it too much, leading to dangerous hypoglycemia. Blood pressure drugs can reduce blood pressure too much, causing fainting and falling, which can lead to a broken hip in older people, he said.

One piece of good news — at least from a financial standpoint — is that many of the drugs on the list of the most used are available as generics, he said. Going forward, policies are needed to ensure that the most-used drugs remain available as lower-cost generics, said Gellad, a physician and co-director university's Center for Pharmaceutical Policy and Prescribing.

The paper also reveals a change in how doctors and patients have dealt with pain.

Use of narcotic painkillers increased from 3.8 percent of adults to 5.7 percent, reflecting the growing use of opioids throughout much of the 2000s.

However, so-called COX-2 inhibitors, which include pain medicines such as Celebrex, declined from 1.9 percent to 0.6 percent. Also, prescription drugs known as NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), dropped from 5.6 percent to 4.2 percent.

The decline in those two classes of drugs, and the increase in opioids, may reflect concerns relating to increased cardiovascular and heart attack risk, said Robert Hurley, a professor and vice chair of pain medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

"The prescription of opioids is still high and higher than most industrialized nations despite having similar levels of pain in the population per capita," he said. "They are likely overprescribed."

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Cases tie e-cigarettes to lung injuries, pneumonia

By Raquel Rutledge
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

MILWAUKEE — A 31-year-old West Virginia woman with no prior lung disease contracted what doctors say is a rare form of pneumonia after inhaling vapor from electronic cigarettes.

The woman had been vaping for about three months before being admitted to a hospital this year with a chronic cough. Soon after, she went into respiratory failure and was put on a ventilator, according to the doctors who treated her.

In Vermont, a 60-year-old man suffered an acute lung injury and was diagnosed with hypersensitivity pneumonitis last year after vaping "red hot cinnamon" flavored e-cigarettes.

The two cases are among the first to surface highlighting severe lung injuries that physicians say are related to the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices.

"We are all very curious about this," said Frank Drescher, the doctor who treated the man at the White River Junction VA Hospital in Vermont. "I am certain this is an underreported diagnosis."

A Milwaukee Journal Sentinel investigation in September found high levels of diacetyl and a second chemical known to cause permanent and sometimes fatal lung disease in locally made e-liquids and exposed inadequate testing that results in manufacturers claiming their products are diacetyl-free when sometimes they are not. There are no requirements that manufacturers test e-liquids, nor are there any standards to meet.

Known for its links to injuries and deaths of microwave popcorn workers, diacetyl destroys the lungs' tiniest airways, leading to scar tissue buildup that blocks airflow. An earlier Journal Sentinel investigation found potentially dangerous levels of the chemical in coffee roasting facilities and exposed cases of lung disease in commercial coffee roasters and grinders.

Drescher and his colleague, Graham Atkins, who was also involved with the Vermont case, said they believe diacetyl may have played a role in their patient's illness. They said the man first came to the hospital with weakness, chills and a cough. He was treated with antibiotics and went home three days later feeling normal.

He returned a month later with the same symptoms, this time with a fever. A CT scan showed an injury to the lungs that appeared to be related to a chemical exposure. When doctors asked the man what he had been doing, he said he had been vaping strongly flavored e-cigarettes — on both occasions before his illness.

Doctors diagnosed him with a severe allergic reaction called hypersensitivity pneumonitis — more commonly known as "farmers' lung."

The disease was prevalent among farmers in Wisconsin in the 1970s and '80s. It is often triggered by inhalation of dust with fungus spores from moldy hay, bird droppings or other decomposing organic compounds. It's treatable when caught early but can cause permanent scarring and damage if exposures continue over time.

"Inhaling chemicals of different sorts can cause all kind of lung diseases," Drescher said, noting the lungs are a delicate organ with a strong immune response.

The man stopped vaping and recovered within several days. A follow-up three months later showed normal pulmonary functioning.

The case was documented in a recent issue of the journal CHEST.

A flavor called Hawaiian Blast made by Maryland-based MaddCatt was the likely culprit that sickened the woman in West Virginia, according to doctors at West Virginia University Health Sciences Center.

In an interview, the doctors said the woman had started vaping the flavor — described as a "tropical fruity mix with a touch of creaminess" — a few months earlier in an effort to quit smoking conventional cigarettes.

She arrived at the hospital and was quickly transported to the intensive care unit, her lungs failing. Her symptoms were similar to those of hypersensitivity pneumonitis: shortness of breath, cough, weight loss and labored breathing.

But after seeing stains on her photo imaging indicating she had inhaled something fatty or oil-based, they diagnosed her with lipoid pneumonia. She remained on a ventilator for several days.

"We can't say with absolute certainty that her illness was from the e-cigarettes, but it sure seems causal," said John E. Parker, a pulmonary critical care physician who helped treat the woman. The woman recovered within about a week and was sent home with supplemental oxygen. She stopped vaping. Tests three months later showed normal pulmonary functioning.

Parker said he was aware of just one previously documented case of lipoid pneumonia related to e-cigarettes. In 2012, a 42-year-old woman was diagnosed with the illness after seven months of using e-cigarettes. Doctors suspected the vegetable glycerin in the e-liquid was to blame.

"We don't know if this is the tip of the iceberg," Parker said. "Maybe it's going to be toxic to lots of people or maybe there is going to be a host factor that leads to individual people getting these diseases."

Parker, an expert on diacetyl who studied cases of occupational exposure to the chemical in microwave popcorn workers in the early 2000s, said he couldn't be sure what role diacetyl might have played in his patient's case. A study of more than 150 sweet-flavored e-liquids last year found nearly 70 percent contained diacetyl.

"It always takes a broad public health approach with epidemiologists, toxicologists, pulmonologists and industrial hygienists to really tease out the (causal) agent," he said.

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MARY HIGBY THOMPSON
Midland ISD

Change your lifestyle before the illness hits

You just found out you have Type 2 diabetes or perhaps high blood pressure. The doctor gives you medicine to fix the problem. He or she recommends exercise and correcting your eating habits, but after taking the medicine you feel better and move on. Since you feel better, why bother with "turning into a health nut"?

These Band-Aid approaches to fix the problems are not beneficial to you or your well-being. These diseases and many others are preventable with healthy eating and exercise. You hear the messages, you know in your gut this is the case, but until you end up in the doctor's office, you refuse to make a change.

Would you rather spend $50 a month on a gym membership or use that money on medicine? We have to start getting proactive in our lifestyles. We have only one body, and just like anything in life, you have to invest time and care and learn how to nurture it.

So, instead of running backward and changing your lifestyle after you get sick, go forward with purpose. Make yourself and your health a priority. Noah didn't build the ark in a day, so do the best you can and be conscious of the choices you make.

Start with small goals and move forward from there. Let's get moving, Midland.

Mary Higby Thompson is director of physical education, health and wellness for Midland ISD.

Women need to balance life's various roles

MARCIA NORTON
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We all live in a world of constant change, and most of us have many roles on a daily basis. Women, especially, fulfill multiple roles and might feel they have to do them all perfectly. As a woman, I can honestly say, "Stop." I realize I cannot possibly be all things to all people and have learned to let go of such high expectations. So, what can you do to keep your wits about you and stop trying to be a super woman?

First of all, get rid of the superwoman ideal. She only exists in a fantasy land. You might think of Oprah and how she seems to have it all together. Guess what? Two years ago, Oprah had a house staff of 200 people. No wonder she seems like she can do everything.

Secondly, determine what is out of balance in your life. I believe in a holistic approach to life: balance with mind, body and spirit. You can take the various elements/roles of your life and use them to create a pie chart.

Your roles might include mom, wife, pet owner, carpool, coach, church leader, employee, volunteer, PTA president, sister/daughter/aunt/grandma, friend. Write down the percentage of time you devote to each role. Really look at how you spend your time. On the chart, did you remember to put down personal time or time for me to relax and unwind? Do not forget about taking time for yourself.

Next, learn to delegate responsibilities. On your chart, is there something that someone else can accomplish for you? Could you share a carpool for the kids or take turns walking the dog? Look at things that could easily be delegated. Remember: You do not have to do it all.

Learn to ask for help. This can be very difficult for some, but remember: This is not a sign of weakness. Women have a tendency to appear like we have everything under control, but deep down inside we know this is not true. Often, the people around us are oblivious to our plights because they are focused on their own troubles. Why not express your concerns/troubles to a trusted friend and ask for her help? You will not know the answer to a question unless you ask.

Also, learn to say "no." Many women see this as a bad word. It is uncomfortable to tell someone "no" because you feel it might hurt the relationship. It is OK to say no to the things you really do not want to do (unless it is for work and that can usually be negotiated). You will realize in time that friends will not take it personally.

Practice some form of self-care daily. Many people might see self-care as being selfish. But if you do not take care of yourself, then who will? You cannot give from an empty cup. Make sure you eat healthy meals: protein, vegetables/fruits, and grains. Limit caffeine, processed food, nicotine, alcohol and other harmful substances. Get some form of exercise: a short walk down the street would count. Learn how to relax. Suggestions: Lock the bathroom door and take a bubble bath, go to a park and read a book, watch the sunrise/sunset and give thanks for another day. Be sure to take time for yourself because you are a super woman.

CDC: More food poisoning outbreaks cross state lines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The government says food poisoning outbreaks that span multiple states are on the rise.

On average, two dozen multi-state outbreaks occurred in the first five years of this decade. That's up from six a year from 1973 to 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday.

The increase is partly because of better detection. Using sophisticated testing, health officials can more easily link illnesses across state lines that may not have been grouped together in the past. And food industry consolidation means companies ship to wider networks of grocery stores and restaurants than in the past, so a tainted product can appear in more states now, health officials said.

Only one in 20 cases of U.S. food poisonings occur in outbreaks in which more than one person are sickened by a common food. Outbreaks can be local or scattered across two or more states.

The CDC analyzed 120 multi-state outbreaks from 2010 through 2014. Those outbreaks accounted for about 8,000 illnesses, or about 11 percent of outbreak-associated food poisonings.

Studies raise questions about impact of menu calorie counts

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

AP file photo

A menu board showing calorie counts hangs June 17, 2013, at a Starbucks in New York. Tracking calories at chain restaurants is supposed to become easier next year, but new studies raise questions about whether the counts actually make a difference for diners and eateries.

WASHINGTON — Tracking calories at chain restaurants is supposed to become easier next year, but new studies raise questions about whether the counts actually make a difference for diners and eateries.

Some restaurants already post calorie counts. New York City was first in the country to require it, and six years later researchers say seeing the caloric consequences didn't automatically lead to leaner choices.

New York University researchers used receipts and surveys at McDonald's, Burger King, KFC and Wendy's to track customer purchases. In New York City where menus were labeled, calories averaged between 804 and 839 per meal, essentially the same as the 802 to 857 calories at fast-food locations in New Jersey that didn't post calorie content.

Beginning in December 2016, chain restaurants and certain other retailers that sell prepared food will have to list calorie content on their menus.

As to whether consumers will take notice, researchers reported Monday that just over a third of customers noticed calorie counts on the chains' menus last year, compared with about half when the law took effect in 2008, and 9 percent claimed to use them to order fewer calories.

There might be greater effect at different kinds of restaurants, cautioned associate professor Brian Elbel of NYU Langone Medical Center.

A second study, also in the journal Health Affairs, raises the possibility that menu labeling might have more of an effect on what restaurants offer than on customer ordering habits.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University used a database that collects calorie content from 66 large U.S. chains to compare menus from restaurants that voluntarily list calorie counts in all their locations around the country — McDonalds, Chick-Fil-A, Panera Bread, Starbucks and Jamba Juice — with the rest.

Menus of the voluntarily posting chains averaged nearly 140 fewer calories per item, researchers reported.

HEALTH BRIEFS

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AUSTIN

Midlander to chair PA board

Gov. Greg Abbott has named Midlander Jason Cooper as chairman of the Texas Physician Assistant Board, which issues physician assistant licenses.

Cooper is director of Special Medical Programs for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. He has served as an assistant professor and as the director of Clinical Education with the School of Health Professions. He is a member of the Texas Academy of Physician Assistants, the American Academy of Physician Assistants, and the National Association of EMTs. He is also a licensed paramedic and holds numerous EMS certifications.

Cooper graduated with a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies from Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

NEW ORLEANS

Tulane to study impact of Katrina

Tulane University has received a $6.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the lasting health, demographic and socio-economic impacts of Hurricane Katrina.

The five-year grant will establish the Tulane Center for Studies on Displaced Populations.

Tulane said the program's goal will be to gauge how different populations have recovered or faltered more than 10 years after the storm.

Mark VanLandingham, a professor of global community health and behavioral sciences at Tulane, said few studies look at the long-term consequences of a major event like Katrina "because it's so difficult and complicated."

Researchers plan to study who came back to the city, who didn't and why. Also, they want to learn why certain populations are faring better than others.

VICTIMS

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hospitals database. Rates for both varied by hospital and were lowest for younger patients.

Other studies have found low emergency room testing and treatment rates for sexually assaulted adults, for whom CDC has similar guidelines.

Explanations

Some teens may not have been tested or treated because the assault didn't involve intercourse. Also, some hospitals might not test teens who delay seeking care, but most experts recommend doing so anyway to detect pre-existing and new infections, the researchers say. A Pediatrics editorial notes that some teens may decline testing and treatment, or may seek care in outpatient clinics, so the true rates of undertreatment are unknown.

The advice

The researchers recommend standardizing medical care for sexually assaulted teens, along with guidelines awareness. In addition, doctors need to identify and address barriers to providing these patients appropriate medical care, the editorial says.

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JOINTS

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work or taking care of your family.

Q: How are joint pain and stiffness related to arthritis?

In osteoarthritis, the soft, movement-easing cartilage at the ends of joint bones breaks down and wears away as the person grows older. Eventually, the bones rub directly against each other whenever the joint moves, causing pain and stiffness. The rest of the body's joint surfaces are covered with a smooth tissue lining called the synovium. In rheumatoid arthritis, chemical changes in the synovium cause it to destroy cartilage. In post-traumatic arthritis, joint pain and stiffness may develop after injury to the joint; the resulting failure of the bone and cartilage to heal properly causes the roughened joint surfaces to grind together.

Q: What are the treatments for joint pain and arthritis?

The focus of treatment for arthritis is to control pain, minimize joint damage and improve or maintain function and quality of life. The treatment options include medication, injections, non-pharmacologic treatments such as physical therapy and the use of cane or walker, and surgery.

Q: What is total joint replacement?

Also called arthroplasty, total joint replacement is a surgical procedure in which both sides of a joint are removed and replaced by artificial implants (prostheses) that are anchored to the bones.

Q: Is total joint replacement surgery the right option?

When other treatment options no longer provide relief, joint replacement might be recommended — not only to relieve pain, but also to prevent the disability it can cause. An orthopedic surgeon will explain the benefits of joint replacement and explain the reasons why it may, or may not, be right at the current time. This is a decision to be discussed by a patient and his or her family.

Q: What happens after a decision is made to have a total joint replacement at the Total Joint Center at Midland Memorial?

A pre-operative appointment is scheduled for necessary testing such as lab work and other diagnostic testing. Patients attend a comprehensive education class that will cover all aspects of surgery, from the pre-operative setting to post-discharge from the hospital.

Q: What is expected to happen at the Total Joint Center at Midland Memorial Hospital for surgery?

Patients are cared for in a state-of-the art facility by staff trained in orthopedics. A multidisciplinary team of nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists and other ancillary departments work to ensure patients receive high-quality evidence-based care focusing on a wellness approach.

Q: How long is the expected recovery time after joint replacement surgery?

Average recovery time is four to six weeks but may take up to three months depending on the age of the person, fitness level before surgery and many other factors. The surgeon will let the patient know when he or she can resume normal activities such as driving or returning to work. Physical therapy will continue during this time to achieve the best possible outcome after surgery.

For more information on joint pain and treatment options, call the Total Joint Center at Midland Memorial Hospital at 855-26JOINT or West Texas Orthopedics at 686-0321.

Dr. David J. Power is an orthopedic surgeon at West Texas Orthopedics and medical director of the Total Joint Center. Rachelle Campos is a registered nurse and is the center's care coordinator.

PUSH

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behind new technology for adults, and Food and Drug Administration statistics illustrate the disparity. In 2013, eight of the 38 novel or higher-risk devices the FDA approved were labeled for use by patients younger than 22. In 2014, six of 33 such device approvals were for pediatric use; so were two devices for rare disorders allowed to sell under a special fast-tracking program.

Consider pacemakers. Children account for only about 1 percent of pacemaker implants, said Dr. Charles Berul, co-director of Children's National Heart Institute. Adult pacemakers such as the biventricular version implanted into Alice de Pooter when she was 4 months old can save lives, but improvising has drawbacks, he said.

Adults typically have a pacemaker's electrical leads, or wires, easily threaded into the heart through a vein, but babies require open-chest surgery attaching them to the outside of the heart, explained Berul. Alice's longtime cardiologist. Faster child heartbeats wear out the batteries more rapidly, and the leads can stretch out of place as tots grow.

Now 3 and living near Houston, Alice has a well-functioning heart and while the battery's outline remains visible in her belly, "she's running and happy," said her mother, Charlotte Vanheusden.

Manufacturers are developing a tiny wireless pacemaker for adults. If it works, Berul hopes eventually that could be adapted for children, too. Meanwhile, he's developing a less invasive way to place today's wires in tots, with aid from a tiny camera normally used in the urinary tract.

It's an example of partnerships between doctors and bioengineers that are springing up at numerous children's hospitals and universities, sparked in part by 2007 legislation establishing an FDA program with a small budget to help fund early pediatric device development. This year, the FDA awarded $3.5 million to eight such consortia around the country. Some experts argue more far-reaching incentives are needed, such as tax credits and patent exclusivity that in recent years have spurred an increase in medications for rare diseases.

Another incentive: Make a device that works first in kids, and "absolutely there will be benefit(s) for the adult population. It's not as easy the other way around," said Dr. Vasum Peiris, FDA's new chief medical officer for pediatric devices.

Doctors point to some successes. The Berlin Heart child-sized implantable pump was approved through a special FDA program in 2011 to help children survive the wait for a heart transplant, an option long available for adults. OrthoPediatrics Corp. of Warsaw, Indiana, recently created a device to repair a common knee injury, a torn ACL, without damaging young children's still-growing bones.

Last month's competition by Children's National's innovation institute highlighted early prototypes attempting to wind through the pipeline, from a device by Ireland's AventaMed to implant ear tubes in youngsters without requiring full anesthesia to a test by Prospiria Inc. in Galveston, Texas, showing if breathing tubes are inserted properly.

The ideas don't have to come from pediatricians: "Just ask patients what they want," said Dr. Andrew Pedtke, an orthopedic surgeon who co-founded LIM Innovations after seeing adult amputees struggle with painful sockets and had a small team beginning pediatric work when Miyah's mother made her request.

AP file photo

On Oct. 1, activists hold signs containing the image of Turing Pharmaceuticals CEO Martin Shkreli in front the building that houses Turing's offices, during a protest in New York highlighting pharmaceutical drug pricing. Americans from across the political spectrum are worried about the cost of prescription drugs for serious diseases, following weeks of news coverage about companies hiking prices for critical medicines. Keeping drugs for cancer, hepatitis, HIV and other conditions affordable is the top health priority for Democrats, Republicans and independents, according to a poll released Wednesday by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

Affordability of prescription drugs tops Americans' list of health care concerns

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans from across the political spectrum are worried about the cost of prescription drugs for serious diseases, following weeks of news coverage about companies hiking prices for critical medicines.

Keeping drugs for cancer, hepatitis, HIV and other conditions affordable is the top health priority for Democrats, Republicans and independents, according to a poll released Wednesday by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. Overall, 77 percent of those surveyed said the issue was their No. 1 health concern, reflecting recent outrage over drug pricing that has spilled over into the presidential campaign.

Condemnation by patients, doctors and insurers has been mounting for several years, then escalated last month over news that Turing Pharmaceuticals and a handful of other drugmakers have been hiking prices of old drugs many times over their prior cost.

Turing increased the price of Daraprim, the only approved treatment for a life-threatening parasitic infection, more than 5,000 percent. After a public outcry, letters from government investigators and condemnation by politicians, Turing's CEO Martin Shkreli said he would lower the price. But the former hedge fund manager has not yet followed through on that pledge.

A majority of Americans support government action to lower prescription drug costs, with 63 percent saying it would be among their top priorities. Those results are consistent with previous polling by Kaiser released in August, but reflect steady support for government intervention.

Picking up on that sentiment, Democratic presidential campaign candidates Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have made unaffordable drugs a campaign issue and outlined reforms designed to keep drugmakers in check. Meanwhile, members of Congress and federal prosecutors are investigating Valeant Pharmaceuticals, another company known for acquiring older drugs and jacking up their prices.

Even a majority of Republicans, 56 percent, say government action to rein-in drug prices should be a priority.

Concerns about drug prices eclipsed issues surrounding President Barack Obama's health care overhaul, including repealing the so-called "Cadillac tax" on generous employer-sponsored health plans. Only 30 percent of people picked eliminating the tax as a priority.

Between 2008 through 2014, average prices for the most widely used brand-name drugs jumped 128 percent, according to prescription benefit manager Express Scripts Holding Co. In 2014, the company estimated that total U.S. prescription drug spending increased 13 percent. Reasons include increasing research costs, insufficient competition and drug shortages.

Pharmaceutical and biotech industry groups say prescription medicines save money by preventing costly complications and hospitalizations and have long accounted for just 10 percent of annual U.S. health spending. That could change, because many new drugs for cancer, hepatitis C and rare disorders carry list prices of $100,000 or more for a year or course of treatment.

Despite public support for government intervention, most experts don't expect significant changes anytime soon. Unlike many other countries, the U.S. has never set prices on prescription medicines. And efforts to give government plans like Medicare and Medicaid more power to negotiate with drugmakers have never succeeded.

Analysts for Jefferies recently pointed out that any change in federal policy would have to get through the Republican-controlled Congress "making major changes unlikely, despite the drug pricing rhetoric from the campaign trail."

Study: Deaths rates rising in middle-aged whites

By Mike Strobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. death rate has been falling for decades, but researchers have detected one group in which the rates have been steadily ticking up — middle-aged white people. Suicides and deaths from drug overdose and alcohol abuse are being blamed.

Deaths rates for other races have continued to fall, as they have for whites 65 and older. But death rates for whites 35 to 44 have been level recently, they're beginning to turn up for whites 55 to 64, and — most strikingly — death rates for whites ages 45 to 54 have risen by half a percent per year since 1998, said the authors, Anne Case and Angus Deaton of Princeton University.

The increase started in the late 1990s and probably is related to the increased availability around that time of certain prescription painkillers, they said.

"It certainly can't be helping," said Deaton, who last month was awarded a Nobel Prize in economics for unrelated work on consumer spending.

Their paper was published online Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Federal researchers have reported — repeatedly — on worrisome increases in deaths from suicides and drug overdoses. And they have noted the bulk of those deaths have been white and middle-aged. So the Case and Deaton findings aren't exactly surprising, said Robert Anderson, who oversees the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention branch that monitors death statistics.

But the Princeton pair brought a new lens to the government's statistics, breaking down death numbers by age and race in a way the government has not highlighted, he added.

"White Americans who are middle-aged were really doing worse," Case summarized. "And that's not news we were hearing."

There has not been a similar increase in middle-aged people living in other affluent countries, the researchers said.

White death rates still are not nearly as bad as black rates — not even for those 45 to 54. The rate is about 415 deaths for every 100,000 white people in that age group. For blacks, it's 582 per 100,000.

U.S. death rates have been on a general decline for more than a century, thanks mainly to public health measures and advances in medical treatment. In recent decades, the improvement has been driven by declines in death rates from heart disease and cancer — the nation's two leading killers.

But from time to time, death rates for certain demographics have gone up. That's generally happened in younger groups, who die in smaller numbers than the elderly and so have death rates that can be more easily swung. That happened with death rates for some age groups of white and black men during the height of the AIDS epidemic, for example, Anderson said.

Of the 2.6 million deaths in 2013, about 123,000 — less than 5 percent — were in white, non-Hispanic people ages 45 to 54.

But why the increase in this particular age set? And why only in white people? And why has it been inching up for them for 15 years?

The new study cited national health survey data showing increases over time in the proportion of middle-aged white people who said they suffered physical pain, trouble with daily activities, and poor mental health.

Those problems are not unique to white people. But studies have found white patients with pain are more likely to be prescribed opioid painkillers. And whites have been more likely to attempt suicide when faced with physical or mental hardships, for a range of possible reasons that include smaller networks of social support, say other experts.

Education is also a factor. The study found among whites with a college degree, the death rates were actually quite low. But for whites who achieved no more than a high school diploma, they were a whopping 736 per 100,000.

But again, why that one age group?

It's not clear. But that is a particularly tough time in life to suffer a serious financial setback or a debilitating health problem, noted John Phillips, who oversees some of the National Institute on Aging's funding of research into what affects aging and health. The institute funded the study.

DENT

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patients and their caregivers honoring the expertise each of us brings to every health care encounter — all 150,000 encounters each year. Our staff works diligently to include the patient and their caregiver as partners in care. By truly partnering with patients and families — not only involving them in decisions about their care, but also gaining benefit of their help and insights to better plan and deliver care — patients can achieve better outcomes.

We have leaders and a dedicated staff of patient advocates who regularly visit with patients and their family caregivers to assure they are receiving excellent care and services. These are people our patients and family caregivers can turn to for help in dealing with various problems they may have during a hospital stay. Our nurses include the patient and family in a bedside report during each change of shift to support continuity of patient care and to promote patient safety. The nurses and other care providers visit with each patient and family member regularly throughout the day to better anticipate their personal needs and monitor their well-being on an active, hourly basis so that family caregivers can focus on their loved one's recovery.

Family caregivers have a valuable role in caring for their loved ones when they need it most. They are the ones front and center in providing care every day. We at Midland Memorial Hospital recognize these caregivers and say thank you for all they do.

Bob Dent is senior vice president and chief operating officer of Midland Memorial Hospital.

TODAY: Partly sunny — High: 77 Low: 59

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 74 Low: 39

FRIDAY: Sunny — High: 70 Low: 48

SATURDAY: Partly sunny — High: 63 Low: 46

SUNDAY: Partly sunny — High: 63 Low: 48

MONDAY: Sunny — High: 72 Low: 53

Local forecast

The sun might be a bit harder to see this morning because patchy fog is in the forecast before noon, according to the National Weather Service. Otherwise, the skies will be partly sunny and the high will reach about 77 degrees.

Tonight's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of scattered showers and a low of about 59.

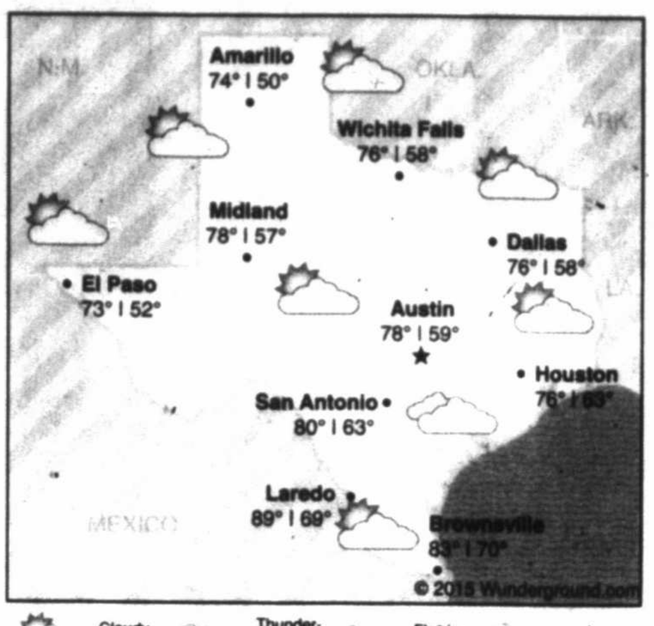
The wet weather could carry into Thursday, when a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms is possible. A high near 74 is predicted, and wind gusts could reach up to 25 mph.

Thursday night's forecast calls for clear skies with a chilly low of about 39 degrees.

Friday will be sunny with a high near 70 during the day and a low near 48 in the evening.

The weekend forecast call for a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Saturday and Sunday will be partly cloudy with highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid- to upper-40s.

The high on Tuesday reached 81, while the low fell to 51. The record high for Nov. 3 was 86, set in 1988. The record low was a blustery 22, set in 1991. On Nov. 3 of last year, the high was 74 and the low was 61.



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Tuesday's temperatures

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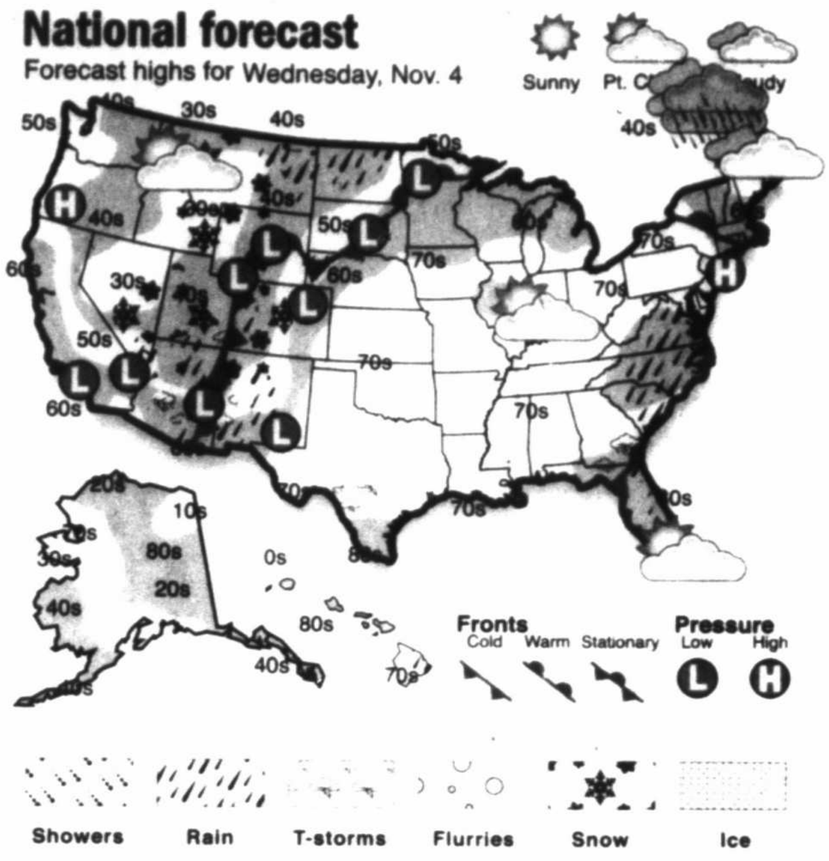
National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Nov. 4



Thank-you for a gift is too-often left unsaid

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: In my opinion, too many young people today are shortchanged when it comes to manners and etiquette. The knowledge of how wonderful it is to receive written acknowledgment of gifting is rapidly fading.

A quick note of appreciation for any kind of thoughtful gesture lifts the giver's spirit. Receiving recognition for a tangible gift, time spent lending a hand or a shared meal puts a smile on his or her face. These things are not entitlements; they are gifts from the heart.

I urge young parents to teach this courteous gesture to their children. Abby, I know your letters booklet has a section on thank-yous. Maybe it's time you mention it again. — SHERRIE IN CHEHALIS, WASH.

DEAR SHERRIE: If there is one topic that shows up repeatedly in my mail, it's thank-you notes — or, rather, the lack of them. It's such a common aggravation that I receive dozens of complaints in every batch of emails or letters I receive. While letter-writing may always be a chore to some people, there are occasions when the written message is the only proper means of communication.

My Dear Abby Letters Booklet was written to serve as a guide to those who put off writing because they don't know what to say or how to say it. It contains sample letters for readers to use to show appreciation for a birthday, Christmas, shower or wedding gift.

There are also examples of letters that are difficult to write, such as expressing condolences to someone who has lost a parent, a child, or for an untimely death such as a suicide or an overdose. My letters booklet can be ordered by sending your name, mailing address, plus a check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to DearAbby Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.) And remember Rule No. 1: The important thing about letter-writing is to say what you want to say, say it so you can be easily understood, and say it so that it sounds like you.

DEAR ABBY: My parents are refusing to pay for me to attend my dream school after learning that I am sexually active with my boyfriend of two years. (They liked him very much prior to learning this.) He's in school in France.

They say it would be a "sin" to pay for me to attend school in the same city he's in, and they expect me to stay home and go to a local community college. Would it be wrong to disobey their wishes and take out my own student loans? — PARENTS VS. BOYFRIEND IN FRANCE

DEAR P VS. B: I not only think it would be wrong, I'm afraid it could be a disaster for you. What if the relationship doesn't work out? When you take out those loans, you will be responsible for repaying that debt for many years.

Before you make that decision, I urge you to carefully consider the kind of jobs that will be available in the field you're interested in pursuing. If what you're really interested in pursuing is your boyfriend, you might be better off staying home.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015:

This year you enjoy your immediate circle, and you gain more associates through networking. As a result, you experience many more opportunities in both your community and personal lives. If you are single, you will have the job of sorting through your many potential sweeties. The person you choose could be significant to your life. If you are attached, the two of you will focus on some long-term goals involving your relationship. You will have a reason for celebration. LEO might be a little wary of you, as you are of him or her!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Enjoy a child or loved one today. Make extra time for this person, or take him or her out for lunch. Your invitation will be appreciated; consider repeating the gesture in the near future if all goes well. Allow your creative side to express itself. Tonight: Have a ball.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You put more pressure on yourself than is necessary. You might not like what is happening around you, but understand that you can't successfully make any long-term changes right now. You can control only yourself and no one else. Tonight: Order your favorite pizza.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ By catching up with neighbors, you'll learn a lot about what is going on in your community. You will feel knowledgeable when you wrap up these conversations. Make an effort to return calls and reach out to friends who have been MIA. Tonight: At a favorite local spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. Some of you will go off on a spending spree if you aren't careful. You might promise yourself not to do this again, yet there appears to be another shopping trip on the horizon. At least keep the tags and receipts. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your magnetism could cause you a lot of trouble. Be careful when handling others' feelings. You might not intend to hurt someone, but with everything that is heading your way, it is likely to happen. You can apologize only so much. Tonight: Watch what goes on around you!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Maintain a low profile. Know that any decisions made or conversations had might need to happen again in the near future. It is as if everyone is elsewhere in their heads, even though they appear to be present. Do something just for you. Tonight: What would make you happy?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Deferring to friends might feel OK right now, but the fact is that you won't make the impression you would like to make. Others could forget about your gesture quickly, and you will have to repeat it in some way. Still, make the effort. Tonight: Where your pals are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might think that you are doing an excellent job assuming the role of leader, and you really could be. However, those you lead might not get your message and head out in different directions. Adjust your style, if need be. Tonight: Catch up on a back-burner project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your mind seems to drift to different realms and other people. You inadvertently could cause yourself a problem, which is the last thing you intend to do. Try to gain a better understanding of a situation when you have some alone time. Tonight: Where there is music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be wondering about a decision you are about to make. More information could be forthcoming in the next 48 hours. Don't push yourself until you are 100 percent sure. Get feedback from someone first. Tonight: Take a loved one to a favorite place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Allow someone else to take the lead. You might complain a little at first, but if you are honest with yourself, you know you don't have the same drive to carry out this matter that he or she does. With so much going on around you, you will feel popular. Tonight: Take a back seat!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your best bet is to isolate yourself from others, especially if you want to do a little of this and a little of that. Others might not understand, and could become critical without realizing it. Thank them for feedback, and hold your tongue. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

BORN TODAY

Former first lady Laura Bush (1946), chef Curtis Stone (1975), actress Kathy Griffin (1960)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 4 2
♥ 9 7 2
♦ J 10 8 6 5
♣ 9 5

WEST
♠ K Q 8 6
♥ K 5 4
♦ K 7
♣ A 7 6 2

EAST
♠ J 10 9 7 5
♥ Q
♦ Q 9 4 3 2
♣ 10 8

SOUTH
♠ 3
♥ A J 10 8 6 3
♦ A
♣ K Q J 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	INT	Pass	2 *
5	1♠	4	4♠
	Dbl	All pass	

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: King of ♣

The normal king of clubs lead would have defeated four spades, but South couldn't be sure of that, so he took his chances at the five-level with his fine hand.

South won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and led a club to the queen and ace. West reverted to spades, ruffed by South. Declarer next cashed the ace of hearts, felling the queen from East, then cashed the king of clubs and ruffed a club in dummy. A heart went to West's king, but declarer drew the outstanding trump when he regained the lead and claimed the balance. Making five hearts, doubled!

West was deep in thought. "Sorry partner," he said. "On second thought, I would have done better to duck my ace of clubs at trick two. Should declarer continue with a high club, I can give you a club ruff. We can succeed even if he cashes the ace of hearts first, drawing your queen, before playing a second high club. Then I can play the king and another trump, preventing the club ruff in dummy. We would get another club eventually."

"Quite right," said East, "but your defense was perfectly reasonable." No wonder East was in great demand as a partner at the club. The defense can also prevail with an original trump lead, but East was too much of a gentleman to point that out.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 See-through kitchen supply
6 Mythical king of the Huns
10 Kitchen spray
13 Flared dress
14 Ancient Greek theater
15 Land in Tocean
16 *Sneaky blow
18 Some kitchen appliances
19 Did a slow burn
20 Passengers in flight, often
22 Cyberspace marketplace
23 Snobbish
24 Chopper
27 Mount Hood's state
29 Prominent periods
30 Keep the censor busy
31 The NBA's Kevin Love, e.g.
34 Alternative to dis?
35 Easy mark ... and a hint to the starts of the answers to starred clues
37 Dressing ingredient
38 High rails
39 Bassoon cousins
40 Vending machine buy
41 "Absolutely!"
43 Kicked off the flight
45 Well-protected
47 Sweater outlet?
48 Island nation near Sicily
49 Get in the game
54 Form 1040 calc.
55 *Peanuts
57 Nickelodeon pooch
58 Spine-tingling
59 Hawaii or Alaska, on many a map
60 Number before quattro
61 Editor's "Let it stand"
62 Hoopster Archibald and rapper Dogg

DOWN

1 Back talk
2 Homecoming guest
3 Affluent, in Andalusia
4 Low socks
5 (If) required
6 Together musically
7 Watch over
8 Director Jean-Godard
9 "Can't wait to eat!"
10 *Place for brooding
11 Watchful
12 Embarrassing, as a situation
14 Nashville attraction
17 Bring up
21 Great Lakes __ Canals
23 10-time All-Pro linebacker Junior
24 Hand over
25 Taken by mouth
26 "'Walkin' After Midnight' singer
27 Young hooter
28 Rules, briefly
30 __ gin fizz
32 Trusted underling
33 Prince who inspired Dracula
35 Loser only to a straight flush
36 Calais clerc
40 "The Bartered Bride" composer
42 Away
43 Former U.K. carrier
44 Mischievous boy
45 Snazzy-looking
46 Ready and willing
47 Love-crazy Le Pew
49 "Absolutely!"
50 Give out
51 Scientific acad.
52 Architectural S-curve
53 Fishing gear
56 Riled (up)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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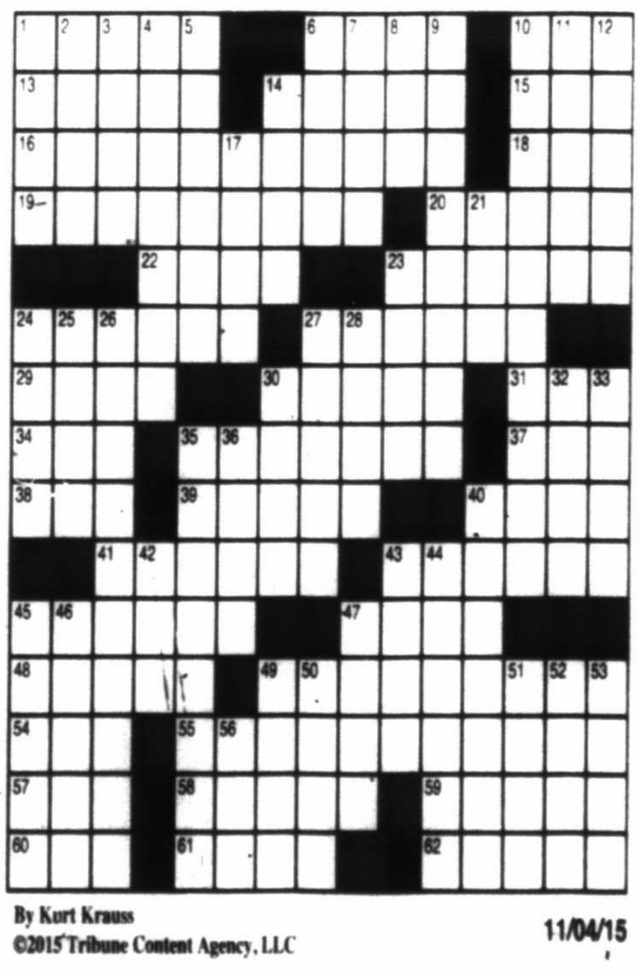

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Women shouldn't mix alcohol and 'the little pink pill' Addyi

ESTHER CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Amid the fanfare over the debut of the "female Viagra," hardly anyone seems to be talking about how its chief contraindication — alcohol consumption — is at odds with our society's seemingly insatiable drive to get women drunk.

Flibanserin, the first FDA-approved drug for treating female sexual dysfunction, became available in the U.S earlier this month. The media have been quick to report that the pink pill — a fitting mate to Viagra's blue tablet — might increase sexual desire in some women who take it. But there has been far less coverage of its risky potential side effects.

To start, flibanserin acts quite differently than its male counterpart. Viagra boosts blood flow in the body while flibanserin, which is being marketed under the name Addyi, is a neurotransmitter drug that affects the central nervous system much like common anti-depression medications. Scientists aren't completely sure why it can increase sexual desire.

Another key difference: its dosage and associated hurdles. To be prescribed flibanserin, a woman must first find a doctor who has received specific training on the drug. She then must locate a pharmacist who has been specially trained to dispense it. Unlike Viagra, flibanserin has to be taken every day, and it can take at least four weeks before a woman notices any change in her level of desire — and another four weeks for the drug to deliver its full effect.

The uncertainties related to taking such a drug might be of real value to women who are diagnosed as having a distressing lack of sexual desire. But several women's health advocates have also been trying to get the word out that the oft-cited statistic that 40 percent of women in America suffer from sexual dysfunction is not accurate. This statistic came from a study with dubious methodology that was financed by Pfizer, the maker of Viagra. Health advocates say that other factors are more often at issue.

Women's lack of lust may be most often attributed to any number of factors, including stress, fatigue, recent childbirth, drug or alcohol use, relationship satisfaction, boredom in the bedroom and emotional or psychological disorders.

"Every woman really needs a thorough assessment," Lori Brotto, an expert on hypoactive sexual-desire disorder, told NPR's "On the Media" back in August when Sprout Pharmaceuticals, the maker of Addyi, got FDA approval. "By and large, most of the studies (about female sexual dysfunction) have pointed to psychosocial, interpersonal, individual factors. ... Women with low desire have three times the rate of depression compared to women with healthy levels of sexual desire."

But the big issue that doesn't get enough attention is Addyi's serious effects when combined with alcohol — in particular, severe low blood pressure that could lead to loss of consciousness.

Jen Gunter, a California-based obstetrician-gynecologist, took the "training" to be able to prescribe Addyi. She recounted on her blog that it consisted of reading 12 PowerPoint slides that boiled down to: "Don't mix Addyi with alcohol. Your patient must promise to not drink alcohol ever on Addyi. You know this medication is dangerous if mixed with alcohol? It is your responsibility to make sure your patient doesn't mix this medication with alcohol."

It's been widely reported that the testing for the safety of flibanserin with alcohol was conducted on 23 men and two women — this for a drug designed only for women. The study took place in the early morning, and researchers found that some of the women couldn't handle drinking the equivalent of a half- to a full bottle of alcohol on an empty stomach within 10 minutes of waking.

Yet alcohol beverage sales are a $174 billion business in the United States. And the pushing of wine, high-octane fruity mixed drinks and low-cal beer on women is a big growth market for beverage distributors as well as for restaurants and bars.

Some 5.8 million women in the U.S. are estimated to have an alcohol-use disorder, and alcohol-related deaths are the third-leading preventable cause of death in the U.S., taking the lives of approximately 26,000 women annually.

Junk science says that drinking one glass of red wine has the equivalent benefit to your well-being as an hour at the gym, and social media glorify this factoid along with seemingly endless memes about women's obsession with wine at the end of the day, with friends or during a romantic date.

But be forewarned: Our society's ease with turning life's travails over to pretty little pills and a drink will not end happily.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Clemson, LSU, Ohio State, Alabama top rankings

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Clemson, LSU, Ohio State and Alabama are the top four teams in the first College Football Playoff selection committee rankings of the season.

Notre Dame was fifth and Baylor was sixth on Tuesday night.

Clemson, LSU and Ohio State are among 11 unbeaten teams in FBS, nearly quadruple the number there was last season when the committee started ranking teams. Alabama and Notre Dame each have one loss.

Last year the top four teams in the first playoff rankings were Mississippi State, Florida State, Auburn and Mississippi. Only the Seminoles reached the playoff. Ohio State, the eventual national champion, was 16th in the first rankings.

Takeaways from the first playoff rankings.

Lovin' 'Bama

The committee really warmed up to the Crimson Tide.

Alabama lost to Mississippi in September and then Florida pounded Ole Miss in Gainesville. But the Tide landed in playoff position, while Florida was 10th and Ole Miss was 18th.

"Alabama from our point of view had a stronger schedule in the games they have won," said selection committee chairman Jeff Long, the athletic director at Arkansas. "They have three wins against teams with better than .500 records. They're close even though they may be separated by a number of ranking spots."

If you think Alabama is positioned to simply win out and get in the playoff, think again.

Ole Miss is still in control of the SEC West race, so Alabama will need the Rebels to lose just to reach the SEC championship game. At 11-1 with no conference championship, Alabama is likely to get jumped by teams that do win conference titles, including whichever team wins the SEC.

The committee is told to emphasize

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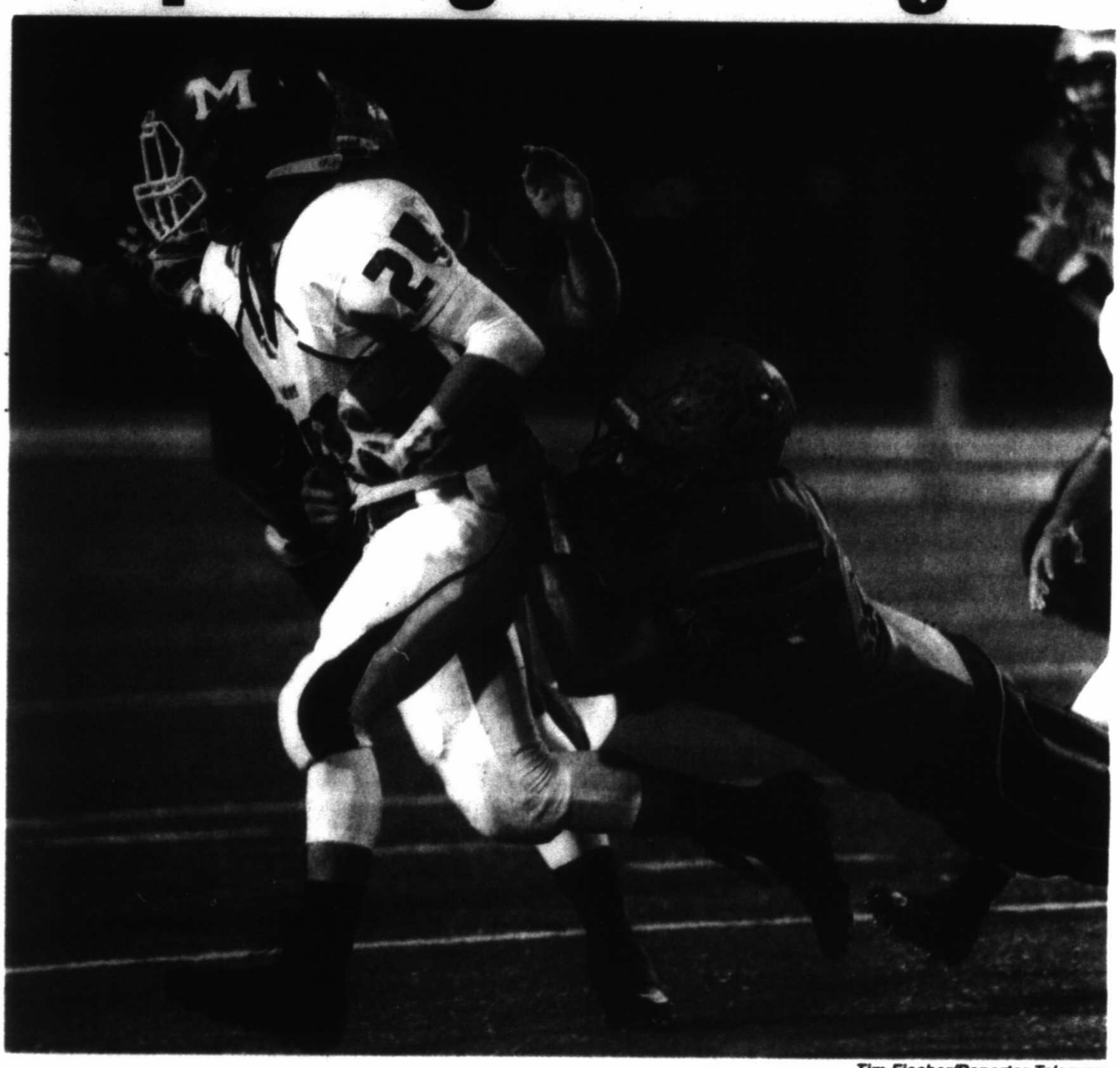
Improving on strengths



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Monahans' Maurilio Marquez looks for more yards as Greenwood's Fabian Madrid holds on Friday at Purser Field.

Amid offensive woes, Rangers' defense shines

By Oscar LeRoy
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GREENWOOD REPORT

As the Greenwood offense looks to find more consistency, the Rangers are liking the way the defense has improved throughout the season.

It was tough to for the offense to get anything going against a strong Monahans defense in a 34-7 loss last Friday night, but the Rangers' defense held its own for most of the game.

That was evident, especially in the first quarter when the Rangers and Loboes played a scoreless 12 minutes. It wasn't until the middle of the second quarter when the Loboes broke through with the first touchdown of the game. After Monahans took a 13-0 lead at the half, the Loboes didn't get into the end zone again until late in the third quarter.

That performance by the defense has to give the Rangers encouragement as they gear up for the playoffs.

"They're doing a great job of stopping people," Greenwood coach Shad Hanna said. "We really need our defense to be playing well right now and that's what they're doing. They're being physical, they tackle well, they are playing great run defense, playing great pass defense. That is what we're going to need to keep

Please see **RANGERS**/3C

Cowboys' strategy takes hit with dumping of Randle

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Jerry Jones has the built-in excuse of injuries to Tony Romo and Dez Bryant if the Dallas Cowboys don't defend their NFC East title.

The owner and general manager also has some personnel decisions to defend with Dallas stuck in a five-game losing streak, and the biggest one of the offseason took a hit Tuesday when running back Joseph Randle was waived.

Randle was the choice to replace DeMarco Murray after last year's NFL rushing champion picked Philadelphia in free agency. The third-year back was spotty at best, and suddenly was out last week because of personal issues. The Cowboys said they were cutting him so he could focus on the unspecified problems.

Dallas (2-5) is on the second quarterback trying to fill in for Romo in Matt Cassel. The team is on its second starter trying to replace Murray in Darren McFadden, who signed as a free agent a day after Murray's departure.

And the Cowboys are still looking for the first win since Romo broke his left collarbone in Week 2 against the Eagles (3-4), the opponent Sunday night at home. Bryant returned last week after missing five games with a broken right foot.

"When Tony went down, Dez went down, the expectation was we wouldn't be sitting here with five losses, but that's the real world," Jones said. "That's where we are. We've played hard. Our

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TCU now looking more like a Gary Patterson defense

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU is finally starting to resemble a Gary Patterson defense again.

After so many injuries to key players and using 16 first-time starters, the fifth-ranked Horned Frogs have allowed only one touchdown in the past seven quarters. Their last four opponents have scored a combined 17 points after halftime.

Patterson

"We're just playing faster, not thinking as much," said Patterson, who still runs TCU's 4-2-5 scheme like he did as defensive coordinator before becoming head coach 15 years ago.

The improvement comes at the right time with the playoff-contending Frogs (8-0, 5-0 Big 12) heading into their toughest stretch of the season. They play Saturday at 12th-ranked Oklahoma State (8-0, 5-0), and still have games left against the Big 12's other ranked championship contenders — 14th-ranked Oklahoma and second-ranked Baylor.

"Now that we've got guys back every week, we've played a little bit better, and I expect them to keep doing that as we go along, even though the competition is going to get tough," Patterson said. "That's what you have to do if you want to try to win a championship."

The Frogs are coming off a 40-10 win over West Virginia, which was held to 327 total yards after an FBS-best streak of 27 consecutive games with at least 350 yards. The Mountaineers have been held to fewer points in a Big 12 game only once in their four seasons in the league.

Starting seniors Davion Pierson and Mike Tuaua have been back on the right side of the defensive line the past four games after both missed three games.

Pierson is the Frogs' most experienced TCU starter with 35 career starts, 10 more than senior safety Derrick Kindred, the only returning starter from last year's defense who didn't graduate, leave for the NFL draft or get sidelined by injury. Pierson was out early because of a concussion and recurring symptoms.

"Like a spark, he comes back with all this energy, his craziness. We just feed of him, great to have him back," defensive tackle Aaron Curry said of Pierson. "He has this energy about him that everybody feeds off."

Curry, not counted among the 16 first-time starters, started eight games at Nebraska in 2013 before transferring to TCU and sitting out last season.

Patterson had never started a freshman linebacker in his 15 seasons as head coach until this season, and he's now used two of them. Mike Freeze started the opener before leaving the program for personal reasons, and Montrel Wilson started the last seven games though he is uncertain for Saturday after injuring his shoulder against WVU.

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Ohio at Bowling Green, 7 p.m., ESPN2

GOLF
WGC-HSBC Champions, 1st Round, 9 p.m., GOLF

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Champions: Bayern Munich vs Arsenal, 1:45 p.m., FS1/ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: Barcelona vs BATE Borisov, 1:45 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions: Chelsea vs Dynamo Kiev, 1:45 p.m., FSN (FSSW/FSSW+)
UEFA Champions: AS Roma vs Bayer Leverkusen, 1:45 p.m., ESPN2/FXDEP
Multimatch 90, 1:45 p.m., FSP
Copa MX Grand Final: Leon vs Guadalajara, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP/UDN

NBA
San Antonio at Washington, 6 p.m., FSSWSA
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m., ESPN
LA Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
St. Louis at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS
ATP: BNP Paribas Masters, 3:30 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Exhibition: Southwestern Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSW+/FCSA

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Baylor at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., FSSW/FCSC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
SEC Quarterfinal: Missouri vs Kentucky/LSU winner, Noon, SEC
SEC Quarterfinal: Texas A&M vs Ole Miss, 2:30 p.m., SEC
SEC Quarterfinal: Florida vs Georgia/Vanderbilt winner, 5 p.m., SEC
SEC Quarterfinal: South Carolina vs Auburn, 7:30 p.m., SEC

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Colorado at UCLA, 9:30 p.m., P12

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at Trinidad State College, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLL

Men

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason 2015-16 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final 2014-15 records, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1 North Carolina (35)	26-12	1,566	15
2 Kentucky (10)	38-1	1,520	1
3 Maryland (14)	28-7	1,481	12
4 Kansas (5)	27-9	1,410	10
5 Duke	35-4	1,350	4
6 Virginia (1)	30-4	1,147	6
7 Iowa St	25-9	1,105	9
8 Oklahoma	24-11	1,088	13
9 Gonzaga	35-3	1,047	7
10 Wichita St	30-5	1,032	14
11 Villanova	33-3	1,013	2
12 Arizona	34-4	917	5
13 Michigan St	27-12	838	23
14 California	18-15	757	
15 Indiana	20-14	755	
16 Utah	26-9	499	19
17 Wisconsin	36-4	433	3
18 Vanderbilt	21-14	393	
19 Notre Dame	32-6	360	8
20 UConn	20-15	307	
21 LSU	22-11	296	
22 Baylor	**24-10**	**265**	**16**
23 Purdue	21-13	236	
24 Butler	23-11	223	24
25 Michigan	16-16	126	

Others receiving votes: Oregon 116, SMU 112, West Virginia 84, Texas A&M 72, Cincinnati 63, Miami 48, Louisville 46, Georgetown 23, NC State 19, Florida St 18, Texas 18, Rhode Island 17, Dayton 12, Xavier 12, Providence 10, Iowa 8, BYU 5, Valparaiso 5, Boise St 4, Old Dominion 3, Oklahoma St 2, San Diego St 2, UCLA 2, Cent Michigan 1, Iona 1, UC Irvine 1, Yale 1

Women

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press preseason 2015-16 women's college basketball poll, with first place votes in parentheses, 2014-15 final records, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last year's final ranking

	Record	Pts	Prv
1 UConn (32)	38-1	800	1
2 South Carolina	34-3	758	3
3 Notre Dame	36-3	714	2
4 Tennessee	30-6	711	6
5 Baylor	**33-4**	**672**	**5**
6 Ohio St	24-11	570	23
7 Florida St	32-5	551	7
8 Louisville	27-7	541	8
9 Maryland	34-3	536	4
10 Oregon St	27-5	518	10
11 Mississippi St	27-7	465	12
12 Texas	**24-11**	**499**	—
13 Texas A&M	**23-10**	**397**	**21**
14 Duke	23-11	392	16
15 Arizona St	29-6	347	9
16 Stanford	26-10	338	14
17 Oklahoma	21-12	264	
18 Kentucky	24-10	241	11
19 Northwestern	23-9	209	22
20 South Florida	27-8	202	25
21 George Washington	29-4	171	19
22 North Carolina	26-9	94	15
23 Syracuse	22-10	74	
24 Michigan St	16-15	61	
25 Chattanooga	29-4	60	17

Others receiving votes: Princeton 58, DePaul 45, Florida Gulf Coast 37, Rutgers 34, Iowa 17, California 14, Dayton 13, Arkansas 8, W. Kentucky 6, Vanderbilt 5, Iowa St 4, UCLA 4, West Virginia 4, Missouri 3, Gonzaga 2, Miami 1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Suspended Atlanta RHP Steve Borkowski (Danville Appalachian) 68 games after testing positive for a metabolite of Stanozolol. Chicago Cubs OF Adron Chambers (Iowa PCL) 50 games following a second positive test for a drug of abuse and San Francisco RHP Alvaro Diaz (Rookie) 25 games following a violation all under the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Exercised their 2016 contract option on RHP Clay Buchholz.

DETROIT TIGERS — Selected the contract of RHP Justin Celoda from Toledo (IL). Declined the 2016 contract option on RHP Joe Nathan, making him a free agent.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Declined the option on the contract of RHP Chad Qualls.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated RHPs Miguel Almonte, Louis Coleman, Jeremy Guthrie, Greg Holland and Michael Mariot. LHP Scott Alexander, C Francisco Pena, 2B Omar Infante, SS Orlando Calixte, 3B Chesior Cuthbert and OF's Lane Adams, Jorge Bonifacio, Reymond Fuentes, Jonny Gomes and Terrance Gore.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Promoted Dave Hansen to hitting coach and Paul Sorrento to assistant hitting coach. MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated LHP Logan Darnell and RHP Ryan Pressly from the 60-day DL. Named Dustin Morse senior director communications and Chris Iles senior director content. Announced the resignation of senior director corporate communications and broadcast Kevin Smith.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated RHP Chris Martin. Announced INF Brendan Ryan exercised his player option for the 2016 season. Declined their 2016 club option on RHP Andrew Bailey, making him a free agent.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Announced RHP Dan Otero will be claimed off waivers by Philadelphia. Sent C Carson Blair outright to Nashville (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reinstated 2B Macier Izturis and OF Michael Saunders from the 60-day DL. Exercised the 2016 contract options on OF Jose Bautista, 1B-DH Edwin Encarnacion and RHP R.A. Dickey. Declined their 2016 club option on INF Macier Izturis.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with 3B Randy Fredenico on a minor league contract. Exercised their 2016 contract options on RHPs Brad Ziegler and Josh Collmenter.

ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed WR C.J. Goodwin to practice squad. Released WR LaRon Byrd from practice squad.

CINCINNATI REDS — Reinstated C Devin Mesoraco from the 60-day DL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Assigned C Juan Centeno, 1B Matt Clark, RHP Johnny Hellweg, LHP Cesar Jimenez and OF Logan Schafer outright to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated RHPs Michael Blazek and Jimmy Nelson from the 60-day DL.

NEW YORK METS — Reinstated Cs Johnny Monell and Anthony Recker, LHP Dario Alvarez, 3B Eric Campbell, 2B Dilson Herrera, SSs Matt Reynolds and Ruben Tejada, OF LF Eric Young Jr. and RHPs Erik Goeddel, Akeel Morris, Carlos Torres, Logan Verrett and Gabriel Ynoa.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Reinstated SS Cesar Hernandez and LHPs Elvis Araujo, Matt Harrison, Mario Hollands and Cliff Lee from the 60-day DL.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Reinstated RHP Carlos Martinez from the 60-day DL.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Exercised a club option on the contract for RHP Joaquin Benoit. Declined to pick up a club option on the contract for INF Clint Barmes.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Reinstated 2B Joe Panik, OF Juan Perez and Cs Hector Sanchez and Andrew Susac from the 60-day DL.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Named Dusty Baker manager.

American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Traded INF Juan Martinez, 1B Rene Leveret and OF Dexter Kjerstad to Lincoln for cash.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded LHP Chuck Fontana to Florence to complete an earlier trade.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released C Mitch Canham. RHP Jesse Smith, LHP Moises Melendez and INF Jeremy Markham.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Exercised the 2016 contract option on LHP Joe Becher.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed INF Anthony Phillips.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Exercised the 2016 contract option on LHP Frankie Reed.

Frontier League

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Will Schierholz to a contract extension. Signed RHP Chris DeBoo.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Sent RHP Shane Street to the Washington Wild Things to complete a previous trade. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Received INF Derrick Barra from the Amarillo Thunderheads of the American Association to complete a previous trade.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Saint Francisco DL Kaleb Ramsey four games for violations of the league's substance abuse policy.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released RB Miquel Maysonet from the practice squad.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived RB Joseph Randle.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed C Eric Kush. Signed RB Akeem Hunt to the practice squad. Placed C Greg Mancz on injured reserve. Released RB Daryl Richardson from the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Fired offensive coordinator Pep Hamilton. Named Rob Chudzinski offensive coordinator.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed DE Cameron Wake on injured reserve. Released CB Trovon Reed from the practice squad. Signed OT John Ulrick. Signed LB Terrell Manning and DB Gary Sharrieff to the practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Re-signed RB Kyle Hightower and WR T.J. Graham. Cut FB Austin Johnson and DB Akeem Davis.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed RB Isaiah Pead.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Placed WR Keenan Allen, RB Branden Oliver and LB Tourek Williams on injured reserve. Signed WR Javontee Herndon and CB Greg Ducre from the practice squad. Signed C J.D. Walton. Released WR-KR Jacoby Jones.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed RB Pierre Thomas. Placed RB Reggie Bush on injured reserve. Signed CB Chris Davis to the practice squad.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed OT Reid Fragel and DT Clinton McDonald on injured reserve. Released LB Julian Stanford from the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Fired coach Ken Whisenhunt. Named assistant head coach/tight ends coach Mike Mularkey interim head coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Assigned RW Tim Jackman to San Diego (AHL). Recalled LW Max Friberg from San Diego.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Named Mitchell Ziets arena consultant.

American Hockey League

SPRINGFIELD FALCONS — Announced F Michael Bunting was assigned to the team. Signed Q Keith Aulie to a professional tryout contract.

ECHL

ECHL — Suspended Greenville's Mehael Kantor four games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Nov. 1 game against Florida.

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Loaned F Dank Angelo to Portland (AHL).

MOTORSPORTS

NASCAR — Suspended Matt Kenseth two races and placed him on probation six months for intentionally wrecking Joey Logano in an act of retaliation during a Nov. 1 race at Martinsville Speedway. Fined Danica Patrick $50,000 after she wrecked David Gilliland as payback for an earlier incident in the same race.

COLLEGE

CLEMSON — Announced men's junior basketball G Austin Ajukwa will transfer.

UNLV — Suspended men's junior basketball G Daquan Cook for 13 games following a DUI arrest.

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MCS falls to Lubbock Trinity in playoffs

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Lubbock Trinity volleyball team continued its dominance over Midland Christian with a 25-16, 25-16, 25-19 victory in a TAPPS 4A area round playoff match at Trinity Christian High School.

Trinity (34-3-1), the TAPPS 1-4A champion, defeated Midland Christian in all three meetings this year.

MCS finishes the year at 27-14-1. The Lady Mustangs were led by Emma Holder with nine kills, Kenzie Pullen had 13 digs and Savana Walker added 32 assists and three blocks.

LUBBOCK TRINITY DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 25-16, 25-16, 25-19-
MCS statistics

Kills — Emma Holder 9, Kendal Pullen 6, Baylie Weaver 4, Megan Ashton 3, Savana Walker 3, Meagan Thomason 1
Digs — Pullen 13, Ashton 13, Weaver 12, Sydney Wilson 10, Walker 9, Whitney Newman 7, Holder 3, Thomason 1, Makenzie Mondrington 1
Assists — Walker 32, Weaver 1, Whitney Newman 1
Blocks — Walker 3, Holder 2, Ashton 1, Weaver 1, Thomason 1
Records: Midland Christian 27-14-1. Lubbock Trinity 34-3-1
Next: Lubbock Trinity vs. Austin Hyde Park, state quarterfinal; Midland Christian's season is complete

MHS playoff pairing

The Midland High volleyball team will play Amarillo High in a Class 6A area round playoff match at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Lubbock's Monterey High School.

MHS (22-14) got a straight set victory over North Crowley on Monday, 29-27, 25-15, 25-21, while Amarillo (34-7) also got a straight set victory over El Paso Eastwood on Monday.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students. District passes will be accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS

UIL State Volleyball Playoffs
Region I
Class 6A
Bi-district

Arlington Lamar (40-6, W4) def. Odessa Permian, 3-0
El Paso Franklin (34-9, R1) def. Lubbock Coronado (17-8, T2), 3-0
Arlington (24-21, F4) def. Abilene High 3-1
Amarillo Tascosa (11-11, R2) def. El Paso El Dorado3-1
Colleyville Heritage (21-22, F7) def. South Grand Prairie (10-15 W8), 3-0
McKinney Boyd (23-12, T6) def. Keller Central, 3-0
Southlake Carroll (40-3, W7) def. DeSoto, 3-0
Allen (38-5, R6) def. Keller, 3-0
Amarillo High (34-7, W2) def. El Paso Eastwood, 3-0

Midland High (22-14, R3) def. North Crowley, 3-0
El Paso Coronado (28-6, W1) def. Wolfforth Frenship, 3-0
San Angelo Central (27-14, T3) def. Arlington Martin, 3-2
Hebron (37-5, W6) def. Trophy Club Byron Nelson, 3-0
Coppell (32-10, R7) vs. Mansfield (T8), late
Plano (32-9, F8) def. Denton Guyer, 3-1
Midlothian (27-15, R8) def. Euless Trinity 3-2

Class 4A
Bi-district

Monahans (W4) def. Clint Mountain View (F3), 3-0
Borger (R1, 25-16) def. Snyder, 3-0
Fort Stockton (F4) def. Fabens (W3, 14-17)
Pampa (T1) def. Sweetwater, 3-2
Decatur (W8, 20-19) def. Alvarado, 3-0
Graham (T6) def. Burkburnett (R5), 3-1
Kennedale (W7, 30-13) def. Bridgeport, 3-0
Abilene Wylie (R6, 16-15) def. Iowa Park, 3-0
Levelland (W2, 16-7) def. Dalhart (F1), 3-1
Andrews (T4) def. Clint (R3), 3-0
Bushland (W1, 35-6) def. Big Spring, 3-0
Seminole (R4, 11-11) def. San Elizario, 3-0
Stephenville (W6, 25-18) def. Wichita Falls Hirschi, 3-0
Godley (R7, 28-11) def. Castleberry, 3-0
Vernon (W5, 18-9) def. Brownwood, 3-0
Springtown (R8, 20-14) vs. Midlothian Heritage (T7, 24-11), late

Class 1A
Bi-district

Alpine (W4) def. Brownfield, 3-0
Sanford-Fritch (R1, 21-9-2) def. Dimmitt, 3-0
Denver City (W3, 35-5) vs. Kermit (F4), late
Tulia (R2, 13-8-1) vs. Childress (T1), late
Breckenridge (W8) def. Early, 3-0
Crane (R5) def. San Angelo Grape Creek, 3-2
Dublin (W7) def. Eastland (F8), 3-0
Sonora (R6, 15-8) def. Reagan County (T5), 3-0
Friona (W2) vs. Amarillo River Road (F1), TBA
Shallowater (R3) vs. Presidio (T4), late
Littlefield (F2, 11-14) def. Highland Park, 3-0
Kermit (R4) vs. Post (T3, 5-10), late
Wall (W8, 31-11) def. Coahoma (F8), 3-0
Bangs (R7) def. Clyde (T8, 25-15), 3-1
Colorado City (W5) def. San Angelo Texas Leadership Charter Academy, 3-0
Jim Ned (R8) def. Comanche (T7), 3-0

NBA ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RAPTORS 102
MAVERICKS 91

DALLAS — Kyle Lowry scored 27 points, and the Toronto Raptors spoiled the home opener in Dallas, beating the Mavericks 102-91 on Tuesday night for the first 4-0 start in franchise history.

The Raptors took the lead for good on a 12-0 run that started in the middle of the fourth quarter. Jonas Valanciunas had six of his 16 points during the decisive stretch.

The Mavericks went almost 4 minutes without a basket after Dirk Nowitzki hit a 3-pointer for an 86-82 lead. Nowitzki finished with 18 points.

DeMar DeRozan scored 20 points, and Luis Scola had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who had opened with three straight wins two other times in their first 20 seasons.

MAGIC 103
PELICANS 94

NEW ORLEANS — Evan Fournier capped a career-high, 30-point performance with a pair of 3-pointers in the final 1:13 and the Orlando Magic won for the first time this season, 103-94 over the winless New Orleans Pelicans on Tuesday night.

Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Victor Oladipo added 12 points for the Magic, who, like the Pelicans, entered the contest at 0-3.

Eric Gordon had 21 points for New Orleans, which trimmed an 18-point, first-half deficit to 95-90 with 2:46 to go. Then Fournier helped Orlando put it away.

Anthony Davis, Jrue Holiday and Ryan Anderson each scored 14 for the injury-plagued Pelicans, who've given up more than 100 points in all four losses under new coach Alvin Gentry. New Orleans also shot poorly, hitting just 36.6 percent (32 of 90).

Fournier made 12 of 20 shots. When he hit his fourth and final 3 with 39 seconds left, he let out a roar as he jogged back toward the Orlando defensive end.

HAWKS 98
HEAT 92

MIAMI — Mike Budenholzer was staring down at his erasable whiteboard, drawing up a play with just under 9 seconds remaining as his Atlanta Hawks held a four-point lead.

He was still scribbling as his team walked away.

By now, the Hawks know how to finish off close games.

Jeff Teague used his speed to break down the Miami defense time and again on his way to 26 points and nine assists, Al Horford scored 17 points and the Hawks wasted most of a 15-point lead before topping the Miami Heat 98-92 on Tuesday night.

HORNETS 130
BULLS 105

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeremy Lamb began paying dividends for the Charlotte Hornets one day after signing a three-year, $21 million contract extension.

Lamb scored 20 points on 9-of-10 shooting from the field in a 130-105 rout of the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

The always-witty coach Steve Clifford was quick to claim credit for the move.

"I said, 'Listen, this guy is going to go 9 for 10 most nights — if we don't pay him now it's a mistake,'" Clifford said, drawing laughs from reporters.

PACERS 94
PISTONS 82

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Rodney Stuckey scored 23 points against his former team, Paul George added 16 points and nine rebounds and the Indiana Pacers beat the Detroit Pistons 94-82 on Tuesday night for their first victory.

The Pistons fell to 3-1.

Andre Drummond had 25 points and a career-high 29 rebounds, becoming the first Piston with back-to-back 20/20 games since at least 1985, according to STATS. Reggie Jackson added 20 points.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	4	0	1.000	—
New York	2	2	.500	2
Boston	1	2	.333	2½
Philadelphia	0	3	.000	3½
Brooklyn	0	4	.000	4
Southeast Division				
Atlanta	4	1	.800	—
Washington	2	1	.667	1
Miami	2	2	.500	1½
Orlando	1	3	.250	2½
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2½
Central Division				
Detroit	3	1	.750	—
Cleveland	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	½
Indiana	1	3	.250	2
Milwaukee	1	3	.250	2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	3	1	.750	—
Dallas	2	2	.500	1
Memphis	2	2	.500	1
Houston	1	3	.250	2
New Orleans	0	4	.000	3
Northwest Division				
Oklahoma City	3	1	.750	—
Minnesota	2	1	.667	½
Utah	2	1	.667	½
Portland	2	2	.500	1
Denver	2	3	.333	1½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	4	0	1.000	—
Golden State	4	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	2	2	.500	2
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2½
L.A. Lakers	0	3	.000	3½

Tuesday's scores

Charlotte 130, Chicago 105
Atlanta 98, Miami 92
Indiana 94, Detroit 82
Orlando 103, New Orleans 94
Toronto 102, Dallas 91
Memphis at Sacramento, late
Denver at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's games

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Seguin leads Stars to 5-3 win at Boston

By Doug Alden
Associated Press

BOSTON — Tyler Seguin scored three goals against his former team as the Dallas Stars beat the Boston Bruins 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Jyrki Jokipakka scored his first NHL goal and Alex Goligoski scored his first of the season for the Stars, who ended Boston's four-game winning streak despite being outshot 39-19.

Jason Spezza and John Klingberg had two assists each for the Stars and Kari Lehtonen finished with 36 saves.

Boston, unbeaten on the road, has yet to win consecutive games at home this season.

Loui Eriksson scored twice for Boston, cutting Dallas' lead to 5-3 with 2:15 left to play.

Boston's Colin Miller scored his first career goal and Torey Krug had two assists.

Tuukka Rask had an ugly night in the net, allowing five goals on just 19 shots and was mocked by Boston fans when he made an easy stop late in the game.

Boston lost center Chris Kelly 1:40 into the game with a broken leg.

Seguin's seventh career hat trick was his sixth with the Stars, who picked him up in a trade with Boston in the summer of 2013. The Bruins selected him in the first round of the 2010 draft.

Seguin, who put Dallas up 1-0 5:46 into the game, tied it at 2-all with a power-play goal 4:37 into the second on a slap shot from the left circle. Bruins fans booed both goals by Seguin, who added his third on a one-timer 1:18 into the third period that put the Stars up 4-2.

Notes: Kelly grabbed his left leg after going down in front of the Bruins' bench and stayed down on the ice for several minutes before being helped to the locker room. Boston GM Don Sweeney said in a release that the leg was broken and Kelly would have surgery today. ... Dallas D Devin Shore made his NHL debut. ... Seguin extended his points streak to six games.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
Montreal	14	11	2	1	23	51	26
Ottawa	12	6	4	2	14	37	37
Tampa Bay	14	6	6	2	14	34	36
Boston	11	6	4	1	13	42	36
Detroit	12	6	5	1	13	30	31
Florida	11	5	4	2	12	32	23
Buffalo	12	5	7	0	10	28	35
Toronto	11	2	7	2	6	24	36
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	12	8	2	2	18	36	23
N.Y. Islanders	13	7	3	3	17	38	31
Washington	11	8	3	0	16	36	28
Pittsburgh	11	7	4	0	14	24	20
New Jersey	12	6	5	1	13	29	31
Philadelphia	11	4	5	2	10	22	33
Carolina	12	5	7	0	10	26	34
Columbus	12	2	10	0	4	25	46
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	13	10	3	0	20	46	37
St. Louis	12	8	3	1	17	30	26
Minnesota	11	7	2	2	16	35	32
Nashville	11	7	2	2	16	32	25
Winnipeg	12	7	4	1	15	36	33
Chicago	12	7	5	0	14	28	26
Colorado	11	3	7	1	7	27	33
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	12	8	4	0	16	29	25
Vancouver	12	6	2	4	16	36	26
San Jose	11	6	5	0	12	31	28
Arizona	11	5	5	1	11	30	32
Edmonton	12	4	8	0	8	32	39
Calgary	12	3	8	1	7	27	50
Anaheim	11	2	7	2	6	14	29

NOTE: Two points for a win; one point for overtime loss.

Tuesday's scores

Dallas 5, Boston 3
N.Y. Islanders 2, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Washington 2
Ottawa 2, Montreal 1, OT
Detroit 2, Tampa Bay 1
Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 0
Calgary at Colorado, late
Philadelphia at Edmonton, late
Columbus at San Jose, late

Today's games

Winnipeg at Toronto, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Florida at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Forsan enjoying first district title in 29 years

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"It's great for the younger guys and even the kids in junior high to be able to see the excitement of the team and the community as well."

Jason Phillips, Forsan head coach

It had been 29 years since the Forsan football team last won a district title.

Ronald Reagan was the president, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg was only 2 years old, and the New York Mets won the World Series in 1986 when the Buffaloes last experienced the joy of winning a district title.

Phillips

So it was easy to understand why the Buffaloes were in total jubilation after beating Christoval 39-25 last Friday night to win the District 3-2A Division crown.

"It was amazing, a long time coming," Forsan coach Jason Phillips said. "It's a testament to all the hard work the kids have put over the last several years. It's huge, and we don't want to wait 30 years for the next one."

Phillips added that the district title should be a big stepping stone for a program that has had only seven winning seasons since '86.

"It's great for the younger guys and even the kids in junior high to be able to see the excitement of the team and the community as well," Phillips said.

As for the game, Phillips said his team started off slow as Christoval took a 10-7 lead after the first quarter. But after the Buffaloes made adjustments, they were able to slow down Christoval and put some points on the board. The Buffaloes also got a big night from MRT's Area Player of the Week Tearell McVae, who rushed for 204 yards and four touchdowns.

The Buffaloes (8-2, 4-0) have the week off before beginning the Class 2A Division I playoffs.

BIG GAME IN GARDEN CITY: Garden City and Rankin have sewn up playoff spots, so now the only business both teams need to take care of is playing to decide the District 5-1A Division I title.

Potts

The No. 8-ranked Bearkats (8-1, 2-0) host the Red Devils (4-5, 2-0) at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for the title. The game was moved up a day because some football players are participating in the state cross country meet in Round Rock on Saturday.

"It's a big game, it's for the district championship against a rival, so it's exactly what you would expect," Garden City coach Jeff Jones said.

During the first half of the year, it didn't look like the Red Devils would even be in a position for a playoff spot, let alone a district title as they struggled and started the year with a 1-5 record.

But the Red Devils improved throughout the season under first-year head coach Pat Potts and seem to be playing some of their best football of the year at the right time.

"It's great to see the improvement," said Potts, whose team is coming off 28-22 win over Marfa. "The kids have finally realized that hard work and effort is getting them to where they want to be. With me being new coach, getting the kids learn and buy into a new system took a little time."

Garden City is still dealing with a few injuries, but the Bearkats got a boost in the 76-31 win over Fort Davis with the return of running back Riley Eggemeyer, who had missed the majority of the season with a broken collarbone.

"It was great to have him back," Jones said. "With a couple of injuries we had, we had to play him a lot on defense, as well. But after standing on the sidelines all this time, he's happy to be back."

ANDREWS, CLINT MEET WITH TITLE ON LINE: For the second straight season, the District 2-4A Division I title will come down to a game between Andrews and Clint as the Mustangs will host the Lions at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Last year the teams met in Clint for the title but Andrews ran away with a 49-6 victory.

Clint (6-3, 3-0) is coming off a 42-7 win over San Elizario, while Andrews (8-1, 3-0) rolled past Fabens 46-14.

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said, judging by what he's seen in practices, the Mustangs are in good shape heading into the big district game and the postseason.

"We seem to be on the upswing," Mason said. "Our practices have been a little more upbeat, and we're getting better."

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RANGERS

From 1C

"We were playing outside of ourselves and were trying to do other jobs instead doing what he had been coached. It was a big game, and I think everybody was trying too hard."

Shad Hanna, Greenwood head coach

us playing a while."

Hanna said there have been a few factors on why the defense is playing well at this time of year.

For one, the defense has stayed relatively healthy. Unlike last season, when the Rangers' coaching staff had to constantly change personnel because of injuries, they have pretty much kept the same group together for most of the season.

The Rangers returned six starters off last year's defense, but they also had players who have gained valuable experience not only last year, but over the last two years. Hanna said that experience is helping the team succeed on defense.

Hanna added that the defensive line, which wasn't considered a strength at the beginning of the season, has been a pleasant surprise as the players on that unit has shown more speed than expected.

The Rangers (5-4, 2-2 in District 2-4A Division I) will need that defense to step up at Pecos (5-4, 2-2) on Friday night, as the game that will determine the No. 3 seed out of the district. The Eagles are averaging 37.5 points per game in district, compared to the Rangers, who are averaging just 25 points per game.

LACK OF CONSISTENCY HURTS RANGERS: Hanna said after watching the game video of the game against Monahans, it was evident that the Rangers were not consistent with what they were doing.

Greenwood was held to 206 total yards against the Loboes.

"We were playing outside of ourselves and were trying to do other jobs instead doing what he had been coached," Hanna said. "It was a big game, and I think everybody was trying too hard."

RANGER NOTES: Hanna said the team is 100 percent healthy for the first time this season after the return of WR/DB Hunter Wigington from injury. Senior WR Eric Rojas tied the school's single-season touchdown record with seven with his TD catch late in the fourth quarter against Monahans. Rojas is tied with Colin Sullivan, Jimmy Brooks and Randy Donnell for the single-season record.

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2015 GREENWOOD STATISTICS
(5-4, 2-2)

Opponents	60	69	55	58	0	242
Greenwood	69	82	52	61	3	267

RUSHING

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	TD
Totals	323	1,805	5.6	27

PASSING

Player	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD
Totals	116	222	3	1,548	10

RECEIVING

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Totals	113	1,548	13.7	12

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
Totals	39	24	3	1	1	267

LONE STAR VARSITY POLL

Lone Star Varsity High School Football Poll: Week 10

Here are results of a weekly poll to determine the top 10 West Texas high school football teams in each classification, voted on by sports reporters in Lubbock, Amarillo, Odessa, Midland, San Angelo and Abilene. The rankings will be released each Wednesday in print and online.

CLASS 6A
1. Odessa Permian (10)
2. San Angelo Central
3. Amarillo High
4. Abilene High
5. Amarillo Tascosa
6. Wolfforth Frenship
7. Lee
8. Lubbock Monterey
9. Midland High
10. Lubbock Coronado

CLASS 5A
1. Lubbock Cooper (7)
2. Canyon Randall (2)
3. Canyon (1)
4. Abilene Cooper
5. Dumas
6. Plainview
7. Amarillo Caprock
8. Hereford
9. Amarillo Palo Duro
10. San Angelo Lake View

CLASS 4A
1. Sweetwater (9)
2. Abilene Wylie (1)
3. Brownwood
4. Andrews
5. Monahans
6. Snyder
7. Greenwood
8. Levelland
9. Bushland
10. Big Spring

CLASS 3A
1. Wall (10)
2. Post
3. Cisco
4. Idalou
5. Muleshoe
6. Brownfield
7. Spearman
8. Eastland
9. Shallowater
10. Ballinger

CLASS 2A
1. Canadian (10)
2. Seagraves
3. Albany
4. Stratford
5. Iraan
6. New Deal
7. Crosbyton
8. Vega
9. Abernathy
10. Hawley

Ten voters participated this week: Bryan Navarette (Lubbock Avalanche Journal); Carlos Silva Jr. (WreckEm247); Rob Verby (Fox 34); Lance Lahnert and Lee Passmore (Amarillo Globe News); Chris Hadorn and Oscar LeRoy (Midland Reporter-Telegram); Daniel Youngblood and Sam Waller (Abilene Reporter News); Quinton Martinez (San Angelo Standard-Times).

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 3-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa Permian	9	0	483	73	1.000
San Angelo Central	8	1	401	191	.900
Abilene High	6	3	311	236	.625
Lee	**4**	**5**	**238**	**275**	**.444**
Midland High	**3**	**6**	**185**	**328**	**.333**
Odessa High	2	7	217	326	.250

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
y-x-Odessa Permian	4	0	198	24	1.000
x-San Angelo Central	3	1	163	103	.750
x-Abilene High	2	2	124	113	.500
Lee	**2**	**2**	**108**	**130**	**.500**
Midland High	**1**	**3**	**58**	**146**	**.250**
Odessa High	0	4	70	180	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched a share of the district title
Last week's scores
San Angelo Central 37, Lee 31 (OT); Abilene High 49, Midland High 14; Odessa Permian 57, Odessa High 7
This week's games
Midland High vs. Lee; Abilene High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	**8**	**1**	**451**	**228**	**.888**
Clint	6	3	265	172	.666
San Elizario	3	6	109	193	.333
Mountain View	3	6	180	189	.333
Fabens	2	8	119	283	.200

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Andrews	3	0	151	22	1.000
x-Clint	3	0	87	43	1.000
San Elizario	1	2	13	105	.333
Fabens	1	3	50	78	.250
Mountain View	0	3	24	77	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Andrews 46, Fabens 14; Clint 42, San Elizario 7; Clint Mountain View 60, El Paso Cathedral 6
This week's games
Clint at Andrews; Clint Mountain View at San Elizario; Fabens is open

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Brownwood	7	2	356	186	.777
Ab. Wylie	7	2	227	93	.777
Snyder	5	5	308	380	.500
Stephenville	3	5	165	233	.375
Big Spring	**2**	**6**	**158**	**276**	**.250**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Ab. Wylie	3	0	72	16	1.000
x-Brownwood	2	1	96	29	.667
x-Snyder	2	2	117	185	.500
x-Stephenville	1	2	83	85	.333
Big Spring	**0**	**3**	**54**	**109**	**.000**

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Abilene Wylie 23, Big Spring 6; Brownwood 60, Snyder 16; Stephenville was open
This week's games
Big Spring at Brownwood; Stephenville at Abilene Wylie; Snyder is open

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	9	0	386	166	1.000
Greenwood	5	4	267	243	.555
Monahans	5	4	318	223	.555
Pecos	5	4	338	242	.555
Fort Stockton	4	5	202	193	.444
Lamesa	0	8	90	428	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Sweetwater	4	0	172	73	1.000
x-Monahans	3	1	183	73	.750
x-**Greenwood**	**2**	**2**	**100**	**180**	**.500**
x-Pecos	2	2	150	110	.500
Fort Stockton	1	3	84	117	.250
Lamesa	0	4	14	220	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Monahans 34, Greenwood 7; Fort Stockton 54, Lamesa 6; Sweetwater 58, Pecos 36
This week's games
Greenwood at Pecos; Fort Stockton at Monahans; Sweetwater at Lamesa

District 3-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Post	9	0	322	93	1.000
Coleman	8	3	356	163	.888
Ballinger	6	3	237	155	.666
Stanton	**3**	**5**	**185**	**264**	**.375**
Coahoma	**3**	**6**	**189**	**353**	**.333**
Colorado City	3	6	170	338	.333

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x Post	4	0	152	00	1.000
x Coleman	3	1	100	96	.750
x Ballinger	2	2	130	71	.500
x Colorado City	2	2	84	145	.500
Stanton	**1**	**3**	**82**	**145**	**.250**
Coahoma	**0**	**4**	**36**	**205**	**.000**

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Ballinger 41, Stanton 7; Coleman 45, Coahoma 7; Post 50, Colorado City 0
This week's games
Post at Stanton; Coahoma at Colorado City; Ballinger at Coleman

District 3-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Forsan	**8**	**2**	**407**	**165**	**.800**
Anthony	4	5	213	170	.444
Christoval	3	6	238	280	.333
Ozona	3	6	100	311	.333
McCamey	2	7	95	230	.222

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Forsan	**4**	**0**	**197**	**65**	**1.000**
Christoval	1	2	63	81	.333
Anthony	1	2	65	95	.333
McCamey	1	2	56	87	.333
Ozona	1	2	41	84	.333

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title
Last week's scores
Forsan 39, Christoval 25; Ozona 21, Anthony 14; McCamey was open
This week's games
Anthony at Christoval; McCamey at Ozona; Forsan is open

District 4-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Borden Co.	9	0	536	116	1.000
Klondike	7	2	339	195	.777
O'Donnell	5	4	446	343	.555
Grady	**2**	**6**	**295**	**429**	**.250**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Borden Co.	2	0	74	00	1.000
Klondike	1	1	41	70	.500
O'Donnell	1	1	90	89	.500
Grady	**0**	**2**	**66**	**152**	**.000**

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
O'Donnell 90, Grady 60; Borden County 62, Klondike 12
This week's games
Grady at Klondike; Borden County at O'Donnell

District 5-A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct
Garden City	**8**	**1**	**459**	**201**	**.888**
Marfa	5	3	282	236	.625
Fort Davis	5	4	423	388	.555
Rankin	**4**	**5**	**356**	**497**	**.444**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Garden City	**2**	**0**	**130**	**37**	**1.000**
x-Rankin	**2**	**0**	**110**	**76**	**1.000**
Fort Da...t	0	2	79	160	.000
Marfa	0	2	28	80	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Garden City 78, Fort Davis 31; Rankin 28, Marfa 22
This week's games
Rankin at Garden City; Marfa at Fort Davis

TAPPS Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Bishop Dunne	9	0	443	215	1.000
Argyle Liberty	5	4	207	188	.555
Prestonwood	7	2	433	228	.777
Bishop Lynch	4	5	313	301	.444
Mid. Christ.	**4**	**5**	**222**	**166**	**.400**
Add Trinity	3	6	279	372	.333
FW Nolan	3	6	239	210	.333
John Paul II	0	9	173	459	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Bishop Dunne	6	0	264	160	1.000
x-Prestonwood	5	1	270	125	.833
Argyle Liberty	3	3	138	143	.500
Bishop Lynch	3	3	225	168	.500
FW Nolan	3	3	186	115	.500
Add Trinity	2	4	184	263	.400
Mid. Christ.	**2**	**4**	**160**	**175**	**.333**
John Paul II	0	6	130	370	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Dallas Bishop Dunne 51, Midland Christian 29; Plano Prestonwood 48, Argyle Liberty 7; Fort Worth Nolan 60, Plano John Paul II 14; Dallas Bishop Lynch 35, Addison Trinity 21
This week's games
Midland Christian at Fort Worth Nolan; Plano John Paul II at Argyle Liberty; Plano Prestonwood at Dallas Bishop Lynch; Addison Trinity at Dallas Bishop Dagne; Plano Prestonwood at at Dallas Bishop Lynch

TAPPS Six-man Division I, District 1
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Trinity	**7**	**2**	**586**	**310**	**.777**
Rock Heritage	7	2	435	251	.777
Harvest Christ	7	2	464	320	.777
Ovilla Christ	5	4	390	429	.555
Ab. Christ	4	5	461	540	.444
Dal. Lutheran	3	6	339	430	.333

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Trinity	3	1	165	71	.750
x-Harvest Christ	3	1	216	177	.750
x-Rock. Heritage	3	1	173	144	.750
Ovilla Christ	2	2	214	211	.500
Ab. Christ	1	3	158	296	.250
Dal. Lutheran	0	4	141	236	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
Last week's scores
Trinity 72, Red Oak Ovilla 24; Rockwall Heritage 44, Dallas Lutheran 12; Watauga Harvest 102, Abilene Christian 56
This week's games
Dallas Lutheran at Trinity; Abilene Christian at Rockwall Heritage; Watauga Harvest at Red Oak Ovilla

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Titans fire Ken Whisenhunt, name Mike Mularkey interim coach

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Management has two primary goals for the Tennessee Titans: win games and protect franchise rookie quarterback Marcus Mariota. Ken Whisenhunt didn't do a good enough job in either category, so he was let go.

Now Mike Mularkey gets his chance in a nine-game audition for the job.

The Titans became the second NFL team to fire a coach this season, relieving Whisenhunt of his duties Tuesday morning after he went 3-20 in his tenure with the franchise. They turned the team over to Mularkey on an interim basis.

A former head coach with Buffalo and Jacksonville, Mularkey was a finalist in Tennessee in 2011 before Mike Munchak was hired.

President Steve Underwood said controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk wants the Titans to do everything possible to protect Mariota — including keeping him out of games if necessary to heal. This franchise hasn't been to the playoffs since 2008, and Mariota now is the third quarterback they've drafted within the first eight picks in the last decade.

"I don't care how good the rest of your team is if you don't have the right kind of quarterback it's hard to succeed long-term," Underwood said. "We now have another rookie quarterback who's very promising, and I think our future is bright. ... So much in our league begins and ends with the quarterback."

Whisenhunt helped draft Mariota at No. 2 overall last spring, but Underwood said Strunk had been thinking of making a coaching change for weeks. Underwood and general manager Ruston Webster told Whisenhunt he was fired.

"When you're not winning and you can't win, that's when change happens in the NFL," Underwood said.

Whisenhunt's latest loss came Sunday in Houston, where this franchise was founded and with Strunk in the stadium. That apparently was the last straw for Strunk, who was not at Tuesday's press conference. She took over as controlling owner in March, replacing Tommy Smith who gave Whisenhunt a five-year contract in January 2014.

Associated Press

On Oct. 24, LSU running back Leonard Fournette (7) scores a touchdown during the second half a game against Western Kentucky in Baton Rouge, La.

Cowboys

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team has the will, is giving the effort. It's up to us to put the combination together to get us a win. We need a win bad."

The Cowboys stuck with Randle despite two arrests four months apart. The first was on a shoplifting charge at a Dallas-area mall during the 2014 season, the second in a domestic case in his hometown of Wichita, Kansas, about a month before Murray went to the Eagles.

Randle, who was never charged in the domestic case but could still face discipline from the NFL, started the first six games but only once came close to a 100-yard outing. This after his offseason comment that he thought Murray left "meat on the bone" while running for a franchise-record 1,845 yard

After injuring his back against the New York Giants two weeks ago, Randle lost the starting job when McFadden rushed for 152 yards in that game. He left the team's facility early last week for what coach Jason Garrett said was an excused absence.

Randle remained away from the team through last weekend's loss to Seattle.

"I think right now, football needs to be on the back burner for Joe and he needs to get his hands around some things," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said. "At the same time, we're looking at our team and what's best for our team and that's where it came down."

Stephen Jones said the team didn't regret letting Murray go in free agency.

"That ship's sailed," he said. "We'd make that decision over, same decision, we'd make it again. We have to develop, structure a football team with the salary cap. You can't pay a top receiver, a top quarterback, a top pass rusher, a top left tackle. You've got to make hard decisions."

Rankings

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conference championships, especially when teams have similar resumes.

Remember the committee showed last year it does not lock teams into positions. Florida State dropped while not losing and TCU was third going into the last weekend of the season and finished sixth, despite blowing out Iowa State.

Waiting on the Big 12

The Big 12 has four teams (Baylor, No. 8 TCU, No. 14 Oklahoma State and No. 15 Oklahoma) in the top 15 and they all play each other in November.

Long said it was difficult to judge the strength of those teams because their big games are still to come.

The good news for the Power Five conference that got left out of last season's final four is all of those teams are in good shape to get in the playoff if they win out.

The bad news is one loss by the Big 12 champion might keep it out of the playoff.

Baylor, again, played a terribly weak nonconference schedule, and Oklahoma State did the same. TCU's best nonconference opponent was Minnesota, which is struggling.

If you're looking for this season's Ohio State, which went from 16th in the first poll to making the playoff, Oklahoma is a good pick.

If the Sooners can sweep TCU, Baylor and Oklahoma State down the stretch, they would have a strong late statement.

Patterson

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Senior defensive end James McFarland broke his toe on a sprinkler head before the season is among several players that could possibly return next season. Senior defensive backs Kenny Iloka and Ranthony Texada both sustained season-ending knee injuries the opening month, after sophomore linebacker Sammy Douglas got hurt in the opener.

Still, the Horned Frogs are the only Big 12 team with at least three conference games shutting out opponents at least three quarters. They have held league opponents scoreless in 10 different quarters, matching Oklahoma for the most.

"Those older guys getting back, and really to be honest with you, just the same guys playing together," Patterson said. "You have got to find a way to win. That's why I take my hat off to my kids. They found a way to do that."

NFL STANDINGS AND LATE BOX

Monday's late box

PANTHERS 29, COLTS 26

Indianapolis	0	6	0	17	3	26
Carolina	10	0	7	6	6	29

First Quarter
Car—FG Gano 49, 13:47.
Car—Stewart 1 run (Gano kick), :00.

Second Quarter
Ind—Vinatieri 47, 10:24.
Ind—Hilton 14, :04.

Third Quarter
Car—Olsen 12 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 11:48.
Ind—Vinatieri 48, 7:04.
Ind—Hilton 6 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 1:44.

Fourth Quarter
Car—Newton 6 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 13:48.
Ind—Johnson 10 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 10:54.
Ind—Vinatieri 23, 2:01.

Overtime
Ind—Vinatieri 29, :00.

A—74,908.

	Ind	Car
First downs	25	19
Total Net Yards	414	376
Rushes-yards	19-116	34-132
Passing	221	239
Comp-Att-Int	21-42-1	16-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	2-9
Punts	3-46.0	3-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	2-15	6-55
Time of Possession	35:26	33:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Gore 22-70, Luck 6-35, Bradshaw 7-11, Carolina, Stewart 24-82, Newton 10-47, Brown 1-14, Whittaker 1-(-11).

PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 21-42-1-229. Carolina, Newton 16-35-1-248.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Fleener 7-43, Whalen 5-48, Johnson 4-81, Gore 3-22, Moncrief 2-18, Hilton 1-11, Allen 1-4. Carolina, Olsen 6-79, Brown 3-42, Ginn Jr. 2-66, Ealy-berg 1-18, Talbert 1-13, Funchess 1-8, Stewart 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	1	0	.857	249	133
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	172	139
Buffalo	4	4	0	.429	176	173
Miami	3	5	0	.429	154	171
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	173	203
Houston	3	5	0	.375	174	205
Jacksonville	2	5	0	.286	147	207
Tennessee	1	6	0	.143	125	159
North						
Cincinnati	7	0	0	1.000	191	132
Pittsburgh	4	4	0	.500	168	147
Cleveland	2	6	0	.250	167	216
Baltimore	2	6	0	.250	190	214
West						
Denver	7	0	0	1.000	168	112
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	178	171
Kansas City	1	5	0	.375	195	182
San Diego	1	6	0	.250	191	227

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	.500	215	208
Washington	4	4	0	.429	148	168
Philadelphia	1	4	0	.429	160	137
Dallas	2	5	0	.286	133	171
South						
Carolina	7	0	0	1.000	191	136
Atlanta	6	2	0	.750	213	173
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	213	234
Tampa Bay	3	4	0	.429	163	199
North						
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	174	130
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	147	122
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	140	202
Detroit	1	7	0	.125	149	245
West						
Arizona	6	2	0	.750	263	153
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	135	125
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	167	140
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	109	207

Monday's score
Carolina 29, Indianapolis 26, OT

Thursday's game
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's games
Tennessee at New Orleans, noon
St. Louis at Minnesota, noon
Green Bay at Carolina, noon
Washington at New England, noon
Miami at Buffalo, noon
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, noon
Oakland at Pittsburgh, noon
Atlanta at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at Indianapolis, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Arizona, Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Seattle

Monday's game
Chicago at San Diego, 7:30 p.m.

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Along with other newspapers in the South region, the Midland Reporter-Telegram will publish the contest for 17 weeks, beginning September 6th. Entry forms publish every Sunday and Monday in the sports section.

In addition to the $1,000 regional grand prize, a local prize of a $50 gift card from Domino's Pizza will be awarded each week.

In POWER POINTS, the object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points each week as you can. Contestants select winners from each week's list of games – mostly NFL action but with a smattering of top regional college games. Contestants pick their winners and plot them along a weighted point scale according to their confidence in them. Your highest-confidence pick goes on the 16-point line, your lowest-confidence pick on the 1-point line.

The contestant regionally who tallies the most of the 136 points each week wins $1,000. The local contestant who tallies the most of the 136 points is the local winner.

To enter the contest, drop off your entries at Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas.

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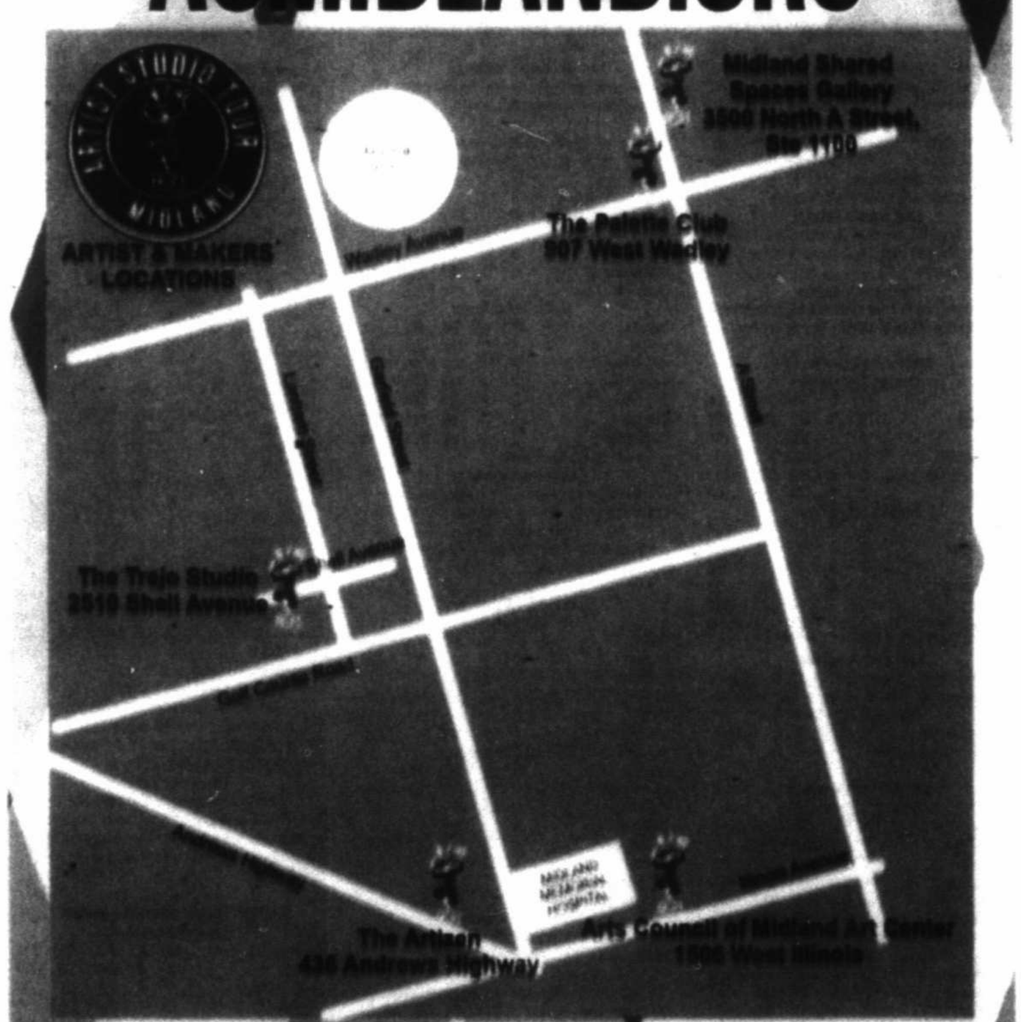

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Spieth believes a great year does not mean a great new era

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Jordan Spieth wore a black tunic with red trim around the collar to take part in a Chinese drum ceremony late Tuesday afternoon just as the Shanghai skyline began to glow with lights behind him and three other top players.

This was the traditional photo opportunity to kick off the HSBC Champions. One observer noted that Spieth had not dressed like that since graduation, which for him was only four years ago — from high school.

The landscape in golf is changing quicker than the rapid beat of those Chinese drums.

One year ago, Spieth wasn't even in the top 10 in the world and had only one win as a pro. Since then, the 22-year-old Texan has won seven times around the world, including the Masters and the U.S. Open, along with a Tour Championship that capped a record $22 million year. He is looked upon as the future of American golf.

At least for now.

Also on the stage with Spieth was 26-year-old Rickie Fowler, who is coming off a big year of his own. Fowler won three times, the biggest at The Players Championship where he delivered perhaps the greatest finish of the season when he made three birdies on the island-green 17th to win a tension-filled playoff.

Jason Day couldn't make it to China. The 27-year-old Australian is home awaiting the birth of his second child. And the drum beat had to go on without 26-year-old Rory McIlroy, who was coping with a stomach ailment.

Not to be overlooked are the three winners of the new PGA Tour season — Emiliano Grillo (23), Smylie Kaufman (23) and Justin Thomas (22).

That explains why PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem sounded at ease when asked Monday about golf moving along without Tiger Woods.

It sure seems that way.

"The top three players — Day, Spieth and McIlroy — are all in their 20s and hail from three continents. Players in their 20s won three majors for the second straight year. That had occurred only twice in the previous four decades, and one of those years was 2000 when a 24-year-old Woods won three majors.

But leave it to Spieth, with his wise head on such young shoulders, to preach patience and perspective.

"A new era in golf?

"I think it's a bit soon," Spieth said. "For Rory, it's different because it's been consistent for years now. Jason and I, we've played solid golf the last few years. In order to create an era, you almost need a decade of years like this."

GOLF GLANCE

WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
HSBC CHAMPIONS
Site: Shanghai.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Sheshan International Golf Club (7,266 yards, par 72).
Purse: $8.5 million. Winner's share: $1.4 million.
Television: Golf Channel (Wednesday, 9 p.m.-6 a.m. Thursday, 7 a.m.-noon, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 4-6 a.m., 7 a.m.-noon, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Sunday 4-6 a.m., 7 a.m.-noon, Monday, 11:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m.).
Last year: Bubba Watson holed a bunker shot for eagle on the 18th hole to get into a playoff, and made a 20-foot birdie putt to beat Tim Clark on the first extra hole.
Last week: Justin Thomas won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia for his first PGA Tour title, finishing with a tournament-record 26-under 262 total. Victor Dubuisson won the European Tour's Turkish Airlines Open for the second time in three years.
Online: http://www.worldgolfchampionships.com
PGA Tour site: http://www.pgatour.com
European Tour site: http://www.europeantour.com
Asian Tour site: http://www.asiantour.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
CHARLES SCHWAB CUP CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Scottsdale, Arizona.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Desert Mountain Club, Cochise Course (6,869 yards, par 70).
Purse: $2.5 million. Winner's share: $440,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 2-4 a.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday, 2-4 a.m., 3:30-5:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m.).
Last year: Tom Pernice Jr. beat Jay Haas with a birdie on the fourth hole of a playoff.
Last week: Duffy Waldorf won the Toshiba Classic in Newport Beach, California, for his first senior title. He shot 67-60-66 for a tournament record 20-under 193 total and a two-stroke victory.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR/JAPAN LPGA TOUR
TOTO JAPAN CLASSIC
Site: Shima, Japan.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Course: Kintetsu Kashikojima Country Club (6,506 yards, par 72).
Purse: $1.5 million. Winner's share: $225,000.
Television: None.
Last year: South Korea's Mi Hyang Lee won with a birdie on the fifth hole of a playoff with compatriot Ilhee Lee and Japan's Konomi Kozuma.
Last week: South Korean rookie Sei Young Kim won the Blue Bay LPGA for her third victory of the year. She birdied the final hole for a one-stroke victory over three players.
Japan LPGA Tour site: http://www.lpga.or.jp

PGA TOUR
SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Jackson, Mississippi.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Country Club of Jackson (7,364 yards, par 72).
Purse: $4.1 million. Winner's share: $738,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Saturday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30-3:30 p.m., 6:30-9:30 p.m.).
Last year: Nick Taylor became the PGA Tour's first Canadian-born winner since Mike Weir in 2007, closing with a 66 for a two-stroke victory.
Last week: Justin Thomas won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia for his first PGA Tour title. He had a tournament record 26-under 262 total for a one-stroke victory over Adam Scott.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

OTHER TOURNAMENTS
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JAPAN GOLF TOUR: Heiwa PGM Championship, Thursday-Sunday, Sohbu Country Club, Chiba, Japan. Online: http://www.jgto.org
ASIAN TOUR: Panasonic Open India, Thursday-Sunday, Delhi Golf Club, New Delhi. Online: http://www.asiantour.com
PGA TOUR LATINOAMERICA: Argentina Open, Thursday-Sunday, Jockey Club, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Online: http://www.pgatourla.com
PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: Western Australia Open, Thursday-Sunday, Royal Fremantle Golf Club, Fremantle, Australia. http://www.pgatour.com.au
SUNSHINE TOUR: Nedbank Affinity Cup, Thursday-Sunday, Lion City Golf Course, Sun City, South Africa. Online: http://www.pgatour.co.za
EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR: NBO Golf Classic Grand Final, Wednesday-Saturday, Almou Golf, The Wave, Muscat, Oman. Online: http://www.europeantour.com
WOMEN
LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR: Sanya Ladies Open, Friday-Sunday, Yalong Bay Golf Club, Sanya, China. Online: http://www.ladieseuropeantour.com
KOREA LPGA: ADT CAPS Championship, Friday-Sunday, Haeundae Beach Golf and Resort, Busan, South Korea. Online: http://klpga.co.kr
THE LEGENDS TOUR: Walgreens Charity Championship, Friday-Saturday, The Seagate Country Club, Delray Beach, Florida. Online: http://www.thelegendstour.com

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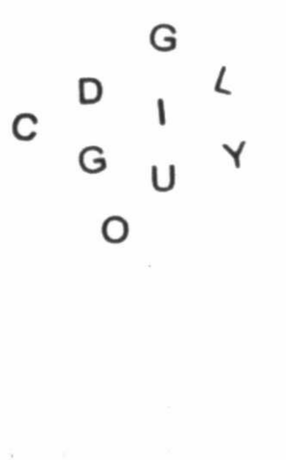

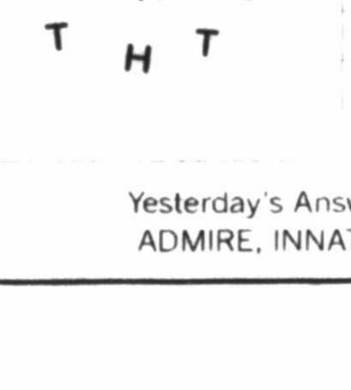

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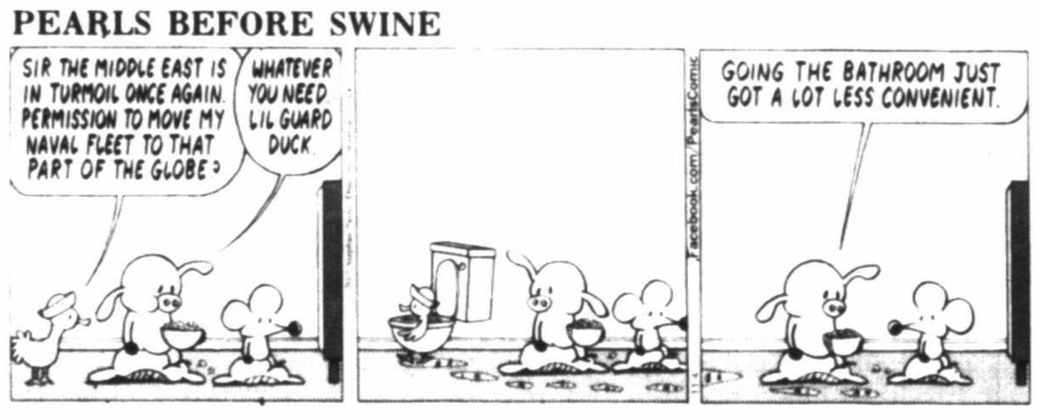

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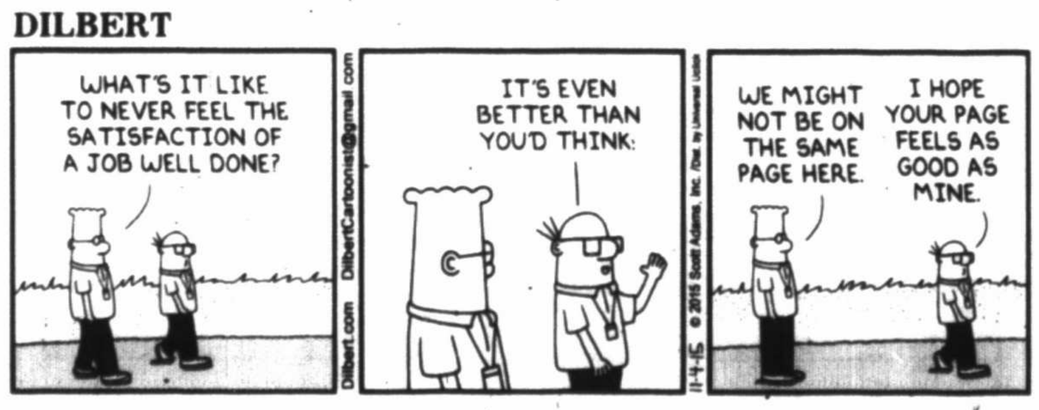

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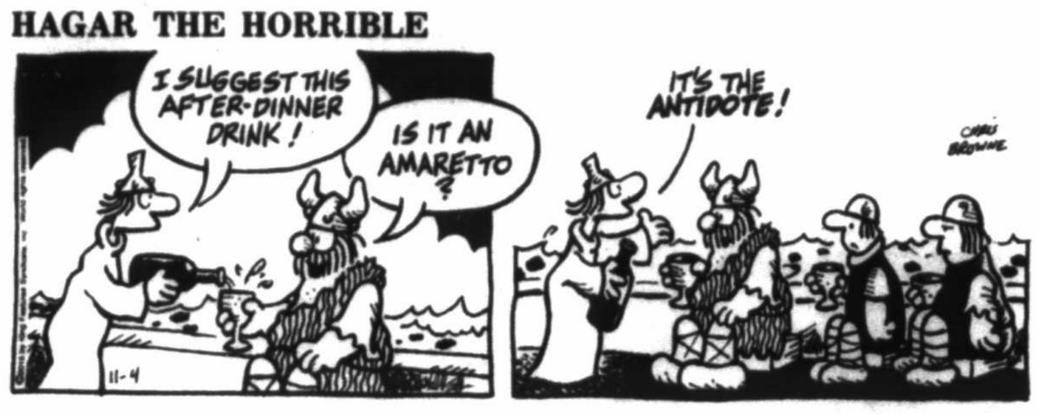

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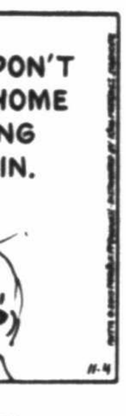

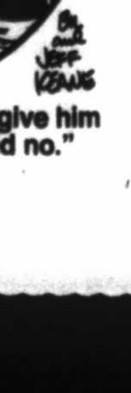

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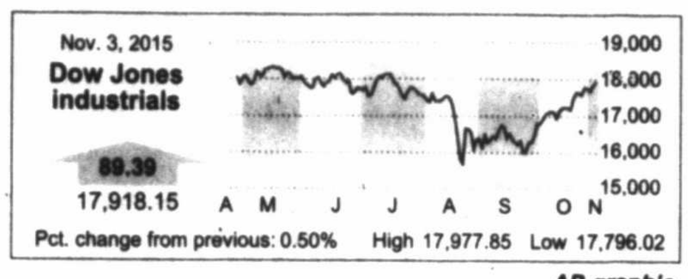

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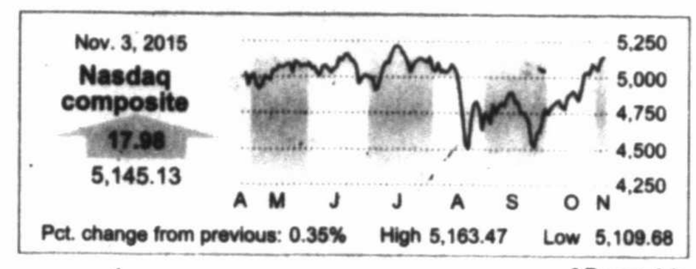

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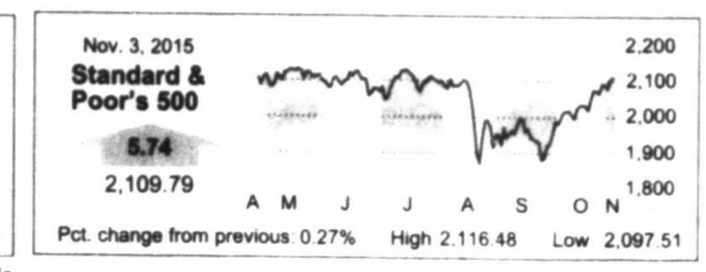

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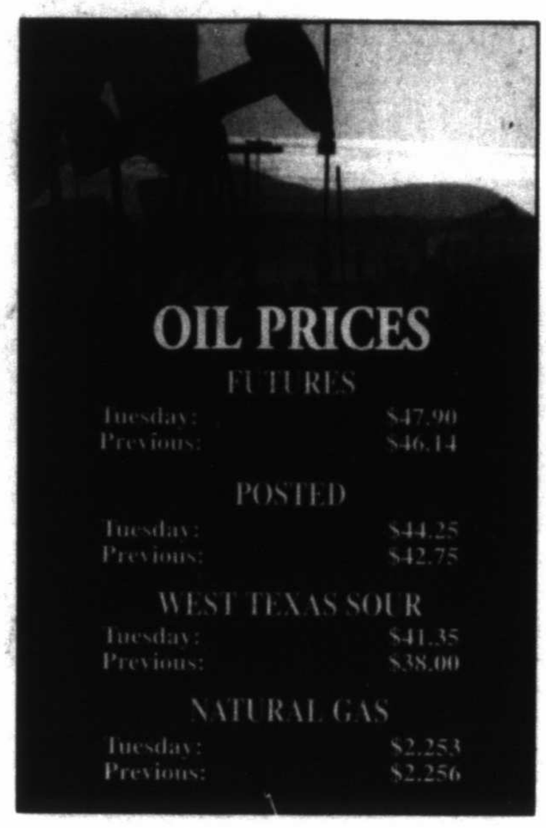

Obama wants to make ruling on Keystone XL before leaving

By Jennifer Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama wants to give a yes or no to Keystone XL before leaving office, despite TransCanada Corp.'s bid to pause a State Department review of the controversial pipeline project.

The Calgary company Monday called for a delay while a Nebraska route review is underway, a process that could take seven months to a year. That timeline could push a final decision until after a new president is elected, possibly averting a widely expected denial from the Obama administration.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Tuesday the Obama administration wants to "shield" the review process "from the political debate."

"Advocates on both sides of this issue have politicized this particular infrastructure project," Earnest said, adding that "there's probably no infrastructure project in the history of the United States that's been as politicized as this one."

It was not clear Tuesday whether the State Department would formally accede to TransCanada's request for a timeout. Spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said the State Department was reviewing and preparing a response to the request, which comes near the end of its own scrutiny of whether Keystone XL is in the "national interest."

"We received the letter, we're looking at it, we're going to get back to them," Trudeau said. But in the meantime, the review is proceeding. "We'd like to finish this review process as swiftly as possible — we have a commitment to do that — and we're going to continue the review," Trudeau said.

In the seven years since TransCanada first sought a presidential permit for Keystone XL, the proposed pipeline has become a lightning rod in broader debates over fossil fuels and climate change.

"The president has worked hard to try to ensure that the eventual determination is one that is focused on the merits of the application," Earnest added. Earnest stressed that Obama would still like to make a final determination on Keystone XL before his term ends.

TransCanada's requested delay offered the promise of preserving a pathway for the pipeline — possibly by ensuring another president would be in charge of the decision. Analysts said that for the pipeline company, the delay was likely viewed as a better outcome than an outright denial.

"Records of decision tend to be durable," noted Kevin Book, managing director of the research and strategy firm ClearView Energy Partners. "TransCanada appears to be thinking that 'nothing' is better than 'no.'"

Environmentalists want Obama to deny a permit for the pipeline immediately. He has been critical of the project — questioning the number of jobs it would support, speculating that the oil it transports might not stay in the United States and insisting he would only support Keystone XL if it "does not significantly exacerbate greenhouse gas pollution."

But the project divides Democrats, so any decision by Obama risks alienating a faction of his party. Some environmentalists staunchly oppose Keystone XL because it would provide a new avenue for oil sands crude extracted in Alberta, Canada, while some unions and oil-patch Democrats back it. And despite the election of a Liberal Party leader in Canada, Keystone XL remains a top priority for the country.

For TransCanada, a delay would be relatively well timed, coming amid a crude price collapse that has prompted some energy companies to halt Canadian oil sands projects and lessened some of the clamor for new options to move the bitumen harvested in Alberta.

A pause also would buy time for new president to be elected. Republican presidential candidates have said they support the project, while Democrats Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton oppose it.

Shippers with contracted space on Keystone XL remain committed to the project, said TransCanada CEO Russ Girling in an earnings call Tuesday.

"This project remains very much in demand by our customers" Girling said. "The need to move this crude oil safely between a supply location and a market location doesn't go away."

In the seven years since TransCanada first applied for a permit to build Keystone XL, oil sands producers with contracted space on the pipeline have turned to an oft-costlier alternative — rail — to get existing production out of Alberta.

Slowed growth in new oil sands production has lessened some of the zeal for new pipeline capacity to accommodate supplies as they come online. "In the current price environment, the commercial case for Keystone XL is on hold, so why not pause the application too?" Book said.

TransCanada has relatively little ongoing spending on Keystone XL while it is in regulatory limbo. Some funding goes to that regulatory process and to maintain stockpiled equipment for Keystone XL. Some of that gear has been deployed to other projects in the meantime.

After spending $2.4 billion on Keystone XL, TransCanada is committed to gaining approval, Girling said. If a presidential permit is authorized, it would take another two to two and a half years to build the 1,779-mile Keystone XL from Alberta and across three states to Steele City, Nebraska, where it meets up with other pipelines.

TransCanada has already built a 487-mile-long leg of Keystone that runs from Cushing, Oklahoma, to Nederland. And the company is continuing construction on a 48-mile pipeline that will extend its existing Keystone pipeline system to refineries in Houston, Texas. That project is expected to begin operations next year.

Stocks close higher

A rally in energy companies helped push the U.S. stock market higher for a second straight day on Tuesday. Investors also worked through corporate news and prepared for key U.S. economic data later this week.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 89.39 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,918.15. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.74 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,109.79 and the Nasdaq composite rose 17.98 points, or 0.4 percent, to 5,145.13.

Oil and gas companies, one of the most battered parts of the market, saw another wave of investor interest. The energy sector of the S&P 500 rallied 2.5 percent. The advance was mostly on the back of a jump in the price of oil, which climbed 4 percent.

Drilling and exploration companies were the biggest benefactors. Pioneer Natural Resources, Diamond Offshore and Anadarko Petroleum all rose more than 5 percent. Oil conglomerates Exxon Mobil and Chevron rose 2 percent and 3 percent respectively.

Gold falls

In the metals market, gold fell $21.80, or 2 percent, to $1,114.10 an ounce; silver fell 17 cents, or 1 percent, to $15.24 an ounce and copper rose a penny to $2.33 a pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GelnElec	953331	29.59	+.19
S&P500ETF	897286	211.00	+.61
iShEMkts	653871	36.03	+.47
BkofAm	640794	17.18	+.12
KingDEnt	589504	17.85	+2.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmergeES	6.60	+2.22	+50.7
Hi-Crush	8.71	+2.11	+32.0
ConeMidst	12.80	+2.71	+26.9
BonanzaCE	7.48	+1.58	+26.8
Unit	16.61	+2.92	+21.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Textainer	15.05	-5.33	-26.2
NavioseMar	5.79	-1.35	-18.9
Demandw	46.06	-10.06	-17.9
TargaRes	50.88	-7.33	-12.6
ArdmoreSh	12.93	-1.86	-12.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,818
Declined	1,306
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	112
New Lows	23
Volume	4,153,957,188

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	34476	2.50	+.02
NobilisH n	30849	3.70	+.63
BarcGSOil	29809	8.84	+.28
CheniereEn	23671	47.15	+.77
Globalstar	16007	1.97	+.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MagHR pfC	3.39	+.91	+36.7
AlliancAst	33.80	+7.15	+26.8
NobilisH n	3.70	+.63	+20.5
YumaE pfA	12.35	+1.25	+11.3
BreezeE	20.72	+1.43	+7.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmpioPhm	3.35	-.21	-5.9
GpoSimec	7.87	-.44	-5.3
LucasE rs	2.57	-.13	-4.8
Versar	3.17	-.11	-3.4
Barnwell	2.05	-.07	-3.3

DIARY

Advanced	214
Declined	157
Unchanged	35
Total issues	406
New Highs	3
New Lows	5
Volume	84,147,610

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	519347	4.81	-.35
Apple Inc	441933	122.57	+1.39
ActivsBliz	416298	35.82	+1.25
Microsoft	353555	54.15	+.91
XOMA	320241	1.85	+.36

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BonsoElec	2.52	+1.38	+121.8
MidConEn	2.84	+.74	+35.2
Cellectis n	38.58	+7.24	+23.1
RetailMNot	10.53	+1.76	+20.1
NantKwst n	15.45	+2.57	+20.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AMAG Ph	31.61	-9.55	-23.2
NephroGen	2.89	-.66	-18.6
MeetMe	2.41	-.39	-13.9
EnconeCap	35.37	-5.73	-13.9
VirtualScp	3.81	-.61	-13.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,667
Declined	1,123
Unchanged	150
Total issues	2,940
New Highs	85
New Lows	28
Volume	1,973,772,011

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $60.99 Up 0.27

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $117.83 Up 2.69

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.74 Up 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $77.26 Up 3.85

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $4.42 Up 0.24

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.00 Up 0.01

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.07 Up 0.23

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.49 Up 0.26

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.00 Up 0.07

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.28 Up 0.40

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			2.93	-.10	-50.7
AT&T Inc	1.88	37	33.83	+.02	+.1
Abraxas		4	**1.63**		**-44.6**
ActivsBliz	.23f	28	35.82	+1.25	+77.8
AdaDrsEq	**1.17e**		**13.84**		**+1.2**
AEtern g h			.06	+.01	-89.5
Alcoa	.12	14	9.38	+.21	-40.6
AlonUSA	.60	12	18.25	+1.14	+44.0
Ambev	.45e		5.17	+.22	-16.2
AmIntlGrp	1.12	18	60.96	-2.78	+8.8
Amgen	**3.16**	**19**	**162.46**	**+.15**	**+2.0**
Anadarko	**1.08**		**70.84**	**+3.46**	**-14.1**
Apache	**1.00**		**49.87**	**+1.93**	**-20.4**
Apple Inc	2.08	13	122.57	+1.39	+11.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**16**	**17.00**	**+.11**	**-31.8**
ArcelorMit	.20		5.87	+.03	-46.8
ATMOS	**1.56**	**20**	**63.19**	**+.16**	**+13.4**
AutoData	1.96	28	86.73	-.26	+4.0
AvisBudg		14	46.35	-5.95	-30.1
BP PLC	**2.40**		**37.23**	**+.95**	**-2.3**
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.76	-.10	+5.5
BakrHu	.68		54.46	+1.17	-2.9
BcoBrad s	.44e		5.83	+.30	-47.7
BkofAm	.20	13	17.18	+.12	-4.0
B iPVixST			18.24	+.36	-42.1
BarrickG	.08	22	7.84	+.08	-27.1
BasicEnSv			4.29	+.35	-38.8
BerkHa A	**...**	**192060**	**704.00**	**-1041.00**	**-8.5**
BlkHillsCp	**1.62**	**31**	**46.38**	**+.10**	**-12.6**
BrMySq	**1.48**	**64**	**66.08**	**+.33**	**+11.9**
BrixmorP	.98f	48	25.74	-.22	+4.6
BrownFA	**1.26**	**36**	**116.01**	**+.81**	**+32.2**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**33**	**106.60**	**+.28**	**+21.4**
CVS Health	1.40	22	99.89	-.49	+3.7
Cameron		18	70.88	+1.49	+41.5
Caterpillar	3.08	15	74.75	+.41	-18.3
Celestic g		14	11.44	+.28	-2.6
Cemex	.40t		6.43	+.07	-34.4
CntryLink	2.16	23	28.49	+.06	-28.0
ChesEng			7.81	+.16	-61.1
Chevron	**4.28**	**21**	**98.14**	**+3.18**	**-12.5**
Chicos	.31	28	13.76	+.02	-15.1
Cimarex	**.64**		**120.72**	**+3.42**	**+13.9**
Cisco	.84	17	28.61	-.16	+3.6
ClayEng			**60.99**	**+.27**	**-4.4**
CocaCole	**1.32**	**27**	**42.16**	**-.06**	**-.1**
ColgPalm	**1.52**	**25**	**68.00**	**+.51**	**-1.7**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**27**	**40.96**	**+.05**	**+12.9**
ConchoRes		**41**	**117.83**	**+2.69**	**+18.1**
ConocoPhil	**2.96**	**63**	**56.73**	**+1.79**	**-17.9**
CrackerB	4.40a	20	139.77	-1.00	-.7
CSVLgNG rs			3.47	+.07	-82.6
CSVLgCrd rs				11.50	+1.21
-76.5					
CSVelIVST			32.02	-.68	+2.8
CrosTim	**1.59p**	**9**	**17.47**	**+.43**	**+.9**
DCP Mid	3.12	13	29.22	+.32	-35.7
DTE	2.92f	16	82.46	+.30	-4.5
Dataram			1.14	-.02	-32.9
DavonE	**.96**		**45.22**	**+2.09**	**-26.1**
DirDGldBr			16.00	+.30	-35.1
Disney	**1.32f**	**24**	**115.54**	**+.50**	**+22.7**
DowChm	**1.84f**	**14**	**51.98**	**+.39**	**+14.0**
eBay s		16	28.90	+.40	+23.9
EMC Cp	.46	22	26.25	-.10	-11.7
EOG Resrc	**.67**	**22**	**88.45**	**+2.38**	**-3.9**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**17**	**22.37**	**-.37**	**-24.8**
Energen	.06	46	60.72	+1.60	-4.8
EngyTsfr	4.22f	69	45.71	+1.32	-29.7
EnPro	**.80**		**51.94**	**+.58**	**-17.2**
EntProdPt	1.54f	22	28.32	+.67	-21.6
Ericsson	.39e		9.93	+.18	-17.9
ExterranH	.60	70	23.06	+.54	-29.2
ExxonMbl	**2.92**	**18**	**86.85**	**+1.57**	**-6.1**
Facebook			102.58	-.73	+31.5
FordM	.60	12	14.81	+.06	-4.5
FrptMcM	.20a		12.41	+.59	-46.9
FrontierCm	.42		4.81	-.35	-27.9
GATX	**1.52**	**9**	**47.06**	**-.26**	**-18.2**
GabMulRT	**1.05e**		**8.41**	**+.01**	**-16.0**
GAInv	**3.50e**		**34.04**	**+.04**	**-2.7**
GenElec	**.92**		**29.89**	**+.19**	**+17.1**
GenMotors	1.44	13	35.78	+.21	+2.5
GtPlainEn	**1.05f**	**18**	**27.38**	**-.08**	**-3.6**
HP Inc			14.29	+.46	-21.6
HalconRes			.79	+.09	-55.9
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**49**	**40.05**	**+.76**	**+1.8**
HP Ent n			14.36	-.13	-13.2
ICICI Bk s	.16e		8.58	-.16	-25.7
iShBrazil	1.03e		24.77	+1.33	-32.3
iShJapan	.13e		12.40	-.01	+10.3
iShChinaLC	.76e		38.63	+.04	-7.2
iShEMkts	.84e		36.03	+.47	-8.3
iS Eafe	1.70e		61.67	-.02	+1.4
iShR2K	1.68e		118.35	+.61	-1.1
Intel	**.96**	**15**	**34.31**	**+.20**	**-5.5**
InterDig	.80	19	51.27	-1.83	-3.1
ItauUnibH	.40e		7.47	+.38	-36.8
JohnJn	**3.00**	**18**	**101.96**	**-.21**	**-2.5**
Keycorp	.30	12	12.78		-8.1
KimbClk	**3.52**	**64**	**121.03**	**-.53**	**+4.8**
KindMorg	2.04f	52	27.51	+.89	-35.0
KingDEnt	1.40e	10	17.85	+2.31	+16.2
LegacyRes	.60m		4.42	+.39	-61.3
Lubys			**4.91**	**+.01**	**+7.9**
MktVGold	.12e		14.94	-.08	-18.7
MktVRus	.64e		17.64	+.60	+20.6
McDnlds	3.40	23	112.08	-.03	+19.6
Merck	1.80	15	55.11		-3.0
MeritMed		**32**	**19.10**	**+.06**	**+10.2**
MexcoEn			3.00	+.01	-44.8
MicronT		7	17.83	+.75	-49.1
Microsoft	1.44f	36	54.15	+.91	+16.6
Nabors	.24		11.05	+.61	-14.9
NatGrid	**3.35e**		**71.31**	**-.41**	**+.9**
NOilVarco	1.84	11	39.94	+1.09	-39.1
NobleCorp	.60m		14.22	+.04	-14.2
NokiaCp	.16e		7.58	+.14	-2.6
NvMAd	**.79e**		**13.52**	**-.04**	**-1.0**
NvPMI	**.78e**		**13.19**	**-.03**	**-5.6**
NuvPI	**.82e**		**13.80**	**+.05**	**-.4**
NBTPf3	**.58e**		**14.15**	**-.04**	**-.6**
NTXCpI	**.68e**		**14.03**		**-3.0**
OcciPet	**3.00**	**33**	**76.60**	**+1.02**	**-5.0**
Oracle	.60	19	40.20	-.45	-10.6
PerTech			**5.12**	**-.07**	**-16.7**
ParkDri		**38**	**3.05**	**-.01**	**-.7**
PattUTI	**.40**		**16.48**	**+.81**	**-.7**
PennaRE	**.84**		**22.98**	**+.05**	**-2.0**
Prmian	.42e	11	6.92	+.28	-27.5
PetrbrasA			4.50	+.38	-40.6
Petrobras			5.55	+.53	-24.0
Pfizer	**1.12**	**26**	**34.97**	**-.09**	**+12.3**
PioNtrl	.08	28	147.78	+9.18	.7
PlainsAAP	**2.80f**	17	**32.97**	**+1.53**	**-35.8**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		115.01	+.40	+11.4
Praxair	**2.86**	**21**	**113.56**	**+1.18**	**-12.3**
PrmEgy		**11**	**66.50**		**-8.6**
ProctGam	**2.65**	**28**	**77.05**	**+.45**	**-15.4**
RangeRs	.16	19	30.99	-.37	-42.0
RiteAid		30	7.89	.04	+4.9
Rowan	.40		20.65	+.19	-11.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	13	54.77	+1.09	-18.2
Rubicon g			20	-.23	-79.8
SpdrDJIA	3.77e		179.07	+.95	+.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e		211.00	+.61	+2.7
SabnR	3.32e	9	32.48	+.01	-9.2
SanderFm	**.88a**	**6**	**72.74**	**+1.49**	**-13.4**
SandRdge			**.40**	**+.03**	**-78.0**
Schimbrg	2.00	28	81.52	+2.09	-4.6
SigmaAld	**.92**	**35**	**139.88**	**+.14**	**+1.9**
SiriusXM		41	4.13	+.01	+18.0
Smucker	2.68	32	117.21	-.21	+16.1
Sprint			4.51	-.34	+8.7
SP Engy	1.98e		71.40	+1.78	-9.8
SPDR Fncl	.44e		24.45	+.04	-1.1
SunEdison			7.98	+.21	-59.1
SunocoLog	1.83f	47	30.50	+1.04	-27.0
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**		**13.44**	**+.14**	**-5.4**
Tesoro	2.00f	8	112.53	+1.18	+51.4
3M Co	4.10	21	158.75	+.17	-3.4
Torchmark	**.54**	**14**	**58.75**	**-.26**	**+8.5**
Transocn	.60		16.82	+.12	-8.2
TriContl	**.80e**		**20.81**		**-2.8**
Twitter			29.13	.07	-18.8
TylerTech		**82**	**172.21**	**-.01**	**+57.4**
UBWV	**1.28**	**21**	**40.61**	**+.44**	**+8.4**
US OilFd			15.28	+.53	-25.0
USSteel	.20		12.94	+.12	-51.6
Vale SA	.29e		4.72	+.19	-42.3
Vale SA pf	.29e		3.85	+.14	-47.0
ValeantPh		56	97.86	-2.61	-31.6
ValeroE	2.00f	7	69.60	+1.57	+40.6
Visa s	.56f	30	77.90	+2.68	+18.8
VulcanM	**.40**		**94.79**	**-1.89**	**+44.2**
WEC Engy	1.83	20	51.88	+.17	-1.6
WalgBoots	1.44	27	88.23	+1.68	+15.8
WealthIntl			11.25	+.56	-1.7
WstnRefin	1.52f	8	45.26	+2.12	+19.8
WhitingPet			18.84	+.98	-42.9
WmsCos	2.56f	73	40.28	+.71	-10.4
XOMA			1.85	+.36	-48.5
XcelEngy	**1.28**	**19**	**35.89**	**+.04**	**-.1**
Xerox	**.28**	**34**	**9.74**	**+.05**	**-29.7**
Zynga			2.45	+.06	-7.9

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,918.15	+89.39	+.50	+.53	+3.07
9,310.22	7,452.70	Dow Jones Transportation	8,206.71	-36.24	-.44	-10.21	-6.73
657.17	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	581.32	+.79	+.14	-5.95	-2.57
11,254.87	9,509.59	NYSE Composite	10,609.92	+30.05	+.28	-2.12	-1.38
5,231.94	4,292.14	Nasdaq Composite	5,145.13	+17.98	+.35	+8.64	+11.28
2,134.72	1,867.01	S&P 500	2,109.79	+5.74	+.27	+2.47	+4.86
1,551.28	1,344.80	S&P Midcap	1,467.20	+1.23	+.08	+1.02	+3.70
22,537.15	19,619.26	Wilshire 5000	21,961.26	+83.47	+.29	+1.34	+3.71
1,296.00	1,078.63	Russell 2000	1,191.57	+5.48	+.46	-1.09	+2.24

Kansas City throws a party to celebrate Royals' championship

By Margaret Stafford and Bill Draper
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Royals fans packed downtown Kansas City on Tuesday as the team's first World Series trophy in 30 years and the players who won it wound through crowded streets.

Waving flags, hats and signs, the crowd erupted in cheers as pickup trucks carrying CEO David Glass and his players, several of them holding their children in their laps, rolled past. One fan held up a placard reading, "Thanks Comeback Kids," a nod to the Royals' record-setting eight postseason comeback wins.

"It's the first time I've ever been able to see something like this," said Steve Spencer, 48, of Kansas City. "The team was so bad for so long. And now the fact that we've got maybe a half a million people out here is beyond anything I've ever seen in my lifetime. It's crazy."

The victory parade began at the downtown Power & Light District and was winding 2.3 miles before ending with a rally at Union Station. The Royals won their first World Series crown since 1985 on Sunday with a 7-2 win in 12 innings in Game 5 against the New York Mets.

Steve Templeton, of suburban Lee's Summit, said the championship had brought the city together.

"The Royals were a doormat for so long and look at it now, it's just a sea of blue," he said as he stood in front Union Station, where thousands of people wearing blue gathered. "It's fun because they are bringing everybody together, every nationality, every kind of person is here together because we love the team."

Associated Press

Kansas City Royals manager Ned Yost waves to the crowd during a parade celebrating the Royals winning the World Series on Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals beat the New York Mets in five games to win the championship.

Before 2014, the Royals had not even played in the postseason since 1985. Last year, they lost to the San Francisco Giants in the World Series.

In anticipation of Tuesday's celebration, several area school districts called off classes for the day.

Rachel Bryant, of Kansas City, brought her 7-year-old son, Jayden, to the parade.

"It's been 30 years since the last championship. Who knows if it will be another 30 years? It might be a one-time experience for him. I hope not; I hope we're back here next year."

Vickie Magana, of suburban Olathe, Kansas, said she had so much fun at the 1985 parade that she was determined not to miss this one. She said she was a fan through the lean years of the 1970s and the good years in the 1980s, then suffered through three decades of bad baseball.

"I was one of those fans out at the stadium when they were losing 100 games and no one else was there," she said. "It's such a great thing for this city. It brings such unity and such great publicity. Kansas City fans are so loyal."

Vonn's ankle '100 percent' ready for World Cup race in Aspen

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

Lindsey Vonn's healing left ankle no longer aches or gives her any sort of discomfort whatsoever when she steps into her ski boot.

The four-time overall World Cup champion pronounced she's "definitely 100 percent" ready for the giant slalom race in Aspen, Colorado, later this month.

Now, a new dilemma: Finding some snow. Vonn flew back from Europe for a long weekend that included a photo shoot in New York, a friend's wedding in Vermont and the Broncos-Packers game in Denver.

With the slopes in her hometown of Vail not open — 57 degrees Fahrenheit there Tuesday — Vonn may train at nearby Copper Mountain. Or head back to Europe. Or simply do what she's been doing since breaking her ankle in a training crash in New Zealand nearly 12 weeks ago — working out intensely in the gym.

Bottom line: She's raring to race.

"I have a really good feeling about this season," Vonn said in a phone interview. "This is going to be a really good year."

Sitting out the season opener in Soelden, Austria, was a difficult choice for Vonn. She was on the sideline as Italy's Federica Brignone won the giant slalom on Oct. 24, while American Mikaela Shiffrin finished runner-up. Vonn possibly could've given it a go, but "I was worried that if I hit a bump or something, I would have problems. I erred on the side of caution, because I'm really happy with where I am at."

She will also sit out a slalom event in Levi, Finland, on Nov. 14. But that's by design since she no longer competes in the slalom.

Vonn's keeping her goals modest this season. Well, as modest as someone can after winning a women's record 67 World Cup races over her career. Vonn simply hopes to defend her titles in the downhill and super-G disciplines.

If it so happens, chase after her fifth big crystal globe as well, which would make the 31-year-old Vonn the oldest female skier to win the overall title. The record is held by Swiss great Vreni Schneider, who was 30 when she won in 1995.

"For me, it's just to try to continue to win races," said Vonn, the Olympic downhill gold medal winner at the 2010 Vancouver Games who couldn't defend her crown in Sochi because of a knee injury. "Because whenever I can focus on skiing and trying to win one race at a time, that's when I accumulate the most amount of points. That always puts me in a good position for the overall."

Washington Nationals hire Dusty Baker as their next manager

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Dusty Baker got another managing job, this time with the Washington Nationals. And Major League Baseball got another black skipper, something the man in charge of the sport called "encouraging."

Baker

The Nationals announced Baker's hiring on Tuesday, nearly a month after firing Matt Williams when the club missed the playoffs.

With Baker joining the Nationals, baseball avoids what would have been its first start to a season since 1988 with zero black managers.

"I am certain that the Nationals, like all of our clubs, hired the best person for the job. It is encouraging that in this case the best person turned out to be African-American," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "This is a positive step and I am intent on making continued progress on diversity in the managerial ranks going forward."

When the Seattle Mariners fired Lloyd McClendon last month, it left no black managers in the major leagues. No season had started without at least one since 1988; in April that year, Frank Robinson replaced Cal Ripken Sr. with the Baltimore Orioles. Robinson later managed the Nationals.

"Dusty Baker is highly qualified, has years of managerial experience and is a proven leader," Manfred wrote.

In the 66-year-old Baker, the Nationals get someone who has worked 20 seasons as a manager in the majors and whose 1,671-1,504 record — a .526 winning percentage — includes the second-most victories among active managers. He led the San Francisco Giants to the 2002 World Series and reached the postseason a half-dozen other times.

He becomes the second-oldest manager in the majors at the moment, a few weeks younger than Terry Collins, who just led the New York Mets to the World Series.

Baker also managed the Chicago Cubs and, most recently, the Cincinnati Reds, who fired him in 2013. He has a reputation for being able to handle different clubhouse personalities, including managing Barry Bonds while with the Giants.

Baker won NL Manager of the Year honors in 1993, 1997 and 2000. He refired as a player in 1986 after 19 years in the majors, winning a World Series title with the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981.

"We were looking for a manager to help us achieve our ultimate goal of competing for a World Series championship," Nationals owner Ted Lerner said in a statement. "During our broad search process we met with many qualified candidates, and ultimately it was clear that Dusty's deep experience was the best fit for our ballclub."

The Nationals were said to have settled on hiring former San Diego Padres manager Bud Black last week before contract talks with him broke down.

Washington said general manager Mike Rizzo and Baker will wait until Thursday to hold a news conference; Rizzo spoke about Williams' firing on a conference call.

In the news release about Baker's hiring, Rizzo said: "We are excited to bring him to Washington and put his steady demeanor, knowledge and many years in the game to work in our favor."

Rizzo let Williams go a day after Washington, which had World Series aspirations, finished the regular season at 83-79, seven games behind the New York Mets in the NL East.

Williams, who played under Baker with the Giants, had never managed in the majors when he was hired for the 2014 season. The Nationals won their division and he was voted NL Manager of the Year; a division series loss to San Francisco followed.

NASCAR suspends Kenseth for 2 races over Logano wreck

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Matt Kenseth has been suspended for the next two races for intentionally wrecking Joey Logano in an act of retaliation that threatens to affect who wins the NASCAR championship.

The penalty was levied Tuesday. NASCAR also put him on probation for six months.

Kenseth was nine laps down Sunday at Martinsville Speedway when he deliberately drove Logano into the wall. The crash was payback for Logano wrecking Kenseth three races ago in an incident that ultimately led to Kenseth's elimination from NASCAR's playoffs.

Logano was dominating at Martinsville and a victory would have earned him a spot in the final four. After the wreck, he is now last in the eight-driver field with two races remaining to earn a bid into the title-deciding finale on Nov. 22.

Executive vice president official Steve O'Donnell says Kenseth's actions "have no place in NASCAR."

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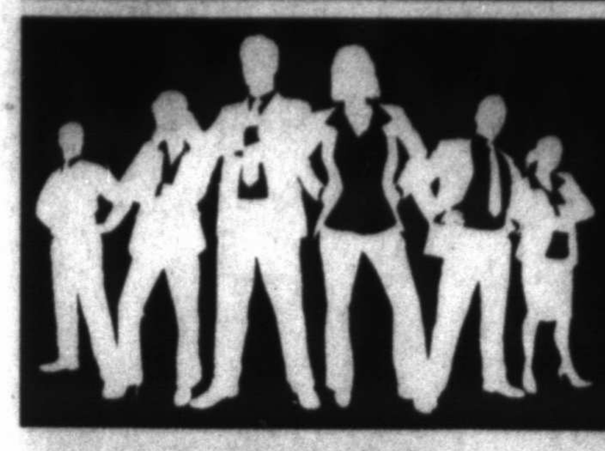

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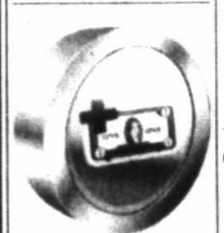

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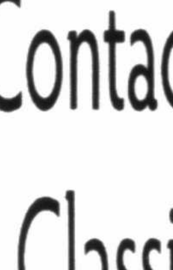

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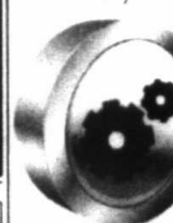

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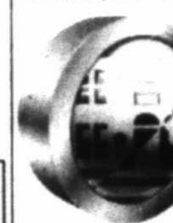

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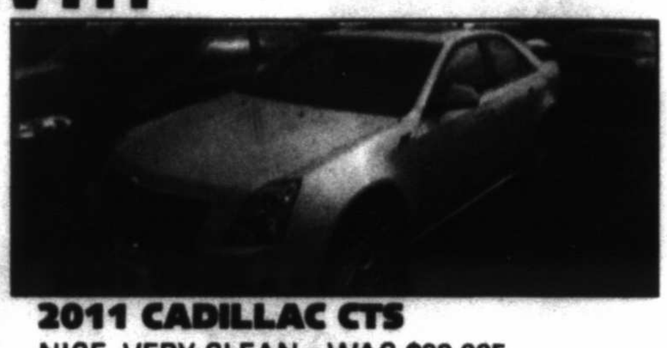

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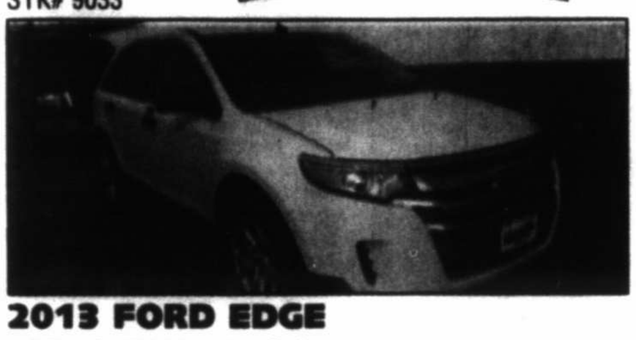

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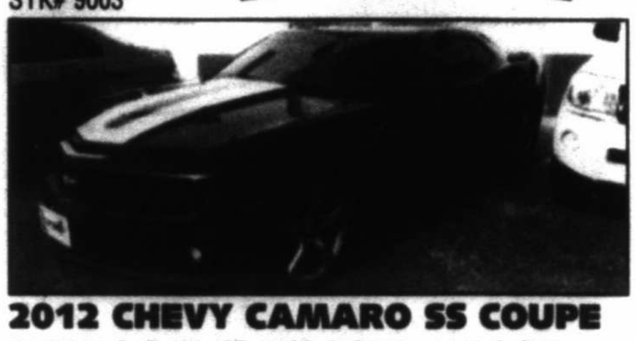

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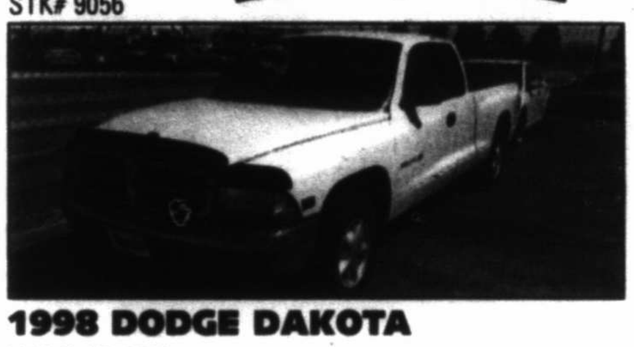

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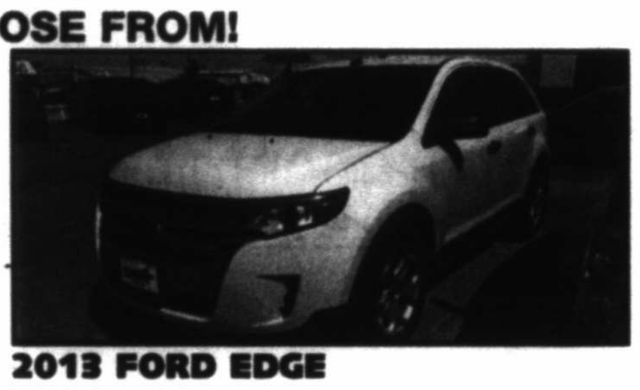

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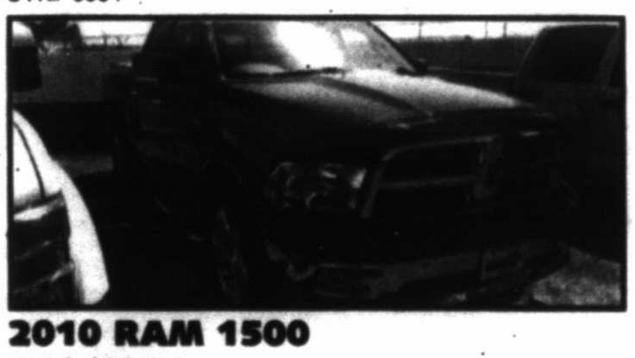

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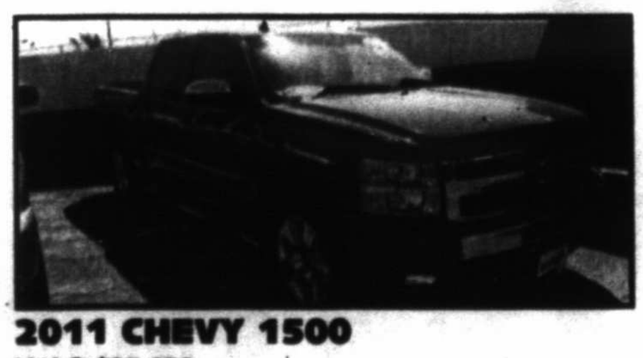

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