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Faith DeLaGarza admitted she felt a little nervous Tuesday morning at the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament. But behind her trademark consistency, DeLaGarza clinched the victory.

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MISD: 132 more educators resign/retire

Number of total departing staff members is just short of 500

By Stewart Doreen
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The number of resignations or retirements at Midland ISD grew by 132 in June to nearly 500 overall, according to numbers provided by the district.

The jump in "professional staff resignations/retirements" as of July 2 was 488, but as human resources director Woodrow Bailey said Monday at MISD's school board meeting, there would be more to report.

Between June 3 and July 2, 57 staff left to pursue other educational employment, 23 left for "other reasons" and 18 left because of a "family obligation," according

Resignations/retirements

2015-16	378
2016-17	339
2017-18	488

Note: 2017-18 is through July 2.

Source: MISD

to the district.

Bailey told the board that the district was 84 percent staffed as of July 2. That figure was at 87 percent as of Monday night, he said. The district started the 2017-18 school year at 98.6 percent staffed in the classrooms.

In terms of vacancies, Bailey said the

district has 151 teacher vacancies, which include 31 new teaching positions and nine new "ELA" or English language arts teachers. Board President Rick Davis said during the meeting that the number of teacher departures/created vacancies is more in line with previous years because of the new hires.

The number of resignations/retirements is up by more than 150 compared to last year, according to the district's own numbers. The district reported last month the number of resignations/retirements after the 2015-16 school year was 378. That number dropped to 339 after the 2016-17 school year.

Bailey said if the 40 new positions

aren't included, there are 110 teaching vacancies due to departures. He estimated that during previous years there would be between 85 and 100 vacancies to fill around this time of year. Midland ISD faces a little more of a time crunch this year because as a "District of Innovation," MISD elected to start the school two weeks earlier.

Bailey took time Monday night to plug the district's upcoming job fair and then offered a dose of reality. He told the board there probably aren't enough qualified, available teachers in Midland, Odessa and the region to fill all of the vacancies that

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Tim Fletcher/Reporter-Telegram

New signs are posted July 11 just south of Loop 250 on Big Spring Street directing trucks to use Loop 250 around Midland.

New signs direct heavy-truck traffic

By Trevor Hawes
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Midland is cracking down on truck traffic passing through the city, especially on Big Spring Street and Rankin Highway.

Earlier this month, the city erected new signs indicating trucks must stay on Loop 250 and Interstate 20 instead of passing through town. It also took down "truck route" and "local truck route" signs be-

cause their similar wording might cause confusion, according to city spokeswoman Elana Ladd.

Per city code, vehicles with three or more axles aren't permitted in the city unless they have a local origin or destination.

City Council at its retreat in May brought up the issue of heavy trucks passing through the city — especially those related to the oil industry — and discussed if the ordinance was even

enforceable. Staff determined it could be enforced and thought it would be helpful to make signage changes, Ladd said. Trucks must use major arterials within the city.

Councilman John B. Love III has been a vocal advocate for getting heavy-truck traffic off city streets. "It's something the citizens have wanted us to do for a while," he told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday. The trucks' weight puts extra

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Bond set for man arrested in connection with I-20 crash

■ Affidavit: Oliveira Baldassari's reckless behavior caused two fatalities

From staff reports

A Florida man allegedly involved in a fatal Interstate 20 crash was being held Tuesday on \$300,000 in bonds, according to court documents.

Jose Gilvane Oliveira Baldassari, 47, was arrested Thursday by U.S. Border Patrol agents in El Paso County, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Midland County authorities detained Oliveira Baldassari on Monday and charged him with two second-degree felony charges of manslaughter. He was also under a federal immigration detainer.

The fatalities occurred at about 12:50 p.m. July 10 on I-20 near the Farm-to-Market Road 1788 overpass, according to the report. An earlier rollover crash had backed up traffic on the interstate.

Oliveira Baldassari was driving a truck-tractor towing a semi-trailer when he failed to control his speed and ran into the back of a pickup truck, according to the report. The pickup's driver and passenger — Ricardo N. Silva-Martinez, 27, of Mexico and Bladimir V. Rodriguez, 43, of Florida — were killed in the wreck.

The crash involved three other

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Baldassari

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CRIME BRIEFS
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with aggravated assault

A man was arrested Saturday after allegedly hitting a man with a wooden board, according to court documents.



Gomez-Gonzales
Michael Ray Gomez-Gonzales, 38, was

being held Tuesday on a \$25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

A Midland police officer was dispatched at about 6:20 p.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance.

Gomez-Gonzales entered a room and struck a man with a wooden board, causing him to fall to the floor, according to his arrest affidavit. Gomez-Gonzales allegedly continued hitting the man while he was on the floor.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Gomez-Gonzales could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Man charged with sexual assault

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after he allegedly engaged in sexual activity with a female younger than 17, according to court documents.



Villa-Gomez
Bryan Alexis Villa-Gomez, 19, was being held Tuesday on a \$30,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child and a \$500 bond for a Class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana.

Midland police were dispatched to a business at about 8:15 p.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance involving Villa-Gomez and a teenager.

Villa-Gomez admitted the girl was younger than 17 and that he had sexual encounters with her, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Villa-Gomez could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

San Angelo man gets 30 years for meth crime

A Midland County jury sentenced a San Angelo man to 30 years in prison for possession with the intent to deliver methamphetamine, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf announced Tuesday afternoon that Troy Don Young, 43, was convicted and sentenced this week for transporting close to 20 grams of methamphetamine from San Angelo to Midland County in November. At that time, Midland Police Department narcotics detectives stopped Young. He was charged with possession with intent to deliver 4 to 200 grams of methamphetamine.

Young, an admitted member of the Aryan Brotherhood according to the DA's office, faced a punishment range of 25 years up to 99 years or life in prison because of three previous prison terms on seven different felony charges.

Texas A&M: Perry wasn't involved in alma mater getting lab contract

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas A&M University leaders said Tuesday that Energy Secretary Rick Perry wasn't involved in his alma mater getting a \$2.5 billion nuclear weapons lab contract at the birthplace of the atomic bomb, which is changing management after years of safety and security lapses.

The new director over Los Alamos National Laboratory near Santa Fe, New Mexico, also defended the University of California staying on with the lab despite being part of the current team that is losing the job over a checkered record and missed goals.

At a time when the U.S. is pushing to restart production of plutonium cores for the nation's nuclear arsenal, a new consortium called Triad National Security LLC is taking over the lab that began in the 1940s as part of the Manhattan Project. Triad won the bid in June and is comprised of Texas A&M, the University of California and Ohio-based Battelle Memorial Institute.

Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp, speaking at length about the contract for the first time Tuesday, said Triad's proposal was favorably scored by the National Nuclear Security Administration before it reached Perry's desk. Perry, who was Texas governor until 2015, was friends with Sharp in college at Texas A&M and he appointed many of the school regents who are still serving today.

The NNSA has previously said Perry played no role in the evaluation or selection of the new management at Los Alamos.

"I'm told it's highly unusual to not have any protests, and no one protested this

deal," Sharp said. The NNSA has recommended that that Los Alamos each year produce up to 30 plutonium cores — the trigger for nuclear warheads. The lab in recent years has mishandled plutonium and mistakenly shipped nuclear material to other federal facilities via a commercial cargo plane.

It also inappropriately packaged waste that led to a radiation release and a nearly three-year closure of the nation's only underground nuclear waste repository. Sharp said the University of California will provide important continuity despite past mistakes, with Battelle and Texas A&M bringing fresh eyes when Triad officially takes over later this year.

Watchdog groups that have been critical of the safety lapses at the New Mexico lab were concerned about the University of California's continued role and political influence in that state.

"If you came in and just said, 'You know, this is all irretrievably broken, we're going to sweep it away,' you would run the risk of disrupting a very important mission at a time when it's busier than it's been for many, many years," said Triad President Thomas Mason, who is taking over as director at Los Alamos.

Mason also did not say whether Triad, which is being set up as a nonprofit unlike Los Alamos' current management, will pay certain taxes in what has become an issue closely watched by New Mexico officials who worry about losing millions of dollars. He said Triad is still studying New Mexico law and what might apply.

In December 2016, the Department of Energy turned down a coalition that included Texas A&M to take over the Sandia National Laboratories, another New Mexico lab that makes up the U.S. nuclear complex.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A mangled pickup is seen in front of a truck at the scene of a fatal wreck on Interstate 20 underneath the Farm-to-Market Road 1788 overpass on July 10. The driver of the truck-tractor towing a semi-trailer is being held in Midland County jail on manslaughter charges in the deaths of the pickup driver and passenger.

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vehicles ahead of the pickup, and the driver of one of those vehicles had non-incapacitating injuries.

The incident happened on a clear and sunny day, and there was nothing to obstruct Oliveira Baldassari's view, according to his arrest affidavit. The document later states, "Witnesses indicated that traffic was stopped on Interstate 20 due to the crash. That the defen-

dant's tractor trailer did not brake at all and collided into the red pickup."

Witnesses checked on the conditions of the occupants in the pickup and Oliveira Baldassari's vehicle but later found his tractor-trailer empty, according to the affidavit. Oliveira Baldassari allegedly had not returned to the scene when Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrived.

"After examining the occupants of the red pickup, lack of skid

marks, the statements of witnesses, and the totality of the circumstances, it was determined that the red pickup was at no fault in the crash," according to the affidavit. "It was further determined that the death of the individuals in the red pickup was caused by the reckless behavior of the defendant."

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TRAFFIC

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pressure on city infrastructure, which can cause damage and create safety issues. Making roads safer is a top priority, Love said.

Midland Police Department will continue to enforce the ordinance, Ladd said.

Know the code

A truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or pole trailer with three or more axes without a local origin or destination must use a designated "truck route," according to city code.

- "Truck routes" are defined as:
- I-20 in its entirety within city limits.
 - Loop 250 in its entirety within city limits.
 - State highways 158, 191 and 349 in their entireties within city limits.
 - Business SH 349 from Loop 250 to State Highway 349.
 - Fairgrounds Road from the south city limit to its northern terminus.

or destination must use "local truck routes," they are defined as:

- Wadley Avenue in its entirety.
- Business SH 158 from Loop 250 to West Wall Street.
- Business 20 from the west city limit to the east city limit.
- West Wall Street from Business 20 to Business SH 349.
- Florida Avenue from Garfield Street to Lamesa Road.
- Garden City Highway from Lamesa Road to I-20.
- Midland Drive from Business SH 158 to Loop 250.
- Midkiff Road from the south city limit to Loop 250.
- Garfield Street from West Wall Street to the south city limit.
- Business SH 349 from I-20 to Loop 250.
- Scharbauer Drive from Business SH 349 to Golf Course Road.
- Golf Course Road from Scharbauer Drive to Business SH 158.
- Farm-to-Market Road 307 from Lamesa Road to the east city limit.

Midland ISD names new principal for Emerson Elementary

From staff reports

Midland ISD announced Tuesday that former Bonham Elementary Assistant Principal Christine Reeves will be the new principal at Emerson Elementary.

Reeves, a former teacher, campus and district literacy coach, and assistant principal at MISD, has worked inside the district for 15 years, according to information provided by the MISD. Her most recent assignment came at Bonham.

"My journey at Midland ISD has been incredible, and I am so honored to have been selected to lead Emerson Elementary," said Reeves in a press release. "Education is my passion, and building up the next generation of leaders as a campus administrator is my greatest motivation. I look forward to establishing high expectations for campus staff, parents and students, and to developing a campus culture that embodies academic success."

Reeves graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She also has a master's degree in Education Leadership from Lamar University. She holds the following professional certifications: English as a Second Language (grades first through eighth), Principal (grades pre-K through 12th), and Elementary (grades first through eighth), according to the press release.

Emerson finished among the third highest tier of MISD elementary schools during the 2017-18 campaign, meeting or exceeding the district average on seven of 10 STAAR tests.

"We are excited to introduce Mrs. Reeves to the Emerson Elementary family and campus community," said Diane Lopez, executive director of elementary education for Midland ISD. "She is an outstanding instructional leader with a proven track record of providing a dynamic, thriving academic environment for students."



Reeves

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exist in Midland alone.

There was no discussion about whether the district's status as a "District of Innovation" will help in recruiting people to the classrooms. The district is seeking an exemption to the state law that teachers must possess the appropriate certification or permit issued by a state agency. Midland ISD officials said previously they believed this law prevented the district from hiring people with experience — and even professional certifications — and others with "experience in foreign language."

The conversation about staffing occurred on a night when during the public comment period, multiple speakers were critical of the district for practices that resulted in the departure of two top campus leaders at Fasken Elementary. The district wasn't doing what was necessary to retain top talent on campuses, according to speakers.

One person even questioned why the district does not have a program in place for face-to-face exit interviews. Bailey said that for those who retire/resign before July 2 there is an online survey offer to provide information/opinion about their time with the district.

Trustee Bryan Murry said during the meeting he also believes retention should be more of a focus. He said in attempting to attract and retain good teachers and staff, the district is "missing the morale part."

Professional staff resignations/retirements received

(June 3-July 2)	
Terminations	0
Deceased	1
Family obligation	18
Other education	
employment	57
Retirement	7
Job abandonment	0
Personal	15
Enter private sector	3
Spouse transferred	6
Health	2
Other reasons	23
For 2017-18	
Terminations	1
Deceased	1
Family obligation	98
Other education	
employment	118
Retirement	53
Job abandonment	1
Personal	78
Enter private sector	18
Spouse transferred	9
Health	16
Other reasons	94

Source: MISD

Trustee Tommy Bishop called for other ways to get feedback from current employees to address issues before they result in resignations or retirements.

Trustee Robert Marquez said sometimes there is not much a district can do when "husbands are leaving," forcing the wife, who is a teacher, to leave. He also said the district is in a tough place when it comes to retention because of those who depart due to family obligations.

Superintendent Orlando Riddick said more will be done internally to make retention an issue.

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Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

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Team members gather for beach volleyball practice at Ulmer Park on July 9. The Inferno Junior Beach Volleyball Club is made up of about 40 girls from Lee High, Greenwood High, Midland Classical Academy and St. Ann's School. Coach James Barker of Lubbock said the goal of the club is to provide the girls with playing opportunities that could lead to berths in nationals and college scholarships.

Things to do

- Bird Brains day camp for children in kindergarten and first grade, 9 a.m.-noon, Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org
Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop - 250 N. Barnes and Noble.com
Storytime at the Library, 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
Ukulele Club teaches youth ages 10-15 basic chords and songs to prepare for a group performance at the library's end-of-summer pool party, 3-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.
Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m., Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.
Sip and Chalk with Chalk It Up, 6 p.m., Olive Garden, 2705 W. Loop 250 N. 530. Chalkituparties.com.
Wine Review: Pinot Noir. This series reviews specific wine list offerings, 6:30 p.m., Bean and Grape, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. \$40.
Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway, Free.
Sam Choate, 7 p.m., Sellgrass Steakhouse, 4511 Loop 250.
Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.
Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayva Newsath, 9 p.m., The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

Today's pool schedule

- The Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.
Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.
The entry fee for both pools is \$3 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, July 18, the 199th day of 2018. There are 166 days left in the year.
On this date:
In A.D. 64, the Great Fire of Rome began, consuming most of the city for about a week. (Some blamed the fire on Emperor Nero, who in turn blamed Christians.)
In 1863, during the Civil War, Union troops spearheaded by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, made up of black soldiers, charged Confederate-held Fort Wagner on Morris Island, S.C. The Confederates were able to repel the Northerners, who suffered heavy losses; the 54th's commander, Col. Robert Gould Shaw, was among those who were killed.
In 1969, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne, 28, some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned.
In 1984, gunman James Huberty opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro, California, killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Source: AP

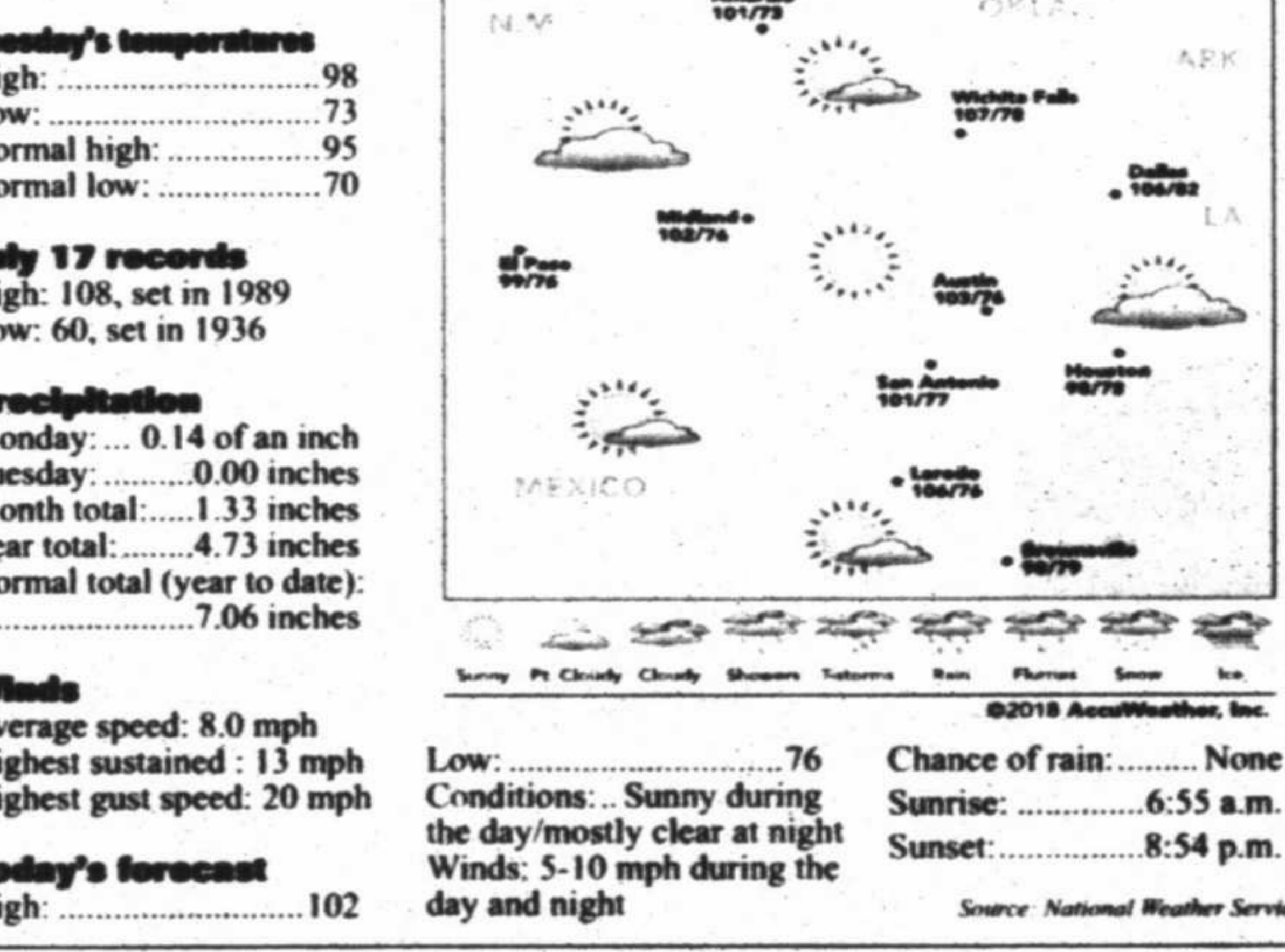
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Weather

Today's temperatures: High: 98, Low: 73, Normal high: 95, Normal low: 70
July 17 records: High: 108, set in 1989, Low: 60, set in 1936
Precipitation: Monday: 0.14 of an inch, Tuesday: 0.00 inches, Month total: 1.33 inches, Year total: 4.73 inches, Normal total (year to date): 7.06 inches
Winds: Average speed: 8.0 mph, Highest sustained: 13 mph, Highest gust speed: 20 mph
Today's forecast: High: 102

Forecast for Wednesday, July 18, 2018



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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.
A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Libra.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 18, 2018. This year, you have several strong desires, which sometimes might conflict with each other. Understand that they are all a part of you. You can be unusually emotional and caring, and you also have a very romantic side. If you are single, you easily could intrigue several people who would like to be yours. Do not commit unless you feel sure about someone. If you are attached, the two of you maintain the passion of new lovers. Romance is a high priority for you both. LIBRA could be envious of how passionate you can be.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You will be very open, at least with those you deal with in some capacity in your daily life. You work well in a team setting. You will find that an older relative is on the war path and cannot be held back. Keep your distance from difficult people. Tonight: Do not lose your temper.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Speak your mind, but also make sure you return all calls. There could be a surprise awaiting you. A friend or loved one is unusually assertive. You'll be happy to see this person become bolder, as he or she usually seems so in control. Tonight: Get with the program.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might be overly concerned about your finances. You also could have a strong reaction to someone else's request. Be on time, manage your work and decide if you have room to do what this person desires. Do not hold back. Tonight: Off to the gym to relieve some pressure.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Regardless of whether someone trips you up, you remain on solid ground and know which way you want to head.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You have a strong sense of direction, and you know what you expect from others. The problem lies in the fact that a lot is going on behind the scenes. You cannot change what is. Keep your own counsel if you feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Be more spontaneous and adventurous.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Get through a project with focus. An informal get-together with friends could be the source of important information; you won't want to miss it. Great ideas come out of this moment. Be careful not to push anyone in a certain direction. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by the demands of a parent or supervisor. You are full of smiles, but below the
grin you could be swallowing a substantial amount of anger. Do not be surprised if you suddenly blurt out a harsh comment or statement. Tonight: Till the wee hours.
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AUSTIN

Abbott maintains huge cash edge in re-election bid

Gov. Greg Abbott's re-election campaign has an enormous financial advantage over Democratic challenger Lupe Valdez with less than four months until Election Day.

The Republican governor has nearly \$29 million in the bank while Valdez has \$222,000. Valdez said Tuesday the race won't be bought and isn't about "courting big donors and answering to special interests."

Texas candidates were required to report new fundraising numbers this week under a campaign finance deadline. Abbott is a heavy favorite to win a second term in November over Valdez, the former Dallas County sheriff who would be Texas' first Latina governor.

It doesn't mean Texas Democrats are sitting on their money in 2018. Beto O'Rourke is outracing U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, and several Democratic congressional challengers have also outtraced GOP incumbents.

SANTA FE

School district where 10 slain to use metal detectors

Trustees of a Houston-area school district where 10 people were fatally shot in an attack blamed on a student have voted to install metal detectors at all four campuses.

The board of the Santa Fe Independent School District on Monday approved recommendations from a security and safety committee to accept donated metal detectors.

A 17-year-old male student remains in custody and charged with capital murder in the May 18 gunfire at Santa Fe High School. Eight students and two educators were killed. Thirteen others were hurt.

Investigators say the suspect wore a trench coat — violating the school dress code. Trustees voted to keep the existing dress code but with stricter enforcement as classes begin Aug. 20.

Trustees last week approved spending at least \$1.5 million for upgraded campus security.

AUSTIN

Report: State saw increase in student arrests for threats

A new report shows a sharp increase in arrests of Texas students for threatening violence in the wake of the deadly high school shooting in February in Parkland, Florida.

The report was released Tuesday by Texas Appleseed, a social justice advocacy group, and other organizations.

It says that according to Texas Juvenile Justice Department data, more than 1,200 arrests were made from January through May for terrorist threats. That compares to 473 such arrests during the same period last year.

The report says there were 259 arrests for exhibition of firearms from January through May, compared to 37 in those months last year. The offense doesn't require possessing a firearm, and the report says most of the students accused didn't have one.

The report says its review suggests many schools aren't distinguishing between students who pose a threat and those who don't.

HOUSTON

Woman accused of biting, swallowing part of nose

A woman is accused of biting off and swallowing part of another woman's nose after being asked to leave the victim's home in Southeast Texas.

Station KTRK-TV reports that 41-year-old Jessica Collins of Conroe has been arrested and charged with assault-bodily injury in the July 11 attack.

The victim says she went out drinking with her neighbor and Collins, and then all three returned to her home.

Collins demanded more cigarettes and alcohol. The victim asked her to leave. The victim says Collins assaulted her, biting off part of her nose and swallowing it.

The victim says all she can remember is "the taste of blood in (her) mouth." Collins is out of jail on bond and has not responded to a message left at her listed phone number.

DALLAS

Texas Instruments' new CEO loses job for personal misconduct

Texas Instruments has fired CEO Brian Crutcher for personal misconduct less than two months after he took over the job, ruining the chip maker's hopes for a smooth transition to new leadership.

Crutcher resigned Tuesday after TI's board determined he violated the company's code of conduct with behavior the company said was not consistent with its ethics and core values. TI emphasized Crutcher's transgression wasn't related to its operations or finances.

The company, however, declined to elaborate on what he did wrong.

The Dallas company is bringing back Crutcher's predecessor as CEO, TI Chairman Rich Templeton. Crutcher replaced Templeton as CEO June 1 as part of what the Dallas company described as a "well-planned succession" when the change was announced in January.

Crutcher had spent more than 20 years at TI before emerging as Templeton's heir apparent. In a video recorded for TI's employees, Templeton said he was

surprised, disappointed and mad when he first found out the company needed him to come back as CEO.

"At this point, I can assure everybody I am back in, deeply immersed, and very excited about the opportunity in front of us today and the opportunity to be your CEO," Templeton told TI's employees. He had spent 14 years as TI's CEO before handing the reins over to Crutcher.

TI's upheaval comes just a few weeks after rival chip maker Intel replaced its CEO, Brian Krzanich, for violating its code of conduct. In that instance, Krzanich was asked to resign for a past consensual relationship with another Intel employee that broke the company's rules.

SAN ANTONIO

Group says 2 kids reunited with families had rash

A group helping recently reunited immigrant families in Texas says it has had two children arrive at its facility in recent weeks with a contagious rash.

Catholic Charities of San Antonio says it served two children who had scabies, a treatable skin disease often found in institutional settings like group homes. The group contacted a doctor who was able to quickly arrive and treat the children.

Another woman who recently arrived had a heavy cough and needed treatment.

CEO Antonio Fernandez said Tuesday that his staff and volunteers have served around 20 families reunited after being separated under the U.S. government's zero-tolerance policy for unauthorized border crossers.

The group puts the families up in hotels, usually for one or two days, and provides them with food and clothing.

HOUSTON

Man who cut off his ankle monitor suspected in 3 killings

A Houston-area parolee who cut off an ankle monitor days before the start of a criminal rampage now faces capital murder charges in two killings — and possibly a third — after a manhunt led to his capture Tuesday, authorities said.

Jose Gilberto Rodriguez, 46, has been charged with one capital murder count each in the shooting deaths of Pamela Johnson and Al-

lie Barrow. Johnson, 62, was found dead Friday in her Cypress-area home, and Barrow, 28, was found dead Saturday inside a Houston mattress store.

Rodriguez, who has a lengthy criminal history, could be charged with a third capital murder count today in the fatal shooting of a man Monday inside another mattress store in Houston, said Sgt. David Crane of the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Authorities have not identified the third victim.

The killing rampage so alarmed the community that one mattress retail chain, Mattress Firm, closed its Houston-area stores Tuesday, television station KHOU reported. The station reports the chain will reopen those stores Wednesday.

The suspect's criminal history dates back to at least 1989 when he was charged with a variety of offenses that include attempted aggravated sexual abuse, burglary and auto theft. He spent decades in state prison and while there was convicted of possession of a deadly weapon. He was released on parole in September and was being tracked by an ankle monitor that Rodriguez cut off days before the July 9 start of the rampage, Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said.

Sheriff's deputies acting on a tip from a caller arrested Rodriguez after the caller spotted a Nissan Sentra that authorities had said was being driven by Rodriguez. The Harris County Sheriff's Office was notified and a deputy attempted to stop the Sentra, but it sped away, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said. The car came to a stop after a chase lasting about 15 minutes and Rodriguez was taken into custody, he said. A handgun was found in the car, which police say was stolen from one of his victims.

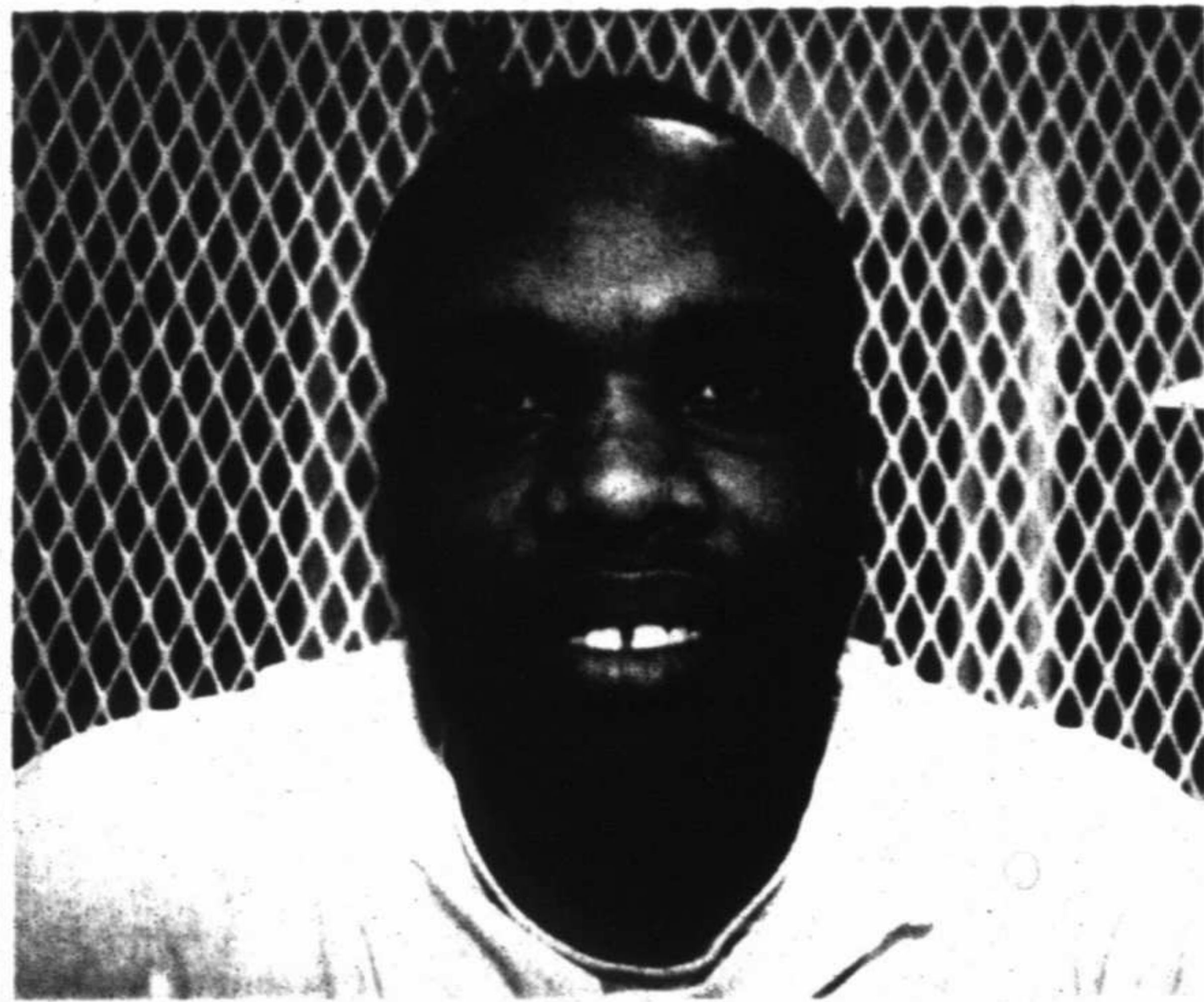
"It's possible that he was looking to score his next victim so we're very relieved, very thankful to the citizens of Harris County for calling in, for being diligent and reporting this to us so that we could take action," Gonzalez said during a news conference.

Rodriguez also is a suspect in the robbery, shooting and wounding of a Metro bus driver on Monday and a home invasion robbery on July 9, investigators said. They believe that they have evidence linking Rodriguez to the crimes, but they are not elaborating.

The Houston police chief expressed frustration at a Tuesday news conference with the low bonds, if any, that were being ordered for violent criminals who violate paroles in the Houston area and across Texas. Acevedo promised to create a task force of law enforcement agencies throughout Harris County to recommend to the Texas Legislature changes to tighten the system.

For instance, Acevedo wants police to be authorized to search all parolees they encounter for drugs and weapons.

"We are going to be like flies on stink on parolees," he said. "They are not going to like us."



Michael Graczyk/AP

Death-row inmate Christopher Young poses outside death row during an interview Friday at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Polunsky Unit near Livingston. Young, who was convicted of fatally shooting San Antonio convenience store owner Hasmukh "Hash" Patel in November 2004, was executed Tuesday.

Texas executes man for 2004 slaying of store owner

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A Texas prisoner was executed Tuesday evening for the fatal shooting of a San Antonio convenience store owner after courts turned down appeals that the state parole board improperly rejected the inmate's clemency request because he's black.

Christopher Young, 34, never denied the slaying, which was recorded on a store surveillance camera, but insisted he was drunk and didn't intend to kill 53-year-old Hasmukh "Hash" Patel during an attempted robbery after drinking nearly two dozen beers and then doing cocaine that Sunday morning, Nov. 21, 2004.

Young and Patel knew each other, and Patel's family members had been vocal about not wanting Young put to death.

In his final statement from the death chamber, Young said he loved his victim's family "like they love me."

"Make sure the kids in the world know I'm being executed and those kids I've been mentoring keep this fight going," he said.

As the lethal dose of the sedative pentobarbital began taking effect, he cursed twice and said the drug burned his throat.

"I taste it in my throat," he said.

Then he slipped into unconsciousness, saying something incomprehensible. He started taking shallow breaths. Within about 30 seconds, he stopped moving and was pronounced dead at 6:38 p.m. CDT.

Twenty-five minutes had passed since he was first given the lethal dose.

Young became the eighth prisoner put to death this year in Texas, one

more than all of 2017 in the nation's busiest capital punishment state.

His attorneys sued the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles after the panel last week rejected a clemency plea in which the lawyers argued Young was "no longer the young man he was when he arrived" on death row, that he was "truly remorseful" and that Patel's son was against the execution.

In their federal civil rights lawsuit, Young's lawyers argued that a white Texas inmate, Thomas Whitaker, received a rare commutation earlier this year as his execution was imminent for the slaying of his mother and brother. Young is black and race improperly "appears to be the driving force in this case," attorney David Dow said in the appeal that sought to delay the punishment.

A federal judge in Houston dismissed the suit and refused to stop the execution, then hours later Tuesday the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals turned down an appeal of that ruling. Young's attorneys did not take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Stephen Hoffman, an assistant Texas attorney general, said the lawsuit was a delay tactic, improper, speculative and "legally and factually deficient."

Young and his lawyers argued he no longer was a Bloods street gang member, had matured in prison and hoped to show others "look where you can end up."

"I didn't know about death row," Young told The Associated Press recently from prison. "It needs to be talked about. You've got a whole new generation. You've got to stop this, not just executions but the crimes. Nobody's talking to these kids. I can't bring Hash back but I can do

something to make sure there's no more Hashes."

He said he excelled at chess and violin, cello and bass but "all that stopped" and he joined the Bloods when he was about 8 after his father was shot and killed in a robbery.

According to court documents, Young sexually assaulted a woman in her apartment with her three young children present, then forced her to drive off with him in her car.

She managed to escape, and records show he drove one block to the Mini Food Mart where owner Patel was shot. Young was arrested 90 minutes later after picking up a prostitute and driving to a crack house where the stolen car was parked outside and spotted by San Antonio police.

Young told the AP the shooting stemmed from a dispute he believed involved the mother of one of his three children and the store owner. He said the woman, however, lied to him.

"He was not a bad dude at all," Young said of Patel. "I was drunk. We knew the victim. The whole confrontation went wrong. I thought he was reaching for a gun and I shot."

Patel's family members declined to witness the execution of Young. In a statement, they said Young forever changed their lives but that when they reflect on "what Hasmukh stood for, and the values that he instilled in his family, we can look for the good in people, including looking at the good in Christopher Young."

They added that their pleas for clemency for Young "sadly" were denied.

At least seven other Texas inmates have execution dates in the coming months.

Sexual assault charge dropped against former Hobbs priest

Associated Press

HOBBBS, N.M. — The case against a former Hobbs Catholic priest accused of criminal sexual contact has been dismissed.

The Hobbs News-Sun reports the criminal charge against former St. Helena Catholic Church priest Ricardo Bauza was tossed last week just days before he was slated to stand trial.

Fifth Judicial District Attorney Dianna Luce declined to comment Thursday

about the dismissal.

Bauza voluntarily surrendered to Hobbs police in February more than three months after a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Bauza had been wanted by authorities since last October following allegations that he got into a shower with an adult male, and washed the victim's body with a loofah in the church rectory at St. Helena in Hobbs.

His attorney, Jason Bowles, says the dismissal was "the appropriate decision."

Police: 2 Texas residents killed in car crash in New Mexico

Associated Press

LOVING, N.M. — Authorities say two Texas residents are dead after a two-car crash in New Mexico's Lea County.

New Mexico State Police say 33-year-old Patricia Montano Ponce of the small Texas town of Buf-

falo and 41-year-old Rafael Arturo Licon of Fort Worth were declared dead at the scene of Monday night's head-on collision.

They say the crash occurred on State Route 128 between the towns of Loving and Jal.

State Police say Ponce was driving a pickup truck

and Licon was a passenger.

The pickup collided with another vehicle driven by a 27-year-old man from Carlsbad, New Mexico.

State Police say the Carlsbad man was airlifted from the scene with unknown injuries.

His name hasn't been released.

Papa John's founder: Stepping down as chairman was a 'mistake'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Papa John's founder John Schnatter says the pizza chain doesn't know how to handle a "crisis based on misinformation" and that he made a "mistake" in agreeing to step down as chairman.

Schnatter says the board requested that he step down as chairman without "any investigation" and he should not have complied, according to a letter his representative says was sent to the board Saturday. The contents of the letter were first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Papa John's, which has started scrubbing Schnatter's image from its marketing materials and says it is evaluating all ties with Schnatter, did not respond to a request for comment. The company said over the weekend it "specifically requested that Mr. Schnatter cease all media appearances, and not make any further statements to the media regarding the company, its business or employees."

Schnatter, who remains on Papa John's board, is the company's largest shareholder.

"I will not allow either my good name or the good name of the company I founded and love to be unfairly tainted," Schnatter says in the letter.

A representative for Schnatter declined to comment on whether he was considering legal action.

In the report last week, Forbes said Schnatter used the N-word during a media training session in May, and that the incident led the marketing agency to sever its ties with the company. Schnatter says he used the word while describing how Colonel Sanders spoke, but that he would never use it as an epithet.

He also said in the letter to the board that the agency asked for a higher payment than had been agreed to. The marketing firm, Laundry Service, did not respond to requests for comment.

Schnatter had already resigned as CEO last year after blaming disappointing sales on the NFL leadership's on the controversy surrounding football players kneeling during the national anthem.

In the letter Saturday, Schnatter said that incident was also mishandled by the company's leadership "from a public relations standpoint" and that what he said was not racist.



Courtesy Of South Texas Fishing Association

A man caught a 14-foot hammerhead shark at Padre Island National Seashore on Saturday afternoon. He tried to release the shark after, but eventually was forced to accept that "she was done," the man said in a Facebook post. The shark meat was donated.

Texas man makes hammerhead shark catch of 'multiple lifetimes'

San Antonio Express-News

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A Corpus Christi man and his friends saw the shark catch of "multiple lifetimes" at Padre Island National Seashore turned to disappointment Saturday afternoon, the man said on Facebook.

The 14-foot hammerhead was his largest catch to date, and the first — out of hundreds caught during his 20 years of shark fishing — that did not survive, Poco Cedillo said.

"We did everything we could to release it and it didn't make it," Poco Cedillo told mySA.com. "No one hates that it didn't make it more than us... I have caught hundreds of sharks and never have I killed one for fun or fame. It's not what we do."

Cedillo said the shark he'd "only dreamed about" fought him for over an hour before he and his friends were able to take photos, take measurements, and remove the hook.

He noticed right away the shark was tired, he said, so they only spent a few minutes measuring and photographing the

shark while it was still in deep water before trying to release it.

They spent more than half an hour holding the shark up into the current before realizing she wasn't going to make it, Cedillo said in his Facebook post.

"We were so tired, shark rashed and disappointed that it sucked the excitement right out of us for a while," Cedillo said in his post.

Because they couldn't release the shark, they decided to focus on saving the meat instead. The group harvested more than 400 pounds of meat which they donated to a local homeless shelter, Cedillo said.

He later noticed a bystander had watched the ordeal and made a negative post on social media, failing to explain that the shark's death was accidental. So Cedillo posted a Facebook post, as well, defending his actions and showing a video that proves they attempted to save the shark.

By Monday afternoon, nearly 3,000 Facebook users had shared his post, though there were also several negative comments.

"People that know me know that I release every single shark I catch so this hurts," he said in the post. "Catching the fish of a lifetime and it not making it totally sucks for me but it happens especially since we tried hard."



Angela Major/The Janesville Gazette via AP

In this April 11 photo, production workers stack newspapers onto a cart at the Janesville Gazette Printing & Distribution plant in Janesville, Wis. Members of Congress are warning that newspapers in their home states are in danger of cutting coverage or going out of business if the United States maintains recently imposed tariffs on Canadian newsprint.

Lawmakers warn Trump tariffs threaten local newspapers

By Kevin Freking
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — About a dozen members of Congress warned Tuesday that newspapers in their home states are in danger of reducing news coverage, laying off workers or going out of business if the United States maintains recently imposed tariffs on Canadian newsprint.

The Trump administration ordered the tariffs in response to a complaint from a paper producer in Washington state. It argues that Canadian competitors take advantage of government subsidies to sell their product at unfairly low prices.

About a dozen lawmakers testified against making the tariffs permanent during a United States International Trade Commission hearing. The commission is reviewing whether U.S. producers of certain ground-wood paper products, including newsprint, have been materially injured because of the imports from Canada. The commission's findings help determine whether the Department of Commerce makes the tariffs

permanent.

Newsprint is generally the second-largest expense for local papers. The tariffs have generally increased newsprint prices by 25 to 30 percent.

Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King of Maine both argued that the tariffs will hurt the industry they're designed to help because it will diminish the market for newsprint in America as newspapers shrink or close.

"If you end up with a smaller market, you haven't helped anybody, let alone the plant in Washington that is petitioning for this help," King said.

The newsprint tariffs reflect President Donald Trump's tough new approach to U.S. trade relations, but they are separate from other high-profile trade actions taken in recent weeks. The administration has also sought to curb imports from China and steel and aluminum imports from a range of countries.

The lawmakers who testified included Republicans and Democrats from a broad cross-section of the country. No lawmaker testified in favor of the tariffs. Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., said the tariffs have

led to surprise newsprint shortages and price hikes across the Southeast. He said papers in Vicksburg and Natchez have cited rapid increases in newsprint costs for cutting their print paper to five days per week, instead of seven.

"It defies logic that NORPAC, just one mill located in the opposition end of the United States, can create this type of disruption and uncertainty," Wicker said.

NORPAC stands for the North Pacific Paper Company. It employs about 300 people. Company officials told the commission that prices had dropped so low for its paper that it could not justify keeping all three of its machines running. But since the imposition of the tariffs in January 2018, prices have recovered to the extent that it was able to hire back 60 employees and restore pay and benefit cuts made in 2017.

"The duties are helping us by offsetting the unfair advantage Canadian producers have from government subsidies," said Rob Buckingham, a company vice president. "Please make these duties permanent."

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Trump's discord in Helsinki is from America

■ The president talked about the United States as an entity he stands apart from and critiques accordingly

Donald Trump is not, and never will be, the Moscow correspondent for The Nation magazine, and he shouldn't sound like it.

The left-wing publication is prone to extend sympathetic understanding to adversaries of the United States and find some reason, any reason, to blame ourselves for their external aggression and internal suppression. Especially to the regime of Vladimir Putin, which is supposedly forced into its brute-force cynicism by its "encirclement" by the West.

This is an old trope going back to the Cold War, used as an excuse every time Moscow tramples a neighbor and lies about it. This rationalization of Russian adventurism is bad enough when it is trotted out by opinion-makers — both on the blame-America-first left and the Buchananite right — but even worse when it passes the lips of a president of the United States.

Trump is extremely defensive about Russia's meddling in the 2016 election, which he believes is being used to under-



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mine the legitimacy of his victory. Thus, he resorts to sophistry, blame-shifting and obfuscation to avoid fully confronting the fact. That he did this standing next to the foreign perpetrator of the crime in Helsinki was depressing, if not surprising.

More startling were Trump's statements blaming both the U.S. and Russia for poor relations. He tweeted it before his meeting with Putin and then confirmed the point when pressed about it in his news conference: "I hold both countries responsible."

Ah, yes, both countries. One is given to invading its neighbors, rigging elections, killing dissidents (including on foreign soil) and violating international agreements and norms in the hopes of re-establishing something like the old Russian empire. The other has a strange, but

apparently unbreakable, habit of electing new presidents who naively believe that they can reset relations with Russia based on their personality and goodwill.

The sophisticated version of this argument is that the West has provoked Russia by pushing NATO up to its borders, allegedly in violation of assurances that it wouldn't.

James Kirchick of the Brookings Institution has rebutted this case. James Baker assured Mikhail Gorbachev that NATO would not expand "one inch eastward," but he was speaking when East Germany still existed. There never was any formal agreement that NATO wouldn't expand, which it did after the Soviet Union collapsed. But only at the behest of new entrants, who had enough experience with Russian expansionism over the centuries to want to join an alliance that could afford some protection.

By no reasonable standard was this threatening to Russia. In fact, Putin himself said in 2002: "Every country has the right to choose the way it ensures its security. This holds for the Baltic states as well. Secondly, and more specifically, NATO is primarily a defensive bloc. I can

only repeat what I have said several times. The enlargement of the bloc is supposed to improve international security and the security of its member countries."

Just so. Only subsequently did Putin decide that the notion that nations should have sacrosanct boundaries and be able to determine their own fate is too provocative for him to handle. He has expressed his disquiet in characteristic fashion — by rolling tanks and little green men into countries on Russia's periphery.

This shouldn't be hard to denounce and distinguish from our own behavior. Trump has a strange ability to abstract himself from his own administration that he often comments on as if he's a pundit with no responsibility for it. In Helsinki, he talked about the United States the same way, as an entity he stands apart from and critiques accordingly.

The result was dismaying, and stood in stark contrast to his Russian counterpart. Putin knew exactly what he was doing, was always in control and never said anything to undercut his own country.

In this sense, if no other, Trump should take notes from the man he refuses to criticize.

OUR VIEW

MDC diversifies its portfolio with building purchase downtown

The Midland Development Corp. wants to take a shot at downtown development. When we first heard that the MDC wanted to buy the former Western United Life Building for more than \$3 million, we did a double take. Our view has been the MDC was riding a streak of smart investments in the past year or two, and it didn't need to get involved with so much risk and where others had failed.

We have been open about the use of public money on downtown ventures. Our hope has been that once the Midland Convention Center was built, public funding of downtown initiatives would come to an end. That opinion really hasn't changed, but we hope the public gives the MDC time to see where its downtown investment goes.

Why the change of heart? Quite simply, the Midland Development Corp., through its performance during the past couple of years, has shown more than any other taxing entity that it gets the current state of Midland and has been the most innovative when it comes to solutions for our community's problems: health, transportation, road funding and education.

And for those who need to be convinced, we will use the words of MDC Board Chairman Brent Hilliard when it came to the Western United Life Building deal. He called for future plans — when it comes to that property and the neighboring property on Texas Avenue (the Building of the Southwest) — to be based on "the best business decision" and "what benefits the taxpayer most."

"Whichever one that is, we will consider," Hilliard said. The MDC has used its money to attract tens of millions in road funding for the community. When the north part of Loop 250 is completed and the north part of Big Spring Street is improved to allow for safer entry way to the city for those in north Midland, the MDC should garner a lion's share of the credit. And of course, the deal with Texas Tech University to bring a children's mental health center to Midland is potentially the MDC's greatest investment of all.

We believe the case can be made that the MDC currently is the perfect partner to make the best business decision for downtown. We believe the convention center can be everything that leaders have promised, and we expect the property directly to the west (the former Centennial Plaza and county courthouse space) can be home to a project worthy of Midland (whatever that project may be).

Will it be simple? No. Should it require a lot more public funding to bring all this to fruition? Let's hope not.

Can it really be the catalyst that complements the efforts of Concho and others to make downtown relevant? We are more optimistic than we have in a long time.

We hope MDC leaders are right to diversify its current portfolio with a substantial downtown project. We will be supportive, and we hope the community will be as well.

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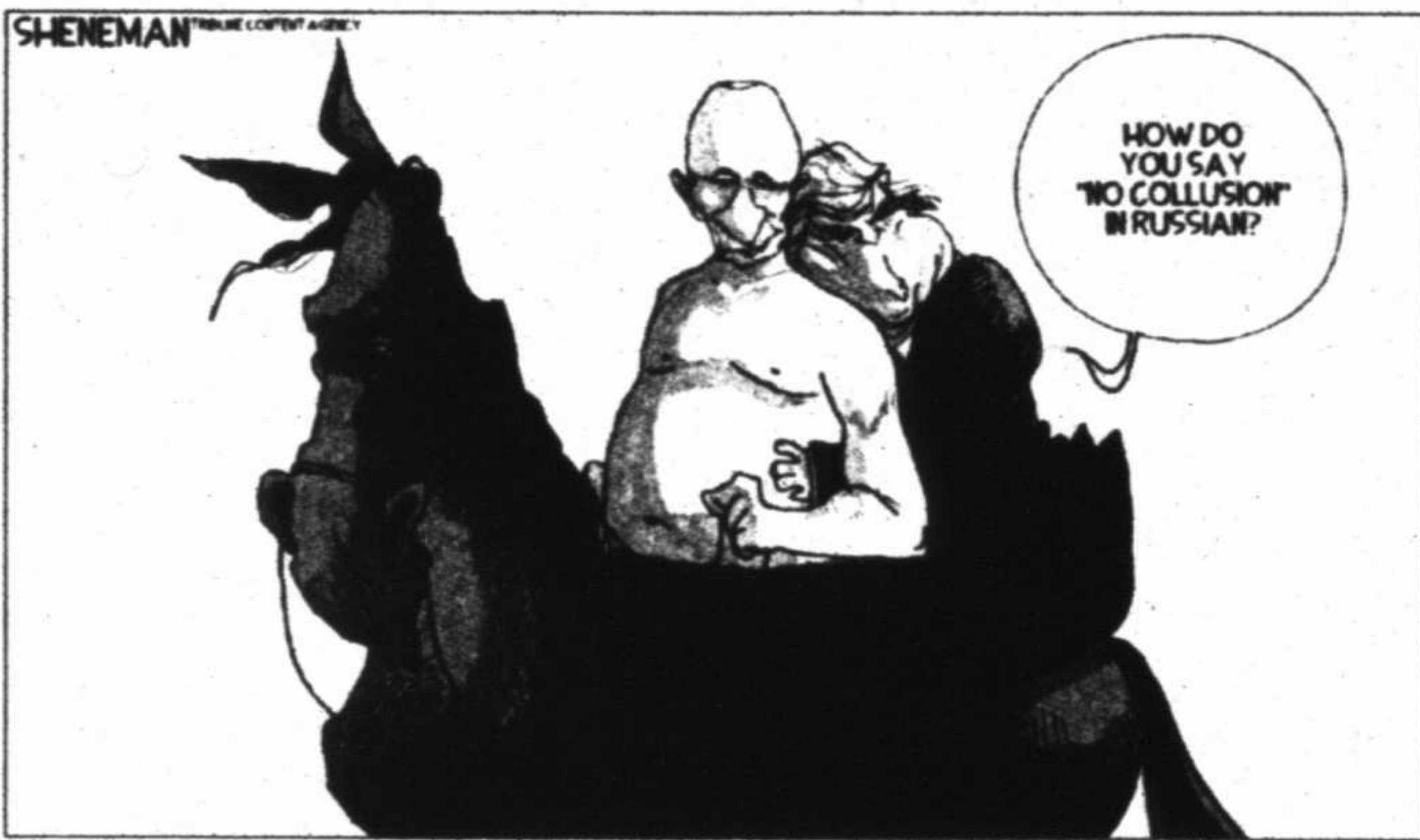
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My fellow Americans, we are a deeply stupid nation. I know this must be the case because President Trump has repeatedly informed us that we are a "stupid country" — he offered this opinion on at least nine occasions since he launched his campaign for the presidency — and he should know. As he reminded us after his NATO meeting last week, he is a "very stable genius."

It is furthermore the president's highly intelligent opinion we have been led by "stupid people" and "our laws are so corrupt and stupid." We have been stupid about trade. We have been stupid in dealing with Iraq, Iran, China, Mexico, Canada, Europe and Muslims. We have the "dumbest" immigration laws. Among the many stupid things Trump has identified: White House staffers, the FBI, the National Football League, Democrats, the filibuster and journalists.

"We're so stupid!" Trump said to a group of donors recently. They laughed. "You feel like sort of stupid, don't you?" Trump asked a rally of supporters recently. "Don't you feel stupid?"

Stoo-pid! Stoo-pid! But we are at our most imbecilic when dealing with Russia. "Our relationship with Russia has NEVER been worse thanks to many years of U.S. foolishness and stupidity," he tweeted before meeting Monday in Helsinki with Russia's Vladimir Putin.

The Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs retweeted Trump's assessment of his own country's stupidity, tacking on the words "We agree." In his news conference a few hours later with Putin, Trump again raised the flag of American foolishness and stupidity. "The United States has been foolish," he said.

How foolish are we? We brainlessly criticized Russia when it invaded Georgia and Ukraine. We idiotically protested when Russia poisoned people in Britain. Like dunces, we punished Russians for killing human rights activists. Morons that we are, we complained when Russia shot down a passenger jet. And then, revealing ourselves to be truly daft and insane, we blamed Russia for interfering in our election.

Standing at Putin's side Monday, Trump let the world know just how doltish the people are who made this judgment, including the cretins at the CIA and the nitwits on the Senate Intelligence Committee. "I have President Putin; he just said it's not Russia," Trump announced. "I don't see any reason why it would be" Russia.

Trump, an aficionado of intelligence, likely

sides with Putin because Putin is "very smart" in Trump's estimation (though not a "smart cookie" like Kim Jong Un), while he regards American intelligence as unintelligent. Trump long ago dismissed the CIA as the mumskulls "who said Saddam Hussein has weapons of mass destruction."

And the CIA's ignorance is as nothing compared with the ignoramus Robert S. Mueller III and his special counsel investigation ("we have this stupidity going on — pure stupidity," Trump said in Britain), which on Friday indicted 12 Russians in the hack of the Democratic National Committee. The dunces of the DNC "should be ashamed of themselves" for being hacked, Trump said.

Trump sometimes has trouble convincing people of the truth of his position. This is because he is surrounded by idiots.

NATO allies fumed about Trump's threats to abandon the alliance and go his "own way," and his later claim that the European Union is America's "foe." Fools! If they were smarter, they would realize NATO "is much stronger" for Trump's efforts.

The British thought Trump had savaged Prime Minister Theresa May when, in a recorded interview, he said she "wrecked Brexit" and "didn't listen" to his advice. Rubes! "I didn't criticize the prime minister," Trump said.

It appeared, to the dim, there were tens, if not hundreds of thousands, in the streets of Britain, even mocking him with a blimp showing an angry, orange Trump baby. But Trump's genius could discern that "they like me here."

Likewise, many a low-IQ individual cringed at Trump's performance in Helsinki: deferential to the Russian dictator, believing Putin over the U.S. government and boasting (with an incorrect figure) about his electoral college victory. But they are stupid if they can't see Russia did not help Trump win. "We ran a brilliant campaign, and that's why I'm president," Trump said.

If Trump is right — and he is so smart that he must be — then this could mean Americans wanted exactly what they are getting right now: a president who burns alliances, insults allies, sides with Putin over the American government, ignores Russia's abuses and bashes the free press across Europe.

If so, if we Americans really did want this, Trump has proved his point about our intelligence. As a wise man once said: Stupid is as stupid does.

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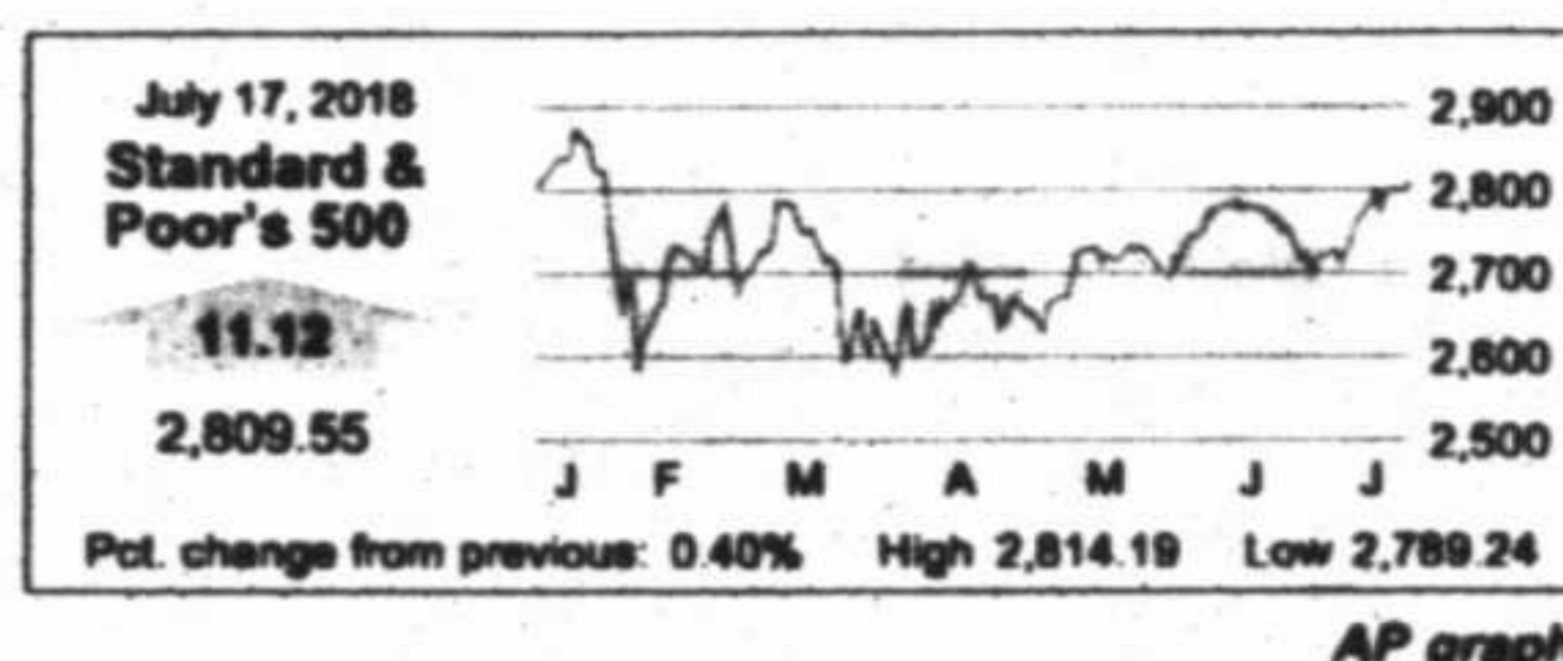
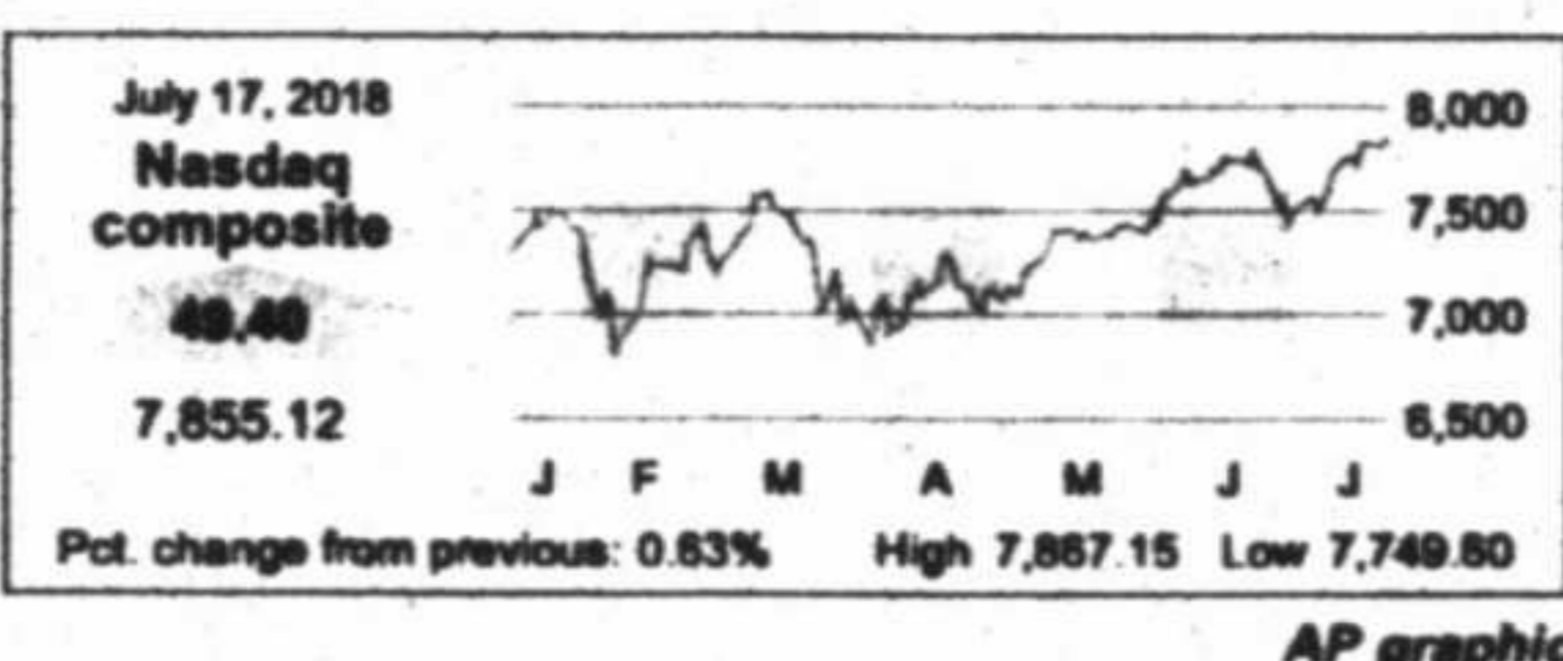
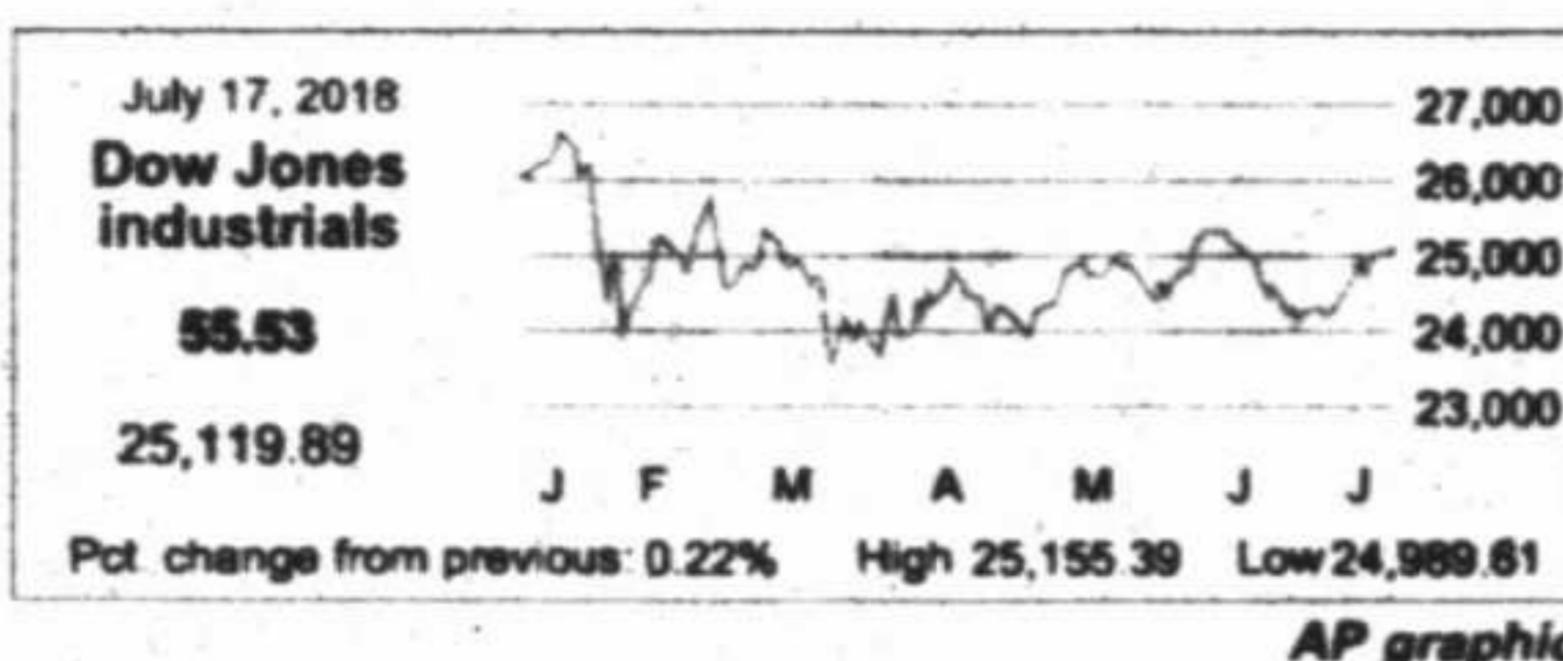
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Tuesday:	\$68.88
Previous:	\$68.86
POSTED	
Tuesday:	\$64.50
Previous:	\$64.50
WEST TEXAS SOUR	
Tuesday:	\$54.85
Previous:	\$54.85
NATURAL GAS	
Tuesday:	\$2.740
Previous:	\$2.759

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on some)				GAINERS (\$2 on some)			
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DeGul	823386	23.09	-0.2	Zuora	26.58	+2.17	+8.9
GenElec	590763	13.69	-2.1	Sogou	12.02	+8.9	+8.0
SPDR Fin	553904	27.49	+0.3	ArborRT	11.68	+7.8	+7.2
US Oils	544411	13.95	+0.1	Elodak	4.00	+2.5	+6.7

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TransE	77822	4.79	+0.6	NewConEn	3.50	+3.0	+9.4
NewConEn	59389	3.50	+3.0	ContraEn	3.49	+2.7	+8.4
BipolG	53794	2.56	+0.7	Inteltek	2.26	+1.6	+7.6

NASDAQ

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Microsoft	257300	105.85	+1.04	ChangO	7.30	+1.48	+25.4
Microsoft	244815	98.96	+8.1	Adidas	5.50	+1.03	+23.0
Comcast	210523	34.27	+7.0	JennyHol	10.70	+1.88	+18.8
Cisco	201614	42.34	+1.6	SoCalRy	5.74	+0.89	+18.4



Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, walks to a subway car following a vote on Capitol Hill in Washington on July 11.

US senators revive bill to counter OPEC 'price fixing'

By Mohammed Sergie
Bloomberg

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, along with a fellow Republican and two Democratic lawmakers, introduced legislation in the Senate that is aimed at allowing the government to bring lawsuits against OPEC members for antitrust violations.

Lawmakers in the other chamber of Congress, the House of Representatives, already introduced a version of the "No Oil Producing and Exporting Cartels Act," or NOPEC, bill in May. Congress has discussed various forms of NOPEC legislation since 2000, but both George W. Bush and Barack Obama threatened to use their veto power to halt it from becoming law. The risk for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is that U.S. President Donald Trump may break with this precedent.

"It's long past time to put an end to illegal price fixing by OPEC," Grassley said in a statement. "We are committed to reducing our reliance on foreign oil, especially when it's artificially and illegally priced. Our bill shows the OPEC members we will not tolerate their flagrant antitrust violations."

OPEC pumps about a third of the world's oil, and the biggest of its 15 members is Saudi Arabia, one of America's closest friends in the Middle East. While the group doesn't target a specific crude price, it adds or removes supplies in the market and therefore can affect prices. Benchmark Brent crude has gained 26 percent since January 2017 as OPEC cut output.

U.S. oil imports from OPEC countries have declined by almost half from the 6 million barrels a day in 2008, according to data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Yet, at 3.4 million barrels a day in 2017, such imports remained 17 percent higher than in 2015, when they fell to their lowest in almost three decades.

Trump has been a vocal critic of OPEC for decades, first in his books and then via Twitter. He has also gone further than other presidents in commenting about specific oil prices and production levels.

Trump's track record is important because it raises the odds that the White House will sign into law a bill that has broad bipartisan support. In 2007, a similar bill passed in the House of Representatives in a 345-72 vote, and in the Senate by 70-23, only to fail afterward in the face of White House opposition.

The NOPEC legislation that Grassley, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and his colleagues introduced would amend the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890. The other senators sponsoring it are Utah Republican Mike Lee and Democrats Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota and Patrick Leahy of Vermont. All four senators represent largely rural states, where oil prices, as reflected in the cost of gasoline, can have a big impact on local economies.

Stocks rebound

U.S. stocks rallied Tuesday as retailers, technology and household goods companies all made solid gains and helped the market shake off a weak start. Netflix slumped after investors were disappointed with the streaming video company's subscriber growth.

Stocks skidded at the start of trading as investors sold some of their recent favorites including Facebook and Apple. But those stocks later recovered and Netflix narrowed its losses. Technology companies also turned higher and strong results from Johnson & Johnson pulled health care stocks upward.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell delivered a positive view of the economy as he told Congress that he expects the Fed to keep gradually raising interest rates. Powell said the Fed believes the economy will stay strong and inflation will remain at around 2 percent for the next few years.

The S&P 500 index rose 11.12 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,809.55 after it dropped 9 points at the start of trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 55.53 points, or 0.2 percent, to 25,119.89. The Nasdaq composite jumped 49.40 points, or 0.6 percent, to 7,855.12 and surpassed the record high it set last week.

Metal prices end mixed

Metals prices continued to fall. Gold dropped 1 percent to \$1,227.30 an ounce. Silver sank 1.2 percent to \$15.62 an ounce. Copper fell 0.6 percent to \$2.75 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Company	Closing Price	Change
Concho Resources (CXO)	\$148.06	Up 0.20
Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)	\$7.81	Down
Diamondback Energy (FANG)	\$130.65	Up 0.66
Legacy Reserves (LGCY)	\$5.68	Down 0.20
Mexco Energy (MXC)	\$6.05	Up 0.41
Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)	\$22.10	Down 0.05
ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)	\$15.76	Up 0.42
RSP Permian (RSPP)	\$47.36	Up 0.10
Ring Energy (REI)	\$12.87	Up 0.02
Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)	\$31.27	Up 0.60

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AK Steel	22	4.78	24	-15.5	-15.5	-15.5	Cheniere	7	8.47	27	+17.5	+17.5	+17.5	PerOils	1.50	15.20	172.74	+10.9	+10.9	+10.9
AT&T	2.00	12	31.76	-14	-18.3	-18.3	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
Abrams	41	2.84	87	+95.4	+95.4	+95.4	Costco	1.80	23	68.98	+30	+13.1	+13.1	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
Adia	1.32	18.86	9.86	-8.5	-8.5	-8.5	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
AMD	16.87	29	64.1	+61.1	+61.1	+61.1	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
Alibaba	57	192.86	-2.31	-11.7	-11.7	-11.7	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
Alkerm	1.35	10.21	0.4	-5.4	-5.4	-5.4	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
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Amstar	0.26	1.74	5.6	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9
Amstar	0.26	1.74	5.6	-3.9	-3.9	-3.9	ConocoPhillips	1.98	77	46.25	+82	+1.4	+1.4	Procter	3.20	20	106.00	-18	-17.9	-17.9

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INDEXES

Index	High	Low	Close	Chg	%Chg	YTD
Dow Jones Industrial	25,171.14	25,119.89	25,119.89	+55.53	+0.22	+16.8
Dow Jones Transportation	10,433.12	10,433.12	10,433.12	+27.81	+0.26	+1.1
Dow Jones Utilities	778.89	778.89	778.89	-2.3	-0.3	+1.27
NASDAQ Composite	7,855.12	7,855.12	7,855.12	+49.40	+0.63	+18.8
S&P 500	2,809.55	2,809.55	2,809.55	+11.12	+0.40	+15.9
S&P MidCap	1,047.4	1,047.4	1,047.4	+15.57	+1.50	+15.1
S&P SmallCap	2,548.41	2,548.41	2,548.41	+48.8	+1.92	+16.7
Russell 2000	1,827.28	1,827.28	1,827.28	+47.2	+2.62	+16.9

Trump's retraction is not likely to be his final word on Russia

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington political playbook called for President Donald Trump to make clear — and fast — that the U.S. wasn't in the pocket of Russia President Vladimir Putin. On Tuesday, Trump relented, saying he misspoke on Russian election meddling.

But apologies and clarifying statements aren't typically Trump's style. Here's a look at Trump's stunning reversal and what might happen next.

Under pressure

Trump was under tremendous pressure by his own party to apologize for his remarks. With Putin at his side, Trump said Monday he didn't "see any reason why" Russia would try to interfere in the U.S. election.

"He's got to reverse course immediately," said Anthony Scaramucci, who briefly served as Trump's White House communications director, told CNN early Tuesday.

Newt Gingrich, a close ally to Trump, called it "the most serious mistake of his presidency" and tweeted that it "must be corrected immediately."

House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell both piled on. Ryan said "there should be no doubt" about Russia's actions, while McConnell cited a "widespread view" among senators that Russia poses a threat to the U.S.

Early Tuesday morning, Trump was blaming "Fake News" on Twitter for mischaracterizing his meeting with Putin. Then just hours later, he sharply reversed course, telling reporters he misspoke and that he meant to say he doesn't see why Russia "wouldn't" be responsible for election interference.

But will it last?

Retractions are almost unheard of when it comes to Trump, who typically prefers to dig in.

After last year's deadly clash in Charlottesville, Virginia, the president initially declined to unequivocally condemn the white supremacist groups involved, instead blaming "many sides." After much pushback, he delivered a carefully worded statement condemning members of the KKK, neo-Nazis and violent white supremacists as "criminals and thugs."

But Trump later reverted and again blamed "both sides." The back-and-forth prompted such a strong public reaction that the Republican National Committee wound up taking the extra step of specifically denouncing white supremacist groups, with some members grumbling that they had been put in the position to defend the GOP against allegations of racism.

Then earlier this year, at a private meeting at the White House, Trump offered shifting explanations on whether he used a vulgar term to describe some African nations. Months later when Trump met the Nigerian president at the White House, the two leaders carefully avoided the topic.

Questions from Congress

The optics matter. Trump remains under investigation for obstruction of justice, and special counsel Robert Mueller last week laid out detailed indictments of 12 Russian military officers for hacking Democrats' computers. Meanwhile, Republicans this fall will have to defend their majority in Congress by running against Democrats who claim Trump has bowed to Putin, a former KGB spy.

Some lawmakers talked about passing a resolution denouncing Russia's election meddling, or even considering new sanctions against Moscow. But those moves are unlikely to change much in the minds of American voters or keep Russia from interfering in future elections. (Congressional resolutions don't carry the force of law.)

On Tuesday, some senators said they wanted to hold hearings on the matter, including testimony from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on what exactly happened during Trump's private two-hour meeting with Putin.

"The Russians have been manipulating elections for the past couple of decades," Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, a former undercover CIA officer, told CNN. "And guess what? They're going to continue."

EU, US relations sinks further after divisive Trump tour

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — After a week of the worst barrage of insults yet from U.S. President Donald Trump, the European Union is looking westward toward the White House less and less.

Making it worse, Trump spent Monday cozying up to EU adversary Vladimir Putin in an extraordinary chummy summit with the Russian leader in Helsinki.

In an age when Trump has made political optics all-important, on Tuesday the EU struck back. Key EU leaders were in the far east in Japan and China looking for the trust, friendship and cooperation they could no longer get from a century-old ally.

Trump's embrace of Putin and the EU's Asian outreach highlight the yawning rift, widening more by the day, in a trans-Atlantic unity that has been the bedrock of international politics for the better part of a century, as countless graves of U.S. soldiers buried in European soil bear witness to.

Trump's abrasiveness and "America First" insistence had been a given even before he became president. Europe's increasing resignation to letting go of the cherished link to the White House is much more recent.

After last week's brutal NATO summit where Trump derided Europeans as freeloaders, EU chief Donald Tusk spoke on

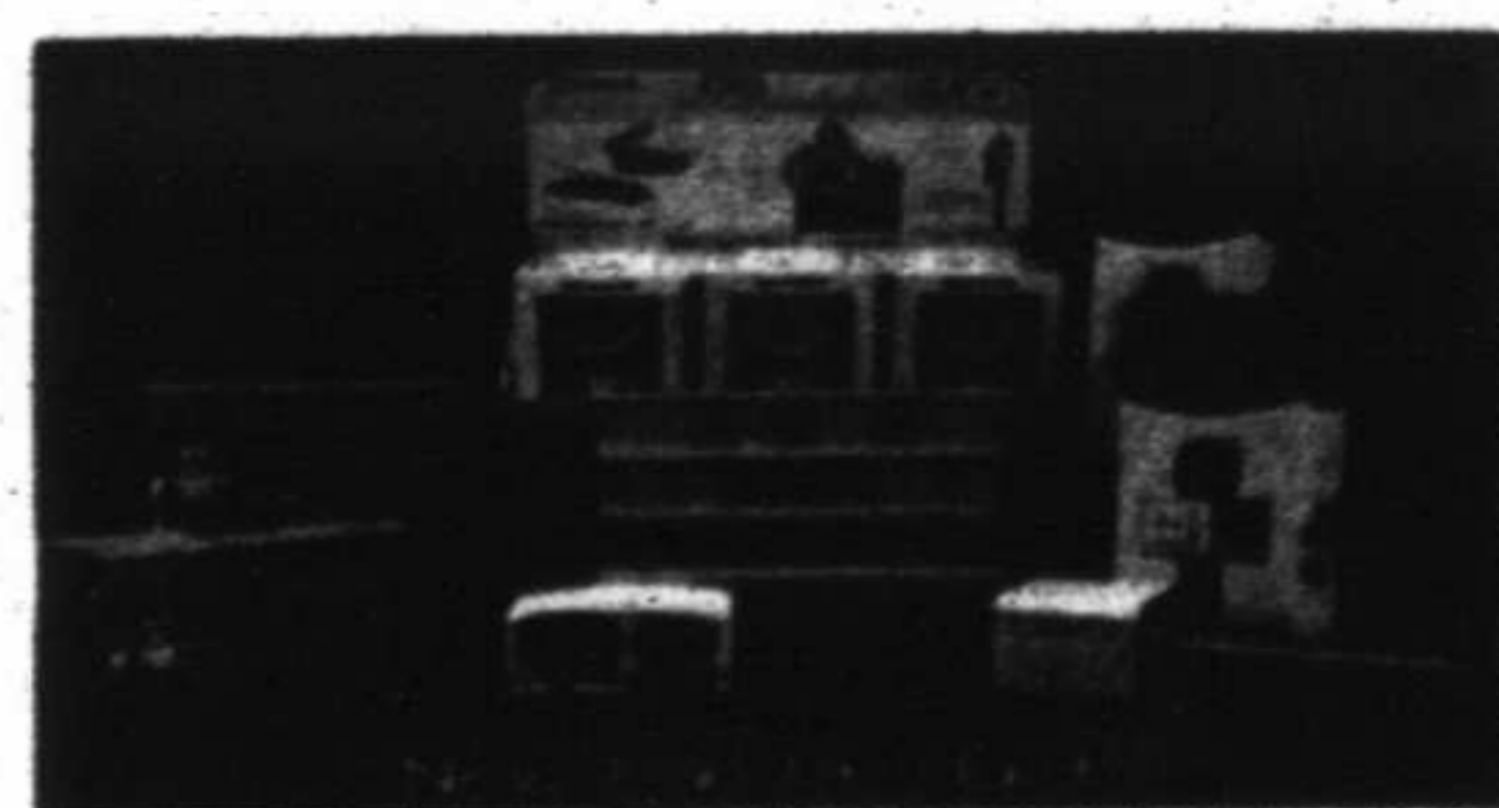
Tuesday of "the increasing darkness of international politics."

"This Helsinki summit is above all another wake-up call for Europe," said Manfred Weber, the German leader of the EPP center-right group in the European Parliament, the legislature's biggest.

"We Europeans must take our fate in our own hands."

It was a startling sentiment coming from someone who hails from the same German Christian Democrat stock as Angela Merkel, Helmut Kohl and Konrad Adenauer, staunch supporters of the trans-Atlantic link over the past three-quarters century.

There have been other signs of the growing European detachment from the White House, especially after Trump pulled out of the global climate agreement and the Iran nuclear deal the EU brokered.



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President Donald Trump speaks with Russian President Vladimir Putin during a press conference after their meeting at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki on Monday.

Trump corrects his quote, says misspoke on Russian meddling

By Zeke Miller and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Blistered by bipartisan condemnation of his embrace of a longtime U.S. enemy, President Donald Trump sought Tuesday to "clarify" his public undermining of American intelligence agencies, saying he had misspoken when he said he saw no reason to believe Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

"The sentence should have been, 'I don't see any reason why I wouldn't, or why it wouldn't be Russia' instead of 'why it would,' Trump said, in a rare admission of error by the bombastic U.S. leader. His comment came — amid rising rebuke by his own party — about 27 hours after his original, widely reported statement, which he made at a Monday summit in Helsinki standing alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"I accept our intelligence community's conclusion that Russia's meddling in the 2016 election took place," Trump said Tuesday. But he added, as he usually does, "It could be other people also. A lot of people out there. There was no collusion at all."

Moments earlier, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell issued a public reassurance to U.S. allies in NATO and Europe with whom Trump clashed during his frenzied Europe trip last week.

"The European countries are our friends, and the Russians are not," McConnell said.

The scripted cleanup dealt with only the latest of Trump's problematic statements during his week-long trip, in which he sent the NATO alliance into emergency session and assailed British Prime Minister Theresa May as she was hosting him for an official visit.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump was trying to "squirm away" from his comments alongside Putin. "It's 24 hours too late and in the wrong place," he said.

Trump still maintained that his meetings with NATO allies went well and his summit with Putin "even better."

This reference to diplomatic success carried an edge, too, since the barrage of criticism and insults he delivered in Brussels and London was hardly well-received.

And the reaction back home has been immediate and visceral, among

fellow Republicans as well as usual Trump critics.

"Shameful," "disgraceful," "weak," were a few of the comments. Makes the U.S. "look like a pushover," said GOP Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee.

On Capitol Hill, top Republican leaders said they were open to slapping fresh sanctions on Russia but showed no signs of acting any time soon.

"Let's be very clear, just so everybody knows: Russia did meddle with our elections," said House Speaker Paul Ryan. "What we intend to do is make sure they don't get away with it again and also to help our allies."

In the Senate, Schumer called for Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and other top officials to appear before Congress and tell exactly what happened during Trump's two-hour private session with Putin.

Schumer also urged the Senate to take up legislation to boost security for U.S. elections and to revive a measure passed earlier by the Judiciary Committee to protect Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference.

But minority Democrats have few tools to push their priorities.

In the House, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi planned a vote Tuesday in support of the intelligence committee's findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 election.

Senators had floated a similar idea earlier, but The No. 2 Republican, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, said sanctions may be preferable to a nonbinding resolution that amounts to "just some messaging exercise."

Corker, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said the first step was to get Pompeo to appear, "hopefully" next week.

Trump's meeting with Putin in Helsinki was his first time sharing the international stage with a

man he has described as an important U.S. competitor — but whom he has also praised a strong, effective leader.

His remarks, siding with a foe on foreign soil over his own government, was a stark illustration of Trump's willingness to upend decades of U.S. foreign policy and rattle Western allies in service of his political concerns.

A wary and robust stance toward Russia has been a bedrock of his party's world view. But Trump made clear he feels that any acknowledgement of Russia's election involvement would undermine the legitimacy of his election.

Standing alongside Putin, Trump steered clear of any confrontation with the Russian, going so far as to question American intelligence and last week's federal indictments that accused 12 Russians of hacking into Democratic email accounts to hurt Hillary Clinton in 2016.

"I have great confidence in my intelligence people, but I will tell you that President Putin was extremely strong and powerful in his denial today."

"He just said it's not Russia. I will say this: I don't see any reason why it would be," Trump said. That's the part he corrected on Tuesday.

His Monday statement drew a quick rebuttal from his director of national intelligence, Dan Coats.

"We have been clear in our assessments of Russian meddling in the 2016 election and their ongoing, pervasive efforts to undermine our democracy, and we will continue to provide unvarnished and objective intelligence in support of our national security," Coats said.

After his walkback on Tuesday, Trump said his administration will "move aggressively" to repel efforts to interfere in American elections.

"We are doing everything in our power to pre-

vent Russian interference in 2018," he said. "And we have a lot of power."

Fellow GOP politicians have generally stuck with Trump during a year and a half of turmoil, but he was assailed as seldom before as he returned home Monday night from what he had hoped would be a proud summit with Putin.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona was most outspoken, declaring that Trump made a "conscious choice to defend a tyrant" and achieved "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory."

Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul emerged as one of the president's few defenders from his own party. He defended Trump's skepticism to CBS News Tuesday, citing the president's experience on the receiving end of "partisan investigations."

Back at the White House, Paul's comments drew a presidential tweet of gratitude. "Thank you @RandPaul, you really get it!" Trump tweeted.

In all, Trump's remarks amounted to an unprecedented embrace of a man who for years has been isolated by the U.S. and Western allies for actions in Ukraine, Syria and beyond. And it came at the end of an extraordinary trip to Europe in which Trump had already berated allies, questioned the value of the NATO alliance and demeaned leaders including Germany's Angela Merkel and Britain's Theresa May.

In Helsinki, Putin said he had indeed wanted Trump to win the election — a revelation that might have made more headlines if not for Trump's performance — but had taken no action to make it happen.

"Yes, I wanted him to win because he spoke of normalization of Russian-U.S. ties," Putin said. "Isn't it natural to feel sympathy to a person who wanted to develop relations with our country? It's normal."

Year	Award
2014	GOLD
2015	GOLD
2016	GOLD
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Lymphedema is a very common and serious condition that affects approximately 10 million Americans. It results from impaired flow of the lymphatic system, resulting in an abnormal accumulation of water and proteins principally in the subcutaneous tissues. Lymphedema is classified as primary — congenital or hereditary — or secondary — caused by a known insult to the lymphatic system.

Early symptoms of lymphedema may be noticed as a feeling of heaviness, tingling, tightness and warmth, redness/dyscoloration of the skin or pain in the affected area.

These symptoms may occur before there is obvious swelling in the arm or leg. As lymphedema progresses to a more moderate to severe state, the swelling in the involved area becomes more pronounced. Long-term accumulation of water and proteins in the tissues leads to inflammation and scarring of the tissues.

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Lymphedema may be present in the extremities, trunk, abdomen, head and neck, external genitalia and internal organs. Its onset is gradual in some patients and sudden in others.

Most patients in the United States develop secondary lymphedema after surgery and/or radiation therapy for various cancers (breast, uterus, prostate, bladder, lymphoma and melanoma). Secondary lymphedema can also occur after trauma, burns, infection, malignant tumors, immobility, chronic venous insufficiency or deep vein thrombosis.

Lymphedema may develop any time in primary cases. Secondary cases may occur immediately post-operative, within a few months, after a couple of years or 20 or more years after surgery.

Lymphedema is serious because it continues to progress if left untreated. If lymphedema combines with other pathologies (cardiac or venous insufficiency, chronic arthritic conditions, etc.), the pathophysiological effects are further exacerbated because of the additional stress placed on the already-compromised lymphatic system.

Treatment, designed to reduce the swelling and control discomfort and other symptoms, consists of education on how to manage lymphedema and keep it in check. Methods of treatment include exercise; manual lymph drainage; and use of compression garments, compression bandages and pneumatic compression pumps.

The Breast Center, in conjunction with

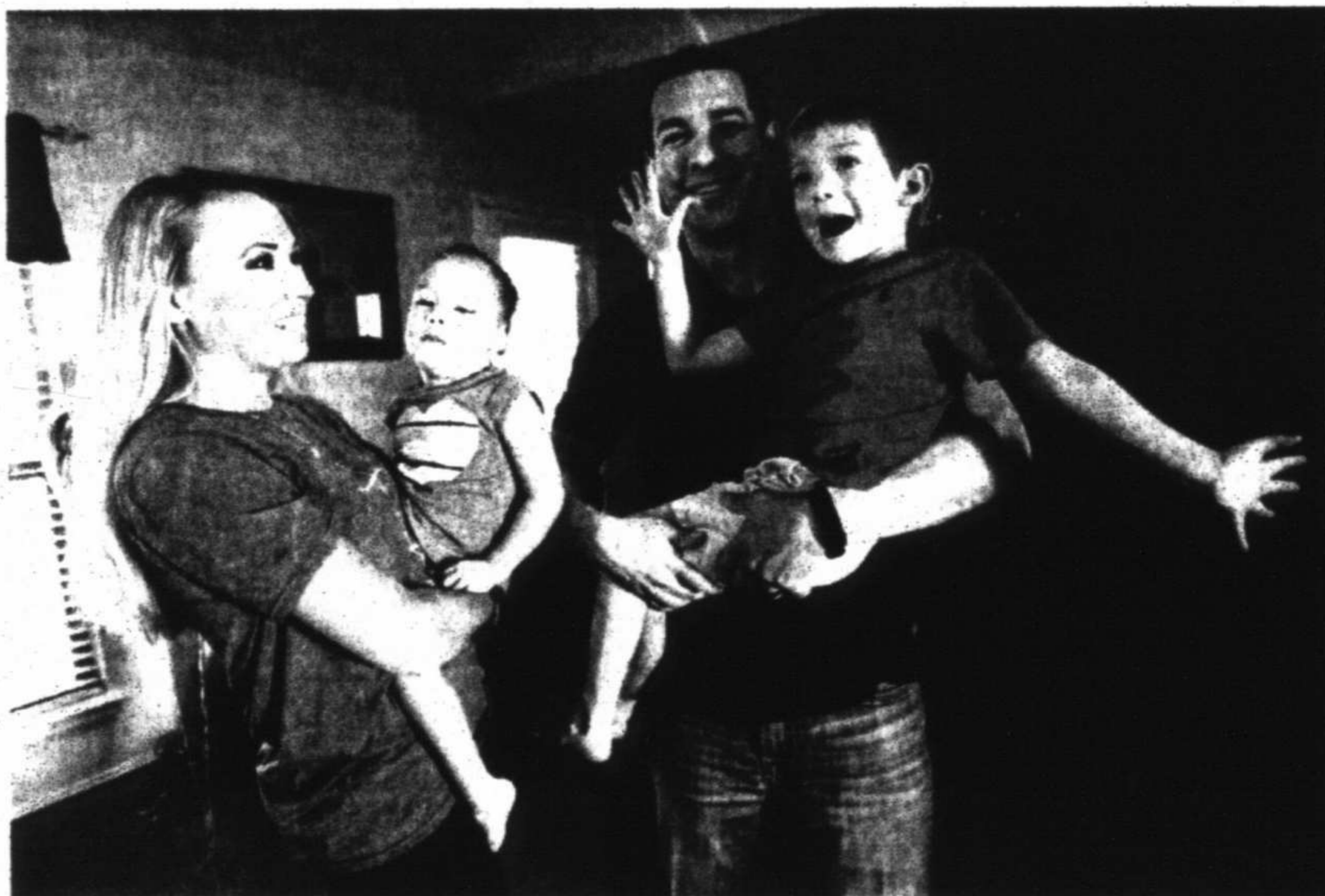
West Texas Therapy, has developed a protocol to provide free screenings to patients diagnosed with breast cancer. Patients may start their complimentary screenings before surgery or radiation or at any time in the process of their treatment. These free screenings, which are done once a month for the first three months and then every three months for the next year, help to detect the earliest signs of lymphedema and get treatment started to prevent or slow progression of the lymphedema to a chronic harder-to-treat stage.

West Texas Therapy has a certified lymphedema therapist on staff to assist in treatment and management of lymphedema.

Our patients can rest assured "there's no place like home" for their care and treatment of breast health concerns, particularly after a diagnosis of breast cancer.

Susan Sweeney is a physical therapist at West Texas Therapy.

STRUGGLING FOR HELP



Jayne Magallon, left, and her husband Brandon Magallon are pictured with their 3-year-old daughter, Annalynne, who has cerebral palsy, and their 4-year-old son, Acelyn, at their Burleson home Friday. The family is ineligible for Medicaid to help pay for Annalynne's care because Brandon earns too much at the Fort Worth Police Department.

Couples consider divorce to help pay medical bills

Single parent could be eligible for Medicaid to provide long-term care for disabled, ill children

By Sara Coello
The Dallas Morning News

Three-year-old Annalynne Magallon has cerebral palsy, but her family is ineligible for Medicaid to help pay for her care

because her father earns too much at the Fort Worth Police Department.

"He's putting criminals away who are getting Medicaid and federal benefits that we can't get," said Brandon Magallon's wife, Jayne.

The taxes they pay are going to cover criminals' benefits.

"We're helping people he's now putting away," she said.

They're among couples in North Texas who have been pushed to consider divorce

as a way to provide long-term care for disabled and ill children.

Jayne Magallon knows what benefits would be available to her if she were a single mother, so she and her husband discussed divorcing to qualify for coverage that would pay for Annalynne's medical equipment.

The Burleson couple decided against splitting up, for religious reasons. Now

Please see BILLS/3B

FDA plans to ease OTC approvals for some prescription drugs

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

U.S. regulators proposed new guidelines Tuesday to make it easier for some common medicines to be sold without a prescription — and more convenient for consumers to get them.

The Food and Drug Administration is evaluating ways to make sure patients don't take an inappropriate over-the-counter drug, Commissioner Scott

Gottlieb said in a statement. That could include adding information to the packaging label and offering online questionnaires to help people decide if a drug is right for them.

Drugmakers would have to do studies showing those strategies allow consumers to safely pick a drug and use it without medical supervision.

The agency will take comments from drugmakers, medical groups and the public before issuing final rules, a process that usually takes many months.

Many widely used nonprescription drugs originally were only available by prescription, requiring a doctor visit and sometimes coverage approval from insurers.

Examples include many pain relievers, allergy treatment Claritin, heartburn remedy Prilosec, Imodium for diarrhea and Monistat for yeast infections. They're generally much cheaper than the higher-dose prescription versions.

ALYSSA THOMPSON

Centers



Life changes can lead to separation anxiety in children

Separation anxiety is one of the most common mental health issues for children, according to the American Psychological Association. Being away from parents periodically is a normal part of growing up for most children. When children first begin staying with other family members, baby sitters, or go off to day care, it is expected that they will have some anxiety about this. The anxiety they experience is likely caused by a new environment or a new person coming into their life, but they are quick to adjust. Children with separation anxiety disorder do not adjust well to these changes.

Research has not uncovered a specific factor that causes this disorder. However, there are several life events that may increase the risk for a child having separation anxiety. A child may show signs of separation anxiety after experiencing significant events such as divorce, death in the family, or unexpected separation from caregivers.

Young children may be more clingy and throw fits or tantrums when it's time to leave their parents. As children get older, they are likely to worry about one of their parents dying while they are away and they may take extreme steps to prevent their parents from leaving. Children may avoid going to friends' houses or may be reluctant to go to school. Children experiencing separation anxiety are also likely to have issues sleeping if they are not near their parents because they may fear something bad is going to happen to their parents or to them.

If you have children who experience this type of anxiety — whether it's when you walk out to the mailbox or when you drop them off at day care — there are a few things you can do to help. First, stay calm when talking to them. When you leave the room to go do a task, let them know you care for them and tell them why it's important for you to leave. When your children are with you, give them care and attention through interacting with them and doing activities they enjoy.

If your child's symptoms worsen or they are frequently anxious, it may be time to seek counseling.

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Obituaries



Clarence R. Chandler

Clarence R. Chandler was born on March 31, 1939 to Mattie & Nap Chandler in Corpus Christi, Texas. He grew up and attended school in Benavides, Texas. He went to Miller High School in Corpus Christi his senior year. Then, Clarence headed to Texas A & M University which opened up a whole new world for him. He earned a BS Degree in Geological Engineering in the class of 1961.

Soon he reported for duty in the US Army as a 1st Lieutenant. He was sent to Korea for a 12 month assignment. While in Korea, he contacted an Aggie friend, and the two soldiers learned of the possibility of "hitchhiking" with the military traveling west, rather than the traditional route from Korea to San Francisco. For two young men, it was the experience of a lifetime. This resulted in a love of travel for Clarence.

In 1966, Clarence started his oil industry career with Texaco in Liberty, Texas. While there, he met and married Dana Huggins. After being located in Alvin, Texas, and Oklahoma City, they moved to Midland, Texas in 1976. Clarence went to work for Erd Johnson at Reserve Oil and Gas. In 1980, Clarence joined Marshall & Winston, Inc. as their production engineer. The experience provided him with many wonderful memories. In 2009, Clarence retired as President of Marshall & Winston, Inc. ready to enjoy the rewards of retirement.

Clarence also made significant contributions to the community by serving on the board of Kimberlea, volunteering for Junior Achievement, President of Green Tree Country Club, and President of Hospice of Midland.

Clarence's greatest pleasure was spending time on his ranch, RPP, for his "mesquite therapy". He loved hunting birds with his buddies and seeing his grandchildren enjoy the outdoors.

After a long courageous fight against the disease named PSP (type of Parkinson's), Clarence died Saturday afternoon (July 14, 2018) at home with his wife, Dana, and caregiver, Fred Jimenez.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie & Nap Chandler. Also, he had a twin brother named James Allan Chandler who lived only four days.

He is survived by his wife, Dana Chandler of Midland; two sons, Greg Chandler (Kristi) of Spring Branch, Texas, and Eric Chandler (Katie) of Richardson, Texas; and ten grandchildren, Mason, Grace, Davis, Nolan, Faith, Lincoln, Mercy, and Jackson (Greg & Kristi) and Annie and Luke (Eric & Katie); brother and sister-in-law Brent and Delores Huggins of Liberty, Texas.

Clarence's family wish to express gratitude to Dr. Sumner Merritt, MD, Clarence's caregiver, Fred Jimenez (who took care of the entire family!!) and the most caring group from Hospice of Midland. Thank you all!!!

Memorial services will be held at 10:30am, Thursday, July 19, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CarePSP, Inc., 404 Fifth Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018, Hospice of Midland, Inc., First Presbyterian Church, or organization of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

All obituaries must be submitted by 5:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

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Curtis Erwin Jr.

Curtis Erwin, Jr., 94, of Midland, Texas, passed away at his home in Midland on Thursday, July 12, 2018. A service to commemorate Mr. Erwin's life and celebrate his return to his Lord will be held on Friday, July 20, 2018, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Midland, 1412 West Illinois Street, at 10:30 a.m. Father David Galletly will preside over the service.

A beloved husband, father and grandfather Curtis Erwin, Jr., was born on May 14, 1924, in Galveston to Curtis and Viola (Powell) Erwin. As a boy growing up in Colorado City, Texas, Curtis joined the Boy Scouts of America, where he completed projects in civics, scholarship, camping, firemanship, photography, and farm home and planning to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor attainable in the organization and an achievement realized by less than four percent of Boy Scouts. After graduating from Colorado City High School, Curtis attended Texas A & M University, Class of 1945, where he served as a member of the Corp of Cadets. Curtis, like many young men in those years, joined the military and served his country during World War II as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp, where he flew P-51 Mustangs in the Pacific Theater.

On August 9, 1945, Curtis and his flight crew were in the area of Nagasaki when the Allied Forces dropped the second atomic bomb, a story he recently recounted to members of his church. Upon returning to the United States after the war, Curtis received his Bachelors of Science degree from Texas A & M in 1948.

Curtis married Mary Louise Logan on November 27, 1952, in Colorado City, Texas. The couple moved to Midland in 1968 with their son, David, and it was in West Texas that Curtis devoted the rest of his life to raising cattle and farming his land, the Figure 4 Ranch in Midland and Martin Counties. A philanthropist and devoted Episcopalian, Curtis was deeply involved in the civic life of his community and he was a member of several cattle associations. As an active and beloved member of his church, Holy Trinity Episcopal, Curtis particularly enjoyed cooking breakfast at church on Wednesday mornings with the men's morning group.

An accomplished aviator and member of the Quiet Birdmen, Curtis enjoyed flying sailplanes and the P-51 Mustang. He enjoyed spending time at his house in Cloudcroft with friends from Midland, and he loved farming, ranching and raising cattle, as well as spending time with his family. He especially loved working at the ranch with his son, David Erwin, and he loved Texas A & M.

Curtis is survived by his son David Erwin; daughter-in-law Julie; and grandson Christopher, whom he adored.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Nurses Unlimited and Hospice of Midland, with a special thank-you to his caregivers, Victor

Dominguez and Yecenia Sigala. In lieu of flowers, the family hopes that friends and family of Curtis will consider making a donation to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church of Midland.

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Darwin C. Baker

Darwin C. Baker beloved husband, father, uncle, brother and friend passed away on July 11, 2018 after a five-year battle with early onset Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia. He was born in Midland on February 26, 1963 to Curtis and Joyce Baker; he was the youngest of their five children.

He grew up in Midland and is a 1981 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. On August 17, 1985 hearts and souls were joined when he married his best friend and confidant Tana. At an early age he learned the trade of an electrician and worked as a commercial electrician until 1987 when he became employed with TXU (ONCOR) for 24 years. In 2011 he accepted his dream job at Midland College as a Maintenance Technician until the dementia took his ability to perform his work responsibilities.

Darwin is preceded in death by his mother Joyce Baker and his father Curtis Baker.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years Tana Baker and their three children Matthew, Chloe and Jeremy. His brothers Greg (Debbie) of Watauga, TX; Rayford (Tere) of Midland; Ricky (Cindy) of Athens, TN; and sister Denise Baker of Midland. His extended family Kelly Mason (Deborah) of Midland, Lisa Lewis (Brad) of Odessa and Gail Gonzales (George) of Hale Center, TX. He also has many nieces and nephews whom he loved and cared for very much throughout his life.

Darwin was always looking to lend a helping hand to anyone. He thought his final gesture of help would be to donate his body to research and hoped that in the future other families would not have to endure the hardship of losing their loved one to these devastating diseases.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 28, 2018, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Golf Course - Road Church of Christ.

The family asks in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to Hospice of West Texas or a hospice in your area in honor of the selfless work these kind people do for our loved ones.

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Emilio Rubio Sr.

It is with deep, and heavy sadness that we announce the passing of Emilio Rubio Sr., who passed on July 15th, surrounded by his loved ones. Emilio was born in Boquilla, Coahuila, Mexico,

1946. He was very active, during his life, and a fighter to the very end. Although his singing will be missed, we are at peace to know he now sings with the Angels. He is survived by his children; Vicky, Lalo, Connie, Emilio Jr., Sonny, Ana, Yolanda, Belinda, and Enoch; and grandchildren Erica, Anthony, Mercedes, Hagar, Krystabel, Sergio, Isabel, Adrian, Jorge, Alex, Joseph, Julissa, Isaiah, Janelle, Bella, Elijah, Marcus, Emily, Christian, & Teresa; great grand children Mason & Nyckolas; his brothers, Martin, Pablo, Sabino, Ignacio & Agustine, and his sisters, Fortuna, Irene & Consuelo.

Prayer Services will be Wednesday & Thursday, July 18-19, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Templo La Hermosa Bautista, 1514 W County Rd 121, Midland, TX 79706. Funeral Services are scheduled at Templo Bautista La Hermosa on Thursday July 19, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Funeral Service is under the direction of Lcwallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences will be emailed to pipkin@nls-online.net or you can visit the website at www.lcwallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Heavenly Gate Funeral Home & Chapel
2611 South Nelson St. 432-4917



Grace Alaniz Balles

Grace Alaniz Balles, age 87, of El Paso, Texas, formerly a long time resident of Midland, Texas, passed away at the Center of Compassionate Care West in El Paso on July 14, 2018.

Grace was born on April 16, 1931 in Fort Stockton. Grace grew up in Midland. Grace married the love of her life, Tommy B. Balles, Jr. in 1951. The couple settled in Albuquerque after the military and later moving to Midland where they raised four children, Priscilla, Wanda, Anthony (deceased) and Ricky (deceased).

In her early life, Grace was a radio announcer with KJBC. Grace spent more than 30 years as an educator in Midland and El Paso where she retired. She was a devoted and dedicated hard worker and loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was loved by all. Grace was always very proud of her children and family.

She loved when the family would get together. Any chance to spend time with her family was important to her. Grace would spend hours cooking and baking. Grace was known for her feisty, yet good sense of humor. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Grace was the beloved wife of Tommy B. Balles, Jr.; devoted mother of Priscilla B. Rodriguez and her husband Jesus Arizpe, Wanda B. Ramirez and her husband Ruben Ramirez, Sr., the late Anthony A. Balles and the late Ricky B. Balles; proud grandmother of Susan Urias, Jennifer Ramirez, Ruben Ramirez, Jr., Linda Ray, Rayna Larez, Anthony P. Balles, and Thomas R. Balles. Grace also had 8 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Grace is survived by her sisters Erminia Luna and Brenda Zapata, both of Midland, Texas.

There will be a service at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Kesteven Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Ruben Ramirez, Sr., Ruben Ramirez, Jr., George Arizpe, Matthew Arizpe, Jesse J. Madrid, Jr., Thomas Rodriguez and Johnny Vidal Jr.

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Loye Carroll Loyd

Angels singing, bells ringing and trumpets blowing, another Saint has entered Heaven's gates. Loye Carroll Loyd, born on May 19, 1926 in Yantis, Texas, to the late Ava Loyd and the late Edward Loyd, passed away at age 92 on July 14, 2018 in Midland, Texas. He attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and served in the Navy in World War II.

In 1952 Loye married the love of his life, Barbara Ann Loyd (née Ray). Loye was an entrepreneur and savvy businessman, working in the Glass & Mirror industry as the owner of Glasco Glass Company in Midland, Texas.

He was also an instrumental leader in the establishment of several other glass companies throughout his career. Loye was listed in Who's Who in America for several consecutive years.

Loye was preceded in death by his son, Stan Loyd; brother, Bob Loyd; and sisters, Nell Meaders and Ruth Fitzgerald. Loye is survived by his son, Terry Loyd and wife Nancy; sister, Dorothy Weir; grandchildren, Blake Loyd, Ashley Loyd Bradley and husband Chad, Krystal Loyd Neill and husband Brandon; and great-grandchildren, Leighton Bradley, Preslea Tindle, and baby girl Neill.

Loye was a very caring and compassionate person, and always put the needs of others before himself. He was a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who was involved in every aspect of his family's lives and who supported, respected, and loved his wife, Barbara, unconditionally. Loye was the ultimate example of a true man of God. He woke up early every morning to read his Bible and prayed devoutly for his family and friends each and every day.

He believed in the power and strength of Jesus Christ's love and the beauty and peace that would await him after his passing. He was a true servant of God and truly a one of a kind person. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Midland, and a past member of Midland Rotary Club and Glass Control.

Friends and family members may attend the memorial service, officiated by Dr. Darin Wood, on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Chapel in Midland. If desired, friends may make memorial contributions to Teen Challenge of Midland, 6901 S County Road 1200, Midland, TX 79706 or First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W Louisiana Avenue, Midland, TX, 79701.

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Temple Vator Guysse, Jr.

Temple Vator Guysse Jr. 75, of Midland, TX, formerly

of Malvern passed away July 14, 2018. He was born in Malvern, AR to the late Temple Sr. and Pauline Guysse on October 10, 1942. Temple married the love of his life, Alma Lee Gage Guysse, on May 19, 1961. Temple was a veteran who in his youth served our Great Nation in the United States Army. Due to Dementia and Alzheimer's, Temple had spent the last 2 1/2 years of his life in a Memory Care Center in Midland, TX. Temple was a dedicated member of many organizations including the Patriot Guard, Soldiers of Today and Yesterday and the American Legion. He was also a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Temple was a Life Group leader at Hosanna First Assembly in Baton Rouge from 1995-2000 and a member of the Mid-Cities Community Church of Midland in Midland, Texas, where Temple and Alma have lived for the past 18 years.

Temple was preceded in death by his mother Pauline Guysse, his father, Temple Guysse Sr., 2 brothers, Rufus Leslie Guysse and Larry Wayne Guysse, and his grandparents, Evans and Gladis Taylor and Jay and Etta Guysse.

Temple leaves behind his loving wife of 57 years, Alma Guysse, his daughter, Valerie Kay Guysse Kennedy, and her husband, John Franklin Kennedy, 2 grandchildren, Kendall James Kennedy and Kelsie Elise Kennedy who were both greatly loved by their Pop-Pop, a sister, Pam Fite and a brother, Dale Guysse.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, from 6-8 PM, at the Atkinson Funeral Home Chapel in Malvern. Funeral Services will be held 10:00 AM, Thursday, July 19, 2018, at the Atkinson Chapel with Pastor Mike Mason officiating. Pallbearers are Temple's nephews and great nephews Alex Gaston, Ashton Gaston, Drew Bednara, Larry Guysse, David Walters, Travis Burris, Kegan Burris, Ethan Valle, Dustin Guysse and Stephen Guysse. Interment will be at Oakridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Temple's honor to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC, 20090-6011

Arrangements entrusted to Atkinson Funeral Home in Malvern. Guests may leave condolences at www.atkinsonfuneralhome.net.

Death Notices

Albert E. "Gizmo" Turner

Albert E. "Gizmo" Turner, 62, passed away Thursday, July 5, 2018, in Midland. The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 20, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 21, 2018 at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include children, Stephanie Turner and Rebecca Mouser and six sisters.

Stephen L. Satterfield

Stephen L. Satterfield, 53, of Midland, passed away Saturday, July 14, 2018. The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 20, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 21, 2018 at One Hope Church of Christ in Midland. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include wife, Janie; sons, Taylor Satterfield and Cham Hall; daughters, Michelle Brockington and Megan Hall; and one brother.

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Virtual reality can help people overcome fear of heights, study shows

By Kate Thayer
Chicago Tribune

Researchers have found virtual reality exercises can help alleviate a fear of heights, showing the technology can be used as an accessible, affordable tool in mental health treatment.

The study, published in *The Lancet Psychiatry* journal, was the first to use virtual reality without a therapist — a concept researchers say could be the future of mental health treatment for a variety of problems.

"Immersive virtual reality therapies that do not need a therapist have the potential to dramatically increase access to psychological interventions," lead author, University of Oxford professor Daniel Freeman, said in a statement. "We need a greater number of skilled therapists, not fewer, but to meet the large demand for mental health treatment we also require powerful technological solutions."

The study examined 100 people with a clinically diagnosed fear of heights, randomly assigning 49 of them the virtual reality treatment and the rest a more typical treatment. The participants answered questions on the severity of their fear at the start of the trial, at the end of the two-week treatment and then during a

follow-up after four weeks.

The virtual reality treatment involved six, 30-minute sessions where participants would wear a virtual reality headset to enter a simulated world that challenged their fear in varying degrees, like walking out on a platform overlooking a large drop or rescuing a cat from a tree.

Most of the participants assigned the treatment completed the full course, researchers said. Of those, the authors of the study heard feedback that the virtual reality experiences helped, with participants saying they were less anxious when they looked over edges or otherwise encountered heights in their lives.

However, the researchers noted they do not have long-term data on the participants in the study, which was completed earlier this year. It's also unclear if virtual reality could be beneficial for those with mental health issues outside of phobias or anxiety, researchers said.

Virtual reality is used by therapists to treat a number of conditions. At the AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine Institute in the northwest suburbs, therapist Patrick McGrath has been using the technology for several years.

His clients use virtual reality to overcome phobias, including a fear of heights,

anxiety issues, post-traumatic stress disorder, and drug, alcohol and smoking addictions. McGrath said the concept uses a typical "face your fear" treatment theory, but in a safe setting.

Virtual reality allows someone to safely confront a fearful situation, like a war setting for a veteran, or standing atop a dangerously tall building for someone afraid of heights, McGrath said. In virtual reality, "we can do all that kinds of stuff and slowly acclimate people."

"The goal of the therapy is to help people learn to live with their discomforts," he added.

To do this, McGrath uses the virtual reality headset to create a situation and also incorporates noises and smells to set the scene.

"I can put you in a virtual auditorium and have you give a speech," he said. "I can walk them into a gas station, walk them by a beer cooler and teach them that ... doesn't mean they have to get a beer while there."

Through exposure to the fear, or through temptation for their addiction, people can learn to overcome and live with whatever they're dealing with, McGrath said.

"These things are very treatable," he said, adding that is even more the case with the availability of virtual reality. "You can just slip your phone into a visor."

"My goal is to teach people that they can face their fears," he said. Many "don't need medication and years of talk therapy."

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David Beckham plays soccer with patient Stefania Tarulla, 5, at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami on July 11.

Beckham plays soccer with kid cancer patients

By Emily Himes
Chicago Tribune

MIAMI — David Beckham brightened the mood for children battling cancer when he visited Nicklaus Children's Hospital last week to play video games and hallway soccer with the kids.

"Taking their minds off the situation, even if it's just for a few minutes, is important," said Beckham, who in January was awarded a Major League Soccer team based in Miami. "It's important to see them smile and get excited."

His first stop at the hospital was the game room, where he played a soccer video game with various patients ranging from 5 to 20.

"I lost in the FIFA game — I should be good," he said, joking. "I end up pressing every button on the controller. I find it impossible to kick the ball."

He also stopped to draw with Stefania Tarulla as the 5-year-old played with a coloring book. Later, the two played soccer in the hallway outside her room.

Beckham visited several patients in their rooms, including 16-year-old Patrick Battle.

The two talked about soccer and a new

stadium for the team, Battle said.

"It was really cool to meet him, because we watch a lot of soccer," he said. "He was a really nice guy, as well."

The British soccer star's visit was a total surprise to the patients, Battle said. They knew somebody was coming, but they weren't sure who it would be.

"I think it's really wonderful that he stopped in to say hi and show support," he said.

Beckham is trying to build support for a massive sports, retail and entertainment complex that would potentially be built at Melreese Country Club, next to Miami International Airport. The Miami City Commission is deciding whether to ask voters to change the law regarding competitive bidding on public property. If the commission decides to put the question before voters, the referendum would be on the November ballot.

"I really care about what's going on in the community, what's going on in Miami," Beckham said. He said what's happening "with the stadium is much less important than what's happening in this hospital."

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Working families with disabled children can get help from the Medicaid buy-in program unless they earn more than 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

Texas' limit — \$36,450 for a family of four in 2017 — is one of the lowest in the country, a Kaiser Family Foundation survey found.

"There are a lot of families who find themselves in situations like this where they either have to get rid of assets or leave jobs," said Hannah Mehta, executive director of Protect TX Fragile Kids. "Unless they've ever been exposed to this world, it's not something most people even consider."

In recent years, families have been able to register on first-come, first-served lists for equipment, home care and other services. But financing has fallen short, and many families may wait more than 10 years to be considered for aid.

Because Texas has declined to expand Medicaid, most of the lists have stretched to thousands of names, with the longest at more than 93,000.

"Every time we get a new governor in, they take another couple million out of the pot," Dallas health-care attorney Lee Craig said.

In Texas, couples can divorce by testifying their marriages are "insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities between the spouses that destroys the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship and prevents any reasonable expectation of reconciliation."

Filing for divorce costs about \$300, doesn't require a spouse to change addresses and can be completed without an attorney's help.

Misrepresenting the grounds for divorce under oath could expose a couple to charges of perjury, and a lawyer who is involved could face trouble with the State Bar of Texas, Dallas family law attorney Adam Seidel said.

But the Texas attorney general's office has no record of prosecuting such cases. "As a practical matter, bringing a criminal prosecution like that would be difficult at

best," Seidel said. "But that should put the lawyer in an ethical dilemma."

'THE POINT WAS NEVER TO CHEAT'

Jake and Maria Grey of Sanger publicly announced last week that they were considering divorce after nine years of marriage so their 6-year-old daughter can qualify for Medicaid.

Brighton Grey has Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome, a genetic disorder that causes developmental delays, seizures, low muscle tone and delayed growth. She requires 24/7 care and treatments that cost the family \$15,000 every year, even with the private insurance Jake Grey earned as an Army veteran.

Although friends and caseworkers recommend divorce, the couple haven't filed for legal separation yet.

"Everybody always says the same thing, that that's the easiest solution," Maria Grey said. "I don't feel it's fraud in any way, because people get divorced all the time. The point was never to cheat or scam anybody."

DEPLOYMENT BEFORE DIVORCE

Instead of leaving each other, Michelle Bartlett and her husband chose to leave Texas.

They decided to move to Arizona, where they could get better access to benefits for her son, Jake, who also has Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome.

"No one will tell you that on the record, but most case managers, anybody that works in the nonprofit sector, they'll tell you ... (divorce is) the best option," she said.

Now that they've moved, her husband has returned to the military as a contractor.

That requires him to be deployed almost half of every year, but the sacrifice is worth it, Bartlett said. Arizona has provided their son with devices that allow him to walk and communicate for the first time.

"I had to wait until he was 16 years old to see his personality," she said. "It was the most beautiful thing to see him be snarky with therapists."

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HEALTH TRIBUTES

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Wellness Tour is scheduled

The fourth annual Wellness Tour is July 31-Aug. 4 at various locations around Midland.

Activities include Wet 'n' Wild with the Midland Fire Department; free classes and workouts at local gyms and studios; free health screenings and health education at Midland Memorial Hospital; back-to-school immunization clinic; mental wellness symposium; fun run and walk; restaurant discounts and special menus.

Sponsors are Midland Health, the city, Midland College and Midland ISD. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit midlandwellnesstour.com.

Overdose prevention training planned

An event is scheduled this month to educate the public about responding to opioid overdoses. Health care providers, counselors, first responders and other community members are invited to a training session 1-3 p.m. July 26 at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

The training will introduce information about opioid use in the state and the administration of Naloxone — which can reverse the effects of overdoses. The Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative is set to provide trainers for the session, which is part of a series of events across the state. Sponsors include Texas Health and Human Services and the University of Texas.

To register, visit swiftsolutions.formstack.com/forms/opioid_overdose_prevention_training.

Nursing home hosts mini Olympics

Focused Care at Hogan Park recently hosted Senior Mini Olympics with events such as darts, corn hole toss, ring toss and wheelchair races.

Nearly 30 residents from the facilities in Midland, Odessa and Crane participated in the games. Among the Focused Care at Hogan Park residents who competed were Pete Rodriguez, Ardyth Boyko, Jeanette Johnson and Brigitte Silva.

WT Food Bank offers nutrition classes

The West Texas Food Bank is continuing its summer nutrition classes, which are held at the food bank's Midland facility, 1601 Westcliff Drive.

The remaining classes are:

■ Eat Your Water Fridays, 10 a.m. Friday
This session includes a discussion on the amount of water in fruits and vegetables and a demonstration on how to make beverages and fruit bars.

■ Food Safety Awareness, 10 a.m. July 27
Food safety practices and techniques are discussed to keep families safe from food-borne illnesses.

YMCA accepting applications for garden

Midland YMCA is accepting applications for its new community garden. Thirty-two plots are available to rent.

Applications are available at the YMCA. For more information, call Liz Harris at 682-2551.

Midland Health events

■ Becoming a Mom Class, 6:30 p.m. today, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150.

■ Weigh to Success Informational Seminar, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Plant-based Cooking Demo with Children, 6 p.m. Thursday, West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive, 800-856-4916; \$10 for adults; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. 'A' St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Finding a doctor

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or

donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." 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 staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care. For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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Record 10 homers as AL wins All-Star Game 8-6 in 10 innings

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A record 10 home runs. A slew of strikeouts. The all-or-nothing All-Star Game mirrored what baseball has become. Astros teammates Alex Bregman and George Springer homered on consecutive pitches to begin the 10th inning, and the American League beat the National League 8-6 Tuesday night for its sixth straight win. Mike Trout, Aaron Judge and Jean Segura also connected for the AL in a game where every run except one scored on a homer.

Scouter Gennett hit a tying two-run shot off Seattle closer Edwin Diaz in the bottom of the ninth. Joey Votto,

Willson Contreras, Trevor Story, Christian Yelich also went deep for the NL. There had never been more than six homers in an All-Star Game since Babe Ruth hit the very first one in 1933.

Not that everything went the sluggers' way. Starters Max Scherzer and Chris Sale and the relievers combined to fan 15 in the first 4 1/2 innings, and there were 24 strikeouts overall.

Fitting, because this season is on pace to become the first with more strikeouts than hits, a year after a record number of home runs.

Orioles shortstop Manny Machado had fun, pulling out a camera to snap a selfie at second base after Matt Kemp doubled. By Wednesday, they

could be teammates — Baltimore seems ready to trade Machado, with the Dodgers and Phillies in the mix. Major League Baseball, meanwhile, seemed to take a selfie of itself at this game, with all the homers and strikeouts. This was MLB 2.018, an update that's not appealing to everyone.

Declining attendance is a concern, and the sport's owners worry that slower games with less action on the bases are taking a toll.

A day after hometown star Bryce Harper electrified the crowd by winning the Home Run Derby, it was eerily quiet for most of the evening at Nationals Park. Harper didn't excite the fans, either, fanning in his two

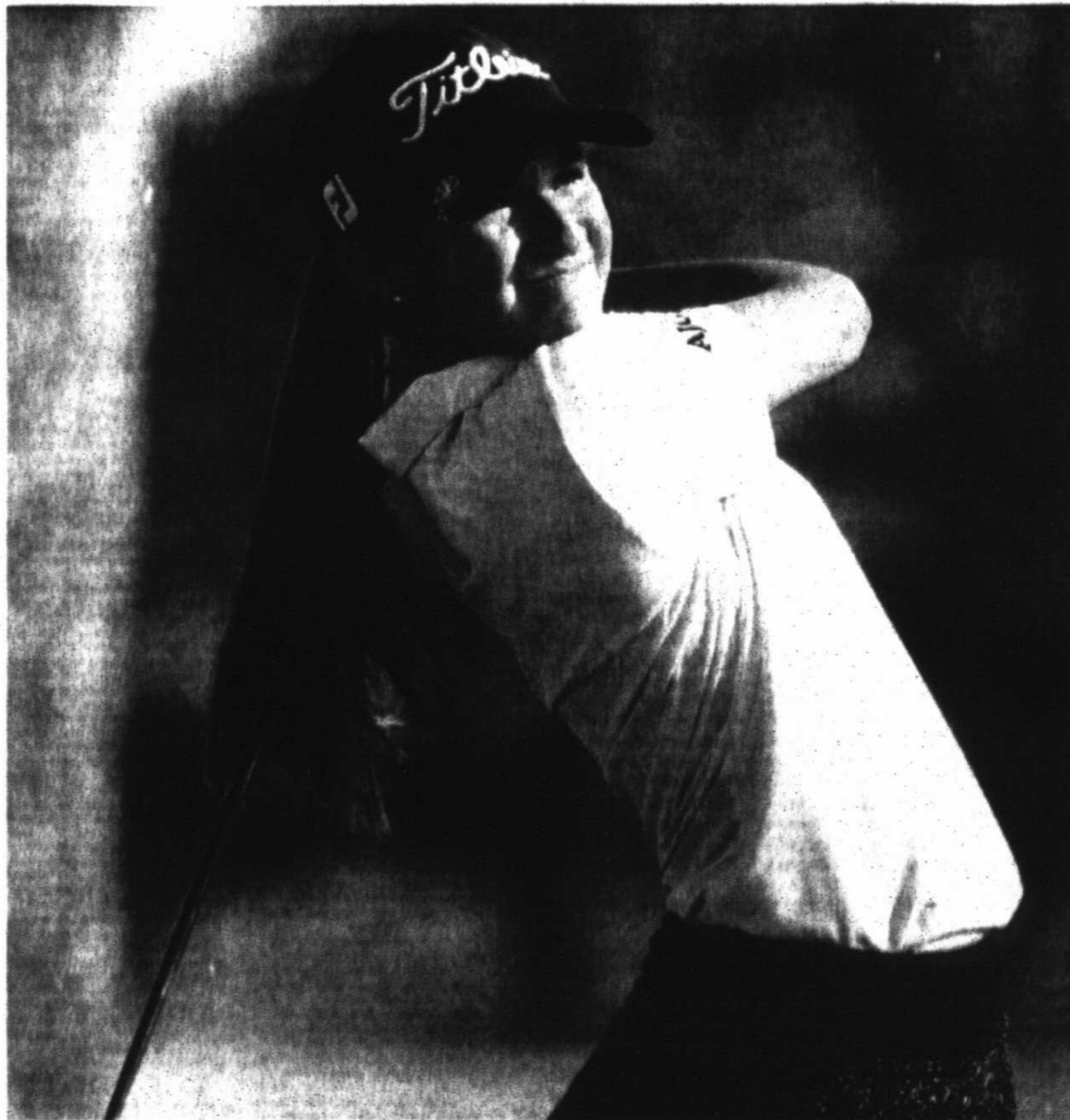


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Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Josh Hader (71) throws during the eighth inning Tuesday at the All-Star Game Tuesday in Washington.

Please see ALL-STAR/3C

STARTING OFF STRONG



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Defending champion Faith DeLaGarza tees off Tuesday in the first round of the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

DeLaGarza starts defense of MWCGT title with win over Bettis

By Will Kern
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Faith DeLaGarza admitted she felt a little nervous when she stepped onto the first tee Tuesday morning at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

After all, the reigning Midland Women's City Golf Tournament champion and top overall seed was facing former Lee great Paula Bettis, a formidable first-round opponent. Aiming to defend

her city crown, DeLaGarza, a four-time Region 1-6A qualifier at Midland High, was tested early as Bettis held a two-hole lead on the front nine.

But behind her trademark consistency — perhaps her calling card at MHS — and the help of a key birdie on Hole 14, DeLaGarza rallied to top Bettis 2-up, clinching the victory on the 18th hole with a one-over par 72.

DeLaGarza kept alive her bid to become the 11th player in tournament history to win in consecutive years. She

will face rising star Alexandra Escamilla in the second round at 9:52 a.m. today at Midland Country Club.

DeLaGarza said getting to play with Bettis made for a challenging, but memorable morning to open the 55th installment of the MWCGT. Of course, there was some friendly cross-town rivalry better mixed in, especially since Bettis made a name for herself as a Lady Rebel in the early 1990s.

Please see MWCGT/2C

NFL reinstates Cowboys DE Gregory from yearlong suspension

By SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dallas Cowboys defensive end Randy Gregory, who was suspended all of last season over multiple violations of the NFL's substance-abuse policy, was reinstated Tuesday.

Gregory can join the Cowboys at training camp in California next week and will be eligible for games as long as he continues to meet the terms of his reinstatement, the league said. The team reports to Oxnard on July 24, two days before its first practice.



Gregory

The NFL said Gregory was immediately eligible for meetings, conditioning work and "similar activities" and would be cleared for practices and games once "arrangements have been confirmed regarding Gregory's clinical resources in Dallas."

The 25-year-old Gregory last played in the 2016 regular-season finale, when the former Nebraska standout had his first career sack at the end of his second season. He was suspended before Dallas' playoff loss to Green Bay, his third suspension of the season.

Gregory slid to the Cowboys at the end of the second round in 2015 because of off-field concerns that included a positive test for marijuana at the NFL combine.

The Cowboys have backed Gregory's attempt to return to the field, with several teammates writing letters of recommendation to the NFL as part of the process of him applying for reinstatement.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones, whose recent second-round gambles in the draft haven't paid off, has praised Gregory's character repeatedly during the pass rusher's absence.

Gregory was considered one of the best pass rushers in his draft, and there was promise early with a strong rookie training camp. Gregory vowed he wanted to make good on his word to Jones that he could control his issues with marijuana.

But he only made it through one season, and didn't have a sack while missing four games with an ankle injury.

The first suspension was announced in February 2016, and he was away from the team during training camp while in rehab. The second suspension came seven months later. Gregory remained with the team while serving the 14-game ban before playing in the final two games.

The yearlong suspension kept Gregory from participating in club activities and banned him from team facilities except for sessions with the person in charge of his treatment.

Texas goes from compliant to committed, winning with Herman

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FRISCO — Texas has gone from compliant to committed under coach Tom Herman, and is winning again.

When Herman appeared at Big 12 media days for the first time last summer, the Longhorns were coming off three consecutive losing seasons and he had yet to coach a game in Austin.

"We had a lot of compliant guys, 'yes sir' and nod your head and do what you're asked to do," Herman said Tuesday in his return to the media days. "But I don't know that really deep down (they) believed in their core that the way that we're doing things is the only way that you can win championships."

The Longhorns didn't win a championship in Herman's first season, but they finished 7-6 after a 33-16 win over Missouri in the Texas Bowl.

"Without a doubt in my mind, the belief in that locker room is there," Herman said of the change.

While Big 12 preseason favorite Oklahoma has been to the College Football Playoff twice in the last three years, Texas is still the league's last national champion — 13 seasons ago with quarterback Vince Young.

Only Oklahoma, West Virginia and TCU were picked ahead of the Longhorns in the preseason media poll. The Sooners and West Virginia play the day after Thanksgiving in Morgantown, a regular season finale that

would be a preview of the Big 12 championship the following week if the preseason predictions pan out.

"Don't know, never done it, and not going to think about it," Missouri coach Dan Hodgson said when asked about possibility playing Oklahoma in consecutive weeks. "We've got to play Tennessee. That's our first game."

Texas and West Virginia are the only Big 12 teams with two non-conference games against Power Five teams. The Longhorns open at Maryland and also host USC, while WVU plays the Volunteers on the opening weekend in Charlotte, North Carolina, and later goes to North Carolina



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Please see HERMAN/4C

Texas head coach Tom Herman speaks Tuesday during Big 12 media days in Frisco.

'HOUNDWATCH



Table with columns: Tuesday, Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Rows: Midland 4, San Antonio 2; Midland at San Antonio 7:05 p.m.; Midland at Corpus Christi 7 p.m.; Midland at Corpus Christi 7 p.m.; Midland at Corpus Christi 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

- Award Show: 2018 ESPYs, 7 p.m., ABC College Baseball Cape Cod League... Motorsports: Camping World Truck Series: Eldora Dirt Derby... Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 11... Golf: 2018 Open Championship... Men's Soccer: Copa Sudamericana... Tennis: ATP: Bastad... Women's National Basketball Association... Texas League Baseball...

MWCGT

From 1C

"It felt good," said DeLaGarza, who will play at Dallas Baptist University next season. "It's kind of nerve-racking. I don't (usually) get nervous on the first hole, but Paula is a great player and I love playing with her. She gave me a lot of competition (Tuesday) and it's fun to have that."

In addition to the satisfaction of advancing to the winner's bracket second round, DeLaGarza enjoyed her time out on the course, catching up with some of her close friends and the area's top players. Playing right behind her was the pairing of Alexandra Escamilla-Sarah Reed, followed by Lee grad Brooke Schlemeyer-Lettia Collins and then ex-MHS teammate Anaya Perales-Aspen Escamilla. "I've grown up with all these players - Alexandra, Aspen, Anaya, even Sarah, because of (older sister) Rebecca - so I've known them all," DeLaGarza said. "It's great to see all of us (playing well). We used to shoot in the 90s, 100s and now we're shooting 50s so well. It's crazy how encouraging it is. I just like being out here with them."

her fourth MWCGT, added that she plans to compete in the event for years to come when she is back home in the Tall City for the summer.

"I feel like I'm always going to come back here. It's a Midland thing and it's so fun playing with all these ladies," she said. "They are so encouraging, especially for us younger golfers. There are a ton of us out here and I'm just glad I can be a part of the next generation."

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT LIVING UP TO TYPE

The championship flight's other three first-round matchups Tuesday were just as competitive, as might be expected from one of the tournament's most talented groups in recent memory.

In an enticing battle of incoming freshman, Alexandra Escamilla bested Sarah Reed, the younger sister of Lee star and Texas State commit Rebecca Reed, 3 and 2.

The flight's No. 2 seed and two-time city champion Collins edged Schlemeyer, 2 and 1. Then, MHS emerging sophomore Perales held off Trinity star Aspen Escamilla - Alexandra's older sister - with a 2 and 1 victory to advance to today's second round.

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55th Annual Midland Women's City



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Paula Bettis tees off Tuesday in the first round of the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament at Ranchland Hills Golf Club.

Tournament Tuesday's first round results. Championship Flight: Paula Bettis, 3 and 2; Alexandra Escamilla, 3 and 2; Lettia Collins, 2 and 1; Anaya Perales, 2 and 1; Brooke Schlemeyer, 2 and 1; Lettia Collins, 2 and 1; Anaya Perales, 2 and 1; Brooke Schlemeyer, 2 and 1; Lettia Collins, 2 and 1; Anaya Perales, 2 and 1; Brooke Schlemeyer, 2 and 1.

TRANSACTIONS

- BASEBALL: American League: Boston Red Sox - Reinstated OF Andrew Benintendi from the suspended list; Cleveland Indians - Sent LHP Andrew Miller to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment; Houston Astros - Optioned 2B Yulieski Abreu to Fresno (PCL); Toronto Blue Jays - Optioned RHP Chris Rowley to Buffalo (IL); National League: Arizona Diamondbacks - Signed RHP Barry Enright to a minor league contract; Atlanta Braves - Signed RHP Fernando Salas and OF Lane Adams to minor league contracts; Chicago Cubs - Optioned LHP Ryo Zenteno and 2B David Balle to Iowa (PCL); Los Angeles Dodgers - Assigned LHP Edward Ramirez outright to Oklahoma City (PCL); Milwaukee Brewers - Optioned RHP Alec Asher to Colorado Springs (PCL); New York Mets - Sent OF Yoenis Cespedes to the DSL; St. Louis Cardinals - Optioned OF Tyler O'Neill to Memphis (PCL); Washington Nationals - Sent 1B Ryan Zimmerman to Harrisburg (EL) for a rehab assignment; Southern League: York Revolution - Signed C Vance Yegor; QUBEC CAPITALES - Released INF Jonathan Mac; BASKETBALL: National Basketball Association: Golden State Warriors - Extended the contract of coach Steve Kerr; Memphis Grizzlies - Traded G Ben McLemore, C Deonta Davis, a future second-round pick and cash to Sacramento for G Garrett Tompkins; New Orleans Pelicans - Signed G Trevor Smith to a two-year contract; Football: NFL - Reinstated Dallas DE Randy Gregory from the suspended list; Carolina Panthers - Named Richard Hightower secondary coach; JFL - Named senior director of college scouting, Eric Stokes and Mike Sazon regional directors of college scouting; Mike Martin Southwest area scout; Rob Henshaw assistant director of pro personnel; Austin Georgetown college scouting coordinator; Chris Harbert assistant video director; Los Angeles Rams - Agreed to terms with WR Brandin Cooks on a five-year contract; Canadian Football League: Winnipeg Blue Bombers - Signed DE Akeem Cole to the practice roster; Hockey: National Hockey League: Anaheim Ducks - Signed C Kalle Koskela; LW Ryan Flaherty and D Andy Murray to one-year contracts; Calgary Flames - Re-signed G Jon Gillies to a two-year contract; New Jersey Devils - Agreed to terms with F Blake Coleman and Stefan Noesen; New York Rangers - Agreed to terms with F Jimmy Vesey on a two-year contract; NHL - Named Andrew Carrington assistant women's basketball coach; Portland Timbers - Acquired M Torres; CONCACAF Concacaf on loan from Santos Laguna (Paraguay); Argentina for the remainder of the MLS season; College: COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF - Named Andrew Williams chief operating officer; SOONER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE - Named Rich Torkelson sports information director and James Hill assistant sports information director; ALBANY (NY) - Named Leslie Moore associate athletic director for facilities, scheduling and game operations; Texas A&M associate athletic director for business, Eric Harney assistant director of scheduling and group sales; and John Kelly assistant director of athletic communications; SOONER - Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Paul Winkler; COCKER - Named Aaron Bestie director of multi-sports affairs and event management; DIXIE Y-HAWKS - Named Tim Williams men's and women's golf coach; FLORIDA GULF COAST - Named Jay Collins assistant men's basketball coach; NYU - Named Audrey Carrington assistant women's basketball coach; PEPPERDINE - Named Danny Webb assistant basketball coach; SYRACUSE - Agreed to terms with women's basketball coach Quentin Hillman on a contract extension through 2016; NYU - Named Michelle Turpin women's tennis coach.

GOLF Former Chap Campbell is inducted into Texas Golf Hall of Fame

Andrews native and PGA golfer Chad Campbell will be one of five inductees into the latest Texas Golf Hall of Fame class. Campbell will join Billy Ray Brown, Bill Moretti, Bill Macatee, along with Austin Country Club during an induction ceremony at San Antonio Country Club on Oct. 8. Campbell will be honored in the professional player category. Campbell, who also starred at Midland Col-

lege, has four victories, 56 top-10 finishes and \$26 million in earnings during his 18-year career on the PGA Tour. Campbell spent two years at MC, earning NJCAA first team All-American honors in 1994 for the national runner-up Chaparrals. He went on to have a standout career at UNLV before posting 13 victories on the NGA Hooters Tour and then three wins on the Buy.com Tour to earn him and automatic promotion to the PGA Tour in 2001. In 2003, he won the Tour Championship, placed second at the PGA Championship and finished seventh on the Tour money

LITTLE LEAGUE McAllister Park wins twice, knocks out Mid City 8-10s

ABILENE - San Antonio McAllister Park defeated Midland Mid City All Stars twice on Tuesday to win the 8-10 year-old Texas West State title at Kirby Park. McAllister Park defeated Mid City 3-1 and then 12-2 after coming out of the loser's bracket. Mid City's TJ Schlafler pitched 5 1/3 innings in the first game, giving up three runs (one earned).

McAllister's pitcher held Mid City to just one hit by Carson Ham and recorded eight strikeouts. In the second game, Mid City was out-hit 9-7 as Cooper Johnston led Mid City by recording two hits, including a double. Ham, Schlafler (double), Isaiah Mathews (one RBI for the game for MC), Coy Hayes and Ruben Abney all collected hits. Mid City, which had its best all-star tournament season in recent history, also committed five errors in the game. McAllister Park also avenged a 7-4 loss to Mid City in Sunday's semifinal round.

Woods says British Open becomes best shot at a major

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland - Tiger Woods doesn't feel as old as the oldest championship in golf. Back at the British Open for the first time in three years, Woods broke from his tradition on Tuesday morning. Instead of being among the first on the tee for practice, he didn't show up at Carnoustie until his news conference just before lunch. Then, he played nine holes with Masters champion Patrick Reed and Bryson DeChambeau. "This was not a case of a 42-year-old needing his rest. Entering the year having not played any major since the end of 2015 and the start of three back surgeries, Woods has been feeling better as 2013 has gone on. And there's something about links golf that inspires him. "It's my favorite type of

golf to play," Woods said. "I love playing here, this type of links golf, or a style of links golf down on the Aussie sand belt... because it is creative. We're not going to get the most perfect bounces. And I think that's the fun challenge of it." He made his links debut at Carnoustie in 1995 as an amateur at the Scottish Open, a week before his British Open debut at St. Andrews. He hasn't contended on the back nine in the previous Opens at Carnoustie, in 1999 and 2007, though he wasn't far from a playoff. Might this be his best shot at winning another major? "Not to be smart, but it is the next major I'm playing," Woods said with a laugh. But over time, he thinks it might be his best chance because of history. Woods recalls 53-year-old Greg Norman playing in the final group at Royal Birkdale in 2008, a major Woods

missed because of knee surgery. The following year, Woods missed the cut for the first time at the British Open when 59-year-old Tom Watson was one putt away from winning at Turnberry. "You don't have to be long to play on a links-style golf course," Woods said. "You get to places like Augusta National, where it's just a big ballpark, and the golf course outgrows you, unfortunately. That's just the way it goes. But a links-style golf course, you can roll the ball. Distance becomes a moot point." That said, distance is everything at Carnoustie this year, which Woods discovered when he arrived Sunday. How far the ball travels in the warm, dry air is not the issue. It's how far it travels once it gets on the baked turf. Dustin Johnson discovered that when he arrived on Saturday and reached the

499-yard 18th hole, with a stiff breeze at his back and fairways running only slightly slower than they did on the weekend at Shinnecock Hills. He hit driver into the burn. The next day, his drive was a few yards short of the burn. "I hit some irons, and depending on the wind, I'll probably hit anywhere from ... I've hit 3-wood, 3-iron and 4-iron off the tee," Johnson said. "I like all of them." With the wind at his back on the 513-yard 14th hole, Johnson hit 3-iron and wedge. One thing hasn't changed about links golf - it's the best to keep the ball out of the pot bunkers, which effectively are a one-shot penalty. The question for so many players is whether that means going down to as little as a 7-iron off the tee (such as the 350-yard third hole) or smashing driver over all the trouble.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

- Tour de France Stage 11: 1. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Quick-Step Floors, 4:25.27; 2. Jan van den Broek, Netherlands, 4:26.14; 3. Romain Bardet, France, Ag2r-La Mondiale, 4:26.14; 4. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, 4:26.14; 5. Sergio Pavaoni, Belgium, Dimension Data, 4:26.14; 6. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Movistar, 4:26.14; 7. Ben Swift, Ireland, UAE Team Emirates, 4:26.14; 8. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Lotto Soudal, 4:26.14; 9. Daniel Thomas, Britain, Sky, 4:26.14; 10. Adam Yates, Britain, Mitchelton-Scott, 4:26.14; 11. John Degenkolb, Germany, Astana, 4:26.14; 12. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 4:26.14; 13. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, 4:26.14; 14. Alberto Contador, Colombia, Movistar, 4:26.14; 15. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Bahrain Merida, 4:26.14; 16. Michael Matthews, New Zealand, 4:26.14; 17. Tyler Farrer, Australia, BMC Racing, 4:26.14; 18. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 4:26.14; 19. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, 4:26.14; 20. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Movistar, 4:26.14; 21. 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ROCKHOUNDS 4, MISSIONS 2

At Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio
TOP HITTERS: Richie Martin led the RockHounds by going 3-for-4 with a double, while teammate Skye Bolt was 1-for-3 with a home run, walk and two RBI.
 ... Kyle Overstreet was 2-for-4 with a double and RBI for the Missions.

TOP PITCHERS: Nolan Blackwood earned his fourth win for Midland after he allowed just one hit over two scoreless innings in relief. ... Midland starter Sam Bragg allowed just three hits and struck out one over five scoreless innings in a no decision.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland held a 1-0 lead after a sacrifice by newcomer Luis Barrera in the second inning before the Missions took the lead with two runs in the sixth. ... Midland tied the game in the seventh on an Eli White RBI double, then took the lead for good with Bolt's two-run home run to left-center field in the ninth.

NOTES: Prior to Tuesday's game, the Midland RockHounds announced the following roster moves made by the Oakland Athletics: Infielder/outfielder J.P. Sportman has been assigned to Triple-A Nashville, while pitcher Ben Bracovelli has been assigned to Double-A Midland. Outfielder Brett Siddall and infielder Edwin Diaz have been sent down to Single-A Stockton, while infielder Nate Mondou and outfielder Luis Barrera have been assigned to Double-A Midland. ... The win for Midland snapped a four-game losing streak. ... The two teams wrap up the four-

TL standings

First Half			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Tulsa (Dodgers)	18	5	783
Arkansas (Mariners)	13	9	591
Springfield (Cardinals)	8	17	320
NW Arkansas (Royals)	4	19	174

South Division			
Team	W	L	Pct.
Corpus Christi (Astros)	18	7	720
Frisco (Rangers)	15	10	600
San Antonio (Padres)	13	11	542
Midland (Athletics)	7	18	288

Today's Scores
 Springfield 3, Northwest Arkansas 2
 Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
 Corpus Christi 4, Frisco 3
 Midland 4, San Antonio 2

Today's Games
 NW Arkansas at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
 Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
 Frisco at Corpus Christi, 7:30 p.m.
 Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

game series at 7:05 p.m. today as Midland can earn a split with it.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - TBD; San Antonio - LHP Logan Allen (9-4, 2.68)

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Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
White	5	2	1	0	0	1
Mondou	3	0	1	0	0	1
Martin	2	0	3	0	0	0
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	1
Martinez	4	1	2	0	0	2
Ramirez	3	0	0	0	0	0
Hamm	3	0	0	0	0	1
Barrera	3	2	2	1	0	0
Bolt	3	1	1	2	0	0
Totals	32	4	11	4	0	8

Player	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bragg	5.0	3	0	0	0	1
Romero	1.0	3	2	2	1	0
Blackwood	4.2	2	0	0	0	0
Overstreet	1.2	1	0	0	0	0
San Antonio						
W	0	0	5	1	2	5
L	2	2	3	3	3	2
WP						
R						
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MLB GLANCE

Associated Press			
Standings	W	L	Pct.
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
Boston	66	30	684
New York	62	33	653
Tampa Bay	49	47	510
Toronto	43	52	453
Baltimore	28	69	289
Central Division			
Cleveland	52	43	547
Minnesota	44	50	468
Detroit	41	57	418
Chicago	33	62	347
Kansas City	27	68	284
West Division			
Houston	64	35	646
Seattle	56	39	588
Oakland	55	42	567
Los Angeles	49	48	505
Texas	41	56	423
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division			
Philadelphia	53	42	558
Atlanta	52	42	553
Washington	48	48	500
Miami	41	57	418
New York	39	55	415
Central Division			
Chicago	55	38	591
Milwaukee	56	43	561
St. Louis	48	46	511



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 The popular Presidents Race at the park drew the biggest cheer in the middle innings, with the big-headed George Washington character prevailing.
 The only thing missing was a bevy of defensive shifts. Overloaded infields are the norm now, but AL manager A.J. Hinch of Houston and NL skipper Dave Roberts of the Dodgers — that's kind of how last year ended, too, with Houston battering Los Angeles pitchers in the World Series.
 "I've seen it before. I haven't seen it before in an All-Star Game like this," Hinch said. "Pretty proud of them."
 Bregman smiled all around the bases and earned MVP honors.
 Segura's three-run homer in the eighth landed in the bullpen and broke a 2-2 tie. The Seattle infielder popped up the

previous pitch, but Votto, Cincinnati's reliable first baseman, dropped it for an error as he approached the dugout railing.
 Segura then connected off Milwaukee's Josh Hader, one of baseball's most dominant relievers. Judge homered in the second off Scherzer, the Nationals ace who became the first reigning Cy Young Award winner to start an All-Star Game in his home park. There was another judge at the park besides the Yankees slugger — Brett Kavanaugh, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee.
 Trout kept up his All-Star excellence, tagging Mets righty Jacob deGrom. A two-time MVP in his event, Trout is 7 for 15 with five extra-base hits and three walks in these games.
 Diaz wound up with the win and Toronto's J.A. Happ got a save after giving up Votto's homer.
 The AL won for the 18th time in 21 games played to a decision, and leads the series 44-43-2. Not since the early 1960s has the AL been ahead.

As MLB mulls rule changes, union hints at work stoppage

By Ronald Blum
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Major League Baseball wants a broad discussion with players about rule changes to combat decreased offense and longer games, an initiative likely to be met by a testy union stung by declining free-agent prices and already raising the possibility of a work stoppage after the 2021 season.

Commissioner Rob Manfred and players' association head Tony Clark outlined their differing agendas during separate sessions with the Baseball Writers' Association of America before Tuesday night's All-Star Game.

"There is a growing consensus or maybe even better an existing consensus among ownership that we need to have a really serious conversation about making some changes to the way the game is being played," Manfred said. "We are not at the point where I can articulate for you what particular rule changes might get serious consideration. I can tell you the issues that concern people: I think that the period of time between putting balls in play, the number of strikeouts, to a lesser extent the number of home runs, the significance of the shift and what it's done to the game, the use of relief pitchers and the way starting pitchers are going to be used."

Clark repeatedly maintained players are reluctant to change as "stewards of the game."
 "We may get to a point where those coming to the ballpark or have an interest in coming to the ballpark for whatever reason aren't 100 percent certain that what they are

see is the type of game that they want to see," he said.

More than 100 free agents remained unsigned when spring training began this year. Many agreed to deals at a fraction of the price they thought they were worth and for fewer years than they expected.

"What we experienced last offseason was a direct attack on free agency, which has been a bedrock of our economic system, and if that is going to be different, then we have some very difficult decisions to make moving forward," Clark said.

Baseball had eight work stoppages from 1972-95 but has had labor peace since. The current five-year contract runs through the 2021 season, and Clark left open a possible return to the era of strife.

"To the extent there are challenges to those rights, historically I would suggest those have manifested themselves in a particular way," he said.

The union filed a grievance in February against Miami, Oakland, Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay, accusing the teams of failing to appropriately spend revenue-sharing money in an effort to improve their on-field product. Manfred dismissed the allegations, saying the grievance was filed "really for publicity reasons."

Manfred said the lack of interest in free agents was due to the dearth of quality.

"At the end of the year you'll look at the performance of those players," he said. "I'm pretty sure, based on what's already in the books, you're going to make the judgment that the clubs made sound decisions as to how those players should be



Alex Brandon/Associated Press

Commissioner Rob Manfred stands with trophy before the MLB Home Run Derby on Monday at Nationals Park in Washington. The 89th MLB baseball All-Star Game was played Tuesday.

valued."
 Management is alarmed by what is taking place on the field. Strikeouts (24,537) are on track to surpass hits (24,314) for the first time. Strikeouts also are likely to set a record for the 12th straight season, and this year's average of 17.0 per game is up from 12.6 in 2005. The current big league batting average of .247 would be the lowest since 1972.

There have been 20,587 shifts on balls in play, according to Baseball Info Solutions. That projects to a full-season total of 34,668 — up 29.8 percent from last year and an increase from 6,882 for the entire 2013 season. That has decreased the batting average of stars such as Washington's Bryce Harper, who is hitting just .214.

And the average attendance of 28,568 is down from the 30,159 at the break last year, when the final figure was 30,042. MLB has not dropped below 30,000 since 2002.

Manfred blamed early season bad weather. "We've made up some ground," he said. "We were down as much as 8, 9 (percent) early, we were back to like 5.5

percent down, and I'm optimistic."

Lack of competitiveness among rebuilding teams also is a likely factor. Three teams are on track to lose 100 or more games, which would match the record set in 2002, and five others are on a pace for 90 or more defeats.

Clark called the attendance drop "dramatic" and said while weather is partly to blame "the concerns that fans have in regards to the competitive integrity piece is one of them" along with "players being moved from teams that fans had a connection with."

While he wouldn't cite teams for tanking, he said it appears many clubs are deciding to rebuild if analytics tell them they can't compete to win the World Series.

"This is only what I am hearing, that teams are making decisions against the backdrop of what they believe their roster is going to yield and the landing place of where their team is going to be at the end of the year, that those data points suggest if you're not in a particular place, then it may make more sense not to look to be the last team standing," he said.

Small Ball: Altuve, Betts bring compact pop to All-Star Game

By Ben Nuckols
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In decades past they would have been given nicknames like "Pee Wee" and coached to shorten their swings, keep the ball close to the ground, find holes and use their speed to leg out base hits.

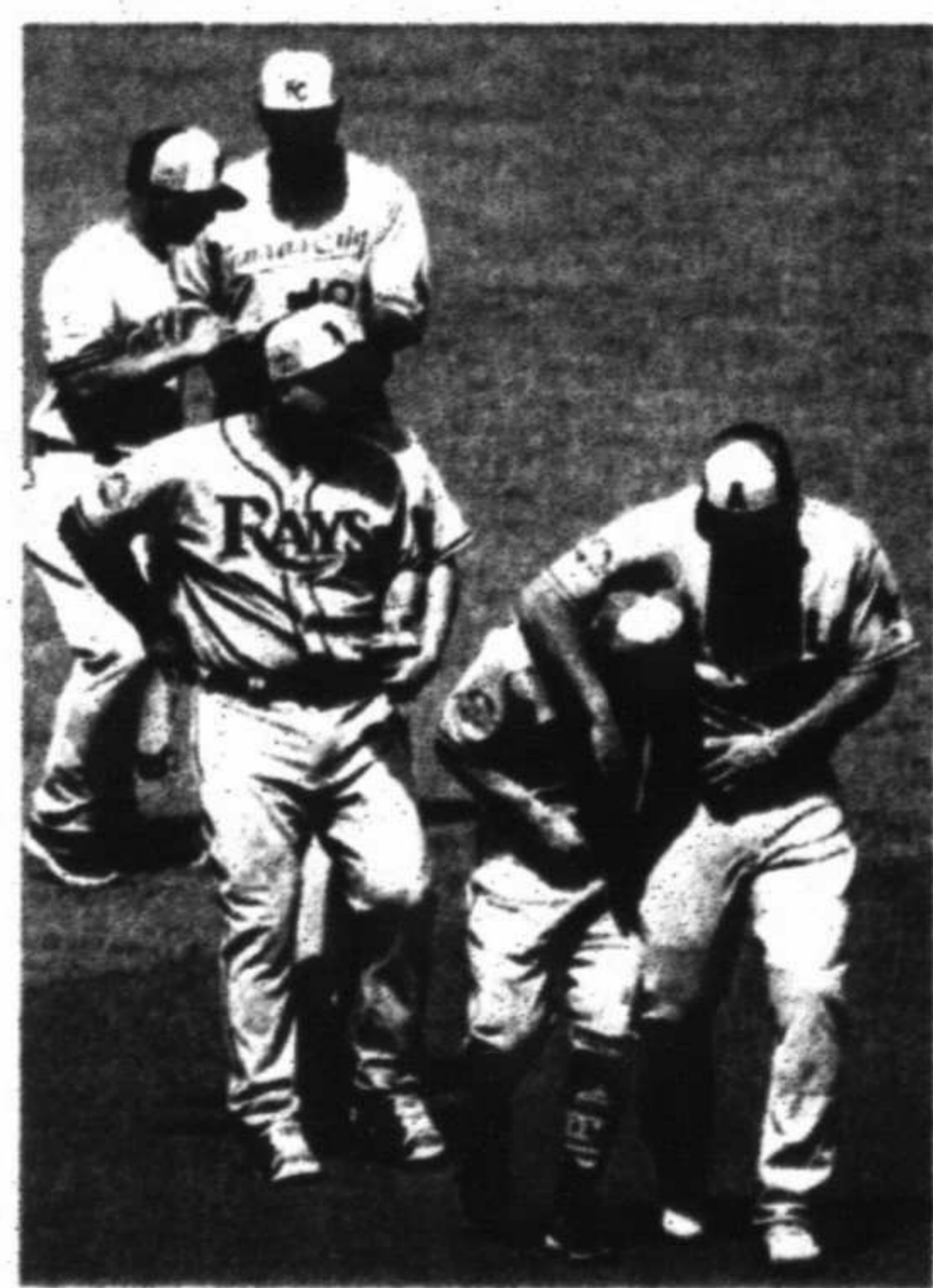
Now, "small ball" has a new meaning. This homer-happy era of baseball is proving that big sluggers can be found in tiny packages.

Consider some of the guys in Tuesday night's All-Star Game: Jose Ramirez, all 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds of him, whose 29 homers at the break are tied for the AL lead. Mookie Betts, also 5-foot-9, has 23 long balls and hit 31 last season. Ozzie Albies, who at age 21 could maybe hope for a late growth spurt, is 5-foot-8 and has 20 homers.

And of course there's the best inch-for-inch hitter in baseball, 5-foot-6 Jose Altuve, the three-time batting champion who's gone deep nine times this year but hit 24 homers in each of the past two seasons.

"You look around this room, it's not just big guys. It's guys of all sizes," said first-time All-Star Alex Bregman, who's listed at 6 feet, 180 pounds and has 20 homers. "What you see are ballplayers. You don't have to be big to be a ballplayer. You have to have the skills."

And their skills are holding up just fine against giants like Aaron Judge (6-foot-7, 282 pounds, 25 homers), J.D. Martinez (6-foot-3, 220 pounds, 29 homers), Jesus Aguilar (6-foot-3, 250 pounds, 24 homers) and the consensus best hitter in the game with the ideal body type to match, Mike Trout (6-foot-



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American League, Houston Astros' Jose Altuve, second from right, walks with National League, Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout, right, after a team photo Monday at Nationals Park in Washington. The the MLB baseball All-Star Game was played Tuesday.

2, 235 pounds, 25 homers). Altuve credits hitters who understand how to maximize their physical tools.

"In Mookie, I see quick hands and a really good lower body, hitting-wise, and I can see why he hits a lot of home runs," Altuve said. "I would say it's more technique than strength now for hitting homers."

Justin Verlander knows he can't relax when he's on the mound against a player like Altuve, his Astros teammate. Size doesn't matter. But speed does. "I think it's part of the change of the game. I've talked to Jose about it. He's changed himself a few years back and started swinging more aggres-

sively," Verlander said. "You didn't used to see guys like that that were small that ... had that kind of pop. Oppo (opposite field) pop. That's the big thing that's changed, homers to opposite field. That's something I didn't used to see much except with guys like Miguel Cabrera. Now you're seeing it with almost everybody."

Baseball appears to be headed for a reckoning with the ugly side of hitters' power-first approach. Defensive shifts, obsession with launch angles and indifference to strikeouts are being blamed for everything from increasing the length of games to making the sport more dull and one-dimensional. There

is talk of banning shifts or forcing relief pitchers to face more than one batter in order to generate more excitement and incentivize putting balls in play.

But there might be an upside to a more egalitarian sport in which players aren't expected to change their approach for no reason other than their stature.

Betts knows that a decade or two ago, he might have been coached differently. "Probably get it on the ground, use my speed. Times have changed," Betts said. "We, as in small guys, may not be as big and strong, but we can pack the power. I think that's just one of those things we have to go out and show."

And there are competing theories about what's allowed smaller guys to flex their compact muscles.

Verlander gave the one-word answer a pitcher might be expected to give: "Baseballs."

Theories that the ball is juiced were given some statistical backing before the season when Major League Baseball released a study saying baseballs have been producing less drag, causing them to carry farther. But MLB said it didn't understand why or how the change occurred.

Hitters, naturally, have a different explanation. They blame the pitchers.

"Honestly, I feel like everybody is throwing harder. You don't have to hit the ball as hard anymore," Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp said. "Honestly, all you have to do is square it up and the ball is going to fly if they mess up. These guys are throwing really hard. Strikeouts are up. Home runs are up. Everything is up. It's just a game of who throws harder and who can square it up."

Former Texas Tech great, Hall-of-Famer Rivera passes away

From staff and wire reports

LUBBOCK — Gabe Rivera, the College Football Hall of Famer who was paralyzed in a car accident while a rookie with the Pittsburgh Steelers, has died. He was 57.

Texas Tech, where Rivera was an All-America defensive lineman, confirmed Rivera's death on Tuesday.

"The entire Red Raider family is saddened by the loss of Gabe Rivera," Texas Tech Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt said in a press release. "He was one of the most dominating defensive linemen to ever play the game and a loyal Red Raider throughout his life. He will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

Rivera was one of the most feared defensive linemen in the country during his Red Raider career from 1979-82, passed away in his hometown of San Antonio, after falling ill last weekend. Rivera remains one of the most decorated football student-athletes in school history as he was named to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in 2012 and then the Texas Tech Ring of Honor in 2014. The Ring of Honor is the highest honor a Red Raider can earn in his career.

"Donnie Laurence recruited Gabe when I was the defensive coordinator at the time," said Jim Bates, a Tech assistant coach and defensive coordinator from 1978-83. "When we signed him, we knew we had a great football player, but we didn't know how great he was until he got here."

A graduate of San Antonio's Jefferson High School, Rivera didn't waste much time before impressing not only Bates but Red Raider fans in



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inductee Gabe Rivera, from Texas Tech, is recognized Aug. 28, 2013 during the National Football Foundation enshrinement ceremony in Atlanta. Rivera, a Texas Tech Ring of Honor member known by fans as "Señor Sack" throughout his Red Raider career, passed away late Monday night, Texas Tech announced Tuesday. He was 57.

general. Bates recounts it only took the opening drive of the 1979 season opener against No. 1 Southern California before Bates realized just how special of a nose guard he had.

"(USC quarterback Paul) McDonald ran around the left end, and Gabe ran all the way from his defensive tackle position to blow him up on the sideline," Bates remembers the play. "It was a remarkable play for a defensive tackle. I looked over at the guys and said 'we have one here.'"

Rivera went on to leave a lasting legacy as a Red Raider, compiling 321 career tackles over the next four seasons, including 34 that went for a loss. He earned the "Señor Sack" nickname after punishing quarterbacks to a tune of 14 sacks over his career. He also added 11 pass deflections and six fumble recoveries from his spot in the middle.

Rivera combined for 105 career tackles en route to being named a consensus All-American following his senior season in 1982. He posted 10 tackles for a loss, including five sacks, that season, while adding

25 quarterback pressures and eight pass breakups.

Rivera, who was also an honorable mention All-American as a sophomore in 1980, was recognized as the Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 1982 before being selected 21st overall in the 1983 NFL Draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

His career came to a sad halt early in his rookie season when he was injured in a car accident just outside of Pittsburgh. Rivera was paralyzed from the waist down, ending his NFL aspirations.

He was inducted into the Texas Tech Hall of Fame in 1993 and is currently on the ballot for the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

"He is obviously a big name in Texas Tech history. Everyone knew who Señor Sack was," said Ron Reeves, who was a quarterback at Tech at the same time as Rivera. "I think he did a great job in staying involved at Tech. It was a highlight for a lot of us every time Gabe came back for a weekend."

Rivera is survived by his wife Nancy and his two children, Timothy and Rae.

Fisher's new challenge: Make Aggies tough, SEC champions

By Charles Odum
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jimbo Fisher introduced himself to his new Texas A&M team with some insults and frank challenges.

Right off the bat, the new coach told the Aggies they were soft in 2017, according to one of his players. Fisher also told his new players they better do things his way, or otherwise they'd be gone.

Welcome to College Station, coach.

Soft? Fisher tried to deny that he delivered that criticism on Monday when he was the first coach to talk at the Southeastern Conference's annual media gathering.

"I didn't say, I just said we're going to play tough," Fisher said. "How they played, I have no idea."

Center Erik McCoy had a different memory.

"He just thought we were soft overall," McCoy said. "He told us that after every practice. Yes sir. He told us that we were soft and that we had no option other than to get tougher."

McCoy appeared to be uncomfortable when asked to elaborate on the subject.

"I've never thought of myself as soft," he said.

Fisher, who won the 2013 national championship at Florida State, accepted a 10-year, \$75 million contract to move to Texas A&M. He now faces expectations to build a big winner at Texas A&M, which hasn't won a national championship since 1939.

Fisher wasted no time letting his players know there would be changes.

"He set the standard the first meeting," McCoy said. "He came in and set the bar and basically told us if we didn't give it to him we were going to be gone."

Fisher isn't afraid of the pressure that comes with



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Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher speaks Monday at Southeastern Conference Media Days in Atlanta.

coaching in the SEC's demanding Western Division.

"That's what I grew up in," he said.

He reminded reporters he's no newcomer to the SEC or the grueling West. He coached Auburn's quarterbacks from 1993-98 and was Louisiana State's offensive coordinator from 2000-06.

Returning to the league as a head coach brings a different level of pressure. The reminder came in a national championship plaque Texas A&M chancellor John Sharp gave Fisher at a public meeting, with a date left open.

Clearly, Fisher is expected to fill in that date. The sooner, the better.

"People are never going to put more pressure on me than I put on myself in this business," Fisher said Monday.

"This is about dealing with pressure. I thought it was kind of nice. I liked it. He had the same commitment that we did."

Kentucky coach Mark Stoops, who was Florida State's defensive coordinator under Fisher from 2010-12, expects the coach to have success in his return to the SEC.

"Jimbo, there's no doubt he'll do very well at Texas A&M," Stoops said. "There are things I've taken from him I still implement to this day. There's no

doubt he'll do well. He'll recruit at a high level. His teams will play extremely hard."

Fisher isn't one to back away from a challenge. He didn't hesitate when asked his timetable for winning a championship with the Aggies.

Timetable? Would this season be soon enough?

"Well, I think your timetable is as quick as you can put things in place and everyone buys into what you're trying to do," he said. "You have a timetable, your timetable is now. You want to win immediately and that's your place, but is that realistic? I don't know. Could it be? Yes. Could it not be? Yes. It's all about the process of putting things in place. Because you want to build a program the right way up and get kids to understand and buy in."

Fisher said his new players are buying in. Despite the jolting criticism that they were soft in 2017, when they finished 7-6 under Kevin Sumlin with a Belk Bowl loss to Wake Forest, the players say they've embraced Fisher's get-tough mandate.

"We have one of the active four coaches who have won a national championship," McCoy said. "That's a blessing brought to our program and makes us want to work even harder for him."



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West Virginia quarterback Will Grier speaks Tuesday during Big 12 media days in Frisco.

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State.

The Mountaineers are going into their seventh Big 12 season, and are 27-27 in conference games since moving from the Big East.

With preseason Big 12 offensive player of the year Will Grier at quarterback and top receiver David Sills V also back, West Virginia is now considered one of the league's favorites. Holgorsen knows that will lead to plenty of questions about handling expectations.

"We welcome expectations. Heck, you want 'em to talk about you," Holgorsen said. "I don't care where you're picked. Doesn't matter, there's pressure everywhere, pressure to live up to the expectations or pressure to create expectations, and I think our guys are old. I think our coaching staff has tremendous continuity, been around."

Grier, the former Florida

quarterback, threw for 3,490 yards and 34 touchdowns at WVU before breaking the middle finger on his throwing hand when diving for the end zone in the 11th game last season. Sills had 60 catches for 980 yards and a nation-best 18 touchdowns.

Bill Snyder is going into his 27th season overall at Kansas State, and the 10th since his return after a three-year "retirement." He will turn 79 in October.

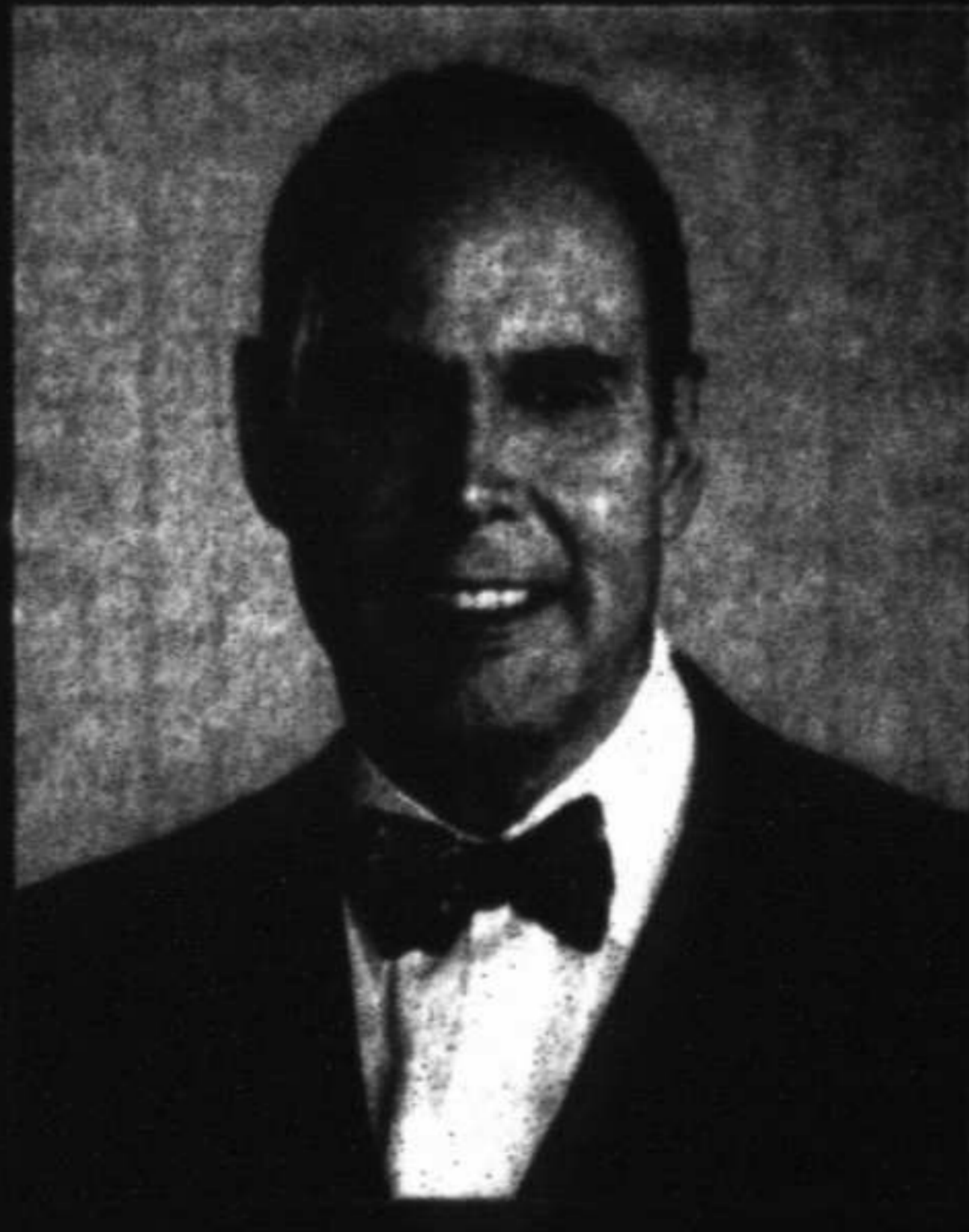
"Am I surprised he's still coaching? No, I'm not," said Mike Gundy, the former Oklahoma State quarterback going into his 14th season as the Cowboys coach. "I will be surprised when he's not coaching. ... The everyday operation or game-day approach with his team is very similar to what it was when I competed against him as a player in 1989."

Going into only his second season, Herman believes the culture he has tried to establish is already "fully ingrained" in the

current players.


Herman, the offensive coordinator for Ohio State's national championship team four years ago before two seasons as Houston's head coach, expressed excitement about retaining all his staff, as well as the addition of a top recruiting class. There was also very limited roster attrition, and the Longhorns have two older quarterbacks with experience in Sam Ehlinger and Shane Buechele.

"We had a tremendous amount of growth last season," Herman said. "Although our record was not up to the championship expectations that we have at the University of Texas. I think that anybody that has watched on play, anybody that's been around our program, understands that we're playing harder, we're playing more physical, we're playing more cohesive than our program has in quite some time."



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I am out of touch with the younger generation, and I'm not sure how to answer his questions, like, "Does the boy or girl initiate the kiss?" I would appreciate knowing about any pamphlets or brochures you have for sale on this subject. Thank you. — MARGARET O. IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MARGARET: Kids are maturing at younger ages than when we were growing up. Part of the reason may be that television, movies and the internet have exposed them to subjects we think not when we were their age.

That said, not all of the information they receive from the media and their friends is accurate.

I'm glad you asked because I have a booklet that may be helpful. It's titled "What Every Teen Should Know," and it's filled with information on subjects such as, "How to know when you're ready to date," "Are you ready for sex?" "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" and "Can a girl get pregnant the first time she has sex?"

A section on sexually

DEAR ABBY

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transmitted diseases is also included. Because STDs need to be treated right away and ignoring or not recognizing the symptoms can have lifelong consequences, there is a list of the various STDs and what to do if you have one. You can order a booklet by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL, 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price.

The Teen booklet has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents who find it hard to discuss these topics with their children.

Review it BEFORE giving it to your grandson, so you can prepare beforehand to answer his questions or guide the conversation. The more information you can give him, the better prepared he will be to make intelligent decisions in the important years that lie ahead.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 80s. From time to time, when I have tried to contact a dear old friend or distant relative, I find they have recently passed away. Don't you think it would be a good idea for older people to make a short list of people we want contacted in case of serious illness or death? So many times our survivors have no idea who some of our friends are or how to contact them. — GARY G. IN GEORGIA

DEAR GARY: I think your idea is a sensible one. The list should include not only names, but also contact information. Thank you for sharing this with me and my readers because — let's face it — nobody lives forever.

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♥ K Q 10 4
♦ Q 8 6 4 3
♣ Void

WEST
♠ A Q 8 2
♥ 8 5
♦ 7
♣ K 9 8 6 4 3

EAST
♠ K 7 6 4
♥ A J 9 3
♦ 5 2
♣ J 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 9
♥ 7 6 2
♦ A K J 10 9
♣ A Q 10 7

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♣ 3♠ 4♠ 5♠
Pass Pass 5♣ AB pass
*Strong diamond suit

Opening lead: Seven of ♣

Today's deal is from the recent Australian National Mixed Teams in Canberra. South was Australian expert Keiran Dyke. Dyke's pass over five clubs is surprising, as we think most players would have doubled. It was a forcing pass, however, so there was no chance that his partner would not bid again. North's choice of bidding

five diamonds, rather than double, was clear cut.

Dyke won the opening trump lead in his hand and led a diamond to dummy's queen, drawing trumps. A spade to the nine lost to the queen, and West shifted to the eight of hearts. East captured the king with his ace and led a low spade, ruffed by Dyke. The ace of clubs was cashed, dummy shedding a low heart, and a club was ruffed in dummy. A spade ruff back to his hand and Dyke was at the crossroads.

A heart to the 10 was an unappealing choice. Dyke was sure that West held the king of clubs for his vulnerable pre-empt, so he decided to try and pin the jack in the East hand. If it didn't work, he could always try the heart finesse later. Dyke led his queen of clubs and hoped. West elected not to cover, so Dyke took a deep breath and discarded dummy's 10 of hearts. He was home when East followed with the jack. He had no trouble ruffing his remaining club and cashing his last heart in dummy to bring home his contract. Nicely played!

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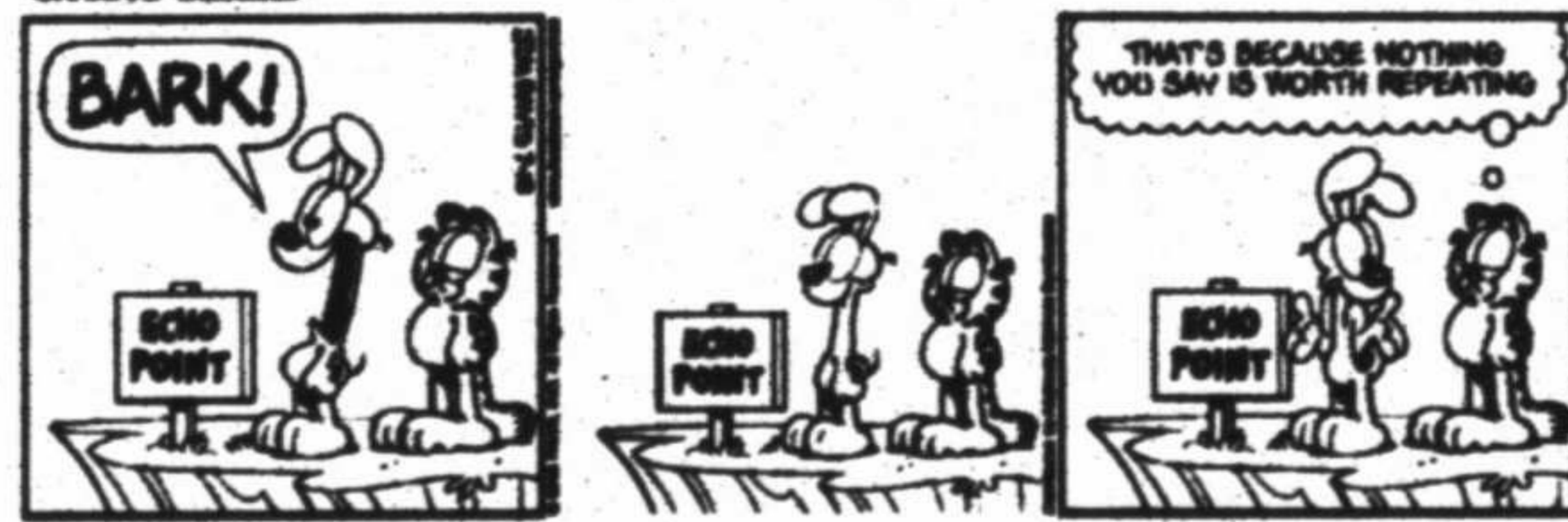
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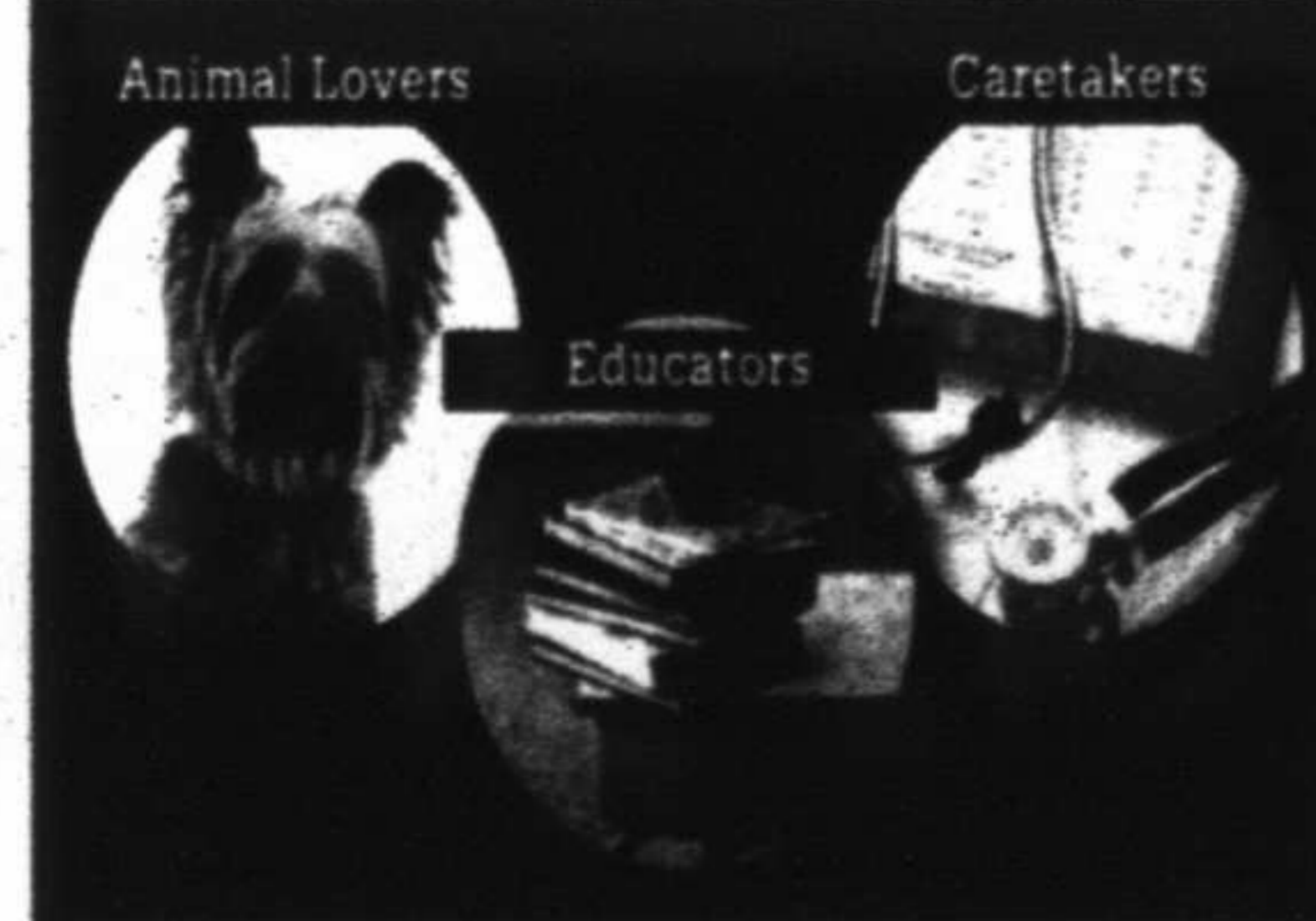
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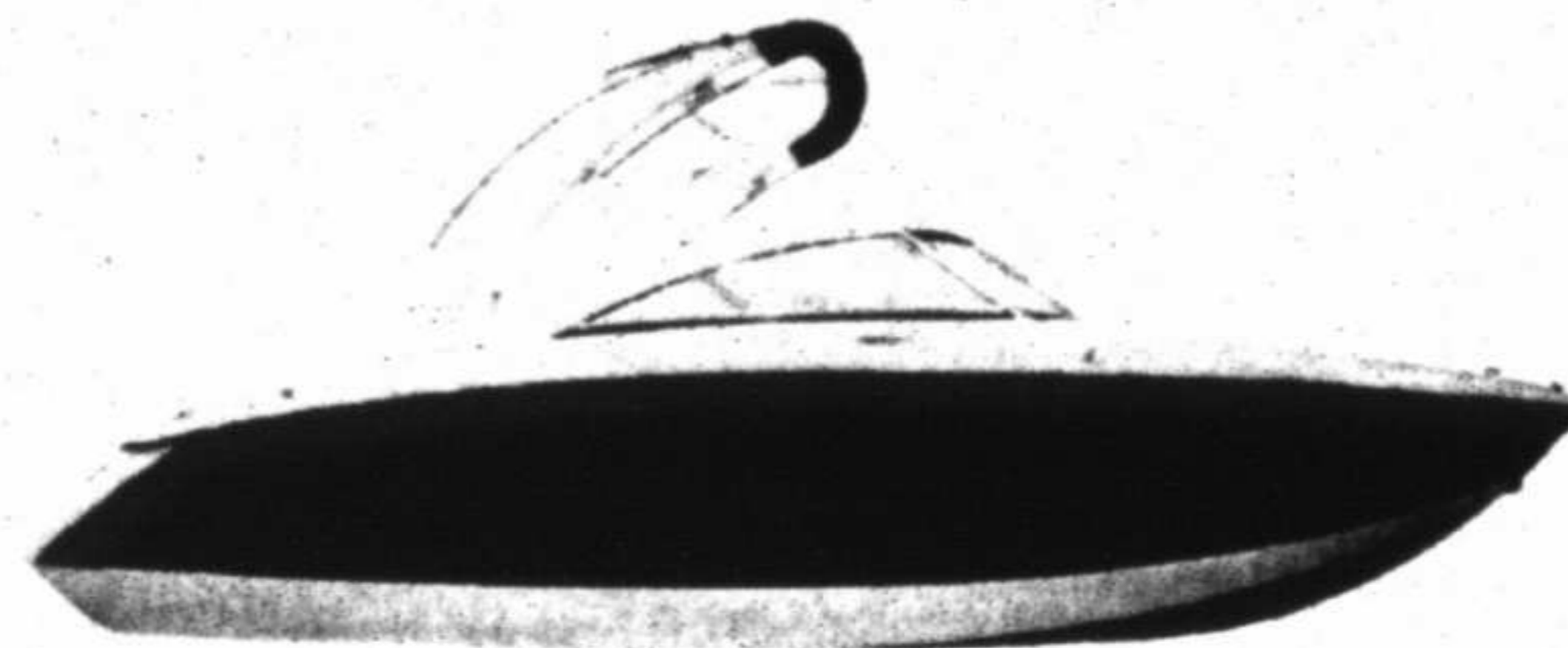
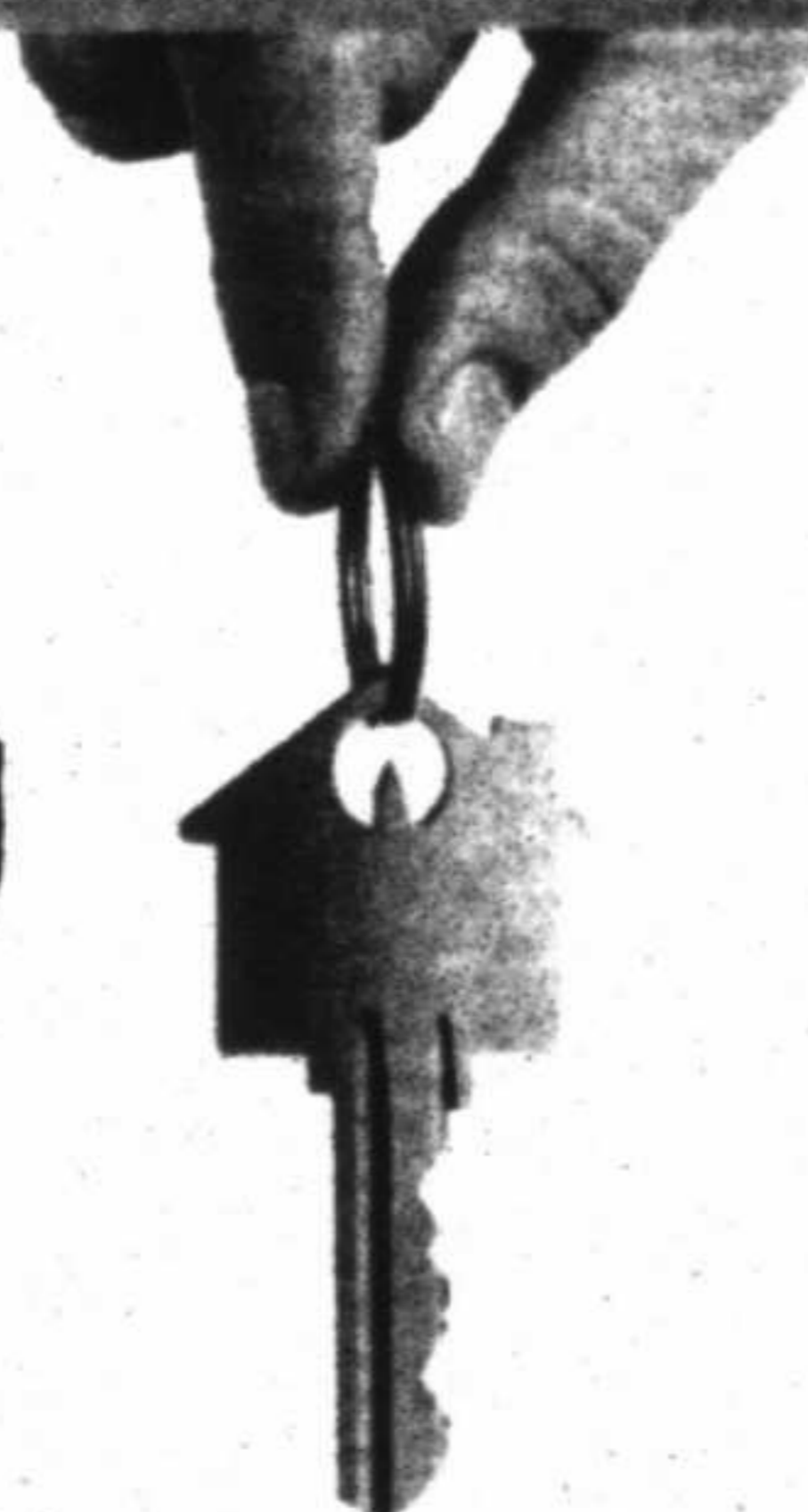
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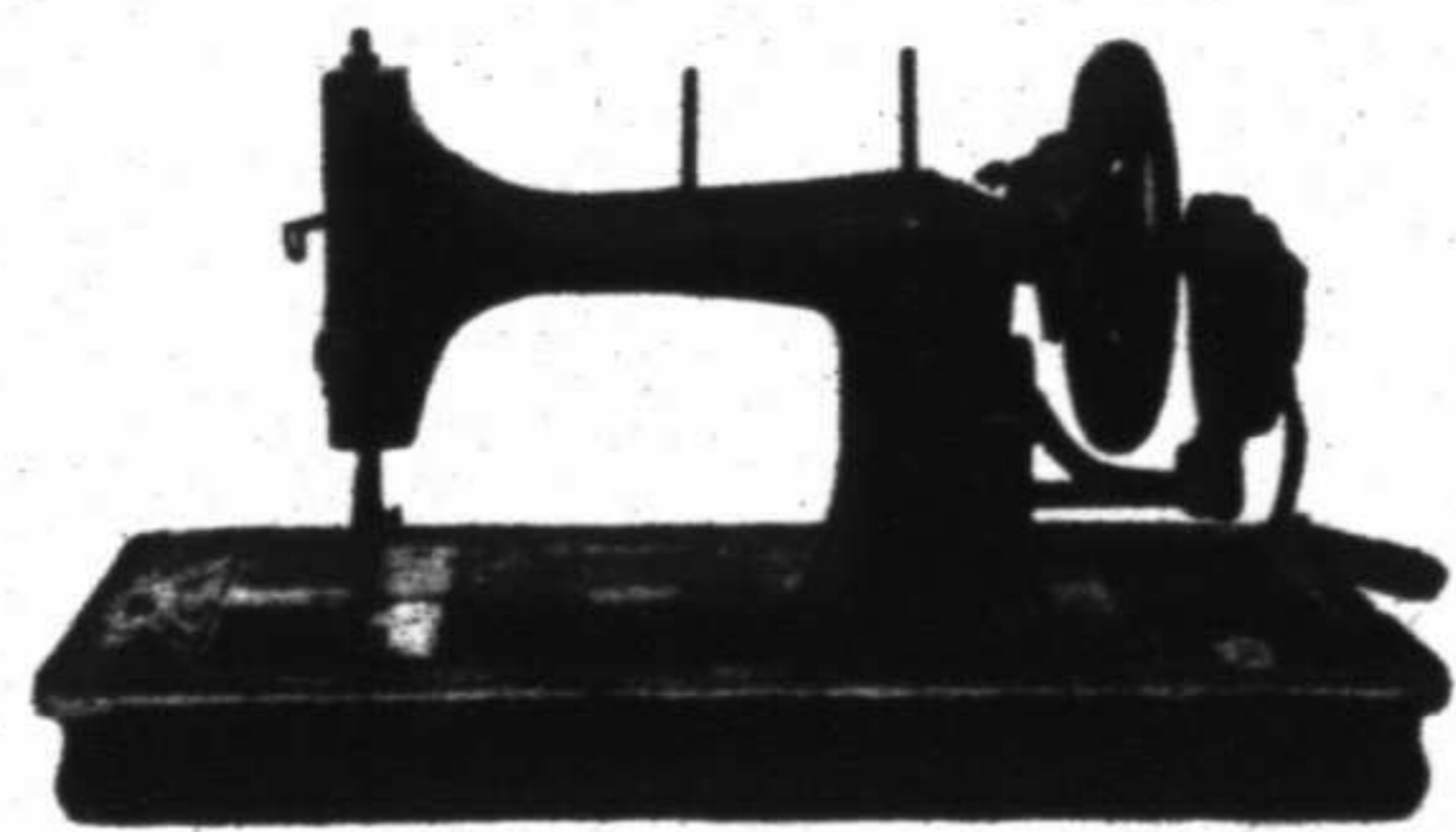
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OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 17, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 21, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRCC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, (RRCC Operator No. 217012) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 7, Bk. 40 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-50, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY AUG 21, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	WARFIELD WEST I	
Lease/Unit Well No.	204WA	
Lease/Unit Acres	678.25	
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	257.0	
Lease Lines	1147.0 F W L	1198.0 F S L
Survey Lines	1147.0 F W L	1198.0 F S L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1147.0 F W L
1198.0 F S L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 19
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 866.0 F E L
80.0 F S L
Survey Lines: 1850.0 F W L
50.0 F S L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) - Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10525 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Paula Brunson, at (432) 221-7442.

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Claremont, good condition. \$300. Corset, \$300. All iPhone 7 plus, excellent condition, \$400. A/C unit 4 ton, \$1800. Call 432-230-1788

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Orbital pipe and Equipment yard for lease, 3000 W CO RD 127, Midland, 79708. Call 432-413-8000

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Country Plot in Rosehaven location in the Mausoleum \$4,000 OBO Call 432-381-0428

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