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Bishop Lynch battled Midland Christian on Friday, coming away with a 35-15 win over the Mustangs. Read about that game and Lee's win in Sports.

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Midland unemployment returns to record low

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Midland's unemployment rate dipped to 2.1 percent in October, returning to a record low, tying lows set in April and May. Unemployment had held at 2.2 percent the three previous months.

The Texas Workforce Commission said Friday the Midland metropolitan statistical area continued to report the state's lowest unemployment, while Odessa remained tied with Amarillo for second lowest at 2.5 percent each.

"I can't say enough about what's going on in this region," said Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of the commission's Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office, which oversees 17 West Texas counties. "We're just rocking along."

Taylor told the Reporter-Telegram he

has looked at the unemployment data for the state's other MSAs and most are at full employment.

Noting that Midland and Odessa have recorded a number of consecutive months of growth, Taylor said the only barrier to continued growth would be the area's cost of living.

He said even representatives of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center are talking about how the cost of living is affecting their ability to teach their students. "I worry about the impact on older folks, those in leisure and hospitality and in education."

As he has said previously, Taylor said he remains concerned about having enough educators in local schools.

Housing is the top issue, he said, and something that continues to concern the members of his board of directors.

"We can't build a community based on

man camps, based on transitional housing," he said. "We need permanent housing. That will let us bring in teachers, lawyers, doctors."

Wages continue to rise and will continue to go up because of the labor shortage.

"I realize companies that can afford it are raising their wages, but look at the municipalities, the schools. They can't afford to raise their wages enough," he said.

That's why he said it's important to encourage workers to stay in their jobs and not retire and to encourage young people to stay in the area after they finish school, or to take advantage of training opportunities, and engage in the community.

"There are so many opportunities here," he said.

Other than those concerns, he said, "We are definitely redefining 'boom.'"

Midland's civilian labor force remained

above the 100,000 mark, rising by about 400 from September to October and is above the October 2017 level by about 7,600.

Midland added 600 jobs from September to October, led by a gain of 800 in the city's dominant industrial sector, mining, logging and construction. The trade, transportation and utilities sector added 100 jobs, as did the financial activities sector. But those gains were offset by the loss of 300 jobs in the professional and business services sector and 100 jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector.

For the 12 months from October 2017 to October 2018, Midland has added 8,800 jobs for a growth rate of 9.2 percent. The mining, logging and construction sector again dominated, adding 7,200 jobs for a growth rate of 25 percent. The trade, transportation and utilities sector and the leisure

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Crude prices stabilize after 12-day losing streak

From staff reports

Crude prices snapped a record 12-day losing streak that included a 7 percent, \$4 plunge Tuesday to end the week at \$56.46 a barrel on the futures market, unchanged from Thursday's closing price. The posted price ended the week at \$53 a barrel. Despite the two-day winning streak, prices are down 13 percent for the month and \$20 from the early October high above \$76 a barrel.

Natural gas prices continued to climb, fueled by winter weather across the Northeast and South, remained above \$4 per Mcf, closing the week at \$4.272 per Mcf. Prices are up around 32 percent this month.

Permian, Midland gain 1 rig each

The rig count this week in both the Permian Basin and Midland County is up by one to 493 and 59, respectively, according to the oil field services company Baker Hughes. Reeves County continues to lead the Permian with 80 rigs, unchanged.

Other counties in the basin with double-digit rig counts are: Lea, New Mexico, 60, up two; Martin, 44, up one; Eddy, New Mexico, 39, down four; Loving, 26, down one; Pecos, 23, unchanged; Ward, 23, up one; Upton, 21, up one; Howard, 20, down three; Culberson, 17, unchanged; Winkler, 15, down one; and Reagan, 14, down one.

Texas gained three rigs for a total of 535, and New Mexico has 105, a loss of one. The U.S. has 1,082 rigs, an increase of one.

Texas Dem attends House orientation amid contested race

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democrat Gina Ortiz Jones has been in Washington attending orientation for new members of Congress despite Republican incumbent Rep. Will Hurd continuing to hold a lead of 1,000-plus votes in their contested race to represent a sprawling West Texas district.

Ortiz Jones could seek a recount and still has a couple of weeks to do so. She hasn't so far but also hasn't conceded

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REWARD FOR ROGER



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President Donald Trump awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Roger Staubach, NFL Hall of Fame quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys at the White House on Friday, in Washington, D.C. The Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian award of the United States. Trump also honored a GOP donor, five others with presidential awards.

Trump presents Medal of Freedom to Dallas Cowboys legend Roger Staubach

By Kellen Browning
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — National Football League Hall of Famer and star quarterback Roger Staubach, best known for his four Super Bowl appearances and two championships, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by an admiring President Donald Trump on Friday.

Staubach was known as "Captain

Comeback" for his come-from-behind victories on the football field during his playing days with the Dallas Cowboys in the 1970s. Staubach also starred at the U.S. Naval Academy, where his football feats earned him the 1963 Heisman Trophy, awarded to the year's top college football player.

In the East Room of the White House, Trump recalled witnessing Staubach's last-second heroics in a different sport.

"I had a golf match where Roger was

my partner, and we were in deep trouble ... And we desperately needed a par on the 18th hole to win," Trump said. "And he came out and hit a shot ... I don't know how it happened. But he was this far from the hole. He got the par, we won. And I said: 'That's Roger Staubach.'"

Staubach, who joined the Cowboys in 1969, at age 27 after serving in the Navy, played for Dallas for all 11 of his years

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President Trump said he answered special counsel Robert Mueller's questions. Page 7A

The big number

Education Secretary DeVos issued a 150-page proposal on campus sexual misconduct rules Friday. Page 6A

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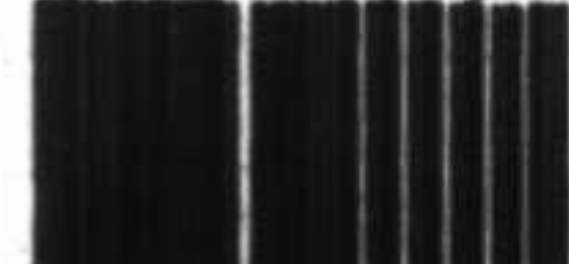
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The annual Show of Support banquet was Thursday at Horseshoe Pavilion. **TOP:** Keynote speaker Nick Adams talks. **ABOVE LEFT:** Bagpipers perform. **ABOVE CENTER:** Sailor Jerri performs her "Hallelujah" Veteran Version. **ABOVE CENTER:** The crown watches the show.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



TOP, ABOVE AND BELOW Veterans and spouses participating in the Hunt For Heroes program were given a welcoming ceremony Wednesday at Midland International Airport.

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



ABOVE: Hunt of Heroes honorees tour the Chris Kyle Memorial in Odessa on Thursday morning as they make stops at war memorials around the Midland and Odessa area. **BELOW:** Terry Johnson, left, Hunt for Heroes director, talks with one of the honorees.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Castro says O'Rourke no factor in bid

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Julian Castro said Friday that his decision about running in 2020 won't be influenced by whether Texas' other high-profile Democrat, Congressman Beto O'Rourke, also makes his own bid for the White House.

Texas is a pipeline of presidential contenders, churning out several major Republican candidates since 2000 alone, including former President George W. Bush. But not since 1976 has a Texas Democrat made a serious run.

Now, however, Texas has two Democrats whose names are being tossed around: Castro, the 44-year-old former housing secretary under President Barack Obama, and O'Rourke, whose surprisingly close loss to U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz last week has Democrats believing that the GOP's decades-long grip on Texas is starting to slip.

Castro has said his candidacy is "likely" and has begun talking to potential donors. O'Rourke, on the other hand, said late in his Senate campaign that he wouldn't run for president



Richard W. Rodriguez/AP

In this June 22 photo, Julian Castro speaks at the start of the general session at the Texas Democratic Convention in Fort Worth. Castro said Friday that his decision on whether to jump into the 2020 presidential race won't be influenced by whether Texas' other big Democratic star, Beto O'Rourke, also makes a White House run.

, but his narrow defeat has reignited speculation.

Speaking at conference on Mexican-American civil rights in San Antonio, Castro said he hasn't talk to O'Rourke about his future but said it won't impact his decision.

"You're going to have a whole range of people that are going to run. What other people are doing is not going to affect what I do," Castro said. "If I make a decision to run, it's going to be because I believe that I have a strong vision for the future of the country, and that has nothing to do with any other candidate."

Castro, who attended O'Rourke's election-night party in El Paso, wouldn't say what he might like to see O'Rourke do next.

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Midland unemployment

January 2018	2.4 percent
January 2017	7.4 percent
February 2018	2.5 percent
February 2017	3.8 percent
March 2018	2.4 percent
March 2017	3.5 percent
April 2018	2.1 percent
April 2017	3 percent
May 2018	2.1 percent
May 2017	3 percent
June 2018	2.4 percent
June 2017	3.2 percent
July 2018	2.2 percent
July 2017	3 percent
August 2018	2.2 percent
August 2017	3 percent
September 2018	2.2 percent
September 2017	2.8 percent
October 2018	2.1 percent
October 2017	2.4 percent

Preliminary numbers for October with September numbers in parentheses:

Midland	2.1 (2.2)
Amarillo	2.5 (2.7)
Odessa	2.5 (2.7)
Austin-Round Rock	2.7 (2.9)
College Station-Bryan	2.7 (2.9)
Lubbock	2.7 (3.0)
San Angelo	3.0 (3.2)
Sherman-Denison	3.0 (3.2)
Arlene	3.1 (3.3)
San Antonio-New Braunfels	3.1 (3.3)
Wichita Falls	3.1 (3.3)
Dallas-Ft. Worth	3.2 (3.4)
Fort Worth-Arlington	3.2 (3.4)
Waco	3.2 (3.4)
Tyler	3.4 (3.5)
Laredo	3.5 (3.6)
Victoria	3.5 (3.6)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3.8 (4.1)
Killeen-Temple	3.8 (4.0)
Longview	3.8 (4.0)
El Paso	3.9 (4.2)
Corpus Christi	4.3 (4.8)
Texas	4.8 (5.2)
Beaumont-Port Arthur	5.2 (5.9)
Brownsville-Harlingen	5.2 (5.7)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5.5 (6.2)

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— instead saying she's working to ensure that "every vote is counted." A spokeswoman for her campaign did not immediately return a phone message Friday.

Hurd leads Ortiz Jones by 1,150 votes, out of a little more than 209,000 counted. The margin between the two candidates is 0.55 percent. Texas law allows the trailing candidate to request — and pay for — a recount as long as the margin is less than 10 percent of the leading candidate's vote total.

Because of the recount option, the race is one of six congressional elections nationally where The Associated Press has not declared a winner, in some cases because officials are still counting votes.

The 800-mile district runs from San Antonio to El Paso and is a perennial battleground. Hurd, who was first elected in 2014, has already declared victory.

Democrats flipped Republican-held Texas congressional seats in Dallas and Houston on the way to gaining control of the House.

Ortiz Jones isn't the only Democrat trailing her race to attend congressional training in Washington this week. Meanwhile, her campaign has pushed to get counted more provisional ballots, which were cast but not counted until certain problems — like voters not having correct ID — were resolved.

But the deadline for remedying those passed Tuesday, and a state district judge denied Ortiz Jones' request earlier this week to extend it

for another 48 hours in Bexar County, which includes San Antonio. Her campaign has since filed an open records request with officials in smaller Medina County, asking for more information about why vote totals appeared to change while officials were counting ballots on Election Night.

The race could remain in limbo for a while.

Texas' deadline for recount requests is 5 p.m. on the second day after the final canvass of results. Counties statewide have until Tuesday to report their canvass results to the secretary of state. Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has until Dec. 6 — one month after Election Day — to conduct a final statewide canvass, though those are typically completed by late November, according to secretary of state spokesman Sam Taylor.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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and hospitality sector each added 700 jobs, followed by other services with 200 jobs. The manufacturing sector and the financial activities sector each added 100 jobs. The only sectors to report losses during the year were the professional and business services sector and the education and health services sector, which each lost 100 jobs.

Statewide, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent from

3.8 percent in September and the lowest since the data series began in January 1976. Texas added 32,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in October with an annual growth rate of 3.1 percent. The state has reported 102 consecutive months of annual job growth, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

While Midland reported the lowest unemployment, the highest was in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission at 5.5 percent.

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In this Sept. 17 photo, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos speaks during a student town hall at National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. DeVos is proposing a major overhaul to the way colleges handle complaints of sexual misconduct. The Education Department released a plan Friday that would require schools to investigate sexual assault and harassment only if it was reported to certain campus officials and only if it occurred on campus or other areas overseen by the school.

DeVos proposes overhaul to campus sexual misconduct rules

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Friday proposed a major overhaul to the way colleges and universities handle sexual misconduct complaints, adding protections for students accused of assault and harassment and narrowing which cases schools would be required to investigate.

Her plan would scale back important Obama administration rules while adding mandates that could reshape the school disciplinary systems that schools have developed over the past decade.

Under the new plan, colleges would have to investigate complaints only if the alleged incident occurred on campus or in other areas overseen by the school, and only if it was reported to certain officials. By contrast, current rules require colleges to review all student complaints, regardless of their location or how they came to the school's attention.

It adds several provisions supported by groups that represent students accused of sexual misconduct. Chief among them, it says accused students must be able to cross-examine their accusers, although it would be done through a representative to avoid personal confrontations.

The proposal effectively tells schools how to apply the 1972 law known as Title IX, which bars discrimination based on sex in schools that receive federal money. It applies not only to colleges and universities, but also to elementary and secondary schools.

The Education Department says the proposal ensures fairness for students on both sides of accusations, while giving schools flexibility to support victims even if they don't file a formal complaint or request an investigation.

"We can, and must, condemn sexual violence and punish those who perpetrate it, while ensuring a fair grievance process," DeVos said in a statement. "Those are not mutually exclusive ideas. They are the very essence of how Americans understand justice to function."

For years, schools have relied on a series of letters issued by the Obama administration instructing them how to respond to complaints. Mistakes could bring federal investigations that often last years, with penalties as high as a total loss of federal funding.

Advocacy groups for victims say the Obama rules forced schools to stop sweeping the issue under the rug, while those supporting accused students said it tipped the scales in favor of accusers. Some colleges complained that the rules were too complex and could be overly burdensome.

DeVos echoed the rules' critics when she rescinded

two guidance letters in September 2017, declaring that "the era of 'rule by letter' was over. In its place, she issued the 150-page proposal on Friday, which will go through a 60-day public comment process before it can be finalized.

Legal experts say it could dramatically reduce the number of complaints that get investigated by schools. Saunie Schuster, a lawyer who advises a range of colleges, says the vast majority of complaints arise off-campus and would no longer need to be addressed by schools, although colleges could still go beyond minimum requirements.

DeVos' plan is also likely to cut down on actions taken by the Education Department, which can penalize schools for failing to uphold Title IX. The proposal raises the bar for proving that failure, saying schools must be "deliberately indifferent" to be held legally liable.

As of Friday, the Education Department said it was investigating 387 Title IX complaints involving sexual harassment or violence at the college level, along with 296 at elementary and secondary schools.

Catherine Lhamon, who led the Education Department's civil rights division under Obama and helped develop existing rules, told The Associated Press the new proposal is "devastating" and would take schools back to a "very dark time."

"It would encourage schools to just stick their heads in the sand," she said. "It promises schools that if they follow specific, very minimal steps, then they cannot be found liable for violating Title IX, and it sets an astonishingly low set of expectations."

Virginia Rep. Bobby Scott, the top Democrat on the House Education and the Workforce Committee, urged DeVos to scrap the proposal, which he called "a damaging setback for our efforts to prevent campus sexual harassment and assault."

Other opponents said they fear fewer victims would report assaults under the new rules, and that more would simply drop out of school.

But supporters say the proposal does a better job providing equal treatment to all students. They praised rules saying that both sides must be able to review evidence collected by the school, and that both sides would get the same option to bring a

lawyer or other adviser to campus hearings.

"I don't think that providing meaningful due process for accused students and taking the claims of victims seriously — and adjudicating them fairly — are inconsistent," said Samantha Harris, vice president for procedural advocacy at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a civil liberties group in Philadelphia.

Families Advocating for Campus Equality, a group that supports accused students, saw the proposal as a victory, especially its requirement that schools weigh cases at a live hearing with cross-examinations.

"You don't want respondents or complainants grilling each other, I don't think that's appropriate," said Cynthia Garrett, co-president of the group. "But having an advocate who can do so will go much further toward helping decision makers actually reach accurate results."

Some colleges — including the University of Wisconsin, Yale University and the University of California system — issued statements Friday saying they will remain committed to preventing sexual violence regardless of any changes.

Among other changes, the proposal narrows what constitutes sexual harassment. While earlier guidance defined it as "unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature," the new proposal defines it as unwelcome sexual conduct that is so severe it effectively denies the victim access to the school or its programs.

It allows schools to use a higher standard of proof when weighing cases. The Obama guidance told schools to use a "preponderance of the evidence" standard, meaning the allegation is "more likely than not" true. The new proposal would allow a "clear and convincing" standard, meaning the claim is highly probable.

Even if victims don't file a formal complaint, the proposal encourages schools to offer a range of measures to help them continue their studies, including counseling, class schedule changes, dorm room reassignments and no-contact orders for those accused of harming them.

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Obituaries



Nellie Brunson Fields

A true Midland treasure left for her heavenly home Monday night, November 12th, after passing away peacefully at her earthly home in Historic Midland. She was born in Midland to Glenn S. Brunson and Nellie Elkin Brunson on December 22, 1926. In 1885, her grandparents were instrumental in starting up the Midland National Bank and a couple of ranches which are still family-owned. A graduate of Midland High School in 1944 and TCU in 1948, she later obtained her Master's degree in counseling from The University of Texas in 1966. In 1948 she married Larry Fields who had been stationed at Sloan Field (Midland International Airport) during the war.

She had one son in 1951, David Brunson Fields, who had a three-decades-long career as a pilot with American Airlines. David continues to run the family businesses and is building a new office building (The Brunson Building) at the site of the original

family homestead built by his grandparents in 1928. Nellie attended the groundbreaking ceremony three weeks before her passing, courtesy of builder Louie Caraveo and was thrilled that the land would be put to very good use. She enjoyed the day, and family and friends enjoyed seeing her have a good time. In the 1950's and '60s, she taught school at Bonham Elementary, Trinity and Hillander.

Many of her students would remark, decades later, that she had a profound effect on their lives. If the measure of a person's life is how she influenced others' lives, Nellie was a complete success. She donated to numerous charities and offered wonderful bits of advice to family, friends, and strangers in need of help and comfort.

She was a rock to the Brunson family and will forever be missed. If she could speak, she would thank all of the folks who were very kind to her: the ladies of her quilting group, particularly Linda Paige - the members of the local Mensa group - the ladies of Home Care Assistance of West Texas, particularly Brandy Pagett, a true angel who became like a daughter to her and who went to great lengths to make her happy and comfortable during her final year of earthly life - Janet Green and Jacquelyn Venable who watched over her and made her laugh a lot during her final decade.

Nellie is survived by her extended family, mentioned above, son David Fields, grandsons Heath Glenn and wife Jessica, Brant Glenn and wife Angela, future daughter-

in-law Janet Green, nephews Grier Brunson, Evan Brunson and wife Taylor, James Gripp and wife Whitney, Ben Hood and wife Kim, Taylor Hood and wife Kristen, Harrison Hood and niece Ella Hood. Nellie was a devout Christian and attended The First Christian Church of Midland for many decades. In her final days she, upon awakening, occasionally remarked about how beautiful God was and how beautiful the colors were in heaven. It is no surprise to any who know her that she is now experiencing the beauty of her new home and the peace that she so richly deserves. We love you, Mom.

A visitation will be held on Monday November 19th at 10:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow the same day at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, Texas.

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Death Notices

Mary Frances Holcomb

Mary Frances Holcomb 89, of Midland, Texas passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in Midland, Texas. A Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Funeral service will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Midland, at 2104 W Louisiana Ave. Midland, TX 79701. Robbie Boyd will be officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

US official: US intel says prince ordered Khashoggi killing

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a U.S. official said Friday. The Saudi government has denied the claim.

The conclusion will bolster efforts in Congress to further punish the close U.S. ally for the killing. The Trump administration this week sanctioned 17 Saudi officials for their alleged role in the killing, but lawmakers have called on the administration to curtail arms sales to Saudi Arabia or take other harsher punitive measures.

The U.S. official familiar with the intelligence agencies' conclusion was unauthorized to speak publicly about it and spoke on condition of anonymity. It was first reported by The Washington Post.

Saudi Arabia's top diplomat has said the crown prince had "absolutely" nothing to do with the killing.

Khashoggi, a Saudi who lived in the United States, was a columnist for the Post and often criticized the royal family. He was killed Oct. 2 at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul, Turkish and Saudi authorities say he was killed inside the consulate.

STAUBACH

From 1A

in the NFL. He played less than 20 miles from Fort Worth, at Texas Stadium in Irving, a Dallas suburb.

"I used to watch him when I was going to school, and I'd say, 'They can't catch him. He's just better by far than everybody else. He is something,'" Trump said.

Staubach, 76, received his Medal of Freedom, the country's highest civilian honor, as his wife Marianne and five children looked on.

"Roger, you inspire Americans across the country to work hard, dream big and always push on to victory," Trump said.

Staubach also started and ran a successful real estate business called the Staubach Company, which he sold in 2008 for \$640 million. Staubach has donated to numerous charitable organizations and Republican candidates for office over the years.

by a team from the kingdom after he went there to get marriage documents.

This week, U.S. intelligence officials briefed members of the Senate and House intelligence committees and the Treasury Department announced economic sanctions on 17 Saudi officials suspected of being responsible for or complicit in the killing.

Among those targeted for sanctions were Mohammed al-Otaibi, the diplomat in charge of the consulate, and Maher Mutreb, who was part of the crown prince's entourage on trips abroad.

The sanctions freeze any assets the 17 may have in the U.S. and prohibit any Americans from doing business with them.

Also this week, the top prosecutor in Saudi Arabia announced he will seek the death penalty against five men suspected in the killing. The prosecutor's announcement sought to quiet the global outcry over Khashoggi's death and distance the killers and their operation from the kingdom's leadership, primarily the crown prince.

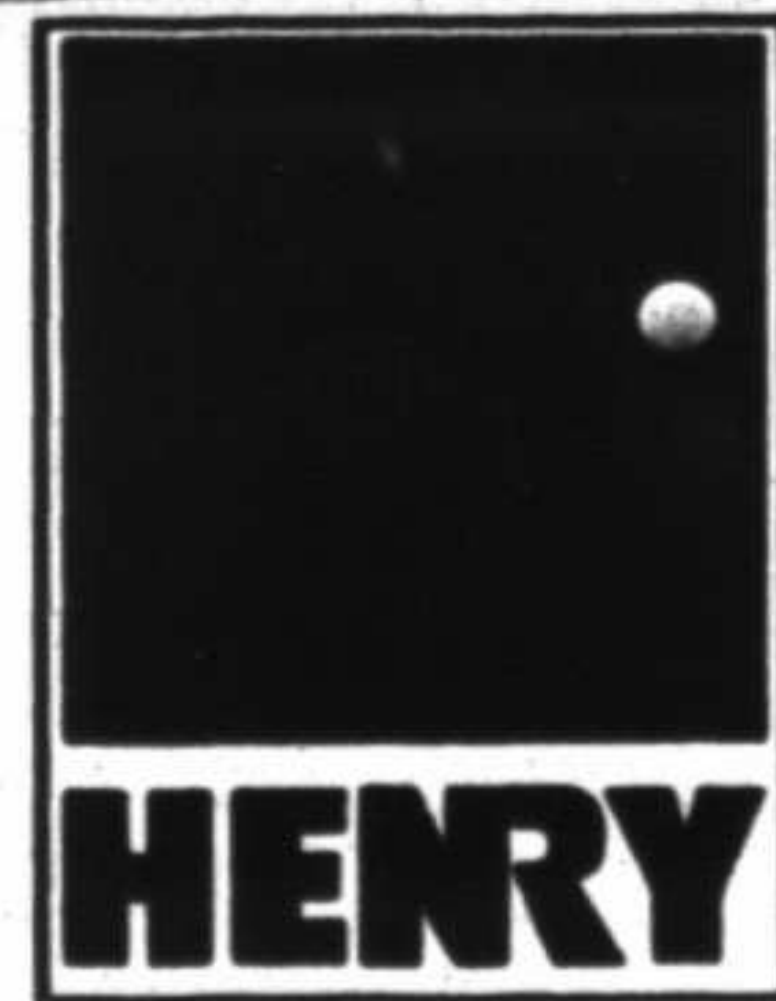
President Donald Trump has called the killing a botched operation that was carried out very poorly and has said "the cover-up was one of the worst cover-ups in the history of cover-ups."

Minnesota Supreme Court justice.

Posthumous awards were given to music icon Elvis Presley, baseball legend Babe Ruth and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

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Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!



Smoke hangs over the scorched remains of Old Town Plaza on Thursday following the wildfire in Paradise, Calif. Most homes are gone, as are hundreds of shops and other buildings. The supermarket, the hardware store, Dolly-O-Donuts & Gifts where locals started their day with a blueberry fritter and a quick bit of gossip, all gone. The town's only library, which was up in smoke, is the last of the town's most distinctive features in California history. (AP Photo/Jeffrey M. Hayes)

Paradise is reduced to ash, but memories survive the flames

By Martha Mendoza
Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — There's a sweet legend about this town: On a blazing summer day in the 1850s, a lumber mill crew with a wagon and ox took a break under a grove of tall evergreens. The air was cool, the pine needles fragrant.

"Boys," said the team boss, "this is paradise."

Thus, more than 170 years ago, Paradise was born. From the start, it was enriched with gold mined from nearby hills and lumber harvested from the forests. Over generations, thousands lived and loved here; they built homes and businesses, schools and houses of worship, parks and museums that proudly honored Paradise's place in American history.

In a matter of hours last week, it all disappeared.

Nearly 10,000 homes. Hundreds of shops and other buildings. The Safeway supermarket. The hardware store. The Dolly-O-Donuts & Gifts, where locals started their day with a blueberry fritter and a quick bit of gossip.

This California town of 27,000 literally went up in smoke in the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century. The death toll is in the dozens, and many more are missing. And memories are all that's left for many of the survivors.

Driving past the smoldering ruins of downtown, Patrick Knuthson, a 49-year-old, fourth-generation local, struggled to make sense of what he was seeing. He pointed out places that once were, and there were no more: a saloon-style pub, his favorite Mexican restaurant, a classic California motel, the pawn shop, a real estate office, a liquor store, the thrift center and auto repair shop, the remodeled Jack in the Box burger outlet, entire trailer parks.

At the ruined Gold Nugget Museum, the ground was crunchy and hot, a few birds chirped nearby, and a half dozen soot-covered deer stood eerily still under a blackened tree.

Paradise was a town where families put down roots, and visitors opted to stay. Children could bike to the park, go fishing in the town pond, shoot bows and arrows at the nearby archery range. As they got older, they would kayak in the canyons or hike in the forests after school.

"We could tell the kids to go outside and play, and be back when the street lights come on," said Kaitlin Norton, whose uncle is still missing. She does not know if her home still stands.

Like all places, Paradise had problems. There were issues with addiction and poverty, but residents felt safe. And while prices were rising, it was still affordable for many in a state where housing costs have soared.

"You would never miss a meal here," said Terry Prill, 63, who often sought lunch and dinner at community churches. "The people are good people. They don't look down at you."

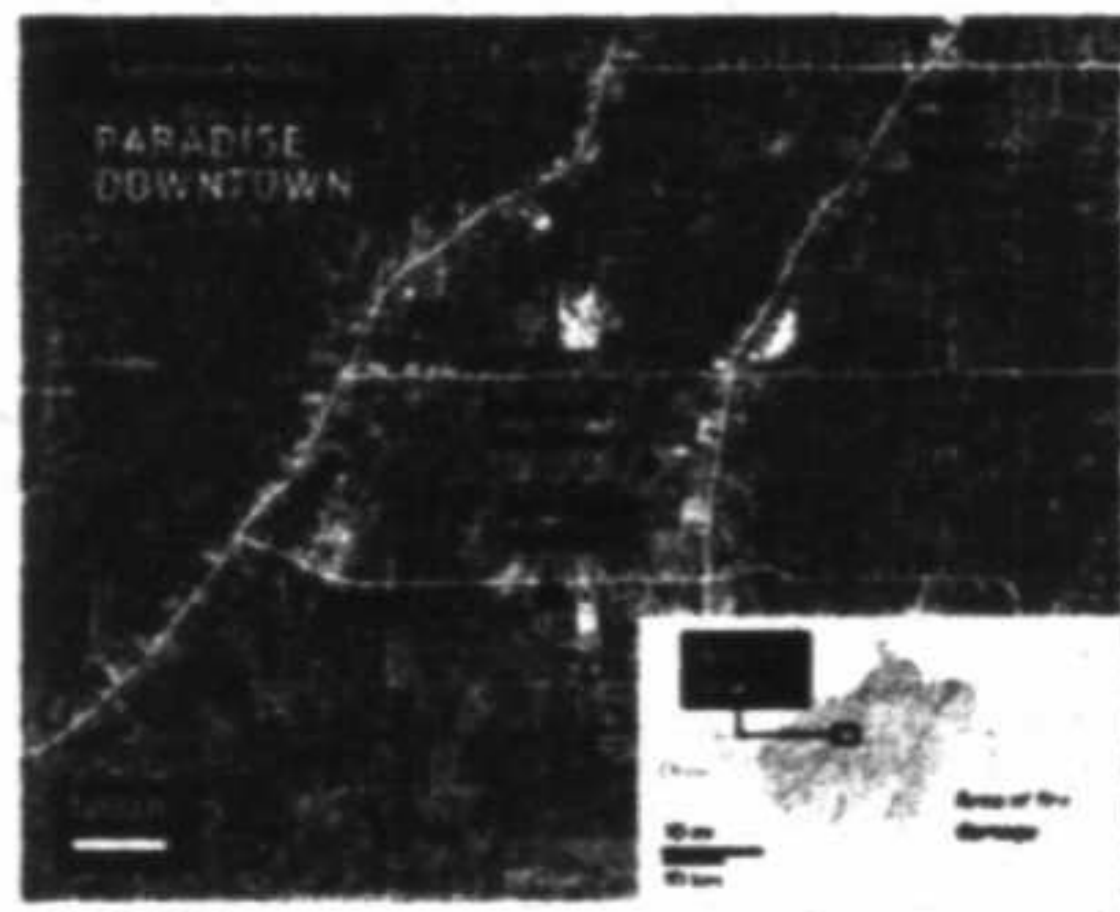
The pace was relaxed. Neighbors waved to each other in the morning, shouting hello as they headed off to work on tree-lined, winding streets and cul-de-sacs. Families kept tidy gardens and planted vegetables, trading their bounty up and down the block.

Louise Branch, 93, says Paradise was a lovely place to retire.

"It's a slow town, really. People have yards and dogs," she said. "I especially liked it in the fall when the trees are full of color."

Parks burst with bright-orange California poppies and wildflowers in the spring and soften with light snow in the winter. At 2,500 feet, on a ridge that rises above deep canyons carved by the Feather River and Butte Creek, Paradise offers cool respite from hot, dry weather in the valleys below.

Spanning the creek was the Honey Run Covered Bridge, built in 1886. It was put on the National Register of Historic Places



in 1988 and was the only covered bridge in America with three unequal sections. It, too, is gone.

Glenn Harrington raised two sons in Paradise. He found it so picturesque he started the Visions of Paradise page on Facebook; image after image chronicles the town's history and spirit, its seasonal colors and its many festivals.

Each spring, there were Gold Nugget Days, marking the discovery of a 54-pound lump in 1859. The Donkey Derby in nearby Old Magalia would get silly, as locals re-created how miners heaved the famous chunk of gold into town. The highlight was a parade of homemade floats.

"My daughter's going out for the Gold Nugget Queen this year," said Krystin Harvey, whose mobile home burned down. "Well, it's been going for 100 years, but we don't know — there's no town now."

In the fall, they would celebrate Johnny Applesed days, gathering at the recreation center for a crafts fair and games. This is when residents would feast on more than 1,000 pies baked with fruit from Noble Orchards, a nearly century-old farm on Paradise Ridge where trees were heavy with cherries, nectarines, pluots and 17 varieties of apples.

"Paradise is everything the name implies," said Tom Hurst, 67, who grew up there and raised horses at his 7-acre Outlaw's Roost ranch.

He has relatives in the local cemetery dating back to the early 1900s, and he refuses to talk about the town in the past tense. In fact, some buildings still stand, among them the town hall, the 750-seat performing arts center and the Feather River Hospital, its newer sections damaged but intact.

"Don't use the word 'was,' use the word 'is,' because we ain't done, we're just getting restarted," Hurst said.

And yet, there's so much to mourn. A month ago, the Paradise Symphony was rehearsing for the local "Nutcracker" ballet, and kids were pulling out their skates as the outdoor ice rink was set to open for the winter. The Paradise Post reported that fifth-graders were building cardboard arcade games and warned of backyard bats with rabies.

Now, crews search for live power lines and gas leaks. Rescue teams pull human remains from cars and homes. Fire crews tamp out smoking piles, and a heavy layer of gray-brown haze hangs over the town.

The toxic, smoky air is a visceral reminder of what's missing in this place where the skies were so blue by day, and dark by night.

"The most cherished thing for me about Paradise were the summer nights my mother and I would sit out on the porch under the clear, starry night," said Harold Taylor, who moved to Paradise eight years ago, caring for his mother until she died.

Patrick Knuthson said visitors always were amazed by the glittering stars and the meteor showers, brilliant streaks of light that shot across the summer skies.

"We used to tell people all the time, 'We made sure to turn all of them on for you,'" he said. "It's going to take a long time to get that back."

Stranded camel entertains motorists in snow

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The surprisingly powerful winter storm that swept across Pennsylvania brought some surprising sights with it, including a camel stranded along a snowy roadway.

Motorists traveling about 40 miles north of Philadelphia started tweeting about the camel and posted video on social media.

An organization called Jewish Philly says it was their camel named Einstein. He was on his way to the group's event at Philadelphia's Kimmel Center

when the vehicle he was traveling in got stuck.

Jewish Philly later tweeted Einstein's handler decided it was best for the camel to head home after his snow adventures, so he returned to Peaceable Kingdom Petting Zoo.



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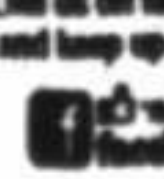
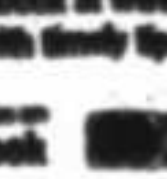
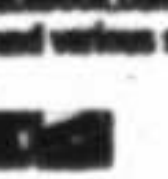
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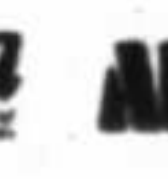
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President Donald Trump answers a reporter's question about the investigation of special counsel Robert Mueller during a signing ceremony of the "Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Act," in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday in Washington.

Trump says he 'very easily' answered Mueller questions

By Jonathan Lemire and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday he had "very easily" answered written questions from special counsel Robert Mueller, though he speculated that the questions had been "tricked up" to try to catch him in a lie. He said he hadn't submitted his answers to investigators yet.

"You have to always be careful when you answer questions with people that probably have bad intentions," Trump told reporters in his latest swipe at the probe into 2016 election interference and possible ties between Moscow and the president's campaign.

The president did not say when he would turn over the answers to Mueller, but his attorney, Rudy Giuliani, indicated it could happen next week. The special counsel has signaled a willingness to accept written answers on matters related to collusion with Russia. But Giuliani has said repeatedly the president would not answer Mueller's questions on possible obstruction of justice.

During months of back-and-forth negotiations with the special counsel office, Trump's lawyers have repeatedly counseled the president against sitting down for an in-person interview.

Trump's written response, though not yet delivered, signals a new phase in the Mueller probe, the year-and-a-half-long investigation that has produced guilty pleas and convictions from several top Trump aides even as the special counsel and the White House have engaged in lengthy negotiations about how — or if — the president would testify.

Though he spent hours with his attorneys, Trump insisted: "My lawyers don't write answers, I write answers."

The president's remarks were fresh evidence of his return to the ominous rhythms of the Russia probe after spending heady weeks enjoying adulation-soaked campaign rallies before the midterm elections.

Despite Trump's insistence Friday that he's "very happy" with how things are going, his frustrations with the ongoing probe have been evident everywhere from his overheated Twitter feed this week to his private grumbling that the special counsel may target his family. Adding to

his grim outlook has been the barrage of criticism he's getting over his choice for acting attorney general and late-arriving election results that have largely been tipping toward House Democrats.

"The inner workings of the Mueller investigation are a total mess," Trump tweeted Thursday as part of a series of morning posts. The investigators don't care "how many lives they can ruin," he wrote.

A day later, he tried to put a rosier shine on the situation, telling reporters: "I'm sure it will be just fine."

The president continued to maintain his innocence while launching new broadsides at the probe. He denied being "agitated" despite his outbursts the day before.

After a relative lull in the run-up to the midterms, the Russia probe has returned to the forefront of Washington conversation and cable news chyrons. There has been widespread media coverage of two Trump allies — Roger Stone and Jerome Corsi — who say they expect to be charged.

The president has expressed concerns behind closed doors that Mueller is closing in on his inner circle, including potentially his eldest son.

For months, Trump has told confidants he fears that Donald Trump Jr., perhaps inadvertently, broke the law by being untruthful with investigators in the aftermath of a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting with a Kremlin-connected lawyer, according to one Republican close to the White House.

Trump has also complained about efforts in the Senate by his longtime foe, Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake, to introduce legislation to protect the special counsel, according to the officials and Republicans.

Additionally, Trump has told confidants in recent days that he is deeply frustrated by widespread criticism of his choice of Matthew Whitaker for acting attorney general, according to four officials and Republicans close to the White House who spoke on condition of anonymity. Whitaker has been a vocal opponent of the special counsel probe.

One argument against Whitaker was that he has not been confirmed by Senate. Trump, in turn, contended that the criticism was unfair since Mueller also was not confirmed for his post. The special counsel position does not require confirmation, and the former FBI

director was confirmed for that previous job.

The president also took note of news coverage of his former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, arriving in Washington this week, potentially to meet with Mueller's investigators. Cohen has pleaded guilty to a series of crimes and has said under oath that Trump ordered him to make hush-money payments to cover up an affair. He has undertaken an unlikely public relations tour as he looks to make a deal to reduce his prison sentence.

The renewed focus on the looming threat from Mueller comes as Trump settles back into the day-to-day routines of governing after the whirlwind campaign in which he spent weeks in front of adoring rally crowds while whipping up his base with harsh rhetoric about migrants moving through Mexico.

He faced criticism from both sides of the aisle for his weekend trip to Paris, during which he scuttled a visit to a World War I ceremony due to bad weather and further strained ties with traditional Western allies.

On other topics: ■ Despite his insistence that Americans no longer have to fear North Korea's nuclear program, news of Pyongyang's persistent weapons program made headlines this week.

■ And the White House is hurriedly stepping up efforts to prepare for a series of investigations certain to be launched by Democrats once they take control of the House in January.

Even as Trump mused in the West Wing about making staffing changes, he pushed back against media coverage of his recent setbacks.

"The White House is running very smoothly and the results for our Nation are obviously very good," Trump tweeted. "We are the envy of the world. But anytime I even think about making changes, the FAKE NEWS MEDIA goes crazy, always seeking to make us look as bad as possible! Very dishonest!"

Judge delays ruling on CNN reporter's White House credential

By Ashraf Khalil
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge has delayed his decision on whether to order the Trump administration to return the White House press credentials of CNN reporter Jim Acosta.

U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly had been expected to announce his decision on the matter Thursday afternoon but delayed the announcement until Friday morning.

Kelly, a Trump appointee, heard arguments Wednesday from lawyers representing CNN and the Justice Department. The news network is seeking an immediate restraining order that would force the White House to hand back Acosta's credentials, which grant reporters access into the 18-acre complex.

Acosta has clashed repeatedly with Trump and press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sand-

ers in briefings over the last two years. But the dynamic evolved into a near-shouting match during a combative press conference last week following midterm elections in which Republicans lost control of the House.

Acosta refused to give up a microphone when the president said he didn't want to hear anything more from him. Trump called Acosta a "rude, terrible person."

The White House quickly announced that Acosta's White House access would be revoked.

The CNN lawsuit calls the revocation "an unabashed attempt to censor the press and exclude reporters from the White House who challenge and dispute the President's point of view."

Justice Department lawyer James Burnham argued that Acosta was guilty of "inappropriate grandstanding" and deserved to lose his access over "his refusal to comply with the general standards of a press conference."

Daughter is last to learn of new love in dad's life

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My father began dating four years after my mother passed away from a terrible bout with cancer. He and I have always been close; in fact, I have always considered him to be one of my best friends. But since he started dating, he has changed.

I just traveled across the country for a family funeral and discovered he has a new love in his life, and he flew her out to see all of our extended family. My dying grandmother got to meet her, but I didn't even know her name! When I expressed to him that I felt he had cut me out entirely, it made him angry.

Apparently, he and this woman have been dating for almost a year. I had always imagined that when Dad met someone, his kids would be the first people he would want to call and share with. It has been a bitter pill to swallow knowing that my father would so brazenly disregard his daughter.

He told me he didn't know why he had cut me out and ignored me. But we can't seem to get over it. We have gone from calling and texting daily to not speaking in months. What was an easy parent/child relationship is now awkward and uncomfortable, and I'm at a loss about how to fix it. — ABANDONED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABANDONED: Having never met your father, it's hard to guess why he would behave the way he has. That you could have communicated almost daily and have no clue about what was going on makes it obvious that it was no oversight. Not all "children" are accepting of a new woman in a father's life, even if he has been widowed for a long time. It's possible you were kept in the dark because he was afraid of how you would react.

No one can blame you for feeling the way you do. Your father mishandled this, and I am sorry for your pain.

A step toward fixing this would be to try to forgive him, and to move forward by telling him you want him to be happy.

DEAR ABBY: When I am in a frenzy preparing to host a party and one of the guests calls a few minutes before arrival time to say they are going to be late, I get really annoyed. I think, please just BE late and don't bother me when I'm putting the finishing touches on everything or welcoming other guests.

I assume these individuals are trying to be considerate, and if they were the only guest coming, I agree they should call. But if they are

one of many, it's a distraction to have to answer the phone and listen to their excuse. Am I wrong? I don't know if I'm the only one who gets annoyed when this happens. Am I being ungrateful when someone is trying to be considerate? — FRENZIED IN GEORGIA

DEAR FRENZIED: I think so. Your guest is trying to be polite and is afraid that you will worry. (Fat chance!) This isn't an unusual occurrence, but a charming host will not reveal annoyance. It takes only a second to reply, "We'll see you when you get here!" and get off the phone.

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Serrano, Rebels conquer EP Americas, 70-12

By Christopher Hadorn
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EL PASO — Mikey Serrano showed Friday night that the spotlight of a playoff football game wasn't too much for handle for a sophomore quarterback.

In his second career start, Serrano threw for a school-record 415 passing yards and a program-record six touchdown passes to lead Lee to a 70-12 victory over El Paso Americas in a Class 6A Division II bi-district game at Socorro Student Activities Complex.

The Rebels (9-2) advanced to the area round for the second straight year and will face Friday's Arlington Martin vs. Haltom City winner. If Haltom City wins, Lee will play the District 3-6A champion at 3 p.m. Nov. 24 at Abilene Christian University. Details for a potential Martin matchup have not been set.

Rebels starting quarterback Felix Hinojosa dressed for Friday's game against the

Trail Blazers (6-5), but head coach Clint Hartman held him out as a precaution with an undisclosed injury.

Serrano stepped right in and didn't miss a beat, throwing four TD passes for 51 yards or more.

Unlike his surprise Oct. 26 start against Amarillo Tascosa, Serrano was given starting reps all week, starting on Monday in preparation for Americas.

"I just wanted to make sure that I was going to be here for (Felix) because (Felix) has always been there for me," Serrano said. "I just wanted to make sure I was here for the team and have a great first round to start the playoffs. I'm very proud of my team to be able to pull it off today."

Lee got its prolific performance started when Serrano connected with senior Logan Acosta on a 51-yard TD pass with



Serrano

6:55 to play in the first quarter.

Serrano was only getting started as he threw two TD passes each to Loic Fouonji, Sheldon Bass Jr. and Acosta.

Acosta finished with four catches for 152 yards, Fouonji had six receptions for 154 yards and Bass hauled in four balls for 73 yards.

"I thought he did a great job," Hartman said of Serrano. "All week we prepared him to play. Felix could have played if we needed him, so Felix was in a reserve role. The young man is talented, we knew that. Of course, our outside receivers are talented."

"(Americas) was going to pack the box and stop the run. They kept giving us 1-on-1s (in pass coverage). That's the good thing about being able to run the football and being able to throw the football. It was a fun night for us and I'm just



Acosta

real proud of the guys."

Serrano completed 75 percent of this throws with 18 completions in 24 attempts.

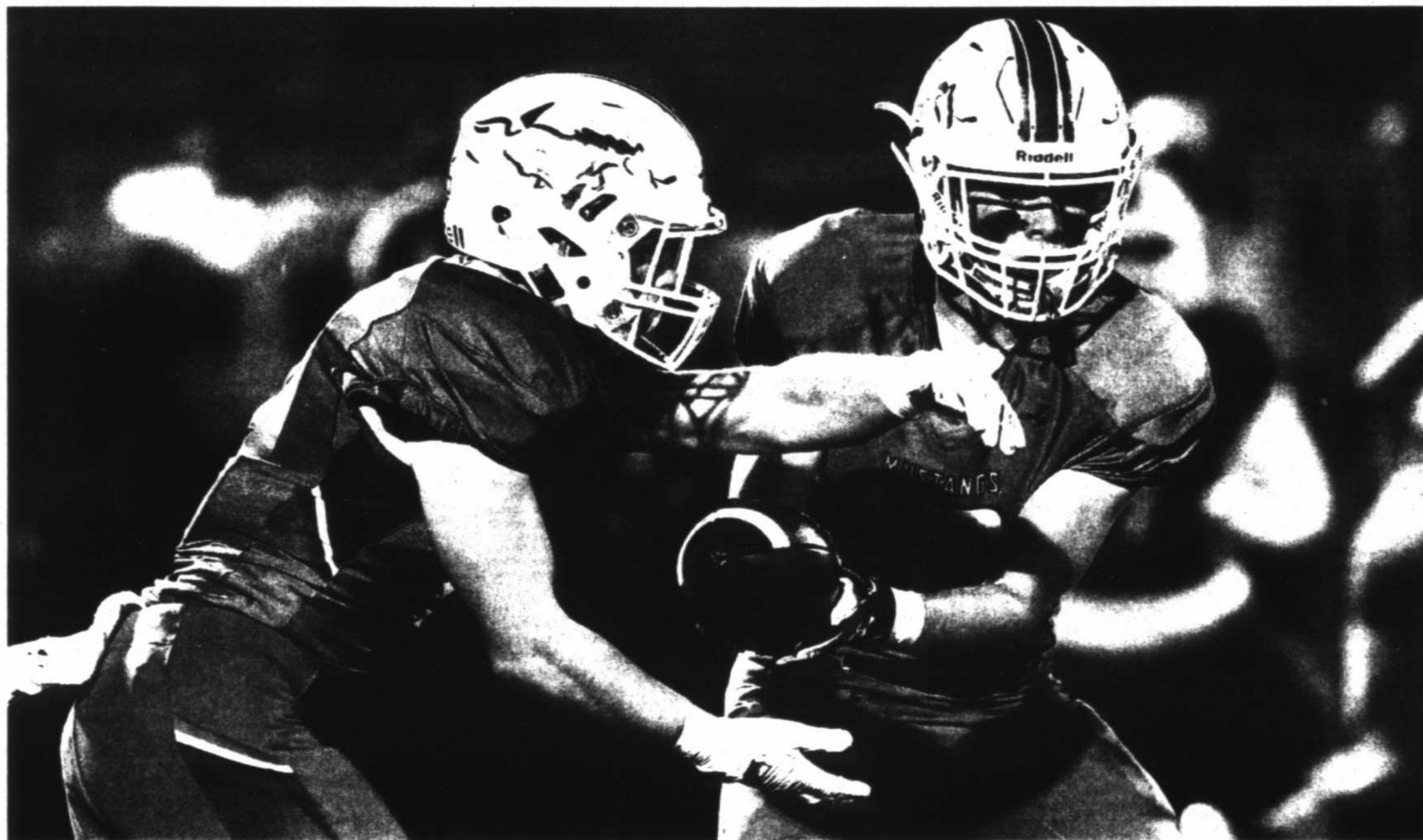
Prior to Friday, Lee quarterback Caden Coots held the passing yards record with 401 in a 2013 game against Odessa Permian. Sema J Davis, Coots (twice) and Jamie McCoy had all thrown five TD passes in a single game.

"It was round one," Serrano said. "I didn't want to let the seniors down. I knew it was do or die, so I was going to make sure I was going to be there for them no matter what because they've always had my back from the beginning, so I was going to make sure I was going to be there for them as well."

With the game tied at 7 in the first quarter, Lee scored 28 unanswered points to separate from the Trail Blazers, capped off by Serrano's 55-yard TD pass to Fouonji on a deep pass.

Please see LEE/3B

Mustangs fall to the Friars



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Rhett Clark hands off to Ben Gibbs (2) for a run against Bishop Lynch on Friday at Gordon Awtry Field.

Turnovers costly for MCS against Bishop Lynch

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon tried his best to hold back the tears on a chilly Friday night at Gordon Awtry Field.

His Mustangs had just been beaten by Dallas Bishop Lynch, 35-15, in the bi-district round of the TAPPS Division I playoffs, ending Midland Christian's season at 8-3.

While his Mustangs committed four turnovers, McClendon was more disappointed in the fact that he wouldn't be coaching this group again. Throughout the season he spoke highly of this particular team, which even though it was out-matched at times, fought for the better

part of four quarters.

"This was one of the most fun seasons I've coached in years," McClendon said. "The wins had nothing to do with it. It had absolutely to do with these kids, and how they gave, how they loved, how they cared about each other and their coaches, and the relationships that we have. Anybody who watched this team play and came to our games, they gave all the way down to their toenails."

"I won't ever forget this group. This team will go down in the halls for me." The Friars (6-4) were not only talented but had plenty of size and speed.

Bishop Lynch junior running back Charles Crawford led the Friars with 167 yards rushing and scored the first of his three touchdowns on a 25-yard run on fourth-and-three to open up the scoring

midway through the first quarter.

The Mustangs had an opportunity to tie the game on the ensuing drive, but Grayson Murphy stepped in front a pass and returned the interception 94 yards for a TD to give the Friars a 14-0 lead late in the first quarter.

Another interception late in the second quarter led to an 8-yard run by Crawford for a 21-0 advantage at the half.

"We had too many turnovers," McClendon said. "The kid was trying to make a play. I look at that and it's not his fault, that's my fault. I've got to do a better job of preparing them and I didn't. Like I always say, the kid who doesn't make a mistake is the kid staying on the sideline and not playing. With a defense like that, there's no question they're going to get turnovers. They've gotten turnovers all

year."

Friars coach Chuck Faucette said a key coming in was getting takeaways.

"Especially traveling for a playoff game six hours away, we were going to need to play well on defense and get turnovers," he said. "That's what we had preached all week. With the way (Midland Christian) plays with passion, we were going to need to play aggressive and our guys turned up and played well today. Our guys rose to the challenge tonight."

The Mustangs didn't quit as they got an electrifying touchdown on a 59-yard pass from JT McCollum to Joe Rawicki to cut it to 21-7 early in the third quarter.

"I tell you what, those kids played hard, they would not give up," Faucette said.

Please see MCS/3B

Busch leads title contenders in qualifying for finale

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Kyle Busch thought he got the jump on the competition with a pole-winning run at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Then he was bumped by teammate Denny Hamlin and the politics began.

Hamlin gets the first pick of pit stalls for winning the pole, but Busch wants that spot. Busch is one of four drivers racing Sunday for the championship and Hamlin is not one of them.

"It's a discussion," Hamlin said about the strategy the Joe Gibbs Racing camp will use. "I mean, my pit crew is a second slower than Kyle's. Everything is earned, nothing is

given. We'll have the discussion."

Reigning series champion Martin Truex Jr. was in a similar position last year and asked Hamlin, a fellow Toyota driver, to give him the first pit stall but Hamlin declined. Busch didn't think his luck would be any better.

"That's probably too far, but it would sure be nice," Busch said.

Hamlin turned a lap at 173.863 mph in the closing seconds of Friday qualifying to bump Busch from the top starting spot. Busch thought his lap at 173.622 was enough for the pole, but it only put him ahead of the other three title contenders.

Truex qualified third to put three Toyotas at the front of the field. It's his final race with Furniture Row Racing because a loss of sponsorship

is forcing the team to close following the finale.

Joey Logano qualified fifth for Team Penske. Kevin Harvick was 12th, lowest of the title contenders, but not overly concerned about where he's starting.

"I mean, we qualified 12th, not last," Harvick said. "I think it's not that big a deal if we can get our car driving right for Sunday."

Logano also cautioned against making predictions off of the qualifying results.

"I don't think a whole bunch transfers over. I think everyone was just tuned in for one (qualifying) lap," Logano said.

Hamlin, meanwhile, won the pole

Please see NASCAR/4B



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Joey Logano stands in the garage during practice Friday for the race at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV LISTINGS

College Basketball
Presbyterian at Marquette, Noon, FSSW+
Minnesota-Morris at North Dakota, 2 p.m., FCSF
Furman at Villanova, 4 p.m., FS2
Saint Louis at Seton Hall, 7 p.m., FS2

College Football
Ohio State at Maryland, 11 a.m., ABC
Michigan State at Nebraska, 11 a.m., FOX
Arkansas at Mississippi State, 11 a.m., ESPN
Yale vs. Harvard, 11 a.m., ESPN2
Idaho at Florida, 11 a.m., ESPN
USF at Temple, 11 a.m., ESPN
TCU at Baylor, 11 a.m., FS1
The Citadel at Alabama, 11 a.m., SEC
Northwestern at Minnesota, 11 a.m., BTN
Colgate at Army West Point, 11 a.m., CBSN
Pitt at Wake Forest, 11 a.m., FSSW
Elon at Maine, 11 a.m., FCSF
Florida A&M vs. Bethune-Cookman, 1 p.m., ESPN Classic
Syracuse vs. Notre Dame, 1:30 p.m., NBC
UTSA at Marshall, 1:30 p.m., Facebook
Sacramento State at UC Davis, 2 p.m., ELVN
West Virginia at Oklahoma State, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Missouri at Tennessee, 2:30 p.m., CBS
USC at UCLA, 2:30 p.m., FOX, FXDEP
Miami (FL) at Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Boston College at Florida State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
Texas Tech at Kansas State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Wisconsin at Purdue, 2:30 p.m., BTN
Tulsa at Navy, 2:30 p.m., CBSN
Virginia at Georgia Tech, 2:30 p.m., FSSW
Stony Brook at Albany, 2:30 p.m., FCSA
Indiana at Michigan, 3 p.m., FS1
Air Force at Wyoming, 3 p.m., ESPN
UMass at Georgia, 3 p.m., SEC
Liberty at Auburn, 3 p.m., SECA
Duke at Clemson, 6 p.m., ESPN
UAB at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., ESPN2
UConn at ECU, 6 p.m., CBSN
Kansas at Oklahoma, 6:30 p.m., FOX
Rice at LSU, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
Ole Miss at Vanderbilt, 6:30 p.m., SEC
Cincinnati at UCF, 7 p.m., ABC
Iowa State at Texas, 7 p.m., ABC

LHN
UABP at Texas Southern, 7:30 p.m., ATTSW+
New Mexico State at BYU, 9:15 p.m., ESPN2
Arizona at Washington State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN
San Diego State at Fresno State, 9:30 p.m., CBSN

Golf
PGA: The RSM Classic, 3rd Round, 12:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: CME Group Tour Championship, 3rd Round, 3:30 p.m., GOLF
PGA: Emirates Australian Open, Final Round, 7 p.m., GOLF
PGA: DP World Tour Championship, Final Round, 2 a.m., GOLF

Hockey
OHL: London at Guelph, 2 p.m., NHL
Mixed Martial Arts
UFC: Magny vs. Ponzinibbio, Prelims, 7 p.m., FS1
UFC: Magny vs. Ponzinibbio, 9 p.m., FS1

Motor Sports
Monster Energy Cup Series: Ford EcoBoost 400, 2nd Practice, 10:30 a.m., NBCSN
XFINITY: Ford EcoBoost 300, Qualifying, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN
Monster Energy Cup Series: Ford EcoBoost 400, Final Practice, 1 p.m., NBCSN
XFINITY: Ford EcoBoost 300, 2:30 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association
Utah at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBA
Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
National Hockey League
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, Noon, NHL
Florida at NY Rangers, 6 p.m., NHL

Tennis
ATP: Nitto Finals, Singles Semifinal, 8 a.m., ESPN
TENNIS
Women's College Basketball
Idaho at Texas Tech, 3 p.m., FSSW+
FCSP
Women's College Volleyball
Kansas at TCU, 1 p.m., FSSW+
FCSP

RADIO
College Football
TCU at Baylor, 11 a.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Big Spring), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas Tech at Kansas State, 2:30 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM, KBST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KACT 105.5 FM (Andrews), KSEB 106.3 FM (Seminole)
UAB at Texas A&M, 6 p.m., KACT 105.5 FM (Andrews), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Iowa State at Texas, 7 p.m., KBTS 94.3 FM (Big Spring)
NHL Hockey
Odesa at Shreveport, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
Greenwood at Snyder
Tournament
Midland Christian at Adidas Topoff Classic, San Antonio
MCA at Westbrook Tournament

HS Girls Basketball
Midland High at Floresville
Tournament

Greenwood at Wolfforth
Frensho Tournament
Midland Christian at Forsan
Tournament
MCA at Westbrook Tournament

JC Women's Basketball
Chaparral Center

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES - General Manager Mike Elias
executive vice president and general manager
SEATTLE MARINERS - Signed RHP Pagan
Alvarez

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANHEIM DUCKS - Reassigned C Sam
Carter to San Diego (AHL)
ARIZONA COYOTES - Recalled D Robby
Russo from Tucson (AHL)

OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA GYMNASTICS - Announced the re-
negotiation of child-spending officer Ron Gabrows.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division					Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	12	4	.750	0	Golden State	12	4	.750	0
Boston	9	6	.600	2½	L.A. Clippers	9	5	.643	2
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	2½	Brooklyn	8	6	.571	3
Brooklyn	5	5	.500	5	Sacramento	8	6	.571	3
New York	4	11	.267	7½	Phoenix	3	11	.214	8
Southeast Division					Thunderbolts Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	7	7	.500	0	Houston 107, Golden State 106				
Orlando	7	8	.467	1	Dallas 123, Atlanta 90				
Washington	6	9	.400	1½	L.A. Clippers 112, San Antonio 111				
Oakland	5	10	.333	2½					
Atlanta	3	12	.200	4					
Central Division					Friday's Heroes Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Minneapolis	10	4	.714	0	Boston 122, Dallas 114, OK				
San Antonio	9	5	.643	1	Portland 115, Houston 106				
Dallas	7	6	.538	2½	Indiana 95, Miami 91				
Detroit	7	6	.538	2½	Philadelphia 112, Utah 107				
Chicago	4	11	.267	6½	Washington 112, Portland 109				
Phoenix	4	12	.250	8	New York 98, New Orleans, into Sacramento at Memphis, into Chicago at Memphis, into L.A. Clippers at Memphis, into Dallas at Memphis				
Southeast Division					Today's Heroes Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	8	5	.615	0	Chicago at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.				
San Antonio	7	7	.500	1½	Atlanta at Orlando, 5 p.m.				
Phoenix	7	7	.500	1½	Los Angeles at Houston, 5 p.m.				
Houston	7	7	.500	1½	L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 5 p.m.				
Dallas	6	8	.429	2½	Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6 p.m.				
Northwest Division						Utah at Boston, 8:30 p.m.			
	W	L	Pct	GB		Sacramento at Houston, 7 p.m.			
Denver	10	5	.667	0		Toronto at Chicago, 7 p.m.			
Portland	9	6	.600	1		Atlanta at Dallas, 7 p.m.			
Seattle	9	5	.643	1		Oakland City at Phoenix, 8 p.m.			

LEE

From 1B

Later in the quarter, Serrano connected with Founji again on a 55-yard TD that almost resembled the first one and the Rebels went into halftime with a 42-12 advantage.

"We are able to fill in all the spots even though our senior quarterback is hurt," Founji said. "We put in other players to fill in the spot and they still do well."

The Lee receivers did a splendid job of running after the catch too, as Acosta caught a mid-range pass on a crossing route in the third quarter and turned it into an 86-yard score.

Serrano got help from his running game too, as Josh Traylor needed only 11 attempts to rush for 139 yards and two scores.

Americas was able to grind out 264 rushing yards against Lee, as sophomore tailback Aaron Dumas had 116 yards on the ground, while quarterback Joaquin Sandoval racked up 115 yards.

But the Trail Blazers were plagued by turnovers, as Karl Taylor, Bruce Franco, Trent Hicks and Jalen Roberson all had interceptions. Franco and Hicks stopped drives with red-zone interceptions.

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LEE 70, EL PASO AMERICAS 12	
Americas	0 0 0 0-12
Lee	14 20 14 14-70
First Quarter	
Lee - Logan Acosta 51 pass from Mike Serrano (John Thompson kick), 6:06	
Americas - Aaron Dumas 5 run (Nick Woodard), 3:29	
Lee - Sheldon Bass Jr. 25 pass from Serrano (Thompson kick), 0:40	
Second Quarter	
Lee - Josh Taylor 8 run (Thompson kick), 11:44	
Lee - Taylor 42 run (Thompson kick), 9:13	
Lee - Lee Founji 55 pass from Serrano (Thompson kick), 5:40	
Americas - Julian Hines 43 pass from Joaquin Sandoval (run failed), 1:00	
Lee - Founji 55 pass from Serrano (Thompson kick), 0:26	
Third Quarter	
Lee - Acosta 84 pass from Serrano (Thompson kick), 6:05	
Lee - Bass 11 pass from Serrano (Thompson kick), 3:18	
Fourth Quarter	
Lee - Christian Romero 40 pass from Serrano (Thompson kick), 10:35	
Lee - Oscar Valdez 29 run (Thompson kick), 6:37	

LEE	EP
First downs	23 21
Rushes-yards	24-238 49-264
Passing yards	455 206
Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-24-0 15-29-4
Fumbles-lost	0-0 0-0
Punting	1-37.0 4-31.3
Penalties-yards	9-65 11-90

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING - Lee, Josh Taylor 11-139, Oscar Valdez 3-45, Sherman Davis 4-28, Mike Serrano 6-55, Americas, Aaron Dumas 2-116, Joaquin Sandoval 17-115, Ryan Acosta 2-16, Jamar De La Cruz 2-8, Joshua Alvarado 1-6, Joshua Rosales 1-3.
RECEIVING - Lee, Serrano 17-239-415, Davis 1-14-40, Americas, Sandoval 15-211-205, De La Cruz 0-0-0-0, Sr. Derran 0-1-1-0, Evan Chahon 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING - Lee, Lee Founji 6-154, Logan Acosta 4-152, Sheldon Bass Jr. 2-23, Christian Romero 1-40, Fernando Hernandez 2-30, Taylor 1-6, Americas, Julian Hines 3-40, Ryan Acosta 0-0-2-52, Sr. Derran 2-2.
INTERCEPTIONS - Lee, Karl Taylor 1-15, Bruce Franco 1-8, Trent Hicks 1-8, Jalen Roberson 1-8.
Passing - Lee, Serrano 15-1-15, Brady Ray 2-2-0-0.
RECEIVING - Perryton, Scott 3-31, Nic Owers 1-17, Greenwood, Ray 1-15, Seth Weatherly 1-12.
PERMAN 42
EP CORONADO 8
ODESSA - Permian and Arlington Lamar will meet in a Class 6A Division I area round game next week as both squads had no problems in their respective games Friday night.
 Permian blistered El Paso Coronado 42-0 Friday night in a bi-district contest at Reliance Stadium. This game was over early as Permian (8-3) jumped out to a 35-0 lead in the first half. Justin Hammond was involved in three first-half scores - one running, one passing and one receiving. Ed Williams scored the first touchdown of the game - an 8-yard run Peyton Powell added a pair of TD tosses in the first half - one to Hammond (18 yards) and another to Kaden Horrell (8 yards). Hammond's touchdown loss went to Tyler Ramage (24 yards).
 The Panthers added a score in the second half.
 During the first half, Permian outgained Coronado, 279-61. For the game, the Panthers racked up 397 yards and held Coronado to 100. The Thunderbirds and the season at 8-3.
 Lamar dominated San Angelo Central in its bi-district contest 55-14 The Vikings also



MCS

From 1B

"I've got to give Coach McClendon credit. They are very well-coached and they fought to the last second. I was very impressed with the way they played against us."

But Crawford added another TD run and Aaron Hunter returned an interception 20 yards for a score to give the Friars a commanding 35-7 advantage.

Rhett Clark added

a 1-yard TD run and a 2-point conversion run for the Mustangs in the fourth quarter.

"I'm so proud of the way they fought and finished the game," McClendon said. "They could have easily folded their tents and lost by a lot. They fought to keep it respectable. I asked them to give me four quarters and they certainly gave them to me."

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DALLAS BISHOP LYNCH 35

DALLAS BISHOP LYNCH 35	MCS
Bishop Lynch	14 7 14 0-35
MCS	0 0 7 0-15

First Quarter
 Bishop Lynch - Charles Crawford 25 run (Roberto Diaz kick), 7:36
 Bishop Lynch - Gosmon Murphy 94 interception return (Diaz kick), 2:42
Second Quarter
 Bishop Lynch - Crawford 6 run (Diaz kick), 2:36
Third Quarter
 MCS - Josh Reynolds 59 pass from J.T. McCollum (Reynolds kick), 10:19
 Bishop Lynch - Crawford 6 run (Diaz kick), 7:55
Fourth Quarter
 Bishop Lynch - Aaron Hunter 20 interception return (Diaz kick), 6:57
 MCS - Rhett Clark 1 run (Clark run), 7:09

First downs	Lynch	MCS
	11	11

Rushes-yards 37-229 34-142

Passing yards	111	169
Comp.-Att.-Int.	5-10-0	11-27-4
Punting	1-58.0	4-43.5
Fumbles-lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties-yards	13-95	4-30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING - Bishop Lynch, Charles Crawford 19-167, Kaden Salter 4-26, Josh Taylor 8-26, James Quastler 2-18, Michael Light 1-4, Gosmon Murphy 1-7, Joshua Schmitt 1-1, MCS, Ben Gibbs 11-66, Rhett Clark 10-47, Matthew Madison 2-5, Riggs McDonald 1-3, JT McCollum 2-1.
RECEIVING - Bishop Lynch, Jordan Wilson 1-18, Davis Karl 1-28, Jackson Egan 2-58, Taylor 1-4, MCS, Josh Reynolds 2-73, Kage Gilbreath 5-36, McCollum 1-12, Mack McCann 3-48.
INTERCEPTIONS - Bishop Lynch, Gosmon Murphy 1-94, Josh Johnson 1-34, Aaron Hunter 1-20, Zion Hester 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS - Bishop Lynch, Diaz 40 (40), Diaz 35 (M/L).

HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREENWOOD 24

PERRYTON 7
DIMMITT - Greenwood defeated Perryton in the Class 4A Division II bi-district playoff round at Bobcat Stadium Friday.

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GREENWOOD 24, PERRYTON 7				
Perryton	7	0	0	0-7
Greenwood	10	0	7	7-24
First Quarter				
GRE - Jake Somers 49 run (Derek Pimer kick)				
GRE - FG Pimer 25				
PER - Nic Olvera 17 pass from Ryan Davis (Kick good)				
Third Quarter				
GRE - Trey Cross 85 run (Pimer kick)				
Fourth Quarter				
GRE - Seth Weatherly 1 run (Pimer kick)				

PER	GRE
First downs	19 10
Rushes-yards	39-190 35-309
Passing yards	40 24
Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-7-0 3-7-1
Punting	2-40 0-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0 0-0
Penalties-yards	5-27 15-94

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
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raced out to an early lead, thumping the Bobcats 41-7 in the first half. Central finishes the season at 7-4.

BIG SPRING 28

CLINT 22
PECOS - Big Spring scored late to defeat Clint in the Class 4A Division I bi-district playoff round at Eagle Stadium Friday.

Ethan Cortez scored on two yard run with 1:07 left in the game giving the Steers (3-8) the come from behind victory. Cortez finished the game with 137 yards passing and 32 yards rushing, while Zephaniah Nelson led the team in rushing with 83 yards on nine carries.
 The Lions (4-7) led 14-12 going into halftime and held a two-point lead going into the fourth quarter. Clint rushed for 383 yards with Sebastian Baraza leading the way with 126 yards on 26 carries.
 Big Spring will face Hereford in the area round next week in Seminole.

BIG SPRING 28, CLINT 22				
Big Spring	0	0	0	0
Clint	0	0	0	0
First Quarter				
Clint - Sebastian Baraza 4 run (Cortez good), 4:50				
BSHS - Quemanan Lewis 39 run (Cortez failed), 3:22				
Second Quarter				
Clint - Brandon Quintana 1 run (Kick blocked), 9:06				
BSHS - Jeremiah Cooley 19 pass from Eli Cortez (Cortez failed), 6:03				
Third Quarter				
BSHS - Zephaniah Nelson 61 run (Cortez good), 10:37				
Clint - Baraza 7 run (Cortez good), 3:30				

FOURTH QUARTER

BSH - Cortez 2 run (Cortez kick), 1:07

BSH	CL
First Downs	10 21
Rushes-yards	19-144 65-383
Passing yards	137 22
Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-19-0 1-4-1
Punting	4-47.3 1-14
Fumbles-lost	0-0 3-1
Penalties-yards	6-60 4-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING - Big Spring, Zephaniah Nelson 9-83, Sebastian Baraza 2-26, Ethan Cortez 7-32, Clint, Sebastian Baraza 28-162, Isaac Powers 6-56, Lane Powers 11-57.
PASSING - Big Spring, Ethan Cortez 10-19-0-137, Clint, Manny Pena 1-4-1-22.
RECEIVING - Big Spring, Jonathan Canby 5-71, Jack Everett 2-44, Clint, Renee 1-22, Headed Seminoles

CRANE 28

COAHOMA 7
CRANE - Crane defeated Coahoma in a Class 3A Division II bi-district game at El Ave Stadium.

Coahoma ends its season at 4-7, while Crane improves to 8-3 and moves to the area round of the playoffs.
 No other information was available at press time.

GARDEN CITY 71

RANKIN 41
RANKIN - No. 2-ranked Garden City outlasted Rankin to win the Class 1A Division I bi-district game at Red Devil Stadium.

Garden City (11-0) advances to play Borden County, a 56-0 winner over Morton, in the regional round at a time, day and place to be determined. Borden County, the two-time defending state

champion, has eliminated the Bearkats for the last two seasons in the state quarterfinal round.

Rankin ends its season at 6-4.
 No other information was available at press time.

ANDREWS 57

SAN ELIZARIO 6
ALPINE - Andrews had little trouble in its win over San Elizario in the bi-district round of the Class 4A Division I playoffs at Jackson Field on Thursday night.

The Mustangs (8-3) took a 36-0 lead at the half and were led by quarterback Brett Leach, who threw for 265 yards and four touchdowns to go with 62 yards rushing and a TD.
 Andrews will next play the Dumas-Decatur winner in the area round at a time, day and place to be determined.

ANDREWS 57, SAN ELIZARIO 6

Andrews 57, San Elizario 6
ANDREWS - Esau Flores 45 run (run failed), 11:35
ANDREWS - Lawrence 35 pass from Brett Leach (Pomeroy kick from Leach), 8:45
ANDREWS - Leach 61 run (Tyler Luna pass from Leach), 0:15

ANDREWS 57, SAN ELIZARIO 6				
Andrews	30	14	14	7-57
San Elizario	0	0	0	0-6
First quarter				
AHS - Esau Flores 45 run (pass failed), 11:35				
AHS - Lawrence 35 pass from Leach (Pomeroy kick from Leach), 8:45				
AHS - Leach 61 run (Tyler Luna pass from Leach), 0:15				
Second quarter				
AHS - Marc Sotomayor 19 pass from Leach (pass failed), 11:45				
AHS - Lawrence 25 pass from Leach (Tyler Luna pass from Leach), 0:45				
Third quarter				
AHS - Lawrence 12 pass from Leach (Fernando Pineda kick), 9:10				
AHS - Johnson Nelson 49 interception return (Pomeroy kick), 2:05				
SE - Raymond Acosta 4 run (kick failed), 0:26				

ROPER 58

GRADY 12
GAIL - Grady was eliminated from the Class 1A Division I playoffs with a loss to Roper in the bi-district round at Coyote Stadium.

Jordan Rodriguez led the Wildcats (8-3) with 265 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 31 carries.
 Roper (7-3) advances to play Balmorhea in the regional round at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Garden City.

ROPER 58, GRADY 12

Grady 12, Roper 58
ROPER - Jordan Rodriguez 31-265 2 TDs, Caden Hayes 10-48, Caden James 2-29
PASSING - Rodriguez 1-13-1-2, Charles Caswell 0-1-0-0
RECEIVING - Jackson Welch 1-2

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STATEWIDE HS FOOTBALL SCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

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Tony Gibson, the crew chief for Stewart-Haas Racing, center, talks with crew members Friday during practice for the race at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. Gibson is filling in for suspended crew chief Rodney Childers on Kevin Harvick's No. 4 Ford.

Gibson has key role in NASCAR title race after health scare

By Mark Long
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Tony Gibson was driving home from Stewart-Haas Racing's shop this summer when he lost feeling in his hands and feet.

He had to pull over. He had no other choice. He ended up in the emergency room for overnight observation, where doctors found a blood clot in his vertebral artery.

He was hospitalized more than a week and seemed to be making progress when he suffered a mini-stroke in his optical nerve system. He lost 85 percent of the hearing in his left ear and most of the functions in his left eye.

"It was quite a deal," Gibson said.

It's been quite a recovery, too. Gibson has come so far that he will play a pivotal role in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday.

The 54-year-old Gibson is filling in for suspended crew chief Rodney Childers on Kevin Harvick's No. 4 Ford. Gibson will be atop the pit box and making key decisions for Harvick's championship run.

"My biggest fear is just making the wrong call or doing the wrong thing," Gibson said. "I want those guys to be proud of me."

Gibson made the perfect call at Phoenix last week, opting for two tires on the final pit stop that helped Harvick finish fifth and earn the fourth and final playoff spot. Gibson joked during the race that he hadn't brought enough medication to get through the tense final laps.

He packed extra for Homestead. He's even missing a neurologist appointment Friday to be with the team.

"I'm managing it," he said. "It's just part of life and things. I was very lucky, and I don't take that

for granted. There's a lot of people out there that are way worse than me, so it's just something that I'll overcome and I'll get used to it and go on."

In the meantime, he has a championship to chase. Harvick is considered one of the two favorites at Homestead. He's tied for the series lead with eight victories, but two of those came in illegal cars. His Las Vegas victory from earlier this year was disqualified as was his win at Texas two weeks ago.

That penalty cost Harvick an automatic berth in the championship race and forced him to have to outperform several others at Phoenix.

Childers and car chief Robert Smith were suspended for the final two races.

Fortunately for Harvick, Gibson was available — and healthy enough — to fill in.

"When you take two of the key people off, you

always wonder whether it's a quarterback or a running back or a wide receiver," Gibson said. "Can the others step up and do a good job? I think that's where Rodney and this company at Stewart-Haas has done a good job. We have a lot of depth here at this company."

Gibson won the 2017 Daytona 500 with Kurt Busch and was a part of championship-winning teams featuring Jeff Gordon (1998, 2001) and the late Alan Kulwicki (1992). So he's well-equipped to deal with the pressure and distractions that often come in a one-race championship.

"The biggest thing that Tony brings is just a ton of experience," Harvick said. "Obviously a familiar face to the NASCAR officials, and he's been with Stewart-Haas for a long time and worked with all those guys and worked with everybody in the shop."

Bell becomes favorite after eking into Xfinity Series finale

By Mark Long
Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Christopher Bell's last race could prove more daunting than his next one.

Bell faced a must-win scenario in the semifinal round of the Xfinity Series playoffs at Phoenix last week, needing to beat 39 other drivers to earn the fourth and final spot in the championship field at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

He started near the back, drove through the field and led the final 93 laps to notch his seventh victory of the season.

Now, he's the favorite to win it all in the finale today.

"This week, I only have to beat three, so I'm feeling really good," Bell said.

Here's a look at the four contenders:

Christopher Bell

The 23-year-old Bell, who grew up racing on dirt tracks in Oklahoma, has three playoff victories that make him the one to beat.

"We're only racing three cars," said Bell, who won the Truck Series championship with Kyle Busch Motorsports in 2017. "Instead of trying to go out there and win the race, all I have to do is beat three competitors. Whether that means running 20th or winning the race, that's going to be our goal: Just to beat three guys."

Bell seems like a lock to land a Cup ride soon. But Joe Gibbs Racing has no openings for its rising star in 2019, so Bell appears destined to return to Xfinity for another year.

Cole Custer

The 20-year-old Custer won at Homestead last year in dominating fashion. He led 182 of 200 laps and had a half-lap advantage at times. But he has won just once since, at Texas two weeks ago, to notch a spot in the final four.

Still, the Stewart-Haas Racing driver has been one of the series' most consistent in 2017. He has a series-leading 25 top 10s to go with 13 top-fives. He hasn't had as much speed as Bell throughout the year, but Custer believes his team is starting to put it all together and capable of repeating at Homestead.

"Do we have a ton of confidence that we're just going to be faster than

everybody? No," Custer said. "I think everybody's fast. But I think we'll be right there with everybody, and I think it's a track we can compete and win."

Custer is bound to land a Cup ride with SHR, which has a seat opening up with Kurt Busch's departure. But that ride could go to Daniel Suarez, which would seemingly leave Custer in the second-tier series for a third straight season.

Daniel Hemric

Hemric is the only championship contender without a win in the last two years. That makes him the long shot. He advanced to the finale in 2017, but finished second in the race and fourth in the standings.

No one should count Hemric out. The 27-year-old Richard Childress Racing driver has been stout in the playoffs, with six top-10s and three top-fives in six races.

Mistakes and misfortune have prevented him from landing in victory lane. But he's been at his best on mile-and-a-half courses like Homestead.

"I think just for the naysayers, it would be nice to prove to everybody that I can be successful and this group of guys can be successful because we have fallen short the past two years," said Hemric, who is headed to a Cup ride in 2019, replacing Ryan Newman.

Tyler Reddick

Reddick won the season opener at Daytona, edging JR Motorsports teammate Elliott Sadler in the closest finish in NASCAR history. He finished 20th or lower eight times in 22 races that followed, pushing him to the edge of the playoff picture.

The 22-year-old Reddick rallied down the stretch, with seven top-10s and four top-fives in the last nine races. His late push moved him past Justin Allgaier and Sadler for one of the championship spots.

"This year didn't really go as planned, as we wanted it to," said Reddick, who is moving to RCR's Xfinity team next year. "We had speed most of the year at certain race tracks, just didn't capitalize on the moments we really should have. This playoff system and format has been really nice for us. We were able to kind of reset."

Truex set to defend championship, send FRR out a winner

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Win or lose, Martin Truex Jr. will be at the center of a goodbye bash that no one at Furniture Row Racing will want to end. Truex will pop open some beers, huddle with friends and reminisce a final time about the team's wild ride from obscurity to greatness.

It's last call for FRR — and there's still a chance to go out on top, leaving the location for Truex's party still to be determined.

"Hopefully, it's up on stage with a big trophy," Truex said.

Furniture Row Racing, a one-car operation based in Denver, Colorado, far removed from NASCAR's North Carolina roots, will shutter its doors after a 14-year run in which it morphed from an underfunded backmarker to NASCAR champion with Truex behind the wheel.

Don't lock the doors on the shop just yet.

Truex can still deliver one heck of a parting gift with a second straight Cup Series championship on Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"It's been, as far as racing goes, by far, the time of my life," Truex said. "I've realized dreams I've had since I was a kid because of this group and this team and what we've done."

Truex and FRR accomplished what no other single-car team has done in the current championship format and went head-to-head and beat the heavyweight teams owned by Tony Stewart, Roger Penske and Rick Hendrick. Truex and FRR forged a hasty relationship born by necessity, and it soon turned into a fruitful partnership both sides wanted to continue while chasing championships well into the future.

But once 5-hour Energy, which plans to leave NASCAR at the end of the season, pulled its funding from the No. 78 Toyota, and no other sponsorship could be secured, owner Barney Visser pulled the plug on the organization.

"It's hard to give it up, but sometimes it's taken away from you with-

out having any recourse," said Visser, who largely funded the operation out of pocket since its 2005 inception. "I just couldn't keep borrowing money over here to feed it over there. Just had to give it up."

FRR employees, including crew chief Cole Pearn, choked back tears at the shop this week when the Toyota was loaded into the hauler and hit the road for the last time. They hugged, snapped group photos and filmed the hauler as it started the 2,100-mile ride to Homestead.

"I don't think any of us were prepared for how emotional it was when we loaded up," Pearn said. "I think we've just been head down, kind of pushing super hard, trying to do everything we can to get ready for this weekend."

The 38-year-old Truex landed quite the golden parachute and signed with Joe Gibbs Racing, home to fellow championship contender Kyle Busch, and Erik Jones and Denny Hamlin. Truex spent four of his five seasons as the lone driver at FRR.

"It's been really, really, really fun to be a part of this team and kind of be just out there as an outcast," Truex said.

It seemed implausible in 2014 that the relationship between Truex and FRR would blossom into perennial championship contenders.

Furniture Row spent its formative years fielding cars for veteran drivers at the end of their careers and failed to even qualify for scores of races. Regan Smith had the organization's lone win in 2011. It also served as a one-season landing spot for Kurt Busch as he tried to rebuild his career.

Truex had only two Cup wins in eight seasons, and his ride at Michael Waltrip Racing blew up in the wake of a cheating scandal.

Their first season was a bust: Truex led only one lap in 2014 and finished a career-worst 24th in the standings. Had FRR folded at the end of that season, the organization would be a blip in NASCAR history.

What happened next was perhaps the most unprecedented career rebirth in NASCAR history. Truex was paired with Pearn in 2015, and they

ran for the title at Homestead. Truex won four times in 2016 and doubled that last season en route to his first NASCAR Cup championship.

"It all fell in place, and we got the right group of guys together that were hungry and determined," Truex said. "Barney gave us everything we needed to be successful."

Pearn, the T-shirt wearing Canadian, made all the right calls on the pit box while Visser, the family-owned home furnishing magnate, pumped millions into the team and linked with Toyota to create a winner. FRR President Joe Garone was the steady leader for 60-plus employees.

"It's been brutal at the end here," Garone said.

They shared in triumphs — 17 wins and three championship berths — and tough times. Truex stood by long-time girlfriend Sherry Pollex during her fight with ovarian cancer. The 69-year-old Visser suffered a heart attack last season and missed Truex's title-clinching race and the championship celebration. And once sponsorship dried up, Visser made the call with just 11 races remaining in the season to fold up shop.

"After the news came out when it did, it was probably rough there for the first few weeks," Pearn said.

"I think as people started to figure things out, it settled in a bit. We kind of were able to refocus and be able to close this thing out on a high note."

Truex and Pearn are taking over the No. 19 Toyota at JGR next season (Daniel Suarez is out), and Garone said 41 of 63 employees have found work with other NASCAR teams or with one of Visser's other businesses.

Truex won four times this season and has to beat Busch, Kevin Harvick and Joey Logano to become the 16th driver in Cup history to win multiple championships. Truex, who won back-to-back Xfinity Series titles, is trying to keep his emotions in check and bring home the checkered flag.

Then it's time to say goodbye to NASCAR's tiny team that became a respected champion.

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for the second consecutive year and in a meaningful race for his team. He announced earlier Friday that he and crew chief Mike Wheeler are parting ways at the end of this season and Hamlin seemed emotional about the split.

He and Wheeler won their very first race together, the Daytona 500 in 2016, and Hamlin wants to bookend their time together with a victory in their finale. A win would also extend Hamlin's streak of winning at least one race every season since his 2006 debut.

Hamlin had to win at Homestead in 2013 to keep his streak active.

"We definitely want to end on a high note and try to win. In 2013, we were in the same predicament where we hadn't won a race until the final race and we got it done, so hopefully it's our time to do it," Hamlin said. "We're going

to keep digging. Hats off to this team."

NASCAR - Ford EcoBoost 400 lineup

By The Associated Press
Friday's qualifying race Sunday
at Homestead-Miami Speedway
Homestead, Fla.

(Car number in parentheses)

1. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 172,882 mph

2. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 173,822

3. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 173,538

4. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 173,433

5. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 173,386

6. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 172,535

7. (28) Erik Jones, Toyota, 172,387

8. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 172,430

9. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 172,403

10. (14) Alex Almon, Ford, 172,383

11. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 172,359

12. (48) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 171,942

13. (88) Alan Boush, Chevrolet, 172,528

14. (8) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 172,518

15. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 172,276

16. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 172,243

17. (8) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 172,198

18. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 172,082

19. (48) Justin Johnson, Chevrolet, 171,953

20. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 171,827

21. (1) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 171,527

22. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 171,389

23. (48) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 171,827

24. (24) Michael McDowell, Ford, 170,798

25. (28) David Ragan, Ford, 172,813

26. (14) Carl Edwards, Ford, 171,827

27. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 171,233

28. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 170,808

29. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 170,488

30. (88) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 169,715

31. (12) Ty Gibbs, Chevrolet, 169,551

32. (88) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 168,951

33. (22) AJ Wingo, Ford, 167,198

34. (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 167,082

35. (88) Kyle Whittingham, Chevrolet, 166,858

36. (31) BJ McLeod, Ford, 164,424

37. (87) Trevor Bayne, Toyota, 162,555

38. (48) Truex Jr., Toyota, 161,839

39. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 6,000

When things sour in the NFL, QBs often change

When things go sour, an NFL team's fan base often points to two people: the guy calling plays on the sideline, and the man behind center trying to execute them.

As we get deeper into the 2018 schedule, the futures of some coaches could be tied to how their quarterbacks have struggled — or outright flopped.

Doug Marrone and Blake Bortles in Jacksonville? Perhaps.

Vance Joseph and Case Keenum in Denver? Possibly.

John Harbaugh and Joe Flacco? Could be.

Then again, each of those coaches could keep their jobs and have new QBs in 2019. And we know Jon Gruden isn't going anywhere in Oakland, though Derek Carr might head elsewhere.

Nor is Pat Shurmur, despite a discouraging first year in the Jersey Meadowlands, likely to leave the Big Apple. But the status of a 37-year-old Eli Manning is in more doubt.

It would be a surprise to see Adam Gase out in Miami. Considering how much he has been out of the lineup in his seven-year career, it would not be a stunner to see Ryan Tannehill depart the Dolphins.

Let's take a look:

New York

Manning is not a washed-up has-been. His arm remains strong, his knowledge of the game is irreplaceable, and he has three enviable options in Odell Beckham Jr., Saquon Barkley and Evan Engram.

What he doesn't have is anyone who can block with any regularity. Manning is about as mobile as Shurmur, maybe less so, and when he doesn't get the necessary time to set himself, he's not likely to find a comfortable place to throw.

Yes, it's time for the Giants to look for a replacement, but not necessarily someone to take over next year. How about finally improving perhaps the worst

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offensive line in the league and seeing what Manning can do behind it?

Otherwise, Carr could wind up an option as Gruden keeps wheeling and dealing.

Denver

Keenum has another year to go on the deal he parlayed his best career season (in Minnesota) to get with QB-desperate Denver. Cutting him will cost a \$10 million cap hit, so unless John Elway can work a trade for that prohibitive contract, Keenum figures to be back with the Broncos.

The cupboard is bare behind him, especially after Chad Kelly got himself arrested and then released. Plus, Keenum once again has had to learn a new offense, and he's had some knee issues.

Elway could be enticed to add a veteran who has won a Super Bowl, as he did with Peyton Manning (did someone say Flacco?), but only if he can deal Keenum.

Baltimore

Flacco, who's had a better (but not great) season than in recent years, is bothered by a hip injury. And his eventual replacement, Lamar Jackson, was chosen in the first round of April's draft.

The massive contract Flacco earned after winning the 2012 championship as Super Bowl MVP was extended in 2016 and he is signed through 2021. But the Ravens can open up \$10.5 million in salary cap space by releasing Flacco, 33, after the season, with a potential savings of \$18.5 million if they designate him as cut after June 1, which would damage his value elsewhere.

He won't command the



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New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning (10) talks with head coach Pat Shurmur Oct. 28 during the second quarter in East Rutherford, N.J. When things go sour, an NFL team's fan base often points to two people: the guy calling plays on the sideline, and the man behind center trying to execute them.

same kind of money on the open market, but he will command attention for his strong arm, solid leadership, willingness to play hurt, and, well, a pedigree that rarely reaches free agency with a few good years left.

Gase in Miami certainly would like a QB who can get on the field regularly.

Miami

Brock Osweiler is the 19th starter since Dan Marino ended his Hall of Fame career. None has been a star, though Chad Pennington could have been had his shoulder not been so brittle.

Gase would seem to be tied to Tannehill, who has played in five games this year, none last season, because of injuries. When healthy, Tannehill helped get the Dolphins to the playoffs as a wild card in 2016, Gase's first year in Miami. Then he was hurt for the postseason.

Gase has been something of a QB guru in other stops, so a young guy who can stay in the lineup might be appealing. Or maybe a 20-something needing a change of scenery such as Jameis Winston or Bortles.

Tampa Bay

Perhaps the most puzzling case of all because Winston, the top pick in the 2015

draft, should be a slam dunk as the future. He isn't.

Winston is due \$20.9 million next season, the final year of his rookie deal. That's way more than he is worth, and though the Bucs picked up his fifth-year option, they could release him in '19 and not owe him anything; 2019 is guaranteed only in case of injury, which is why some speculate Winston may not play again this year.

He comes with lots of talent, but still lacks maturity. He has had off-field issues and was suspended for the first three games this season. Do the Bucs want to start over at the position, knowing Winston's potential remains sky high?

Jacksonville

Convinced after coming on-so-close to making the Super Bowl that Bortles could be their franchise guy, the Jaguars signed him to a three-year, \$54 million contract that includes a \$16 million salary in 2019. So there would be \$16.5 million in dead money if he is cut.

And, like Keenum, the numbers for a trade likely are prohibitive.

But folks in Jacksonville believe, despite the current 3-6 mark, that the Jags are built to win soon. Maybe not with the struggling Bortles, however.

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Rams take in fresh air ahead of game vs. Chiefs

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — This was a respite for the Los Angeles Rams but certainly no vacation.

The team kept its plans to train at the Air Force Academy and stay at the posh Broadmoor Hotel in the Rocky Mountain foothills even after the NFL moved their Monday night showdown with the Kansas City Chiefs to the Los Angeles Coliseum because of a frayed football field at Mexico City's Azteca Stadium.

The primary benefit shifted from altitude acclimation to getting away from the wildfires back home and doing some midseason team bonding.

The deadly wildfires that are surrounding the Rams' training complex back home affected some players and coaches directly and some indirectly.

The trip to Colorado also allowed the Rams (9-1) to do some midseason bonding, something tight end Rob Gronkowski said helped the Patriots refocus down the stretch last season

after they spent a week at the academy ahead of their game against the Raiders in Mexico City.

Rams coach Sean McVay said he reached out to Patriots coach Bill Belichick for some tips about how they handled the week away in the Rocky Mountains.

The Rams will fly home Saturday after what was actually a business trip.

"The Broadmoor's great. I haven't played any golf," defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "I've got a lot of friends here, but I haven't really seen anybody because we've been working. It's a work trip ... we're getting ready to play a game."

McVay said training in Colorado won't be a waste even though the game now will be played at sea level.

"With all the things going on right now, I think there's some guys that, at the time, wouldn't have been able to get back into their houses," McVay said. "There's a lot of things that we were doing here. One of them was, obviously, to get ready for playing in the elevation and different things like that. It does still serve you well to train in these environments."

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Formidable foes face off



Iowa State quarterback Brock Purdy celebrates his touchdown run Nov. 10 during the first half against Baylor in Ames, Oklahoma's Kyle Murray, West Virginia's Will Grier, Iowa State's Brock Purdy and Sam Ehlinger of Texas have been impressive and could determine which team makes it to the Dec. 1 title game in Arlington.

Matthew Putney/AP

Purdy leading Iowa State into key game with Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ask Texas about Iowa State's young quarterback Brock Purdy and the answers, from head coach to players, come quick.

"He's undefeated," Longhorns coach Tom Herman said. "He's mobile. He can throw," defensive end Charles Omenihu said. "He's 5-0."

Purdy sure has been pretty running the No. 18 Cyclones offense since taking it over mid-season. The Cyclones (6-3, 5-2, No. 16 CFP) are tied for second in the Big 12 with a critical matchup

at No. 13 Texas (7-3, 5-2, No. 15 CFP) tonight that both teams need to win if they hope to slide into the league championship game.

Iowa State had to dig out of an early 1-3 hole to get into the Big 12 title chase and set up arguably the program's biggest November game since the early 2000s. Purdy has led the way.

Playing in front of 100,000 at Texas would seem unlikely to faze a young quarterback who has already out-gunned West Virginia's Will Grier at home and won at rowdy Oklahoma State when coach Matt Campbell gave the offense to a quarterback who

had just two snaps of experience.

"He's got a ton of moxie," Herman said. "It doesn't matter the opponent, the atmosphere, the stadium. He's got that 'it' factor."

Win today and the Cyclones still need help to get to the conference championship game. But they'd be in the conversation in late November, a rarity in Ames, Iowa, and something that looked out of reach after the bad start.

"Everything was at stake when we were 1-3, and it's been that way every single week since then," Campbell said. "It's just a whole different type of adversity now. It's the adversity of success, which is sometimes a lot harder

to deal with."

The Longhorns are fighting for their own title chances. Texas was in first place in the Big 12 less than a month ago before two straight losses. Quarterback Sam Ehlinger and the Longhorns turned that around with a last-minute win at Texas Tech last week.

The contest tonight will be the final home game for a Texas senior class that hasn't won a Big 12 title or more than seven games in a season since they arrived on campus. Texas has lost its final home game each of the last four seasons.

"I owe everything to these

seniors," said Texas sophomore quarterback Sam Ehlinger. "They have been through so much in this program."

Some things to watch for when Iowa State and Texas play on Saturday night.

Pass protection

Ehlinger was sacked a season-high five times last week against Texas Tech as a line that's been solid all season struggled with blitz protection. Purdy, while mobile, won't have junior running back David Montgomery for the

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Texas Tech seeks a win to stay bowl eligible

Texas Tech has been sort of a Jekyll and Hyde team this season.

Sometimes you see the good out of this team, such as in the 24-point fourth quarter that ended the Red Raiders' comeback and beat nationally-ranked Texas last week.

But then it was the bad that cost them in the 41-34 loss as they had three turnovers from quarterback Jett Duffey, a failure to convert a fourth-and-1 in their own territory, and stupid penalties that helped to extend Longhorn drives.

That Hyde personality is the reason why Texas Tech (5-5, 3-4 in Big 12) has lost three straight and is still searching for that sixth win to become bowl eligible.

Not even going to Kansas State (4-6, 2-5) for a 2:30 p.m. game today on ESPN2 is a given for this team.

Even though the Wildcats are not as talented as many teams in the Big 12, they are always dangerous because they play solid defense and they're disciplined under legendary coach Bill Snyder, who could

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announce his retirement any day.

Tech junior wide receiver Antoine Wesley, who this week was named as a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, said getting back on track has been a focus for his team.

"Really, it starts in practice," said Wesley, who has 1,347 receiving yards this season. "After the Texas game, we definitely were like, 'We've got to get back on a roll, because we know we can be who we want to be when we are on the road. I feel like we're going to be OK.'"

Texas Tech has actually been a good road team with wins at TCU and Oklahoma State this season. That may have to do with the

Red Raider having less distractions than when they're at home and the pressure is on to keep frustrated fans in their seats long enough.

Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said the team seems to have this "us against everybody" mentality on the road.

"They thrive off that and play really well and come out with great intensity in all the opposing stadiums we've been in, and hopefully that continues," Kingsbury said.

Whatever it is, the Red Raiders will need to find it quickly to avoid having a season of promise turn into a season of frustration.

My pick: Texas Tech 35, Kansas State 21.

Here are my Big 12 power rankings:

1. Oklahoma (9-1, 6-1) — The Sooners survived to beat archrival Oklahoma State, 48-47, last week but should have an easier time at 6:30 p.m. when they host Kansas on Fox.

2. West Virginia (7-1, 5-1) — The

Mountaineers blasted TCU, 47-10, but they could be in for a much tougher game at Oklahoma State at 3:30 p.m. on ABC.

3. Texas (7-3, 5-2) — The Longhorns did what they had to do to get the win in Lubbock. Now if they want to keep their Big 12 championship hopes alive, they must survive a test against one of the hottest teams in the Big 12 in Iowa State at 7 p.m. on the Longhorn Network.

4. Iowa State (6-3, 5-2) — The Cyclones won their fifth straight in a testy matchup against Baylor, 28-14. Unfortunately for Iowa State, star running back David Montgomery will have to sit out the first half against Texas because he was ejected in the game against the Bears. Could that be a factor in today's game?

5. Texas Tech (5-5, 3-4) — The Red Raiders are piling up the "what ifs" this season.

6. Oklahoma State (5-5, 2-5) — The Cowboys know what Texas Tech is feeling.

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Baylor focuses on bowl for seniors, not keeping TCU out

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Baylor coach Matt Rhule is more interested in what his team and the seniors who stuck around can accomplish, and not what the Bears could do to Big 12 rival TCU in the process.

The Bears (5-5, 3-4 Big 12) can get bowl eligible with a win today in the home finale for 10 fifth-year seniors who remained through a sexual assault scandal that rocked the school more than two years ago, and led to only one win in Rhule's debut last season. They host the Horned Frogs (4-6, 2-5), who have to win their last two games to get to a bowl.

"Probably no group of seniors has ever been through more than they've been through," Rhule said. "My whole focus with our team this week is going to be about sending the seniors out on senior day the right way, and really send them out with the best home record. ... This is a special group to me, and I'd love to have a chance to play



AP file photo

Baylor head coach Matt Rhule watches from the sideline during the first half against Kansas State, Sept. 30, 2017, in Manhattan, Kan. Rhule is more interested in what his team and the seniors who stuck around can accomplish, and not what the Bears could do to Big 12 rival TCU in the process.

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Baylor will honor 20 seniors overall before the game. That includes the fifth-year

guys and three players who came into the program from other schools as graduate transfers.

Receiver Chris Platt, nose tackle Ira Lewis and the other fifth-year seniors arrived in Waco at the peak of the program's on-field success — after the Bears' first Big 12 championship in 2013, and then a share of the title in 2014 in their first season on campus. Eight of the fifth-year seniors already have degrees and could have gone elsewhere this season as graduate transfers. They have been part of two bowl wins, during a 10-win 2015 season and the Cactus Bowl in 2016 that capped a 7-6 record under interim coach Jim Grobe in the immediate wake of the scandal.

TCU played in the Big 12 title game last year after ending that regular season by beating the Bears for the third year in a row. Now the Frogs have to win out — at Baylor and their home finale against Oklahoma State — or miss a bowl for only the third time in coach Gary Patterson's 18 seasons as head coach.

"It is a must-win game because we do want to win a bowl game," tight end Cole Novak said. "That is the end game, and we're going to do everything we can in order to make that happen."

But the injury-plagued Frogs, with 36 players missing much or all of the season, are coming off their most lopsided loss under Patterson — 47-10 at No. 7 West Virginia last week. The only times they missed bowls under GP were 2004 and 2013, but rebounded with at least 10 wins the following season.

"You want to have some urgency about doing it, but I don't think you're panicking. If you're not careful, you cause a lot more problems that way," Patterson said. "When you're struggling, what you need to do is worry about you. You don't worry about your opponent."

Some other things to know about the 113-game series that dates back to 1899, and is the most-played for both schools:

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UAB brings winning streak to Texas A&M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Normally a break from Southeastern Conference play with a game against a Conference USA team might be seen as a nice breather for Texas A&M before the Aggies wrap up the regular season by hosting No. 10 LSU on Nov. 24.

However, today's game against UAB (9-1) doesn't fall into that category. The Blazers have won a school-record eight straight games and clinched their first C-USA West Division title with an overtime win against Southern Miss last week.

Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher knows the Aggies can't take this game lightly because of the resurgence of UAB, which shut down its football program for six months after the 2014 season for financial reasons.

"This is a great football team," he said. "They can flat-out play."

UAB coach Bill Clark took a little time to appreciate the accomplishment his team made in winning the division title, but soon shifted his focus to the Aggies.

"It really is that sweet. It really is that good," he said. "Of course, it doesn't slow us down from how hard we're going to work. We know what is in front of us."

UAB linebacker Fitzgerald Mofor agreed with his coach and shared the team's mindset after winning eight games in a row.

"There's never a feeling that we are complacent or that we have arrived," he said. "There's never that feeling because we still have three games left. The plan is always to win as many games as we can. We never feel like we've arrived."

The Aggies (6-4) scored their most points in conference play this season in a 38-24 win over Mississippi last week to snap a two-game skid. Trayveon Williams ran for 228 yards and Kellen Mond threw for three touchdowns and ran for a fourth to lead Texas A&M.

Now A&M will face a UAB defense that ranks in the top five in the nation in several defense categories. The Blazers lead the country with a school-record 38 sacks, rank third in total defense (260.7 yards a game) and fourth in both scoring defense (13.2 points) and yards passing allowed (153.8).

"When you take all the things together on defense they may be the best defense in the country," Fisher said. "They're coming in



here with a very, very good defensive football team."

second 200-yard rushing game this season last week

Erdelyi has been out with a shoulder injury sustained

this season. UAB has a knack for tackles behind

AP file photo

Texas A&M quarterback Kellen Mond (11) throws a pass against Mississippi during the second half Nov. 10 in College Station.

Some things to know about UAB's visit to Texas A&M.

Nearly ranked

UAB keeps inching closer to a ranking in the AP poll. The Blazers haven't been ranked since debuting at No. 24 in the initial BCS rankings on Oct. 16, 2004.

Running wild

Williams has a career-high 1,159 yards rushing which leads the SEC. Williams, who is second in the SEC with 11 rushing touchdowns, had his

and has accumulated 3,014 yards rushing in three seasons with the Aggies. Fisher shared what he believes makes Williams special. "His competitive nature. His ability to want to lead and be great," Fisher said. "I think he has a drive inside of him. You can see it when he runs."

UAB quarterbacks

It's unclear who will start at quarterback for UAB today. Redshirt freshman Tyler Johnston has started the past two games and topped 200 passing yards in both. A.J.

against UTEP. He's 15-6 as the Blazers' starter.

Series history

Today will be just the second meeting between these teams. Texas A&M won the first 56-19 on Sept. 26, 2009.

Sack attack

The Blazers have many players who have contributed to the pass rush. Jamell Garcia-Williams leads with 7½ sacks and Tre Crawford has six on a team where 16 players have at least one sack

the line of scrimmage and the Blazers are fifth in the country with 85 tackles for losses this season. Garcia-Williams and Chris Woolbright are tied for first on the team with 11½. Crawford has 8½ and Mofor has seven.

Ausbon's return

Texas A&M sophomore receiver Jhamon Ausbon had a strong game in his return from a four-game absence because a foot injury last week. Ausbon had five receptions for 66 yards to give him 20 receptions for 287 yards this season.

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first half either as a relief valve or in pass protection. Montgomery has to sit out because he swung a punch at a Baylor player last week.

Kene Montgomery

Campbell didn't appeal to the Big 12 to let Montgomery play in the first half and will likely turn to a committee of players to replace him. Kene Nwagwu, Johnnie Lang and Sheldon Croney average just 3.1 yards per carry in 69 attempts this year. Lang scored last week against Baylor after Montgomery was ejected.

Big player receivers

Both teams have big

receivers who make big plays. Iowa State's Hakeem Butler is 6-foot-5 and leads the nation with 22.7 yards a catch and has eight grabs of 40 yards or longer. Texas has twin towers on the outside in 6-5 Lil Jordan Humphrey and 6-6 Colin Johnson. Humphrey and Johnson have combined for 113 catches and 1,622 yards with 12 touchdowns.

Aching secondary

The Texas secondary has been shredded in recent weeks by the Big 12's best offenses. Injuries have played a role. Freshman safety Caden Sterns was in concussion protocol part of the week. The Longhorns are hoping safety Brandon Jones can return after two weeks out with an ankle

injury.

Where to watch

The late-season matchup between ranked teams with Big 12 title implications can only be found on the Longhorn Network, the network partnership between Texas and ESPN. For Iowa State fans in particular, that will mean searching for LHN on area cable and national satellite providers or streaming services. The broadcast contract between the networks and the Big 12 allow Texas to have one league game on LHN per season. Both schools must agree, and Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte said he and Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard decided during the summer to have the game on LHN.

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Frogs on the river bank

TCU has played twice in Baylor's campus stadium on the banks of the Brazos River. There was that epic 2014 game when Baylor scored 24 points in the final 11 minutes for a 61-58 win that eventually left the Bears and Frogs as Big 12 co-champions — and both out of the initial four-team College Football Playoff. TCU won 62-22 there in 2016 and has a 54-52-7 series lead.

First-half suspension

Baylor DE Greg Roberts will miss the first half after he was ejected from the second half of last week's loss at Iowa State for reach-

ing over an official to throw a punch at running back David Montgomery. Bears starting quarterback Charlie Brewer won't have to serve any further penalty after his automatic ejection. He got his second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the fourth quarter for saying something to an official — every player had been assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after the earlier melee.

Different feel

"Well, I think both of us, probably the rivalry's a little bit downplayed," Patterson said. "It's a lot easier to do that when both teams are winning a lot, and this season both of us we're sitting around .500, so it's a lot bit more numb."

UTPB's Hoad named LSC's top LB

From staff reports

ODESSA — U.T.-Permian Basin junior football player Chris Hoad was named the Lone Star Conference Linebacker of the Year and All-Conference First Team as the conference announced its end of season awards for 2018.

Hoad was joined in being recognized along with Kristian Brown, Kyle McBride, Taylor Null, and Keegan Gray who each earned honorable mention accolades.

Hoad solidified himself as one of the best defensive players in the nation this season. He led the Lone Star Conference with 133 total tackles, good to finish the season #3 in division II. It was his third straight season of recording over 100 tackles for UT Permian Basin.

Entering his senior year, he will be the NCAA overall career leader with 369 total tackles. In addition this season, he forced a pair of fumbles and recovered one fumble. He had 6.5 tackles for loss and one and a half sack on the year.

Kristian Brown tied for the Falcon lead with five touchdowns this season. The junior wide receiver ended the season with 35 catches for 582 yards in 10 games in 2018.

Kyle McBride led the Falcons in receiving this past year. He had 47 catches for 635 yards with three scores on the season.

Taylor Null took over at quarterback for the Falcons the third week of the season and never looked back. He completed 176-327 passes for 2145 yards. He averaged 238 yards per game, second highest in the conference, and threw 16 touchdowns this season.

Gray, an Andrews High School grad, ranked second on the Falcons and was ninth overall in the conference with 89 total tackles, 58 of them solo. He had a pair of interceptions this season and led the Falcons with 14 tackles for loss for 32 yards. He added one sack, a pass break-up and two quarterback hurries in 2018.

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The good news is that they get to host West Virginia in a 2:30 p.m. game on ABC.

7. Baylor (5-5, 3-4) — At least the Bears are showing some fight, right? A home win over TCU at 11 a.m. today on FS1 could get them bowl eligible.

8. Kansas State (4-6, 2-5) — The Wildcats are coming off a 21-17 win and there is talk that head coach Bill Snyder could soon announce his retirement. That may be the spark K-State would need against Texas Tech.

9. TCU (4-6, 2-5) — This has been an unexpectedly tough year for the Horned Frogs and they didn't look very competitive against West Virginia. Now they have to travel into the Bears' den to face Baylor.

10. Kansas (3-7, 1-6) — Good news, Jayhawks fans: Basketball season is in full swing.

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BAIT Colgate (4) at Army (9), 11 a.m. Furman (1) at Rhodes (1), 11 a.m. Duquesne (7) at CCNY (9), 11 a.m. Quincy (4) at Delaware (7), 11 a.m. Yale (5) at Harvard (5), 11 a.m. Elm (5) at Maine (7), 11 a.m. San Diego (2) at Miami (5), 11 a.m. New Hampshire (4) at Rhode Island (5), 11 a.m. Wagner (7) at Robert Morris (1), 11 a.m. Penn St. (7) at Rutgers (1), 11 a.m. St. Francis (Pa.) (4) at Sacred Heart (4), 11 a.m. 11 a.m. South Florida (7) at Temple (5), 11 a.m. Holy Cross (4) at Georgetown (5), 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Louisiana (2) at Lafayette (7), 12:30 p.m. Central (4) at Columbia (5), Noon Penn (5) at Princeton (9), Noon Brown (1) at Dartmouth (9), 12:30 p.m. James Madison (7) at Duquesne (7), 1 p.m. Notre Dame (10) vs. Syracuse (9) at Bronx, N.Y., 1:30 p.m. Shirley (7) at Albany (NY) (4), 2:30 p.m.	Texas (2) at Navy (5), 2:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. The Citadel (4) at Alabama (10), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 11 a.m. Ohio St. (9) at Maryland (5), 11 a.m. Arkansas (5) at Mississippi St. (5), 11 a.m. Pittsburgh (5) at Wake Forest (5), 11 a.m. NC State (5) at Virginia Tech (5), 11 a.m. NC State (5) at Virginia Tech (5), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 1:30 p.m. UTSA (2) at Marshall (5), 1:30 p.m. E. Kentucky (5) at Tennessee Tech (1), 1:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m.	Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 4 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 7 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 8 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 8:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 9 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 9:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 10 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 10:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 11 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m.	Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 2:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 3:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 8:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 9:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 10:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. 11:30 p.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m. Idaho (4) at Florida (7), 11 a.m.
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1	9	4	2	6	5	7	8	3
7	8	2	1	4	3	5	9	6
9	6	7	8	3	4	1	2	5
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8	4	6	3	2	1	9	5	7
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Now arrange the circled letters

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's | **Jumbles:** TIPSY DRAWN WARMLY DEBATE
Answer: After Tía Carmen forgot to stuff her baked treats, Baldo called them — EMPA-"NADAS"

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CLUE: Gum ingredient

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ACROSS

- 1 Divided equally
- 7 They're inseparable, briefly
- 11 Test subjects
- 14 Head scratcher?
- 15 One may be on the house
- 16 McDonald's supply item
- 17 Main floor, often
- 19 One-named "Chandelier" singer
- 20 JohnPice musical
- 21 Support for PBS' "The Joy of Painting"?
- 22 Cherokee, for one
- 23 Hosp. staffers
- 24 Needles
- 25 Frog foot feature
- 29 Disreputable sort
- 30 Head lines?
- 31 Sex appeal
- 37 A lot
- 38 Therapy appointment, say
- 39 Sound
- 40 Border

DOWN

- 2 Sweatshirt feature, perhaps
- 4 Taqueria drink
- 5 Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer
- 6 America has ten of them
- 7 Approve
- 8 Fin
- 9 Walk on air
- 10 Show with Kate McGinnon, to fans
- 11 Gabler's creator
- 12 Relaxed
- 13 Ginger treats
- 18 Explosive situation, metaphorically
- 22 Mts ____: perfect words
- 25 Concern in hiring practices
- 26 Old El ____: Tex-Mex brand
- 27 Right away, in verse
- 28 Small change
- 29 Snooze
- 30 Off-white
- 32 "Geez Louise"
- 33 Chemical suffix
- 34 Flower from the Greek for "rainbow"
- 35 Annie Lennox, by birth
- 36 List with starters
- 42 Pundit
- 43 Chocolate substitute
- 44 Truism
- 45 "That time of year thou ____ in me behold": Shak.
- 48 Blissful land
- 49 After-shower application
- 50 Two-time NHL Norris Trophy winner Karlsson
- 51 Minstrel's strings
- 52 Hurdle for aspiring attys.
- 54 Festive party accessory
- 55 Wild place

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Answers

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2. Barge in on them

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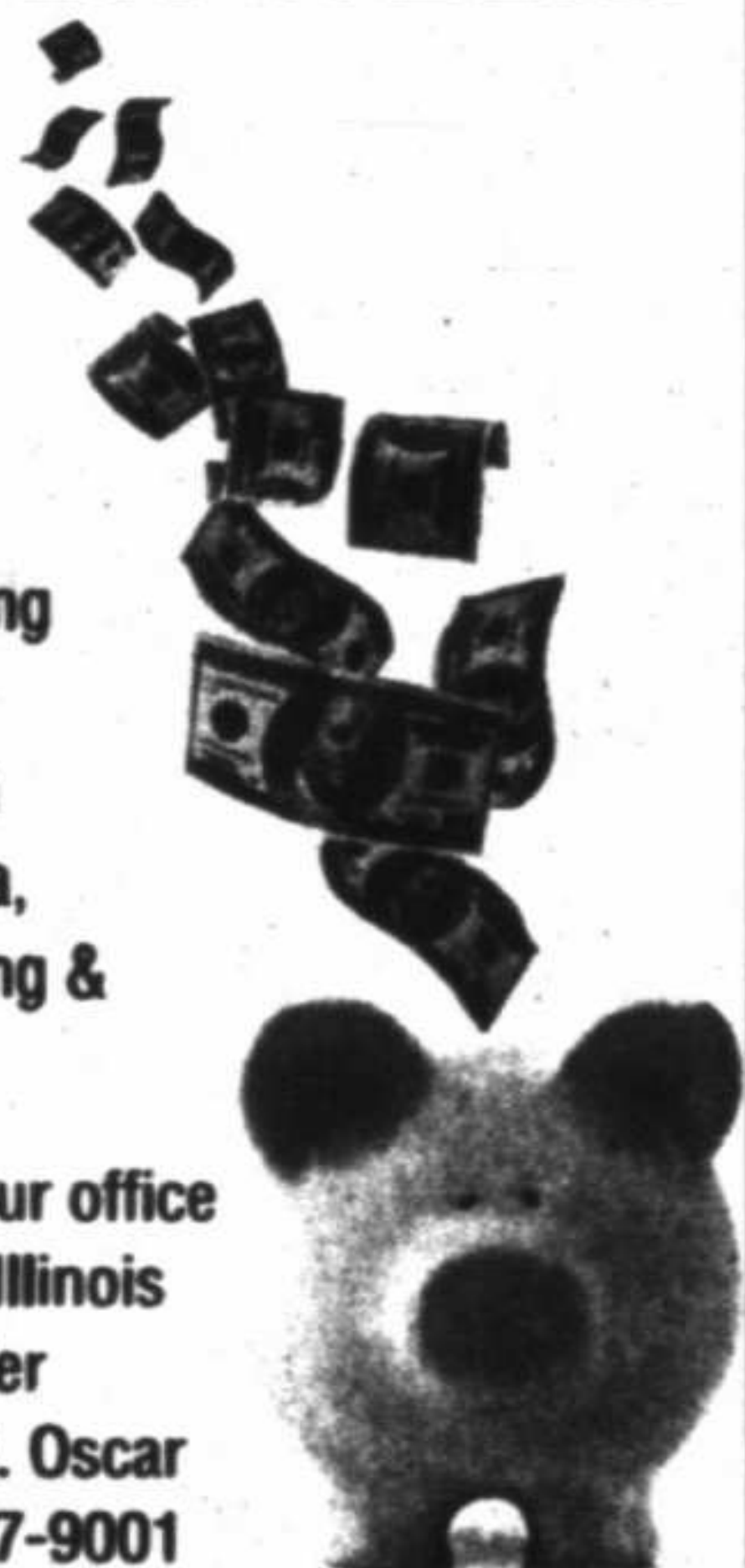
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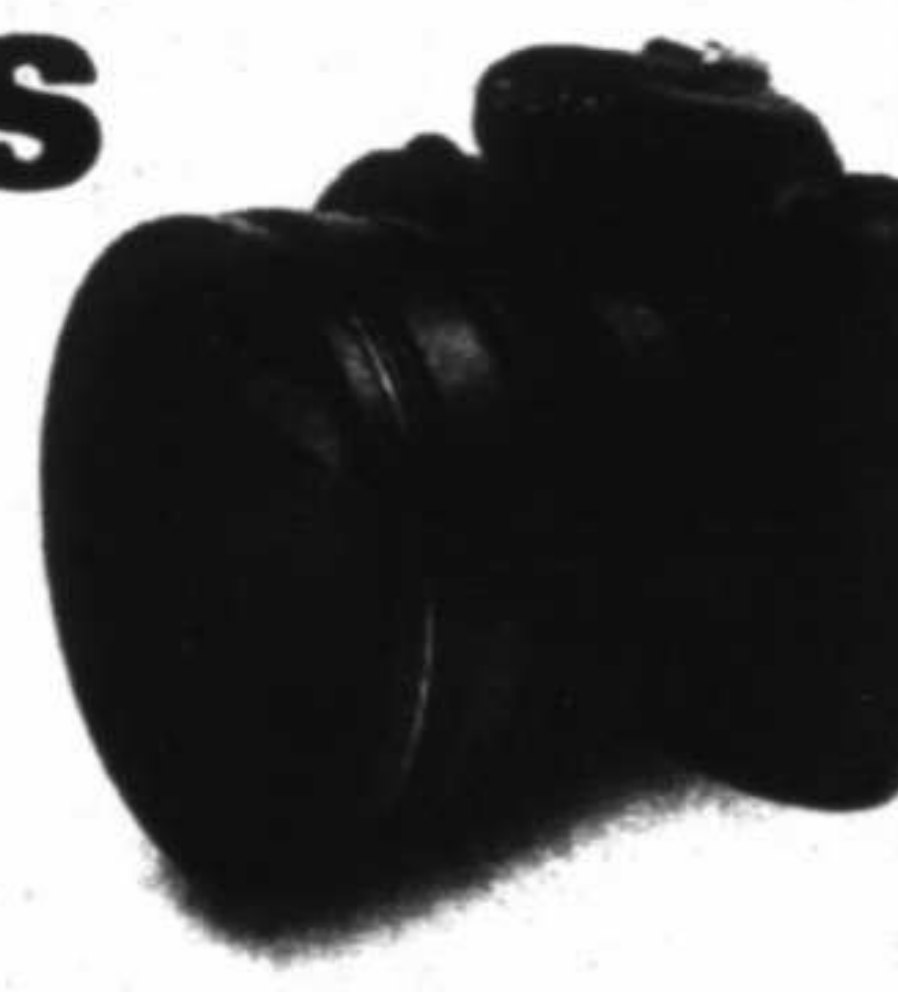
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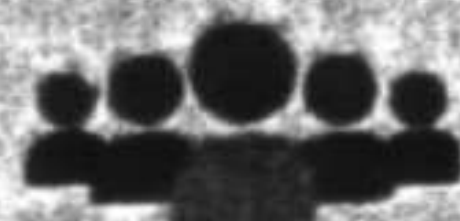
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City of Midland, Texas

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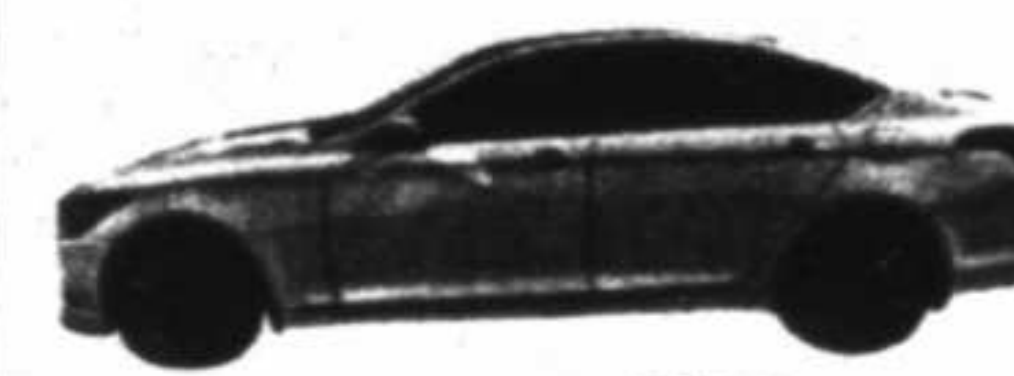
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Downtown revitalization



Courtesy Illustration

This is a rendering of the new Marriot Hotel Convention Center under construction in downtown Odessa. More renderings are on **Page 4**.

DINING

Chapter 380 agreement makes Torchy's move into downtown possible

By Stewart Doreen
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Torchy's Tacos is coming to downtown Odessa.

The restaurant chain with locations in 12 Texas cities, Oklahoma and Colorado has become a must-stop for many travelers making the trip to Austin, Lubbock, the Metroplex or College Station. It is not the typical taco; it's the modern take on street tacos with interesting names.

Anyone wanting grilled sausage, pico de gallo and freshly grated cheddar jack cheese with poblano sauce on a flour tortilla can ask for the "Republican."

If one is in the mood for shredded beef barbacoa, fresh avocado, cotija cheese, cilantro, onions and a lime wedge with tomatillo sauce on a corn tortilla can ask

for the "Democrat."

There are other non-political choices — "Mr. Pink," "Trailer Park," "Crossroads," "Alabama Shake" and the standard "Baja Shrimp," "Beef Fajita" and "Fried Alvacado" — along with sauces, breakfast tacos and desserts.

The Odessa City Council used a "Chapter 380" agreement to bring this restaurant to the city.

Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code "authorizes municipalities to offer incentives designed to promote economic development such as commercial and retail projects, according to the State's Comptroller's Office. Specifically, Chapter 380 allows offering loans and grants of city funds or services at little or no cost

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ECONOMY

Unemployment rate in Odessa drops to 2.5 percent

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The unemployment rate in Odessa has dropped from 2.9 percent to 2.5 percent in the last two months, according to figures released Friday by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The drop means that The Odessa metropolitan statistical area remains tied with Amarillo for the second lowest unemployment rate in the state and moved into the upper echelon of MSA across the country with jobless rates at 2.5 percent or lower. Midland remains the area in the state with the lowest jobless rate. The 2.1 percent rate in Midland ties a record low.

"I can't say enough about what's going on in this region," said Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of the commission's Workforce Solutions Permian Basin office, which oversees 17 West Texas counties. "We're just rocking along."

Mining, logging and construction remains Odessa's dominant industrial sector, comprising 25 percent of the

industrial composition. The sector grew by 400 jobs since September and by more than 1,400 jobs since October 2017. The trade, transportation and utilities sector is second with 16,300 jobs. The government sector is the only other sector with more than 10,000 jobs.

The TWC reports 80,900 people in the civilian labor force, ahead of the 80,500 in September and 79,400 in September 2017.

Midland's civilian labor force remained above the 100,000 mark, rising by about 400 from September to October and is above the October 2017 level by about 7600.

Statewide, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 3.7 percent from 3.8 percent in September and the lowest since the data series began in January 1976. Texas added 32,300 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in October with an annual growth rate of 3.1 percent. The

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STUDY

Study: Odessa home to some of nation's hardest-working people

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Odessa is home to some of the hardest working people in the nation, according to a life insurance agency.

Haven Life ranked Odessa fifth behind communities such as Walnut Creek, California; Arlington, Virginia; and Tracy, California.

Haven Life reported the following factors in the decision to rank Odessa fifth:

- Total time (working and commuting): 46.3 hours per week

- Working time: 42.9 hours per week

- Commuting time: 3.4 hours per week

- Percentage of population leaving for work before 7 a.m.: 29.7 percent

- Median household income: \$58,919.

Haven Life's summary of the Odessa community also included the following:

"Originally an oil town, Odessa has seen diversification efforts from energy to logistics in recent years, capitalizing on the city's connection to the road and rail links in West Texas. This has led to Odessa becoming the home to distribution centers for Family Dollar and Coca-Cola, as well as new energy facilities, such as a coal pollution migration plant, a wind farm and a new nuclear plant. With average weekly work hours in excess of 40 hours per week, and with more than a quarter of Odessa's workers starting work before 7 a.m., Odessa conveys the feeling of a hard-driving oil town."

The other Texas city in the top 12 was Atascocita, a Houston suburb, which ranked sixth.

Haven Life reported the following take-aways from the study.

- Early rising cities don't necessarily work longer hours. There is no significant correlation between the proportion of the population leaving for work before 7 a.m. and total working/commuting hours;

- Working hard pays off. Cities whose residents put in more time working and commuting each week are more likely to have higher median incomes. The analysis indicates a positive correlation between total working/commuting hours and median household income;

- There is a slight negative correlation between the unemployment rate and total working/commuting hours, suggesting that people in cities with higher unemployment are more likely to work fewer hours;

- Communities that are "bedroom communities," or communities where a large percentage of the employed population works in a nearby city, are more likely to leave for work earlier and have longer commute times.

The following are the 12 cities in Haven Life's list of the hardest working people in America.

1. Walnut Creek, California
2. Arlington, Virginia
3. Tracy, California
4. Bethesda, Maryland
5. Odessa
6. Atascocita
7. San Ramon, California
8. Fishers, Indiana
9. Alexandria, Virginia
10. San Francisco, California
11. Jersey City, New Jersey
12. New York, New York

GROWTH

Midland Development Corp. agrees to deal with satellite manufacturer

■ Avellan Space Technology & Science to take over vacant hangars at spaceport

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland Development Corp. has agreed to an economic development deal with a designer and manufacturer of miniature satellites to take over vacant hangar space at Midland's spaceport complex.

The MDC's deal is with Avellan Space Technology & Science — or AST — and promises 160 full-time jobs and nearly \$13 million annual payroll by March 31, 2024. The deal to relocate AST's headquarters also appears to guarantee the MDC has found a way to bring a space industry client to Midland and did so without an incentive check. AST will fill the hangar space, once occupied by XCOR Aerospace, and will have opportunities for rent abatements as long as the company meets goals through March 31, 2024 that were established per the agreement, including:

- creating and maintaining 160 full-time jobs at the Midland spaceport;

- maintaining an annual payroll of not less than \$12.8 million;

- providing for at least \$14.25 million in capital improvements, personal property and inventory investment at the property.

AST calls itself a "new space" space company and the manufacturer of ultra-high-powered satellites for a wide-range of commercial and defense applications. Midland, according to AST material, is "part of the company's multi-year investment plan of several hundred million dollars."

"We are dramatically transforming how satellites are designed, built and launched, affording government and commercial entities significant advantages over other technologies, including accelerated launch times, decreased costs on many fronts and amplified resiliency to external threats," according to AST's

website.

The website indicates that AST is "currently scouting space-friendly cities in which to build a \$25-million manufacturing plant." The MDC agreement means that Midland — should the city council approve the deal — will be home to that plant. Expected in Midland is "mass production" of modular space systems — 5-kilowatt to 150 kW power systems and 100,000-plus unit annual production capacity.

Sara Harris with the MDC told the Midland Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday that one difference between AST and XCOR Aerospace is that AST has "far more practical applications that will be useful for everyday life and technology as opposed to the more esoteric space travel plans that XCOR had."

One noteworthy aspect is MDC's ability to reach a deal of this significance without an economic development incentive check. The rent abatement is not insignificant. There is more than 85,000 square feet, including 44,988 in office space. The rest is space at hangars A and B. According to the lease, the contract requires monthly payments of \$81,387 (more than \$976,000 a year).

The deal is structured so that AST pays rent every month but after every quarter, that rent money is returned as long as AST is in compliance. Pending city council approval on Tuesday, the contract goes into effect on Wednesday.

However, if AST misses any annual obligations — either capital-property-investment or jobs-payroll — they start paying rent monthly until they are back in compliance. The first set of goals are improvements of \$1.550 million and 15 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of \$1.05 million as of March 31, 2020.

If the company has invested at least \$28.5 million in improvements and created and maintained 160 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of \$12.8 mil-

lion, then the company will be entitled to an additional five years' worth of rate abatement, according to the agreement. AST will be required to pay rent without an abatement over the course of the last five years of the lease. All totaled, the lease is 15 years in length.

Harris and Timothy Danielson of the MDC told the Reporter-Telegram that the MDC will maintain filings that show it will be first lien holders on all assets. They also said that AST will pay a \$150,000 security deposit.

MDC proposed incentives

- 60 months rent abatement on triple net "base" rent above (tenant is responsible utilities, taxes and maintenance)

- As city of Midland owns the hangars, AST may benefit from real property tax abatement for the term of the lease

- The MDC will provide fencing of the satellite antennas and the facility up to \$100,000

- If AST invests \$28.5 million or more in taxable real and personal property and maintains 160 full-time employee jobs or more with an annual payroll of \$12.8 million or more by the end of the fifth year, then AST will be entitled to an additional five years of rent abatement.

AST financial responsibility and security

- AST shall be responsible for their purchase of all taxable real and person property

- Should AST fail to meet its job creation and capital investment goals then full "base" rent will commence, including all annual rent escalations

- AST has provided the MDC first lien position on all owned real and person property

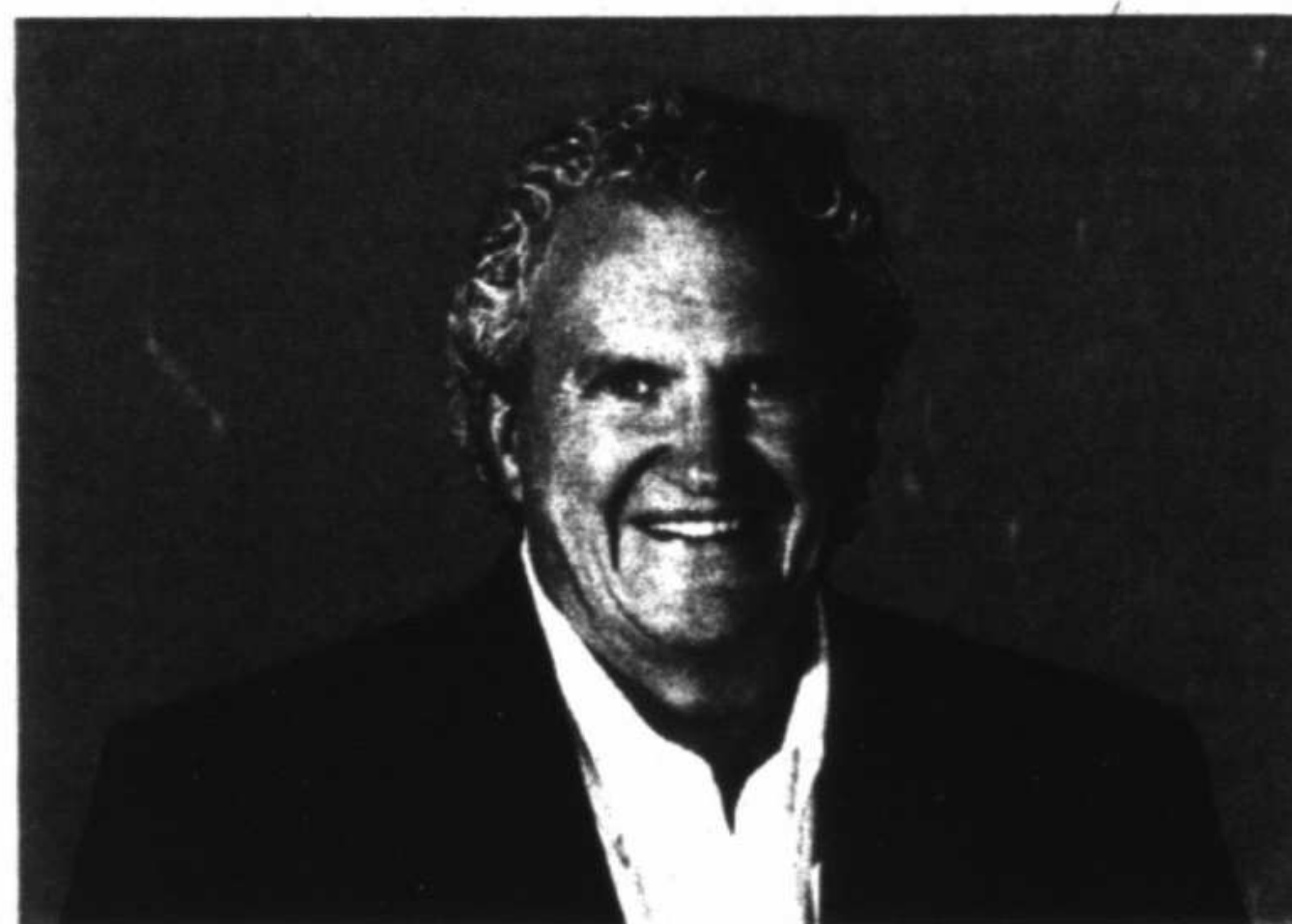
- AST will pay rent on a monthly basis for three months and then the MDC will return those payments

- AST will provide a security deposit in the amount of \$150,000

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WEATHER THIS WEEK

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SUNNY High: 64 Low: 31	MOSTLY SUNNY High: 47 Low: 34	MOSTLY SUNNY High: 58 Low: 38	SUNNY High: 60 Low: 43	SUNNY High: 64 Low: 44	MOSTLY SUNNY High: 58 Low: 38	SUNNY High: 63 Low: 40

WHAT'S HAPPENING

From staff reports

Odessa trails rest of state in drop in gasoline price

By Stewart Doreen
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Every one of the 26 other larger communities AAA Texas surveys experienced a greater decrease in the average price of gas than Odessa this past week.

The organization reports the average price of gas in Odessa fell 3 cents. That drop was a penny less than Midland's average drop (4 cents), more than half of the average statewide (8 cents) and one-third of the drop (or less) felt in other larger cities across West Texas.

The average price in Odessa fell to \$2.90, again the second highest average price of any of the 27 large metropolitan areas in Texas, according to AAA Texas. Midland again had the most expensive average price (\$2.93 this week).

Over the last three weeks, the average across the state has dropped 21 cents, compared to the 12 cents in Odessa.

Around the region, the following price drops over the last week were reported: 11 cents in Lubbock, 10 cents in El Paso and Amarillo and 9 cents in San Angelo and Abilene.

Over the past three weeks, the average price has dropped 27 cents in Amarillo, 25 cents in Lubbock, 24 cents in El Paso, 23 cents in San Angelo and 22 cents in Abilene. Again, the average price drop in Odessa over the last three weeks is 12 cents.

The average prices across the region include \$2.24 in Amarillo, \$2.29 in San Angelo, \$2.32 in Lubbock, \$2.49 in El Paso and \$2.52 in Abilene. The average across the state is \$2.37, according to the organization, and the average price in Odessa is again \$2.90 — 53 cents behind the state average and 66 cents behind the cheapest average in the region.

Distributors have told 191 News there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and the city's distance from pipelines. There are also issues with the high cost of



Courtesy photo

Thanksgiving dinner

Curb Side Bistro located at 3816 Andrews Highway will be serving Thanksgiving lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday. The event is free and open to the public.

living, at least in Midland and Odessa, where rents are climbing at rates incomparable around the nation. There's also the supply-and-demand factor. There is a great demand in Midland and Odessa relative to the amount of supply.

AAA Texas also reports Sherman-Denison, which is located north of Dallas on the Texas-Oklahoma border, has the lowest average in the state — \$2.16 a gallon.

Also for those looking for the cheapest price, the Odessa market is higher than most. The lowest price in Midland is \$2.59 a gallon (at a pair of Valero stations in the city). TexasGasPrices.com reports the following lowest prices across the region — \$2.09 in Lubbock, Amarillo, El Paso and San Angelo and \$2.39 in Abilene. The cheapest gas in Midland is \$2.66 at Sam's Club on State Highway 191.

AAA officials say 41 percent of retailers nationwide are selling unleaded

gasoline for \$2.50 or less. In comparison, the majority were selling gas for \$2.51 or more at the start of summer during the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

AAA Texas reports the average price of gas in Odessa at this time last year was \$2.50 — 19 cents behind the state average. This means while the average across the state is 6 cents higher than the average one year ago, the average in Odessa is 40 cents higher.

Gas price report

Cheapest gas: \$2.59 (Valero, 8th/Grandview; Valero, North County Road/West 16th)

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Amarillo \$2.09, Lubbock \$2.09, El Paso \$2.09, San Angelo \$2.09, Abilene \$2.39, Odessa \$2.59, Midland \$2.66

Mid-Odessa Texas Thursday \$2.925 \$2.361 Last week \$2.930 \$2.453 Last month \$3.042 \$2.654 Last year \$2.503 \$2.308

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Declines in the last three weeks

The following is the decline in the average price of gas during the last three weeks

Odessa	12 cents
State average	21 cents
Abilene	22 cents

Odessa inmate confesses to 90 deaths; investigators corroborate 30

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A man convicted of three California murders and long suspected in numerous other deaths now claims he was involved in about 90 killings nationwide spanning nearly four decades, and investigators already have corroborated about a third of those, a Texas prosecutor said Thursday.

Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland said 78-year-old Samuel Little was booked into jail this week following his indictment in the 1994 death of a Texas woman. Investigations are ongoing, but Little has provided details in more than 90 deaths dating to about 1970, Bland said.

Little was brought to Texas in September, and investigators with law enforcement agencies in several states traveled to speak with him about unsolved homicides.

"They're able to match up over 30 cases so far," Bland said. "So far we don't have any false information coming from him."

If the number of killings Little claims to have committed proves true, it would make him one of the most prolific killers in U.S. history. Ted Bundy confessed to 30 homicides from about 1974 to 1978. John Wayne Gacy killed at least 33 boys and young men in the 1970s.

Arguably one of the deadliest globally was an

English general practitioner named Harold Shipman, who an investigative panel determined was responsible for the deaths of 250. He was convicted in 2000 in the deaths of 15.

During his 2014 trial in Los Angeles, prosecutors said Little was likely responsible for at least 40 killings since 1980. Authorities at the time were looking for possible links to deaths in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Texas.

Bland said Little recently provided details to Texas Ranger James Holland that showed Little was in Odessa, Texas, when Denise Christie Brothers was last seen in 1994. Her body was found about a month later in a vacant lot. Holland eventually elicited a confession from Little and admissions to dozens of other killings from about 1970 to 2005, Bland said.

The rangers are an elite team of investigators within the Texas Department of Public Safety. DPS did not respond to requests Thursday to speak with Holland. Little was being held without bond Thursday in the Ector County jail on a murder charge relating to Brothers' death. Jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney. He has a court appearance scheduled for Nov. 26.

Little was brought to Texas for questioning in the case from California, where he was convicted in 2014 in the deaths years earlier of the three women in Los Angeles County. DNA evidence collected from old crime scenes was used to match samples of his stored in a criminal database.

Los Angeles cold-case detectives at the time suspected Little was a serial killer, a transient and former boxer who traveled the country preying on drug addicts, troubled women and others. His criminal history includes offenses committed in 24 states spread over 56 years — mostly assault, burglary, armed robbery, shoplifting and drug violations.

Building permits for Nov. 4-10

416 Wabash/Residential, additions, garages, carport 3513 Clearmont Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

1602 Santa Monica Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

7010 Pinecrest Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

1713 E. Crescent Drive/Residential, additions, alt, conversions

4315 Winchester Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

6425 Riders Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

19 Maravilla Circle/Residential, additions, alt, conversions

411 Elm Drive/Residential, additions, alt, conversions

1422 E. 35th St./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

608 Myers Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

9102 Sun Bonnet Court/Residential, additions, alt, conversions

1000 N. Sam Houston Ave./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

701 Lasseter Ave./Residential, new single family

3801 Lyndale Drive/Residential, new single family

2913 San Saba Court/Residential, new single family

1440 Windway St./Change of Use

6005 Eastridge Road/Change of Use

216 Murphy St./Non-residential, amusement, recreational

1300 N. County Road West/Non-residential, amusement, recreational

2120 Andrews Highway/Non-residential, structures other than building

1401 Barrett Ave./Non-residential, structures other than building

3800 Englewood Lane/Non-residential, structures other than building

4001 E. 42 St./Residential, additions, alt, conversions

Source: City of Odessa

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UNEMPLOYMENT

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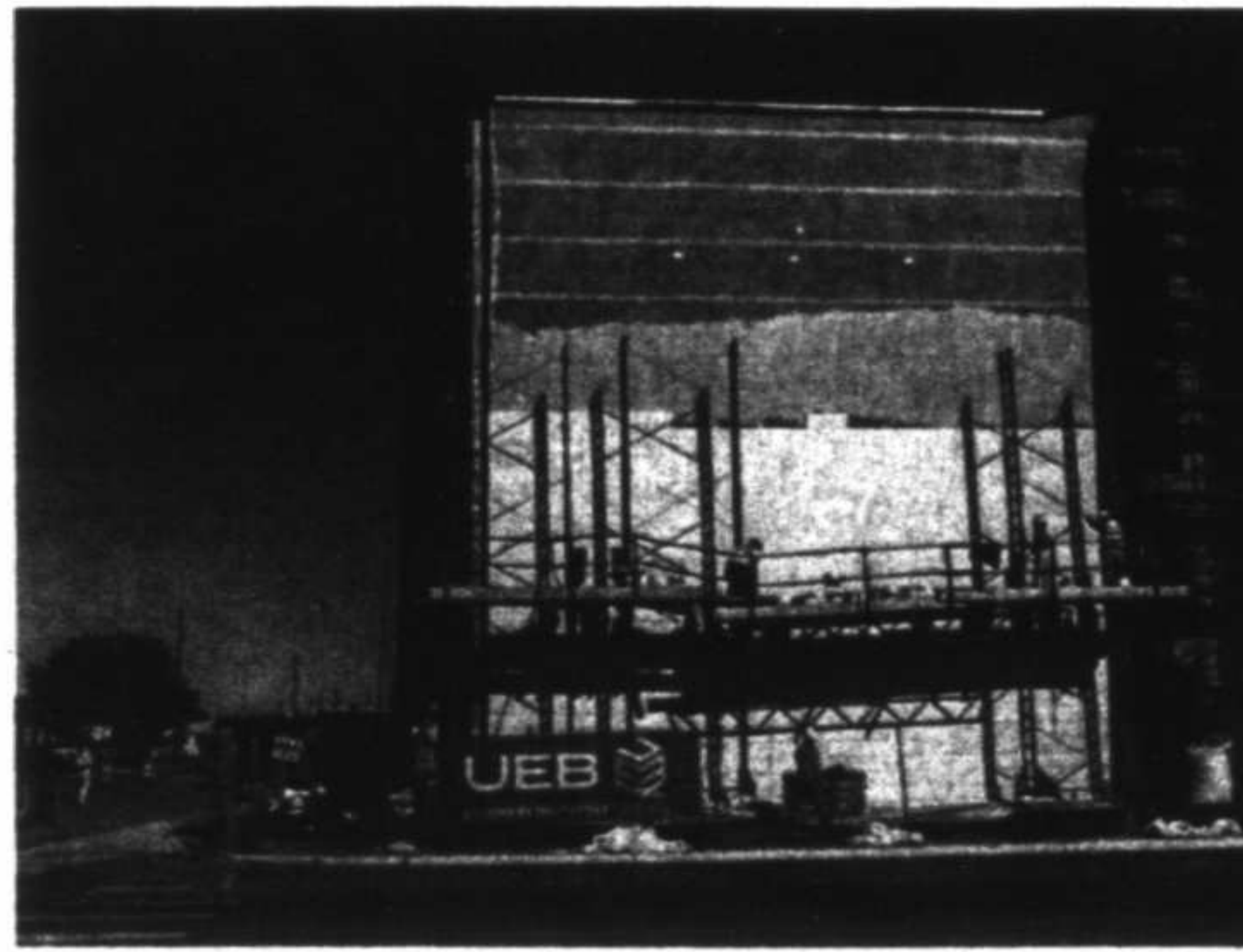
state has reported 102 consecutive months of annual job growth, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

While Midland reported the lowest unemployment, the highest was in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission at 5.5 percent.

Preliminary numbers for October with September numbers in parentheses:

Midland 2.1 (2.2)
Amarillo 2.5 (2.7)
Odessa 2.5 (2.7)
Austin-Round Rock 2.7 (2.9)
College Station-Bryan 2.7 (2.9)
Lubbock 2.7 (3.0)

San Angelo 3.0 (3.2)
Sherman-Denison 3.0 (3.2)
Abilene 3.1 (3.3)
San Antonio-New Braunfels 3.1 (3.3)
Wichita Falls 3.1 (3.3)
Dallas-Plano-Irving 3.2 (3.4)
Fort Worth-Arlington 3.2 (3.4)
Waco 3.2 (3.4)
Tyler 3.4 (3.5)
Laredo 3.5 (3.6)
Victoria 3.5 (3.8)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land 3.8 (4.1)
Killeen-Temple 3.8 (4.0)
Longview 3.8 (4.0)
El Paso 3.9 (4.2)
Corpus Christi 4.3 (4.8)
Texarkana 4.8 (5.2)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 5.2 (5.9)
Brownsville-Harlingen 5.2 (5.7)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 5.5 (6.2)



Jacy Lewis/
191 News

Current construction of the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center on Tuesday.

A NEW LOOK FOR DOWNTOWN



TORCHY'S

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to promote state and local economic development and to stimulate business and commercial activity.

The city has offered land near the still-to-be-completed downtown Convention Center and hotel, according to Lawanna Lawson, executive director of Downtown Odessa. Lawson said the expectation is that Torch's will spend \$1.7 million on construction and maintenance and employ about 60 people for the next 10 years. The restaurant is expected to have 4,500 square feet indoors and a 1,500-square-foot patio.

Internet speculation, including the Facebook site "Maybe in Midland," had Torch's coming to Odessa but in the northeast corridor.

"Downtown is excited about having it before any other part of town," Lawson said. "That is a feather in the cap for downtown. ... It is great for Torch's and

incredible for downtown." Lawson said the hope is for a summer 2019 opening — around the same time as the hotel and convention center.

"The council's passage of a Chapter 380 agreement shows their commitment to downtown," Lawson said.

What's next for downtown

Whether other economic development agreements are in place remains to be seen, but Lawson expects downtown revitalization will see restaurants from outside the area following Torch's lead and recruitment of those that are already mainstays in Odessa.

"It will be healthy thriving environment of local and name brands," Lawson said. "Having both creates synergy that will make downtown explode."

Along with the \$90 million convention center/hotel project is the renovation of the Ector Theater. Plans are in place to make it a performance theater and connect it into the conference center.



HEALTH

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Jacy Lewis/191 News

Revival Float Spa held an open house Tuesday.

THERAPY

Float spa provides an alternative therapy

By Jacy Lewis
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Revival Float Spa, which has been in business since July, had an open house on Tuesday to kick off the season of giving. The event included a raffle for massages.

"Whenever it gets closer to the holidays everybody kinda increases the stress levels," owner Joshua Reyes said. "We just want to be here to help people."

Revival, which has two massage rooms and an infrared sauna, is the only spa in Odessa providing floatation therapy.

Reyes has been a practicing massage therapist since 2011. He said he noticed that some people don't like to be touched, but floatation therapy can help people who are in pain.

"Floatation therapy is a way for people to get all the benefits of massage like helping with pain without having to go through the physical touch or therapy of a massage," Reyes said.

MORE INFO

Revival Float Spa is located at 504 N. Sam Houston Ave. To make an appointment, call 432-803-5628 or go to <http://www.revivalfloatspa.com>. Revival Float Spa is offering several specials during the holiday season:

- Detox Duo - \$120
An hour deep massage with full body dry brushing and 37-minute detoxification infrared sauna session.
- Revival Retreat - \$157.50
An hour of custom Swedish or body balance massage, an hour of float therapy and 37-minute detoxification infrared sauna session.
- Revival Retreat for Two - \$306
Two one-hour custom Swedish or body balance massages, two one hour float therapy sessions and a shared 37-minute detoxification infrared sauna session.

He said people who like to do more than one service at a time are the happiest people that they see.

Sarah Sinay, a reception specialist at Revival Float Spa, said the float time makes people feel more rested.

"The great thing about floating is that you have stimulation free time," Sinay said. "When you're in here one hour in the float cabin floating, you have four hours of REM restful sleep at home."

Sinay said that people with

PTSD, stress and anxiety disorders, chronic pain, joint compression issues, insomnia or other health problems can utilize the stimulation-free time to relax without pain.

"I have toddlers. I don't sleep so this is where I come to relax," Sinay said.

"There's about 800 pounds of magnesium and sea salts and vitamins, minerals, nutrients in the water," she said. "So, when you get in you float. Your face doesn't get submerged."

Sinay said the first float is always a learning curve. Revival Floats Spa suggests that people arrive 15 minutes before their session begins, eat a small meal 90 minutes before they float, avoid caffeine four hours before and avoid shaving 24 hours before floating because the salt can feel uncomfortable on the freshly shaved skin. Reyes said that people should try to disconnect more from their day before a float treatment.

"My recommendation for people who want to try floatation therapy is to come in early, sit down relax, acclimate to the environment before you actually go and float," Reyes said. "Get a massage or an infrared session before you float just to help with that transition from the outside world to floating."

After the float sessions, showers are available, and Revival provides towels, shampoos, body wash and conditioner for their clients. Revival Float Spa recommends

that people bring a bathing suit if they're uncomfortable floating naked and any other products people would like to use to freshen up after their float, according to a post on the business' Facebook page.

"It's a weird thing. I explain to my friends they look at me like it's crazy," Sinay said. "Then you experience it — just this transcending experience."

Katrina Bustus, the owner of Enliven, raffled off a treatment at the open house. Enliven is a medical concierge service that gives people intravenous infusion of hydration with vitamins, minerals and super antioxidants.

Reyes said he wanted to bring something new to the area that helped people. He was born and raised in Odessa and chose to locate his business in downtown Odessa because of the new growth in the area.

"I would like to be part of the movement that kind of diversifies Odessa," Reyes said.

MENTAL HEALTH

Certain attributes are important to good mental health

By Brian Wingfield
Samaritan Counseling Center

"Mental health" most often has a negative connotation, as do anxiety or depression. This begs the question, what does good mental health look like?

While there is no universally accepted definition, mental health can be viewed as existing on a continuum rather than being seen as something a person does or does not have. With this in mind, a person's mental health can slide up and down that continuum throughout their life and is not a fixed condition. This means people can be proactive and take charge of their mental health to move themselves up the spectrum toward a state of emotional wellness.

The following attributes, although not an all-encompassing list, have been found to be important to good mental health.

Positive emotions

All things considered, how happy do I feel? Do I see things as mostly negative or am I being intentional about noticing the positive things about life?

Learning to focus on things to be appreciative of or thankful for in life

This also means having realistic expectations. No one is happy all the time or will always feel positive.

Self-esteem

Having self-esteem is feeling positive about yourself. This is not being arrogant or boastful. It is about viewing yourself with respect and worthiness. It is also about self-acceptance and being able to like most things about your personality and who you are.

Meaning and purpose

Do you feel that what you do in life has value? Being a part of something you connect with and care about.

Relationships

Having people in your life that you care for and who care about you is important because human beings are social creatures and having a supportive network is important to us. Feeling like we belong to a community and are making a positive contribution to society helps fulfill our needs as social creatures. Treating others well is important because it reflects a lot about us. This can be accomplished in part by forming and maintaining good relationships with others.

HOLIDAYS

Check out ads, do research before doing holiday shopping

Permian Basin Better Business Bureau

American consumers are expected to spend an average of \$1,007.24 during the holiday shopping season this year, according to the National Retail Federation. That's up 4.1 percent compared to the figure predicted for last year. Low unemployment numbers, higher take-home wages and high consumer confidence are said to be factors in helping boost those numbers.

Last year, nearly 100 million people shopped on Black Friday. If you're planning to do the same this year, Better Business Bureau has these tips to make your shopping experience productive — and maybe even enjoyable:

■ **Learn about advertising tricks and gimmicks.**

The new BBB® Ad Truth campaign highlights bad ads and helps you learn to identify the most common schemes and cons. Check it out at bbb.org/adtruth.

■ **Do your research.**
Read product reviews, check out BBB.org and BBB Business Profiles, look at the sales flyers and ads, compare prices, look for early promotions and "flash sales." For tips on searching online, check out the new BBB Digital IQ page

at bbb.org/digitalIQ.

■ **Read the fine print.**
Some stores honor sale ads only during a certain time frame or on certain days. Some stores may allow you to purchase only one item, particularly large, popular and/or deeply discounted products.

■ **Know the advertiser.**

Some of the best deals are available only online but be careful. It's easy for a fake site to mimic a retailer's website, so make sure you are shopping with a legitimate site. Check out bbb.org to read more about stores or websites unfamiliar to you.

■ **Sign-up for email alerts.**

Many stores release their best Black Friday deals to people who have signed up to receive their emails. Just make sure it's the real business and not a scammer.

■ **Ask for gift receipts and save warranty information.**

A gift receipt can be tucked into a gift item or card so that the recipient can return or exchange a gift if it's not just right. Be sure to pass along any information about returns, exchanges, repairs and warranties to the recipient.

■ **Shop around.**

Not all of the best sales or the best prices are in the big box stores. Thousands of small and independent businesses

are participating in Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24. Look for the "Shop Small" signs at local businesses for Small Business Saturday specials or visit shopsmall.com for a list of participating retailers. For more tips: gobbb.org/shopsmall

■ **Be safe online.**

Cyber Monday unlocks big savings online but look for a small lock icon in the URL and an extra "s" for safety (<https://> the extra "s" is for secure). Watch out for look-alike websites that mimic famous brands but that may be a scam. Use a credit card for online shopping, as it has more fraud protections than a debit card. Make sure your anti-virus software is up-to-date and avoid clicking on links in unsolicited email and social media messages. For more tips: gobbb.org/cybermonday

■ **Give wisely.**

Charitable giving is always high at the holidays when donors are feeling generous. Giving Tuesday on Nov. 27 is all about being generous after the shopping frenzy. Make sure the charity you select will be a good steward of your money. Check out BBB's Give.org for charity reviews. For more tips: gobbb.org/givingtuesday

OIL & GAS

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DEAL

ProPetro, Pioneer announce strategic deal

■ Agreement calls for Pioneer to sell pumping assets, ProPetro to be long-term service provider

By Mella McEwen
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Executives with ProPetro Services were especially celebratory at Tuesday's Midland Wildcat Committee reception honoring the Midland-based company. The reception was the same day ProPetro and Pioneer Natural Resources announced an agreement for Pioneer to sell its Pioneer Pumping Services pressure pumping assets to ProPetro, while ProPetro will become a long-term service provider of pressure pumping and related services to Pioneer for up to 10 years.

"We've been working for Pioneer for many years," said Dale Redman, ProPetro chairman and chief executive officer. The deal

is extending and solidifying that strategic relationship, he said.

"It gives us visibility for 10 years as they exploit their assets in the Midland Basin," Redman said.

On a day when crude prices sank \$4 a barrel, Redman said oil prices go up and down but the relationship with Pioneer will allow ProPetro go through the price cycles "with visibility and stability that's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The employee base and asset base that Pioneer has built, combined with the employee base and asset base ProPetro has built, will make for an unmatched company, Redman said.

The visibility of helping Pioneer develop its more than 700,000 acres in the Midland Basin will also help ProPetro grow its business, he said.

Redman estimates that 97 percent of its revenues are driven by activity in the Permian Basin, with the remaining 3 percent coming from the company's

operations in Vernal, Utah and Elk City, Oklahoma. But 100 percent of its hydraulic fracturing revenues come from the Permian Basin, he said.

Asked about an activity slowdown because of the pipeline constraints, Redman said his company isn't seeing it.

"We'll have the customary seasonality with the weather and holidays. We'll see what our customers do with budget exhaustion. But I believe if oil prices stay where analysts think they will, 2019 is set up to be a phenomenal year."

Under the deal, Pioneer is selling its assets of eight fleets and \$10,000 hydraulic horsepower to ProPetro for \$400 million, which is split between \$110 million in cash and 16.6 million ProPetro shares, giving Pioneer 17 percent ownership in ProPetro. Once the merger is complete, ProPetro will have 28 fleets with 1,415,000 hydraulic horsepower and more than 2,200 employees.

"As a company, we've been laser-focused on mitigating risks," Redman said. "The people risk was mitigated as the company grew from 20,000 horsepower to 905,000 horsepower. The customer risk was mitigated by cultivating relationships and the way our people perform on location. We've mitigated the logistics and supply chain risks. And, fourth, we've mitigated the commodity risk by being in the lowest-cost basin."

He sees the Permian Basin moving into manufacturing mode, which will let companies such as ProPetro manage their costs and manage their business.

"I think the structural changes will last for years."

ProPetro is also following two key principles in its pursuit of success, he said.

"First, taking care of your people. Second, taking care of your customers and their needs and exceeding expectations. As you do that, you'll be successful."



John Locher/AP

This April 9, 2015, file photo shows the south portal of the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump near Mercury, Nev. The U.S. House is moving to approve an election-year bill to revive the mothballed nuclear waste dump at Nevada's Yucca Mountain despite opposition from home-state lawmakers.

NUCLEAR

Fasken executive: High level nuclear storage could threaten area's oil industry

By Mella McEwen
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Two applications for sites to serve as interim storage locations for high level nuclear waste in Andrews County and in Lea and Eddy counties, New Mexico, are drawing concern about the risks they pose.

"There is as much nuclear radiation in one cask as was released in Chernobyl in 1986, and they want to eventually bring 20,000 casks here," said Tommy Taylor, director of oil and gas development for Fasken Oil and Ranch. "One cask has as much radiation as the nuclear bomb dropped on Nagasaki."

Taylor addressed the Midland chapter, Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists Wednesday in an effort to raise awareness of the impact the sites could have, not just on Permian Basin communities but on the region's oil and gas industry.

"The Permian Basin is the No. 1 oil producing region in the U.S. It has changed the geopolitical environment around the world," he said. "This region is too important to U.S. security to allow this."

SIPES member Stephen Robichaud agreed, pointing out that a serious leak from one of the casks could shut in 100 percent of the nation's oil and gas production as well as the Ogallala Aquifer, a main source of water for the middle of the country.

Beyond the environmental impact, "we're talking about monetary damages in the many trillions of dollars. The impact could be enormous," Robichaud said. While Taylor disagreed that a leak would shut in all oil and gas production, he said most production would be affected.

"I have nothing against nuclear power," he said, noting that 20 percent of the nation's electricity comes from nuclear power plants. "Nuclear power has its pluses and its minuses, and a minus is high-level waste." And there is no solution to safely disposing of the waste, even as more and more is produced each year, he said.

The applications are for interim storage sites, which Taylor said is between 40 and 100 years.

"What we're worried about is, it could be stored here permanently," he said. "The government has been

looking for a permanent site for 40 years and hasn't found one yet. This waste could be for our lifetime, our children's lifetimes, maybe even our grandchildren's lifetimes."

Fasken Oil and Ranch owns 10 percent of the land in Andrews County, which explains its interest in the Andrews County site. But Taylor said there is also concern for Midland-Odessa, because a trainload of the waste would come through Midland each week for the next 24 years, heading for the Orano-Waste Control Specialists site in Andrews County.

"We've had a lot of train wrecks," Taylor said, among them a two-train collision in Monahans in April. He told the audience that officials overseeing nuclear-waste disposal estimate one train wreck per 10,000 trips. A leak would impact a 50-mile radius, he said.

"The risk is small, but the consequences are humongous," Taylor said.

He also cited the explosion of several drums of low-level radiation stored at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in Eunice, New Mexico, that took three years and several billion dollars to clean up.

He said a representative of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was asked what would happen if a cask was found on the street. He said the representative replied that it would be checked with a Geiger counter, "and if it's leaking, we'll send it back."

"That 'is as far as they've thought,'" Taylor said. "I'm a drilling guy. Something happens every day. We're dealing with people; we're dealing with mechanical things. Things will happen. It took WIPP a month to discover a truckload of waste hadn't arrived. That load was found on a ranch in North Texas. It's human nature. We need to plan for the next step. We need to plan for the next five steps. This is a poorly thought-out plan."

Even though county commissioners in Andrews County and in Eddy and Lea counties wrote the government saying they welcomed the sites, Taylor said most residents in Andrews, Hobbs and Carlsbad are unaware of the plans or their potential impact on the health and environment of their towns.

"Hopefully, when we're done, everyone will know about it," said Taylor.

OIL

Shell Oil executive: Collaboration will help Permian prosper in next 100 years

By Mella McEwen
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A century ago, independents began carving the path that has made the Permian Basin one of the most important oil-producing basins in the country and the world.

Gretchen Watkins, executive vice president, upstream unconventional and incoming president and country chair of Shell Oil, told the audience at the Executive Oil Conference that independents led the way in developing the Permian's resources and competing for land, and as a result, understanding the region's complex terrain.

Now, as multinational majors such as Shell, ExxonMobil through its XTO Energy unit, and Chevron expand their presence in the Permian, "in the next 100 years, collaboration will make us prosper," she said.

Watkins said companies will gain more through collaboration than if they did it alone. She cited collaborative efforts that could improve the area's roads; clean, treat and recycle water to ensure there is access to water; and develop best practices to reduce or eliminate methane emissions.

"If we work together, independents and majors can maximize operations and create healthy market conditions," she said.

The majors can offer scale, integration and technology, are able to harness the supply chain, conduct

research and development and offer global scale, she said.

Since Shell began operating in the Permian in 2013, after acquiring assets from Chesapeake energy, it has grown production from 25,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day to 120,000 boe per day with a goal of increasing that to 200,000 boe per day by 2020 with 25 percent year-over-year growth, according to Watkins. Shell has 1,300 operated and non-operated wells across 500,000 acres.

Shell will spend \$2 billion to \$3 billion per year in shales across North America and Argentina, and its focus on tight oil will include the Permian Basin.

Watkins said her company sees shales as a complement to its other businesses, such as deepwater operations, offering a revenue stream to support those other operations.

Coming back to her theme of collaboration, Watkins said Shell intends to be more than a financial partner; it intends to be a community partner, helping address significant issues impacting their communities.

"Safety is an urgent issue," she said, telling her audience there is a traffic fatality in the Permian Basin every 29 hours.

"That is unacceptable, and it has to change. It must change," she said.

Three years ago, Shell helped launch the Permian Road Safety Coalition, which now has more than 1,400 participants.

"We've engaged with Texas Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety, other non-government organizations and other leaders. Our efforts are already bearing fruit as TxDOT is making improvements in the most dangerous roads," she said.

Other efforts include reducing road traffic through technology such as drones to perform wellsite inspections remotely and keep Shell personnel from driving 5,000 miles per year per well, she said. Also, the company has proposed regulations that ensure only qualified people receive commercial drivers' licenses.

"We have 600 employees and contractors here. This is not just a place where we work; it's the place where we live. Safety is personal," Watkins said. "The environment is also a focus. Shell has pledged to maintain methane emissions below 0.2 percent by 2025. She also said the company is partnering with gas gathering companies to upgrade their systems in an effort to reduce flaring and is looking at alternative energy sources to power its well sites."

"Our success in bringing down costs is due to our scale, also innovation and integration of technology," Watkins said. "In the future, I see more joint partnerships and collaboration that can bring higher standards of safety, environmental protection, technology and innovation."

"Let's move toward more collaboration. In the next 100 years, let's build a basin that's safer, more stable and more prosperous than ever before."



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The Midland Wildcat Committee honored ProPetro Services on Tuesday at the Petroleum Club. ProPetro honorees from right to left: Dale Redman, CEO, Jeff Smith, CFO, David Sledge, COO, Spencer Armour, Beau Tenney, Oscar M. Dominguez, Sam Sledge, J. Oscar Dominguez, Mark Howell, Adam Munoz, Jordan Froesch, Shelby Fietz and Ian Denholm.

VETERANS

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Veterans and spouses participating in the Hunt for Heroes program were given a welcoming ceremony Wednesday at Midland International Air and Space Port.

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



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Hunt for Heroes honorees tour the Chris Kyle Memorial on Thursday morning as they make stops at war memorials around the Midland and Odessa area.



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Chase Stell (22) intercepts a throw from the El Paso Coronado quarterback Friday night at Ratliff Stadium. More photos online at mrt.com/191news.

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MOJO DEFEATS THE THUNDERBIRDS



Christian Tschauer (5) runs the ball down the field after catching an interception Friday night.



Keatyn Armstrong (21) and Raakeeb Adeyemi (29) tackle an El Paso Coronado player Friday night.



Justin Hammond (4) runs the ball Friday night.



Matt Jones (18) pushes an El Paso Coronado player out of bounds Friday night.

Panthers to play Arlington Lamar in area round

ODESSA — Permian and Arlington Lamar will meet in a Class 6A Division I area round game next week as both squads had no problems in their respective games Friday night.

Permian blistered El Paso Coronado, 42-0, Friday night in a bi-district contest at Ratliff Stadium. This game was over early as Permian, 8-3, ran out to a 35-0 lead in the first half. Justin Hammond was involved in three first-half scores — one running, one passing and one receiving. Ed

Williams scored the first touchdown of the game — an 8-yarder. Quarterback Peyton Powell added a pair of TD tosses in the first half — one to Hammond (18 yards) and another to Kaden Horrell (8 yards). Hammond's touchdown toss went to Tyler Ramage (24 yards).

The Panthers added a score in the second half.

During the first half, Permian outgained Coronado, 279-61. For the game, the Panthers racked up 397

yards and held Coronado to 100. The Thunderbirds end the season at 8-3.

Lamar dominated San Angelo Central in its bi-district contest 55-14. The Vikings also raced out to an early lead, thumping the Bobcats 41-7 in the first half. Central finishes the season at 7-4.

In other action from District 2-6A teams, Lee thumped El Paso Americas, 70-12, and Amarillo Tascosa had no problems with El Paso Pebble Hills, 57-35.



Justin Hammond (4) runs the ball during Permian's 42-0 win over El Paso Coronado.



Chase Stell (22) tackles an El Paso Coronado player Friday night.



TCU quarterback Michael Collins (10) is nearly sacked by West Virginia defensive lineman Kenny Bigelow Jr. (40) Nov. 10 during the first half in Morgantown, W. Va.

Baylor focused on bowl for its seniors, not keeping TCU out

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Baylor coach Matt Rhule is more interested in what his team and the seniors who stuck around can accomplish, and not what the Bears could do to Big 12 rival TCU in the process.

The Bears (5-5, 3-4 Big 12) can get bowl eligible with a win today in the home finale for 10 fifth-year seniors who remained through a sexual assault scandal that rocked the school more than two years ago, and led to only one win in Rhule's debut last season. They host the Horned Frogs (4-6, 2-5), who have to win their last two games to get to a bowl.

"Probably no group of seniors has ever been through more than they've been through," Rhule said. "My whole focus with our team this week is going to be about sending the seniors out on senior day the right way, and really send them out with the best home record. ... This is a special group to me, and I'd love to have a chance to play one more game with them."

Baylor will honor 20 seniors overall before the game. That includes the fifth-year guys and three players who came into the program from other schools as graduate transfers.

Receiver Chris Platt, nose tackle Ira Lewis and the other fifth-year seniors arrived in Waco at the peak of the program's on-field success — after the Bears' first Big 12 championship in 2013, and then a share of the title in 2014 in their first season on campus. Eight of the fifth-year seniors already

have degrees and could have gone elsewhere this season as graduate transfers. They have been part of two bowl wins, during a 10-win 2015 season and the Cactus Bowl in 2016 that capped a 7-6 record under interim coach Jim Grobe in the immediate wake of the scandal.

TCU played in the Big 12 title game last year after ending that regular season by beating the Bears for the third year in a row. Now the Frogs have to win out — at Baylor and their home finale against Oklahoma State — or miss a bowl for only the third time in coach Gary Patterson's 18 seasons as head coach.

"It is a must-win game because we do want to win a bowl game," tight end Cole Novak said. "That is the end game, and we're going to do everything we can in order to make that happen."

But the injury-plagued Frogs, with 36 players missing much or all of the season, are coming off their most lopsided loss under Patterson — 47-10 at No. 7 West Virginia last week. The only times they missed bowls under Patterson were 2004 and 2013, but rebounded with at least 10 wins the following season.

"You want to have some urgency about doing it, but I don't think you're panicking. If you're not careful, you cause a lot more problems that way," Patterson said. "When you're struggling, what you need to do is worry about you. You don't worry about your opponent."

Some other things to know about the 113-game series that dates back to 1899, and is the most-played for both schools:

Frogs on the river bank
TCU has played twice in Baylor's

campus stadium on the banks of the Brazos River. There was that epic 2014 game when Baylor scored 24 points in the final 11 minutes for a 61-58 win that eventually left the Bears and Frogs as Big 12 co-champions — and both out of the initial four-team College Football Playoff. TCU won 62-22 there in 2016 and has a 54-52-7 series lead.

First-half suspension

Baylor DE Greg Roberts will miss the first half after he was ejected from the second half of last week's loss at Iowa State for reaching over an official to throw a punch at running back David Montgomery. Bears starting quarterback Charlie Brewer won't have to serve any further penalty after his automatic ejection. He got his second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the fourth quarter for saying something to an official — every player had been assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty after the earlier melee.

Different feel

"Well, I think both of us, probably the rivalry's a little bit downplayed," Patterson said. "It's a lot easier to do that when both teams are winning a lot, and this season both of us we're sitting around .500, so it's a bit more numb."

Reclaiming the bears home

Baylor went into this season with an eight-game home losing streak. The Bears are 4-1 this year at McLane Stadium, and a win over TCU would give them their best home record since 6-0 in the stadium's inaugural season in 2014.

Purdy leading Iowa State into key Big 12 game with Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Ask Texas about Iowa State's young quarterback Brock Purdy and the answers, from head coach to players, come quick.

"He's undefeated," Longhorns coach Tom Herman said.

"He's mobile. He can throw," defensive end Charles Omenihu said.

"He's 5-0."

Purdy sure has been pretty running the No. 18 Cyclones offense since taking it over mid-season. The Cyclones (6-3, 5-2, No. 16 CFP) are tied for second in the Big 12 with a critical matchup at No. 13 Texas (7-3, 5-2, No. 15 CFP) tonight that both teams need to win if they hope to slide into the league championship game.

Iowa State had to dig out of an early 1-3 hole to get into the Big 12 title chase and set up arguably the program's biggest November game since the early 2000s. Purdy has led the way.

Playing in front of 100,000 at Texas would seem unlikely to faze a young quarterback who has already out-gunned West Virginia's Will Grier at home and won at rowdy Oklahoma State when coach Matt Campbell gave the offense to a quarterback who had just two snaps of experience.

"He's got a ton of moxie," Herman said. "It doesn't matter the opponent, the atmosphere, the stadium. He's got that 'it' factor."

Win tonight and the Cyclones still need help to get to the conference championship game. But they'd be in the conversation in late November, a rarity in Ames, Iowa, and something that looked out of reach after the bad start.

"Everything was at stake when we were 1-3, and it's been that way every single week since then," Campbell said. "It's just a whole different type of adversity now. It's the adversity of success, which is sometimes a lot harder to deal with."

The Longhorns are fighting for their own title chances. Texas was in first place in the Big 12 less than a month ago before two straight losses. Quarterback Sam Ehlinger and the Longhorns turned that around with a last-minute win at Texas Tech last week.

The contest tonight will be the final home game for a Texas senior class that hasn't won a Big 12 title or more than seven games in a season since they arrived on campus. Texas has lost its final home game each of the last four seasons.

"I owe everything to these seniors," said Texas sophomore quarterback Sam Ehlinger. "They have been through so much in this program."

Some things to watch for when Iowa State and Texas play tonight.

PASS PROTECTION: Ehlinger was sacked a season-high five times last week against Texas Tech as a line that's been solid all season struggled with blitz protection. Purdy, while mobile, won't have junior running back David Montgomery for the first half either as a relief valve or in pass protection. Montgomery has to sit out because he swung a punch at a Baylor player last week.

MINUS MONTGOMERY: Campbell didn't appeal to the Big 12 to let Montgomery play in the first half and will likely turn to a committee of players to replace him. Kene Nwangwu, Johnnie Lang and Sheldon Croney average just 3.1 yards per carry in 69 attempts this year. Lang scored last week against Baylor after Montgomery was ejected.

BIG PLAYER RECEIVERS: Both teams have big receivers who make big plays. Iowa State's Hakeem Butler is 6-foot-5 and leads the nation with 22.7 yards a catch and has eight grabs of 40 yards or longer. Texas has twin towers on the outside in 6-5 Lil'Jordan Humphrey and 6-6 Colin Johnson. Humphrey and Johnson have combined for 113 catches and 1,622 yards with 12 touchdowns.

ACHING SECONDARY: The Texas secondary has been shredded in recent weeks by the Big 12's best offenses. Injuries have played a role. Freshman safety Caden Sterns was in concussion protocol part of the week. The Longhorns are hoping safety Brandon Jones can return after two weeks out with an ankle injury.

WHERE TO WATCH: The late-season matchup between ranked teams with Big 12 title implications can only be found on the Longhorn Network, the network partnership between Texas and ESPN. For Iowa State fans in particular, that will mean searching for LHN on area cable and national satellite providers or streaming services. The broadcast contract between the networks and the Big 12 allow Texas to have one league game on LHN per season. Both schools must agree, and Texas athletic director Chris Del Conte said he and Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard decided during the summer to have the game on LHN.

UAB brings 8-game winning streak to game against Texas A&M

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION

— Normally a break from Southeastern Conference play with a game against a Conference USA team might be seen as a nice breather for Texas A&M before the Aggies wrap up the regular season by hosting No. 10 LSU on Nov. 24.

However, today's game against UAB (9-1) doesn't fall into that category. The Blazers have won a school-record eight straight games and clinched their first C-USA West Division title with an overtime win against Southern Miss last week.

Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher knows the Aggies can't take this game lightly because of the resurgence of UAB, which shut down its football program for six months after the 2014 season for financial reasons.

"This is a great football team," he said. "They can flat-out play."

UAB coach Bill Clark took a little time to appreciate the accomplishment his team made in winning the division title, but soon shifted his focus to the Aggies.

"It really is that sweet. It really is that good," he said. "Of course, it doesn't slow us

down from how hard we're going to work. We know what is in front of us."

UAB linebacker Fitzgerald Mofor agreed with his coach and shared the team's mindset after winning eight games in a row.

"There's never a feeling that we are complacent or that we have arrived," he said. "There's never that feeling because we still have three games left. The plan is always to win as many games as we can. We never feel like we've arrived."

The Aggies (6-4) scored their most points in conference play this season in a 38-24 win over Mississippi last week to snap a two-game skid. Trayveon Williams ran for 228 yards and Kellen Mond threw for three touchdowns and ran for a fourth to lead Texas A&M.

Now A&M will face a UAB defense that ranks in the top five in the nation in several defense categories. The Blazers lead the country with a school-record 38 sacks, rank third in total defense (260.7 yards a game) and fourth in both scoring defense (13.2 points) and yards passing allowed (153.8).

"When you take all the things together on defense they may be the best defense

in the country," Fisher said. "They're coming in here with a very, very good defensive football team."

Some things to know about UAB's visit to Texas A&M.

Nearly ranked

UAB keeps inching closer to a ranking in the AP poll. The Blazers haven't been ranked since debuting at No. 24 in the initial BCS rankings on Oct. 16, 2004.

Running wild

Williams has a career-high 1,159 yards rushing which leads the SEC. Williams, who is second in the SEC with 11 rushing touchdowns, had his second 200-yard rushing game this season last week and has accumulated 3,014 yards rushing in three seasons with the Aggies. Fisher shared what he believes makes Williams special. "His competitive nature. His ability to want to lead and be great," Fisher said. "I think he has a drive inside of him. You can see it when he runs."

UAB quarterbacks

It's unclear who will start at quarterback for UAB today. Redshirt freshman Tyler Johnston has started the past two games and topped 200

passing yards in both. A.J. Erdely has been out with a shoulder injury sustained against UTEP. He's 15-6 as the Blazers' starter.

Series history

Today will be just the second meeting between these teams. Texas A&M won the first 56-19 on Sept. 26, 2009.

Sack attack

The Blazers have many players who have contributed to the pass rush. Jamell Garcia-Williams leads with 7 1/2 sacks and Tre Crawford has six on a team where 16 players have at least one sack this season. UAB has a knack for tackles behind the line of scrimmage and the Blazers are fifth in the country with 85 tackles for losses this season. Garcia-Williams and Chris Woolbright are tied for first on the team with 11 1/2. Crawford has 8 1/2 and Mofor has seven.

Ausbon's return

Texas A&M sophomore receiver Jhamon Ausbon had a strong game in his return from a four-game absence because a foot injury last week. Ausbon had five receptions for 66 yards to give him 20 receptions for 287 yards this season.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

TCU (4-6) at Baylor (5-5), 11 a.m.
Alabama St. (3-6) at Prairie View (3-6), 1 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas (5-5) at Abilene Christian (6-4), 2 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe (6-4) at Arkansas St. (6-4), 2 p.m.
Sam Houston St. (5-5) at Houston Baptist (1-9), 2 p.m.
West Virginia (8-1) at Oklahoma St. (5-5), 2:30 p.m.
UAB (9-1) at Texas A&M (6-4), 6 p.m.
Kansas (3-7) at Oklahoma (9-1), 6:30 p.m.
Iowa St. (6-3) at Texas (7-3), 7 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff (1-9) at Texas Southern (2-7), 7:30 p.m.

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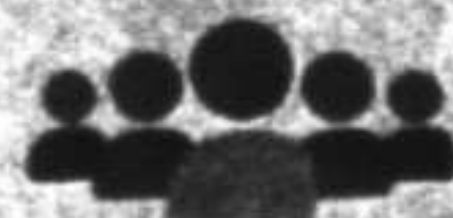
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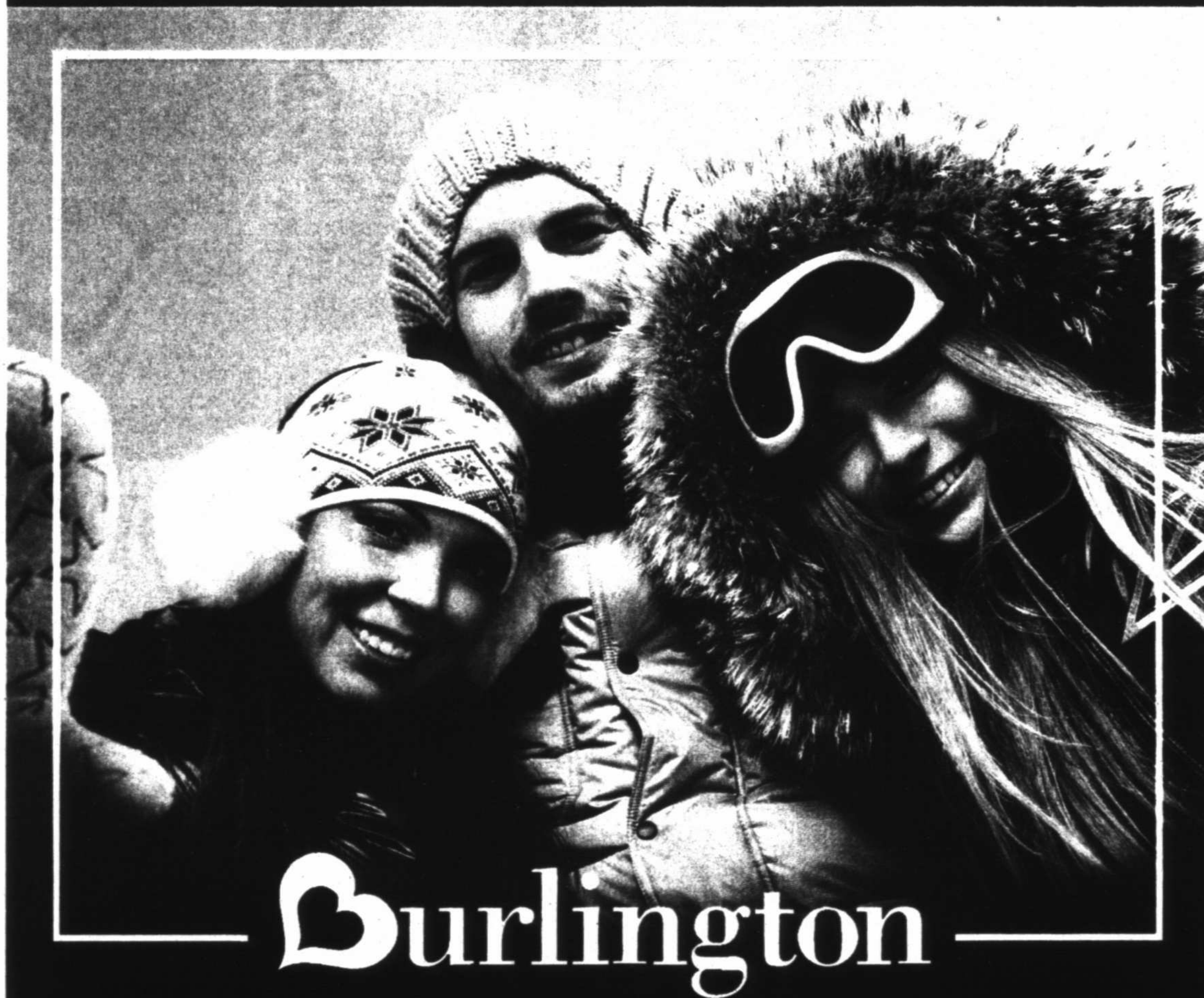
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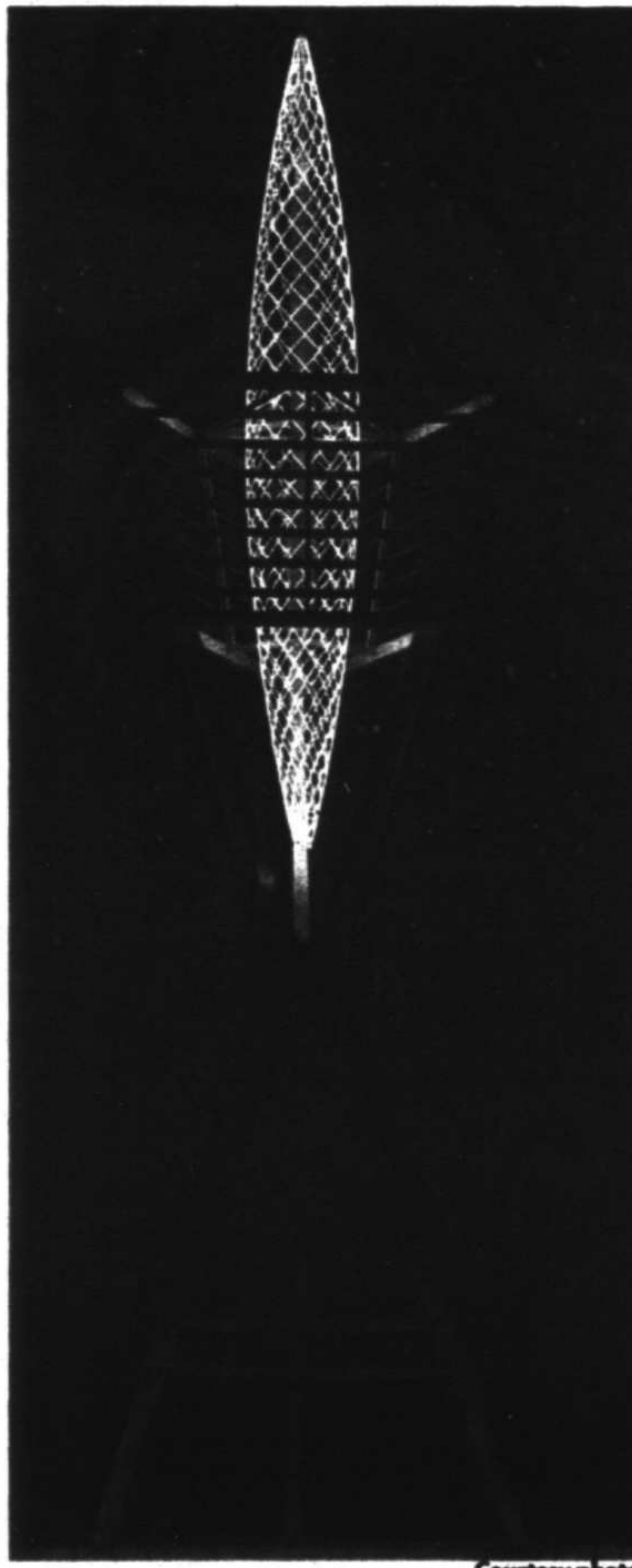
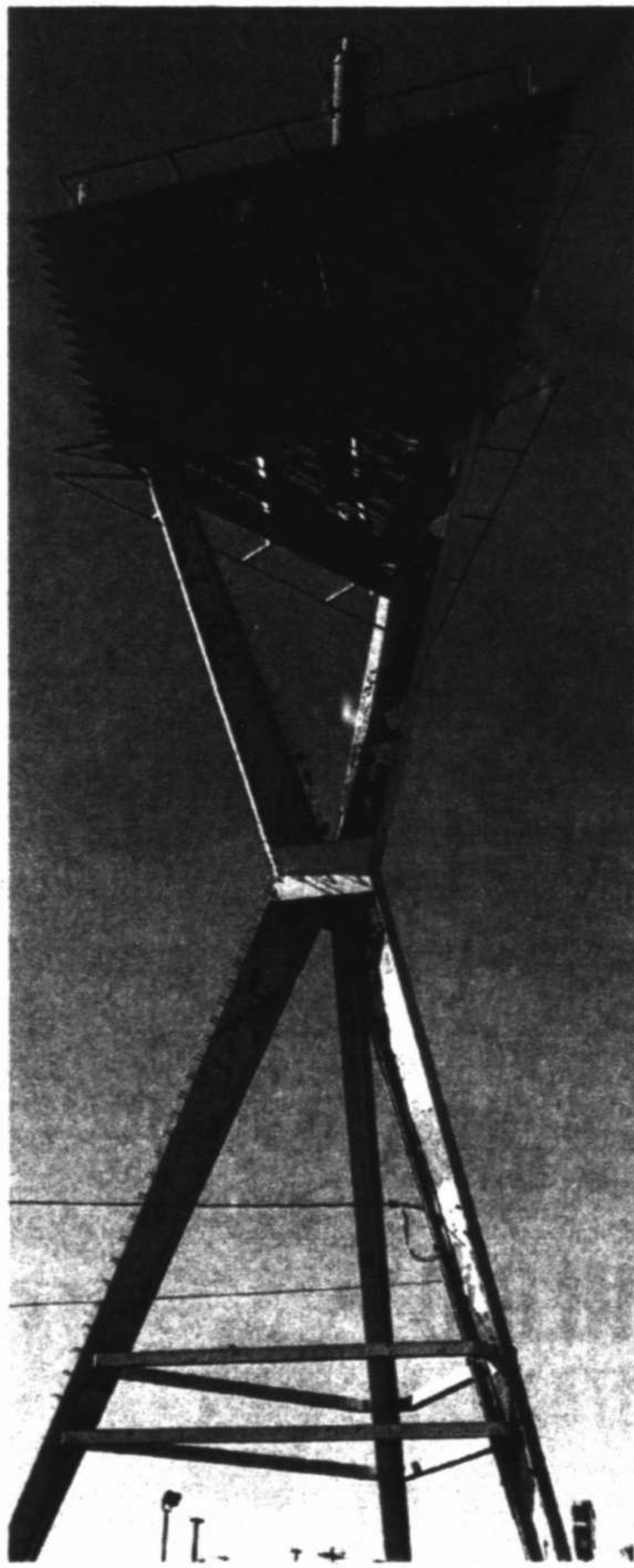
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PUBLIC ART



Courtesy photo

Left: The current state of Cloth World sign. Right: Artist rendering of what Cloth World sign will look like once redone.

Public art gets boost from local donors

From staff reports

The Odessa Arts will receive a donation of \$100,000 to refurbish the Cloth World sign. Toby and Sondra Eoff announced their intention to donate during the Marriott Hotel room reveal in downtown Odessa on Wednesday evening, according to the press release from Odessa Arts.

"We are so fortunate to have community members like Toby and Sondra," Odessa Arts Executive Director Randy Ham said in the release. "This project has been a focal point for the Public Art Master Plan for over a year. With this added donation, we are now halfway toward our goal of \$300,000 for structural repairs and enhancements and ongoing maintenance for the project."

Philadelphia artist Ray King was selected in 2017 from more than 90 applicants for the \$100,000 art installation that is being referred to as the Gateway to Downtown Odessa. Funds for the art piece were



Courtesy photo

An announcement about the Cloth World sign was made Wednesday evening.

allocated to Odessa Arts through the Hotel Occupancy Tax by the Odessa City Council as part of the Public Art Master Plan for Odessa, according to the release.

"The hotel and conference center are just the

catalyst for a reinvestment in downtown," Toby Eoff said. "It's also about the quality of life for our community. Sondra and I understand that a thriving cultural community is a key component to attracting businesses and families to

Odessa."

Work on the restoration of the Cloth World sign is scheduled to begin in early 2019 with completion of the project targeted for the summer of 2019. To donate to the project visit odessaarts.org.

ACTIVITIES

Heat Index: Texas and international films highlight third West Texas Film Fest

By Rich Lopez
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The third annual West Texas Film Festival

Ending today, more than 40 films will be shown at the West Texas Film Festival. Entries range from shorts to full-length features. The festival celebrates diverse voices in films from Texas filmmakers on its opening day to foreign-language selections and student productions. Along with films and lectures, the festival will grant awards for documentary, feature, short, student film, screenplay and a new award for television pilot. This is the final ArtPocalypse event for Cultural Passport stamps.

All films screened in the Jack Rodgers Auditorium at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. \$10 daily. Wtxfilmfest.org.

Big Bend Brewing Co. sixth anniversary party in Alpine

Celebrate with Big Bend Brewing Co.'s loyal fans in West Texas on today for its sixth anniversary party. The party will feature the rare beer tappings Barrel-aged Marfa, Charles Prince of Whales, Antifragile, Ghost Park and Pink Mist. Bites will be on hand to accompany the hops, and the Brice Daniels Band will supply the music.

1-8 p.m. at the Taproom, 3401 W. Highway 90, Alpine. bigbendbrewing.com

Charley Pride at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Legendary singer Charley Pride headlines the Wagner Noel stage. He's had all the accolades that come with country music, including named to the Country Music Hall of Fame and a member of the Grand Ole Opry. With more than five decades under his belt, he hasn't stopped. His first album, "Country," was released in 1966. His latest album, "Music in My Heart" was released in 2017.

7 p.m. Sunday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$54-\$89. wagner-noel.com.

THINGS TO DO

Through Jan. 16
OPENING: "A Legacy of Leadership: Winston Churchill," 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Today

■ **Texas Recycles**
Day will take electronics, tires, recyclable items, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Chaparral Center parking lot at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. keepmidland-beautiful.org.

■ **Sensory-friendly Screening:** "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch," 9:30 a.m., Cinergy Midland, 1917 Liberty Drive.

■ **West Texas Film Festival** at the Jack Rodgers Auditorium at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. \$10 daily, \$25 pass. wtxfilmfest.org.

■ **Big Bend Brewing Co.** sixth anniversary party with music by Brice Daniels Band, 1-8 p.m., the Taproom, 3401 W. Highway 90, Alpine.

■ **Saturday Movie:** "Freebirds," 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ **Kutless, Disciple, Manic Drive,** 6-9 p.m., The Seed Church, 4201 W. Illinois Ave., Midland Free. the-seedoutreach.com.

■ **Tobymac, Diverse City,** 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$23-\$102.50. wagner-noel.com.

■ **Family-friendly Stand Up Comedy Night with Willy Olguin,** 7:30-9:30 p.m., The Hive Comics, 3615 N. Dixie Blvd. \$5.

Today and Sunday

■ **"Elf,"** 7:30 p.m. today, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.

■ **"The Savannah Sipping Society"** by the Maverick Players, 7:30 p.m. today, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane. \$10-\$15. maverickplayers.com.

Sunday

■ **Friendsgiving Feast with Young Professionals of Midland,** noon-4 p.m., Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80 E. \$10. ypmidland.org.

■ **MOSC Chamber Series:** "Thieves and Scoundrels" with the West Texas Winds, 3 p.m., Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$15. MOSC.org.

■ **Charley Pride,** 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$54-\$89. wagner-noel.com.

Monday

■ **Ghost,** 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$34.50.

\$75. VIP packages \$199-\$225. wagner-noel.com.

Thursday

■ **Bronco, Conjunto Primavera, Los Vendavales,** 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. \$45. haciendamidland.com.

Friday through Dec. 16

■ **Parks Legado Christmas Tree Market** at Parks Legado Town Center, 7260 E. Highway 191.

Friday

■ **Mike Ryan,** 8 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700N. Golder Ave. \$10 advance, \$15 door. dosamigos.com.

■ **Chris Janson,** 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12600 State Highway 191. \$30-\$80. haciendamidland.com.

Coming soon

■ **Celtic Thunder X,** 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$34.50-\$75. VIP packages \$199-\$225. wagner-noel.com.

■ **A Magical Cirque Christmas,** 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$47-\$90. broadwayinthebasin.com.

■ **West Texas North Pole Village** will feature Santa's House, reindeer barn, Santa's workshop, the North Pole Post Office, hayrides, live music and more, Nov. 30-Dec. 23, Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway. \$20. wtxnorthpolevillage.com.

■ **KLOVE Christmas Tour with Big Daddy Weave, Kim Walker Smith, Brandon Heath, Sarah Reeves, Becca Bradley, Jonathan Chu,** 7 p.m. Nov. 30, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$29-\$78. wagner-noel.com.

■ **Rocking Around the Christmas Tree** with Darcy Lynne and Friends, 8 p.m. Dec. 1, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$29.75-\$49.50. wagner-noel.com.

■ **George Lopez,** 8 p.m. Dec. 2, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$57.50-\$67.50. wagner-noel.com.

■ **Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers:** Country and Christmas, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$50-\$60. wagner-noel.com.

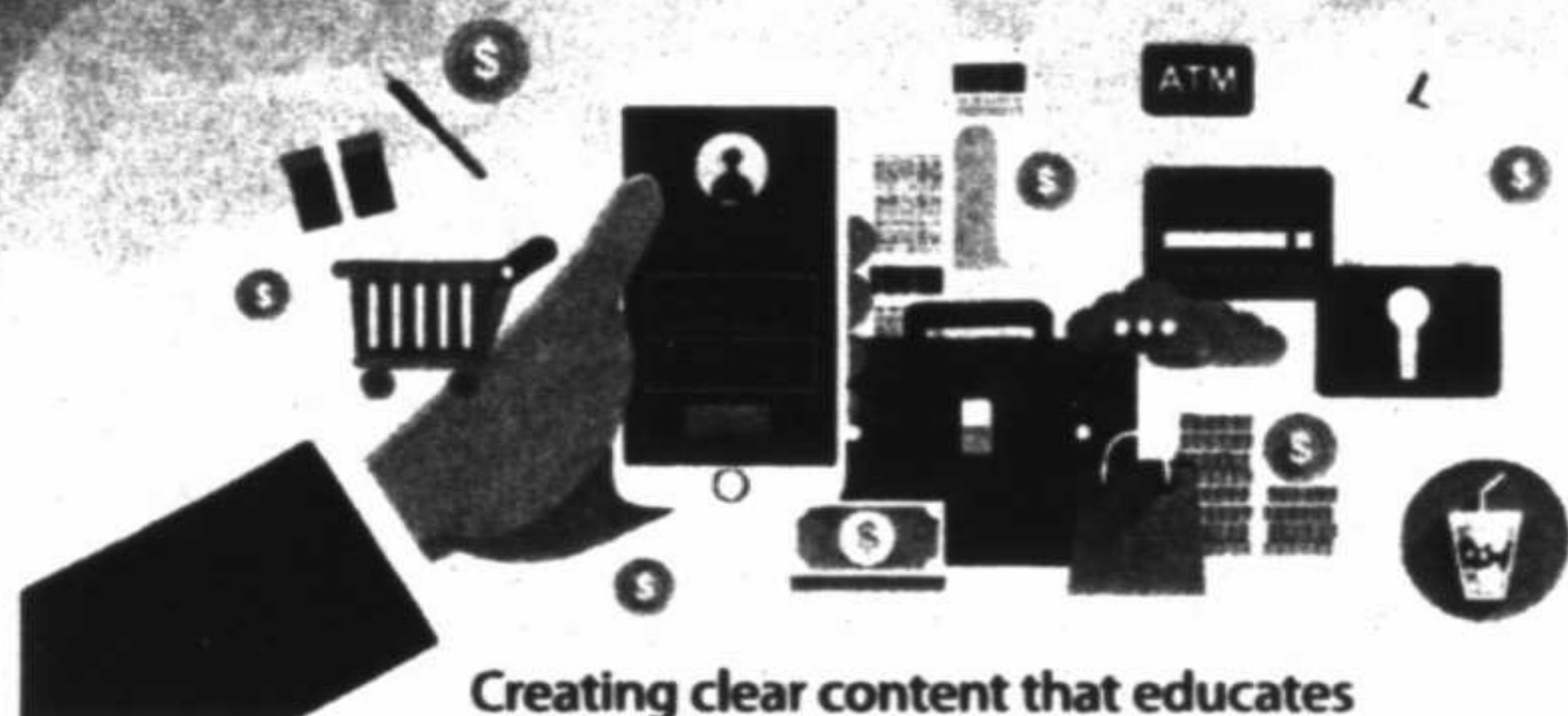
■ **MOSC Pops:** "Sounds of the Season," 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.



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