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FBI agent emphasizes seriousness of hoax threats

■ Agency's Hoax Threat Campaign addresses consequences related to threats

By Simone Jasper
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As technology puts the ability to spread messages at people's fingertips, the FBI wants everyone to think before posting content. The agency is refreshing its Hoax Threat Campaign, which addresses consequences

related to threats issued online or elsewhere.

Emmerson Buie, Jr., special agent in charge of the FBI El Paso Division, said Tuesday threats happen nationwide. He said local law enforcement agencies can notify the FBI when situations arise.

"I'm not going to say it's been any more of an issue in the Permian Basin than any place else, but we have had incidents that we've responded to," Buie told local media outlets during a roundtable

discussion at the FBI Midland office.

The agency-wide Hoax Threat Campaign was launched in May to educate the public about the consequences of issuing threats to schools and other locations. Buie said legal risks are associated with sharing certain remarks.

"I think it's important particularly for our young people so that they don't make a mistake early and then have to carry the weight and the burden of having possibly a criminal record for making a

mistake in their youth," he said.

Those who issue hoax threats face up to five years in prison if convicted by federal prosecutors, according to Buie. He said the sentence can rise to a maximum of 20 years if the threat causes an injury, and it can reach life imprisonment if someone dies.

In addition to the legal possibilities, a Hoax Threat Campaign's webpage points out impacts for communities.

"The bureau and its law enforcement partners take each

threat seriously," David Bowdich, FBI deputy director, said in a statement on the webpage. "We investigate and fully analyze each threat to determine its credibility. Hoax threats disrupt school, waste limited law enforcement resources and put first responders in unnecessary danger."

Locally, Buie said he would like to see more community participation in the face of hoax threats as well as increased

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PASSING THE TORCH



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Chamber of Commerce outgoing chairman Susan Spratten passes the gavel to incoming board chair, Robert Rendell, after installing the new and returning board members on Tuesday at the chamber's annual meeting. Spratten discussed how low tax rates impacts Midland's quality of place. More on this discussion can be read on Page 2A.

Pioneer buys into Lamesa sand mine

■ Dove: Agreement with U.S. Silica will provide sand at about half the cost

San Antonio Express-News

Pioneer Natural Resources has bought into a local sand mine in order to cut its costs.

The Irving-based company said last week that it signed an agreement with U.S. Silica Holdings, Inc. to buy a 15-year interest in U.S. Silica's Lamesa sand mine.

Pioneer's president and CEO, Timothy Dove, said the agreement will provide sand at around half the cost of the imported sand the oil driller currently uses.

The mine is located approximately 60 miles north of Midland and is expected to produce 6 million tons a year of sand for use in hydraulic fracturing.

Pioneer Natural Resources holds

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Permian

Permian to post the biggest oil production gains of any U.S. shale field in upcoming month.

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It's time to end tax abatements for renewables

By Bill Peacock
Texas Public Policy Foundation

■ COMMENTARY

Midland has become the epicenter of oil and gas production in the world.

Texas is on the verge of passing Iran and Iraq in oil production and is pushing the U.S. toward surpassing Saudi Arabia as the world's No. 2 producer. Much of this is driven by new production in the Permian Basin, with Midland sitting smack dab in the middle of it all.

It's odd, then, that in the midst of was of the largest boosts to energy production in human history that Texas is spending

If you go

What: Texas Public Policy Foundation meeting on ending renewable energy subsidies

When: 5:30-7 p.m. today
Where: ClayCoats Center (adium), 6 Davis Drive

billions of dollars of taxpayer and ratepayer money to subsidize the expensive and inefficient generation of electricity using renewable energy.

But that is what we are doing.

The subsidies come in many flavors. One of the most expensive has been the building of the "CREZ" transmission lines that crisscross West and Central Texas, including Midland County. These were built at a cost of more than \$7 billion for the sole purpose of providing transmission for wind and solar generation.

One of the major challenges with renewable energy is that the best places for generating it are the places relatively few people live. Wind and solar generation is generally best suited for West Texas and the Texas

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The big number

Bob Woodward's 'Fear' has sold 1.1 million copies in a single week. The book focuses on the Trump administration. See Page 4A.

Word of the Day:

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Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Midland Chamber of Commerce outgoing chairman Susan Spratlen speaks on Tuesday at the chamber's annual meeting.

Chamber: Comprehensive plan needed for Midland

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland Chamber of Commerce should lead the way as the community deals with the challenges ahead, according to the outgoing chairman.

Susan Spratlen told those at the Chamber's annual meeting that a comprehensive plan is required to make sure all governmental entities — and the community as a whole — are on the same page and that a Chamber initiative known as Midland First is a good place to create that plan.

Tuesday was a celebratory day for the Midland Chamber of Commerce. Volunteers were honored and new leaders sworn in. Even at the end of the meeting, Spratlen handed over the gavel to incoming Chair Robert Rendall. The event at the Horseshoe Pavilion provided much that we come to expect from the annual gathering of business leaders.

Spratlen, a vice president at Pioneer Natural Resources, set the table for the coming year and the expectations of those who see considerable challenges because of growth. She said there had been some successes in the past year when it came to dealing with the sustainable growth, including the passage of a \$100 million road bond and the county's \$10 million-plus in assistance to other government entities and nonprofits.

Then, she told those in attendance that solutions will have to transcend the taxing authorities' ability to execute and that the community must think more broadly than it has in the past. She said a recent study paid for by a consortium of energy companies showed Midland was suffering from "chronic underinvestment," much like a home not updated for a period of 25 years. She said Midland's "hunkered down mentality" was behind those decisions when

2018-19 Chamber Board of Directors

Executive committee: Robert Rendall, chair; Bobby Burns, president/CEO; Greg Germani, chair-elect; Susan Spratlen, immediate past chair; Scooter Brown, Abraham Gutierrez, Taylor Mayne, Chad McAllister, Laura Roman, Luis Sanchez, Jeff Shebren; Larry Sims; Kate Williamson, Dianne Wright.

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it came to tax increases at the ballot boxes and on respective councils and boards across the community. She said taxing entities need to sit down together — and not behind closed doors — and do what's best for Midland.

"Every Midlander deserves to be heard," Spratlen said.

She said Midlanders deserve a frank discussion about its low tax rates and the impact of those rates on Midland's quality of place. Infrastructure was "in the red," and the challenges at Midland ISD, Midland Memorial Hospital and elsewhere within the city require a discussion about sales tax collections and the amount entities collect through property taxes, Spratlen said.

"That is the reality, in my opinion," Spratlen said. "Our quality of place is dependent on property taxes."

She added that the shale revolution will not bring in funds from the state or outside the community to make the impact needed and that community members will come forward

once they see a comprehensive plan that addresses the important matters. She said this wasn't a call for a vision or more talk — it's something that allows Midlanders to feel like they are rolling up their sleeves and getting to work.

"Such a plan is needed to understand investments," Spratlen said. "Expanding Midland First might be a good place to start to create a comprehensive plan for Midland."

Chamber awards that were presented during the annual meeting Tuesday:

■ **M Squad Scott Seator Rookie of the year**
Ruth De La Rosa

■ **Jack Moore Excellence Award**
Dwayne Barnett

■ **Ambassador of the Year**
George McAlpine

■ **Chamber Volunteer of the Year**
Gabe McLelland

STATE & REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA Woman charged with burglary, aggravated assault

An Odessa woman was arrested Saturday after allegedly entering a residence and assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Marisela Villa Diaz, 32, was being held Tuesday on \$50,000 bonds for second-degree felony charges of burglary of a habitation and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Midland police officer was dispatched to a residence at about 7:15 a.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance.

A man was awakened by Diaz outside his bedroom window, and he told her to leave the property, according to her arrest affidavit. Diaz allegedly punched out that window and went toward the residence's front door, which the man heard open and close.

Diaz grabbed and squeezed the man, causing him pain, according to the affidavit. A woman came to the man's defense before Diaz grabbed a piece of broken ceramic and stabbed the woman's foot with it, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a second-degree felony charge, Diaz could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

HOUSTON Constable: Children, 12 and 11, suspects in crimes

HOUSTON — Authorities say 12- and 11-year-old children arrested over the weekend in Houston are part of a group of juveniles responsible for a series of robberies, carjackings and

other crimes.

Harris County Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap said in a statement Tuesday that a 14-year-old was arrested a day earlier and that the investigation may yield additional arrests.

Heap says the three children were arrested for their involvement in an attack Sept. 9 on a 76-year-old man who was out for an evening walk. He says the man was beaten with his walking cane by suspects who demanded money at gunpoint before running away.

Authorities are not releasing the names of the suspects because they're juveniles.

Heap says the children may be connected to more than two-dozen crimes reported since May.

NEW MEXICO Consumer group fights New Mexico nuclear waste project

ROSWELL — A national consumer advocacy group is joining the fight against a proposed nuclear waste storage site in southeastern New Mexico.

The Roswell Daily Record reports the Washington, D.C.-based Public Citizen announced last week it had filed to intervene in the license application submitted by Holtec International to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Holtec International, a New Jersey-based company specializing in nuclear storage, has applied to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license to construct a nuclear waste storage facility about 35 miles east of Carlsbad.

The facility, to be located in western Lea County, could eventually store up to 10,000 shipments of spent nuclear fuel.

If Public Citizen's petition is accepted by the federal commission, it would be able to participate in hearings. The group says the radioactive waste poses health risks.

HOAXES

From 1A

awareness that they are not jokes. The FBI takes steps to identify people behind threats posted on the internet, which is one of the ways they are issued.

"We don't keep an accurate account because many times they go unreported," Buie said. "But we estimate that it's in the thousands, that there are hoax threats out there because they can come in so many different forms."

People who issue threats may be bullied, lack attention or want power, according to Buie. He said the threats tend to spike after major incidents.

"If they crave that attention for whatever reason, then they might try and

pursue this method to get that attention or cause some harm to somebody to get back at them," Buie said.

Though not directly addressed during Tuesday's media roundtable, some recent Midland threats have prompted action from various law enforcement agencies.

Last year, authorities responded to threats at the H-E-B on Andrews Highway as well as the Midland County and George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush U.S. courthouses, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports. Midland Christian School in February had an on-campus police presence after a message that suggested the possibility of violence, according to a report.

PIONEER

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750,000 acres in the Permian Basin and is seeking to become a pure play Permian oil and gas driller by divesting the last of its non-West Texas assets, which are primarily held in South Texas' Eagle Ford Shale region.

The Lamesa frac sand mine was announced in

September 2017 at a cost of \$150 million to build a facility with production of 2.6 million tons a year. It is unclear how much a larger facility may cost in the end, though a news release says Pioneer expects to receive its first sand volumes in the first quarter of 2019. Eventual sand volumes to Pioneer are at least 2 million tons a year by 2020.

RENEWABLES

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Panhandle. Those areas are where the wind blows and the sun shines the most.

Another reason, often not mentioned, is because both wind and solar generation require tremendous amounts of land. For instance, if all the electricity used in Texas was generated by wind, turbines would have to cover about 200 of Texas' 254 counties.

However, generating electricity in West Texas and the Panhandle doesn't make a lot of sense for the simple reason that only about 15 percent of the Texas population lives there. Yet Texas policymakers decided it would be worth more than \$7 billion, which

Texas consumers have to pay off as part of their monthly electricity bill, for Texas to become the leading producer of wind energy in the United States.

Another big subsidy for renewable energy comes in the form of local tax abatements. These abatements, offered under Chapters 312 and 313 of the Texas Tax Code, allow local governments, including school districts (using Chapter 313), to reduce the property tax bills for favored businesses. Often these include wind and solar farms.

The total costs of these programs are difficult to calculate because 312 agreements are usually available only from local governments. However, the

Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts keeps track of 313 agreements. Through 2016, the lifetime cost of that program to the state was \$7.1 billion, of which about \$1.6 billion was allocated to wind projects.

But wait. There is more. The federal government offers tax credits for the generation of wind and solar generation. The Texas Public Policy Foundation has estimated that the cost of these credits for wind generation alone will cost \$65 billion through 2029.

While estimates vary, Texans pay in the neighborhood of 17 percent of all federal income taxes. That means our share of the federal wind energy tax credits is about \$11 billion.

And the price tag keeps going up. The more subsidies are offered, the more renewable energy generation is built. It is an upward spiral that has no end in sight.

Yet while we can't foresee how much renewable energy is built in Texas, it is much easier to understand the end result of these policies. We've already seen some of the effects.

Texas once again reached record usage of electricity this summer. With temperatures pushing 110 degrees, Texas hit its all-time peak hourly usage rate of 72,192 megawatts on July 18 between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Even with this record usage, Texas generators managed to produce enough electricity to keep the lights

on. No thanks to renewables, however.

The subsidies for renewables helped push more than 4,000 megawatts of coal-fired generation off the grid this past year as these plants struggled to remain profitable while competing against subsidized competitors. Even investment in low-cost generation from natural gas may be affected as well.

Remember, all of this is taking place in the midst of an increase in oil and gas production perhaps unparalleled in history. In other words, at a time when efficient, inexpensive energy is flooding the market, Texas and the U.S. are paying billions of dollars in subsidies for energy production from

technologies that became outdated back in the 19th Century.

The Texas Legislature has an opportunity in 2019 to reverse the harm being done by renewable subsidies to Texas taxpayers and its economy, as well as Midland's. By ending state and local tax abatements and forcing renewables to the costs they impose on Texas' electric grid, Texas' energy and economic expansion will continue to bless Texans—and Americans—for years to come.

Bill Peacock is the vice president of research at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

WORD OF THE DAY

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noun

1. a close-fitting jacket or short coat, usually sleeveless, as one of leather worn in the 16th and 17th centuries.



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VA to host Veterans Stand Down

The West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVHCS), will host a Veterans Stand Down from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Commemorative Air Force Hanger, High Sky Wing, 9612 Wright Drive.

The event is to help veterans who have fallen on hard times, according to a press release from the VA. Community partners will provide health, housing and legal information. VA representatives will be on hand to discuss VA resources and services. Sandwich lunches will be served, and veterans will be able to get a haircut, take a shower and receive clothing.

Florence benefit concert planned
Investment Corp. of America CEO John Bushman announced Tuesday he will donate \$150,000 to Hurricane Florence Relief in the Carolinas. Feeding America Food Bank, American Red Cross and United Way Worldwide are to receive \$50,000 each.

A benefit concert featuring Hill Country Revival Band is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. Entry is a suggested \$10, or more, donation at the door. Checks or cash for any of the three charities will be accepted.

More information on the concert and how to donate online, by mail or in person can be found at www.becausecarewv.com.

National Night Out is Oct. 2

National Night Out in Midland is 4-10 p.m. Oct. 2. To register a neighborhood party, visit www.midland-texas.gov/316/National-Night-Out.

Things to do

Storytime at the Library 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library

Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space.

Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com

Computer Aid, 12:30 p.m.

Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m., Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wesley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway, Free.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midland Road. challengeentertainment.com

Karaoke Wednesday with DJ



Courtesy photo

Midland Academy Charter School first-grader Caroline Koenig presents Interim Police Chief Seth Herman with money that the school raised for the Midland Police Department. Almost \$427 was raised for the purchase of a tactical vest, according to information from the school. Superintendent Jill Lankford was on hand for the presentation, which was Tuesday at the school. The funds were raised on Sept. 11, when students and faculty members could wear jeans by donating \$1.

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Weather

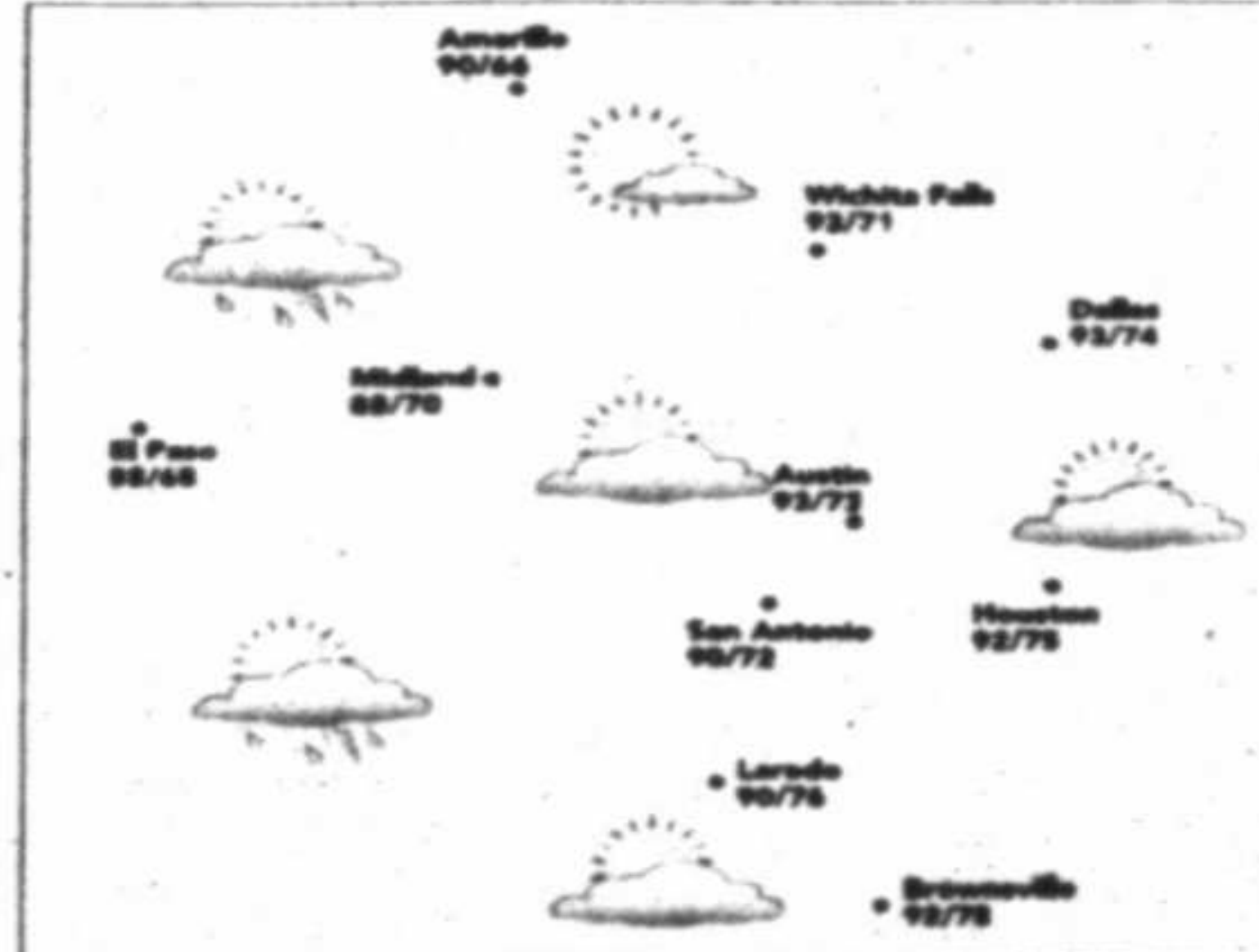
Tuesday's temperatures
High.....88
Low.....71
Normal high.....86
Normal low.....61

Sept. 18's records
Record high: 98, set in 2002, repeated in 2005 and 2015
Record low: 47, set in 1971, repeated in 1991

Precipitation
Tuesday.....0.00 in.
Monday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....2.35 in.
Year total.....10.85 in.
Normal total (year to date).....10.9 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 20 mph
Gust speed: 29 mph

Forecast for Wednesday, September 19, 2018



Today's forecast
High: 89
Low: 70
Conditions: Mostly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: South 10-15 mph

today and tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:35 a.m.
Sunset.....7:49 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Capricorn if born before 7:52 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018:

This year you adopt a strong, determined attitude when you focus on any long-term goal. You seem like an unmovable force once you have decided on your path.

Your inner circle finds your newfound determination charming. If you are single,

you'll attract an interesting person who is humorous and appreciative, yet is able to say "no" and mean it. Do not commit unless you are 100 percent sure. If you are attached, your sweetie feels as if he or she is just getting to know you again. Schedule more time together. CAPRICORN intrigues you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your delightful style and willing ways help others move out of a rut. You might become the cheerleader for several friends and associates. Group discussions produce multiple workable ideas. You will likely decide to veer off-course. Tonight: Swap war

stories with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You see a situation from a more detached perspective than many people. Others often see no benefit from periods of contemplation and thought. You know better and embrace the power of detachment, which you enjoy and indulge in regularly. Tonight: The party goes on and on!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You could be in a situation where you want to allow others to run the show, to their delight. You'll enjoy sitting back. Visualize more and say very little. You might be pleasantly surprised by what someone comes up with. Tonight: Let your mind float from topic to topic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You could be questioning details revolving around a key person in your life. Instead of overthinking the matter, let your feelings flow and lead the way. Emotions are sometimes more accurate than logical analysis. Tonight: Make it your pleasure to respond to a loved one's request.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You will feel a lot better later in the day when you look back at how productive you've been as of late. Make some special time for just you and a loved one you don't spend enough time with. This action could cause car-to-car smiling. Tonight: Start with a leisurely dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You have a unique viewpoint when it comes to handling a key problem. A creative style marks your work and actions in general. Remain open and clear about your choices. Others will listen, though they might not necessarily agree. Tonight: Catch up on some sleep if you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might be slow to start. In fact, you might not get started until evening — but once you do, you move with unusual quickness and certainty. You have the ability to accomplish a lot in very little time. Be reasonable about what you expect, even from yourself. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You could be in a position where you want to break away from it all. On some level, your reaction to pressure is part of what causes so many challenging situations. Try to assume a more laissez-faire attitude, and you will be a lot happier. Tonight: Head home, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Stay upbeat in how you approach a trying creative venture and the person involved. You might be overly serious in dealing with this person. If you lighten up, the end result could be a lot better.

BORN TODAY

Singer Cass Elliot (1941), comedian Jimmy Fallon (1974), actress Sanaa Lathan (1971)

COOL SEASON PRUNING & SHAPING

IT'S TIME TO PRUNE AND SHAPE YOUR TREES

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NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK
Woodward's "Fear"
already a million-seller

Bob Woodward's "Fear" is already a million-seller. Simon & Schuster announced Tuesday that Woodward's takedown of President Donald Trump has sold more than 1.1 million copies just a week after publication.

It is among the fastest selling hardcover books in memory and had the fastest opening in history for Simon & Schuster, which also publishes Stephen King, Doris Kearns Goodwin and Mary Higgins Clark.

"Fear" now joins Michael Wolff's "Fire and Fury" as a million-selling portrait of a chaotic Trump administration.

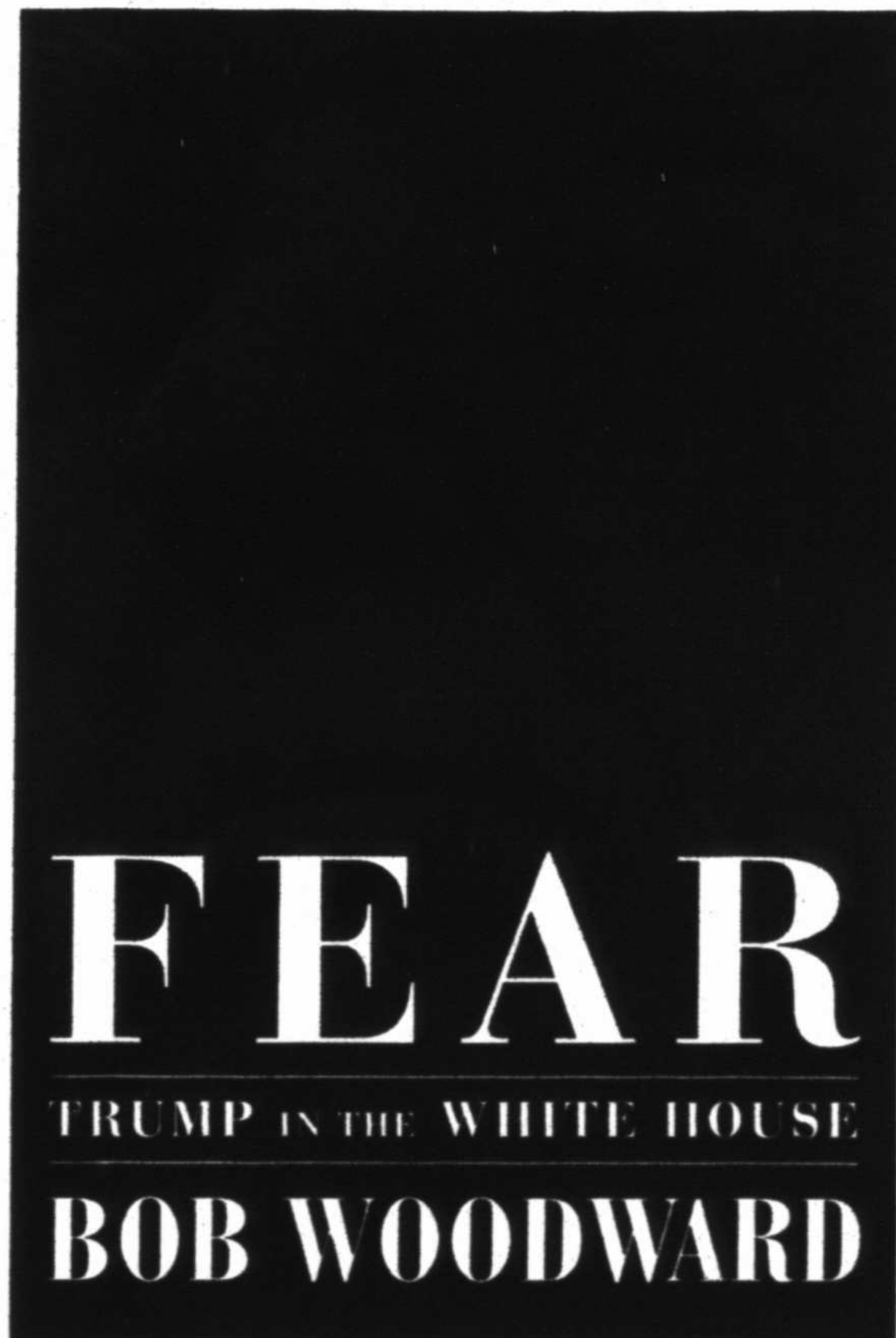
NEW YORK
Former FBI official
Andrew McCabe has
book deal

Just months after the publication of James Comey's "A Higher Loyalty," another former FBI official will take on President Donald Trump.

Andrew McCabe, the former FBI deputy director ousted this year amid repeated attacks from Trump and a critical Justice Department report, has a book deal.

St. Martin's Press announced Tuesday that "The Threat: How the FBI Protects America in the Age of Terror and Trump" will come out Dec. 4. St. Martin's is calling the book a candid account of his career and defense of the FBI's independence.

According to the publisher, McCabe will describe "a series of troubling, contradictory, and often bizarre conversations" with Trump and other high officials that led him to believe the "actions of this President and his administration undermine the FBI and the entire in-



This image released by Simon & Schuster shows "Fear: Trump in the White House," by Bob Woodward.

telligence community" and threaten the general public.

"I wrote this book because the president's attacks on me symbolize his destructive effect on the country as a whole," McCabe said in a statement issued through St. Martin's. "He is undermining America's safety and

security, and eroding public confidence in its institutions. His attacks on the most crucial institutions of government, and on the professionals who serve within them, should make every American stand up and take notice."

With the bureau, McCabe had worked on

everything from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to the Boston Marathon bombing.

"The Threat" is likely to draw comparisons to "A Higher Loyalty," the best-seller by Comey, whom Trump fired in 2017.

Both books come from divisions of Macmillan.

McCabe had been with the FBI for more than 20 years when Attorney General Jeff Sessions fired him in March, just before McCabe's planned retirement.

His ouster came as a report from the Department of Justice's inspector general faulted him for misleading investigators looking in to the leak of information for a 2016 Wall Street Journal story about the FBI's probe into the Clinton Foundation. McCabe denied the charges.

Meanwhile, Trump had accused him of bias against Republicans because McCabe's wife had accepted campaign contributions from the political action committee of then-Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat, during a failed state Senate run.

The Republican president also was angered that the FBI was investigating his campaign's ties to Russia and that it did not bring criminal charges against his 2016 Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton over her handling of emails while secretary of state.

After McCabe was fired, Trump tweeted "Andrew McCabe FIRED, a great day for the hard working men and women of the FBI — A great day for Democracy."

He has since threatened to revoke McCabe's security clearance, and this week directed the Justice Department to publicly release some of his text messages related to the Russia probe.

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Elizabeth Smart:
Accomplice in
kidnapping remains
a danger

Elizabeth Smart said Tuesday that she's been assured the woman who helped kidnap her when she was 14 and stood by as she was sexually assaulted will be closely

watched when she's released from prison.

In an interview on "CBS This Morning," Smart said she believes Wanda Barzee remains a danger. Barzee is expected to be freed Wednesday after 15 years in custody because Utah authorities had miscalculated the amount of time the 72-year-old woman should serve.

Smart said she doesn't know all the conditions of Barzee's release but that she's been told a federal agent will keep a "close eye" on Barzee and that she would be returned to prison "as soon as she messes up."

Barzee will be under federal supervision for five years. If she violates terms that include required mental health treatment and an order not to contact Smart's family, she would go back to prison.

Smart, now 30, said she has faith in federal probation officers, but lacks faith in Barzee.

Smart said she's gone through a roller coaster of emotions since she found out last week Barzee would be released five years earlier than expected. She said she feels concerned for herself and the community as she remembers being mistreated during her nine months in captivity with Barzee and her husband, Brian David Mitchell, who kidnapped Smart from her Salt Lake City bedroom in 2002. Mitchell is serving a life sentence.

"The feeling that kind of radiated from her, it just was dark. And it was evil," Smart said. "I just knew that she wasn't there to help me, that she wasn't there to protect me."

Smart said Barzee encouraged Mitchell to rape her, something that happened daily, she said. They also forced her to drink alcohol.

"She was evil and twisted," Smart said.

Arrest shows challenge of
keeping rogues off Border PatrolBy Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The arrest of a Border Patrol supervisor on allegations that he killed four women calls new attention to the agency's problems keeping rogue officers off its force as it faces intense pressure to hire thousands more agents.

Juan David Ortiz, who worked in the agency's Laredo sector, is accused of targeting women believed to be prostitutes in what prosecutors say is the work of a serial killer. The Border Patrol and prosecutors portrayed Ortiz as an outlier who is not representative of the thousands of employees working for the agency around the country.

"I would hate for this to tarnish the great work that those men and women do," Border Patrol chief Carla Provost said at a news conference alongside prosecutors and other law enforcement officials.

But Ortiz's arrest and allegations of violence involving other Border Patrol agents have thrown a spotlight on how the agency vets prospective hires at a time when President Donald Trump wants to bring on 5,000 more agents as part of his crackdown on illegal immigration. Congress has not funded the request.

The Border Patrol has struggled for many years to hire enough agents. Many jobs on the force require living in remote desert towns along the U.S.-Mexico border. Agents must pass a detailed background investigation, and the polygraph exam that's been required of all applicants since 2012 is a major barrier, with just a 28 percent pass rate between 2013 and 2016.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat from Laredo, said Monday that he was weighing whether the

agency should consider requiring a psychological examination for all new officers. He said he also spoke to agency leaders Sunday about adding more internal affairs officers. Cuellar is a member of the House subcommittee that reviews the budget for the Customs and Border Protection division of the Department of Homeland Security.

"Is there more to this? Are there other cases throughout the U.S.? It might not be murder, but are there other things that we need to look at?" Cuellar said. "I want to look at the broader aspect and not have a knee-jerk reaction."

Ortiz is a 35-year-old Navy veteran who joined the Border Patrol in 2009, around the time of the last major hiring surge at the agency. The agency has grown dramatically over the last 20 years, from about 8,000 agents in 1998 to around 20,000 today. There are roughly 1,700 agents in the Laredo sector, which is west of the Rio Grande Valley, the nation's busiest corridor for unauthorized border crossings.

As the force grew, so did arrests for misconduct. The Government Accountability Office found that 336 employees of CBP were arrested in fiscal year 2012, compared with 190 arrests in 2005. The average rate of misconduct rose slightly from 2005 to 2012, from 4.5 to 5.6 arrests per 1,000 employees.

"We're still suffering through the results of that last hiring surge," said Cynthia Pompa, advocacy manager at the American Civil Liberties Union's Border Rights Center.

Ortiz was the second Laredo agent to be accused of murder this year.

Ronald Anthony Burgos-Aviles, another supervisory agent, was arrested in April and charged with capital murder on allegations that he killed a

27-year-old woman with whom he was romantically involved, as well as their 1-year-old son. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The same sector also drew attention in May after the Border Patrol changed its story about why an agent shot and killed a 19-year-old Guatemalan woman, Claudia Gomez Gonzalez, who had crossed the border near Laredo. Officials initially claimed the agent had been attacked "by multiple subjects using blunt objects," only to revise that statement two days later and remove the claim.

Pompa, who is based in the Texas border city of El Paso, said it was "extremely alarming" that agents with the power to stop and question people in border communities had been accused of crimes such as murder.

"Many residents along the Southwest border don't trust these immigration agencies, particularly the Border Patrol," she said.

Recruiting the military is central to the Border Patrol's hiring strategy. It gives preference to veterans and offers soldiers an expedited hiring process, including waiving the polygraph exam and fitness tests that allows them to be hired in about three months.

Ortiz left the Navy in May 2009 after an eight-year career in which he served as a combat medic. A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that Ortiz officially joined the agency on Aug. 27, 2009. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak publicly.

Provost told reporters Monday that Ortiz had been placed on an indefinite, unpaid suspension, and that her agency was cooperating with investigators.

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Trump: Declassified Russia probe papers expose 'bad things'

By Eric Tucker
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is flexing his executive power to declassify secret documents in the Russia investigation, an extraordinary move he says will ensure that "really bad things" at the FBI are exposed. But the decision, made against the backdrop of Trump's spiraling outrage at the special counsel's Russia investigation, may expose sensitive sources and methods and brush up against privacy law protections, experts say.

The order is likely to further divide the president from the intelligence agencies he oversees and raises new concerns that Trump is disclosing government secrets for his own political gain. Critics of the move say the president has a clear conflict by trying to discredit an investigation in which he himself is a subject.

"This radical policy choice is not being made on traditional policy grounds. It's being made on conflicted grounds," said David Kris, a former Justice Department national security division head. "That's problematic."

The Justice Department says it's begun complying with the order, though it's not clear when the documents might be released. It's also unclear if the multi-agency review now underway might find ways to try to withhold certain information or limit whatever damage, such as outing sources or scaring off would-be ones, that may arise from the release.

Trump and Republican supporters want the records out in hopes they'll reveal law enforcement bias in the early stage of the Russia investigation and prove the probe was opened without good reason.

Democrats say the material is too secret for disclosure and object to any meddling in an ongoing investigation. Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the House intelligence committee, has said Justice Department and FBI officials viewed releasing that material as a "red line," making clear the significant stakes of Trump's demands.

The documents the president ordered declassified include a portion of a secret surveillance application for a former Trump campaign adviser, materials by default treated as highly secret and withheld from public view.

Trump appeared unconcerned Tuesday by the national security implications of the order, tweeting about a supportive congressman and saying, "Really bad things were happening, but they are now being exposed. Big stuff!" At the White House he said he wants "total transparency," insisting again that the Russia investigation is a "witch hunt."

In this case, the materials may shed new insight into why federal agents suspected



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Former Donald Trump presidential campaign adviser George Papadopoulos, who triggered the Russia investigation, and who pleaded guilty to one count of making false statements to the FBI, walks with his wife Simona Mangiante, left, as they arrive at federal court for sentencing on Sept. 7 in Washington.

the aide, Carter Page, of being the agent of a foreign power. But it may also identify specific sources of information for the FBI or disclose previously classified information about Russian efforts to interfere with the 2016 presidential election — which remains the center of an ongoing investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller.

"The applications routinely will contain critically sensitive details about the methods and means by which intelligence investigations gather information, including the identities of sources who may well be endangered if their identity becomes public and who certainly will be disincentivized from future cooperation as well," said Bobby Chesney, a national security law professor at the University of Texas.

Warrants to monitor the communications of a suspected agent of a foreign power are a common tool in counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations, but they're applied for before a secret court.

An inspector general may be able to obtain that information during an investigation and a judge may have occasion to review it to settle an evidence dispute, but a target of an application like Page "certainly doesn't get to look at them," Chesney said.

The applications are detailed enough to convince a court that surveillance is

appropriate, Kris said, so concern that information from them could be disclosed could "strain the system."

"I don't mean to suggest that the government will start lying to the court. They have an obligation to be candid," said Kris, founder of Culper Partners consulting firm. But "to the extent there is discretion at the margins, if the government fears disclosure, particularly disclosure for political reasons, it will strain the system, and that's not good."

Monday's order was extraordinary but not entirely unprecedented. Trump made a similar move in February when the White House, over the objections of the FBI, cleared the way for the Republican-led House intelligence committee to release a partisan memo summarizing details from the Page warrant. Democrats later countered with their own memo.

Other materials covered by the order include FBI interviews of a senior Justice Department official and text messages of senior FBI leaders, including fired Director James Comey, involved in the investigation.

William Banks, a Syracuse University national security expert, said that by making the information public, Trump is essentially overruling the decisions of career officials intent on keeping it from foreign intelligence

services, terrorist groups and other adversaries.

He said while there's nothing to prevent Trump from releasing the bulk of the information identified by the White House, he may face some problems releasing the Russia-related text messages because of the federal Privacy Act, which governs the type of personal information the government can make public.

"The Privacy Act is a big hurdle here unless Congress takes control of the materials and tries to release them themselves," Banks said.

The FBI earlier released in heavily redacted format 412 pages of surveillance applications and court orders related to Page. Monday's declassification order covers 21 pages of a 101-page June 2017 application to renew the warrant — the last of four filed by the Justice Department. His communications were monitored for nearly a year starting in October 2016. Experts say the president's authority to unilaterally declassify the records is well-established, though that doesn't make it less unusual.

Though there are other instances of government officials or contractors spilling government secrets, Chesney said, "What's remarkable about this is it's the White House that's doing it."



Susan Walsh/AP

President Donald Trump, second from right, kisses Cuban-American restaurant owner Irina Vilarito, second from left, Monday during a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration in the East Room of the White House in Washington.

Hispanic group boycotts White House event

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Citing President Donald Trump's policies and comments about Latinos, members of the influential Congressional Hispanic Caucus boycotted a Hispanic Heritage Month celebration hosted by Trump at the White House.

In a letter to the president, caucus Chairwoman Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a New Mexico Democrat whose district includes Albuquerque, also cited Trump's denial that nearly 3,000 lives were lost in Puerto Rico because of Hurricane Maria last year. "You have ignored and recently tweeted lies about the devastation and loss of life in Puerto Rico from Hurricane Maria, compared immigration to an infestation and attacked a judge because of his Hispanic heritage," Lujan Grisham wrote in a Thursday letter to Trump.

New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, the nation's only Latina governor, was one of the only elected Hispanic officials to attend the event on Monday.

Martinez, a once rising star within the Republican Party, previously denounced Trump's

campaign rhetoric about Mexican immigrants during the 2016 campaign.

But in recent months, she has warmed to Trump and praised his policies.

She is barred by term limits from running for a third term in New Mexico. Lujan Grisham is running to replace her.

Trump hosted what has been an annual, bipartisan ceremony started by President Lyndon Johnson in 1968.

At Monday's event, Trump cited low employment among Latinos and told a crowd of supporters that the booming economy was especially helping Hispanic residents in the U.S.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says the unemployment rate for Hispanics was 4.7 percent in August. The U.S. unemployment rate is near an 18-year low of 3.9 percent.

"These are very hard numbers to beat," Trump said. "We better win Hispanics next time."

Martinez traveled to Washington to join Labor Secretary Alex Acosta, U.S. Treasurer Jovita Carranza and Puerto Rico Lt. Gov. Luis Rivera Marin for the gathering.

Phone calls and emails to Martinez's office were not immediately returned Tuesday.

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Kavanaugh mess may not be resolved sufficiently

■ Unfortunately, with the midterms almost upon us, there isn't a path to an outcome that both sides see as legitimate

I believe something happened to Christine Blasey Ford more than three decades ago. Six years before Brett Kavanaugh was a nominee for the Supreme Court, Ford related the story of an encounter with him to her therapist, which would have required an implausible prescience if her sexual-assault allegation is, as I've seen some conservatives argue, all part of an elaborate scheme.

And yet, I believe Kavanaugh may also be sincere when he denies the incident. Which is to say that both he and Ford may think they're telling the truth. How those individual truths bear on actual events is a more complicated question. We may never know the answer.

It's a cliché that memory is fallible, but in recent years, thanks to researchers such as Elizabeth Loftus, just how fallible it is has become clear. People can sincerely forget things you'd think they would remember, or they remember details or even whole events they couldn't possibly have experienced. Loftus herself describes inadvertently confabulating a vivid memory of finding her mother dead in the family's swimming pool when she was 14. Her mother did die in the pool,

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Washington Post



but Loftus wasn't there when the body was discovered.

It is probable that at least some of the details of Ford's story are wrong, even if the bones are quite true — and horrifying. And it's equally possible that Kavanaugh doesn't remember it, either because he was blackout drunk, or because he saw the same events as more benign than Ford did, and his mind saw no reason to file that memory away.

Which complicates the eminently sensible idea of delaying confirmation pending a full hearing. A delay would give other potential victims time to come forward and establish a pattern of behavior that could resolve lingering doubts, which is among the reasons for holding a hearing. But what if no one does come forward? We'd like to think that we could detect who's lying in a hearing just by watching Kavanaugh and Ford testify. Only at this point, it seems possible that neither will be deliberately lying — and that no one

else will be able to corroborate or disprove such a vague story.

Contra conservatives, the vagueness of Ford's story isn't proof that it didn't happen. If anything, the reverse: Liars tend to provide an excessive wealth of detail. But the lack of detail does make it essentially impossible for Kavanaugh to defend himself. "Prove you weren't at a house party somewhere in Montgomery County between the years 1979 and 1982" would set a new high for Supreme Court nomination standards. A version of that standard would be applied again and again if this story, by itself, scuttles his nomination.

One way out of the dilemma is to say that whatever happened that night, a Supreme Court nomination should not be derailed by a teenage boy's behavior some 35 years ago. This argument has real merit, not because sexual assault is all right if you're 17, but because people do change, and a decent society recognizes that. In the case of minors, whose brains aren't fully formed, I especially believe in radical forgiveness and radical redemption. Yes, even for terrible crimes — forgiving crimes "except the really bad ones" isn't forgiveness, it's an admission that you didn't care that much in the first place. If you truly believe, as I do, that no one's character should be summed up by the worst thing they ever did, then people who have atoned and

lived honorably for decades should be readmitted to society in full good standing — including even admission to the highest court of the land.

And yet, if Kavanaugh did what he stands accused of, he hasn't paid his debt. That insults both the suffering of his victim and the majesty of the law. And if he has truly forgotten doing a terrible thing, he's no longer even capable of forming the sincere repentance necessary for redemption.

Moreover, my views on criminal justice are a micro-minority position, and the democratic legitimacy of this appointment matters. Installing Kavanaugh with the allegations unresolved would further corrode an already-tattered civic fabric.

Unfortunately, with the midterms almost upon us, there isn't a path to an outcome that both sides see as legitimate. Democrats can insist that the revelation of Ford's story was not exquisitely timed to exactly the moment when it became impossible to confirm a different nominee before the elections. But they are in essentially the same position as Kavanaugh: Even if they are telling the truth, they have no way to provide convincing proof.

Which leaves us, at this point, with only one clear truth. Absent a lightning bolt from the evidence gods, America is going to be stuck with partial and unsatisfying answers to unresolvable questions.

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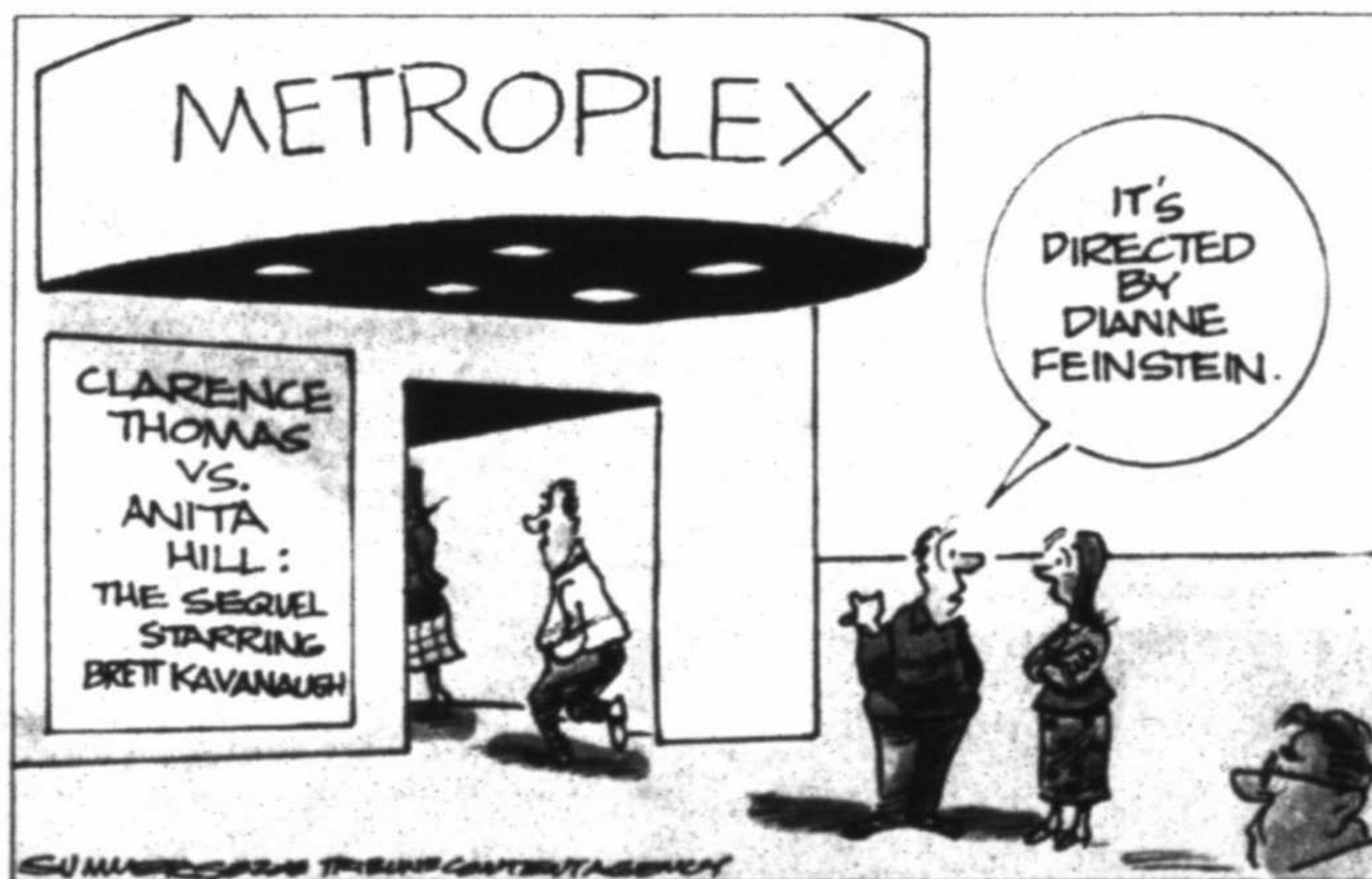
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Thirty-five-year-old allegation changes 'blood sport' confirmation process

■ Kavanaugh stands accused of a heinous offense that is almost impossible to definitively rebut

If Franz Kafka had written about confirmation hearings, he couldn't have come up with a better scenario than the one now unfolding in the U.S. Senate.

Brett Kavanaugh, who until the weekend was an unimpeachable pillar of the legal establishment, stands accused of a heinous offense that is almost impossible to definitively rebut.

Even if he is completely innocent of the charge that he sexually assaulted a teenage girl at a high school party 35 years ago, he will be forever considered guilty of it by some portion of the public. This is not due process, or any kind of decent process at all, but how the Senate conducts its business, especially if you are a conservative jurist on the cusp of confirmation to the Supreme Court.

A 51-year-old research psychologist named Christine Blasey Ford went public with the accusation in a Washington Post interview over the weekend, saying she feared for her life when the teenage Kavanaugh attacked her.

The charge was inevitably viewed through the prism of #MeToo. But it lacks the credibility of allegations that have felled powerful men over the past two years. There is no contemporaneous corroboration. There is no pattern of conduct on the part of Kavanaugh. There is no weaselly, "Well, I don't remember it that way, but I'm sorry if she was offended" denial; Kavanaugh rejects the charge categorically.

Contrast the allegations against, to take a Republican from another moral universe, the Alabama Senate candidate Roy Moore. A key accuser from decades ago told friends at the time about her relationship with Moore. There was more than one allegation — indeed, Moore had a reputation for unsavory interest in teenage girls. When he first reacted to the stories, Moore gave a mealy-mouthed denial.

Ford's memory is so fuzzy that there is very little in her story that can be corroborated or debunked. She doesn't know what year it happened, although she thinks 1982. She doesn't know who owned the house where the party took place, or how she got there or how she got home.

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It is impossible to disentangle with certainty what may or may not have happened in the early 1980s. Maybe Ford fabricated the entire story, although she told a therapist in 2012 about such an incident. Maybe her memory is faulty, as happens more than we realize. Maybe there was a drunken encounter that she only later came to consider a trauma. Or maybe what she alleges really took place.

What Ford describes is monstrous behavior, by any account. She says that Kavanaugh pushed her into a bedroom and onto a bed, held her down and tried to rape her, and put his hand over her mouth to muffle her screams. He and a friend were laughing, before his friend stopped Kavanaugh (the friend denies the incident took place). This is not a drunken escapade but a callous, calculated criminal assault.

If someone is capable of such a thing, even as a teenager, it is a black mark against his character. And character is usually destiny. It is no accident that the men taken down by #MeToo are invariably repeat offenders.

Not only is there no other allegation against Kavanaugh, the assault charge runs against everything we know about his personal and professional life, as attested by everyone who has known him. His exemplary reputation, earned over the course of decades and a matter of public record, should outweigh a charge that is unproven and, as far we know, unprovable.

The confirmation process for the Supreme Court has long been badly broken, a forum for sheer blood sport. If, based on what we know now, this accusation keeps Kavanaugh from the court, it will be a new low. The Senate will have embraced a new world where the existence of an allegation, regardless of whether it can be proven, is enough to stop a nominee and destroy his good name.

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Kavanaugh's accuser wants FBI probe before she testifies

By Alan Fram And
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Christine Blasey Ford wants the FBI to investigate her allegation that she was sexually assaulted by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh before she testifies at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing next week, her lawyers said in a letter sent Tuesday to the panel.

The lawyers wrote that Ford, who is now a college professor in California, wants to cooperate with the committee. But in the days since she publicly accused Kavanaugh of the assault when they were teens at a party 35 years ago, the lawyers said, she has been the target of "vicious harassment and even death threats." Her family has relocated, they said.

An FBI investigation "should be the first step in addressing the allegations," the lawyers wrote in the letter, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

The development comes after President Donald Trump showered sympathy on his embattled nominee and as Senate Republicans and Democrats fought determinedly over who should testify at the allegation just six weeks before major congressional elections.

Trump has already rejected the idea of bringing in the FBI to reopen its background check of Kavanaugh. Should he order such a review, it would likely delay a confirmation vote until after the election. Republicans hope to have Kavanaugh confirmed by Oct. 1, the start of the next Supreme Court term.

Meanwhile, Republicans are suggesting that Ford, whose allegations have upended Kavanaugh's nomination — the committee's vote was already pushed from Thursday to likely next week — will have one chance to testify, and one chance only.

"Monday is her



Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh at his Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing in Washington on Sept. 4.

opportunity," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Tuesday, a line that was echoed by other Republicans throughout the day.

McConnell expressed confidence that Kavanaugh would be confirmed. "I'm not concerned about tanking the nomination," he said.

"We should proceed as planned," said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a key Republican on the panel.

The furious jockeying over Ford's testimony underscores the political potency so close to an election that will decide control of both the House and Senate, not to mention the confirmation of a conservative justice likely to serve on the high court for decades.

Democrats complain that Ford was not consulted before the hearing was announced. They also want more witnesses besides Kavanaugh and Ford, hoping to

avoid what they said would turn into a "he-said-she-said" moment.

The lawyers for Ford predicted the hearing, as now scheduled, "would include interrogation by senators who appear to have made up their minds" that she is "mistaken" and mixed up Tuesday they were planning to attend the hearing even if Ford did not show up.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said he had "a lot of questions" for Kavanaugh. "A simple denial is not the end of questioning."

As Democrats press for more time to investigate, Republicans have been careful to say that Ford should have her chance to speak, and they have stressed that they are willing to move Monday's hearing behind closed doors, if she prefers.

"Were planning on a hearing Monday. It can be open. It can be closed, whatever

Ms. Ford wants," said Sen. John Kennedy, a member of the Judiciary panel from Louisiana. "We're ready to hear anything she has to say. I am, anyway, and I think most of us are."

GOP Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee — among a handful of Republicans who insisted on hearing from Ford before voting — said it would be a "shame" if Ford didn't show up to testify. But he suggested Republicans will not bend from their offer of a hearing Monday.

"That would be quite something if she decided she did not want to testify," Corker said. "I'd assume the committee would then move on, as they should."

One witness the Democrats want to hear from is Kavanaugh's high school friend Mark Judge, who Ford said was in the room when she was assaulted. Kavanaugh has denied Ford's allegation, and Judge

says he doesn't remember any such thing. "More to the point, I never saw Brett act in the manner Dr. Ford describes," Judge said in a letter to the panel.

The risks of a public hearing starring the all-male lineup of Republicans on the committee could be high. Republicans said late Tuesday they were considering hiring outside attorneys, presumably including women, to question the witnesses. But that may be moot if Ford declines to appear.

Kavanaugh, 53, was at the White House on Tuesday for a second straight day, but again did not meet with Trump. The president said he was "totally supporting" Kavanaugh and felt "terribly" for him and his family.

"I feel so badly for him

that he's going through this, to be honest with you, I feel so badly for him," said Trump, who has himself faced numerous accusations of sexual harassment that he's denied. "This is not a man that deserves this."

The No. 2 Senate Republican leader, John Cornyn of Texas, was one of the few Republicans who openly questioned Ford's version of events. He called the allegations a "drive-by attack" on the judge's character.

"There are gaps in her memory," Cornyn said. "She doesn't know how she got there, when it was and so that would logically be something where she would get questions."

Criticism like that fed a Democratic narrative that the GOP's handling of Ford could jeopardize that party's election prospects in the age of #MeToo, the response to sexual abuse that has torched the careers of prominent men.

"Now this is really what #MeToo is all about, if you think about it," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the top Judiciary Committee Democrat. "That's sort of the first thing that happens, it's the woman's fault. And it is not the woman's fault."

Meanwhile, Kavanaugh has been calling Republican senators, including Kennedy, who said the nominee was committed to moving forward.

"He's not happy, he's upset," Kennedy said. "He said very clearly and unequivocally, 'This did not happen.'"

Ford went public with her story Sunday, telling The Washington Post that Kavanaugh had forced himself on her in a bedroom at a party when he was 17 and she was 15, attempting to remove her clothes and clapping his hand over her mouth when she tried to scream. She says she escaped when Judge jumped on the bed.

Feinstein's opponent seizes on her role in Kavanaugh fight

By Kathleen Ronayne
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican from Kentucky, and Kevin de Leon, a Democrat in the California state Senate, rarely have much in common. But they're united in their condemnation this week of Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

The top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee is playing a central role in the battle over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court. She received a confidential letter earlier this summer from a constituent who accused Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her at a party more than three decades ago, allegations that didn't begin to surface publicly until last week. Feinstein has argued she sought to honor the confidentiality of the letter, whose author, Christine Blasey Ford, came forward last weekend in an interview with The Washington Post.

McConnell slammed Feinstein for keeping the letter "secret until the 11th hour." De Leon, who is challenging Feinstein in the Nov. 6 election, said her actions amounted to a "failure of leadership." Feinstein defended herself in a Tuesday interview, and Ford's lawyer has said she acted appropriately.

The accusation, which Kavanaugh has denied, is consuming Washington, where the nomination's fate is suddenly in limbo. It's also giving de Leon an opening to criticize Feinstein in his uphill election fight.

"That was a valuable piece of info that you could have kept the confidentiality and kept her privacy and still dealt with the issue at hand," he said in a Monday interview.

He said he would have shared the letter with fellow Democrats on the Judiciary Committee while redacting identifying information and said Feinstein should have asked Kavanaugh about his character during hearings. Feinstein, who has been

backed by several fellow Senate Democrats, said Tuesday she was honoring Ford's request to keep the information confidential.

"I did not know whether this woman would come forward or not. I did not know if it was credible," she told reporters. "We were looking for a way to get it investigated by an outside investigator and what we found is we had to go through (the rules committee) and we were discussing the pros and cons of doing that, so it hasn't been easy."

Republicans also seized on a remark from Feinstein to Fox News that they saw

as casting doubt on elements of Ford's story. "I can't say everything's truthful," Feinstein said when asked about Ford. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House press secretary, tweeted the quote and said it's "now clear" why Feinstein kept the allegation secret.

Feinstein later clarified to reporters that she finds Ford credible, based on what she knows so far. She added, "One of the things I know is what happens to women in this situation and how difficult it is, and I hope people will let her be."

Feinstein faces a fellow Democrat in November

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because of California's unusual primary system that sends the two highest vote-getters to the general election regardless of party. As one of California's best-known politicians and one with deep pockets, Feinstein has kept de Leon's challenge at bay even as he's sought to paint her as too deferential to President Donald Trump. On Tuesday, he released an online advertisement linking Feinstein's language in the 1990s about immigrants in the country illegally to Trump's rhetoric today.

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'Nightmare that won't end': Storm evacuees can't return yet

By Chuck Burton
and Martha Waggoner,
Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C.

Hundreds of people waited in long lines for water and other essentials Tuesday in Wilmington, still mostly cut off by high water days after Hurricane Florence unleashed epic floods, and North Carolina's governor pleaded with more than 10,000 evacuees around the state not to return home yet.

The death toll rose to at least 35 in three states, with 27 fatalities in North Carolina, as Florence's remnants went in two directions: Water flowed downstream toward the Carolina coast, and storms moved through the Northeast, where flash floods hit New Hampshire and New York state.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper warned that the flooding set off by as much as 3 feet of rain from Florence is far from over and will get worse in places.

"I know for many people this feels like a nightmare that just won't end," he said. Addressing roughly 10,000 people who remain in shelters and "countless more" staying elsewhere, Cooper urged residents to stay put for now, particularly those from the hardest-hit coastal counties that include Wilmington, near where Florence blew ashore on Friday.

Roads remain treacherous, he said, and some are still being closed for the first time as rivers swelled by torrential rains inland drain toward the Atlantic.

"I know it was hard to leave home, and it is even harder to wait and wonder whether you even have a home to go back to," Cooper said.

In Wilmington, population 120,000, workers began handing out supplies using a system that resembled a giant fast-food drive-thru: Drivers pulled up to a line of pallets, placed an order and left without having to get out. A woman blew a whistle each time drivers were supposed to pull forward.

Todd Tremain needed tarps to cover up spots where Florence's winds ripped shingles off his roof. "The roof is leaking, messing up the inside of the house," he said.

Others got a case of bottled water or military MREs, or field rations. An olive-drab military forklift moved around huge pallets loaded with supplies.

Brandon Echavarrieta struggled to stay composed as he described life post-Florence: no power for days, rotted meat in the freezer, no water or food and just one bath in a week. "It's been pretty bad," said Echavarrieta, 34, his voice breaking.

Nearby, about 200 people lined up to buy 40-pound bags of ice as quickly as a Rose Ice and Coal Co. could produce it.

Supplies have been brought into the city by big military trucks and helicopters, which also have been used to pluck hundreds of desperate people from atop homes and other structures.

Mayor Bill Saffo said two routes were now open into Wilmington, which had been completely cut off by floodwaters, but those roads could close again as water swells the Cape Fear River on the city's west side.

"We still are encouraging or asking folks not to come home," said Woody White, chairman of the New Hanover County commissioners. "We want you here. We love you. We miss you. But access to Wilmington is still very limited and is not improving as quickly as we would like."

At Fayetteville, about 100 miles (161 kilometers) inland, near the Army's sprawling Fort Bragg, the Cape Fear River had risen about 50 feet (15 meters) toward a crest that was predicted to be more than 25 feet above flood level. On Tuesday, logs and other debris became trapped under a rail bridge as rushing brown water pushed against the span.

The river swallowed trees, lamp posts and a parking lot near its banks. City officials warned that still-rising water threatened some neighborhoods and businesses that seemed

safe, but said the worst was nearly over and life was beginning to return to normal downtown. Businesses were re-opening and owners were removing sandbags and plywood from storefronts.

Human and animal waste is mixing with the swirling floodwaters, which have killed about 1.7 million chickens on poultry farms.

More than 5 million gallons of partially treated sewage spilled into the Cape Fear River after power went out at a treatment plant, officials said,

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and the earthen dam of a pond holding hog waste was breached, spilling its contents. A dozen more such pits, which contain animal feces and urine,

were damaged.

The governor said 16 rivers statewide were at major flood stage and more than 1,100 roads were closed. Emergency work-

ers reported rescuing and evacuating more than 2,200 people and around 575 animals, he said.

In a bright spot, the Lumber River appeared to be falling in hard-hit Lumberton, about 70 miles inland. Power outages in the Southeast also were down, from a high of more than 910,000 to about 310,000, nearly all in North Carolina.

The White House said President Donald Trump will visit North Carolina on Wednesday to see the damage. Earlier, he boasted on Twitter: "Right now,

everybody is saying what a great job we are doing with Hurricane Florence — and they are 100% correct." He warned that the Democrats will soon start criticizing the government response, and "this will be a total lie, but that's what they do, and everybody knows it!"

The dead include a 1-year-old boy who was swept away after his mother drove into floodwaters and lost her grip on him. Authorities in Virginia said a man was killed Tuesday when his pickup truck was caught in a flash flood.



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Survey: 2 million US teens are vaping marijuana

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

A school-based survey shows nearly 1 in 11 U.S. students have used marijuana in electronic cigarettes, heightening health concerns about the new popularity of vaping among teens.

E-cigarettes typically contain nicotine, but many of the battery-powered devices can vaporize other substances, including marijuana. Results published Monday mean 2.1 million middle and high school students have used them to get high.

Vaping is generally considered less dangerous than smoking because burning tobacco or marijuana generates chemicals that are harmful to lungs. But there is little research on e-cigarettes' long-term effects,

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FDA should drive wedge between teens and vaping

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including whether they help smokers quit.

The rise in teenagers using e-cigarettes has alarmed health officials who worry kids will get addicted to nicotine, a stimulant, and be more likely to try cigarettes. Last week, the Food and Drug Administration gave the five largest e-cigarette makers 60 days to produce plans to stop underage use of their products.

Nearly 9 percent of students surveyed in 2016 said they used an e-cigarette device

with marijuana, according to Monday's report in the journal JAMA Pediatrics. That included one-third of those who ever used e-cigarettes.

The number is worrying "because cannabis use among youth can adversely affect learning and memory and may impair later academic achievement and education," said lead researcher Katrina Trivers of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Students who said they lived with a tobacco user were more likely than others to report vaping marijuana.

It's unclear whether marijuana vaping is increasing among teens or holding steady. The devices are relatively new but have grown into a multi-billion industry.

In states where marijuana is legal,

shoppers can buy cartridges of liquid containing THC, the chemical in marijuana that gets people high, that work with a number of devices. Juul, by far the most popular e-cigarette device, does not offer marijuana pods, but users can re-fill cartridges with cannabis oil.

It was the first time a question about marijuana vaping was asked on this particular survey, which uses a nationally representative sample of students in public and private schools. More than 20,000 students took the survey in 2016.

A different survey from the University of Michigan in December found similar results when it asked for the first time about marijuana vaping. In that study, 8

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BED RACES ARE BACK!



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Employees and clients of Orange Theory Fitness compete in the bed races that were part of the 2016 Midland Wellness Tour. Bed races will be featured in Walk for Hearts, which is Saturday at Midland College. The event is hosted by the Heart Institute of Midland Memorial Hospital. To register or for more information, contact Jenny Dell-Fikes at 221-1191 or jenny.dell-fikes@midlandhealth.org or visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

New era in virtual reality is therapy for common phobias

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

Dick Tracey didn't have to visit a tall building to get over his fear of heights. He put on a virtual reality headset.

Through VR, he rode an elevator to a high-rise atrium that looked so real he fell to his knees.

"I needed to search with my hand for something solid around me," he said.

He told himself, "I must look stupid. Let's just stand up. Nothing's going to happen."

Virtual reality therapy can help people like Tracey by exposing them gradually to their greatest terrors. The technology is just now reaching the mainstream after 20 years of research. Equipment is lighter and more affordable, with tech advances spilling over from the gaming industry to help people fight disabling fears of flying, heights, spiders or dogs.

And the surge in products is bringing VR to more therapists' offices. Experts predict people with mild phobias will treat themselves successfully at home.

Research shows VR therapy can lead to real-world gains for people with phobias, and works as well as traditional exposure therapy, which slowly subjects patients to what causes anxiety for them.

For Denver librarian Nick Harrell, VR was a booster shot after traditional therapy for fear of flying. Panic drove him off a flight to Paris two years ago, forcing him to abandon a vacation with his girlfriend.

"I don't like being locked in the metal tube," Harrell said. "I couldn't breathe. My chest was pounding."

With help from a therapist, Harrell first faced his fears through exposure therapy. Elevators, buses and trains were good practice for airplanes.

"Within a matter of months, I was flying again," Harrell said.

With VR recently added to his therapy, Harrell keeps fears in check. His health insurance covers the cost with a small copay.

But few people with phobias seek treatment. Too embarrassed to get help, many plan their lives around avoiding their fears.

Tracey of Oxfordshire, England, avoided heights, from ladders to breathtaking vistas. Escalators gave the 62-year-old retiree heart palpitations. His wife walked between him and steep slopes.

Tracey's VR therapy was part of a study. He was one of the first to try a VR world with an animated virtual

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Community effort can help erase stigma surrounding mental illness

We often are faced with discrimination from our neighbors, and because of social media, from people with whom we never would have crossed paths. However, mental illness does not discriminate. Being poor or rich, pretty or ugly, wise or uneducated, young or old does not determine the likelihood of being affected by mental health issues.

About 1 in 5 adults experience mental illness in a given year, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Imagine if you could see mental illness in those around you. What would it look like? Now, imagine if we talked to each other about mental illnesses in a manner in which we did not feel ashamed. Would suicide be the second leading cause of death in teenagers?

Here are three ways we can come together as a society and begin to change the stigma associated with mental illness.

■ Talk about it.

Share your lives with one another and your experiences with mental illness. Judging will only lead to defensiveness and cause withdrawal. Start in the home and work toward sharing within your circle of connections.

Words can be influential in changing the way people view and feel about mental illness. Use them kindly. Use them wisely.

■ Pay attention.

Know the signs of common mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety. Have the courage to ask the hard questions, for example, "Are you having thoughts of killing yourself?"

Educating oneself is important to determining the signs associated with a mental health condition. There are many resources — online the library or local mental health organizations — to educate yourself and your family.

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■ Support local mental health organizations.

Volunteering is a way to not only see how these organizations work; it is a great way to help serve the people in need in the community. Advertising is another powerful way to support the organization. Placing an organization's logo at your home or business or giving referrals is an effective way to build up our community.

Financially donating to an organization keeps the doors open, lights on and mental health professionals employed. There are many to choose from and all need community support.

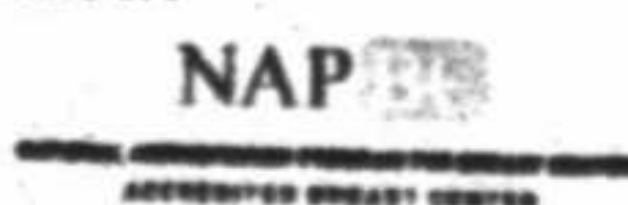
There are many people who live with mental illness and suffer with the symptoms. Mental illness does not discriminate, and it affects not only the individual with the condition but also the people who interact with them on a regular basis.

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Obituaries



Adan Burgess Rodriguez

Adan Burgess Rodriguez, 87 of Midland, Texas, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on September 12, 2018 after battling cancer.

Adan was born February 12, 1931 in Fort Stockton, Texas. He enjoyed going to the Senior Citizen Center and play pool.

He was preceded in death by his parents Celestino and Paz Rodriguez; his loving brothers, Alberto, Paz, Amador, Jessie and Daniel Rodriguez; and his sister Ida R. Perez. Adan is survived by his children, Adam Rodriguez of Irving, TX, Edmund Rodriguez of Houston, TX, Alice Martinez and husband Ben from Fort Stockton, Texas; two sisters, Elosia Valencia and Enequina Gonzales both of Midland, TX; 9 Grandchildren, 9 Great grandchildren and 3 Great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

A graveside service is set for Friday, September 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery. Graveside service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

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"Cindy" Cynthia Marie Siems Vorheis

"Cindy" Cynthia Marie Siems Vorheis, 71, of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, September 17, 2018 in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at the Littlefield Cemetery in Littlefield, TX.

Cindy was born on Novem-

ber 4, 1946 to Athalia and James Siems in Littlefield, TX.

She was a resident of Midland since 1968. Cindy was Cafeteria Supervisor at Greenwood schools for eight years and worked for Linton Industries for two years. She was active in the community and was an original member of the Northeast Midland County Volunteer Fire Department. She had a love for animals and would not turn away any stray that showed up on her doorstep. One of her favorite things was Genealogy and she spent many hours at a time researching and documenting her family history.

She is survived by brother, Darrell Siems and wife Dena, Allen, TX; step-niece, Angela Snider of Texarkana, TX and step-nephews Michael Snider, Clinton Snider and Clayton Snider all of Allen, TX; brother, Dean Siems and wife Nancy, Prattville, AL; niece, Tasha Siems; nephew, Harrison Siems and step-nephews Kyle Smyth and Joshua Smyth all of Prattville, AL.

She is preceded in death by mother, Athalia Siems; father, James Siems; and son, Tommy Vorheis.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Noah's Ark Animal Rescue, PO Box 51051, Midland, Texas 79710, 432-235-8516.

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

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Erma "Joyce" Kiser

Erma "Joyce" Kiser, 92, of McKinney Texas, went to be with her Lord Jesus on September 17, 2018. She passed peacefully in her home surrounded by her children, Ron Kiser and Brenda Fox. Joyce was born in Martin County Texas on October 5, 1925 to Aubrey and Othel Fitts. She was a wonderful and loving wife to the love of her life, Floyd Clyde Kiser whom she married on March 9, 1946 in Big Spring, Texas, and who preceded her in death after 59 years of marriage. Joyce was a very much loved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Among her many talents, Joyce was razor sharp, quick witted and had a way with numbers. She enjoyed working as a bookkeeper for Dunlap's and Basin Welding Supply in Odessa, Texas. She even loved doing math homework with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joyce was a very talented seamstress and

enjoyed sewing for her family, even though we tried to overwork her sometimes. She made dresses for the girls, men's suits, quilts and blankets and even doll clothes for the granddaughters and great-granddaughters. She was an avid bowler reminding us often of her several 300 games with trophies to prove it. Wow!

She was very competitive and loved playing bridge and dominoes, especially when she was winning. Joyce enjoyed painting, creating and decorating lampshades with her daughter in their "Shady Lady" business. Joyce and Floyd enjoyed traveling in their 5th wheel trailer with many of their friends. She was an avid sports fan of the Dallas Cowboys, loved watching college football and knew more about the Texas Rangers baseball team than anyone else, including 13 year old boys! Joyce worshipped at several Churches of Christ over her lifetime; Sherwood in Odessa, Johnson Street in San Angelo, Golf Course Road in Midland and McDermott Road in Plano, Texas. Joyce is survived by her son, Ronald Kiser and wife, Sandi of Odessa, Texas and daughter, Brenda Fox and husband Rick of McKinney, Texas. She was lovingly called grandma by her six grandchildren, Krista Bigham and husband, Gene of Cedar Hills, Texas; Kevin Kiser and wife, Sheila of Burleson, Texas; Kendra Lawson and husband, Chris of Allen, Texas; Kimberly Stokes and husband, Rhett of Richardson, Texas; Brian Fox and wife, Melanie of Dallas, Texas; and Allison Considine and husband, Jason of Frisco, Texas. Joyce, who was known by her great-grandchildren as "Gigi", was also survived by all 14 of them, Katelyn, Cooper, Brett, Sutton, Rachael, Zachary, Gunnar, Teagan, Anslee, Ella, Sadie, Toby, Graham, and Dylan, as well as two great-great grandchildren, Gabriel and Kamden.

She was also survived by her sister, Marjorie Humble, brothers, Albert Fitts and wife, Nora and Oran Fitts and wife, Betty as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Wade Fitts and Buford Fitts and her beloved friend, Bryan Pollard. The family will receive friends during a visitation on Friday, September 21, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen Texas 75013. A funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, September 22, 2018 at The Church of Christ on McDermott Road, 3600 McDermott Road, Plano, Texas 75025. Interment will be at 12:00 noon, Monday, September 24, 2018 at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens, 4989 FM 1223, San Angelo Texas 76905. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit TJMfuneral.com.

We are heartbroken that we have lost our son, but rejoice in knowing that he is running through green pastures alongside Jesus and that his whole body is now healed and perfect. God, our personal Creator, comforts us in Psalm 139 14-16, instructing us that every human life from conception is precious and



Glen Robert Butler

It is with great sadness that the family of Glen Robert Butler announce his passing on September 5, 2018. Glen was 73 years old. Glen valued his country and spent four years of his young life in the Air Force. He built many homes in Midland before working for the City of Midland Parks Department where he retired in 2011.

Glen will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 49 years, Marcia and his four children, Shannon Barrett (Marty), Stephanie Butler, Stacie McLean (Richard), and Robert Butler (Lisa). Glen will also be fondly remembered by his three brothers Jim Butler (Martha), Roger Butler (Sandy), Claude Butler (Vicky) and one sister Sharon Young (Jim). His nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild will definitely miss their Papaw. His heart and smile will be remembered forever.

"I was gently pulled for a very short time. My work on earth was coming to an end. And with his will, He called my name. And to my new home I went. A place where there is no more pain. A place you will someday know. But for now until we meet again. Do not shed a tear and do not be forlorn. For I am still very near."



JOHN RYAN MORGAN

Born in Odessa, Texas, John Ryan was immediately placed in the loving and joyful hearts and arms of his mom and dad, Jeannie and Rodney Morgan. At 5 years old, John Ryan was blessed with a baby sister, Olivia, and at 6, he was blessed with twins, Grant, and Amelia. Our family was complete. John Ryan's brother and sisters were always hanging out in his room. They loved him well. John Ryan went Home in a body that was whole and able.

We are heartbroken that we have lost our son, but rejoice in knowing that he is running through green pastures alongside Jesus and that his whole body is now healed and perfect. God, our personal Creator, comforts us in Psalm 139 14-16, instructing us that every human life from conception is precious and

has a purpose, plan and destiny from God.

John Ryan is preceded in death by his Grandfathers, James Berron Derrick, and Harold Dean Morgan, and his brother, Jonathan Grant Morgan. He is survived by his mom and dad, Rodney and Jeannie Morgan of Boerne, TX; his sisters, Olivia and Amelia Morgan, and his brother, Grant Morgan, all of Boerne, TX; his grandmothers, Rose Logsdon of Boerne, TX, and Mary Morgan, of Midland, TX; his uncles, Joe Derrick (Candy) of Rockport, TX, and Burlly Derrick of Magnolia, TX; his aunts, Tammy Smith and Nancy Fox of Odessa, TX; cousins, Brandon Derrick of McKinney TX, Jon Micheal Derrick and Crystal Derrick of Oklahoma City, OK, Jordan Derrick of San Marcos, TX, Tasha Ferguson, Haley Wegener, Jaelynn Smith, and Alison Fox of Odessa, TX. John Ryan was so very well loved by our communities both in Midland, and in Boerne. So many of you touched his life in beautiful ways and we thank each one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

There will be a celebration of the Heavenly Birth of our precious son on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Trinity Presbyterian in Boerne at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

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Mary "Granny" Anderson

Mary "Granny" Anderson, 66, of Andrews passed away on Sunday, September 16, 2018 in Odessa, Texas. Family and friends will gather to celebrate her life at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 20, 2018 at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with Pastor Kevin Covington, officiating. Interment will follow in the Andrews North Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at McNett Funeral Home.

Please celebrate her life by visiting www.mcnettfuneralhome.com. Mary was born on February 26, 1952 in Uvalde, Texas to Eusebio Zepeda Mireles, Sr. and Ruby Maldonado Mireles. She was raised in Uvalde and moved to Midland and then to Andrews with her family. While in Andrews, she had worked at The Steakhouse, Paragon, Gibson's, and was co-owner of Buddy's Drive In. At Buddy's, she loved to work all the time, and she thought of all her customers as her family. She was very fond of her morning and afternoon

coffee drinkers. Those men coffee drinkers included her in their group and would pick her up and take her to their man cave to feed and visit with her. She collected tea sets, loved listening to George Strait and Elvis Presley, and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She will be remembered as very loving, forgiving, and giving people 2nd chances. She has missed working with her friends, Floy and Minnie, at Buddy's Drive In, which is The Original Steakfinger Headquarters.

They have all been known to support the community and school of Andrews and provide steakfingers to many families during their own funerals and many out of town guest and school teams. She is preceded in death by her parents, 2 sisters, Veronica Mireles and Angie Montano, and brother, Adolfo Mireles.

Mary is survived by her 2 daughters, Michelle Waters and Marquita Hunt of Andrews and their father, George Anderson of Andrews, brother in law, Samuel Anderson of Andrews, 2 sisters, Alice Franco of Midland and Dora Mireles of Andrews, 2 honorary sisters, Margie Garcia and Suzette Baird, of Andrews, 4 brothers, J.R. Mireles of Dallas, Frank Mireles of Dumas, Richard Mireles of Midland, and Joey Mireles of Andrews, grandson, Billy Joe Whittenburg of Andrews, Madison Waters of Andrews, honorary grandson, Robert Waters of Midland, and great granddaughter, Zaleigh Whittenburg. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. In honor of Mary, Buddy's Drive In, will be closed on Thursday until 5:00 p.m.

Iris Evangeline Falcon
Iris Evangeline Falcon, infant child, died Monday, September 17, 2018 in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her parents, Chris and Afton Falcon of Midland, sister Daphne Falcon of Midland, grandparents Joel and Suzie Castello of Midland, Nunie Falcon of Austin, and Norma Juneau of Gulf Breeze, FL, and great grandparent Kathleen Castello of Midland.

She is also survived by aunts and uncles Caroline and Ravi Bhargava of Austin, John and Whitney Falcon of Austin, Michelle and Kevin Niemietz of Cedar Park, Aimee Simmons of Kingwood, Marissa Castello of Santa Cruz, CA, Kevin Haines of Denver, CO, and Ashley and Chris Haines of Gulf Shores, AL, and many other loving family members.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 21, 2018 at the First Presbyterian Church of Midland at 10:00 a.m. with a reception following in the parlor.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Midland.

Death Notices

Santa Salinas

Aguilar

Santa Salinas Aguilar, 61, passed away September 15, 2018. A memorial service will be held at a later date. She is survived by her daughters, Yolanda Tarte, Yexi Rivera; and son Yolexi Hernandez.

VAPING

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percent of 10th-graders said they vaped marijuana in the past year.

"The health risks of vaping reside not only in the vaping devices, but in the social environment that comes with it," said University of Michigan researcher Richard Miech. Kids who vape are more likely to become known as drug users and make friends with drug users, he said, adding that "hanging out with drug users is a substantial risk factor for future drug use."

That is all the more reason why the FDA should ban e-cigarettes before more teens get addicted and more health problems emerge.

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GUEST VIEW

FDA should drive wedge between teens and vaping

For those in favor of tighter regulations on everything from student loans to carbon emissions, there's not a lot of joy coming out of the federal government. But credit the Food and Drug Administration for ordering Juul Labs and other vaping device-makers to find a way to keep electronic cigarettes away from teens.

The FDA also issued warning letters and fines to retailers caught selling e-cigarettes to anyone under age 18, as required by federal law.

The FDA gave the makers of e-cigarettes 60 days to show they can keep the devices from minors. If an adequate plan is not implemented, the agency warned it may remove the products from the market.

Let's hope the FDA is prepared to follow through on its warning. After all, it

"E-cigarettes were initially touted as a way to help adults quit smoking. But thanks to slick marketing and heavy promotion on social media, e-cigarette sales have exploded among teens since 2015."

is a safe bet the e-cigarette industry will not police itself. If anything, the industry will develop some bogus guidelines to string everyone along while still peddling its addictive products.

Efforts to warn teens about the ills of cigarette smoking have been largely successful. But in just a few years, teen vaping has reached "an epidemic proportion," FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb said this week. More than 2 million middle and high school students are regular users of e-cigarettes.

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help adults quit smoking. But thanks to slick marketing and heavy promotion on social media, e-cigarette sales have exploded among teens since 2015.

Much of the growth is due to teens "Juuling." Juul is the dominant seller of the sleek vaping device, which resembles a computer flash drive. But Big Tobacco firms have also jumped in, using their same old tricks to sell vaping devices, which cost around \$50. Vaping involves puffing on vaporized liquid nicotine, sold separately in pods, as opposed to inhaling burned tobacco with traditional cigarettes.

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Limbix via AP

This image provided by Limbix in July 2018 shows a virtual reality viewpoint from a driving simulation. Limbix has an arrangement with the National Mental Health Innovation Center at University of Colorado's medical school to help field-test VR content for treating phobias.



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Nick Harrell holds up a pair of virtual reality goggles that are used in therapy to treat his fear of flying during a demonstration of the technology to treat phobias at the National Mental Health Innovation Center in Aurora, Colo., on Aug. 16. Behavioral Health Scientist Sam Hubley is at right.

VIRTUAL

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coach. University of Oxford psychology professor Daniel Freeman developed the program for an Oxford spin-off with support from the National Health Service.

Freeman's team is now at work on a VR world where people with schizophrenia can practice being in a cafe, elevator or store.

"Many of our patients are withdrawn from the world," Freeman said.

The fear-of-heights VR program shows you can automate treatment. Put on a headset and look around. You'll see a simulation of an interactive, three-dimensional environment. Look up and you'll see the sky, look down and your own hands and feet may come into view.

With exposure therapy, a therapist can accompany a person who's afraid of heights to a tall building. With VR, a patient learns to feel safe on a virtual high-rise balcony, without leaving the therapist's office.

Exposure works by gradually taking the oomph out of panic. Sweaty palms and pounding hearts ease. Fears shrink to manageable levels. By riding it out, a person learns the feelings are survivable.

The best studies on VR exposure therapy

have been small, with fewer than 100 patients. Increasingly, VR therapy will be delivered at home via the internet, a still largely unstudied area, said Katharina Meyerbroeker, a researcher at Utrecht University in the Netherlands, who has published reviews of research done in the field.

Harrell's therapist is helping field-test VR content for a company called Limbix, an arrangement between the company and the National Mental Health Innovation Center at University of Colorado's medical school.

Such ties are important for VR companies, which need scientific credibility to sell their products to therapists. Researchers gain, too.

"We've all been piggybacking on this technology that was initially developed for video gaming," said Hunter Hoffman, a research scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle who developed an early VR therapy called Spider World two decades ago. He didn't license his arachnophobia project like other early researchers who've teamed up with companies to sell VR platforms and content.

Children may someday use VR to learn to cope with anxiety, said Stephen Whiteside, director of the

Mayo Clinic Pediatric Anxiety Disorders Clinic, where a study targets kids with schoolwork anxieties.

In the VR scenario, a classroom teacher hands back a school paper with a bad grade.

"You hear the voices of other kids laughing and saying you didn't do so well," Whiteside said. "When I first watched it, I had a visceral response myself. It made you nervous."

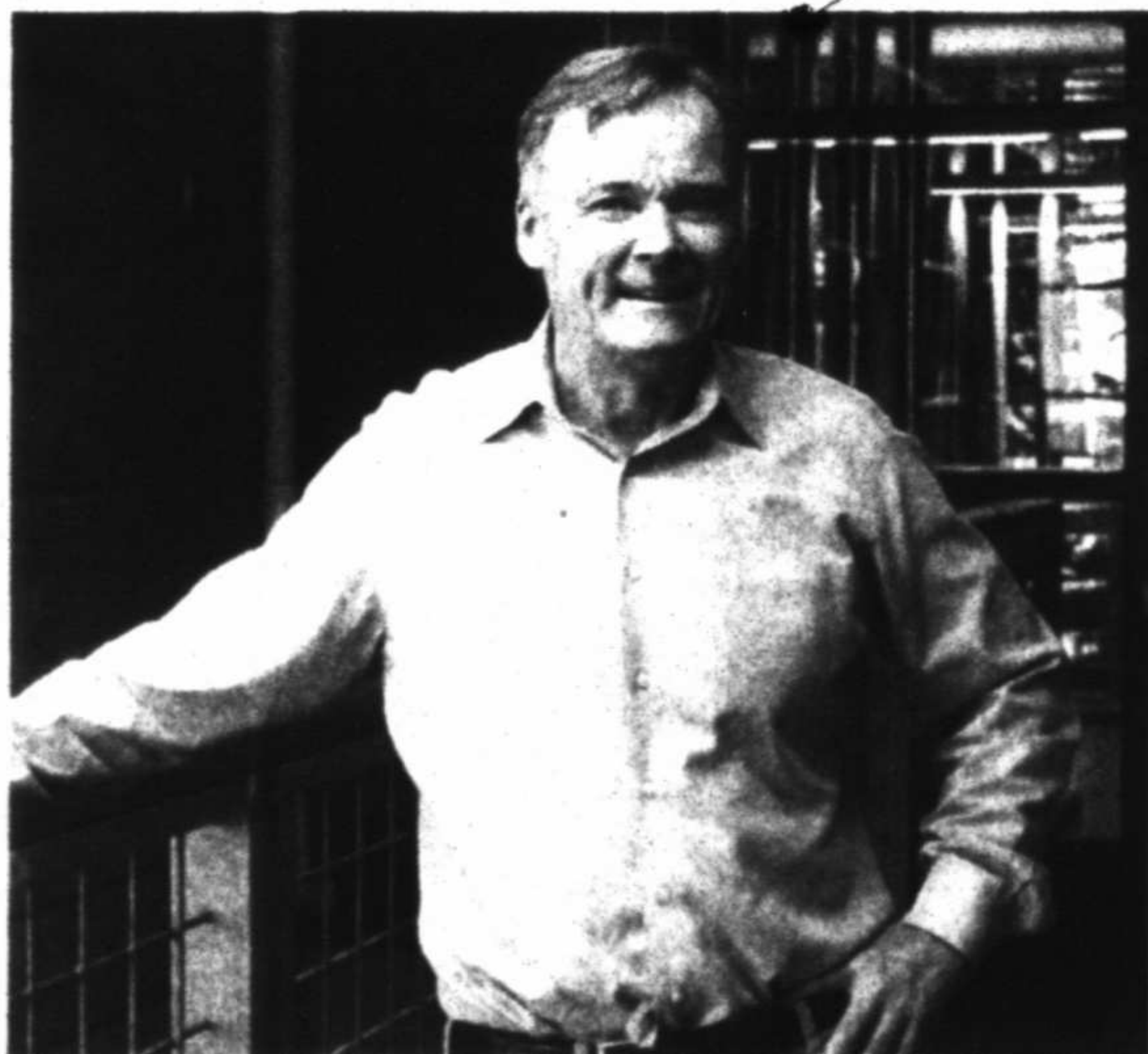
The Mayo researchers say children prefer the VR experience to traditional exposure therapy. Next, they'll test whether it works as well.

Whiteside said VR researchers everywhere must demonstrate benefits that outweigh treatment costs, which can reach \$200 per session in some specialty clinics.

"The cheaper and more accessible it gets," Whiteside said, "the easier that will be."

VR therapy made life simpler for Tracey. After seven VR sessions, he now easily parks his car atop a multi-story garage. He stood on the flat roof of his house to clean his carport.

"I would never have dreamed of doing that before," he said. "I now know how much the fear of heights restricted my everyday life."



Carle Johnson/Associated Press

Hunter Hoffman, a research scientist at the University of Washington in Seattle, poses for a portrait on July 10. "We've all been piggybacking on this technology that was initially developed for videogaming," says Hoffman, who developed an early virtual reality therapy called Spider World two decades ago.



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Employees and clients of Orange Theory Fitness compete in the bed races that were part of the 2016 Midland Wellness Tour. Bed races will be featured in Walk for Hearts, which is Saturday at Midland College. The event is hosted by the Heart Institute of Midland Memorial Hospital. To register or for more information, contact Jenny Delk-Fikes at 221-1191 or jenny.delk-fikes@midlandhealth.org or visit midland-health.org and click on classes & events.



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HEALTHBRIEFS

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Alzheimer's Association to present program

The Alzheimer's Association is presenting a program 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Topics to be covered include:

- the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia,
- what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's,
- the risk factors for and three general stages of the disease,
- FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms and
- Alzheimer's research.

Walk to benefit American Heart Association

The annual Permian Basin Heart Walk is planned for Saturday at Mission Fitness. The walk will benefit the American Heart Association.

To register for the walk or for more information, visit permianbasinheartwalk.org.

Midland Health events

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

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center class: Microbiome: Eating for a Healthy Gut, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Walk for Hearts - Rhythm Run and Bed Races, 7:30 a.m. Saturday,

Midland College; Jenny Delk-Fikes, 221-1191, jenny.delk-fikes@midlandhealth.org; for more information or to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Breastfeeding Class, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; \$10 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Labor & Delivery Tour, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

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

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

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

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

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

older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

COM Aquatics

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

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

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours

before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Finding a doctor

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

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

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures.

We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS seeks to play complete game despite 3-0 start

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said when the team met on Saturday morning after its thrilling 35-34 victory over Wall, there were some mixed feelings.

Sure, the Mustangs were happy with the win and the way they held on but were disappointed in the way they almost blew a 21-point lead in the fourth quarter.

"It left a sour taste in our mouths," McClendon said.

The Mustangs needed a stop on a 2-point conversion pass try with 2:31 left in the game to preserve a win and remain undefeated at 3-0.

The good news was that the Mustangs were able to get that stop and

find a way to win the game against a Wall team that had a big fourth quarter.

"We played a really good second half against (El Paso) Americas (a 22-3 win) and then we played a really good first half against Wall," McClendon said. "Now we've got to find a way to play four complete quarters."

"(In the second half) we took a deep breath and somewhere in our heads, we thought it was over when we were up by 21," McClendon said.

"Momentum is a precious thing and it can switch sides if you're not careful. It was a valuable lesson to learn without having to suffer a loss."

The Mustangs had a very good first half indeed as they took a 28-7 advantage into the locker room. But the offense was a bit inconsistent in

the second half and that was frustrating for McClendon.

"In crucial situations, we made mistakes and further the game went, the worse we got and it was very clear that a lot of it was self-inflicted," McClendon said. "Don't get me wrong, Wall is a great team and they played really well. If anything, I was proud of the kids for finishing and stopping the 2-point conversion pass."

The Mustangs got 107 yards rushing and three touchdowns from Mathew Madison, who was filling in for the injured Ben Gibbs, while fellow junior Riggs McDonald threw for 243 yards and two TDs.

McClendon said the team's work ethic, character and winning culture

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Kage Gilbreath gets past Wall's Austin Gray and looks to get past Cameron Barnes on Friday at Gordon Awtry Field.

5-set thriller

Tascosa beats Lee to open 2-6A play

By Christopher Hadorn
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The 2018 District 2-6A volleyball campaign kicked off with a thriller Tuesday night.

Lee and Amarillo Tascosa had a back-and-forth match that was decided in the final serves of the fifth set.

But it was Tascosa that left the Tall City with the coveted win after outlasting Lee with a 24-26, 26-24, 25-19, 17-25, 16-14 victory at the Lee High gymnasium.

Tascosa senior middle blocker Reagan Leinen clinched the match with a block, one of her match-leading seven blocks.

When District 2-6A's lone Tuesday match ended, the Lee coaching staff and players had to wonder how circumstances might have changed if they won the second set.

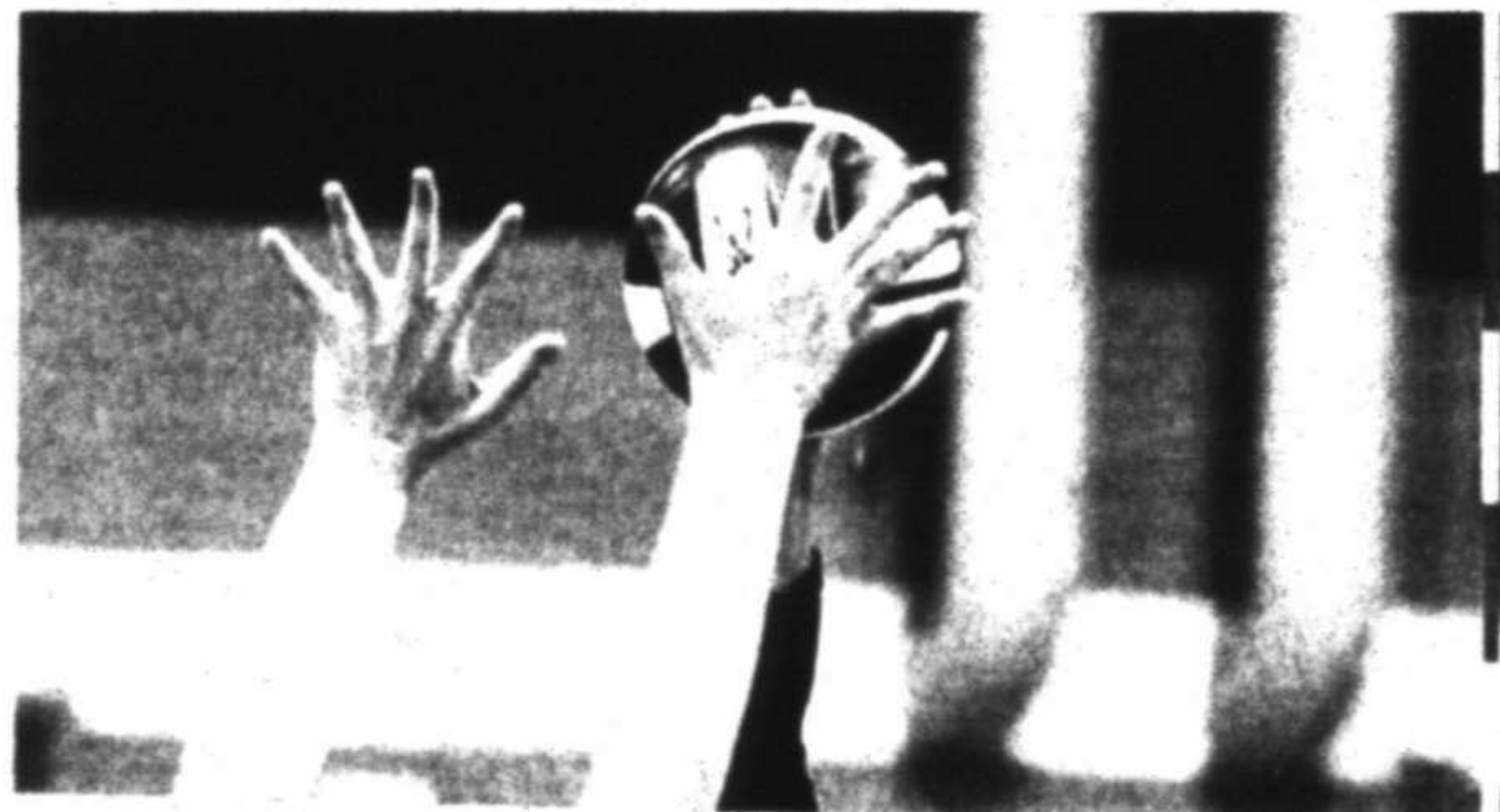
After taking the first set, Lee (15-9, 0-1 in District 2-6A) was leading the second stanza 20-9 and 21-11 at one point before Leinen spearheaded a Tascosa comeback with her net play. Tascosa finished the second on a lopsided 15-3 run.

"We gave the game back to them," Lee head coach Robert Blakley said of the second set.

"The game is typically won on runs and we gave a big one up at the wrong time. I think maybe I blew a timeout. About the time we were up 21-12, I gave them a water break, I called a timeout."

"I just gave them a water break. I don't know if that blew our momentum, but I'm going to take the blame for that second loss and our momentum. I've learned from that and I won't do that again."

Tascosa (18-12, 1-0) carried its momentum into the third set, as outside hitters Kelsey Worley and Taryn Galt shined with their attacking to give the Panhandle team



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Yali Flores (11) hits against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at Lee.

a 2-1 advantage.

"We came out a little flat in set two and got way behind," Tascosa head coach April Bolen said. "I felt like once we fought back and won that set, that really changed it for

our team. They believed in themselves. They believed they could win and that kind of turned it around for us."

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Greenwood tries to overcome injuries, has tough start

By Oscar LeRoy
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Whatever returning experience the Greenwood football team had going into this season has been decimated by injuries.

Going into last Friday's game at Shallowater, Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson said the Rangers had no returning starters on defense and only three returning starters on offense.

Youth and four turnovers on that night contributed to a 55-24 loss to the Mustangs as Greenwood fell to 1-2 on the season.

Sanderson said the Rangers lost junior running back/linebacker Ryan Snodgrass early in that game to a knee injury, which added to the walking wounded Rangers on the sidelines. Key players such as seniors Jake Somers and Seth Weatherby and junior Efrain Franco are already nursing injuries.

Sanderson said none of the injuries suffered this season have been season-ending but they are serious enough to keep players out. Understandably, the Rangers also want to get players healed up in time for the grueling six-game District 1-4A Division II schedule, which begins next week. Snodgrass is questionable to play on Friday.

"We've had to do a lot of shuffling with our personnel lately," Sanderson said. "We've had a lot of different personnel groups, trying to get our kids in the best position to be successful. We're having to get a lot of new faces involved as we didn't foresee a lot of the injuries that we've had. The next guy has to get it done."

"The schemes are still new to a lot of them as we have kids who haven't gotten a lot of reps previously are learning on the run. We'll be better for it because we're going to have a lot more depth and experience down the road."

Two players who have gotten more reps because of injuries have been junior quarterback Weston Wilber and sophomore running back Brayden Wauson. Wilber had 142 yards passing, 44 yards rushing and accounted for two TDs on Friday, while Wauson added 137 yards rushing and a TD on 14 carries after having zero carries in the previous two games.

"I think offensively we played better but we still had too many turnovers," Sanderson said. "We have to be 100 percent better in that area. I thought our kicking game played well as Derek Rimer had a 26-yard field goal and (executed) an onside kick. Our defense played hard, but we didn't adjust well scheme-wise and I didn't put a good game plan together."

The Rangers look to get back in the win column this week when they host former district foe Seminole (2-1) for their homecoming game.

Garden City gets big win over Bears

Balmorhea had been a thorn on Garden City's side the past few seasons but that all changed last Friday when the No. 5-ranked Bearcats defeated the No. 10 Bears, 53-32.

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Slaying of star golfer shocks Iowa college town

By Luke Meredith
and Ryan J. Foley
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — A star collegiate golfer from Spain was attacked and killed by a homeless stranger while she was playing a round alone near her campus in Iowa, police said Tuesday.

Celia Barquin Arozamena, who was working toward joining the pro tour while finishing her degree at Iowa State University, was stabbed by the assailant Monday morning and left dead in a pond on the golf course, police said. Her body was found after fellow players saw her abandoned golf bag.

Collin Daniel Richards, a 22-year-old with a history of violence, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder. Investigators said Richards had told an acquaintance he had "an urge to rape and kill a woman" and that he was living in a homeless encampment near the golf course in Ames, about 30

miles north of Des Moines.

Police said they recovered a knife and bloody clothing linked to Richards, who completed a prison sentence in June and has prior convictions for burglary and harassment.

Barquin was remembered as one of Iowa State's most accomplished golfers and a bright engineering student. This year, she won the Big 12 championship and an amateur tournament in Europe and competed in the U.S. Women's Open Championship.

"Losing one of our student-athletes is like losing a child," Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard said, choking back tears at a news conference. "We're all devastated and heartbroken."

Pollard said Barquin had "broke down in tears" when she found out she had been named the school's 2018 female athlete of the year — an achievement she had been set to be honored for during Saturday's football game.

Please see BARQUIN/4C



Barb Matheow/Iowa State University via AP

Golfer Celia Barquin Arozamena plays in the 2017 East and West Match Play tournament September 2017 in Verona, Wis.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Equestrian
FEI World Games: Jumping, Team and Individual Competitions, 8 a.m., OLYHD
FEI World Games: Jumping, Team and Individual Competitions, 12:30 p.m., OLYHD
FEI World Games: Vaulting Gold Medal, 5 p.m., NBCSN

Golf
EPGA: Portugal Masters, 1st Round, 5:30 a.m., GOLF
Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Atlanta, 11 a.m., MLB

Tampa Bay at Texas, 1 p.m., FSSW
Boston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW

Colorado at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Men's Soccer
UEFA Champions: Ajax vs. AEK Athens, 11:55 a.m., TNT, UniMas, UDN
UEFA Champions: Shakhtar Donetsk vs. TSG 1899 Hoffenheim, 11:55 a.m., GALA

UEFA Champions: Real Madrid vs. AS Roma, 2 p.m., TNT, UNIV, UDN
UEFA Champions: Manchester City vs. Olympique Lyonnais, 2 p.m., GALA
CONMEBOL Libertadores: Independiente vs. River Plate, 5 p.m., FXDEP
Campeones Cup: Toronto FC vs. Tigres UANL, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2, UNIV, UDN
CONMEBOL Libertadores:

Boca Juniors vs. Cruzeiro EC, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP
National Hockey League
Calgary vs. Boston, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6:30 p.m., NHL
Calgary at Vancouver, 9 p.m., NHL

Tennis
ATP: St. Petersburg Open, 5 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Volleyball
Texas at Kansas State, 6 p.m., ESPN

Ohio State at Wisconsin, 6 p.m., BTN
Texas Tech at Baylor, 7 p.m., FSSW, FCSP
TCU at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FSSW, FCSC

Arkansas at Texas A&M, 7 p.m., SEC
Alabama at Missouri, 8 p.m., ESPN

Penn State at Minnesota, 8 p.m., BTN
UCLA at USC, 10 p.m., ESPN

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Tampa Bay at Texas, 1 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
NAHL Hockey
Odessa vs. Austin, 4 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Volleyball

Midland College at Clarendon College, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES — Selected the contract of LHP Justin Sheffield from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (L). Recalled RHP Domingo German from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Transferred OF Clint Frazier to the 60-day DL.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Recalled OF Anthony Alford from Buffalo (L).

National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Announced a two-year player development contract with San Antonio (PCL) through the 2020 season.
TAMPA BAY RAYS —

KIP WORLD TOUR — Suspended chair umpire Mohamed Luyman two tournaments for leaving his seat to talk with Nick Kyrgios during a U.S. Open match.

COLLEGE
ALBANY (N.Y.) — Named John Maloney assistant men's lacrosse coach and Connor Russell volunteer assistant men's lacrosse coach.
CONCORDIA (N.Y.) — Named Peter Corlino and Christie Marrone assistant women's basketball coaches.
RWICK COLLEGE — Named John Albert assistant wrestling coach.

LOCAL STADIUM

CHRISTENSEN NAMED NO. 2

BEST JUCO PARK
Christensen Stadium has been named as the No. 2 best junior college baseball park by The Jucos Baseball Blog.

The blog wrote about the Midland College baseball team's home stadium. "The former home of the Midland Rockhounds, this field is another timeless classic. With a turf infield and a grass outfield, it is kept up well."

The blog also mentioned the seating capacity, the large

dugouts and the indoor hitting facility.

Since taking over the field in 2001 and sharing it with Midland Christian, the staff has made gradual improvements each season.

The top park went to Florida State Southwest's City of Palms Park, a former Red Sox spring training facility.

Other Texas junior college baseball parks mentioned were San Jacinto J.C.'s park at No. 4, Blinn College's field at No. 6 and Weatherford College's ballpark at No. 10.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
EAST										
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct	
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	47	32				
New England	1	1	0	.500	47	31				
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	40	37				
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	23	78				
SOUTH										
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct	
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	51	35				
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	44				
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	44	43				
Houston	0	2	0	.000	37	47				
WEST										
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct	
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	58	46				
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	70	37				
Cleveland	0	1	1	.250	39	42				
Pittsburgh	0	1	1	.250	58	43				
WEST										
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct	
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	60	46				
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	47	43				
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	58	58				
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	32	53				

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	28	29
Washington	1	1	0	.500	33	27
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	39	39
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	28	40
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	75	61

CENTRAL DIVISION										
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct	
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	4	10	0	0	0	0.000
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
New York	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
Washington	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000

NHL G									
EASTERN CONFERENCE ATLANTIC DIVISION									
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct
Montreal	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Quebec	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Ottawa	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Calgary	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Edmonton	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
San Jose	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
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Vancouver	1	0	0	1.000	0	10	0	0	0.000
Winnipeg</									

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	3	3	0	0	6	11	6
Buffalo	2	2	0	0	4	7	3
Montreal	1	1	0	0	2	3	1
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	
Florida	2	0	2	0	0	3	10	
METROPOLITAN DIVISION								
	GP	W	L	OT	Pct	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	3	2	1	0	.667	8	5	

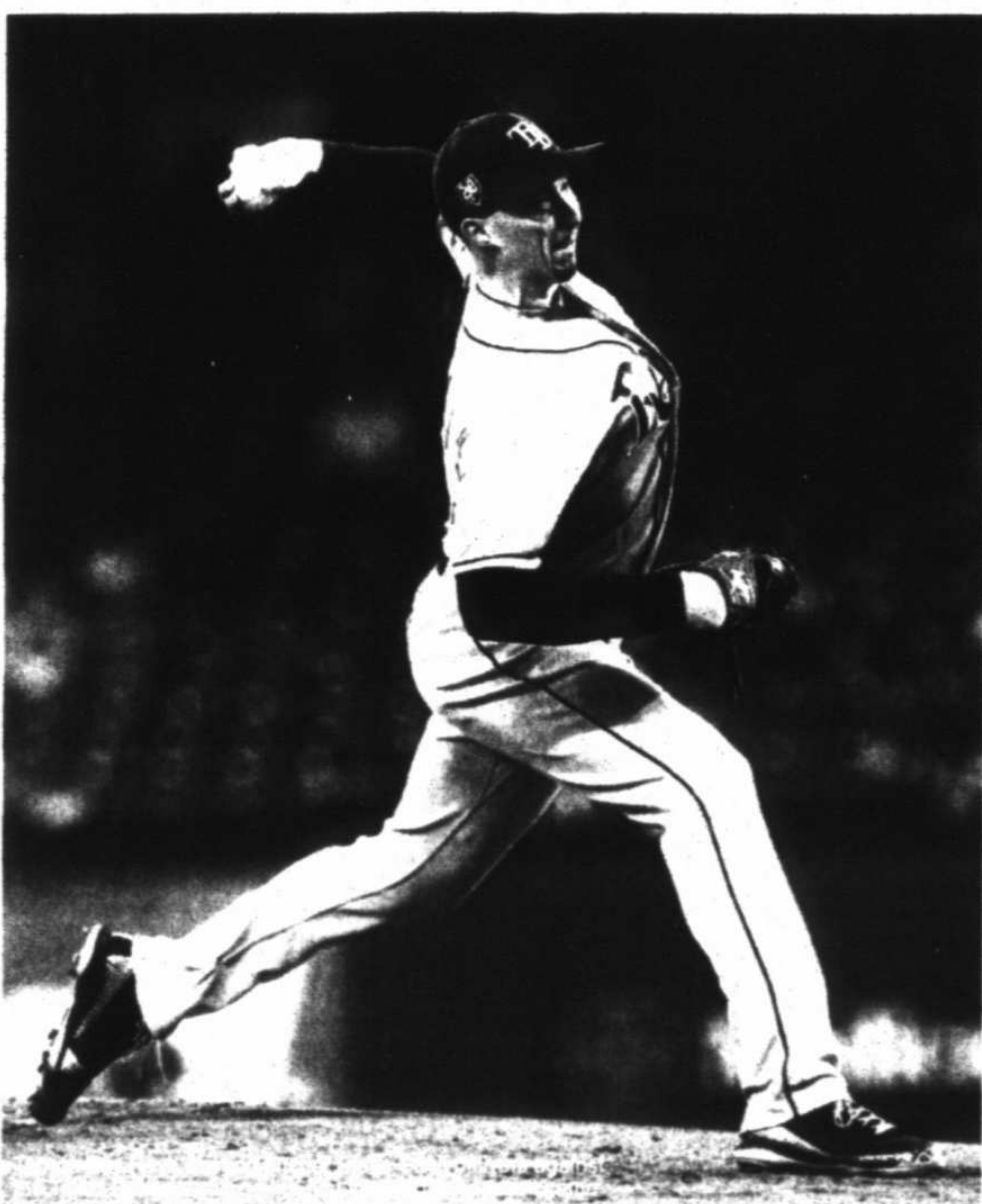
Philadelphia	3	2	1	0	4	0	5
N.Y. Rangers	1	1	0	0	2	4	3
Carolina	1	1	0	0	2	4	1
Columbus	2	1	1	0	2	5	5
N.Y. Islanders	3	1	2	0	2	5	8
New Jersey	2	0	1	1	1	4	7

Washington	2	0	1	1	1	3	7
Pittsburgh	1	0	1	0	0	2	5
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
CENTRAL DIVISION							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pct	GP	GA
Seattle	2	2	0	0	.4	10	3

Winnipeg	2	2	0	0	4	0	0
Ottawa	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Calgary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minneapolis	1	0	1	0	0	1	2

Chicago	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
PACIFIC DIVISION							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GP	GA
Edmonton	1	1	0	0	2	7	6
Stags	1	1	0	0	2	7	2
Calgary	2	0	1	1	1	7	11

NFC EAST										
W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	W	L	T	Pct	
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0	0	0	0.000
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	2	4	0			



Snell wins 20th, ties Rays record in 4-0 victory over Texas

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Blake Snell became the major leagues' first 20-game winner in two years, helping pitch the Tampa Bay Rays past the Texas Rangers 4-0 Tuesday night.

Snell (20-5) threw one-hit ball for five innings and tied the Tampa Bay record for victories in a season. David Price also won 20 in his Cy Young Award season of 2012.

Snell won his eighth straight start. The 25-year-old lefty struck out five, walked two and threw 92 pitches, exiting with a 1.97 ERA.

No one in the big leagues won more than 18 games last season. Rich Porcello won 22 in 2016, with Max Scherzer and J.A. Happ each winning 20.

Tampa Bay has won four straight and 13 of 16 this month in a last-ditch attempt to wrest the AL second wild-card playoff berth from Oakland. The Rays began the day trailing the A's by 6 1/2 games.

Texas has been shut out on a total of only six hits in the first two games of a three-game series.

The Rays scored three times in the

fourth against Yovani Gallardo (8-6). Wil- lie Adams hit a two-run homer and Joey Wendle had an RBI double.

Snell, the Rays' first-round draft pick in 2011, was demoted to Triple-A Durham last season. Since he returned on Aug. 8, 2017, Snell has a 25-6 record. In his year-plus in the majors before that, he had been 6-14.

Snell remained the AL leader in wins over Cleveland's Corey Kluber, who won his 19th on Tuesday night.

Three Rays relievers completed the four-hit shutout with four scoreless innings. Gallardo pitched in and out of trouble in his five innings, allowing eight hits and three walks. He benefited from three of the Rangers' four double plays.

Wendle tied a career high with four hits, including two doubles.

Trainer's room

Rangers: OF Joey Gallo missed his second game since fouling a ball off his right little toe over the weekend in San Diego. Manager Jeff Banister said, "I don't foresee it lingering."

Gonzalez's homer helps Astros down Mariners

By Kristie Rieken

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in a four-run third inning that helped the Houston Astros to a 7-0 win over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Houston, which eliminated the Mariners from contention for the AL West title with the victory, entered the day four games ahead of Oakland atop the division standings. The Athletics played later against the Angels.

Rookie starter Josh James (1-0) struck out seven and scattered four hits over 5 1/3 innings for his first major league win. Four relievers completed the shutout.

Seattle starter Mike Leake (10-10) yielded six hits and five runs in 6 1/3 innings to snap a two-game winning streak.

Leake plunked Brian McCann to start the third before Tony Kemp doubled. The Astros took a 1-0 lead when George Springer hit an RBI single, and Springer reached second on the play thanks to an error by left fielder Denard Span. Kemp scored on a groundout by Jose Altuve to make it 2-0.

There were two outs in the inning when Gonzalez sent a drive to left-center that was originally ruled a double. But a replay review revealed it was a homer, pushing Houston's lead to 4-0.

The Mariners couldn't get much going against James. He walked Chris Hermann with no outs in the third before a one-out single by Mitch Haniger. After a short visit to the mound, James retired the next two batters to end the threat. He allowed a double to Robinson Cano to start the sixth before striking out Nelson Cruz with his

final pitch. Cano doubled twice and tied a season high with three hits, but the rest of the team managed only three hits on a night when the Mariners went 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position.

The Astros padded their lead in the seventh when Yuli Gurriel doubled with one out and scored on a single by McCann. Houston added two more runs in the eighth, with the first one coming when Tyler White's fly to left-center dropped right in between Span and Dee Gordon for a double.

Trainer's room

Astros: RHP Lance McCullers Jr., on the disabled list since Aug. 5 with a strained right forearm, threw a simulated game and will throw another one Friday or Saturday. The Astros hope he'll be able to return before the end of the regular season.

MLB ROUNDPUP

Associated Press

American League

TWINS 5, TIGERS 3

DETROIT — Chris Gimenez homered and Tyler Austin drove in three runs as the Minnesota Twins beat the Detroit Tigers 5-3 on Tuesday night.

The Twins have won three straight, while the Tigers have lost seven of nine.

Mikie Mahtook drove in all of Detroit's runs. Jake Odorizzi (7-10) allowed two runs on four hits in 6 1/3 innings. He walked one and struck out six in his first start since losing a no-hitter in the eighth inning against the New York Yankees.

Trevor Hildenberg pitched the ninth for his seventh save, allowing Mahtook's two-out RBI single.

Daniel Norris (0-5) pitched a season-high 5 1/3 innings, allowing two runs on five hits and three walks.

The game was scoreless in the sixth when Jorge Polanco led off with a double to left. Logan Forsythe followed with a groundout off Norris' glove, allowing Polanco to take third. Robbie Grossman walked before Austin's RBI single to center.

Jake Cave made it 2-0 with a single off second baseman Daniel Lugo's glove, ending Norris' night. Drew VerHagen escaped the inning without further damage.

Gimenez homered off Sandy Baez in the seventh to make it 3-0. Austin added a two-run double later in the inning to chase Baez.

BLUE JAYS 6, ORIOLES 4

BALTIMORE — The Orioles fell to the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 Tuesday night, dropping their 108th game, a team record for losses since they arrived in Baltimore in 1954.

The 1988 Orioles, who opened the season 0-21, held the previous team record for losses with a 54-107 finish. The overall franchise record for defeats is 111, set by the 1939 St. Louis Browns — a mark this year's team could still eclipse.

The Orioles led 4-2 in the seventh before a throwing error by third baseman Steve Wilkerson on a grounder by Teoscar Hernandez allowed two runs to score. Lourdes Gurriel Jr. followed with a two-RBI single off reliever Paul Fry that gave Toronto a 6-4 lead.

Dylan Bundy (8-15) started strong for the Orioles before being lifted with two outs in the seventh as the game unraveled. He was charged with five runs (two earned), seven hits and six strikeouts. Bundy did not allow a home run for the first time since June 23, a span of 13 consecutive starts.

Reliever Jake Petricka (3-1) pitched two scoreless innings. Tyler Clippard held the Orioles in the eighth, and Ken Giles earned his 23rd save.

Cedric Mullins led off the first inning with his fourth home run for Baltimore.

YANKEES 3, RED SOX 2

NEW YORK — Neil Walker hit a three-run homer, Zach Britton started a game-ending double play on New York's third try in the ninth inning and the Yankees kept the Boston Red Sox from a bubbly celebration in the Bronx for at least another night with a 3-2 victory Tuesday.

Batting from the left side, Walker golfed a no-doubter in the seventh inning off Ryan Brasier for the Yankees' third hit of the game and a 3-1 lead. Walker dropped his bat, admired the shot for a moment and then pointed into the Yankees dugout as he jogged to first base.

Aaron Judge returned to New York's lineup for the first time since breaking his right wrist July 26, while AL MVP candidate Mookie Betts got a day off for Boston after injuring his left side Sunday. Judge hit a pop fly to the warning track but finished 0 for 4.

New York entered the night with a 1 1/2-game lead over Oakland for the top AL wild card. The A's hosted the Angels later.

Boston is trying to clinch the AL East at Yankee Stadium for the second time in three years. The Red Sox lead the Yankees by 10 1/2 games and entered the night with a magic number of four over the Astros to lock up baseball's best record.

INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 3

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber struck out 11 in eight innings to record his career-high 19th win as the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox 5-3 on Tuesday night.

Kluber (19-7), who allowed three runs, topped 200 strikeouts for the fifth straight season. Kluber won 18 games in three of the previous four seasons, including his two AL Cy Young Award-winning years, 2014 and 2017.

Omar Narvaez walked and Matt Davidson singled with two outs in the eighth, but Kluber retired Ryan Lankford on a groundout.

Indians All-Star second baseman Jose Ramirez was hit on the left arm by Carlos Rodon's pitch in the fifth inning and walked from the plate in obvious pain. Ramirez spoke with manager Terry Francona and a team trainer, but stayed in the game.

Jason Kipnis homered and Yandy Diaz added a two-run single when Cleveland scored three times in the fifth.

Andrew Miller struck out three in the ninth but allowed the potential tying run to reach base. With one out, Wellington Castillo reached on Yan Gomes' passed ball on strike three.

Miller struck out Yolmer Sanchez before Tim Anderson blooped a single to right. Miller then fanned Daniel Palka to end the game. The left-hander, who has been on the disabled list three times, picked up his second save and first since April 9.

Carlos Rodon (6-6) allowed five runs in seven innings. Palka and Narvaez hit solo homers in the sixth for the White Sox.

White Sox slugger Jose Abreu will miss the

series because of an infection in his right thigh. Abreu is batting .320 (16 for 50) with five homers and 12 RBIs in his career against Kluber.

National League

NATIONALS 4, MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Stephen Strasburg matched his season-high with 11 strikeouts and Bryce Harper tied a career-high with five walks as the Washington Nationals beat the Miami Marlins 4-2 Tuesday night.

Anthony Rendon drove in two runs for the Nationals (77-75), who moved to within 6 1/2 games of the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves, who lost 8-1 to St. Louis.

Strasburg (9-7) pitched six innings and allowed two runs and five hits with two walks. At one point, he struck out six consecutive batters.

Sean Doolittle pitched a perfect ninth for his 25th save in 28 opportunities.

Peter O'Brien hit his third home run of the season and J.T. Realmuto had two hits and knocked in a run for the Marlins.

Adam Eaton and Trea Turner had consecu-

tive RBI singles in the second inning to give the Nationals an early lead.

O'Brien's solo homer off Strasburg cut the Marlins' deficit to 2-1.

Rendon's sacrifice fly pushed the lead to 3-1, but Realmuto pulled Miami within 3-2 with a base hit in the fifth.

REDS 3, BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Jose Peraza capitalized on Chase Anderson's home run troubles with a drive in the first inning and the Cincinnati Reds beat Milwaukee 3-1 Tuesday night, the Brewers' third loss in four games.

The Brewers' edge for the top NL wild-card spot was cut to two games by St. Louis, with Colorado also in close contention. Milwaukee began the day 2 1/2 games behind the NL Central-leading Chicago Cubs.

Milwaukee managed only three hits against five Cincinnati pitchers. It was the third low-scoring loss for the Brewers in four games — they fell to Pittsburgh 3-1 on Saturday and 3-2 on Sunday.

Scott Schebler opened the first with a single to left off Anderson, who has allowed an NL-high 30 home runs. Peraza then connected for his 13th homer.

The Brewers made it 2-1 with an unearned run in the second, but the Reds made it 3-1 in the fourth on Schebler's RBI double.

Michael Lorenzen, making his first start since 2015 after 151 relief appearances, allowed one unearned run on one hit in four innings. Sal Romano (8-11) followed with 2 1/3 scoreless innings for the victory.

CARDINALS 8, BRAVES 1

ATLANTA — Paul DeJong hit a two-run homer, Yadier Molina added a two-run single in a four-run eighth inning and the St. Louis Cardinals won their third straight game with an 8-1 victory over the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

Austin Gomber pitched five effective innings for St. Louis, which holds a slim lead for the second NL wild card. The Cardinals top the National League with 36 victories since All-Star break, and their 43 road wins this season rank second.

Atlanta's division lead dropped to 5 1/2 games over Philadelphia as the Braves lost their fourth in a row after a season-best six-game winning streak. They are 38-38 at SunTrust Park and have dropped 14 of 18 at home.

The Braves' magic number remained at seven as they try to clinch a division title for the first time in five years. Philadelphia beat the New York Mets 5-2.

Anibal Sanchez (6-6) allowed four hits and two runs and struck out six in five innings. He faced the minimum through his first three innings and retired his first batter in the fourth before Jose Martinez singled and DeJong hit his 19th homer.

DeJong, who is hitting .500 with four homers and 10 RBIs in five career games against Atlanta, added a run-scoring single in the eighth off Dan Winkler. DeJong's homer was his 14th on the road.

Interleague

PIRATES 2, ROYALS 1

PITTSBURGH — Pinch-hitter Ryan Lavarney drove in the winning run with a single in the 11th inning. Jameson Taillon struck out a career-high 11 and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Kansas City Royals 2-1 on Tuesday night.

It was just the second at-bat of the season for the 30-year-old Lavarney, the Pirates' fourth-string catcher. He hit .288 in 77 games in with Triple-A Indianapolis. Lavarney has played 142 career games with five teams.

Starting Marte led off the 11th with an infield single off Burch Smith (1-6). Josh Bell walked and Burch struck out Francisco Cervelli before Adam Frazier was intentionally walked to load the bases, setting up Lavarney's walk-off hit to shallow center.

Pinch-hitter Hunter Dozier tied the game in the ninth with a double off Pirates closer Felipe Vazquez that scored Jorge Bonifacio. Left fielder Corey Dickerson threw to shortstop Jordy Mercer, who relayed home to throw out Salvador Perez and preserve the tie.

Vazquez had not blown a save since May 31, a string of 24 consecutive opportunities converted.

Taillon threw seven scoreless innings, allowing four hits and a walk. His previous career high in strikeouts was 10, set on July 12.

Kyle Crick (3-2) retired the side on 10 pitches in the 11th to earn the win.

MLB GLANCE

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	103	48	.682	—	—	—	—
New York	92	59	.609	10 1/2	97	50	.660
Tampa Bay	84	68	.553	19 1/2	—	—	—
Toronto	69	82	.452	34	—	—	—
Baltimore	43	108	.285	60	—	—	—
Central Division				Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	94	60	.560	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	70	81	.464	14 1/2	—	—	—
Chicago	61	90	.404	23 1/2	—	—	—
Kansas City	59	93	.388	27 1/2	—	—	—
Detroit	52	99	.344	32 1/2	—	—	—
West Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	88	63	.583	—	—	—	—
Oakland	80	80	.500	4 1/2	—	—	—
Seattle	83	66	.558	12	—	—	—
Los Angeles	74	85	.463	20 1/2	—	—	—
Texas	67	87	.434	31	—	—	—
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NATIONAL LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				East Division			
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Atlanta	82	68	.540	—	—	—	—
Philadelphia	77	73	.512	5 1/2	—	—	—
Pittsburgh	75	75	.500	13	—	—	—
Montreal	70	84	.452	18 1/2	—	—	—
Miami	59	92	.391	24	—	—	—
Central Division				Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	86	68	.559	—	—	—	—
St. Louis	84	66	.560	3	—	—	—
St. Louis	84	66	.560	5	—	—	—
Pittsburgh	78	74	.512	12	—	—	—
Cincinnati	67	87	.434	24	—	—	—
West Division				West Division			
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Hall of Fame members threaten boycott of inductions

By Barry Wilner
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Among the signees were Dickerson, who is listed as chairman of the newly created Hall of Fame Board the group has formed, Jim Brown, Joe Namath, Lawrence Taylor, and Sarah White, the widow of Reggie White.

One name on the list of 22 signees including Mrs. White was Carl Eller, but no one by that name has played professional football. Former Vikings defensive end Carl Eller, however, is a Hall of Famer.

“The time has come for us to be treated as part of a game we’ve given so much to,” the letter states. “Until our demands

are met, the Hall of Famers will not attend the annual induction ceremony in Canton. It’s well known that the NFL is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020, and while we are proud of our role in building this league, we don’t believe 100 years of player exploitation is something to celebrate.”

The strongly worded letter called out the league for paying Goodell \$40 million, saying “there are better uses for that money.” It also criticized Smith for his salary and the lack of a former player on the players’ association executive board. But there have been two former players on that executive board since 2009.

Jerry Rice said he wasn’t on the Hall of Fame board. And in a statement on Twitter, the former wide receiver said he plans to support the Hall of Fame and “looks forward to attending the 100th anniversary in 2020.”

Kurt Warner, whose name is also on the letter, also released a statement on Twitter that said he wasn’t made aware of the letter and his name was mistakenly put on it. He said he supports the efforts for better benefits for all retired players and doesn’t believe in boycotting the Hall of Fame.

Baker said the Hall seeks to help all players, not just those enshrined in Can-

ton, Ohio.

“Many Hall of Famers have reached out to express their support of the Hall,” he said in a statement.

“While we enshrine Hall of Famers, our mission is to serve every player who helped build this great game. We guard the legacies and seek to serve all players and not just Hall of Famers who we serve every day.”

NFL players have received a pension since the Bert Bell Plan, named after a former league commissioner, was created in 1959. In the 1993 collective bargaining agreement, a 401K plan to which players also could contribute was established, and in 1998 an annuity program.

“There have been significant increases in the pension with every collective bargaining agreement in the history of this sport,” said Miki Yaras-Davis, the NFLPA’s senior director of benefits.

“The normal retirement age is 55 for former players, and those players can leave in their pension (funds) and at 65 they have almost a 300 percent increase. This is one of the few defined benefit plans left in the country. It’s a program which isn’t seen much anymore that defines the benefits at a certain age.”

During the 2011 labor dispute and lock-

out, one of the main issues was establishing a fund for pre-1993 players. In that CBA, a “Legacy Fund” was established, with a \$620 million increase in benefits, with team owners contributing out of their share of revenues for the first time. The union and the league have increased pensions three times for former players since 2011.

But the letter calls the Legacy Fund “little more than cynical public relations ploys that fail to help those who desperately need it.”

“The total cost for every Hall of Famer to have health insurance is less than \$4 million — less than that of a 30-second Super Bowl ad, or about 3 cents for every \$100 the league generates in revenue,” Dickerson’s letter states.

“Paying Hall of Famers an annual salary works out to about 40 cents for every \$100 in annual revenue, a figure that will increase dramatically in the near future with legalized gambling.”

The disgruntled former players also took aim at the expansion of the Hall of Fame into a village that Baker has estimated will eventually cost \$1 billion. The NFL provides significant funding for the hall, but equally significant costs for the project are funded elsewhere.

NOTEBOOK

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in a bug six-man matchup at Bearkat Stadium.

The win over Balmorhea was the first over the Bears, the two-time Class 1A Division II runners-up who are up in Division I this season.

Garden City coach Jeff Jones attributed the win to the team’s stellar defensive play. The Bearkats (3-0) have allowed just 48 total points in three games this season.

“It was a long time coming,” Jones said of his team’s first win over the Bears since 2014. “We stopped them nine times and not too many people do that to Balmorhea. That just gave our offense nine more chances to do something.”

The Bearkats definitely produced on offense as they got 302 yards rushing and had five different players complete passes.

Hunter McMillan also had a great all-around game for the Bearkats as he scored three touchdowns rushing, had a TD reception, returned a long kickoff which resulted in a TD and picked off two passes on defense.

The Bearkats will continue their tough non-district stretch when they host Imperial Buena Vista (1-2), the No. 5 ranked team in Division II, according to sixmanfootball.com.

“We want to continue to play good defense and execute on offense,” Jones said. “We still haven’t opened up the playbook very much yet, so we’ll be plugging at it before district starts.”

Stanton hard work finally pays off

The best part for first-year head coach Jerry Burkhart and Stanton in the team’s 35-21 win over Forsan is that it reaffirmed that they’re heading in the right direction.

“It was a huge shot in the arm,” said Burkhart about the team’s first win of the season. “We’ve been telling the kids since March that all the hard work

they were putting was going to pay off. They beat a Forsan team that I don’t think they’ve beat in a long time and it gave the kids a big boost in morale.”

“I think it’s going to go a long way into the Buffaloes buying in to what the coaching staff is telling them. We’re going to try to continue to get better this week.”

The Buffaloes (1-2) got a big performance from the MRT Area Player of the Week in sophomore quarterback Landon Burkhart, who rushed for 333 yards, passed for 76 yards and accounted for four touchdowns.

Stanton will get a tough test this week when they host No. 7 New Deal (3-0) on Friday.

Forsan looks to keep growing

Forsan coach Jason Phillips said his team just has to keep working on getting better with all the youth and inexperience on the roster.

The Buffaloes fell to 0-3 on the season after last Friday’s loss to Stanton and Phillips said that team is going through some growing pains early on.

“We’ve had three games under our belts, so we can’t use that as an excuse, but we’ve got to keep working to put it all together,” Phillips said. “We had a really good half against Coahoma, a really good half against Post and a really good first half against Stanton. Now we have to put a complete game together and play well for four quarters. We have to keep executing and keep getting better every game.”

Phillips said some of the improvement he’s seen from his team is the way it’s blocking and tackling. The Buffaloes look to continue to improve when they travel to face a tough Colorado City team that is off to a 3-0 start.

“They’re probably going to be our toughest test yet but they’ll get us ready for district,” Phillips said. “We need to see a team like that because they’re going to be about as athletic as Stamford and Hawley.”

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BARQUIN

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Instead, the team will wear helmet decals with Barquin’s initials to honor her.

Ames Police Cmdr. Geoff Huff said homicides are rare in the city, and it’s “very troubling for something like this to happen in broad daylight.”

It’s the second fatal stabbing of a female college student in Iowa in recent months.

An immigrant from Mexico is charged in the July slaying of University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts, who vanished while out for a run in the town of Brooklyn.

Police were called to Coldwater Golf Links around 10:20 a.m. Monday to investigate a possible missing player after golfers found her bag and no one around it.

Officers found Barquin’s body with several stab wounds to her upper torso, head and neck, according to the complaint filed Tuesday against Richards.

A police dog tracked Barquin’s scent to a homeless encampment near the course where Richards had been living in a tent, the complaint said. Officers found Richards with several scratches on his face consistent with fighting and a deep laceration in his left hand that he tried to conceal, it said.

“What did he do to her?” an acquaintance of Richards allegedly asked officers who were searching the area.

That man told investigators Richards had said recently he had “an urge to rape and kill a woman” while they were walking near the course, the complaint said. A second acquaintance told police that Richards arrived at his nearby home Monday “disheveled and covered in blood, sand and water.” He bathed and left with his clothes in a backpack.

Investigators later recovered shorts with blood stains and a knife that Richards allegedly gave to two other people after the slaying, the complaint said. Those two individuals were driving Richards out of town, but he asked them to drop him off near the camp so he could get his tent. Huff said no one else had been charged, but that the investigation was ongoing.

Professional golfer Sergio Garcia, a native of Spain and one of Barquin’s favorites, tweeted that he was heartbroken by the news, saying he’d had the pleasure of meeting Barquin and calling her a “special person.”

A judge ordered Richards jailed on a \$5 million, cash-only

bond during a court appearance Tuesday.

Richards, who faces life in prison if convicted, reported in a financial affidavit that he has no job. Paul Rounds, a public defender assigned to represent him, filed paperwork asserting that his client didn’t wish to speak to investigators.

Barquin, a native of Puente San Miguel, Spain, was finishing her civil engineering degree this semester after exhausting her playing eligibility in 2017-2018, according to the university.

She was one of the most accomplished golfers in school history. In April, she became the second women’s golfer at Iowa State to earn medalist honors at a conference tournament when claiming the 2018 Big 12 Championship with a three-shot victory.

Barquin, who was ranked No. 69 nationally by Golfweek, ended her collegiate career with a fourth-straight NCAA Regional appearance and earned All-Big 12 Team honors for the third time. She was the third Iowa State women’s golfer to compete in the U.S. Women’s Open Championship.

Her former team announced Tuesday it was pulling out of the East & West Match Play in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to be with friends and family and to grieve their loss. Women’s golf coach Christie Martens said Barquin was an “outstanding representative of our school.”

“We will never forget her competitive drive to be the best and her passion for life,” Martens said.

Richards left prison in June after serving seven months for violating the terms of his probation, following convictions for burglary, theft, criminal mischief and harassment, according to the Iowa Department of Corrections. Records show he was arrested weeks later after he was found passed out near an Ames liquor store, telling police he took antidepressants before drinking alcohol.

Since 2014, Richards had been charged with abusing a girlfriend, stealing a pickup truck, using a baseball bat to smash a car window and burglarizing a gas station.

In one case, the Iowa State Patrol seized a long knife from him during a traffic stop.

In another, he threatened to return to a convenience store to shoot clerks who caught him shoplifting.

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have helped the Mustangs not only overcome some injuries but challenges from quality opponents.

“It is really a fun environment to play in and coach in,” he said. The Mustangs will next turn their focus to Monahans (2-1), which is coming off a 35-14 win at Big Spring.

McClendon said despite having new coach Mel Maxfield, the Lobos look very much the same as when Mickey Owens coached them.

“They are a tough and physical football team offensively and defensively,” McClendon said. “We better have it buckled up to play with them.”

“We need to play with everything we’ve got and play together. If we do that, we’re pretty special, but if we don’t, we’re pretty average.”

The Mustangs hope to get

Gibbs (concussion) back this week when they travel to Estes Memorial Stadium.

Trinity game gets canceled

Trinity coach Antwan Alexander said Compass Academy officials informed him on Monday that it would be in their best interest to cancel Friday’s game against the Chargers at Coombes Field.

Alexander said the game will go down as a forfeit win for his team, which will now be 2-1 on the season.

The Chargers opened the season with a 45-0 victory against the Odessa school.

Alexander said the school is still planning on having its homecoming events as he is having trouble finding a replacement opponent for this Friday with such a late notice.

The Chargers are coming off

a 50-7 loss in which the Yellow Jackets scored 33 points in the second quarter, according to MaxPreps statistics. Alexander said it was tough to simulate Kermit’s hurry-up offense, while its defense was tough.

He said that once his team was able to execute on both sides of the football, the Chargers were not only able to get some stops but move the ball on offense.

“It gave our kids more experience playing in that type of game,” Alexander said. “Now with the time we have to work on things, that will help us out tremendously. The downfall of the schedule we have is not having a game, but its good side is letting us work on the things that we didn’t do well.”

Trinity is next scheduled to play at Dallas First Baptist at 7 p.m. Sept. 28.

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMD ABC	3	3	4	3	2							
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7							
KWTV CW	5	14	5	14	5	14						
KPEJ FOX	8	5	8	5	8	5						
KMLN IND	11	12	12	11	11							
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9							
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KOSA MNT	16	16	16	16	16							
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HBO	200	200	14	14								
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DISC	50	60	31	24	42							
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36							
ESPN	32	35	40	31	30							
ESPN2	34	36	40	32	31							
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FOOD	64	70	27	68	54							
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33							
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HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43							
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NBCSN	38	43										
NICK	55		39	34	37							
SPICE	30		55	53	58							
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67							
TBS	25	33	44	66	41							
TCN	41	75	24	63	66							
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TLC	51	61	32	38	52							
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Mom wants to shield her kids from relative's new lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: A close relative has started working in the adult industry. She now dresses provocatively, showing lots of skin. She has also covered much of her body with tattoos and adopted the lifestyle of someone in that field. Our family assumes she's "going through a phase" and has no idea what she's really up to.

I have two small children I don't really want around her, but I'm not sure how to handle the situation. I don't want to tell her mom what she's really doing, but at the same time, I don't want my kids thinking that's how people in society are. Please help. — **NERVOUS IN NEW YORK**

DEAR NERVOUS: If you no longer want to be around this person, no law says you have to be. If your relatives ask you about your absence, tell them the reason. If they don't, don't tattle. This isn't an emergency; rest assured her parents will find out eventually.

As to her being a bad influence on your children, take this as an opportunity for a teachable moment about people coming in "different packaging" and not judging a book by its cover.

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused and not sure what to do. I'm a 32-year-old single mom who is a hopeless romantic. I've been

DEAR ABBY

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seeing someone for six months. He is already talking about marriage and a happily ever after, which I am ready for.

The downside is, not long after we started dating, I met someone who makes me question everything. He's someone I can't actually be with because — yes, he's married. I'm disgusted with myself for allowing this to happen, but the minute our eyes met, my heart skipped a beat.

What I'm asking is, do I settle for the guy I've been dating because that's what I'm ready for? He's a great guy who cares a lot about my daughter and me. I can be a faithful and loving wife, which he wants. Or should I let him go because my heart truly isn't there? Please help me, even though I don't deserve it. — **SETTLING DOUBTS**

DEAR SETTLING: Warning: Heartbreak ahead. Although you say you are ready for marriage and happily ever after, I don't think it's true. I can't warn you strongly enough not to marry one man while in your heart you

yearn for someone else. It's a recipe for disaster, and the collateral damage will be not only Mr. Six Months but also your child.

DEAR ABBY: I received a drunken text from my son's friend telling me my son is gay. It rambled on about their relationship. I decided not to question my son about it because, if it is true, it won't change our relationship. It really doesn't matter to me. They live in another state.

This is a dilemma because I worry about this "friend" not being trustworthy. Is this my business? Should I tell my son? What if he gets upset? — **TAKEN ABACK**

DEAR TAKEN: You should absolutely have a talk with your son about the text you received. Ask him if what the friend said is true, and if it is, why you didn't hear it from him. Don't be angry or accusatory. Just be sure to assure him how much you love him and that your feelings for him have not changed. He may need to hear you verbalize it.

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Both vulnerable. South deals

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

WEST
♠ A J 9 4 2
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ Q 3
♣ Q J

EAST
♠ 8 5 3
♥ K
♦ A 8 7 6 5
♣ 6 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K
♥ J 10 3
♦ K J 2
♣ A K 10 9 8 7

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
INT Pass 2♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
4♠ All pass
Game three with four spades and five hearts

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

South must have had a club in with his spade when he opened the bidding. The auction illustrates the popular Smolen convention, named after the late Mike Smolen. After a Stayman inquiry reveals that opener has no four-card major, responder jumps to the three level in his four-card major to show five cards in the other major.

This allows the strong hand to be declarer in the possible five-three fit. South won the opening club lead with the ace and ran the jack of hearts to East's king. Having no idea about the layout of the club suit, East returned a club. Declarer played his 10 and ruffed West's jack in dummy. A spade to the king lost to the ace, and West, having no idea that declarer was out of spades, continued with another spade. South played low from dummy and ruffed in hand with the 10 of hearts. A low heart to dummy's nine held the trick and revealed the bad trump split.

Declarer led a low diamond from dummy. Had East ducked his ace, South would have won with his jack and started on clubs. Should West ruff the first club, South would over-ruff, draw the last trump, and still have the king of diamonds as an entry to his hand. East chose to rise with his ace of diamonds and continue with a diamond. South followed the same plan, winning with his jack and leading clubs. West couldn't refuse to ruff forever. He eventually succumbed to the trump coup and South made his contract.

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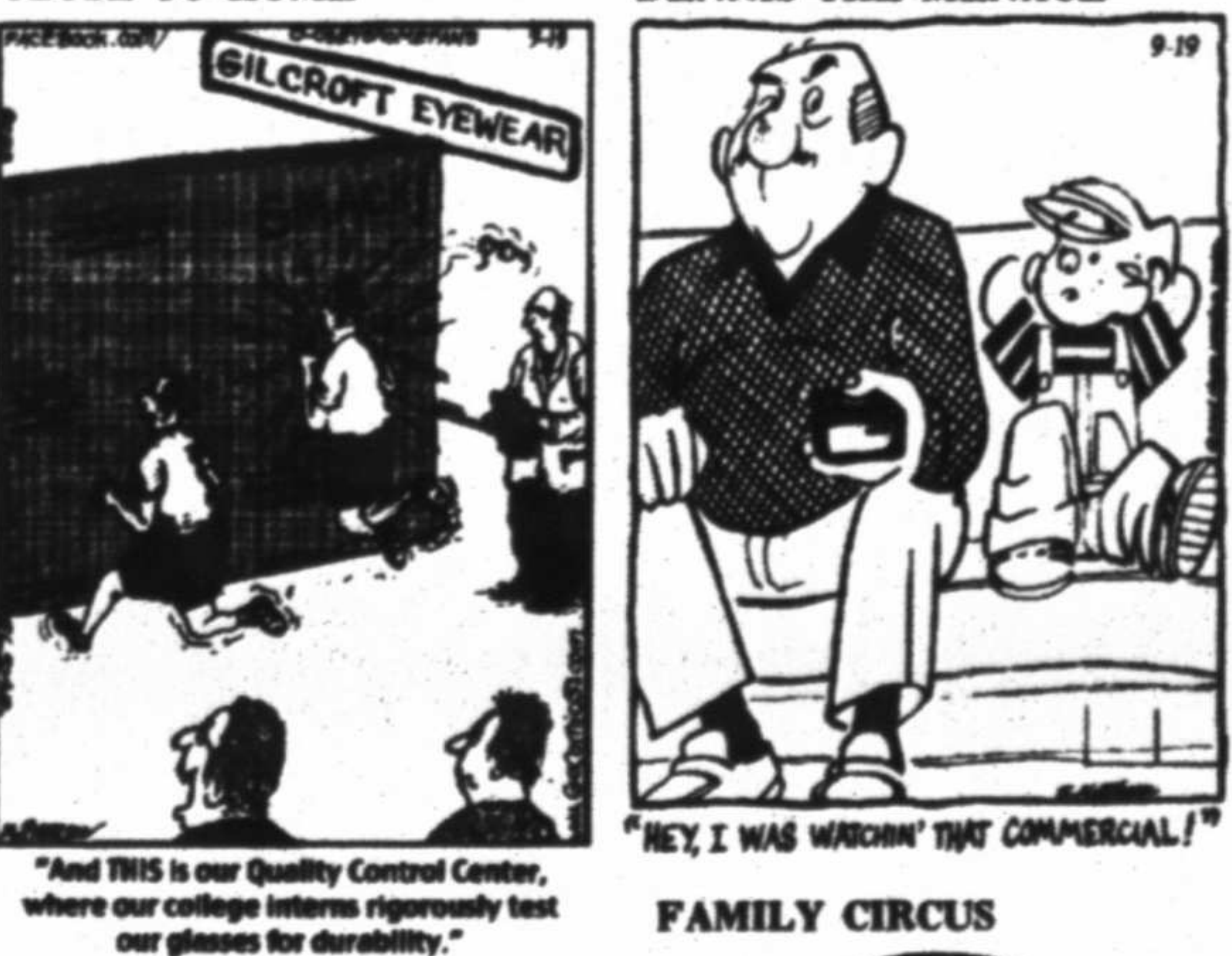
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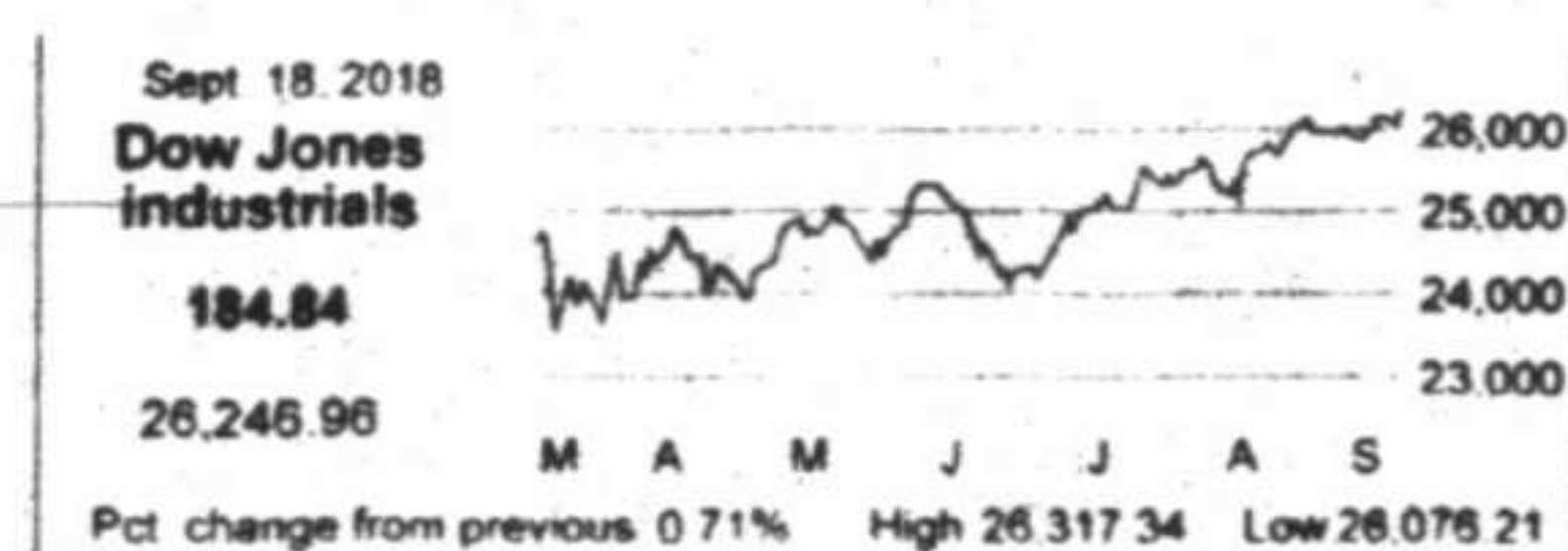
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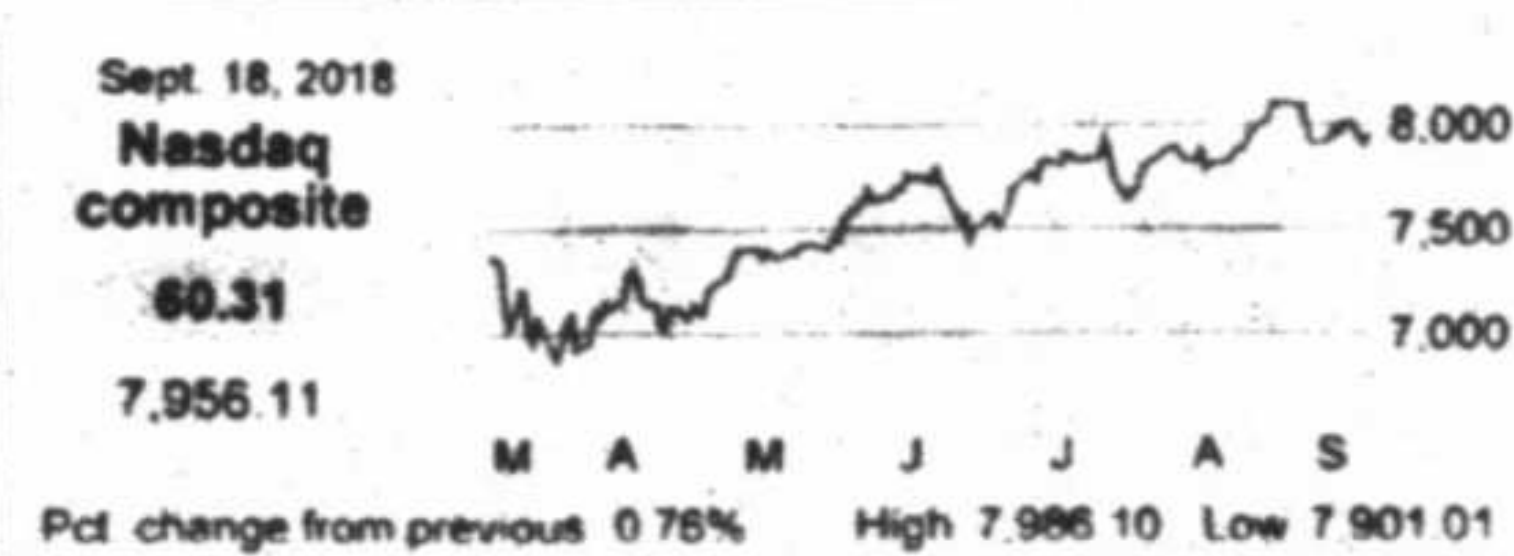
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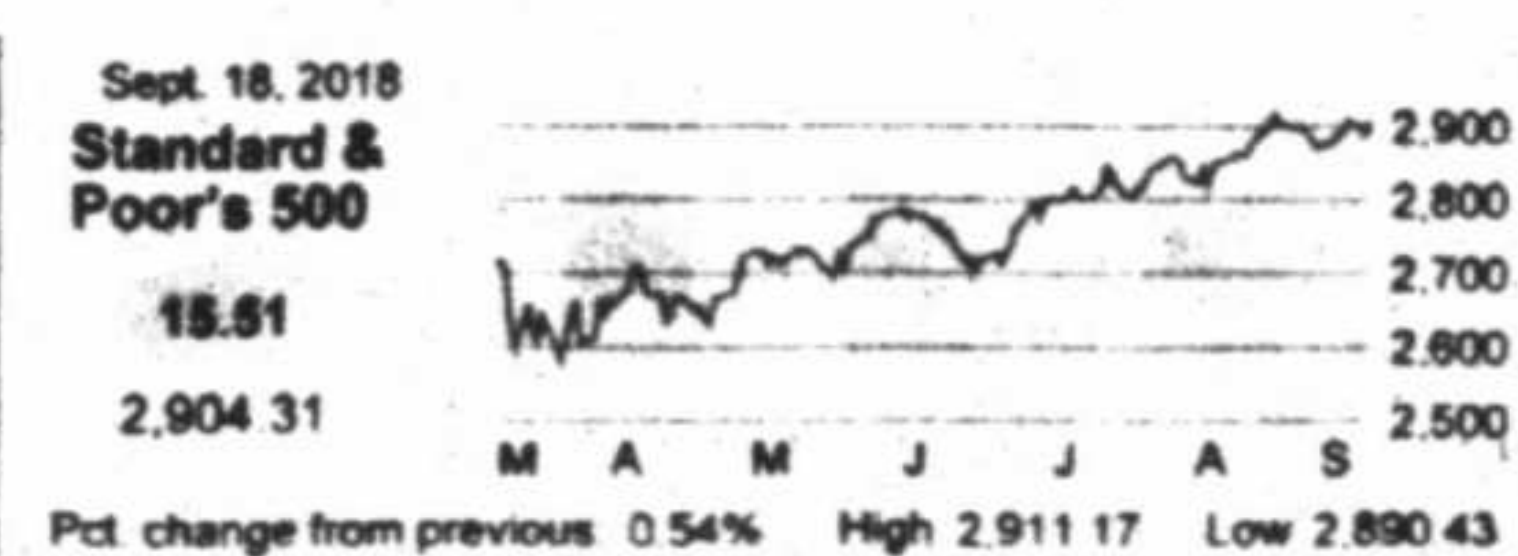
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: \$69.85
Previous: \$68.91

POSTED

Tuesday: \$66.50
Previous: \$65.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: \$49.25
Previous: \$48.00

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: \$2.933
Previous: \$2.814



DOE: Permian to post biggest gains

■ Basin expected to add 31,000 barrels a day in October

San Antonio Express News

A new report shows that the Permian Basin will continue to post the biggest oil production gains of any U.S. shale field in October.

The report by the Department of Energy predicts the Permian will add 31,000 barrels

of production in October, bringing overall production close to 3.5 million barrels a day. The Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas is expected to add 16,000 barrels a day of oil production, bringing its production -- the second highest in the country -- closer to 1.5 million barrels a day.

The production gains in the Permian come despite tightening pipeline capacity, which is said to have fallen below production. Companies are financing the development of an additional 2.1 million barrels a day of crude oil pipeline capacity to bring oil out of the Permian and to the Texas Gulf Coast, primarily to the Corpus Christi region.

The Bakken oil field in North Dakota, another major oil and gas shale development, is expected to add 14,000 barrels a day of oil production to more than 1.3 million barrels a day.

Stocks end higher as traders shrug off new China-US tariffs

Once again, Wall Street's jitters over the escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China proved to be short-lived.

U.S. stocks closed solidly higher Tuesday as investors largely brushed off the Trump administration's decision to impose tariffs on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods. A swift response by China, saying it will increase tariffs on \$60 billion worth of U.S. goods, also didn't dampen investors' buying mood.

Gains in technology stocks and consumer-focused companies powered Tuesday's broad rally, which reversed nearly all of the indexes' losses from a day earlier.

Bond yields climbed, sending banks higher. Energy stocks also rose along with crude oil prices.

The S&P 500 index rose 15.51 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,904.31. The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 184.84 points, or 0.7 percent, to 26,246.96. The Nasdaq composite gained 60.32 points, or 0.8 percent, to 7,956.11. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies added 7.42 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,710.97.

Saudi Arabia seems to be comfortable with prices above \$80

By Javier Blas
Bloomberg

Saudi Arabia is now comfortable with Brent oil prices rising above \$80 a barrel, at least in the short term, as the global market adjusts to the loss of Iranian supply from U.S. sanctions, according to people familiar with the kingdom's view.

The world's largest exporter has tried to keep crude from trading above \$80 so far this year, in part because U.S. President Donald Trump sent several tweets in May and June calling for OPEC to rein in prices as they flirted with that level.

In recent weeks, Saudi Oil Minister Khalid Al-Falih and other senior officials have discussed the oil market with investors, traders and other market participants in London, Houston and Washington, the same people said, asking not to be named because the talks were private.

During the exchanges of views, the Saudis expressed concern about both the impact of American sanctions on Iran and effect of emerging-market turmoil on oil demand growth. Saudi officials were careful to avoid pinpointing a price target in their conversations, saying that while the kingdom has no desire to push prices higher than \$80 a barrel, it may no longer be possible to avoid it.

Saudi officials didn't respond to requests for comment.

Saudi Arabia, Russia and other major exporting countries, are scheduled to meet on Sunday in Algiers to review the oil market. The Joint Ministerial Monitoring Committee includes both OPEC and non-OPEC countries and oversees compliance with the production cuts agreed to in late 2016, meeting every three months.

Brent crude on Monday traded around \$78 a barrel, after touching \$80.13 a barrel earlier this month. Brent rose to a three-year high of \$80.50 a barrel in May, prompting Trump to publicly complain about rising

fuel prices. "Oil prices are too high, OPEC is at it again. Not good!"

The change in Saudi Arabia's view on prices coincides with some intense oil diplomacy. In the last two weeks, Al-Falih has met his counterparts from Russia and the U.S., Alexander Novak and Rick Perry, to discuss the oil market and the impact of U.S. sanctions on Iranian petroleum exports. It's unclear, however, whether the Saudis discussed prices with Russian and American officials.

Saudi Arabia has markedly increased oil exports to America, a sign OPEC's leading producer is responding to pressure from Trump. Earlier this month, Saudi shipments into the U.S. reached a four-week average of 1 million barrels a day for the first time since late 2017, according to government data.

The International Energy Agency, the oil watchdog for industrialized countries, warned earlier this month that Brent prices could break out above \$80 a barrel unless other producers act to offset deepening supply losses in Iran and Venezuela.

"Things are tightening up," said the Paris-based IEA. "If Venezuelan and Iranian exports do continue to fall, markets could tighten and oil prices could rise."

OPEC has sought to adjust production in anticipation of U.S. sanctions on Iran and the further collapse in Venezuelan output. The kingdom, according to people briefed by Saudi officials, would prefer to be cautious. Riyadh boosted production significantly in June, pumping 10.42 million barrels a day, up from 9.9 million barrels a day in April. But they cut output slightly in July, and kept it roughly stable in August.

Iran's oil exports have fallen about 35 percent since Trump announced new U.S. sanctions on Tehran. In the first two weeks of September, it sold an average of 1.6 million barrels a day, down from 2.5 million barrels a day in April, according to Bloomberg tanker tracking.

NYSE									
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)					GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
SAP500ETF	15,000	15.00	+1.00	+6.67	Lincoln	3.80	+0.50	+11.76	
Ford	570,524	9.58	+0.03	+0.31	Intel	11.80	+0.95	+8.05	
SHEN	519,996	41.98	+0.40	+0.95	TransE	6.21	+0.41	+6.62	
Boji	498,845	30.21	+0.07	+0.23	Caledonia	6.95	+0.44	+6.33	
GenElec	428,822	12.96	+0.04	+0.31	GoodF	14.43	+0.84	+6.17	
LOSERS (\$2 on stock)									
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		DIARY				
CMCT	27.75	-0.75	-2.70		Advanced	1.574			
2675.0					Declined	1,241			
WingTh	19.46	+0.07	+0.36		Unchanged	94			
ReamTh	6.40	+2.80	+77.8		Total Issues	2,909			
Tray	154.98	+34.79	+22.9		New Highs	85			
					New Lows	91			
					Volume	2,990,752,782			
NYSE									
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)					GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
MSFT	15,000	15.00	+1.00	+6.67	Lincoln	3.80	+0.50	+11.76	
Apple	570,524	9.58	+0.03	+0.31	Intel	11.80	+0.95	+8.05	
Amazon	519,996	41.98	+0.40	+0.95	TransE	6.21	+0.41	+6.62	
Google	498,845	30.21	+0.07	+0.23	Caledonia	6.95	+0.44	+6.33	
Facebook	428,822	12.96	+0.04	+0.31	GoodF	14.43	+0.84	+6.17	
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NASDAQ									
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)					GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
Name	Vol	Last	Chg	%Chg	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	
Microsoft	362,342	45.33	+1.75	+3.90	CMCT	27.75	-0.75	-2.70	
Apple Inc.	314,806	218.24	+3.36	+1.54	2675.0				
Amazon	235,576	7.04	+0.02	+0.28	WingTh	19.46	+0.07	+0.36	
Google	234,427	37.74	+0.78	+2.07	ReamTh	6.40	+2.80	+77.8	
Facebook	223,088	160.30	+2.28	+1.42	Tray	154.98	+34.79	+22.9	
LOSERS (\$2 on stock)									
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg		DIARY				
SAExp	5.98	-0.64	-10.70		Advanced	1,574			
Chenab	9.00	-0.20	-2.22		Declined	1,241			
Coat	5.87	-1.21	-20.61		Unchanged	94			
Coat	6.50	-1.15	-17.69		Total Issues	2,909			
PLX	4.35	-0.75	-17.24		New Highs	85			
					New Lows	91			
					Volume	2,237,109,622			

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	21	4.08	19.17	-1.73	-8.50	-13.3	CocaCola	1.96	27.45	45.93	-0.38	-0.83	-0.8	GenElec	1.20	12.96	12.96	+0.04	+0.31	+1.9
AT&T Inc	2.00	7.77	33.72	+1.10	+3.26	+11.7	Colgate	1.80	24.00	68.26	-0.85	-1.23	-1.2	Intel	1.18	11.80	11.80	+0.95	+8.05	+8.0
Avaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Comcast	7.18	37.74	7.18	-5.4	-7.5	-7.5	Lincoln	3.80	3.80	3.80	+0.50	+11.76	+11.7
Avaya	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Conoco	8.18	37.74	8.18	-4.4	-5.4	-5.4	Microsoft	3.62	45.33	45.33	+1.75	+3.90	+3.9
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Summary

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Key Responsibilities

- Super User for all digital services and platforms. Key contact with vendors of each digital asset
- Consistently meets/exceeds individual and the market's overall digital revenue targets
- Demonstrates expert knowledge and understanding of all MRT Media sales and marketing assets, including all digital products and digital marketing services and able to transfer the knowledge to clients and the MMSE's they support
- Follows MRT Media's prescribed best practices on Pipeline Management and Gap Analysis and completes all required sales process activities
- Builds monthly reports to show digital activity on MRT.com and eEditions of the newspaper
- Drives customer retention through excellent customer service
- Develops new business by understanding customer needs and selling products and services that provide value to the customer individually and in team support
- Effectively communicates with management to provide accurate revenue forecasts
- Spends significant time with MMSEs visiting customers in the field with the purpose of deepening account relationships, uncovering revenue opportunities and driving revenue
- Works in tandem with the Management team to identify revenue opportunities and in market support
- Help drive consultative, customer-centric selling behaviors
- Develops a strong sales plan with team and assists in the achievement of KPIs and digital revenue goals
- Assist the sales team in achieving their goals in both digital, print and specialty publications
- Train new sales reps on ordering system and report generation
- Other responsibilities as assigned

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Competitive Sealed Proposal #18002775 for labor, material, equipment and supervision necessary for the Demolition of the Building of the Southwest

To receive a copy of the CSP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-682-7234 or email us at purchasing@mrtclassifieds.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 10/19/18 at 4:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Overflow Energy, LLC, P.O. Box 354, Booker, TX 79005 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a commercial permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger formation, S County Road 2 SWD Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed commercial disposal well is located 19.75 miles southeast of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in a subsurface depth interval from 13,000 to 14,500 feet.

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

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

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger formation, 349 Building 2 SWD Lease, Well Number 2. The proposed commercial disposal well is located 19.88 miles south from Pecos Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in a subsurface depth interval from 13,000 to 14,800 feet.

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

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

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

DE3 Operating LLC, 1401 Ballinger Street, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water/fluid into geologic formations not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the San Andres and/or Wiaton, Fusselman, Montoya, Simpson & Ellenburger (formations) through the Henry 21 SWD Lease Well #1, located 5.5 Miles NE of Midland, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County, Texas. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4950 to 5250 feet and/or 12000 to 13000 feet.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

"Application is being made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit by MHH Beverage Company LLC d/b/a Home 2 Suites Midland located at 1401 Catalina Dr., Midland, TX 79706. Managers of said company are William M. Dickerson and Robert G. Schaedle."

Legal and Public Notices

Legal Notice

An original Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Mixed Beverage and Beverage Cartage Permits by Regal Licensing LLC d/b/a Tail City Stadium 14 located at 4915 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, Midland County, TX 79707. Officers and Managers of said Company are Vincent M. Fusco as President/Manager/CFO/Treasurer; Scott S. Rosenblum as Secretary/Manager; Todd S. Boruff as VP/Assistant Secretary and John A. Curry as VP/Assistant Treasurer."

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting request for proposals. The RFP, R18-2018-09-000008 is for new vehicles. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained beginning September 17, 2018 from the Region 18 Education Service Center eBid website (esc18.onwave.net). All questions are to be submitted via the Region 18 Education Service Center eBid website (esc18.onwave.net). Bids will be received at the above website until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Region 18 ESC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF TROY GIFFORD, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August, 2018, Letters Testamentary were issued to Angela Schlemmer as Independent Administrator in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of TROY GIFFORD, Deceased," being Cause No. P19502 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Angela Schlemmer, c/o Michael T. Morgan, Morgan Leeton, PC, 400 W. Illinois, Suite 120, Midland, Texas 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOTTE S. TRANUM, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that on September 18, 2018 Letters of Independent Administration were issued to Janet Tranum as Independent Administrator in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Lotte S. Tranum, Deceased," being No. P 19545 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Janet Tranum, in care of A.M. Hurley II, 2705 W. Culbert, Suite 8203, Midland, TX 79701, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED: September 18, 2018.

Janet Tranum,
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BETTY ANN RHOTENBERRY, DECEASED

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