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Lacy: Council to vote to put $100M road bond on ballot

Vote to put five-year project on November ballot to take place Aug. 15

By Stewart Doreen
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J.Ross Lacy has made the decision on the amount of the road bond proposal.

Lacy told the members of the Midland City Council at Tuesday's meeting that he will have staff prepare the documents needed to call a five-year, $100-million road bond election in November.

The election request will come before the council on Aug. 15. If the council votes to have the election it will take place on Nov. 7 when the state of Texas will have an election on amendments so there will be no cost to have this election this fall, according to Lacy.

Lacy said there has been more of an appetite on the council and within the community for the five-year plan, one of two options he has presented. The other was a $195 million plan. He called the road bond plan "a small down-payment for the overall future of the city" and part of the process of having a budget for long-term planning.

The plan would impact 26 different road projects across the city. The breakdown of costs are: roads, 60 percent; water and sewer, 24.4 percent; engineering, 5.2 percent and ADA compliance, 10.4 percent.

The owner of a property valued at $250,000 will see a $100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued. City leaders would use a 25-year-note to pay for the project. Finance Director Pam Simecka said the interest on the $100 million, assuming a 4.5 percent interest rate, would be $67.4 million.

Lacy has said this bond proposal would be a first step in improving Midland's roads. Streets on each proposal scored a rating of less than 50 on the pavement condition

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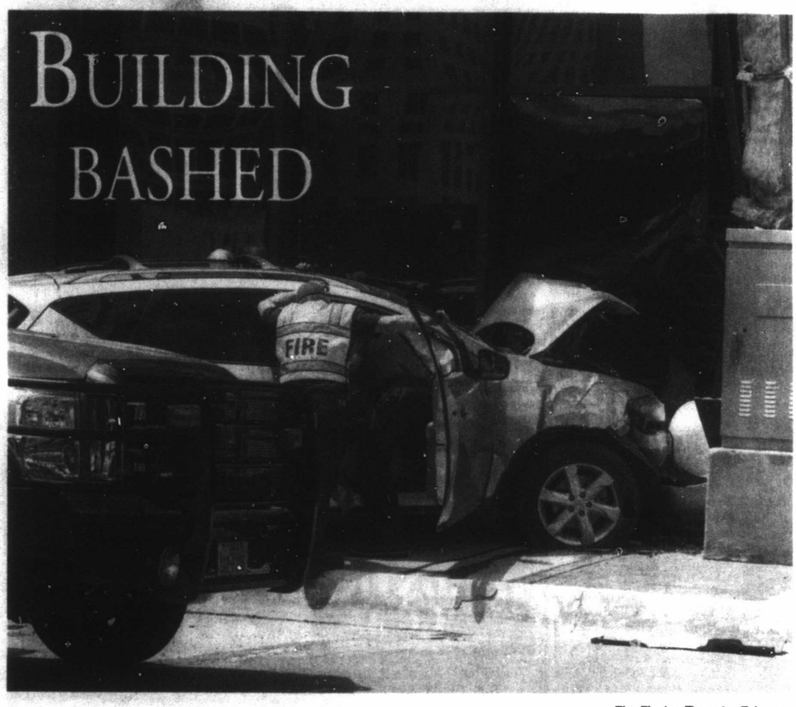

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Midland police and fire personnel help the driver and a passenger from a vehicle that struck the building at 500 W. Illinois Ave. on Tuesday afternoon. The two were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries.

Three disputes over business locations result in different endings

By Stewart Doreen
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Disputed business locations discussed during Tuesday's Midland City Council meeting ended with very different results.

The council was faced with items having to do with a Dollar General at Todd Road and the Business 20 service road, a for-profit plasma donation center in central Midland and a Goodwill store on Loop 250 near Midland Drive

In a couple cases, the dispute had to do with "not in my backyard" (NIMBY) complaints.

The end result was the approval of the Dollar General, the defeat of the plasma donation center (because of a lack of a motion) and the deferral of a Goodwill store located too close for comfort for some Midland residents.

A second Goodwill store on hold

Goodwill West Texas has purchased a building in the 4100 block of West Loop 250 North — the previous location of the Big 5 sports goods store and most recently Chelsea Rea's.

Goodwill officials said the success of its current store on Illinois Avenue near Midland Drive made the second store an obvious need, and Goodwill officials told the council that it is trying to put locations in denser retail areas, such as next to box stores like Target.

Residents located behind the currently empty building, however, want no part of a Goodwill location next to their homes. They claim the traffic associated with a Goodwill will make their area less safe, a Goodwill store will be an "eye sore" and in general will bring down the property values and that they prefer a different type of business, much like the "boutique" store Chelsea Ray's that went out of business.

When asked about proof of valuations decreasing, neighbor Justin Nolan said he

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A new low: Texas Democrats don't have candidate for governor

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democrats haven't won a Texas governor's race in nearly three decades, but a booming Hispanic population and the party's dominance of the state's largest cities have made them willing to invest in the contest to keep hopes of an eventual resurgence alive.

After high-profile candidates lost decisively in the last two elections, though, the party now finds itself in unprecedented territory for the 2018 ballot: with no major candidate to run.

Democratic leaders haven't yet lined up a substantial name to represent the party and its message despite months of trying. Any continued faith in a Democratic turnaround in Texas is now colliding with pessimism that it will happen anytime soon.

"If they didn't have somebody running for governor it'd be a symbol that they've given up," said Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at the University of Houston.

And the lack of a serious 2018 candidate, following the dismal showing

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5–6 inches of rain fell in some parts of Houston on Monday night. Page 2A

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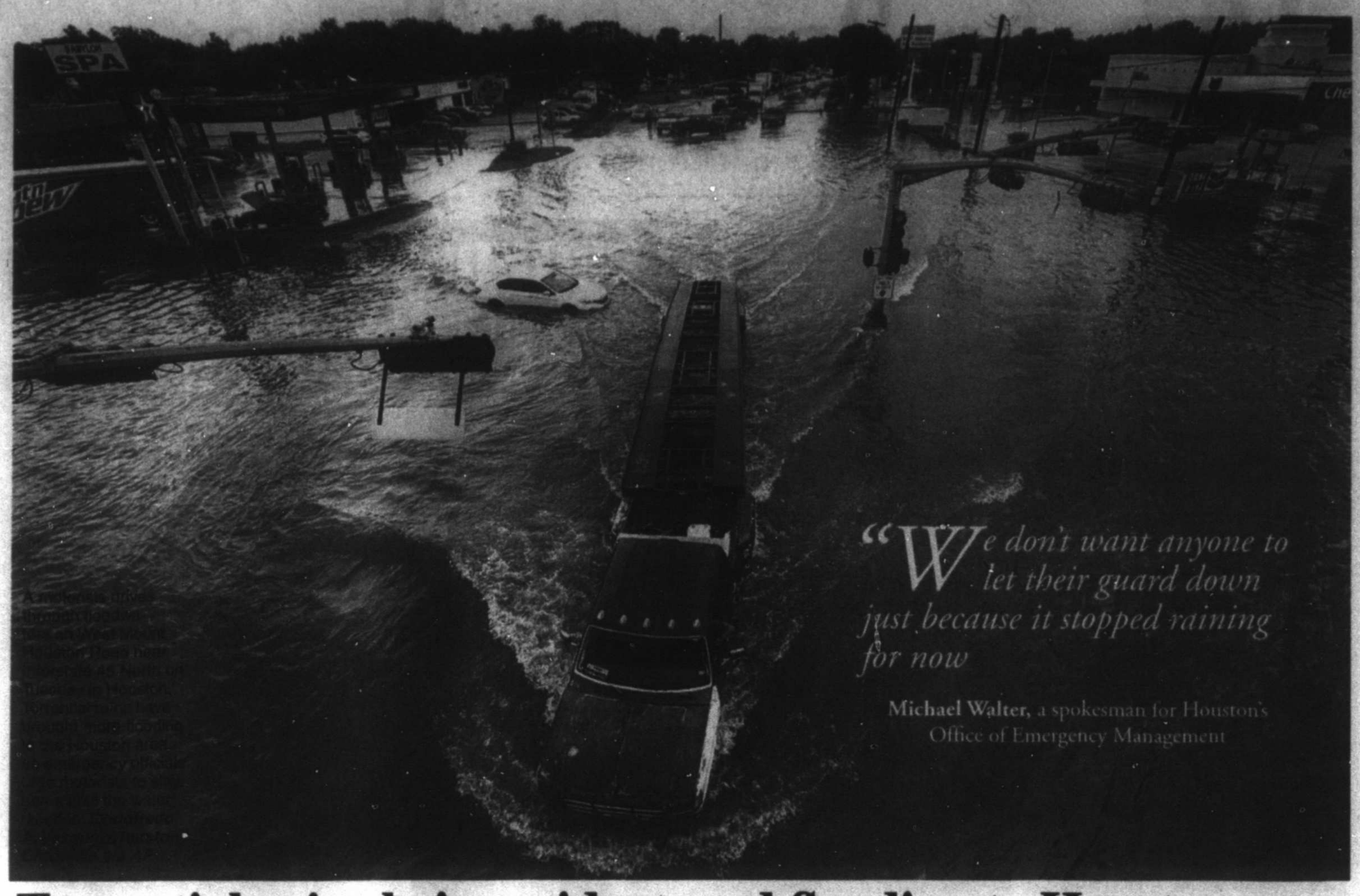

Torrential rains bring widespread flooding to Houston area

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Heavy rains that caused flooding in some parts of the Houston area and prompted about two-dozen water rescues on Tuesday seemed to have stopped just before getting worse but with more rain expected authorities remain on guard and residents should stay prepared, officials said.

"Unfortunately, this is one of those Texas flood events that's part of living in Southeast Texas," said Michael Walter, a spokesman for Houston's Office of Emergency Management.

While thunderstorms that dropped up to 5 to 6 inches of rain in some parts of Houston overnight had mostly moved out of the area Tuesday, additional storms could pop up Tuesday evening, which could cause additional flooding in areas already saturated by rainfall.

"We don't want anyone to let their guard down just because it stopped raining for now," Walter said.

Authorities plan to pre-stage emergency vehicles and barricades in different areas of Houston just in case expected rainfall Tuesday afternoon and evening becomes problematic, Walter said.

The National Weather Service has issued a flash-flood watch for the region until Wednesday morning. The weather service said additional rainfall was forecast for Tuesday night but the greatest potential for heavy rain was expected in areas east of Houston.

Jeff Lindner, a meteorologist with the Harris County Flood Control District, said he expects some homes and structures will be flooded but that tally is still being determined. Houston is located in Harris County.

Jose Luis Ruiz spent Tuesday sweeping out about 1 foot of water that flooded his North Houston resale shop and moving soggy merchandise, including furniture, suitcases and small appliances, outside to dry.

Ruiz, 53, said he will likely have to throw away at least $2,000 in merchandise and is now looking to move his business, which has flooded twice before and is located behind a bayou that overflowed from its banks on Tuesday.

"It's very sad because this is a small business. It's not a grand thing but it's our living. When this happens, it's a blow to you because you have to start over," Ruiz said.

A lack of heavy rain through Tuesday afternoon had helped return all bayous and creeks to within their banks and cleared all reported high water locations along Houston roadways.

Many of the streets, roadways and neighborhoods that got flooded on Tuesday were locations that have had flooding in the past, Lindner said.

"This is one of the more kind of marginal rain events, where the rain stopped just an inch or two before we really got into serious problems and potential to affect a lot of homes," Lindner said.

For the most part, the area's system of bayous and other man-made channels that dispatch storm runoff to the Gulf of Mexico "did a good job even though the ground was wet and the rainfall was very intense overnight," Lindner said.

According to the flood control district, only a few local bayous had overflowed their banks and caused some flooding of homes and businesses.

Both Lindner and Walter said recent heavy rain events in Houston in May 2015 — when seven people were killed — and April 2016 — when eight people were killed — were more serious and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

While flooding is nothing new in Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city has had more frequent and destructive floods in its recent history.

Since 1986, extreme downpours — the type measured in double-digit inches — have occurred twice as often as in the previous 30 years, an AP weather analysis last year showed.

Unrestrained development in Houston — the only major U.S. city without zoning rules — has also meant more pavement and less water-absorbing wetlands that could help mitigate flooding.

The same storm system that hit Houston also brought widespread flooding to San Antonio and other areas on Monday. The San Antonio area was mostly clear on Tuesday with some scattered showers and thunderstorms.

Endings

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didn't have any with him but that it could be found on the internet.

While city officials said they didn't receive any opposition to the Goodwill store, Justin Nolan and his wife Amy Nolan claim the entire "block" behind the potential location is against the project.

"Most of the homes (behind the potential Goodwill location) are valued at $300,000 and most of us don't shop at a Goodwill," said Amy Nolan, who added she fears for her kids' safety as they are playing in the backyard and the increased traffic that could even complicate the dog walking that takes place in the neighborhood due to the adjacent Petsmart.

Goodwill officials said they plan to communicate they didn't want people to drop off donations during times when the store wasn't open.

They also said they were willing to work with the city on any fencing needed to create separation with the neighborhood located directly to the north.

The council asked store officials to participate in a meeting with the neighbors, and then, the project could return before the council for a final decision.

For-profit plasma donation center must find new home

The Council said no to a for-profit plasma donation center that was set to open at 15 Meta Drive at the site of the former Hancock Fabrics store.

There were no letters of objection, and those making the case for the center said neighbors, including an adjacent day care, were in support of the donation center.

The case also was made that the business was appropriate for a "medical area" and that the center will have a medical office feel.

The facility could have as many as 30 beds, according to officials at the meeting. And while there were other uses designated "local retail district three" (LR3) in that planned district, council members were hesitant about adding this one. The sentiment appeared to be that this was not the right area for a donation center, where people could sell their plasma for possibly around $40-50.

When it came time for a vote, no one made a motion and the item was defeated. Developers are precluded from bringing the donation center back for one year at the same location.

Dollar General gets needed zone change

The council unanimously approved a zone change that will place a Dollar General at 905 Todd Drive, adjacent to Green Acres Miniature Golf.

Residents in the area, according to the previous Reporter-Telegram article, have opposed the possible Dollar General for more than a year, particularly YoYo Ketter, whose property is directly north of the site.

Ketter was again on hand saying the truck traffic on Todd Road was already too much and Dollar General's presense would make that traffic worse.

Bob Gage of Nashville-based GBT Realty addressed issues with lighting and fencing.

A previous article also indicated the company is paying to widen Todd Drive for collector traffic requirements.

He added that 456 feet of easement is being given for the improvement.

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[gar-uh-luh s]
adjective
1. excessively talkative in a rambling, roundabout manner, especially about trivial matters.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Conaway to hold town hall

Congressman Mike Conaway will hold a town hall meeting Thursday inside Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

The town hall is scheduled to take place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The entrance and parking is located on the north side of the complex.

Things to do

■ Youth Day Camps: Venom and Poison: Spiders, scorpions and berries, 9 a.m.-noon, Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. These camps are are open to students entering grades K-3. $12 members, $15 for non-members. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup, 6 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

■ Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson, 6:30 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5. Bring your own mat and dress in comfortable clothing.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-6595.

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

■ "Newsies: The Broadway Musical," 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $16.25-$19.49. fathomevents.com.

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

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under 2

Republican women meeting

Midland County Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. today at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349.

The speaker will be retired Lt. Col. Jeffrey F. Addicott, a professor of Law and the director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary's University School of Law and a recognized authority on national security law, terrorism law and human rights law.

Tickets are $20 in advance and $30 at the door. To register, email mcrwomen@mcrw.us.

Camp Fire to offer after-school programs

Camp Fire West Texas will be offering state-licensed after-school care for students at six Midland ISD elementary school campuses — Jones, Henderson, Emerson, Fannin, Bush, Yarbrough and Parker. Registration began Monday.

The after-school programs are operated by Camp Fire West Texas, and include homework help, games, arts and crafts and outdoor activities. The program will be offered from the time school is out until 6 p.m.

To register for Kids Care, parents must complete an online registration form and pay a $20 annual fee for each child enrolled. A weekly $45 fee will be charged per child, and financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

To register, go to www.campfirewtx.org, or call 570-4144.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 2017. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's highlight

On Aug. 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, a U.S. B-29 Superfortress code-named Bockscar dropped a nuclear device ("Fat Man") over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

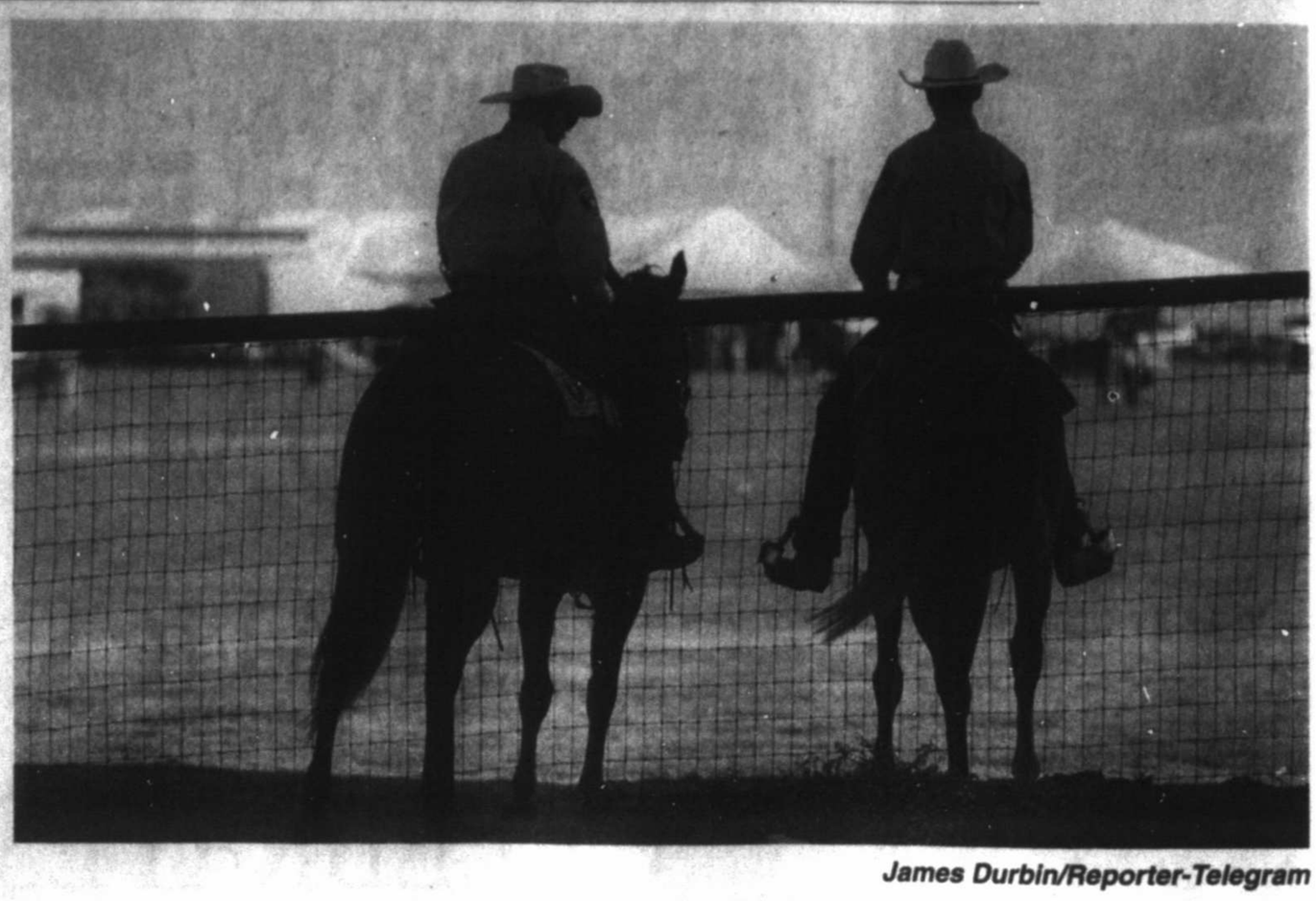
On this date

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive as President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect.

In 1982, a federal judge in Washington ordered John W. Hinckley Jr., who'd been acquitted of shooting President Ronald Reagan and three others by reason of insanity, committed to a mental hospital.



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Midland County mounted patrol photographed Saturday during Rock The Desert, a Christian music festival.

Lottery

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Pick 3 evening: 3-8-0
Pick 3 night: 2-7-4
Daily 4 morning: 6-1-8-4
Daily 4 day: 3-7-1-6
Daily 4 evening: 1-8-3-0
Daily 4 night: 1-0-7-6
Cash Five: 22-26-29-30-33
Triple Chance: 1-3-5-11-17 18-23-26-34-36
Texas Two Step: 11-17-50-52-74 BB: 14 Megaplier: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-6-9-10-12-18-19-21-22
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 86
Low 72
Normal high 95
Normal low 50

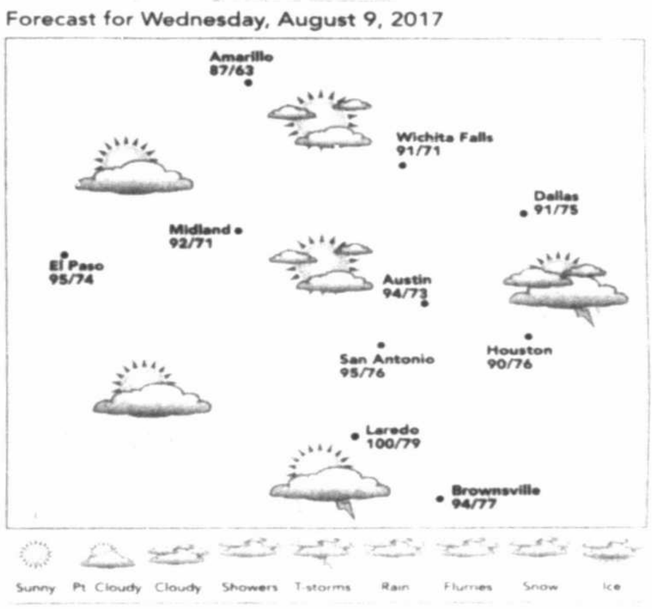
Aug. 8's records
Record high: 105 set in 2011
Record low: 54 set in 1989

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.02 in.
Tuesday ..... Trace
Month total ..... 1.50 in.
Year total ..... 11.72 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 8.35 in.

Winds
Average: 11.4 mph
Highest sustained: 18 mph
Highest gust: 22 mph

Aug. 9 forecast

Forecast for Wednesday, August 9, 2017



High: 92
Low: 73
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None

Sunrise ..... 7:10 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:38 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 Leo and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017:

This year you will make a difference, no matter what project is on your mind. The unexpected takes a bigger role and often adds some confusion to your year. If you are single, you could meet someone enchanting. This person could appear at any time, and you will know when you have met him or her. If you are attached, your significant other is a cheerleader of your ideas. The two of you are likely to strengthen your bond as a result. PISCES can be spiritual yet fun when interacting with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might wake up with the best of intentions. but confusion somehow permeates the day. If you maintain a sense of humor, others could see you smile your way through any obstacle that emerges. Don't lose focus of your objective. **Tonight:** Say little, and be a better listener.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Emphasize your long-term objectives. Though you might have difficulty verbalizing what you want, you won't lose focus of your long-term goals. A friend could help you achieve much more of what you want, as long as you are willing to share more. **Tonight:** Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to take another look at your long-term goals. You could feel it is difficult to fulfill your objectives with so much vagueness surrounding you. A misunderstanding is likely to throw you off your game. Try to ask pertinent questions. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Avoid getting too caught up in the moment and what is happening. Confusion surrounds a personal matter or a discussion, and you might feel as if no one is really listening to you. You could have difficulty focusing. **Tonight:** Reach out to a dear friend at a distance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ A loved one could create a haze around him- or herself. Know that this person is not being intentionally evasive or vague; he or she might be dealing with a situation that is causing him or her to be emotionally unavailable. Pull back for now. **Tonight:** Connect with a dear friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. Though there might be a confusing moment or two, you will finally connect with a dear friend. This achievement will be a relief, as you will be able to have a discussion that you have been patiently waiting for. **Tonight:** Let the other party open up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could be more connected to others than you have been in a while. As a result, despite an impending sense of confusion, you'll find the right path to achieve your goals. Let a misunderstanding dwindle and become less important. **Tonight:** Get a good night's sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a new friend. You might feel as if you have the ability to work through almost any problem. You could feel torn between a joining a loved one and visiting with a friend. Weigh the pros and cons, then decide. **Tonight:** Happiest at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might have decided to veer in a new direction, but somehow you keep getting tripped up over last-minute details. You will be happiest in the long run once you finally connect with a child or loved one. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. **Tonight:** Togetherness is the theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have the ability to soothe others' moods and make them feel better. You might decide to cocoon at home if you feel as if you don't want to share as much with others. In any case, no matter how you get through your day, the results will be excellent. **Tonight:** Live it up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Be aware of your budget. You easily could go overboard and create more stress for yourself. You know what you wan., and could become very attached to a person who is important to you. Recognize that you also might be a bit possessive. **Tonight:** Treat a friend to dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You are personality plus. Listen to your sixth sense when following through on a key matter. You might see a big difference in what goes on if you don't allow yourself to be distracted. Remain an observer rather than try to be a player. **Tonight:** Dance the night away!

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COM AQUATICS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS THIS WEEKEND

By Stewart Doreen
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City of Midland Aquatics will celebrate its 50th anniversary this weekend.

On display for Midland residents, club members and COM alumni will be memories of the decades of dominance in club swimming and diving and the creation of wellness facilities.

Today, COM Aquatics boasts a swim and dive team with more than 400 swimmers and divers. It also claims an annual budget of $4 million — 95 percent of which is received through program-generated revenue. That is a far cry from 1967 when a handful of parents, according to COM's anniversary guide, decided to create an AAU swim team and aquatics program. COM, at that time, had no pool, no coach and 29 swimmers.

COM has been the home of state champions and Olympic Trials performers in the pool and on the diving boards and platforms.

Its building projects have been as impressive. The crown jewel is the 43,000-square-foot, $10 million FMH Natatorium, which opened last year. But the COM is also about the facilities — including seven different pools — for the 1,500 adults participating in programs from water aerobics to lap swimming and the 700 children who swim or dive on COM Aquatics teams or participate in learn-to-swim or other programs. In 2015, COM provided more than 10,000 physical therapy visits.

"To grow COM, we had to be an all-encompassing aquatic center," COM Aquatics Director Brad Swendig said. "Our direction was chosen for us. We have put money into this thing. It isn't to see how fast people can swim, but to build facilities for all people."

Swendig said the story of COM Aquatics is the story of Midland as the number of kids wearing these iconic COM swim caps has grown by a factor of 20. Over the years, few sports can rival COM for the number of championships won, Midlanders who went on compete collegiately and those who have competed at a national and even international level.

COM also has been home to state-level competitions, the Junior National swim championships and the U.S Diving National Championships. This spring, COM Aquatics was inducted into the Texas Swimming & Diving Hall of Fame.

"The spirit of COM is also the spirit of Midland," Swendig said.

This weekend, the reunion gala includes a mizer Friday and benefit brunch Sunday. On Saturday, organizers are planning for a workout, relays, open swim, dive show and then a dinner at the Commemorative Air Force main hangar.

Austin Poole/Reporter-Telegram

Photo courtesy Reporter-Telegram

COM Ring of Honor

Nash Dowdle, Terry Gathercole, Kevin Allen, Natalie Hinds, Brad Swendig, Monica Stroman, John Seay, Charles Koch, Gary Schatz and Doug Russell

COM swim coaches

Don Fogleson (1967), Dennis Brittain (1968), Terry Gathercole (1968-74), George French (1975-76), Steve Montgomery (1974-75, 1977-79), Doug Ingram (1975-77), John Jordan (1979-80), Gary Illman (1980-81), Hank O'Neil (1981-82), Paul Bridgers (1982-83), Brad Swendig (1984-96), Ted Carson (1996-2007), Andy Korda (2007-12), Bob Krzer (2013-16), Jenna Purkey (2016-present)

COM dive coaches

Jesse Marsh (1969-71), David Whylaw (1971-72), Jennifer Mangum (1993-96), Warren Maxwell (1996-98), John Proctor (1998-2005 and 2007-14), Greg Triefenbach (2007), Gabriel Chereches (2014-present)

COM mom presidents

Mary Rasmussen, Merf Cerf, Debbie Canfield, Sue Solari, Jean Shaw, Nancy Morgan, Laura Williams, Betty Murrah, Maggie Beatty, Shirley Mayes, Sharon Seay, Anne Swendig, Elanor Morse, Shirley Thompson, Ann Hartman, Carolyn Welch, Carolyn Roan, Aurelia Kuetter

50th Anniversary Reunion Gala

Friday

Welcome Mixer, 6:30-11 p.m., Bell Family Court and FMH Foundation Natatorium, Cost: $20 per person

Saturday

- Coffee with COM Moms, 8:30 a.m., Bell Family Court and
- Diving the Glory Days Workout, 9 a.m., FMH Foundation Competition Pool
- Relays for all decades, 9:45 a.m., FMH Foundation Competition Pool
- Open swim for alumni and family, 10:10-45 a.m., FMH Foundation Leisure Pool
- Dive Show, 11:30 a.m., Abell Hanger Pool
- Dinner and Reception/Cocktails, 6 p.m., CAF Main Hangar; Dinner, 7:15 p.m., CAF Main Hangar; Cost: $50 per person

Sunday

Recovery Brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Ratliff and Hills Golf Course, Cost: $20 per person

LOCAL&STATEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Council green-lights Rock Star Karaoke's alcohol permit

The owner of Torino's Pizza Bar in San Miguel Shopping Center wants to take his shot at improving the former Woofers and Tweeters location.

The Midland City Council on Tuesday green-lighted that effort with an alcohol permit.

New owner Gene Roumell says his plan is to improve the karaoke bar like he was able to do with Torino's, which is located across the shopping center, 3303 N. Midkiff Road, across from H-E-B.

He also told the council he needed an amended permit from what was previously there. Rock Star Karaoke will be open from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. As part of the permit process, the council said Rock Star Karaoke will not be forced to have on-site security. However, there is a six-month review, and after the six months, the council will look at the number of security incidents and decide if the karaoke bar needs to hire security. Roumell said his goal is to pattern his business after Torino's in that it is a place all Midlanders would want to frequent.

Police were supportive of the request, it was said in the public hearing.

AUSTIN

Texas urges reversal in Planned Parenthood Medicaid case

Texas' attorney general is urging a federal appeals court to overturn an order halting the state from cutting Medicaid dollars to Planned Parenthood over videos pro-life activists secretly recorded in 2015.

In a 5th Circuit Court brief, Ken Paxton accused Planned Parenthood of "breaches of medical and ethical standards."

In February, Austin-based U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks preserved what Planned Parenthood says are non-abortion services to nearly 11,000 low-income women.

Texas had sought to defund the group beginning the previous month.

Federal courts have consistently thwarted Republican-controlled states from denying Medicaid funds to Planned Parenthood over heavily edited videos that claimed to show the nation's largest abortion provider profiting from sales of fetal tissue for medical research.

EL PASO

Judge allows plans for $180M arena to move forward

A state district judge has determined El Paso officials can move ahead with plans to construct a $180 million multipurpose center downtown, just as long as they don't build it as a sports arena.

Judge Amy Clark Meachum ruled Monday that the facility can be used for performing arts and similar entertainment. But she noted at an earlier hearing that it's reasonable for a sporting event to be held there.

Bond

From 1A

index, according to Lacy. (A score under 50 indicates roads are in "poor" condition.) According to city officials, around 30 percent of the city roads received a score of 50 or less. Another study on Midland's roads is taking place right now, and city officials have said they expect that 30 percent number to increase.

"This is phase 1," Lacy previous told the Reporter-Telegram. "Phase 2 will have to happen. We have to address this growing concern."

During the public comment period of the meeting, KWEL radio personality R.J. Pace was complimentary of the efforts of the council to bring attention to the roads issue.

Lacy already has provided a list of the specific projects. He said during the meeting more information will become available online and on social media. A political action committee to inform people about the upcoming election — Midland Road Bond — also has been created.

Editor's note:
Those wishing to write letters to the editor about the road bond can do so and send them to letters@mrt.com. Those letters in support or opposition can be up to 350 words for this Sunday only. Once the election has been called, letters taking a side can be up to 200 words.

Letters policy
- Deadline is noon Thursdays for the following Sunday.
- Reporter-Telegram policy limits individuals to one letter in a 30-day period.
- Letter-writers should include phone number and address. Failure to do so could delay letter's publication.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Monahans man charged with aggravated assault

A Monahans man was arrested Friday after he allegedly displayed a pistol in the commission of an assault, according to court documents.

Juan Manuel Aguilar Jr., 36, was being held Tuesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Aguilar

Midland police were dispatched at about 2:30 a.m. Friday in reference to a disturbance.

Aguilar was in a hotel room with a woman when he grabbed her by the throat and put a pistol to her forehead, according to his arrest affidavit. The woman raised her arm, which pushed Aguilar's arm up, according to the affidavit.

The pistol went off, and a bullet went into the ceiling, according to the affidavit.

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

Two charged with robbery

Two Midland relatives were arrested recently after their alleged involvement in a robbery, according to court documents.

Hernandez

Jose Roberto Hernandez Jr., 27, was arrested July 20 and was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of robbery. Rudy Rodriguez Deleon, 29, was arrested Friday and being held Tuesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of robbery.

Midland police were dispatched to Kwik Chek on Rankin Highway at about 3:20 a.m. July 10 in reference to a robbery.

Hernandez allegedly told a clerk to give him money and threatened the clerk.

After Hernandez took the money, he went into a vehicle where a driver was waiting, according to a court document.

DeLeon

The driver — later identified as Deleon — had knowledge of the robbery and acted with Hernandez, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Hernandez and Deleon could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA CITY

State installs new earthquake software

Oklahoma transportation officials have installed a monitoring service to help prioritize bridge inspections after earthquakes.

The ShakeCast software is the final stage in a two-year contract with the private firm Infrastructure Engineers Inc., The Oklahoman reported .

The U.S. Geological Survey created the software, which automatically interprets data and compiles a list of bridges that should be checked for damage. The bridges are analyzed by their distance from the epicenter, their condition and other factors.

"Different types of bridges behave differently when they have a seismic demand put on them," said Steve Jacobi, state bridge engineer.

Jacobi said the software allows "our field people to allocate resources accordingly and get out and look at the bridges that need to be looked at."

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation partnered with Infrastructure Engineers Inc. to develop an earthquake response plan. The $650,000 contract with the firm also includes four additional years of system maintenance.

"As we look to embrace the ShakeCast model, it may help us to note some of these situations that we don't have to spring into action so quickly, and give us a read on what needs to be inspected," said Mike Patterson, executive director of the transportation department.

Oklahoma has joined other states to fund software upgrades, paying the USGS $45,000 for its share.

NEW MEXICO

Elevator contract awarded for Carlsbad Caverns National Park

CARLSBAD — A California company has been awarded a $4.7 million contract to completely modernize the primary elevators at Carlsbad Caverns National Park in New Mexico.

Tutor Perini Corp. will handle the project, which is expected to be completed by summer 2018.

The caverns' larger primary elevators went out of service in November 2015 when a motor shaft unexpectedly sheared off, leaving the empty elevator car hanging in the hoistway 600 feet down.

Park officials say the demolition part of the modernization will begin almost immediately, followed by installation of two new motors, elevator cars, sheaves, cables and controllers.

DENVER

DJ in groping case says he may have touched Swift's ribs

A former radio disc jockey accused of groping Taylor Swift before a concert testified Tuesday that he may have touched the pop superstar's ribs with a closed hand as he tried to jump into a photo with her but insisted he did not touch her backside as she claims.

David Mueller told jurors at the civil trial on dueling lawsuits filed by Mueller and Swift that he and the singer-songwriter were trying to reach around one another and "our hands touched and our arms touched" during a photo opportunity he estimated lasted no more than 40 seconds.

Under questioning by his attorney, Mueller said he may have touched Swift's "rib cage, or rib, or ribs."

The 2013 photo of Swift, Mueller and Mueller's girlfriend taken at the pre-concert event in Denver is a key piece of evidence in Mueller's suit claiming he was fired after being falsely accused by Swift. He is seeking at least $3 million.

The photo shows Mueller with his hand behind Swift, just below her waist. Both are smiling.

Her lawyers have called the photo "damning" proof that Mueller groped her.

Hackers demand millions in ransom for stolen HBO data

By Tali Arbel and Frank Bajak
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A group of hackers posted a fresh cache of stolen HBO files online Monday, and demanded a multimillion-dollar ransom from the network to prevent the release of entire television series and other sensitive proprietary files.

HBO, which had previously acknowledged the theft of "proprietary information," said it's continuing to investigate and is working with police and cybersecurity experts.

In a swaggering five-minute video from "Mr. Smith" to HBO CEO Richard Plepler included in the dump, the hackers used white text scrolling on a black background to deliver an ultimatum. In short: Pay up within three days or see the group, which claims to have stolen 1.5 terabytes of HBO shows and confidential corporate data, upload entire series and sensitive proprietary files.

Specifically, the hackers demanded "our 6-month salary in bitcoin," and claimed they earn $12 million to $15 million a year from blackmailing organizations whose networks they have penetrated. They said they would only deal directly with "Richard" and only send one "letter" detailing how to pay.

The dump itself was just 3.4 gigabytes — mostly technical data that appears to provide a topography of HBO's network and to list network-administrator passwords. It includes what appear to be draft scripts from five "Game of Thrones" episodes, including one upcoming episode, and a month's worth of email apparently from the account of Leslie Cohen, HBO's vice president for film programming.

The network reiterated Monday that it doesn't believe that its email system as a whole has been compromised.

The video text was written in often flawed but fluent English peppered with misspellings and pop-culture references.

The hackers claimed it took them about 6 months to breach HBO's network. Their biggest threat appears to be dumping videos of future shows online with their logo "HBO Is Falling" superimposed.

Many of the more than 50 internal documents in the dump were labeled "confidential," including a spreadsheet of legal claims against the network, job offer letters to several top executives, slides discussing future technology plans and a list of 37,977 emails called "Richard's Contact list," an apparent reference to Plepler.

One screenshot labeled "Highly Confidential" by the hackers listed folders such as "Penguin Random House," "Licensing & Retail," "Legal," "International" and "Budgets." Another document appears to contain the confidential cast list for "Game of Thrones," listing personal cellphone numbers and email addresses for actors such as Peter Dinklage, Lena Headey and Emilia Clark.

So far, however, the HBO leaks have been limited, falling well short of the chaos inflicted on Sony in 2014.

In that attack, hackers possibly associated with North Korea unearthed thousands of embarrassing emails and released personal information, including salaries and social security numbers, of nearly 50,000 current and former Sony employees.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 pm on August 28, 2017, in the Distance Learning Center, Building located at 2700 FM 1379 Midland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	$ 1.04733	/ $ 100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	$ 0.26255	/ $ 100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	7.15 % (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% (increase)	or	1.00 % (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.83 % (increase)	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	$1,433,863,497	$1,732,783,300
Total appraised value* of new property**	$36,042,210	$67,972,950
Total taxable value*** of all property	$1,227,060,954	$1,514,667,079
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$32,636,807	$66,496,576

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness $ 58,185,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Sudent
Last Year's Rate	$1.17000	$0.32411	$1.49411	$7,493	$1,886
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$1.00733	$0.26255	$1.26988	$7,304	$1,976
Proposed Rate	$1.04733	$0.26255	$1.30988	$7,997	$1,976

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$ 269,972	$ 281,777
Average Taxable value of Residences	$ 259,622	$ 270,866
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100	$ 1.49411	$ 1.30988
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 3,882	$ 3,548
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ -334

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.30988. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.30988.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment :

Maintence and Operations Fund Balances(s)	$ $10,590,996
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$ $706,286

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OPINION

Affirmative action has overstayed its welcome

■ Engineering by race and ethnicity is a messy business, and colleges and universities should stay out of it

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Color me surprised. Attorney General Jeff Sessions and I finally agree on something, albeit with radically different motives. It's time to end affirmative action in college and university admissions.

The Alabaman — who has been wrong on matters involving race and ethnicity for his entire career — used to be my least favorite senator. Now he's my least favorite Cabinet official.

Under Sessions' direction, the Justice Department recently announced that it will take a long, hard look at the controversial practice — which goes back about 50 years — of colleges and universities taking into account the race and ethnicity of applicants in the hopes of achieving a more diverse student body. The lawyers have already telegraphed what they intend to find: rampant discrimination against white people who were wrongly rejected to make room so that "less qualified" Latinos and African-Americans could be accepted.

You can see where this is headed. The Trump administration is poised to make a federal case out of affirmative action, file racial discrimination lawsuits against universities, and force a showdown in the Supreme Court in the hopes of killing the program once and for all.

Bill Clinton tried to split the baby to please both people of color and conservative white Democrats by feebly suggesting that the proper way to navigate the affirmative action minefield was to "mend it, but don't end it." But Trump — who was elected with minuscule support from Latinos and African-Americans — doesn't even have to do that much. His presidency comes to us courtesy of white America, and that's who he's looking out for.

And so, if you're a Trump voter and you've fallen on hard times, and blaming immigrants or trade deals isn't satisfying enough for you, well, there's always the old scapegoat: minorities. The administration's message becomes: "It's an outrage. Your kid might be able to go to a better college if some Latina hadn't taken his spot!"

The real outrage is that there is anyone still around who believes this rubbish. The idea that white people are victims of so-called "reverse discrimination" is a total fantasy. Math puts the lie to it. Just look around. You can't be discriminated against because of skin color if other people who have the same skin color are advancing. The truth is you're just being outperformed by your own kind. Deal with it.

I've traveled in some elite circles — from the Ivy League, to major media companies, to judging the Pulitzer Prize. And do you know what I've noticed? White folks are doing just fine, especially white males.

Still, Sessions and the Justice Department are right to be skeptical of affirmative action — and even more hostile to its more malignant cousin: racial and ethnic preferences. Engineering by race and ethnicity is a messy business, and colleges and universities should stay out of it.

It's also a dangerous practice. And, as the Trump administration suspects, someone is indeed getting hurt. It's just not who they think it is. The folks being harmed by affirmative action are Latinos and African-Americans, ironically the program's intended beneficiaries.

Affirmative action lowers standards, stigmatizes recipients and masks terrible inequity at the all-important K-12 level fueled by tracking and low expectations. It also allows upper-class minorities who have suffered little or no hardship to benefit while the truly needy are overlooked and promotes elitism by allowing into privileged arenas a small group of high-performing Latinos and African-Americans who scoop up all the benefits. Meanwhile, the majority of their communities are shortchanged by the public schools and will never be in a position to receive one of these golden passports.

I'm not saying that affirmative action did no good, and that it wasn't once a reasonable idea. My parents grew up in the 1940s and 1950s, and they lived through unvarnished racism and discrimination. My father wanted to be a policeman in an era when that goal seemed — to most Mexican-American kids — as unattainable as becoming an astronaut or nuclear physicist. In the 1970s, affirmative action helped him get his badge and earn promotions.

But that doesn't mean it should be there for my children, who — 40 years later — are being raised in the suburbs by parents who have graduate degrees.

Affirmative action had its time and place. But this is a different time and place. This policy has overstayed its welcome, and now it has to go.

OPINION EXTRA

Google's leftist goggles leave googlers agog

So, Google is a leftist company.

That's no surprise. All you'd have to do to verify that fact is watch the rotating Google doodles throughout the year. They frequently feature social justice warriors, leftist causes celebres and random slaps at religion. Or you could check its search results, which tend to favor leftist causes and politicians over conservative ones.

But Google isn't just liberal; it's leftist. It's so leftist that its vice president of Diversity, Integrity & Governance, Danielle Brown, participated in a public scourging of an unnamed Google employee who had the temerity to question the company's odd focus on "diversity" hires. The employee penned a 10-page Jerry Maguire-style memo outlining Google's obsession with "diversity" and why its practices amount to illegal discrimination — and pointing out that the lack of women in top positions reflects scientific differences between men and women on average, not discriminatory social policy.

This intrepid soul openly signaled his opposition to sexism but then pointed out that personality differences between men and women on average, as well as men's higher drive for status, could lead to wage gaps at the company. That is absolutely correct based on a tremendous amount of available social science data. In fact, it's also true that while women on average may slightly outperform men on IQ tests, more men are found at the extremes of the bell curve — there are more men on the upper and lower ends of the spectrum. That would lead to the hiring of more men at prestigious companies like Google based on merit, not based on sexism.

But according to Google itself, such wrongthink must be curbed. And so, Brown stated that the memo "advanced incorrect assumptions about gender." Not controversial — incorrect. The facts, you see, must be made to fit Google's theory. Furthermore, said Brown, "I'm not going to link to it here as it's not a viewpoint that I or this company endorses." But there was good news. "Diversity and inclusion are a fundamental part of our values and the culture we continue to cultivate," she said.

Yay, diversity! Shut up, guy who disagrees!

Unfortunately, this philosophy of diversity before freedom or merit has run amok at many of America's major companies. And it has an impact on product. YouTube has reportedly been restricting videos it deems controversial or inappropriate, and disproportionately targeting comics like Steven Crowder and educators like Dennis Prager. Facebook has taken steps in recent months to curb its own biases, but only after a blowup with conservatives who were angry at its apparent attempts to crack down on non-leftists. Twitter has banned or suspended conservatives for mysterious reasons that it has never applied to members of the left.

Google has a pair of leftist goggles on at all times. Its users shouldn't have blinders on about it. Every search result should be scanned for algorithmic bias. After all, a company that will rip its own employee to shreds for defending its hiring practices on the basis of science and data will do anything to defend its leftist politics.

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Google deals with 'anti-diversity screed'

■ The witless and inflamed reaction to his document underlines a point about "a politically correct monoculture that maintains its hold by shaming dissenters into silence"

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The first thing to know about the instantly infamous "anti-diversity screed" written by an anonymous Google software engineer is that it isn't anti-diversity or a screed.

The loaded description, widely used in the press and on social media, is symptomatic of the pearl-clutching over the memo, which questions the premises and effectiveness of Google's diversity policies.

The document was meant — before getting splashed on the internet — as an internal conversation-starter. The author posits that innate differences between the sexes may account for the disparity between men and women in the male-dominated world of high-tech.

He states repeatedly that he believes in diversity, and there's no reason to doubt his self-description as a classical liberal. His exclamation-point-free memo is hardly a rant. He expresses the hope that "open and honest discussion with those who disagree can highlight our blind spots and help us grow."

How naive. The witless and inflamed reaction to his document instead underlines his point about "a politically correct monoculture that maintains its hold by shaming dissenters into silence."

It is one thing to disagree with the memo; it is another thing to believe the views therein should be forbidden. Former Google engineer Yonatan Zunger says that if it were up to him, the author would be summarily fired and escorted from the building immediately by security (you can't take a chance with such a danger). Entrepreneur Elissa Shevinsky believes that the memo could run afoul of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act — i.e., it might be illegal.

Google's diversity officer, Danielle Brown, didn't quite go that far. She offered a pro forma assurance that different views are welcome at Google. Nevertheless, she stipulated the opinions of the author are "incorrect" and added, ominously, that any discussion needs to be in accord with "our Code of Conduct, policies, and anti-discrimination laws."

Her case would have been much stronger if she had rebutted any of the author's statements about sex differences — assuming that she could.

A line in the memo about women being more prone to anxiety has drawn particular ire — as if the author made this up. As the publication Stanford Medicine notes, "Women are twice as likely as men to experience clinical depression in their lifetimes; likewise for post-traumatic stress disorder." An article in the journal Neuroscience & Biobehavioral Reviews likewise says that "female-biased conditions include depression, anxiety disorder, and anorexia nervosa."

This doesn't mean that men are superior, just that they are different, and more prone to other problems — among them, alcohol- and drug-dependency, schizophrenia, dyslexia, autism, Tourette syndrome and attention deficit disorder. It's not bias against men, or in favor of women, to note these tendencies.

Sex differences are value-neutral. From Stanford Medicine again: "Women excel in several measures of verbal ability — pretty much all of them, except for verbal analogies." On the other hand, men "have superior visuospatial skills." Which is better? It depends on who's asking, and why.

Women tend to be better with people, men with things. Is either of those superior? Women tend to put more emphasis on family, men on their status. Does that speak better of women or men?

As the Google author cautions, "Many of these differences are small and there's significant overlap between men and women, so you can't say anything about an individual given these population level distributions."

In light of these differences, though, it is foolhardy to expect 50/50 gender parity in professional life, and otherworldly to believe such differences don't have a role in the predominance of men in, say, software engineering.

Obviously, the field should be open to women, and Neanderthal behavior in the workplace should be stamped out. But a company that believes implicit bias accounts for gender imbalances must be allergic to certain inconvenient facts. The Google author raised them and will probably pay the price.

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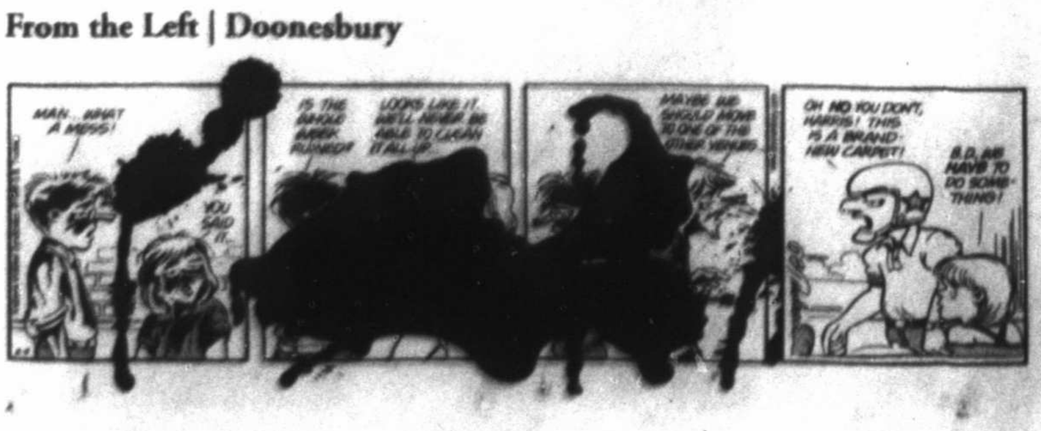

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

AP file photo

Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis waves to supporters as she arrives to make her concession speech at her election watch party Nov. 4, 2014 in Fort Worth.

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of the Democrats in the 2010 and 2014 governor's races, could make it harder to capitalize later if the political climate improves, as the party expects.

"You run the risk of looking irrelevant," Rottinghaus said.

Ann Richards, elected in 1990, was the last Texas Democratic governor. Since then, the state has shifted far to the right along with most of the South. The party's chief strongholds now are congressional and legislative seats representing much of Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Austin. No Democrat has won a statewide office since 1994, the longest losing streak in the nation.

Still, eager to keep its brand and statewide organization alive, the party has never failed to field a candidate for governor since Reconstruction. Manny Garcia, deputy executive director of the Texas Democratic Party, said it hasn't given up on 2018.

"We're going to have an authentic, dynamic candidate running for Texas governor, and that announcement will come at an appropriate time in the fall," Garcia said.

Wendy Davis, the Democratic state senator who lost by 20-plus points to Republican Greg Abbott in 2014 even after drawing nationwide financial support for her much-publicized, 12-hour filibuster opposing tough pro-life measures, said any candidates this year probably wouldn't have much of a public profile.

"It's going to take some time, obviously, to build up excitement around someone who, at that point in time, might be fairly unknown," Davis said.

In 2010, Bill White, a former Houston mayor and U.S. Energy Department official, won only 42 percent of the statewide vote despite his extensive business network and credentials. In a four-way 2006 race, former U.S. Rep. from Houston Chris Bell won less than 30 percent. Laredo oilman and banker Tony Sanchez spent nearly $60 million of his own money in losing four years before that.

Leading Democrats said a 2018 candidate could benefit from displeasure with the controversies surrounding Republicans who dominate state and national government.

Arthur Schechter, a Houston attorney and prominent Democratic fundraiser who helped organize events for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, said he recently tried to recruit a well-known businessman who is economically conservative but more progressive on social issues to run for governor.

"I thought we could raise some money for him very quickly and get him underway," Schechter said. "But he just chuckled at me."

Also taking a pass are Democratic luminaries Julian Castro, a former San Antonio mayor who was President Barack Obama's Housing and Urban Development secretary, and his twin brother, U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro. One time punk-rock guitarist and U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke has generated national attention, but chosen to challenge Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

Abbott, meanwhile, has already begun campaigning for re-election with nearly $41 million in campaign cash and strong approval ratings. A scarier prospect for him than any Democrat could be a primary challenge from Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a former conservative talk radio host beloved by grassroots activists. Patrick says he's not running but some conservatives aren't convinced.

Texas is 39 percent Hispanic, and that more Democrat-friendly demographic grew nearly four times faster than the whites between 2010 and 2016. But fewer than half of the state's roughly 10.4 million Hispanics are eligible to vote and turnout among registered Hispanic voters has been lower than in other states.

"Texas is not a red state. It is a nonvoting blue state," Davis said. "Are we looking at a wave where enough people are going to own the power of their voice and show up and vote? I hope."

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POLITICAL BRIEFS

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WASHINGTON

US scientists contradict Trump's climate claims

As President Donald Trump touts new oil pipelines and pledges to revive the nation's struggling coal mines, federal scientists are warning that burning fossil fuels is already driving a steep increase in the United States of heat waves, droughts and floods.

It is the latest example of collisions between Trump's environmental policies and the facts presented by his government's experts.

Contradicting Trump's claims that climate change is a "hoax," the draft report representing the consensus of 13 federal agencies concludes that the evidence global warming is being driven by human activities is "unambiguous." That directly undercuts statements by Trump and his Cabinet casting doubt on whether the warming observed around the globe is being primarily driven by man-made carbon pollution.

"There are no alternative explanations, and no natural cycles are found in the observational record that can explain the observed changes in climate," says the report, citing thousands of peer-reviewed studies. "Evidence for a changing climate abounds, from the top of the atmosphere to the depths of the oceans."

Faced with reams of evidence compiled by federal scientists that conflicts with their policy positions, Trump and his advisers frequently cite the work of industry-funded think tanks. Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt and Energy Secretary Rick Perry have championed the formation of a "red-team, blue-team" exercise where climate-change skeptics would publicly debate mainstream climate scientists.

Submitted as part of the upcoming National Climate Assessment, the draft federal report sends the overriding message that failing to curb carbon pollution now will exacerbate negative consequences in the future. That assessment calls into question the wisdom of Trump's environmental and energy policies, which seek to boost U.S. production and consumption of fossil fuels even as the world's other leading economies promote cleaner sources of energy.

By Michael Biesecker and Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

NEW JERSEY

Trump warns NKorea of 'fire and fury' as nuke threat worsens

BRIDGEWATER — President Donald Trump threatened North Korea "with fire and fury like the world has never seen" on Tuesday after suggestions the communist country has mastered one of the final hurdles to being able to strike the United States with a nuclear missile

North Korea said it was examining its operational plans for attacking Guam — a U.S. territory about 2,100 miles away — in order to contain U.S. military activity there. The North Korean army said in a statement distributed Wednesday by the state-run news agency that it is studying a plan to create an "enveloping fire" in areas around Guam with medium- to long-range ballistic missiles. Guam is home to Andersen Air Force Base.

The competing threats escalated tensions between the foes even further. Although it wasn't clear if Trump and the Koreans were responding directly to each other, the heightened rhetoric added to the potential for a miscalculation that might bring the nuclear-armed nations into conflict.

Trump's stern words to the camera at his golf course in Bedminster, New Jersey, came hours after reports indicating North Korea can now wed nuclear warheads with its missiles, including those that may be able to hit the American mainland. The isolated and impoverished dictatorship has strived for decades to have the ability to strike the U.S. and its Asian allies, and the pace of its breakthroughs is already having far-reaching consequences for stability in the Pacific and beyond.

The nuclear advances were detailed in an official Japanese assessment and a Washington Post story that cited U.S. intelligence officials and a confidential Defense Intelligence Agency report. The U.S. now puts the North Korean arsenal at up to 60 nuclear weapons, more than double most assessments by independent experts, according to the Post's reporting.

"North Korea had best not make any more threats to the United States," said a stern-looking Trump, seated with his arms crossed and with his wife beside him. "They will be met with fire and fury like the world has never seen."

"He has been very threatening beyond a normal state. And as I said they will be met with fire, fury and frankly power the likes of which this world has never seen before."

The remarks appeared scripted, with Trump glancing at a paper in front of him. They evoked President Harry Truman's announcement of the U.S. atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, in which he warned of "a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth."

But it wasn't clear what Trump, who is prone to hyperbole and bombast in far less grave situations, meant by the threat. White House officials did not elaborate

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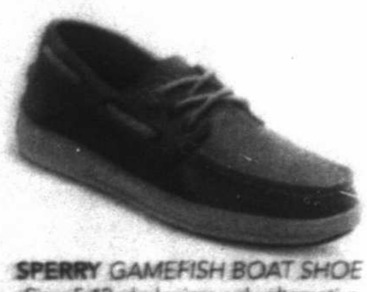

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Family owned and operated, American Home Improvement has been part of the Permian Basin more than 25 years, starting with windows, window replacement and siding, which are still at the core of their business.

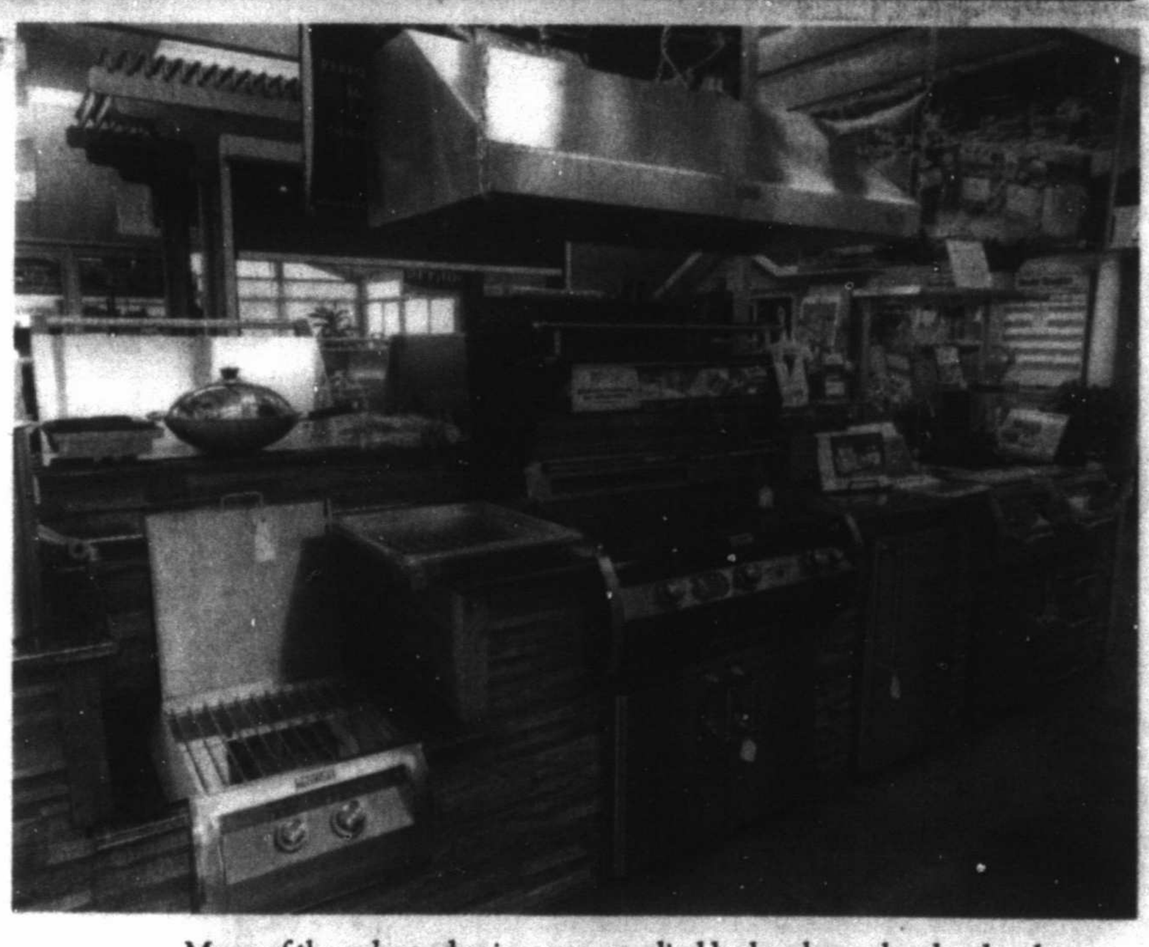
They have since expanded to include sunrooms, pergolas, patios and patio covers that allow homeowners to enjoy the West Texas sky in comfort.

"Our sunrooms are mostly glass with very little framing," Hillary said. "They're not a typical addition. People can enjoy the outdoors without a lot of dust, sand and trash blowing around."

American Home Improvement holds high standards for the quality of their products and their work.

"All of our products have warranties, and we stand behind our work," Hillary said. "If anything goes wrong with the product or in the installation process, we make sure that we get it right. It's part of our guarantee."

Located on Highway 191 between Midland and Odessa off the airport exit, American Home Improvement serves Midland, Odessa and surrounding including areas, Big Spring, Andrews and McCamey. They invite you to visit their showroom.



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"They're not just local but Texan," Hillary pointed out.

Rodney Martin is a longtime active member of the Permian Basin Homebuilders Association.

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Various activities planned for Wellness Tour

DANIELLE JOHNSON
Midland Health

Join us for the third annual Wellness Tour, which is Aug. 16-19 at various locations around Midland. This health-and-wellness weekend is produced in part by Midland Health, the city of Midland, Midland College and Midland ISD.

The Wellness Tour was created in 2015, when Midland Health formed a partnership with the city, Midland College and MISD. This event promotes health and wellness and encourages healthy behaviors, health awareness and wellness activities throughout the entire weekend at various locations across the city.

Here is an overview of events:

- Burn calories with free workouts at local gyms and studios
- Free health screenings and health education at Midland Memorial Hospital or Coleman Clinic
- Back-to-school immunizations at the Midland Health Department
- "Forks Over Knives" documentary screening at Midland College
- Discounts at healthy restaurants including Living 360 Organics, Strawberry Fields Café and more
- Wet 'n' Wild event with the Midland Fire Department at C.J. Kelly Park
- Family-friendly movie in the park ("Sing," rated PG) at Fasken Park
- Mom and Kiddos stroller walk at Grafa Park
- Low-cost shot clinic for pets at Hogan Park Dog Park
- Kids' self-guided scavenger hunt at Sibley Nature Center
- Community Garden Tour at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus

For a full schedule of events, visit www.midlandwellnesstour.com.

Danielle Johnson is with marketing and public relations for Midland Health

FAITH AND HEALING

Carolyn Van Houten/San Antonio Express-News

Father Jose Francisco "Poncho" Puente-Flores walks down the aisle during the partnership celebration mass for the community health care initiative between Southside ISD and UIW's School of Osteopathic Medicine in San Antonio on Aug. 3.

San Antonio medical students training to make house calls

■ Southside ISD, University of the Incarnate Word partner for health care initiative

By Lauren Caruba
San Antonio Express-News

Under an ornate, arched chapel ceiling, members of the University of the Incarnate Word and Southside Independent School District communities gathered for a Mass last weekend to embark on an unprecedented health partnership.

The Rev. Jose Francisco Puente of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a Catholic parish on the south side, celebrated Saturday's Mass, for which students from Southside ISD were altar servers. A medical student from UIW's new School of Osteopathic Medicine read a prayer. Southside ISD parents, district administrators and university staff filled the pews.

"We know that it is not easy to begin something new," Puente told the gathering at the university's Chapel of the Incarnate Word. "But we know that the Lord is with us, and we know that the Lord will guide us."

Starting this fall, the community health initiative, anchored by the partnership between the school district and the new medical school, will have students in the school's inaugural class working with Southside staff, students and their families to identify chronic and mental health issues and the socioeconomic factors that often go along with them.

"It's beyond anything I expected," said Southside ISD Superintendent Mark Eads. "I really believe it's going to help with the physical and mental health of our students, our families — and all that's going to turn into academic success. It's going to change everything."

The project is part of the medical school's broader attempt to examine poor health outcomes in San Antonio's City Council District 3. That area of the city has chronic conditions like diabetes and kidney disease at far higher rates than the rest of the county and state, according to hospital discharge data from 2011 provided by UIW. For example, 26.8 percent of Bexar County residents have been diagnosed with diabetes, but the figure in District 3 was nearly 68 percent that year.

The three-year pilot program is being funded by a $407,000 grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, based at the University of Texas at Austin.

Officials hope to improve health outcomes for residents while educating future doctors outside a traditional clinical environment, said Anil Mangla, director of public health and research at the UIW medical school and principal investigator for the initiative.

"If you live in the south (part of the city), your chances of living are 15 years less than if you live in the north," Mangla said. "You can look at these disparities in the south, and our goal is to narrow that gap."

To do so, medical students will work with the school district and local health care providers to identify families who can "adopt" medical students for an extended period of time. The students, whose curriculum requires that they spend four hours every week on community engagement, will visit families at home to conduct physical and mental health assessments. They will also create action plans on a variety of health factors, including exercise, nutrition, substance abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, mental health problems and physical environment.

The community health project fits the idea behind osteopathic medicine, which focuses on examining wellness as a whole and promoting disease prevention, Mangla added.

"These students will actually start learning from month one that a well-being of a person is not just coming into the office, getting treated and leaving," he said. "It's beyond the office."

Training for the school district's educators, in turn, can help them identify students who might be struggling with mental health or behavioral problems, Mangla said. Additionally, the medical students will hold periodic vaccination events and teach Southside ISD students and their families about health literacy and wellness.

Randy Escamilla, spokesman for Southside ISD and director of parent and community education, said parents already have expressed excitement about the community health project. He said the district's boundaries encompass an area that does not have a grocery store but has dollar stores and plenty of fast-food restaurants.

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LISA FALKENBERG
Houston Chronicle

Deaths of new mothers should shock Texas lawmakers into action

■ Reducing maternal mortality rate requires better access to health care, task force says

Childbirth is the closest a woman can come to death.That's what Houston state Rep. Shawn Thierry said on the House floor this past week. She was quoting her grandmother, born in 1920.

"Here we are, a century later in Texas," Thierry said. And for an alarming number of women, the saying is still true.

Texas has the highest rate, by far, of maternal mortality in the nation. And, with the exception of Mexico, Texas has the highest rate in the developed world.

Let that sink in.

In a state that boasts the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, a state where "pro-life" is a battle cry of powerful elected leaders, women are dying at troubling rates before, during and after giving birth from conditions such as hypertension, pre-eclampsia, sepsis and hemorrhage.

Good news came last week when Thierry, a Democrat, joined a bipartisan group of lawmakers to pass several bills out of the House that attempt to tackle the problem by, among other things, extending the life of a state task force studying it and improving data collection.

It was a bright moment in a bitterly divisive special session in Austin, but it was far too long in coming. State Rep. Armando Walle said he was alerted to the problem back in 2010 by Houston-area doctors. He filed his first bill to study the issue in 2011, and it went nowhere. Finally, in 2013, with bipartisan support, he helped pass a bill to establish the Texas Mortality and Morbidity Task Force, but it took more than a year to set it up.

Bills to give the task force more time, until 2023, to do its work and more resources were added to the special session by Gov. Greg Abbott, signifying that maternal mortality is a priority for the governor.

But how much of a priority?

It's one thing to study the issue. It's another to save women's lives.

Granted, this is a complex issue. The national media sometimes tries to portray it as the direct consequence of Texas' crusades against abortion rights and Planned Parenthood, which led to widespread clinic closures, and its draconian slashing of family planning funding in 2011.

But maternal mortality rates have risen nationwide, with black women bearing the greatest risk. It's a trend that is much worse in Texas but that began before the

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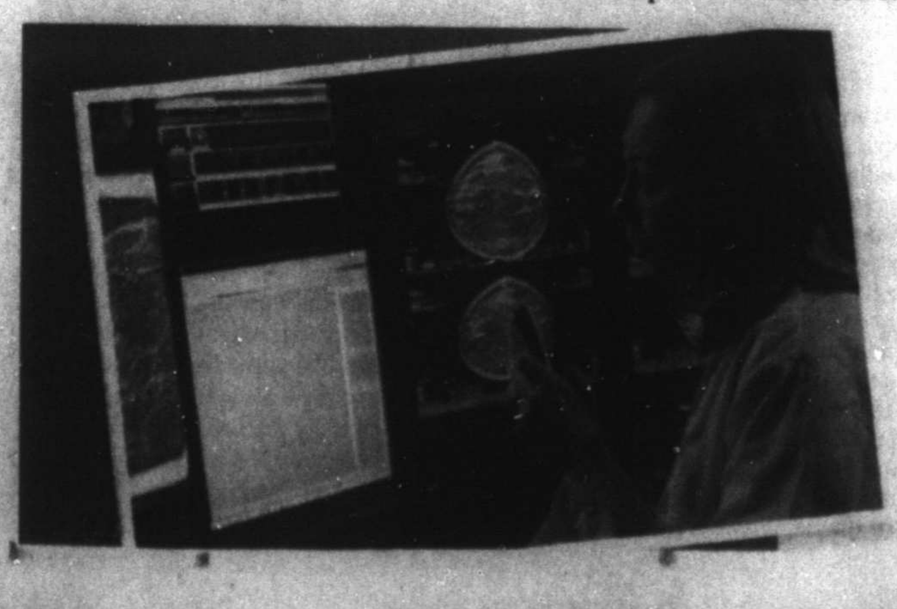

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Musician Glen Campbell poses for a portrait July 27, 2011, in Malibu, Calif. Campbell, the grinning, high-pitched entertainer who had such hits as "Rhinestone Cowboy" and spanned country, pop, television and movies, died Tuesday. He was 81. Campbell announced in June 2011 that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease

Glen Campbell, superstar entertainer of '60s and '70s, dies

By Kristin M. Hall
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Glen Campbell, the grinning, high-pitched entertainer whose dozens of hit singles included "Rhinestone Cowboy" and "Wichita Lineman" and whose appeal spanned country, pop, television and movies, died Tuesday, his family said. He was 81.

Campbell's family said the singer died Tuesday morning in Nashville and publicist Sandy Brokaw confirmed the news. No cause was immediately given. Campbell announced in June 2011 that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and that it was in its early stages at that time.

"Glen is one of the greatest voices there ever was in the business, and he was one of the greatest musicians," said Dolly Parton in a video statement. "He was a wonderful session musician, as well. A lot of people don't realize that. But he could play anything, and he could play it really well."

Tributes poured in on social media. "Thank you Glen Campbell for sharing your talent with us for so many years May you rest in peace my friend You will never be forgotten," wrote Charlie Daniels. One of Campbell's daughters, Ashley, said she was heartbroken. "I owe him everything I am, and everything I ever will be. He will be remembered so well and with so much love," she wrote on Twitter.

In the late 1960s and well into the '70s, the Arkansas native seemed to be everywhere, known by his boyish face, wavy hair and friendly tenor. He won five Grammys, sold more than 45 million records, had 12 gold albums and 75 chart hits, including No. 1 songs with "Rhinestone Cowboy" and "Southern Nights."

His performance of the title song from "True Grit," a 1969 release in which he played a Texas Ranger alongside Oscar winner John Wayne, received an Academy Award nomination. He twice won album of the year awards from the Academy of Country Music and was voted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2005. Seven years later, he received a Grammy for lifetime achievement.

His last record was "Adios," which came out in June and features songs that Campbell loved to sing but never recorded, including tunes made famous by Bob Dylan, Linda Ronstadt and Johnny Cash. Ashley Campbell, also a musician, made a guest appearance and said making the album was "therapeutic."

Campbell was among a wave of country crossover stars that included Johnny Cash, Roy Clark and Kenny Rogers, and like many of his contemporaries, he enjoyed success on television. Campbell had a weekly audience of some 50 million people for the "Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour," on CBS from 1969 to 1972. He gained new fans decades later when the show, featuring his cheerful greeting "Hi, I'm Glen Campbell," was rerun on cable channel CMT.

"I did what my Dad told me to do — 'Be nice, son, and don't cuss. And be nice to people.' And that's the way I handled myself, and people were very, very nice to me," Campbell told The Telegraph in 2011.

He released more than 70 of his own albums, and in the 1990s recorded a series of gospel CDs. A 2011 farewell album, "Ghost On the Canvas," included contributions from Jacob Dylan, Rick Nielsen of Cheap Trick and Billy Corgan of Smashing Pumpkins.

The documentary "Glen Campbell ... I'll Be Me" came out in 2014. The film about Campbell's 2011-12 farewell tour offers a poignant look at his decline from Alzheimer's while showcasing his virtuoso guitar chops that somehow continued to shine as his mind unraveled. The song "I'm Not Gonna Miss You" won a Grammy for best country song in 2015 and was nominated for an Oscar for best original song.

Campbell's musical career dated back to the early years of rock 'n roll. He toured with the Champs of "Tequila" fame when the group included two singers who formed the popular '70s duo Seals & Crofts. He was part of the house band for the ABC TV show "Shindig!" and a member of Phil Spector's "Wrecking Crew" studio band that played on hits by the Ronettes, the Righteous Brothers and the Crystals. He played guitar on Frank Sinatra's "Strangers In the Night," the Monkees' "I'm a Believer" and Elvis Presley's "Viva Las Vegas."

"We'd get the rock 'n' roll guys and play all that, then we'd get Sinatra and Dean Martin," Campbell told The Associated Press in 2011. "That was a kick. I really enjoyed that. I didn't want to go nowhere. I was making more money than I ever made just doing studio work."

A sharecropper's son, and one of 12 children, he was born outside of Delight, Arkansas, and grew up revering country music stars such as Hank Williams.

"I'm not a country singer per se," Campbell once said. "I'm a country boy who sings."

He was just 4 when he learned to play guitar. As a teenager, anxious to escape a life of farm work and unpaid bills, he moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico to join his uncle's band and appear on his uncle's radio show. By his early 20s, he had formed his own group, the Western Wranglers, and moved to Los Angeles. He opened for the Doors and sang and played bass with the Beach Boys as a replacement for Brian Wilson, who in the mid-'60s had retired from touring to concentrate on studio work. In 1966, Campbell played on the Beach Boys' classic "Pet Sounds" album.

"I didn't go to Nashville because Nashville at that time seemed one-dimensional to me," Campbell told the AP. "I'm a jazzer. I just love to get the guitar and play the hell out of it if I can."

By the late '60s, he was a performer on his own, an appearance on Joey Bishop's show leading to his TV breakthrough. Tommy Smothers of the Smothers Brothers saw the program and asked Campbell if he'd like to host a summertime series, "The Summer Brothers Smothers Show." Campbell shied from the Smothers Brothers' political humor, but still accepted the offer. He was out of the country when the first episode aired.

"The whole lid just blew off," Campbell told the AP. "I had never had anything like that happen to me. I got more phone calls. It was awesome. For the first couple of days I was like 'how do they know me? I didn't realize the power of television.'"

His guests included country acts, but also the Monkees, Lucille Ball, Cream, Neil Diamond and Ella Fitzgerald.

He was married four times and had eight children. As he would confide in painful detail, Campbell suffered for his fame and made others suffer as well. He drank heavily, used drugs and indulged in a turbulent relationship with country singer Tanya Tucker in the early 1980s.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; their three children, Cal, Shannon and Ashley; and his children from previous marriages, Debby, Kelli, Travis, Kane and Dillon. He had 10 grandchildren.

In late 2003, he was arrested near his home in Phoenix after causing a minor traffic accident. He later pleaded guilty to "extreme" DUI and leaving the scene of an accident and served a 10-day sentence.

Among Campbell's own hits, "Rhinestone Cowboy" stood out and became his personal anthem. Written and recorded by Larry Weiss in 1974, "Rhinestone Cowboy" received little attention until Campbell heard it on the radio and quickly related to the story of a veteran performer who triumphs over despair and hardship. Campbell's version was a chart topper in 1975.

"I thought it was my autobiography set to song," he wrote 20 years later, in his autobiography, titled "Rhinestone Cowboy."

Obituaries

Darren Lawrence Taylor

Darren Lawrence Taylor, 32, of Midland, Texas passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2017. The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints, 4805 Gateway St., Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Darren was born on September 18, 1984 in Bakersfield, California, to Deborah and William Taylor. He grew up loving and playing almost every sport. He was also an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and earned his Eagle Scout at age 16. He graduated in 2003 from Lee High School in Midland, where he played for the Mighty Rebel Band.

Not long after graduating, Darren served a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Utah. After his mission he finished his education at Brigham Young University with Bachelor's degree in Recreational Management and a Business Minor.

Darren later moved back to Texas where he continued to pursue his passion for sports and fitness. He began working on a Masters in Kinesiology at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin while also competing in volleyball tournaments throughout west Texas. He worked as an assistant volleyball coach at Midland College and later as a Graduate Assistant for UTPB Volleyball. Darren had just recently been accepted into the Physical Therapy program at Odessa College.

Darren loved water sports, playing volleyball, and riding motorcycles. He was a kind and gentle soul who treated everyone with respect and love. Darren was adored by his daughter, nieces, and nephews, and was loved as a brother by his friends. He had an infectious smile and laugh. He was a wonderful father, son, brother, and friend and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his daughter, Lyllie Doss Taylor; parents, Deborah and William Taylor; sister, Cassie Viets; brother, Devin Taylor; sister, Sarah Fellmeth; sister, Chelsea Larsen; maternal grandparents, Melba and Ted Rumsey; seven nieces and two nephews.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Lawrence and Bettie Taylor. Pallbearers will be Devin Taylor, Chris Cooper, Mike Rodriguez, Curtis Brown, Austin Williams, Josh Viets, Ben Fellmeth, Dustin Larsen and Drew Cross (honorary).

The family suggests donations be made to his daughter, Lyllie. Donations can be made by sending check or money order to Lyllie Doss Taylor at Heritage USA, 5507 N. Wadley, Midland, TX. For electronic transfers call 1-432-681-1050 and speak with Barbara Bingham.

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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Stephen Joseph Szalay

Stephen Joseph Szalay, 90 passed away peacefully on August 4, 2017, at home surrounded by family and friends. Steve was born September 6, 1926, in Akron, Ohio to Hungarian immigrant parents, Ladislaw and Vilma Szalay. He was the only son and youngest in his family, preceding in death his two older sisters, Anna Bessemer of Akron, OH and Helen Brummel of Anaheim, CA. He spent his childhood on his family's vegetable farm in Akron, learning how to work hard at an early age.

He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps at age 17 to serve in World War II and fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot. The war ended before he completed his flight training and he was honorably discharged in 1945. He later re-enlisted in the Air Force Reserves and trained and served in both the Air National Guard of Ohio (112th Fighter bomber Squadron) and the Air National Guard of Arizona (197th Fighter Inception Squadron.) He was called into active duty in 1961 when the Berlin Wall was being built, flying jets up and down the Russian Corridor to keep the air space open for supplies.

His first job after graduating from Kent State University in 1948, was at a Chevrolet car dealership. Steve continued his success in the automotive industry owning Mark Imports, the first Volkswagen dealership in Phoenix. Known primarily for being in the car business, he also owned a travel agency, commercial properties, real estate and a radio station. Steve loved to travel. He went to so many different parts of the world, it was easier to ask, "*where haven't you been?*" He also enjoyed scuba diving and a variety of outdoor activities. His passion was flying. He continued to fly recreationally for many years after his military days of piloting F-104s and the F-86 Sabre.

His greatest joy was his wife and family. He married June Morris in 1948 and celebrated 63 years until her death in 2011. They made a bold move to relocate from Akron to Phoenix in 1955 after having spent time in Arizona at Luke Air Force Base. Steve was a wonderful father to his three children, Cathie Broten, Steven Szalay and Michelle Chappell (spouse Jim). He loved his grandchildren and was "papa" to Melissa Broten and Christopher, Stephen and Carlee Chappell. The birth of his first great grandchild, Logan (Melissa) in 2014 gave his life a whole new meaning. He was a man who never knew a stranger. He was a good friend and a man of unparalleled character. He loved all dogs, children and never met a dessert he didn't like.

Visitation will be Thursday, August 10, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m., at Whitney & Murphy Funeral Home, 4800 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix. Funeral Mass will be Celebrated Friday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m., at St. Theresa Catholic Church, 5045 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix. Interment will be private at St. Francis Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Halo Animal Rescue, 3227 E Bell Road Suite D 151, Phoenix AZ 85032.

Death Notices

Jimmy (Jim) C. Simmons

Jimmy (Jim) C. Simmons, 83, of Odessa, Texas passed away on Sunday, August 6, 2017. Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Simmons; children, Jimmy Simmons; Dan Simmons, Kathy Simmons and John Simmons; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Haruo Nakajima, who played the original 1954 Godzilla, dies

By Yuri Kageyama
Associated Press

TOKYO — He stomped over miniature bridges and buildings in a rubber suit and gave the world Godzilla, the fire-breathing, screeching monster that became Japan's star cultural export and an enduring symbol of the pathos and destruction of the nuclear age.

Haruo Nakajima, who portrayed Godzilla in the original 1954 classic, died Monday of pneumonia, his daughter Sonoe Nakajima told The Associated Press on Tuesday. He was 88.

The film, which went on to become a mega-series and inspired Hollywood spinoffs, struck a chord with postwar Japan, the only nation in the world to suffer atomic bombing, in Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the closing days of World War II.

Vivacious and energetic, Nakajima said he invented the character from scratch, and developed it by going to a zoo to study how elephants and bears moved. He said it was important to show the pathos of the creature, which could only smash everything in its way.

The theme of his Godzilla was grand and complex, he said, addressing universal human problems, as it spoke to a Japan that still remembered wartime suffering.

"If Godzilla can't walk properly, it's nothing but a freak show," Nakajima said in a 2014 interview with the AP at his suburban Tokyo apartment, proudly sitting among sepia-toned photos of him as a young man and Godzilla figures.

"It's not some cowboy movie," he said.

He recalled that the rubber suit he wore was so hot, especially under the glaring lights of the movie set, that the sweat he wrung from his shirt would fill half a bucket.

In the original movie, directed by Ishiro Honda with an unforgettable score by Akira Ifukube, Godzilla surfaces from the Pacific Ocean suddenly, a mutation as a result of nuclear testing in the area.

Photo credit

Original Godzilla suit actor Haruo Nakajima, who has played his role as the monster, speaks during an interview April 28, 2014. Nakajima, the actor who stomped in a rubber suit to portray the original 1954 Godzilla, has died on Monday. He was 88.

Nakajima was a stunt actor in samurai films when he was approached to take the role of Godzilla. Some fans prefer Nakajima's version over some Hollywood depictions, which they say resemble an evil-looking animal.

Although recent Godzilla films use computer graphics, the latest Japanese Godzilla remake, released last year, went back to using a human actor, Mansai Nomura, a specialist in the traditional theater of Kyogen. His movements were duplicated on the screen through "motion capture" technology.

Until recently, Nakajima had continued to be a star guest at festivals and events. He had been scheduled to be featured at the Tokyo International Film Festival in October.

"I am the original, the real thing," he said in 2014. "My Godzilla was the best."

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Student physicals to be offered

■ MISD Care Clinic, 709 W. Louisiana Ave., has scheduled physicals, which are available to any student in the district.

The physicals will be administered 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Friday

■ Community Children's Clinic, 1101 E. Front St., will be offering free UIL, Headstart and day care physicals 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. Residents in the Texas Tech Family Practice Residency Program are volunteering their time to see patients on that day, said Renee Meiner, clinic executive director.

The free physicals are limited to the first 50 people. To reserve a spot, parents can call 686-8593. If 50 children aren't registered in advance, walk-ins will be accepted, Meiner said.

Event to focus on special-needs kids

SHARE is hosting a conference and resource fair focusing on special-needs children. The event is Sept. 16 at Midland Shared Spaces. The resource fair is 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; the conference is 10 a.m.-noon.

Guest speakers are Dr. Daryl Scott of Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Molecular and Human Genetics and Laura Buckner.

Scott will be discussing genetic evaluations in patients with autism spectrum disorders. Buckner will provide a family member's perspective.

The event is free and lunch will be served. To register, contact Traci Hopper at thopper@sharewtx.org, 818-1259 or 254-5325.

Midland Health seminar to be held

Food is Medicine seminar, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center; tickets are $25, which includes lunch; to register or for more information, call 800-856-4916 or email info@ourhealthycity.com.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@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, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ 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, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 553-7220.

Hope Chest

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

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system. Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

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

To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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2011 cuts.

Even Walle, a Houston Democrat, admits it's not a clear connection.

"A lot of reporters call me and ask me that question. As somebody who is as progressive on health care as anybody, I would truly like to find a way to make that argument. But it would be illegitimate on my part. I'd lose my credibility," he said. "The timelines don't match up."

Rate significantly high

Dr. Lisa Hollier, medical director of obstetrics and gynecology at Texas Children's Hospital who leads the state task force, said there's no one cause, and she points out that the Texas rate has dipped a bit in recent years.

"The rates are still over 30 per 100,000, which is still significantly greater than most other states," she said.

What is clear is that the best way to prevent pregnancy-related deaths is to improve access to health services. It was the No. 1 recommendation in a report by the task force last year. To increase access during the year after delivery, to improve continuity of care, promote birth spacing, among other suggestions.

And there's the rub.

Texas continues to lead the nation in the number of uninsured. The rate fell from 25 percent to 16.8 percent in 2015, thanks to the Affordable Care Act, but we're still far worse than the national average, now in single digits.

Screen for problems

Studies suggest the number of Texas women once covered by a state-federal Medicaid program for reproductive care has plummeted since the state dropped Planned Parenthood from it in 2011. Lawmakers have prohibited the state from paying for abortions, but also have ostracized the century-old family planning agency for performing the procedure at all.

The move violated federal rules, costing Texas tens of millions in federal dollars per year, and provider networks collapsed as the state scrambled to create — and fund — its own program, Healthy Texas Women.

One positive development is that new mothers are no longer left scrambling for a doctor after their Medicaid coverage ends, 60 days after childbirth. With some exceptions, women are now automatically enrolled into the state's program, where they can be screened for chronic conditions, such as hypertension, and have access to limited treatment for postpartum depression, according to a spokeswoman with the Health and Human Services Commission.

Still, nearly 45,000 fewer Texas women receive state health services since 2011, according to a report released last week by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for low-income Texans.

Other studies have shown declines in access to contraception and a rise in Medicaid-paid births.

With this backdrop, the fight against maternal mortality would seem Sisyphean. What's the use of studying the issue when we already know our best weapon — improving access to care — is something some conservatives are loathe to support, at least openly?

Unless.

Unless the reality of Texas mothers dying preventable deaths, most of them nearly a year after delivery, is enough to change minds.

Progress gives hope

Hollier, the physician, isn't sure.

"I don't know if this is going to be the issue that changes the way we provide health care in Texas," she said.

But in the meantime, Hollier said her clinic for at-risk pregnancy has already begun implementing solutions that don't need legislative approval. Risks from hemorrhaging, for instance, can be prevented by testing for anemia in advance, injecting iron intravenously, and having doctors lead drills in hospitals to hasten response times.

That kind of progress gives Walle hope, and so does all the attention the issue has gotten lately.

"Maybe this is a spark," he said. "I think it will take a couple of sessions to convince some folks, but the facts are the facts. If we don't address access to care, then we will continue to see a rise in maternal deaths. I don't think anybody would argue with that."

At least, nobody should. If the problem is truly a priority for state leaders, then the solution should be, too.

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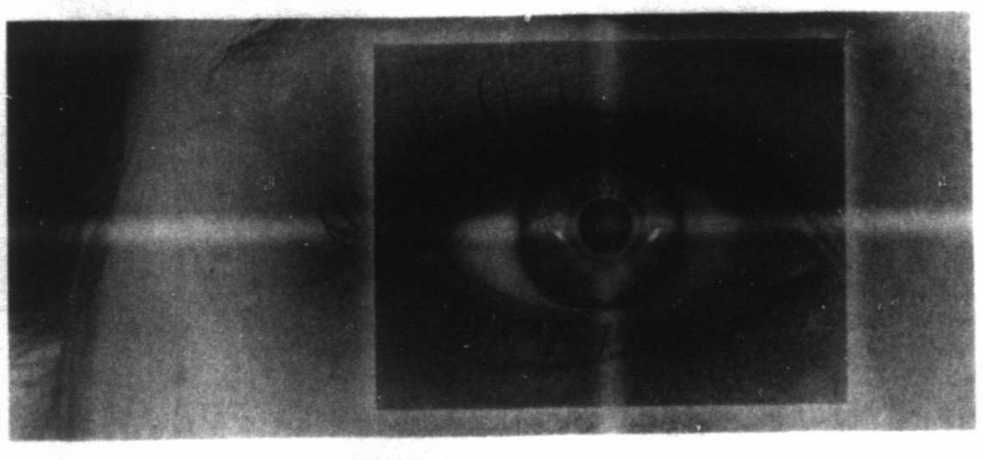

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Overdose deaths per 100,000 people, 2014

Overdose death rates vary widely by state, from 6.3 per 100,000 people in North Dakota to 35.5 per 100,000 in West Virginia.

Data: Deaths from drug overdoses soared in the first 9 months of 2016

By Lenny Bernstein
Washington Post

Deaths from drug overdoses rose sharply in the first nine months of 2016, the government reported Tuesday, releasing data that confirm the widely held belief that the opioid epidemic worsened last year despite stepped-up efforts by public health authorities.

The National Center for Health Statistics reported that overdose deaths reached a record 19.9 per 100,000 population in the third quarter, a big increase over the 16.7 recorded for the same three months in 2015. Similarly, the first two quarters of last year showed death rates of 18.9 and 19.3, far greater than the corresponding periods for 2015. Data for the fourth quarter of 2016 are not yet available.

The government's annual drug death statistics typically lag by about a year; the latest official information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the 2015 drug overdose rate at 16.3 per 100,000 people, for a total of 52,404 fatal overdoses. Given available state data and anecdotal information, many experts are expecting a big increase in deaths in 2016, driven by the worsening crisis in overdoses from opioids, especially fentanyl and heroin. About six in 10 drug overdose deaths are caused by opioids.

In June, the New York Times predicted that the number of overdose deaths would exceed 60,000 in 2016, based on data it compiled from hundreds of state health departments and county coroners and medical examiners. If true, that number would mark the sharpest annual increase ever recorded. The death rate released by the National Center for Health Statistics for the 12 months ending last September would equate to 59,520 deaths.

The drug overdose numbers are part of a report that looked at mortality rates from leading causes of death. The data show that the overall U.S. death rate fell slightly in 2016, with top killers such as heart disease and cancer remaining stable. The estimates in the report are adjusted for age and considered "provisional," so they may change slightly as states continue investigating the causes of a small number of cases.

In a separate study released Monday, a University of Virginia professor of public policy and economics suggested that opioid death rates for 2014 may be as much as 24 percent greater than previously reported totals.

The latest government numbers back up the dire accounts of mayors, governors, first responders and coroners who are grappling with the unabated crisis of overdose and addiction in communities across America. The report "is showing the trend that we're seeing around the country from various data sources," said Farida Ahmad, who wrote the federal report. "The data doesn't show any declines at this point."

The increases come despite more determined efforts by government and private authorities to intervene in the epidemic,

Please see OVERDOSES/6B

Ron Coates/San Antonio Express-News

Students recite the Osteopathic Pledge of Commitment led by Dr. David Garza. UIW's medical school will host a white coat ceremony for the inaugural cohort of students. Founding Dean Dr. Robyn Phillipe-Madson led the ceremony, and Dr. Mark Baker of the American Osteopathic Association delivered the keynote address. White coats were presented to the 150 students in the inaugural class. The students took the pledge on July 30 at UIW.

HOUSE CALLS

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"Up until this time, the only time you heard of this section of the city was always in a negative context," Escamilla said. "This is really about transforming lives and transforming a community and transforming our city."

Emily Portillo attended Saturday's Mass with her daughter, Mia Alcozer, 11, an incoming sixth-grader at Losoya Intermediate School. Portillo said she was looking forward to the benefits the partnership will bring to area residents and hopes to partner with one of the medical students, in light of her family's history with diabetes.

"We need a lot of stuff out there, and a lot of things are changing," Portillo said. "This is a really big deal for us."

If the project proves successful, Mangla hopes to eventually expand the initiative to other areas of San Antonio.

Parents can help college freshmen succeed

ELIZABETH BUCHANAN
Centers for Children and Families

When freshmen enter college, they are excited about this new experience, often not sure what they will major in, and can be enthusiastic and stressed at the same time about transitioning to more independence. Parents can do some things to help their student succeed.

First-year students are excited about making new friends and can end up making their social life their focus. Remind them their priority is attending class and doing their homework. If they hang out with students who party every night, they will do the same. Encourage your student to make friends with other students whose focus is on preparing for a career as well as developing healthy relationships.

The difficulty of college classes often takes freshmen by surprise. Remind them to get to know their professors and teaching assistants and to ask for help. Let them know that seeking help is commendable and asking questions is important. Encourage your child to seek help at the first sign they are struggling in a class.

Encourage your student to study somewhere other than their dorm — such as the library. This eliminates distractions and will help your student stay on track. Buy your student a planner to schedule all of their academic and social activities. Remind them professors likely are not going to allow them to turn in assignments late.

First-year students can be homesick with all the adjustments to college living. Encourage your student to participate in all orientations and to stay on campus on weekends and participate in intramural sports, clubs and other campus events. Even if they are not far away from home, encourage them to stay on campus and let them know you will visit them. If possible, visit your student once a month, especially in the first semester. Let your student know that when you visit, you will take them and their friends out to eat. Let them know you will work around their activities when you are there. Schedule one-on-one time to talk about any problems they are encountering and let them know they can call you for advice. Ask questions to help them solve their own problems. Encourage healthy eating and exercise.

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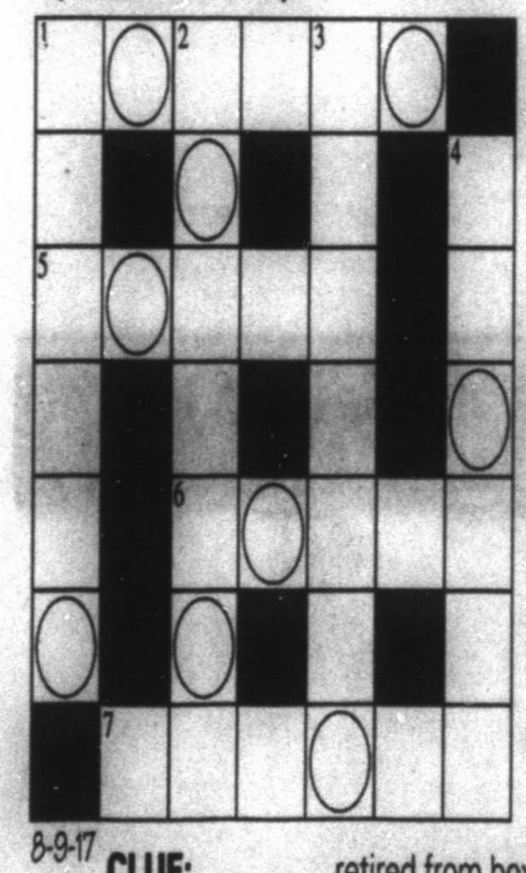

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CLUE: ___ ___ retired from boxing following his third round knockout victory over Johnny Heard on May 14, 1979.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Heckler's array
6 Slender woodwind
10 Crony
13 Taxpayer's dread
14 With 24-Across, Chilean poet with a Nobel Prize
16 Suffix with Vietnam
17 "One may follow the wedding dress
19 Total
20 Drunk
21 Pontiac that was Motor Trend's 1968 Car of the Year
22 Orchestra overseer
24 See 14-Across
26 Places for holsters
27 Swedish pop quartet
30 Arnold's crime
33 Stand for a photo?
36 Evaluation for a would-be painter
38 Got together
39 *Avant-garde
41 "The guy over there"
43 Makes harmonious
45 Frightens
47 "Whoa, bro!"
49 Tiny branch
50 Feudal drudge
52 Low-risk govt. securities
55 Strategy
58 Granola morsel
59 27-Down user's need
62 Master
63 Familiar slogan ... or, based on its last word, what each answer to a starred clue is?
66 Every one
67 Poetry Muse
68 __ Hebrides
69 Knight who played a newsman
70 Food-growing prefix
71 Checked out before a heist

DOWN

1 Quick punches
2 Currency since 1999
3 Cut and paste, e.g.
4 Freed (of)
5 Put on, as a play
6 Decide not to join
7 Trivia night locale
8 The Affordable Care Act became law during it
9 "On the Waterfront" director Kazan
10 "Westminster's top canine
11 Take by force
12 Floor models
15 __ of a kind
18 P.O. box item
23 Horse's hoof protection
24 Afternoon rest
25 Makes use of, as experience
27 Bread box?
28 La __ Tar Pits
29 *Harsh and wintry
31 Off-rd. transports
32 Pedometer unit
34 Taxing task
35 Reject as false
37 Luau torch type
40 Attended without a partner
42 Chinese menu abbr.
44 Heaviest U.S. president
46 Extra NBA periods
48 Joyful shout
50 Mar. 17 figure
51 "Guitar Town" rocker Steve
53 Strike gently
54 Guiding principle
56 Zamboni's milieu
57 "Fame"-ous Irene
59 Harsh reviews
60 "That makes sense"
61 Stereotypical Geek Squad employee
64 WNBA position
65 Genetics lab subject

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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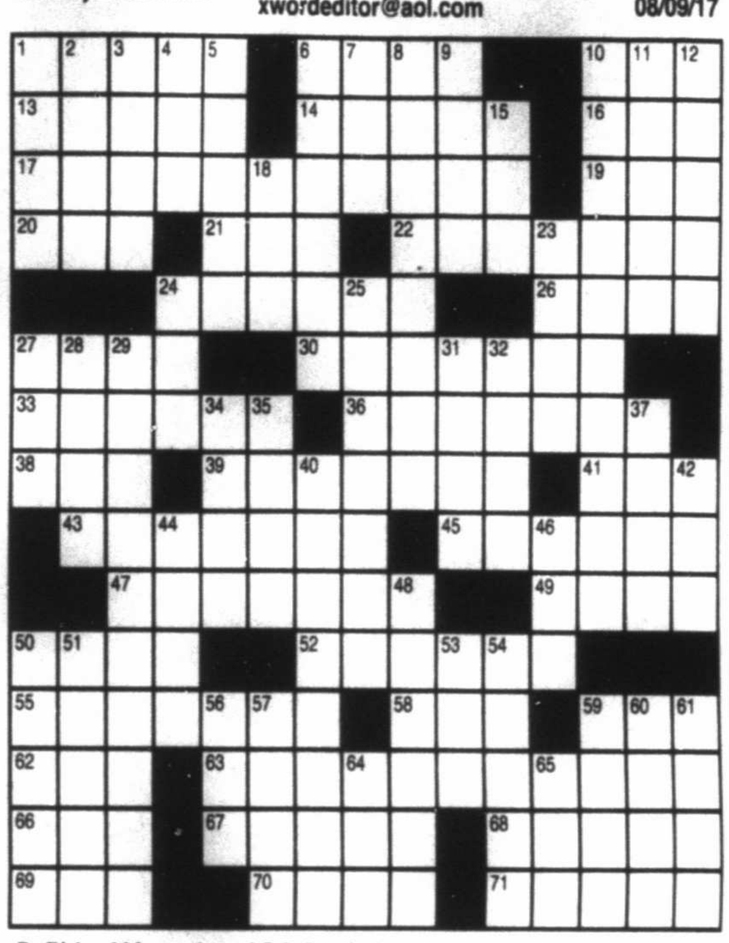

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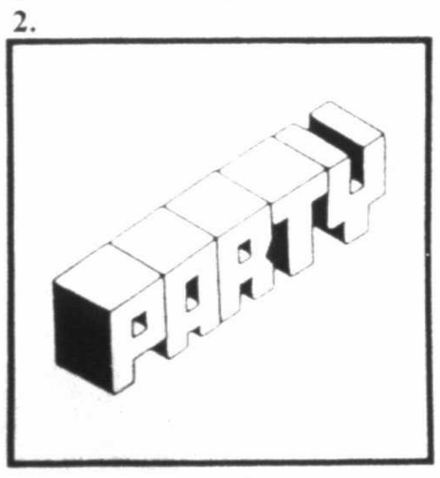

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FDA approves new drug to treat all forms of hepatitis C

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

U.S. regulators have approved the first drug to treat all forms of hepatitis C in as little as eight weeks.

The pill combination from AbbVie Inc. was approved Thursday by the Food and Drug Administration for adults without significant cirrhosis, a type of liver disease, and many patients who were not cured by prior treatment.

Mavyret joins two other AbbVie hepatitis C drugs, one from Merck & Co. and four from Gilead Sciences Inc. on the market. That gives doctors and patients more options, and insurers more leverage to wring discounts out of companies to cover the pricey drugs.

An estimated 2.7 million to 3.9 million Americans have hepatitis C, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It usually develops slowly over decades, with no symptoms until serious damage is done. Without treatment, the virus can cause liver failure and liver cancer, often requiring a liver transplant or resulting in death.

For decades, hepatitis C treatment required a year of grueling shots and pills that gave patients flu-like symptoms and still barely cured half of them. Starting late in 2013, Gilead revolutionized treatment with the first pill-only medicines that brought cures in 12 weeks for more than 90 percent of patients.

Gilead has been raking in billions on the drugs. Insurance plans and government health programs have been straining to cover the huge cost — up to $94,500 for a course of treatment with its second drug, Harvoni — and initially limited coverage to the sickest patients.

Abbvie, based in North Chicago, Illinois, said Mavyret's list price without insurance will be $26,400 for eight weeks' treatment, $39,600 for 12 weeks' treatment and $52,800 for 16 weeks' treatment.

As the latest entrant in a competitive market in which commercial insurers mostly have deals giving them discounts of up to 50 percent in exchange for not covering rivals' hepatitis C drugs, Mavyret is priced well below the other approved drugs. AbbVie spokesman Morry Smulevitz said the company initially will focus on getting coverage approved by Medicare, Medicaid and the Veterans Administration.

The key to how much market share Mavyret can get will depend on the discounts it offers payers, Evercore ISI analyst Umer Raffat wrote to investors.

Mavyret is the latest drug to treat all six forms of hepatitis C, following Gilead's Epclusa. Earlier drugs generally are limited to patients with just one or a few hepatitis C types or at certain stages of the disease.

In testing that included 2,300 adult patients, 97.5 percent who didn't have cirrhosis were cured, meaning the virus was undetectable in their blood, in eight weeks after taking Mavyret. Among patients with severe kidney damage, 98 percent were cured after 12 weeks of treatment, according to AbbVie.

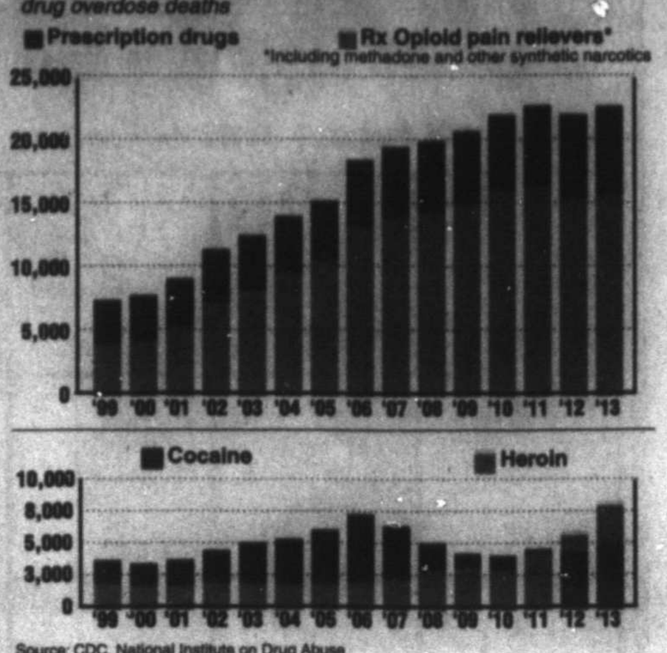
Mavyret combines two hepatitis C medicines, glecaprevir and pibrentasvir, taken as three pills together once a day. The most common side effects were nausea, headache, fatigue and itchy skin. In patients who previously had hepatitis B infections, treatment with Mavyret can reactivate that virus, causing potentially fatal liver problems.

Richard Mack/Courtesy of AbbVie via AP

This photo provided by AbbVie shows the drug Mavyret. On Thursday, the Food and Drug Administration approved Mavyret to treat all forms of hepatitis C. The drug works in as little as eight weeks and is for patients without significant cirrhosis who haven't been treated previously for the liver-destroying virus, plus patients who were not cured by a prior treatment.

National overdose deaths

New data from the CDC shows national numbers from drug overdose deaths



Source: CDC, National Institute on Drug Abuse
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OVERDOSES

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which claims an average 142 deaths daily. Last month, the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis urged the White House to declare a national emergency. The CDC, Food and Drug Administration, and Congress have all taken steps to address the crisis, as have physician groups and private insurance companies. Many communities have made the overdose antidote naloxone widely available, and others are trying to provide more treatment for the estimated 2.6 million opioid addicts in the United States.

But little appears to be working. At this point, death rates for people between the ages of 25 and 44 have risen for virtually every racial and ethnic group and in almost all states, according to a Washington Post analysis.

BUCHANAN

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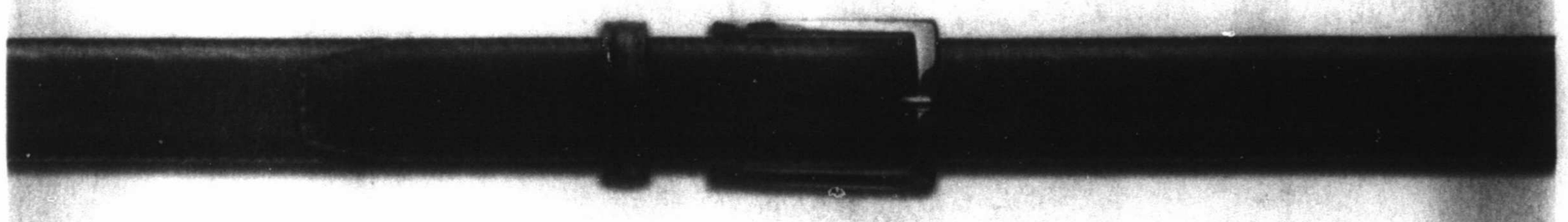
budget. Overspending can be a problem if there are not guidelines. Your student may need to work to help with expenses, but you may want your freshman to get acclimated their first semester of college life before adding this additional stress.

Remind your student to maintain their personal values. Freshmen want to fit in, but making decisions that could result in problems such as drinking alcohol and engaging in sexual relationships can damage their self-esteem, their character and have an impact on their college career. Remind them that poor choices can also result in being expelled.

Encourage your freshman to visit the college's career center by the second semester. Testing to help direct them toward a career path that fits their gifts, talents and abilities is provided free to students. Encourage your student to look for mentors — such as professors and older peers who are good role models — who can provide good advice and helpful direction.

Expect your student to express some discontent their first year. Do not be alarmed or overreact. Encourage your child to be patient and persevere with setting goals and taking steps toward those goals.

Losing is winning.



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Stanton hoping for better fortunes after winless year

Editor's note: The Stanton Buffaloes are looking to improve from a winless season this year. For more on the Stanton football team, look for a feature in the MRT's annual football section coming out Aug. 27.

By Oscar LeRoy
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STANTON — The Stanton football team is looking for a fresh start this season.

The Buffaloes had to overcome injuries and inexperience in 2016 and it equaled a winless 0-9 season.

The struggles were really evident on offense as the Buffaloes were shut out five times, and only once (a 40-24 loss to Alpine) did they score in double digits last season.

Stanton's ninth-year head coach John Peterson admitted that last year was one to forget.

"I've never gone through a 0-9 season in my life," Peterson said. "There were things that came up and we battled through it, the kids got better for it. We saw some bright spots throughout the year. It may not have translated on the scoreboard and in wins, but what we saw on the field was positive and the kids did a great job. They worked hard every day. They tried to accomplish the goals. That carried on into the offseason and it's carried on into this season. It's time to put that all stuff together and make something happen for us this year."

Junior tight end and defensive end Wes Ulmer said he could sense a change in the team's attitude from last year.

"We were a younger team last year and I don't want to say we weren't committed to it, but we weren't physically where we needed to be," he said. "We're an older team and I think we're looking to be a better team. (Last year) was pretty rough, I'm not going to lie. But I think it's going to make us better in the long run."

Senior tailback and outside linebacker Adrian Rodriguez said the team has grown a lot.

"Last year we didn't do very well but this year we have a lot of

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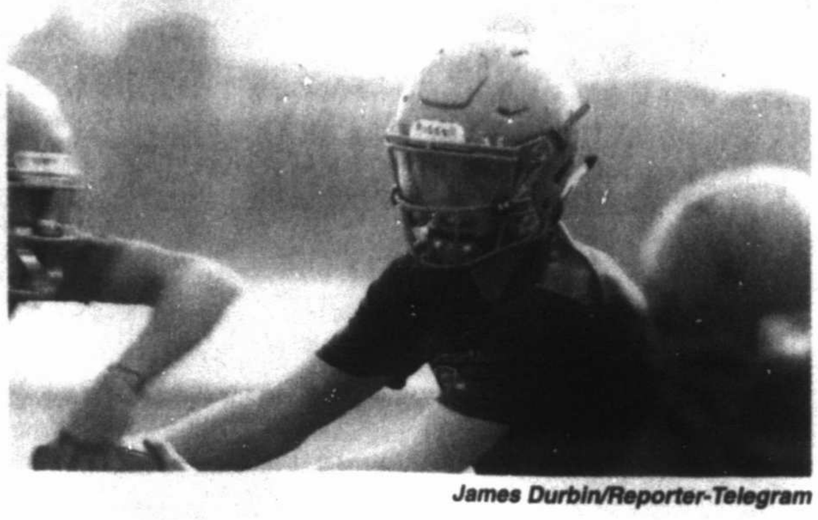

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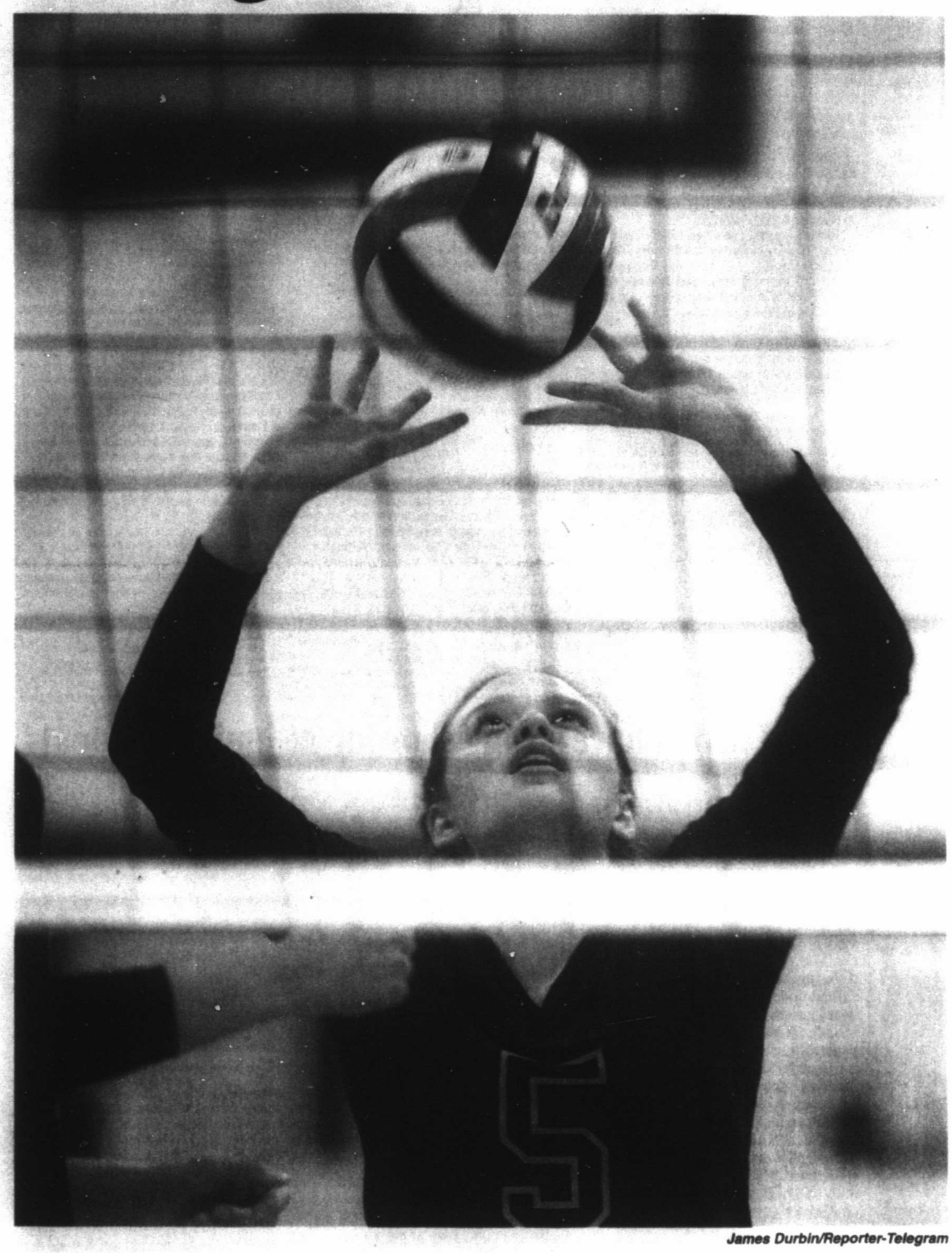
Stanton quarterback Andrew Wheeler practices a hand-off Tuesday, at Stanton High School.

Rising to the occasion



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Midland High's Brighton Butler (5) sets the ball against Monahans on Tuesday at Midland High School.

MHS volleyball sweeps Monahans

By Will Korn
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Midland High volleyball coach Amanda Lopez said her team won't be making any excuses this season.

After making a trek to El Paso on Monday to play a pair of season opening matches, the MHS team bus got a flat tire on the way back to Midland. But the Lady Bulldogs' schedule wouldn't wait – they had a 2 p.m. home opener today against an always competitive Monahans squad.

"We were stranded for two and a half hours, so we didn't get back last night until 1:30 a.m.," Lopez said. "Our whole day yesterday was even more hectic than what you think."

It was a difficult 24 hours for MHS. But with the aid of a nearly full home side of the bleachers, they overcame the setback and earned a 25-20, 25-14, 25-12 sweep of Monahans at the MHS gym.

"We've decided to make no excuses for anything and learn from every situation," Lopez said. "Yeah, we were tired after (Monday), but we were still here to play a good team and they made us earn points and mentally re-focus on the game."

MHS junior outside hitter Hayley Branco led all play-

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McIlroy feeling right at home at Quail Hollow

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jordan Spieth is going for a career Grand Slam at the PGA Championship and doesn't appear to have a care in the world.

Rory McIlroy hasn't won a major in three years and expectations are higher than ever.

Blame that on Quail Hollow.

This is where McIlroy won his first PGA Tour event in 2010 when he fearlessly fired a 4-iron into the breeze and over the water to 6 feet for an eagle that allowed him to make the cut on the number, and then he followed with a 66-62 weekend. Quail Hollow is where he shot 61 in the third round to run away from a strong field for a seven-shot victory. He has played here seven times and has finished out of the top 10 just once.

It's not Tiger Woods at Torrey Pines.

But there's a reason McIlroy has been looking forward to this PGA Championship. And it's a big reason why he is the betting favorite by a slight margin over Spieth, who is just three weeks removed from winning the British Open.

The odds on McIlroy winning at Royal Birkdale were 20-1, some of the highest ever associated with him. He joked then that it was a good time to back him.

Now he's listed at 7-1, and he doesn't feel much differently.

"I told you those odds wouldn't last long," he said Tuesday. "I think it's partly to do with the upturn in form that I've had over the last few weeks. And then my history on this golf course — a couple of wins, beaten in a playoff, a few other top 10s.

"Things are a bit different than they were a couple of weeks ago."

McIlroy has posted seven straight rounds in the 60s going into the final major of the year, though he has not been in serious contention in either the British Open or the Bridgestone Invitational. A bad start held him back at Royal Birkdale — 5 over through the opening six holes — and he was slowed by not hitting his wedges close enough or making enough putts at Firestone.

His long game has been solid as ever, and that figures to be an advantage on a course already softened by rain on Tuesday and with storms in the forecast for the rest of the week.

McIlroy, like Spieth, also has three legs of the career Grand Slam. He is lacking only the Masters, and he hasn't come particularly close in the three years he has gone to Augusta National with a chance to complete it.

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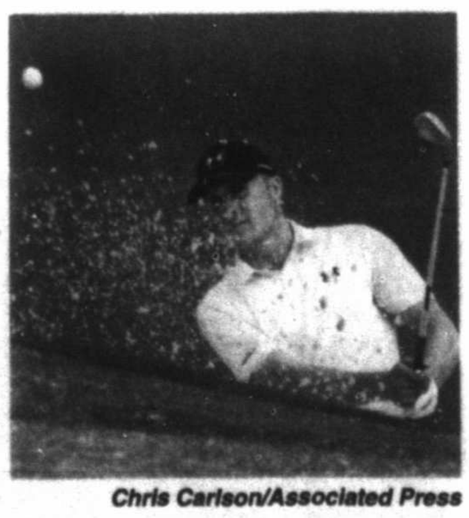

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Jordan Spieth hits from a bunker to the 15th green during a practice round at the PGA Championship tournament at the Quail Hollow Club on Tuesday, in Charlotte, N.C.

Sports study: High school athletes not being fully protected

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A high school sports study conducted by the Korey Stringer Institute shows that many individual states are not fully implementing key safety guidelines to protect athletes from potentially life-threatening conditions, including heat stroke.

More than 7.8 million high school students participate in sanctioned sports annually. KSI announced the results Tuesday at a news conference at NFL headquarters. The league partially sponsors the institute.

The state-by-state survey of all sports played in high school showed North Carolina with the most comprehensive health and safety policies at 79 percent, followed by Kentucky at 71 percent. At the bottom were Colorado (23 percent) and California (26 percent). Those scores were based on a state meeting best practice guidelines addressing the four major causes of sudden death for that age group: cardiac arrest, traumatic head injuries, exertional heat stroke and exertional sickling occurring in athletes with sickle cell trait.

"The bottom line is that many simple

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
NW Arkansas 11, Midland 5

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

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NW Arkansas 11 Midland 5,	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

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ON THE AIR

Golf
US Women's Amateurs, Round of 64, 5 p.m., FS1
Horse Racing
Saratoga Live: Quick Call Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2
Little League Baseball
Southeast Championship, 2 p.m., ESPN
Southwest Championship, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Major League Baseball
Texas at NY Mets, 11 a.m., FSSW
Colorado at Cleveland, 11 a.m., MLB
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco or Seattle at Oakland, 2:30 p.m., MLB
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m., ESPN
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., AT&T
Men's Soccer
Primeira League: FC Porto vs. CD Estoril Praia, 1 p.m., GolTV
Primeira League: SL Benfica vs. SC Braga, 3 p.m., GolTV
Copa Libertadores: Gremio FB Porto Alegrense vs. Godoy Cruz, 5 p.m., FXDEP
Copa MX: Pachuca vs. Queretaro FC, 6:50 p.m., UDN
CONCACAF League, Rd of 16 Leg 2: CD Plaza Amador vs. Portmore United FC, 7 p.m., YouTube
National Football League
Carolina at Houston, 6:30 p.m., FOX
Rugby
NRL: South Sydney vs. Canterbury-Bankstown, 5 a.m., FSP
Tennis
WTA: Rogers Cup, 10 a.m., beIN
ATP: Rogers Cup, 11:30 a.m., TENNIS
Track and Field
IAAF World Championships, London Night 6, 1 p.m., NBCSN

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Texas at NY Mets, 11 a.m., KPET 105.1 FM/1400 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., KXCS 105.5 FM (Rig Spring)
National Football League
Carolina at Houston, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM, KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

COLLEGE TENNIS

MCA GRAD SIVALLS LAUDED FOR ACADEMICS

Auburn tennis player and Midland Classical Academy grad Max Sivalls earned several accolades during his sophomore year.

Sivalls, who holds a 4.0 grade point average, was selected to the SEC Academic Honor Roll, was recognized as on the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's All-Academic Team and list of scholar athletes, was named to the Auburn Dean's List and earned the "Top Tiger Award" at the Auburn Sports Banquet called the Auspy's.

Sivalls also served as the team representative to the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and has been chosen as the representative to the SEC Community Service Team in 2017-18.

Sivalls missed most of the 2017 spring tennis season with a stress fracture in his lower back and his dad, Tracy, said he is anxious to get back on the court.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	16	9	.640	—
Washington	15	10	.600	1
New York	13	12	.520	3
Atlanta	10	16	.385	6½
Chicago	10	16	.385	6½
Indiana	9	18	.333	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	21	3	.875	—
Los Angeles	18	7	.720	3½
Phoenix	13	12	.520	8½
Dallas	13	14	.481	9½
Seattle	10	16	.385	12
San Antonio	6	21	.222	16½

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Games
Minnesota 81, Atlanta 72
Connecticut 84, Seattle 71
New York 81, Indiana 76
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Dallas, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 7 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	20	18
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	18	20

Thursday's Games
Houston at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Minnesota at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Miami at Miami, 1 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 7 p.m.

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Indianapolis, 12:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 7 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Aug. 16
At Tokyo: Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Luis Nery, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC World bantamweight title

Aug. 19
At Ponce, Puerto Rico (ESPN): Alberto Machado vs. Carlos Morales, 10, junior lightweights

Aug. 19
At Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, Neb. (ESPN2): Terence Crawford vs. Julius Indongo, 12, for Crawford's WBO/WBC and Indongo's IBF/WBA junior welterweight titles; Oleksandr Gvozdyk vs. Craig Baker, 10, light heavyweights; Mike Reed vs. Robert Frankel, 10, welterweights;

Aug. 25
At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (FS1), Sergiy Derevyanchenko vs. Tureano Johnson, 12, middleweights.

Aug. 26
At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO), Miguel Cotto vs. Yoshihiro Kamegai, 12, for the vacant WBO World junior middleweight title; Rey Vargas vs. Ronny Rios, 12, WBC World super bantamweight title.

MHS

From 1C

ers with 10 kills, including four via ace. She added six digs, while teammate setter Makaylee Carter recorded a match-high 18 assists.

The Lady Bulldogs (2-1) held a 16-9 lead in the first set before Monahans clawed their way back into competition with a 6-0 run that trimmed their deficit to one. Lopez called a timeout to settle things down and then Branco proceeded to take things over.

She reeled off three key kills that stabilized MHS and helped hold off the Lady Loboes for a 25-20 victory.

Branco said re-gaining control of the set was a matter of seizing momentum and running with it.

"It was just important to get the point," Branco said. "Sometimes you get down and I feel like if we can all just get together and put that ball away and change momentum, that changes the whole game. It's honestly a game of momentum. Everybody is excited and then putting it away helps change the mood."

To accompany her formidable offensive repertoire, Lopez said Branco's defensive game is evolving, which has made her invaluable to the team.

"Offensively, she has always been a threat," Lopez said. "Now – seeing her defensive game come into the mix, her serving, everything – it's neat watching her. She brings a lot of energy and we need her out there. It's opening a whole new game for her."

In the second set, MHS raced to a 7-0 advantage on the back of three Monahans' errors. The Lady Loboes later trailed 18-5 but made things interesting with a 6-1 run that applied a little bit of late pressure.

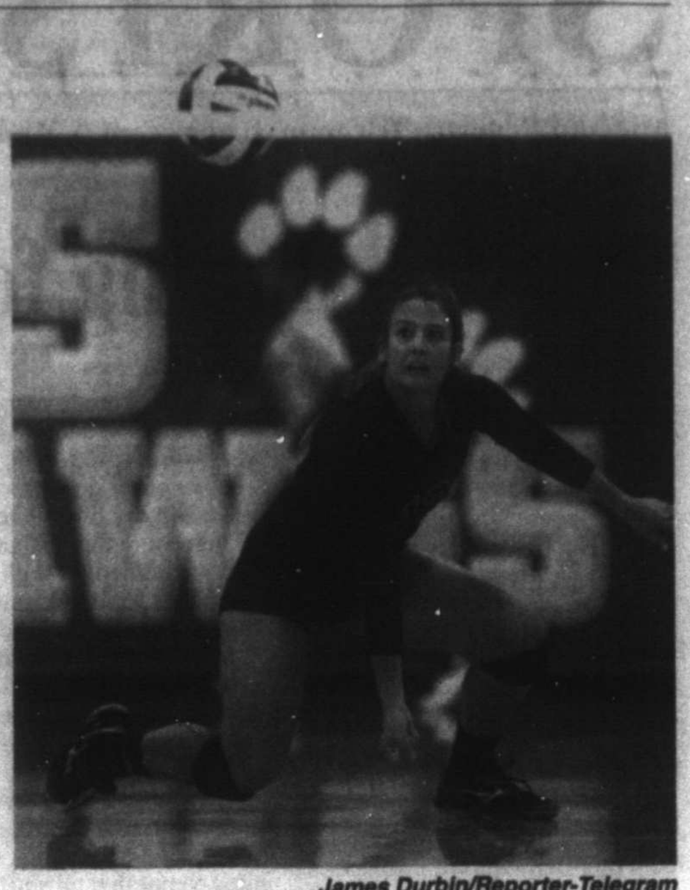
The Lady Bulldogs answered with a 4-0 run of their own to take the set and a 2-0 match lead. And to complete the sweep, the MHS defense came alive and held Monahans to only 12 points, as the come crowd celebrated the convincing win.

Branco said the energy from the home crowd made a difference in critical moments during Tuesday's match.

"It was the first (home) game and we had almost a full crowd," Branco said. "That's just amazing, I love it. That makes it so much more fun."

Gentry Foreman added eight kills, a block and an ace for MHS. Reagan Squire posted a team-high 13 digs to go along with two kills.

For Monahans, Heather Brandenburg had eight kills.



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Midland High's Hayley Branco goes after a hit from Monahans Tuesday, at Midland High School.

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MHS DEF. MONAHANS 25-20, 25-14, 25-12
Monahans cumulative stats
Kills — Heather Brandenburg 8, Shayli Holly 5, Taryn Griner 4, Estrella Porras 2
Assists — Kamryn Collins 12, Porras 3, Holly 2
Digs — Collins 7, Ozzy Juarez 7, Mimi Cordova 7, Aaliyah Sanchez 5, Porras 4, Griner 3, Caylee Williams 2, Holly 2, Alison Moya 1
Blocks — Holly 0.5, Brandenburg 0.5
Aces — Juarez 2, Griner 1
MHS
Kills — Hayley Branco 10, Gentry Foreman 8, Caroline Harper 7, Merrick Beach 4, Bailey Goodrum 3, Kaitlyn Kennedy 3, Reagan Squire 2, Mia Rivera 1, Peyton Higgins 1
Assists — Makaylee Carter 18, Macy Kidwell 13, Squire 3, Rivera 2, Branco 1
Digs — Squire 13, Brighton Butler 9, Branco 6, Kidwell 3, Rivera 3, Carter 2, Harper 2, Wiggins 1, Goodrum 1
Blocks — Sarah Nelson 2, Beach 2, Goodrum 1, Foreman 1
Aces — Branco 4, Foreman 1, Kidwell 1, Carter 1
Records: Monahans 0-1, MHS 2-1
Next: MHS at Mansfield ISD Tournament, TBA Thursday

HS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

LEE SPLITS DUAL OPENER

CANYON — The Lee volleyball team split its season opening dual match on Tuesday at the Canyon High School gym, sweeping Canyon 25-21, 25-21, 25-17, before falling to Bushland 25-17, 25-23, 25-22.

With the result, Lee's new head coach Robert Blakley picked up his first win with the Lady Rebels.

Junior Emily Hillman paced the Lee (1-1) with 21 kills on the day, while senior outside hitter Quinci Strambler added 13 kills and 11 blocks.

Junior Jillian Tarin recorded seven of the team's 16 aces over the two matches.

Lee is back in action Thursday when it competes in the Mansfield ISD Tournament.

LEE DEF. CANYON 25-21, 25-21, 25-17
BUSHLAND DEF. LEE 25-17, 25-23, 25-22
Lee cumulative statistics
Kills — Emily Hillman 21, Allie Gomez 14, Jensen Letcher 14, Quinci Strambler 13, Kelsey Harrington 13, Elizabeth Kuhn 6, Mackenzie Gibson 3, Elena Gillette 1
Assists —Not available.
Digs — Not available.
Blocks — Strambler 11, Harrington 4, Kuhn 2, Hillman 1, Letcher 1
Aces — Jillian Tarin 7, Kuhn 3, Hillman 3, Gomez 2, Strambler 1
Record: Lee 1-1
Next: Lee at Mansfield ISD Tournament, TBA Thursday

GREENWOOD TOPS WALL

Behind 14 kills from Caity Payne, the Greenwood volleyball team topped visiting Wall, 25-19, 13-25, 25-15, 29-27 on Tuesday in the two teams' season opener at the Greenwood High School gym.

Payne, a senior, added six digs and five blocks. Payslee Sims contributed nine kills, 20 digs and an ace for Greenwood in the win.

Faith Duran had 19 assists, seven digs and two aces for the Rangerettes (1-0), while Hanna Flores added 10 assists, nine digs and an ace.

Greenwood next competes in the Monahans Tournament beginning Friday.

GREENWOOD DEF. WALL 25-19, 13-25, 25-15, 29-27
Greenwood cumulative statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 14, Payslee Sims 9, Kyndall Dove 5, Kailey Martinez 5, Brad Good 4, Jaycie Rose 3, Hanna Flores 1, Faith Duran 1
Assists — Duran 19, Flores 10, Good 3, Payne 1, Madi Utcak 1
Digs — Sims 20, Flores 9, Kadyn Ellis 8, Duran 7, Utcak 7, Payne 6, Martinez 2, Dove 1, Good 1
Blocks — Martinez 2
Aces — Utcak 2, Duran 2, Payne 1, Sims 1, Flores 1
Record: Greenwood 1-0
Next: Greenwood at Monahans Tournament, TBA Friday

MCS SWEEPS TRINITY

Midland Christian opened its 2017 season with a 25-12, 25-14, 25-6 sweep of Trinity on Tuesday at Beal Gymnasium.

Shayla Ellison exploded for 14 kills, seven aces and four digs to lead MCS (1-0). Teammate Faith Truex had 16 assists, four digs and a pair of aces, while Andie Sheppard contributed five kills, 15 assists and six digs.

Rebecca Young paced Trinity (0-1) with four kills, two blocks and two aces, while Haley Marsh supplied a team-high 12 digs.

MCS DEF. TRINITY 25-12, 25-14, 25-6
MCS cumulative statistics
Kills — Shayla Ellison 14, Landry Louder 7, Andie Sheppard 5, Lauren Battenshell 4, Lauren Danley 2, Rachel Ramos 2, Skyler Espinoza 1, Sydney Wilson 1
Assists — Faith Truex 16, Sheppard 15, Wilson 2, Ellison 1
Digs - Wilson 14, Sheppard 6, Whitney Newman 5, Ellison 4, Truex 4, Espinoza 2, Louder 2
Blocks — Battenshell 1, Danley 1
Aces — Ellison 7, Wilson 2, TiLar 2, Sheppard 1
Trinity cumulative statistics
Kills — Rebecca Young 4, Kinzie Roemer 2, Claire Clifton 1, Brooke Widner 1
Assists —Roemer 5, Kim Matthews 1, Stockton Ashley 1
Digs — Hailey Marsh 12, Ashley 4, Roemer 4, Matthews 2, Mikayla Padilla 1, Young 1, Izzy Garriga 1
Blocks — Young 2
Aces — Young 2, Ashley 1
Records: MCS 1-0, Trinity 0-1
Next: MCS at Monahans Tournament, TBA Thursday; Trinity at Wink Tournament, TBA Thursday

MCA SWEEPS KERMIT

Lizabelle Russell swatted a team-high 11 kills to help Midland Classical cruise to a season opening 25-12, 25-10, 25-11 sweep of Kermit on Tuesday at the MCA gym.

Jenny Coco added five kills, seven assists, 13 digs and three aces for the Lady Knights (1-0), while Micaela McDougal had 15 assists, three digs and four aces.

Leia Beattie supplied six aces and 10 digs for MCA.

MCA DEF. KERMIT 25-12, 25-10, 25-11
MCA cumulative statistics
Kills — Lizabelle Russell 11, Jenny Coco 5, Leia Beattie 3, Marin Casey 2, Carmrie Stokes 2, Micaela McDougal 1, Makenna Beattie 1
Assists — McDougal 15, Coco 7, Allison Shelby 1, M. Beattie 1, Casey 1
Digs — Coco 13, L. Beattie 10, Shelby 9, M. Beattie 5, McDougal 3, Kenna Bayley 1
Blocks — Stokes 2, L. Beattie 1
Aces — L. Beattie 6, McDougal 4, Coco 3, M. Beattie 1
Record: MCA 1-0
Next: MCA at TAPPS Border Wars Tournament, TBA Thursday

COM divers have strong showing at junior nationals

From staff reports

COLUMBUS, Ohio — COM Aquatics divers gardnered some medals during the 2017 USA Diving Summer Junior Nationals held at Ohio State University from July 28-Aug. 6.

COM had four of its 10 junior divers competing come home with top 12 medals. On the first day of competition, Barrett Jacoby put six consistent dives together to finish second in the 11-and-under boys 1-meter springboard just nine points behind the gold medalist. This is Jacoby's third year participating at nationals but his first top three finish. Jacoby also finished ninth on 3-meter springboard.

Georgia Austin, an 11-and-under girls diver, had an impressive showing in her second nationals by finishing fifth on platform and sixth on 1-meter springboard. Trever Cheung competed in the 12-13 Boys and finished eighth on 3-meter springboard and 10th on platform.

Quinton Klingensmith placed 12th on 11-and-under boys platform after qualifying for finals with a top six performance during a tough preliminaries competition.

"It's pretty incredible to have so many divers final at nationals, COM head diving coach Gabi Chereches said. "Our divers set goals, worked hard and had a great season."

In the senior portion of USA Diving Nationals, University of Michigan freshman Margaret Rogers will be competing in the 10-meter platform prelims and semifinals at 9 a.m. today. COM's achievements at nationals comes on the heels of its 50th Anniversary Reunion Gala this weekend.

"I think that this is our best performance at nationals and for sure our best performance by so many young divers," COM president Brad Swendig said. "We have a lot to look forward to as these guys mature. We look forward to celebrating the growth of COM for 50 years with the reunion activities and welcome the public for the events including the Dive show on August 12 at 11 a.m. at COM."

Courtesy photo

City of Midland diver Barrett Jacoby, far left, is on the medal stand after winning a silver medal at the 2017 USA Diving Summer Junior Nationals on the 1-meter springboard along with double gold winner Bennett Green, Tennessee diving, and Sam Oelerich of Chicago Dive Club. The competition took place in Columbus, Ohio, over the weekend.

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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

NATURALS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 5
At Arvest Ballpark, Springdale, Arkansas

TOP HITTERS: Northwest Arkansas' Alfredo Escalera went 3-for-4 with a home run, four RBI and two runs scored. ... Naturals right fielder Paulo Orlando was 2-for-3 with a walk and two run scored. Orlando is a three-year major league veteran on a rehab assignment from the Kansas City Royals.

TOP PITCHER: Northwest Arkansas reliever Richard Lovelady improved to 3-1 after allowing no runs and striking out five batters over 2 2/3 innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Rockhounds scored two runs in the top of the first and one run in the second to take a 3-0 lead. ... The Naturals answered with three runs in the second, one run in the fourth and one in the fifth to vault ahead 5-3. ... Midland tied the game at 5 behind RBI singles by Jordan Tarsovich and B.J. Boyd in the sixth. ... Escalera's three-run homer pushed the Naturals to an 8-5 advantage in the seventh. ... The Naturals added three more runs in the eighth, highlighted by Cody Jones' two-run single.

NOTES: The RockHounds dropped their first game of a six-game road trip, and the first of a three-game series at Northwest Arkansas. ... Midland has dropped four of its last five. ... The RockHounds (55-60) remained a half game ahead of Corpus Christi (54-60), which lost 3-1 to Tulsa, in the race for the South Division's second postseason berth.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — LHP A.J. Puk (1-3, 5.66 ERA); Northwest Arkansas — LHP Jake Kalish (0-7, 3.41).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	32	16	.667	—
Tulsa	29	16	.644	—
Arkansas	30	25	.444	9
Northwest Arkansas	26	28	.384	12½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	26	18	.591	
Midland (Athletics)	34	24	.485	6
Corpus Christi	30	24	.455	8
Frisco	19	27	.400	9½

Tuesday's Games
Northwest Arkansas 11, Midland 5
Springfield 3, San Antonio 2
Tulsa 3, Corpus Christi 1
Arkansas 11, Frisco 2
Wednesday's Games
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Springfield at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Frisco at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

NATURALS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Mateo ss	5	1	2	0	J. Lopez 3b	5	1	1	1
Boyd cf	4	1	1	2	N. Lopez ss	4	1	1	0
Curtis dh	4	0	1	0	Orlando rf	3	2	2	0
Rosa 1b	4	0	2	1	Jones lf	1	0	1	2
Schrock 2b	4	0	1	0	Duenez 1b	4	1	0	0
Marincov rf	3	0	0	0	Escalera dh	4	2	3	4
Ramirez lf	4	1	1	0	Dewees cf	3	1	1	1
Murphy c	3	1	0	0	Arteaga 2b	4	1	1	2
Tarsovich 3b	2	1	1	1	Miller ß-cf	4	1	2	0
					Dini c	3	1	1	1
Totals	33	5	9	4	Totals	36	11	13	11

Midland	210 002 000—5
NW Arkansas	031 010 33x—11

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Hurlbutt	4.0	5	4	4	3	5
Nalle L, 1-2	3.1	6	7	6	2	3
Stull	0.2	2	0	0	0	0
Northwest Arkansas						
Staumont	3.0	3	3	2	5	3
Tanuis	2.1	4	2	2	0	2
Lovelady W, 3-1	2.2	2	0	0	1	5
Edwards	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

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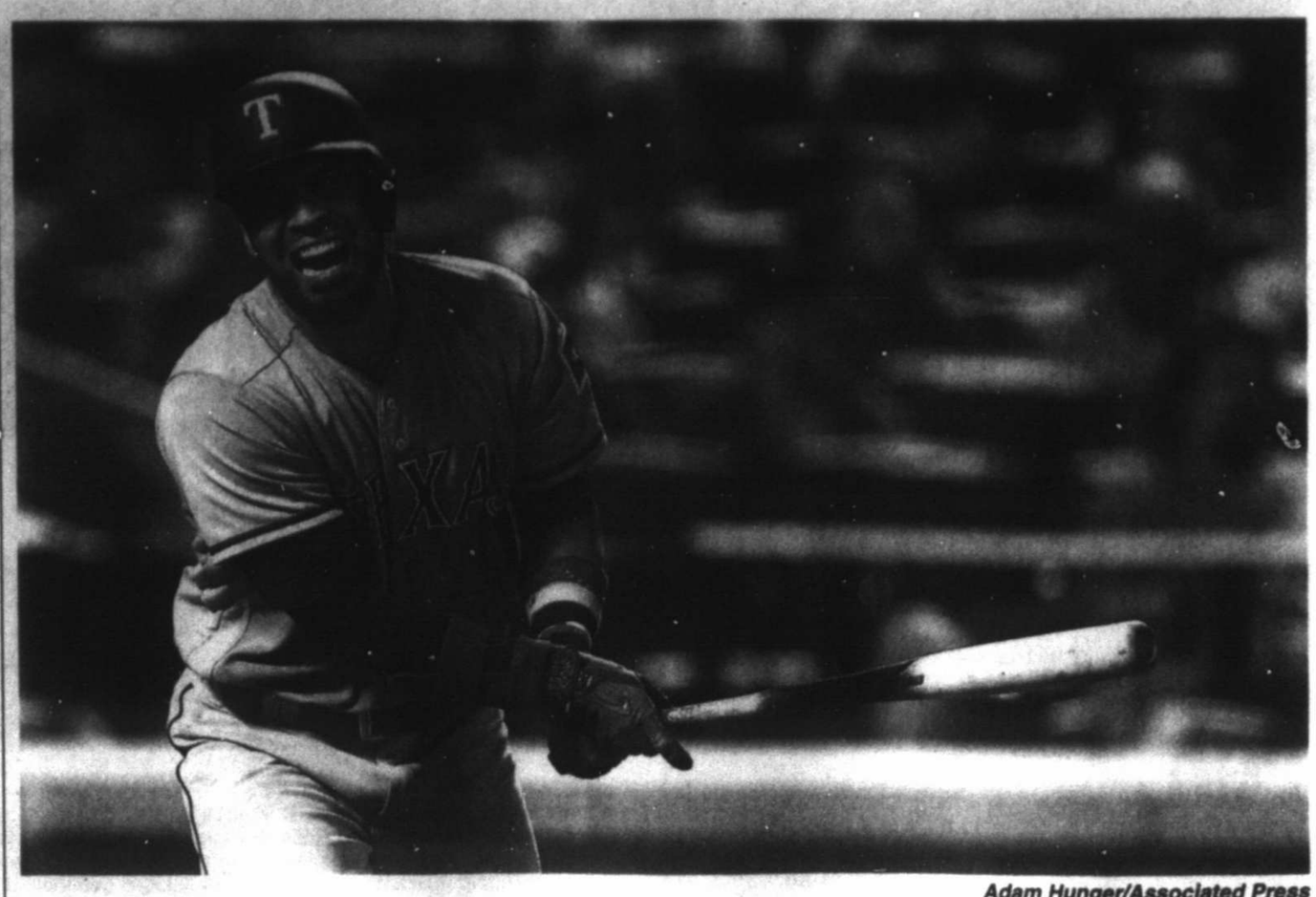

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Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos reacts to flying out to end the top of the sixth inning of an interleague baseball game against the New York Mets on Tuesday, in New York.

Chris Flexen's 1st win helps Mets top Texas 5-4, stop 4-loss skid

By Charles J. Gans
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rookie Chris Flexen got his first big league win and hit, and the New York Mets took an early four-run lead against emergency starter A.J. Griffin in a 5-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night that stopped a four-game losing streak.

Michael Conforto, Yoenis Cespedes and Travis d'Arnaud homered for the Mets, who led 4-0 after two innings. Cespedes went deep at Citi Field for just the third time this season, his first since June 17. D'Arnaud hit his first at home this year after nine on the road.

Joey Gallo, Adrian Beltre and Robinson Chirinos homered for Texas.

Flexen (1-1) allowed three runs and four hits in 5 2/3 innings in his third big league start. The 23-year-old right-hander lost at San Diego in his big league debut on July 27 and did not get a decision at Colorado last week.

He hit a double that bounced to the left-field wall in the fifth for his first hit after an 0-for-3 start at the plate. He had a .267 average with one extra-base hit in six minor league seasons.

A.J. Ramos gave up Chirinos' two-out homer in the ninth, then retired Drew Robinson on a groundout for his 21st save this year, his first since the Mets acquired him from the Miami Marlins.

Cashner woke up with a stiff neck in his hotel room and was replaced by Griffin, who had been scheduled to start Wednesday.

Griffin (5-3) allowed four runs and four hits in five innings. He beat Minnesota last week in his return from a left intercostal strain that had sidelined him since May 26.

Conforto sent his second pitch, a 66 mph curveball, off the facing of the upper deck in right field. Conforto has a career-best 23 homers, including six leading off.

Cespedes doubled the lead with a two-out drive, and d'Arnaud homered in the second following Jose Reyes' walk.

Flexen took a shutout in the fifth, when Gallo hit his 31st homer. Beltre homered in the sixth, and Gallo greeted reliever Erik Goeddel with an RBI double that cut the Rangers' gap to 4-3.

Asdrubal Cabrera boosted New York's lead back to two runs with an RBI double in the seventh against Jason Grilli.

Dark knight

Matt Harvey threw batting practice for the first time since going on the disabled list for a stress injury to his right shoulder on June 15. Harvey threw 25 pitches to Brandon Nimmo.

"I was a little rusty at first but towards the end I was able to get the ball down and finish the pitches the way I wanted to," Harvey said. "I was excited because it's finally fun to throw a baseball again."

Harvey hopes to make a minor league injury rehabilitation start in the next week or so.

"I felt great," he said. "I am on track to get back, hopefully, pretty soon."

Pain in the neck

Texas manager Jeff Bannister said Cashner called at midday to say he had a stiff neck.

"I woke up this morning, and felt not very good," Cashner said. "They got me in to see a chiropractor this morning and it just hasn't loosened up at all."

Visibly uncomfortable, Cashner said he probably "just slept wrong at the hotel" and hoped to pitch either on Wednesday or this weekend.

Shifted

New York's Neil Walker made his first big league start at first base, a position he played for the first time Sunday after a double switch. A third baseman when he first came up in 2009, Walker had played second base exclusively since 2011.

Trainer's room

Rangers: RHP Keone Kela was placed on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday, with right shoulder soreness. He was on the DL with the same injury from June 30 to July 20. Texas filled his roster spot by selecting the contract of RHP Ricky Rodriguez from Double-A Frisco.

Mets: RF Jay Bruce went 0 for 3 with a walk after missing two games with a stiff neck. ... INF T.J. Rivera has resumed some baseball activity after going on the DL on July 27 for a partial tear in his right elbow.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RED SOX 2
RAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Chris Sale allowed two hits in eight innings and struck out 13, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 2-0 on Tuesday for their seventh straight victory.

Sale (14-4) reached double digits in strikeouts for the 15th time this season, the first time that's been done since Randy Johnson in 2002.

The win pushed Boston's AL East lead over the New York Yankees to four games.

Dustin Pedroia, back in the Boston lineup as a DH after a stint on the disabled list with left knee inflammation, scored the first run on a fielder's choice in the fourth. A bad throw by Austin Pruitt (6-3) prevented a possible inning-ending double play on Rafael Devers' chopper to the mound.

It was the only run allowed by Pruitt in his fourth major league start. He pitched 6 1/3 scoreless innings in a win at Houston last Wednesday.

BLUE JAYS 4
YANKEES 2

, TORONTO — Josh Donaldson hit two two-run homers, J.A. Happ won his sixth straight decision against the Yankees, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat New York 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Donaldson connected twice against Yankees left-hander CC Sabathia (9-5), who came in with an AL-best 2.29 ERA in 10 road starts. The 2015 AL MVP, Donaldson hit a drive to right-center in the first, and hooked one down the left field line in the third. He finished 2 for 4 with four RBIs.

It was the 12th multihomer game of Donaldson's career and his second this season, both coming against the Yankees.

Interleague

PIRATES 6
TIGERS 3

PITTSBURGH — Andrew McCutchen hit his 23rd home run of the season and the surging Pittsburgh Pirates downed the reeling Detroit Tigers 6-3 on Tuesday.

Chad Kuhl (5-7) took a shutout into the sixth and allowed three runs and five hits to win his second straight start. Kuhl, who pitched six innings, had the first two RBIs of his big league career on a two-run single in the fourth off Matthew Boyd (5-6).

McCutchen took Boyd to the seats in center field leading off the fourth for his franchise-record 13th interleague home run. David Freese added two hits for the Pirates, who have won three straight and five of six to pull within a game of .500 (56-57). Felipe Rivero worked a perfect ninth for his 10th save.

INDIANS 4
ROCKIES 1

CLEVELAND — Yan Gomes hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning off closer Greg Holland as the Cleveland Indians rallied for four runs in their last at-bat for Corey Kluber and beat the Colorado Rockies 4-1 on Tuesday night.

After Austin Jackson tied it with a two-out bloop RBI single, Gomes connected on the first pitch from Holland (2-3), driving it into the seats in center field to touch off a wild celebration in Progressive Field.

Gomes flung his helmet and skipped around the bases as the Indians players danced out of their dugout at the improbable walk-off win.

National League

PHILLIES 5
BRAVES 2

ATLANTA — Odubel Herrera hit a two-run homer, Zach Eflin pitched seven strong innings following his recall from the minors, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Atlanta 5-2 on Tuesday night to continue their season-long mastery of the Braves.

After Maikel Franco drove in Freddie Galvis with a line-drive single to right field in the fifth inning, Herrera reached down to pull a low pitch from Julio Teheran into the restaurant behind the right-field wall. Herrera had three hits, including a double.

PADRES 7
REDS 3

CINCINNATI — Jose Pirela had four hits, and Yangervis Solarte had a homer among his three hits on Tuesday night, powering the San Diego Padres to a 7-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Luis Perdomo (6-6) escaped threats by inducing three ground-ball double plays — his specialty — while pitching into the seventh. Tucker Barnhart hit a three-run homer off Joso Torres.

The Padres improved to 4-1 against the Reds, who haven't won a season series from them since 2012. The Reds have gone 7-18 since the All-Star break. San Diego piled up nine hits and five runs off Sal Romano (2-4), who was in trouble in each of his six innings. Austin Hedges homered for a 5-0 lead in the sixth. Solarte connected for a two-run shot an inning later.

Joe West suspended for comments about Beltre

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joe West, the major leagues' senior umpire, has been suspended for three days without pay for comments he made about Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre.

In a USA Today report published June 20 timed to coincide with the umpire's 5,000th regular-season game, West said "it's got to be Adrian Beltre" when asked who was the biggest complainer in the major leagues.

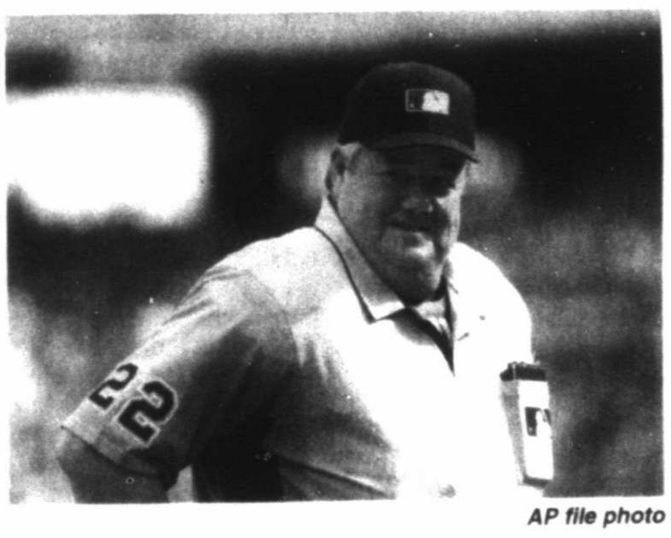
"Every pitch you call that's a strike, he says, 'Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!' I had a game with him recently and the pitch was right down the middle. He tells me, 'That ball is outside,'" West was quoted as saying.

"I told him, 'You may be a great ballplayer, but you're the worst umpire in the league. You stink,'" West also was quoted as saying.

West was to have worked the Los Angeles Dodgers-Arizona Diamondbacks series in Phoenix, but the World Umpires Association said Tuesday that West was serving the first game of the suspension. It said Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred told the union in an Aug. 3 letter the discipline created an "appearance of lack of impartiality."

"Joking interactions between umpires and players are a routine part of the game," the union said in a statement. "We disagree strongly with the decision to punish Joe West simply for sharing a humorous exchange with a player."

MLB did not immediately comment. The 64-year-old West made his big league debut in September 1976 and trails only Bill Klemm (5,375) and Bruce Froemming (5,163) among regular-season games worked. West's 123 postseason games are 10 behind Gerry Davis' record.



AP file photo

In this Saturday, June 17, 2017 file photo, Crew chief Joe West smiles as he talks to staff in the Seattle Mariners dugout in the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers in Arlington. Joe West, the major leagues' senior umpire, has been suspended for three days for comments he made about Texas third baseman Adrian Beltre, Tuesday.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	64	49	.566	—
New York	59	52	.532	4
Tampa Bay	58	56	.509	6½
Baltimore	56	56	.500	7½
Toronto	53	59	.473	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	60	50	.545	—
Kansas City	57	55	.509	4
Minnesota	55	58	.485	5½
Detroit	51	61	.455	10
Chicago	42	68	.382	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	71	41	.634	—
Seattle	67	56	.524	14½
Los Angeles	55	58	.487	16½
Texas	53	59	.473	18
Oakland	50	62	.446	21

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	66	45	.595	—
Miami	53	58	.477	13
Atlanta	51	60	.459	15
New York	50	60	.455	15½
Philadelphia	41	69	.373	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	59	52	.532	—
Milwaukee	59	56	.513	2
St. Louis	57	56	.504	3
Pittsburgh	56	57	.496	4
Cincinnati	46	67	.407	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	79	32	.712	—
Arizona	63	48	.568	16
Colorado	64	49	.566	16
San Diego	50	62	.446	29½
San Francisco	44	70	.386	36½

Scores and Schedules

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Boston 2, Tampa Bay 0
Cleveland 4, Colorado 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Texas 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Houston 5
Minnesota 11, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 10, Kansas City 3
Seattle at Oakland, late
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, late
Wednesday's Games
Colorado (Senzatela 10-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 10-6), 11:10 a.m.
Texas (Perez 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Montero 1-7), 11:10 a.m.
Seattle (Gallardo 5-7) at Oakland (Cotton 5-6), 2:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 8-7) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-0), 2:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 8-10) at Toronto (Valdez 1-1), 6:07 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 5-14) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-4), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 10-8) at Detroit (Verlander 7-7), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 5-10), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Colon 3-9) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Cahill 4-3) at St. Louis (Leake 7-10), 7:15 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Games
Miami 7, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3
Cleveland 4, Colorado 1
N.Y. Mets 5, Texas 4
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 3
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2
Minnesota 11, Milwaukee 4
St. Louis 10, Kansas City 3
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, late
Wednesday's Games
Colorado (Senzatela 10-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 10-6), 11:10 a.m.
Texas (Perez 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Montero 1-7), 11:10 a.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-4) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-6), 2:45 p.m.
Miami (Conley 4-4) at Washington (Gonzalez 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 10-8) at Detroit (Verlander 7-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Wood 2-3) at Cincinnati (Wojciechowski 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 2-7) at Atlanta (Newcomb 1-6), 6:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Colon 3-9) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Cahill 4-3) at St. Louis (Leake 7-10), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 13-1) at Arizona (Greinke 13-4), 8:40 p.m.

Texas Boxes

RANGERS 5, METS 4

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	0	0	0	Conforto cf	2	2	1	1
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	A.Cbrera 3b	4	0	1	1
Mazara lf	4	0	0	0	Bruce rf	3	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	3	1	1	1	Cespedes lf	4	1	1	1
Odor 2b	3	0	0	0	N.Wlker 1b-2b	4	0	1	0
Leclerc p	0	0	0	0	Reyes 2b	2	1	0	0
Gomez cf	3	1	1	0	Blevins p	0	0	0	0
Gallo 1b	4	1	2	2	Gmdrsn ph	1	0	0	0
Chirinos c	3	1	2	1	A.Ramos p	0	0	0	0
Griffin p	2	0	0	0	d'Arnaud c	3	1	1	2
Bmetta p	0	0	0	0	A.Rario ss	3	0	0	0
DSlvsta ph	1	0	U	0	Flexen p	2	0	1	0
Grilli p	0	0	0	0	Goeddel p	0	0	0	0
Robnson 2b	1	0	0	0	Flores 1b	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	6	4	Totals	29	5	6	5

Texas	000 012 001—4
New York	220 000 10x—5

DP—New York 1. LOB—Texas 5, New York 4. 2B—Gallo (13), Chirinos (8), A.Cabrera (18), Flexen (1). HR—Beltre (11), Gallo (31), Chirinos (13), Conforto (23), Cespedes (12), d'Arnaud (10). CS—A.Cabrera (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Griffin L,5-3	5	4	4	4	3	3
Barnette	1	1	0	0	0	1
Grilli	1	1	1	1	1	2
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	0	2
New York						
Flexen W,1-1	5⅔	4	3	3	3	4
Goeddel	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Blevins	1⅔	0	0	0	0	3
Ramos S,21-23	1	1	1	1	0	2

T—2:51. A—37,326 (41,922).

Tuesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RED SOX 2, RAYS 0

Boston	000 100 001—212 1
Tampa Bay	000 000 000—0 2 0

Sale, Kimbrel (9) and Leon; Pruitt, Alvarado (7), Romo (7), Stanek (9) and W.Ramos. W—Sale 14-4. L—Pruitt 6-3. Sv—Kimbrel (28).

BLUE JAYS 4, YANKEES 2

New York	010 000 010—2 7 2
Toronto	002 000 00x—4 10 0

Sabathia, Mitchell (4), Dav.Robertson (8) and Sanchez; Happ, Leone (6), Barnes (7), Tepera (7), R.Osuna (9) and Martin. W—Happ 5-8. L—Sabathia 9-5. Sv—R.Osuna (29). HRs—Toronto, Donaldson 2.

INTERLEAGUE
PIRATES 6, TIGERS 3

Detroit	000 003 000—3 5 1
Pittsburgh	001 320 00x—6 10 0

Boyd, Mujica (5), Stupcich (6), Stumpf (8) and McCann; Kuhl, Schugel (7), Kontos (8), Rivero (9) and Cervelli. W—Kuhl 5-7. L—Boyd 5-6. Sv—Rivero (10). HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen.

INDIANS 4, ROCKIES 1

Colorado	100 000 000—1 3 0
Cleveland	000 000 004—4 6 0

Marquez, Rusin (7), Neshek (8), Dunn (8), Holland (9) and Lucroy; Kluber and Gomes. W—Kluber 10-3. L—Holland 2-3. HRs—Colorado: Blackmon. Cleveland: Gomes.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 5, BRAVES 2

Philadelphia	000 230 000—511 0
Atlanta	000 000 100—2 8 1

Eflin, Milner (8), Neris (9) and Rupp; Teheran, S.Freeman (6), L.Jackson (7), Fried (8) and K.Suzuki. W—Eflin 1-3. L—Teheran 7-10. Sv—Neris (12). HRs—Philadelphia, Herrera. Atlanta, Freeman.

PADRES 7, REDS 3

San Diego	210 011 200—711 0
Cincinnati	000 000 300—3 9 0

Perdomo, Torres (7), Hand (9) and Hedges; Romano, Storen (7), Brice (8) and Barnhart. W—Perdomo 6-6. L—Romano 2-4. HRs—San Diego, Hedges, Solarte. Cincinnati, Barnhart.

MARLINS 7, NATIONALS 3

Miami	000 130 300—7 6 1
Washington	001 000 200—311 1

Worley, McGowan (7), Steckenrider (8), Ziegler (9) and Realmuto; Cole, Solis (6), Perez

Chris Carlson/Associated Press

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, sign autographs after a practice round at the PGA Championship tournament at the Quail Hollow Club Tuesday, in Charlotte, N.C.

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But there are differences.

McIlroy won the British Open at Hoylake in 2014 and then had to wait nearly nine month for the Masters. That was plenty of time to think about it, to answer to it.

"It plays on your mind a little bit," he said. "I think that's where Jordan doesn't have to deal with that coming into this week. It's great to be able to ride on the crest of a wave and just sort of keep it going."

Spieth said that if every player was polled, all would agree that McIlroy will win a green jacket. He considered McIlroy's age (28) and how many more opportunities he had in front of him. However, Spieth also spoke last month about how important it was to capture his first major at the Masters in 2015 when he was 21. He got it out of the way without allowing pressure to build as it did for Phil Mickelson, who won his first major at 34, or Sergio Garcia, who won the Masters this year at 37.

So why is this different?

After all, Tom Watson was 32 and Arnold Palmer was 31 when they first went to the PGA Championship with a chance to get the career slam.

"Yeah, but it's totally different," Spieth said. "Because winning a major versus winning a career Grand Slam ... if you don't win a major versus you don't win a career Grand Slam, it's two different things in my mind."

McIlroy, meanwhile, isn't the only player trying to make sure the year doesn't end without him winning a major. Dustin Johnson looked good enough to win them all until he slipped down the stairs and wrenched his back on the eve of the Masters.

Johnson believes his game is close to where it was before the injury. What separates him from McIlroy is Quail Hollow. Johnson, who will stay at No. 1 regardless of what happens this week, has played Quail Hollow only three times, and not since 2011. He missed the cut twice and tied for 29th.

McIlroy almost feels like he can roll out of bed and play well at Quail Hollow.

He can only hope to join a short list of players who have won a major on the same course where they won a PGA Tour event — Woods (Pebble Beach and Torrey Pines, both times in the same year), Jack Nicklaus (Firestone), Ben Hogan (Riviera in the same year) and Walter Hagen (Olympia Fields).

"There's certain golf courses that you can see yourself shoot a score on," McIlroy said. "You don't really have to have your best game and you still feel like you have a chance to win. And that's sort of how it feels here."

STUDY

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policy changes can have a massive impact when a life is saved," says Dr. Douglas Casa of KSI. "That is the goal of KSI in releasing these rankings, to prevent needless deaths in high school sports. We have had countless conversations with loved ones who have lost a child/sibling/grandchild/athlete. If these rankings can get more kids home for dinner instead of to a hospital or morgue, then we have succeeded."

The institute is a sports safety research and advocacy organization located at the University of Connecticut and named after the former Vikings star who died from exertional heat stroke in 2001.

Sudden cardiac arrest is the leading cause of death for the age range.

Casa notes that progress is slow because most states only make a change after a tragedy. But he stresses that the policies KSI promotes are not difficult to adopt.

"At least one state has adopted each individual item, and for many items, more than half of the states have the policy in place," he explains. "So this tells us it is feasible (to maximize protection). Now we need to collectively get states to learn from their colleagues and adapt these (programs) in their own state. Our top state is at about 80 percent, showing that, with effort, these policies can be implemented."

Bob Gfeller lost his son, Matthew, at age 15 in 2008, after a traumatic brain injury while playing in his first high school football game. Gfeller is an executive vice president at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and the executive director of the Childress Institute for Pediatric Trauma. He found the wide range of results by state "enlightening."

Asked what can be done to get states to adopt more of the guidelines to protect high school athletes, Gfeller says: "Sharing of best practices amongst the state high school professionals. For each state to study where they are gapping and what other states who are scoring high are doing, so then to be able to determine how to close their gap."

In his field of expertise, exertional heat stroke, Casa notes that states that have adapted significant changes to heat acclimatization policies have not had such a death when the policies have been followed.

"Keep in mind these policies are for the phasing in of initial practices in August," Casa says. "Some of these states have still had exertional heat stroke deaths during summer conditioning in June/July or other times of the year, because they lack policies that govern these other circumstances."

To prevent death from EHS, it comes down to three things:

■ Prevention — heat acclimatization, modifying work/rest ratios based on environmental conditions, hydration, body cooling, etc.;

■ Recognition — being aware, acting quickly, rectal temperature;

■ Treatment — cold water immersion, cool first/transport second.

Casa adds that the monetary cost of reaching the desired preventive measures is not high.

"To be honest, you could get to 90 percent implementation with very little cost and effort," he says. "Spending probably less than $5,000 per school could get you close to 90 points. You also would probably need a two-day meeting with the key state association officials to refine the details of the changes.

"It is matter of convincing people that these issues are important and that they need attention."

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Penn State Nittany Lions running back Saquon Barkley (26) looks for room to run against the USC Trojans during the first half of the Rose Bowl game, in this Jan. 2,, file photo in Pasadena, Calif. Defending Big Ten champion Penn State returns a Heisman Trophy candidate at running back and a record-setting quarterback, and the Nittany Lions generally are regarded as one of the 10 best teams in the country. in Pasadena, Calif. Defending Big Ten champion Penn State returns a Heisman Trophy candidate at running back and a record-setting quarterback, and the Nittany Lions generally are regarded as one of the 10 best teams in the country.

Big Ten champ Penn State is overshadowed by Buckeyes,

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

Defending Big Ten champion Penn State returns a Heisman Trophy candidate at running back and a record-setting quarterback, and the Nittany Lions generally are regarded as one of the 10 best teams in the country.

They're not even picked to win their division this season.

The Big Ten East favorite, as usual, is Ohio State, which is loaded with as much talent as ever and motivated to atone for an embarrassing finish to 2016.

So as great an accomplishment as it was for Penn State to go from being picked fourth in the division to winning its first league title since 2008, another grind is about to start. Coach James Franklin wants his players to put last season out of their minds.

"We've talked about it enough. The fans have talked about it. The media's talked about it," Franklin said. "They've been given rings. So that's behind us. We have moved on."

Saquon Barkley thrust himself into 2017 Heisman consideration after a dominant performance in the last-second Rose Bowl loss to Southern California. Trace McSorley led the Big Ten in passer rating and threw for four touchdowns in both the Big Ten championship game against Wisconsin and the bowl. The question is whether a defense that allowed 34 points a game against ranked opponents can hold up its end.

A three-week stretch spanning October and November — Michigan at home and road games at Ohio State and Michigan State — likely will be the key to the Lions' season.

The favorites

East Division

Ohio State has 15 starters back after having seven players drafted, including six of the top 70 picks. You can be sure Urban Meyer will have the Buckeyes on a redemption tour after they lost 31-0 to Clemson in the College Football Playoff semifinals.

Penn State also feels it has something to prove. The Nittany Lions beat Ohio State and won the conference — and were left out of the playoff because of losses to Pittsburgh and Michigan.

Michigan, with losses in three of its last four games, is still waiting for the big payoff from its splash hire of Jim Harbaugh. He's finished third in the East each of his first two years and still is looking for his first win over Ohio State.

West Division

Wisconsin brings back an experienced QB in Alex Hornibrook and a seasoned defense from its 11-win team. The Badgers don't play Ohio State, and their toughest road game is at Nebraska.

Northwestern has a three-year starting QB in Clayton Thorson and a workhorse in RB Justin Jackson . Back-to-back games against Wisconsin (away) and Penn State (home) come early.

Iowa will rely heavily on 1,000-yard rusher Akrum Wadley and a veteran offensive line as it breaks in a new QB. Penn State visits in September, but the hardest part of the schedule comes in November.

Top players

Penn State's Barkley is going for a third straight 1,000-yard season. Ohio State QB J.T. Barrett should flourish under new offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson. Northwestern's Jackson will finish his career as the FBS' No. 7 rusher if he matches last season's 1,524 yards.

Ohio State DL Tyquan Lewis was Big Ten defensive lineman of the year in 2016. Indiana LB Tegray Scales led the nation with 23.5 tackles for loss and a Big Ten-leading 126 stops. Iowa LB Josey Jewell has started 30 straight games and made 124 tackles last season.

New faces

P.J. Fleck takes his "Row the Boat" mantra from Western Michigan to Minnesota. The Gophers won nine games under Tracy Claeys in 2016, but things got ugly at the end with a threatened player bowl boycott and sexual assault investigation.

Indiana's Tom Allen was promoted from defensive coordinator to head coach after the firing of Kevin Wilson. Allen oversaw remarkable improvement of one of the FBS' worst defenses, and with QB Richard Lagow returning, the Hoosiers should make a run at a third straight bowl if they can survive a tough first half of the season.

Jeff Brohm won back-to-back Conference USA titles at Western Kentucky before moving to Purdue. He takes over a program that hasn't won more than three games since 2012.

On the hot seat

Yes, Michigan State's Mark Dantonio built up considerable capital by winning the Big Ten in 2015. Serious off-field problems and a 3-9 campaign in 2016 make this an important year for the 11th-year coach.

Rutgers' Chris Ash and Illinois' Lovie Smith are going into their second seasons and have big buyouts, but the clock is starting on both. Rutgers beat only one FBS opponent in 2016 and Illinois won three games, two fewer than in 2015.

Mark your calendars

Florida vs. Michigan, Sept. 2 in Arlington, Texas; Pittsburgh at Penn State, Nebraska at Oregon, Oklahoma at Ohio State, Sept. 9; Wisconsin at BYU, Sept. 16; Northwestern at Wisconsin, Sept. 30; Wisconsin at Nebraska, Oct. 7; Michigan at Penn State, Oct. 21; Penn State at Ohio State, Oct. 28; Michigan at Wisconsin, Nov. 18; Iowa at Nebraska, Nov. 24; Ohio State at Michigan, Nov. 25.

Picks

East: Ohio State, Penn State, Michigan, Indiana, Michigan State, Maryland, Rutgers.

West: Wisconsin, Northwestern, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Purdue, Illinois.

Champion: Ohio State.

Low scores more about evolution of golf than equipment

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Don't be alarmed by Branden Grace becoming the first player to shoot 62 in a major championship.

Or that two players, Justin Thomas and Adam Hadwin, shot 59 at the start of the year. There no longer is as much magic in a 59, not with Jim Furyk setting a new standard with a 58 only six months earlier.

The instinct is to fret about golf and the direction it's going, and to question whether it's the same challenge now as it was for Jack Nicklaus before them, for Ben Hogan before him.

If that's the case, then go all the way back to Tom Kidd.

Long before Grace shot 62 in perfect scoring conditions at Royal Birkdale, the 18-hole record in majors first belonged to Kidd, who posted an 88 in the second round at St. Andrews for a one-shot victory over Jamie Anderson in the 1873 British Open.

It's worth nothing, of course, that was the first time a golf championship was held on an 18-hole course. Kidd's record lasted all of six months. The British Open was held in April the following year, and Mungo Park shaved 13 shots off the record in the first round at Musselburgh.

Scores have been getting lower ever since.

It's a game with which previous generations of players and fans might not be familiar.

Consider the last few years.

Brooks Koepka won the U.S. Open this year at 16-under 272, making him only the third player to finish double digits under par. Jason Day won the PGA Championship in 2015 at Whistling Straits by becoming the first major champion to finish at 20 under. That record was matched a year later when Henrik Stenson set the 72-hole record for majors at 20-under 264 at Royal Troon.

NFL BRIEFS

Manziel hopes to stay in sports, maybe as college coach

Former NFL quarterback Johnny Manziel wants to remain in the sports world, possibly as a college coach.

In an interview with Outkick the Coverage at the International Football Betting Conference in Costa Rica, Manziel said he's thought about what he would do if he fails to resume his NFL playing career.

"I'd do something involved with sports," the 2012 Heisman Trophy winner said. "I can't get away from it. I've had to ask myself that a little bit as of late over the past year, but at the same time, I'd want to be involved in sports in some way, whether it's coaching, whether it's doing something like that. So I think that'd be my route."

Asked which level he'd like to coach, Manziel said "probably college."

The 24-year-old coached at an Elite 11 quarterbacks camp in Miami in February.

The former Texas A&M star said the Canadian Football League "is definitely something I've looked into," but that he still hopes to play in the NFL. He has been out of the league since the Cleveland Browns released him last year amid several off-field issues.

Panthers QB Newton out for preseason opener vs. Texans

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Quarterback Cam Newton will sit out the Panthers' preseason opener against the Houston Texans tonight while he continues to battle soreness in his right throwing shoulder.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera made the announcement Tuesday at training camp.

Other that some light warmup tosses, Newton hasn't thrown at training camp since July 30.

Newton had surgery in March to repair a partially torn rotator cuff. He was cleared to participate in training camp practices this summer after missing all of OTAs and minicamp. However, the league's 2015 MVP developed soreness in his shoulder after five practices.

The Panthers plan to have Newton ready for the Sept. 10 regular season opener against the San Francisco 49ers.

Derek Anderson will start against the Texans.

STANTON

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enthusiasm and positivity," he said. "We had to through some negativity last year but I think we have a good group of seniors this year and I feel like we're leading the right way."

Probably the biggest obstacle the Buffaloes had to overcome was injuries. Peterson said the team lost five players for most if not the entire season. That meant having to plug some younger and inexperienced players in key roles.

"You're losing two positions and that's hard to overcome," said defensive coordinator Dan Arista about losing a two-way starter. "We can't look at that. We've got to find somebody to plug in to start doing the job and put them in the best position they're suited for. Because of last year, we've got a lot of sophomores and we've got a lot of juniors with a lot of experience."

The Buffaloes should get a boost with the return of senior quarterback Andrew Wheeler, who missed all of last season with a knee injury he suffered during the last week of 7-on-7 play in the summer. Even though Wheeler was going to be in his first year starting as varsity quarterback, he had the most experience going into last season of playing the position.

"We've got a quarterback who's got a cannon," Rodriguez said.

Still, even with the return on Wheeler, Peterson said the Buffaloes will not put a lot of pressure on Wheeler as they will try to run the ball more by using the Wing-T offense out of an I-formation. Peterson added that the personnel the team has also fits having more of a run game.

The Buffaloes probably feel like they have been snake-bitten over the last few years with injuries and other obstacles in their way. But they hope that with a renewed attitude, experience and avoiding major injuries will equal a turnaround in 2017.

"The team is very motivated," Arista said. "The kids have worked hard in the spring, getting stronger, getting faster. We've got something to look forward to and the offense will be better than last year."

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KOSA	CBS 7 7 7 7 7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		Salvation "Chip Off the Ol' Block" (N)		Criminal Minds "In the Dark"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW 5 14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Pilot"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Vagabond Vixen"		Twilight Zone
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MAX2	382 558 18 122	Movie	(:25) ★ Austin Powers: The Spy ...			★ How to Be Single				(:50) ★★ Bachelor Party Tom Hanks.			Movie
PLEX	96	(5:45) ★ The Land Be...		★★ Getting Even With Dad			(:55) ★★★ In and Out				(:25) ★★★ Head Over Heels		Movie
SHOW	320 565 19 140 25	(5:30) ★ Comet		★★★★ The Babadook				(:35) Donovan "Abby"		(:35) ★★★ I Am Number Four			TwinPeak
TMC	336 579 22 155 26	(5:25) ★ The Final Cut		★★★ Grosse Pointe Blank John Cusack.				★ Bangkok Dangerous			(:40) ★ No Escape Owen Wilson.		
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BET	58 - 40	(4:00) ★ Perfect Hol...		★★ A Thin Line Between Love and Hate Martin Lawrence.						Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65 76 41	Wives "Tequila-thon"		Real Housewives (N)		Housewives (SF) (N)		Odd Mom	Sweet OK	Watch (N)	Real Housewives		H.Wives
CNBC	46 52 39 72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage	
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FX	31 56 59 64 69	★★★ Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14, Act) Taron Egerton.						Snowfall (N)				Snowfall	The Strain
HALLMARK	54 71 58 34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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HISTORY	71 59 29 50 43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
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MSNBC	47 53 49 73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38 43	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.	
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Woman's dangerous dating habits frighten her friend

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I'm worried about a close friend I have known for about 10 years. She's well-educated, independent and family-oriented. She has been online dating for quite a while and continually meets guys who have criminal backgrounds.

She dated one of them on the down low for two years because she was embarrassed by how he behaved in public. The most recent man served a 16-year prison sentence for being involved in a murder. She tells me she doesn't see a future with any of them, but goes on multiple dates and defends them with, "He seems like a nice guy." In the next breath, she'll claim to want a steady and meaningful relationship. I have voiced my concerns. I asked her what she'd say to me if the tables were turned, and her responses mimic the concern I show her. I suggested she try a different website or mode of meeting potential partners, but it hasn't made a difference.

I believe in second chances up to a point, but now I'm genuinely worried for her safety. Is there anything else I can do to convince her to have safer boundaries? — CONCERNED ABOUT CRIMINALS

DEAR CONCERNED: No, you have done enough. Until your friend admits to herself that she's fishing for trout in the wrong stream, she'll continue to reel in sharks.

DEAR ABBY: Is it normal for men to sulk or get angry when they don't get sex when they want it? I've been married to my husband for more than 30 years. I run several miles a day and, with all the work I do, I don't always feel like having sex. Lately, I have been under a lot of stress, so I haven't been in the mood.

The other night, he did his usual sulking. Then, as he often does, he tossed about in bed, repeatedly and roughly, while we're trying to sleep. The whole bed shook. Another night, he stuck his elbow in my ribs to be sure he got my attention.

Sometimes he'll grab my butt really hard while I'm trying to sleep — in the middle of the night, mind you. I end up having sex with him so he leaves me alone and I can sleep.

I have tried sleeping in another bed. But then he comes to that room and repeatedly kicks the mattress. If I lock the door, he kicks the door. So, I have sex with him so I can live in peace. Do most men do this when they don't get sex as often as they like? — SPOUSE SULKING IN THE NORTH

DEAR SPOUSE: You have tolerated this for 30 years? What you have described is spousal abuse. Most men do not behave the way your husband does, bullying and coercing their wives into marital relations. Please discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. His behavior is off the charts, and you need more help than I can give you in a letter.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question. If you are traveling with a group of friends on a plane, is it rude for one couple to upgrade to first class? This was a group trip traveling to go on a cruise together. — JUST WONDERING IN FLORIDA

DEAR JUST WONDERING: I wouldn't call it a breach of etiquette. However, it's less than an expression of solidarity with the friends who are sitting in the back.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Bad break? No problem!

North-South vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ A J 9 8 7
♡ K 8 7
♢ 3
♣ A K 5 2

WEST
♠ K 10 5 2
♡ Q 9 6 2
♢ Q 10 5
♣ Q 6

EAST
♠ Q 6 4
♡ 4
♢ K 9 8 6 2
♣ J 9 7 4

SOUTH
♠ 3
♡ A J 10 5 3
♢ A J 7 4
♣ 10 8 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♢	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6♡	All pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

South opened the bidding on the minimum that the law allows, perhaps less. North was expecting more when he blasted his way to slam. South now had to justify his bidding with his play.

An opening trump lead from West would have defeated the slam, but West cannot be seriously faulted for not finding that lead. He tried a tricky low club instead. South won this with dummy's ace and started on a cross-ruff, not really sure where it would all end. The ace of spades was followed by a spade ruff, then the ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff in dummy. Another spade was ruffed in hand and another diamond was ruffed in dummy. South now carefully cashed the king of clubs before ruffing another spade in his hand.

South led his last diamond and West, down to nothing but trumps, had to ruff. South over-ruffed with dummy's king of hearts and led a club from dummy. In this three-card ending, West had to ruff and then lead a heart from his queen into declarer's ace-jack. Making six!

Fit and controls are the key to a successful slam. North-South had a heart fit that was barely adequate for slam, but they did have first and second-round control in all four suits. That and a little distribution was all they needed.

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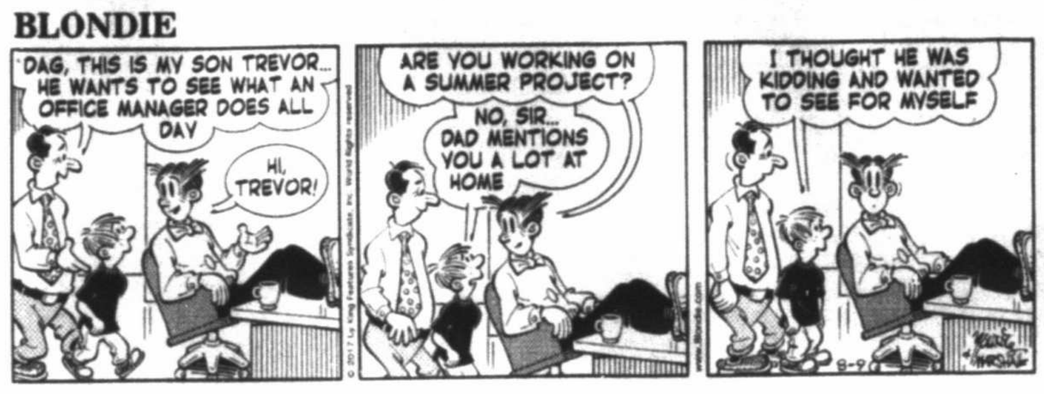

BEETLE BAILEY

CLASSIC PEANUTS

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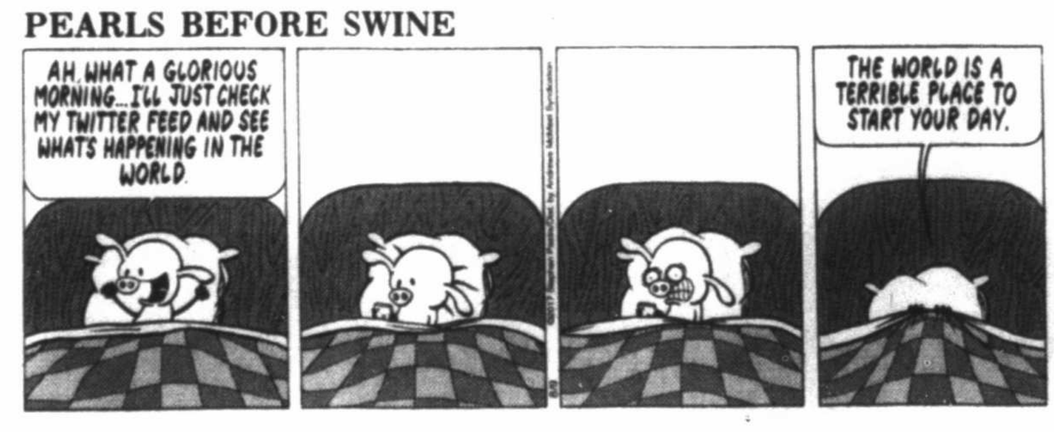
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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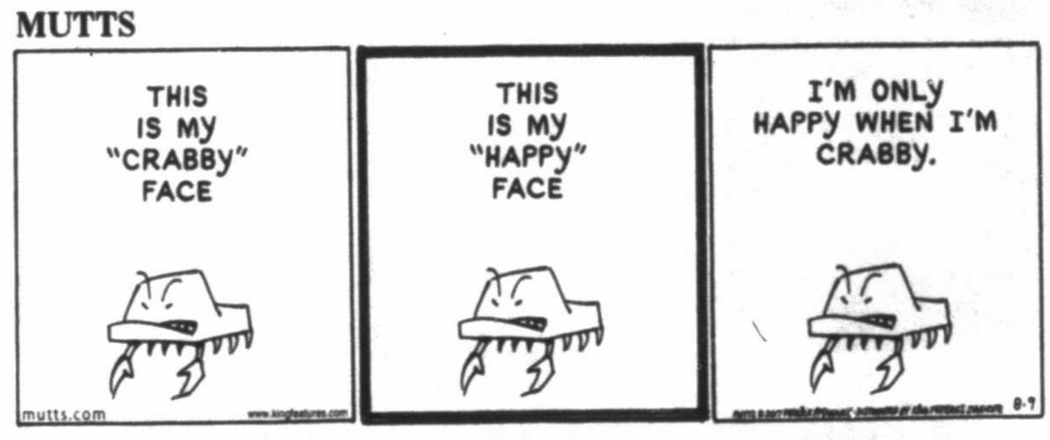

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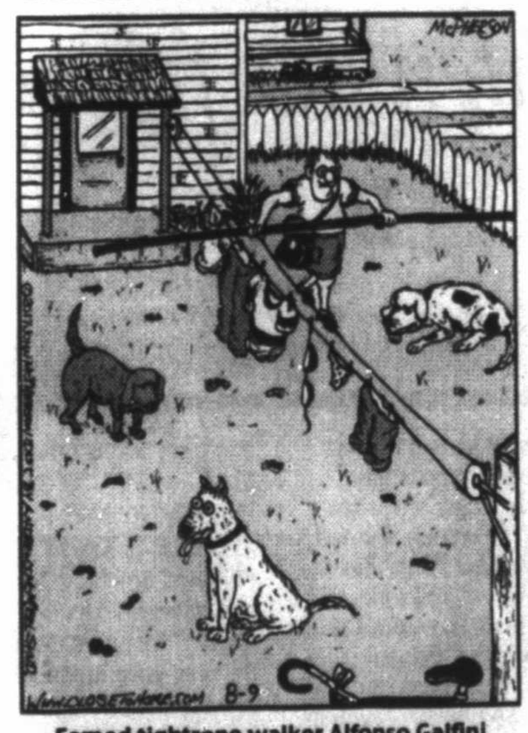
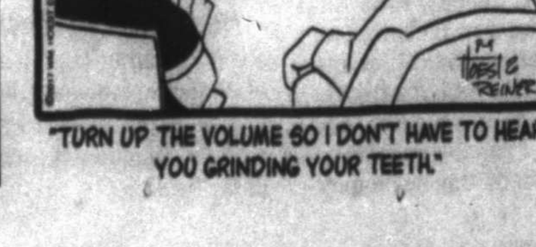


Famed tightrope walker Alfonso Galfini learned his craft as a child avoiding the dog poop in his backyard.

DENNIS THE MENACE

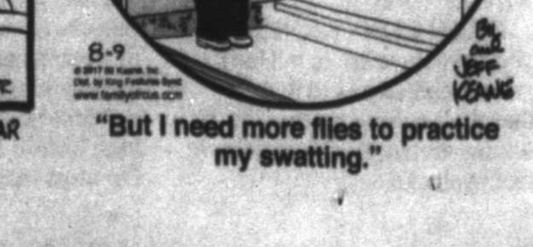
"YOUR LOUD SIREN MADE MY MOM USE A NAUGHTY WORD."

LOCKHORNS



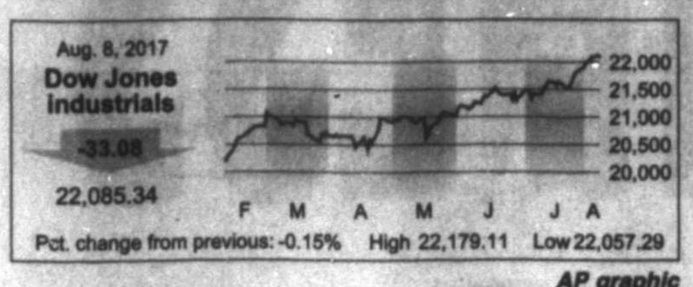
"TURN UP THE VOLUME SO I DON'T HAVE TO HEAR YOU GRINDING YOUR TEETH."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"But I need more flies to practice my swatting."

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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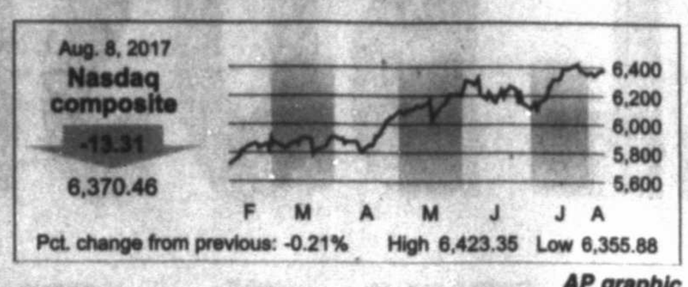

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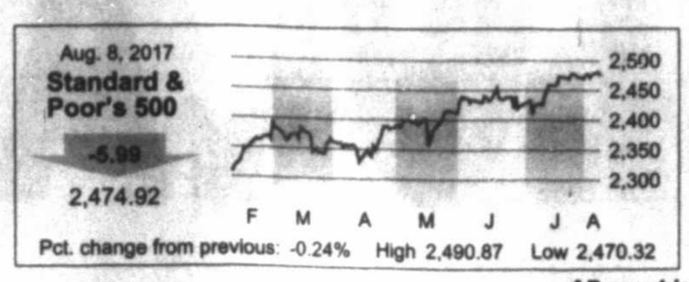

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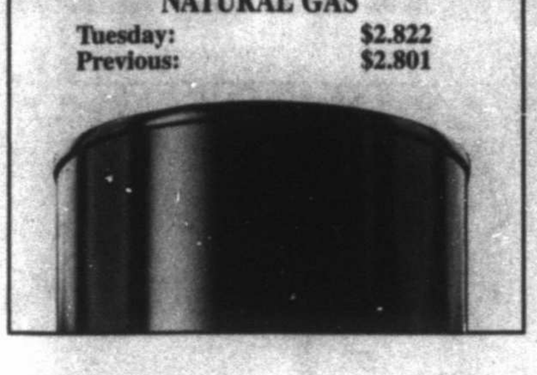

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B IPVxST	n882128	11.41	+.32	TripleS	19.29	+3.71	+23.8
BkofAm	685247	24.90	-.06	MKors	45.25	+8.02	+21.5
SPDR Fncl	523598	25.29	-.07	ION Geo rs	5.25	+.90	+20.7
S&P500ETF	511511	247.26	-.61	StoneEng rs	25.72	+4.03	+18.6
TevaPhrm	499737	18.29	-.30	LendingClb	5.45	+.99	+18.1

Losers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
AtkoreInt n	16.28	-4.39	-21.2	Advanced	1,059
DeanFoods	11.86	-3.11	-20.8	Declined	1,829
PlainsAAP	20.32	-4.88	-19.4	Unchanged	125
PlainsGP rs	21.04	-4.79	-18.5	Total issues	3,013
EvolentH n	19.85	-4.10	-17.1	New Highs	146
				New Lows	60
				Volume	3,209,220,455

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
22ndCentry	52736	2.39	-.08	StneEn wt	2.55	+.47	+22.6
Globalstar	50895	2.04	+.04	PacGE pfB	33.00	+4.31	+15.0
NwGold g	40960	3.38	+.02	Takung n	3.49	+.24	+7.4
NthnO&G	31037	1.00	...	IntellicHk	2.78	+.14	+5.3
CheniereEn	29384	42.60	-.55	GkdFld	5.25	+.25	+5.0

Losers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
GlbScape	3.87	-.83	-17.7	Advanced	109
Myomo n	7.05	-1.06	-13.1	Declined	229
Ballanty	6.00	-.80	-11.8	Unchanged	26
CRH Med	2.35	-.25	-9.6	Total issues	364
EnInEn rs	2.25	-.20	-8.2	New Highs	6
				New Lows	19
				Volume	89,480,054

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc	3555u	6160.08	+1.27	FibroGen	49.50	+16.10	+48.2
PwShs QQQ	287806	144.31	-.25	Cutera	32.25	+5.60	+21.0
SiriusXM	215755	5.55	-.04	Adomani n	7.70	+1.21	+18.6
MicronT	214979	28.84	+.25	Tabula n	17.42	+2.56	+17.2
Endo Intl	210225	8.18	-1.13	KopinCp	3.90	+.57	+17.1

Losers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
Depomed	6.15	-3.09	-33.4	Advanced	1,156
Airgain n	10.57	-3.08	-22.6	Declined	1,684
CrnchWshd	6.95	-1.90	-21.5	Unchanged	240
SylvanEnt	27.01	-6.42	-19.2	Total issues	3,080
CoreMrk s	29.96	-5.96	-16.6	New Highs	134
				New Lows	68
				Volume	1,848,358,676

Experts: Lives at risk if no sleep tests for train engineers

Associated Press

U.S. officials are abandoning plans to require sleep apnea screening for truck drivers and train engineers, a decision that safety experts say puts millions of lives at risk.

The Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration said late last week that they are no longer pursuing the regulation that would require testing for the fatigue-inducing disorder that has been blamed for deadly rail crashes in New York City and New Jersey and several highway crashes.

The agencies argue that it should be up to railroads and trucking companies to decide whether to test employees. One railroad that does test, Metro-North in the New York City suburbs, found that 11.6 percent of its engineers have sleep apnea.

The decision to kill the sleep apnea regulation is the latest step in President Donald Trump's campaign to drastically slash federal regulations. The Trump administration has withdrawn or delayed hundreds of proposed regulations since he took office in January — moves the Republican president has said will help bolster economic growth.

Late last year, the FRA issued a safety advisory that was meant as a stopgap measure urging railroads to begin sleep apnea testing while the rules made their way through the regulatory process. Without a regulation mandating testing, which would have needed approval from Congress, regulators couldn't cite trucking companies or railroads if a truck or train crashed because the operator fell asleep at the helm.

Sleep apnea is especially troubling for the transportation industry because sufferers are repeatedly awakened and robbed of rest as their airway closes and their breathing stops, leading to dangerous daytime drowsiness. Treatments include wearing a pressurized breathing mask, oral appliances or nasal strips to force the airway open while sleeping. Severe cases require surgery.

"It's very hard to argue that people aren't being put at risk," said Sarah Feinberg, the former administrator of the FRA, who had issued the safety advisory in December. "We cannot have someone who is in that condition operating either a train going 70 mph or operating a multi-ton truck traveling down the interstate. It's just not an appropriate level of risk to be exposing passengers and the traveling public to."

The National Transportation Safety Board said it was disappointed the agencies decided to scrap the "much-needed rulemaking."

"Obstructive sleep apnea has been in the probable cause of 10 highway and rail accidents investigated by the NTSB in the past 17 years and obstructive sleep apnea is an issue being examined in several, ongoing, NTSB rail and highway investigations," NTSB spokesman Christopher O'Neil said.

The NTSB has long recommended sleep apnea testing for engineers, and Metro-North and the Long Island Rail Road started requiring it after finding the engineer in a 2013 Metro-North crash had fallen asleep at the controls because he had a severe, undiagnosed case of sleep apnea. The engineer, William Rockefeller, told investigators he felt strangely "dazed" right before the crash, which occurred as he sped through a 30 mph curve at 82 mph.

The engineer of a New Jersey Transit train that slammed into a station in Hoboken last September, killing a woman, also suffered from undiagnosed sleep apnea, according to his lawyer.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said he will push the federal agencies to reconsider withdrawing the proposed regulation.

"We know from recent examples that if there had been testing for sleep apnea there would be people alive walking the face of the earth today who are not, unfortunately, because the engineer had sleep apnea," he said Tuesday at a news conference on Long Island.

When asked by The Associated Press in a separate interview about the government's contention that businesses could enact their own testing policies, the New York Democrat said: "Tell that to the families of the people who died in Spuyten Duyvil," referring to the neighborhood where the Metro-North train crashed in 2013, killing four people.

Train engineers are currently required to undergo vision and hearing testing at least every three years. Some railroads require annual physicals, but there are no federal standards for comprehensive medical exams. Many of the largest passenger railroads, including Amtrak, require engineers to undergo sleep apnea screening.

The Association of American Railroads, an industry group, said railroads are continuing to take steps to combat worker fatigue, including confidential sleep disorder screening and treatment.

Marc Willis, a spokesman for the FRA, said the agency sought information from the public about sleep apnea and "believes that current railroad and FRA safety programs sufficiently address this risk."

Feinberg said that isn't sufficient and the government shouldn't rely on industries regulating themselves.

A notice posted in the Federal Register said the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration would consider updating a 2015 bulletin to medical examiners about the physical qualifications standard and respiratory dysfunction. Duane DeBruyne, a spokesman for the agency, declined to answer questions about the NTSB's concerns.

US stocks close lower, snapping Dow's 10-day winning streak

Losses in health care and consumer-focused companies pulled U.S. stocks broadly lower Tuesday, snapping a 10-day winning streak for the Dow Jones industrial average.

Energy stocks also fell along with the price of crude oil. Only utilities sector stocks eked out a gain on a day of mostly listless trading as investors kept an eye on the latest company earnings and geopolitical news.

The market slide accelerated slightly in the last half-hour of trading as President Donald Trump denounced North Korea's nuclear program.

The remarks followed a new report asserting that U.S. intelligence has assessed that Pyongyang has successfully produced a nuclear warhead that can fit inside its missiles.

"That may have weighed a little bit" on markets, said Phil Guarco, global investment specialist J.P. Morgan Private Bank.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.99 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,474.92. The Dow slid 33.08 points, or 0.2 percent, to 22,085.34. The S&P 500 and Dow were both coming off record highs.

Metal prices mixed

Gold fell $2.10 to $1,262.60 an ounce. Silver gained 14 cents to $16.39 an ounce. Copper rose 4 cents to $2.94 a pound.

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Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $94.98 Down 1.06

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.45 Down 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.35 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.70 Up 0.10

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.00 Down 0.20

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.74 Up 0.97

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.54 Up 0.40

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.40 Down 0.24

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.48	10	11.38	+.28	-2.1
AK Steel	...	14	5.42	-.09	-46.9
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.36	-.16	-9.8
Abraxas	...	...	1.67	-.01	-35.0
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.83	-.05	+16.7
AMD	...	...	13.11	-.32	+15.8
Alibaba	...	46	157.50	-1.34	+79.4
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	11.39	-.39	-9.6
Ambev	.06e	6	6.16	+.01	+25.5
Amgen	4.60	15	173.69	-.89	+16.8
Anadarko	.20	...	44.21	-.16	-36.6
Apache	1.00	...	44.12	-.27	-30.5
Apple Inc	2.52	19	160.06	+1.27	+38.2
ApldMatl	.40	17	43.90	-.06	+36.0
Archrock	.48	...	10.00	-.15	-24.2
ATMOS	1.80	25	87.59	+.71	+18.1
AutoData	2.28	29	108.51	-3.66	+5.6
AvisBudg	...	15	30.09	-3.30	-18.0
BP PLC	2.38	27	36.54	-.21	-2.2
BkofAm	.48f	15	24.90	-.06	+12.7
B IPVxST rs	...	...	11.41	+.32	-55.3
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	16.00	...	+3.4
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	17264566.00	-2419.01	+8.4
BlkHillsCp	1.78	21	70.79	+.46	+15.4
BrlingSq	1.56	23	56.91	+.61	-2.6
BrownFA s	...	30	51.43	-.02	+11.2
BrownFB s	...	...	48.95	-.07	+9.8
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.57	-.55	-.4
CallonPet	...	33	10.43	+.10	-32.1
Caterpillar	3.12	30	114.41	-.30	+23.4
Celestic g	...	8	11.56	-.08	-2.4
CntryLink	2.16	10	21.87	-.47	-8.0
ChesEng	...	10	4.40	+.05	-37.3
Chevron	4.32	63	110.35	+.57	-6.2
Chicos	.33	13	9.53	+.14	-35.7
Cimarex	.2	44	93.86	+1.38	-30.9
Cisco	1.16	16	31.67	-.17	+4.8
Citigroup	1.28	14	68.86	-.16	+15.9
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.00	-.04	+10.0
ColgPalm	1.80	24	71.70	-.04	+8.5
ConAgra	.85f	19	34.19	+.02	-13.8
ConchoRes	...	...	117.92	+1.76	-11.1
ConocoPhil	1.06	37	45.63	+.46	-9.0

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CrackerB	4.80f	24	151.67	-.71	-9.2
CSVixSh rs	...	...	16.73	+.84	-82.4
CSVelIVST	...	...	92.75	-2.60	+98.4
CrosTim	1.10e	15	14.76	-.17	-17.9
DCP Mid	3.12	17	31.84	-.81	-17.0
DTE	3.30	23	109.40	+.47	+11.1
DeanFoods	.36	9	11.86	-3.11	-45.5
Delcath rs	...	...	.09	-.01	-90.0
Depomed	...	...	6.15	-3.09	-65.9
DevonE	.24	97	32.14	-.26	-29.6
DrGMBll rs	...	...	16.42	+.11	...
Disney	1.56	19	106.96	+.63	+2.6
DowChm	1.84	20	63.41	-.47	+10.8
DryShips s	...	1	1.43	+.13	-100.0
EQG Resce	.67	...	91.15	+1.48	-9.8
EnCana g	.06	19	9.89	+.16	-15.8
Endo Intl	...	5	8.18	-1.13	-50.3
Energen	.08	...	50.41	+1.05	-12.6
EnPro	.88	49	73.24	-1.12	+8.7
ENSCO	.04	2	4.83	-.17	-50.3
EntProdPt	1.68f	20	26.12	-.49	-3.4
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.16	-.07	+5.7
ExxonMbl	3.06	30	79.96	-.20	-11.4
Facebook	...	35	171.23	-.75	+48.8
FairmSant	...	...	2.59	-.26	-78.0
Fitbit n	...	...	5.89	+.16	-19.5
FordM	.60a	12	10.89	-.03	-10.2
FrptMcM	...	...	14.47	-.23	+9.7
GATX	1.68	19	64.17	+.58	+4.2
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.47	+.06	+30.8
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.91	-.14	+12.0
GenElec	.96	24	25.56	-.07	-19.1
GtPlainEn	1.10	19	31.58	+.20	+15.5
HP Inc	.53	12	19.32	...	+30.2
Halibrtn	.72	...	41.03	-.42	-24.1
HertzGl	...	...	14.28	-.96	-33.8
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	38.74	-.07	+16.2
iShEMkts	.84e	...	44.26	+.01	+26.4
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	67.13	-.36	+16.3
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	88.06	-.38	+1.8
iShR2K	1.77e	...	140.00	-.44	+3.8
Intel	1.08	16	36.41	-.02	+.4
InterDig	1.20	8	71.65	-.25	-21.8
ItauUnbH	.32e	...	12.67	+.13	+2.4

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JD.com	...	...	48.15	+.59	+89.3
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	93.68	-.34	+8.6
JohnJn	3.36	20	132.27	-.59	+14.8
KimbClk	3.88	20	121.44	+.02	+6.4
Kinross g	...	59	4.13	...	+32.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.45	-.01	-31.6
LendingClb	...	...	6.45	+.99	+22.9
Lubys	...	...	2.77	-.04	-35.3
MaralhnO	.20	...	12.37	+.02	-28.5
McDnlds	3.76	26	154.92	-.05	+27.3
Merck	1.88	16	62.32	-.52	+5.9
MeritMed	...	53	41.99	-.45	+58.3
MexcoEn	...	...	5.35	-.29	+7.0
MKors	...	13	45.25	+8.02	+5.3
MicronT	...	11	28.84	+.25	+31.6
Microsoft	1.56	25	72.79	+.39	+17.1
Mylan NV	...	6	31.79	-.21	-16.7
Nabors	.24	...	7.05	...	-57.0
NOIVarco	.20	75	31.29	-.50	-16.4
NSTFR	.55e	...	14.91	-.07	+5.2
NTXOil	.65	...	14.67	-.12	+6.9
Nvidia	.56	54	170.30	-2.05	+59.5
NxStageMd	...	...	29.32	-.35	+11.9
OcclPet	3.08f	...	61.35	-.46	-13.9
Oclaro	...	12	9.23	+.46	+3.1
OnSmcnd	...	30	16.44	+.11	+28.8
Oracle	.76f	23	49.10	+.54	+28.2
PDC Engy	...	...	39.70	-5.37	-45.3
ParTech	...	22	9.10	-.04	+63.1
ParkDrl	...	...	1.25	-.05	-51.9
PattUTI	.08	...	17.79	-.53	-33.9
Penney	...	17	5.39	...	-35.1
PennaRE	.84	8	11.84	-.30	-37.6
Pmian	.63e	24	8.57	-.16	+11.2
Petrobras	...	...	8.90	-.04	-12.0
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.26	-.03	+2.5
PlcNtrl	.08	...	135.36	+5.74	-24.8
PlainsAAP	2.20	16	20.32	-4.88	-37.1
PlainsGP rs	1.54	22	21.04	-4.79	-39.3
PlugPower h	...	...	2.17	-.21	+80.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	144.31	-.25	+21.8
Praxair	3.15	23	128.58	-1.64	+9.7
PrmEgy	...	...	48.15	...	-10.8
PUVixST rs	...	...	30.71	+1.67	...
ProctGam	2.76f	24	91.58	+.14	+8.9

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PUShtSPX	...	...	14.69	+.11	-28.0
RangeRs	.08	18	16.97	-.38	-50.6
RegionsFn	.36	16	14.86	-.01	+3.5
RiteAid	...	39	2.35	-.09	-71.5
Rowan	.40	5	10.66	-.31	-43.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	87	57.25	-.13	+5.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	220.69	-.16	+11.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	247.26	-.61	+10.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	37.10	-.11	+1.8
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	30.71	-.05	-25.9
SabnR	2.32e	19	39.80	+.95	+13.2
SanderFm	.96	14	135.67	-.90	+44.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	58	65.49	-1.06	-22.0
SeaWorld	...	...	12.76	-.85	-32.6
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.55	-.04	+24.7
Smucker	3.12f	16	121.79	-.78	-4.9
SnapInc A n	...	...	13.02	-.37	-46.8
SwstnEngy	...	47	5.18	-.02	-52.1
SP Engy	2.04e	...	64.99	-.15	-13.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	25.28	-.07	+8.7
Starbucks s	1.00	28	54.52	-.86	-1.8
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	11.48	+.02	+24.8
TenetHlth	...	...	14.28	-2.41	-3.8
TerraVia	...	...	.06	+.00	-95.2
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	18.29	-.30	-49.5
3M Co	4.70	24	206.43	-1.01	+15.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	.60	17	79.27	+.29	+7.5
Transocn	...	8	8.57	-.18	-41.9
TriContl	.98e	...	25.04	+.02	+13.6
Twilio n	...	...	33.58	+3.05	+16.4
Twitter	...	...	16.15	-.25	-.9
TylerTech	...	53	167.49	-2.29	+17.3
UBSI	1.32	17	34.05	-.55	-26.4
US OilFd	...	...	10.06	-.04	-14.2
USSteel	.20	...	24.17	-.02	-26.8
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.20	-.15	+33.9
ValeantPh	...	3	15.64	+.27	+7.7
ValeroE	2.80	22	67.79	-.21	-.8
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.25	+.05	+6.4
VerizonCm	2.31	10	48.60	-.26	-9.0
Vonage	...	31	8.28	+.55	+20.9
VulcanM	1.00	37	118.39	-2.43	-5.4
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.73	+.43	+10.4
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.08	-.43	-2.0
WeathfIntl	...	...	4.11	-.14	-17.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.71	+.17	-4.4
WhitingPet	...	...	4.86	.04	-59.6
WmsCos	1.20	44	30.49	-.53	-2.1
XcelEngy	1.44f	22	48.44	+.24	+19.0
Xerox rs	.25p	12	32.31	-.20	+40.5
Zynga	...	...	3.71	+.11	+44.4

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,121.15	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	22,085.34	-33.08	-.15	+11.75	+19.17
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,232.85	-51.81	-.56	+2.09	+17.81
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	735.68	+2.09	+.28	+11.53	+6.52
12,012.65	10,281.46	NYSE Composite	11,949.98	-37.79	-.32	+8.08	+10.60
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,370.46	-13.31	-.21	+18.34	+21.91
2,484.04	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,474.92	-5.99	-.24	+10.55	+13.44
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,748.01	-4.89	-.28	+5.26	+11.87
25,845.72	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,670.04	-75.35	-.29	+9.58	+13.39
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,410.15	-4.01	-.28	+3.91	+14.48

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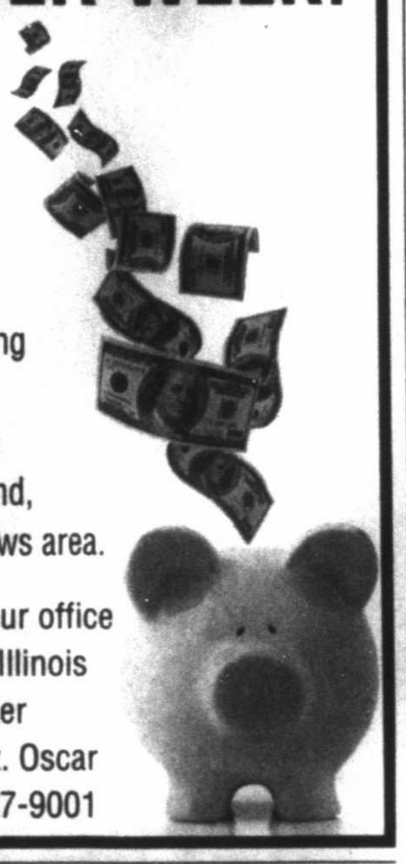

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All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00PM, Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1223-080917"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **August 22nd, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director, Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

CAUSE NO. P18871

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frank J. Holdampf, Jr., Deceased, were issued on the 29th day of September, 2016, in Cause No. P18871, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Mark Holdampf, Executor.

Claims may be mailed to: Mark Holdampf, 3301 W. Interstate 20, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

If you have a secured claim against the estate, you must present your claim to the Executor at the address listed above.

Mark Holdampf
3301 W. Intersate 20
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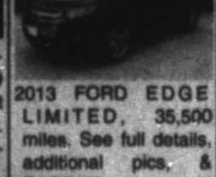

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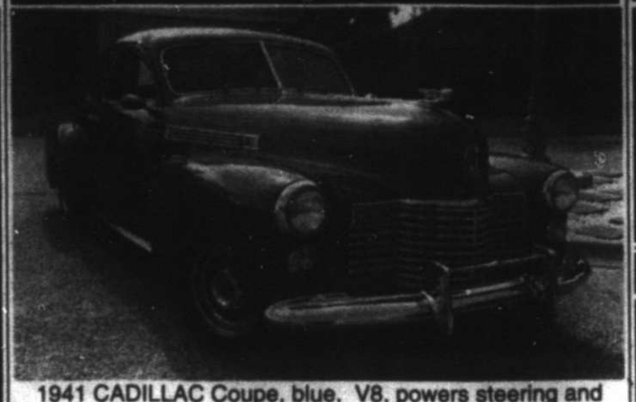

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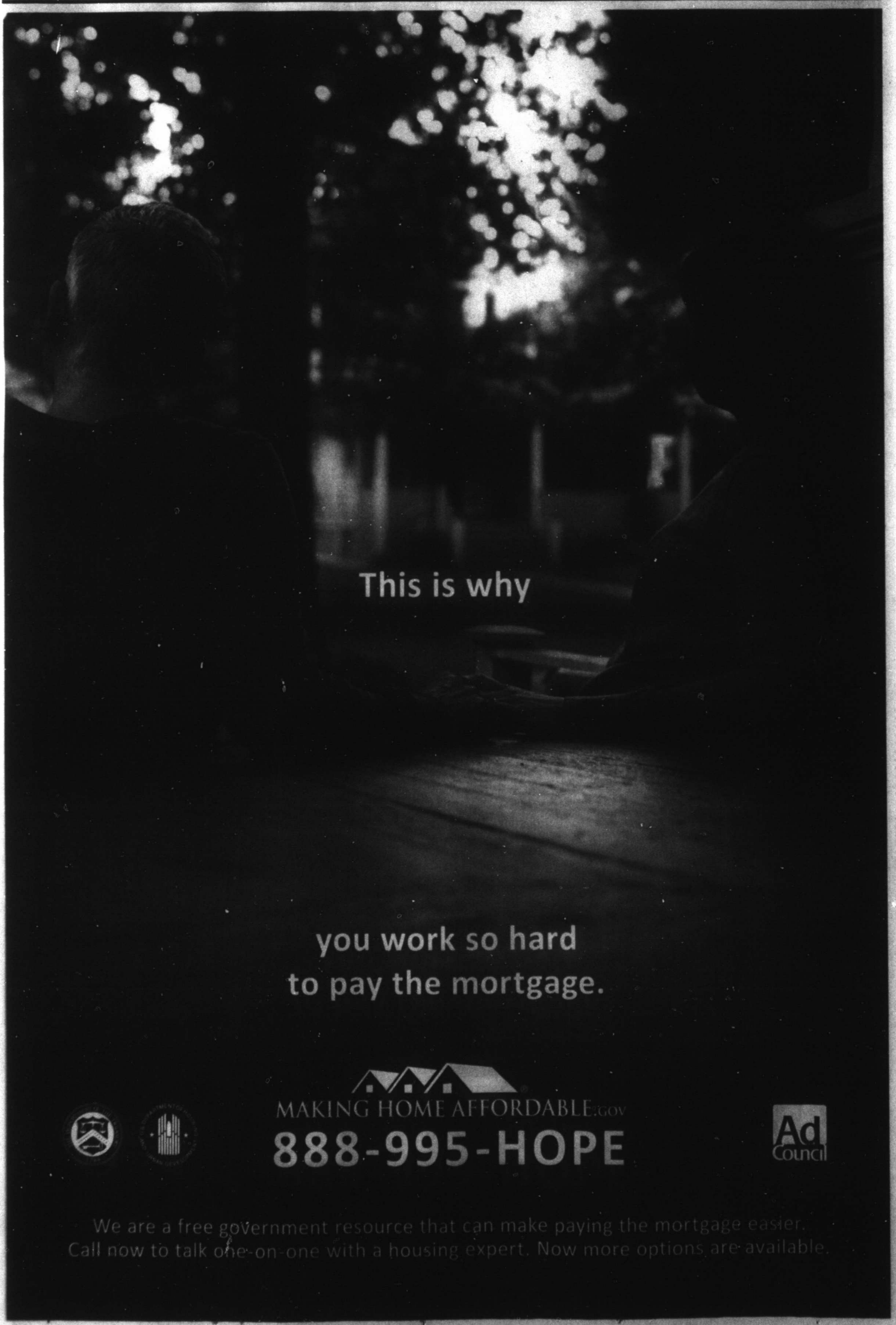

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