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TEXAS TRIUMPHS

The Dallas Cowboys beat the New York Giants in a thriller and the Houston Texans clinched the AFC South title with win on Sunday.

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THE YEAR IN REVIEW



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Craig Stotts addresses bicyclists during the 13th annual Permian Basin Ride of Silence on May 16. Riders left the CEED building at State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and rode to the site where Stotts' brother, Cameron, and Mike Mestas were killed April 25 while riding their bikes.

Dangerous driving is top story in 2018

■ Bicyclists top list of victims, but statistics show there were so many more

By Stewart Doreen
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Cameron T. Stotts, Michael D. Mestas and Dr. Brandey Ackerman. The three Midland bicyclists lost their lives in 2018 after being hit by motorists.

They weren't the only ones. As of Sunday, 41 others also died on roads inside Midland County. 2018 tied 2014 as the most dangerous year going back to 2013 when the Reporter-Telegram started to keep track of the high number of fatalities.

Stotts, 42, and Mestas, 47, died April 25, when they and Thomas J. Haislip, 38, also of Midland, were riding northbound on the shoulder of State Highway 158 ahead of a pickup. Driver Ricardo Madera of Eagle Pass drove onto the road's shoulder and hit the bicyclists, according to local law enforcement. Madera fled the scene but was arrested shortly afterward at a man camp.

Ackerman, a pediatrician at Midland Pediatric Associates, was traveling westbound on the north service road of State Highway 191 in the outside lane of travel on June 7. A Toyota Camry, driven by a 31-year-old man, ran into the rear of the bicycle, and Ackerman was thrown from the bike and over the car, according to the law enforcement. The driver, Joshua Stephen Sam of Odessa, failed to control his speed, according to Midland police.

Madera pleaded guilty in October to two counts of intoxicated manslaughter, one count of intoxication assault and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident. He agreed to sentences of 18 years in prison for each intoxication manslaughter charge with findings of a deadly weapon, along with sentences of 10 years for each hit-and-run charge, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. Those sentences will run concurrently.

A Midland County grand jury indicated Sam in September on a state jail felony charge of

criminal negligent homicide. If convicted of the state jail felony charge, he could face up to two years imprisonment.

Those three deaths brought considerable attention to the danger facing bicyclists on roads in and around the city of Midland. Since then, transportation officials have been studying the possibility of a bike path between Midland and Odessa.

Partly because of a report that there were 42 vehicle wrecks with cyclists and 133 with pedestrians, the Midland City Council in November passed a "vulnerable road user" ordinance that city leaders hope will make Midland more bike-friendly.

The ordinance, which takes effect on Tuesday, states that someone operating a motor vehicle "has the duty to move to an adjacent lane to pass a vulnerable road user, if available. If there is no available lane, the operator must provide a safe distance of 3 feet when passing or 6 feet if operating a commercial motor vehicle."

While criminal acts didn't lead to all deaths on roads inside Midland County in 2018, most were because of driver error. For the fourth time in six years, more than 40 people died. Since the beginning of 2013, 220 people have died in vehicle incidents.

The Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance reported this year there were almost 9,800 crashes, which resulted in 173 deaths in the Permian Basin in 2017. That's about a 63 percent increase in the number of people who died in 2016. The report also stated that Midland County had the most commercial motor vehicle-related fatalities in 2017 (18).

Organizations such as MOTRAN provide accurate traffic counts that will help bring more transportation dollars to Midland County and the Permian Basin.

Still, if the news of 2018 taught Midlanders anything, it is that driv-

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Terry Johnson, left, and Cindy Schrenkel react as Mike McKinney looks at early voting results on Nov. 6. Johnson won the race for Midland County judge.



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Seth Herman, then-interim police chief, passes out beverages during a back-to-school cookout event at Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ Church, Aug. 11. Herman was named Midland Police Department chief on Dec. 14.

Top 10 list of the most viewed items at MRT.com

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- Prostitution operation results in 62 arrests in Midland, Odessa 880,922
- MPD arrests 45 in 'Operation Pipeline,' prostitution stings 775,549
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March's top crime roundup 182,933

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- These 12 missing people were last seen in Midland, Odessa 114,248
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- Mugshots: July's Top Crime Roundup 95,542

PHOTOS IN GRAPHIC

FROM LEFT: Midland police investigate a fatal bicycle wreck June 7 on the north side State Highway 191 service road just east of Country Road 1275. Midland pediatrician Dr. Brandey Ackerman died in the wreck. Terry Johnson hugs and thanks his wife Paula May 22 following election results where he won the Republican vote for Midland County judge. Tim Leach, chairman of the board and CEO of Concho, talks Aug. 22 about the park planned for the site adjacent to the new Midland Convention Center. Left, Dennis Hodge, pastor of Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ Church, presents an award to interim chief of police Seth Herman Aug. 11.

Coming soon

Find out what to expect in Midland in the new year with our special preview: Coming Tuesday

Did you know?

Dallas Morning News picks Laura Bush Texan of the year, in part for speaking out against child separation at border: Page 4A

The big number

"Aquaman" adds \$51.6 million to its total box-office take; others see post-Christmas bump: Page 4A

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From 1A

ers have a responsibility when they get behind the wheel. On two occasions, drivers failed our community and were criminally charged for their actions. There were dozens of others who also failed themselves, their families and the community.

2. MDC INVESTS IN CHILD PSYCHIATRY FACILITY

The Midland Development Corp. in June made an unprecedented investment in health care that established a child and adolescent psychiatric fellowship program in Midland. The \$8.4 million investment over eight years calls for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to provide two fellows the first year and four each year thereafter, one assistant professor, a minimum of three essential personnel and a minimum of four or maximum of 16 residents (medical school graduates engaged in specialized practice and research under the supervision of TTUHSC.)

Those involved in the deal expect the program will support 9,720 patients per year, or about 40 patients per day. Officials believe the deal will make Midland a hub for those looking for child and adolescent psychiatric mental health care. As an example of the need in the community, a Midland ISD Student Health Advisory Committee report in June recommended adding 12 crisis counselors to support students' mental health needs.

The Scharbauer Foundation also offered \$600,000 to fund the clinic's renovations, according to previous reports.

Also in August, the Midland County Commissioners' Court announced \$2.5 million for Midland Memorial Hospital to help "advance the cause of bringing greater mental health to all the people of Midland County."

3. MEGA-DEALS, OIL PRICE ROLLER COASTER DOMINATE 2018

Mega-deals in the upstream oil and gas industry brought renewed attention to the Permian Basin and its thriving oil and gas industry.

In March, Concho Resources generated headlines when it announced plans to acquire RSP Permian in a \$9.5 billion deal that was completed in July.

Fellow Midland-based operator Diamondback Energy generated a new set of headlines in August when the company announced a \$9.2 billion deal to acquire Energen Resources, a deal that was completed in late November.

Analysts following the upstream oil and gas market predict similar deals will be announced in 2019 as operators seek to bulk up and create economies of scale as the Permian's unconventional shale plays mature and enter a more-costly, technology-driven manufacturing mode.

Mega-deals were not the only events drawing attention to the Permian Basin in 2018 as crude price volatility re-entered the picture.

Oil prices, which had begun 2018 well above \$50 a barrel, became significantly impacted by pipeline constraints as the year progressed, sending prices for crude sold in Midland as much as \$20 below that for crude sold at Cushing, Oklahoma.

Still, operators said prices were well above break-even levels, a contention that was tested by the end of the year. Prices, which had reached a four-year high above \$76 a barrel in early October, then began a plunge that saw them drop by 20 percent in November alone. The rout continued in December as prices were undercut by rising worries about a possible crude oversupply and a weakening global economy, which could impact oil demand.

4. COST-OF-LIVING CRUNCH

The high cost of living could be seen in Midland in 2018 with the cost of homes and apartment rents going up. Midland drivers also were not immune to paying much higher prices at the pump than the state average.

For much of the year, housing costs rose according to the law of supply and demand. There really wasn't much available supply and there was demand with an estimated 40 new workers joining Midland's labor force each day from January and through October, according to the Midland Development Corp.

The Texas A&M Real Estate Center reported the average home sold in Midland County cost \$320,258 in November, up from \$276,555 in November 2016. In May, the average home sold for \$349,989. The reason for the high costs was supply, which dwindled to 0.9 of a month of supply (or 214 homes) in March. Realtors have told the Reporter-Telegram previously that a balanced market is between six and 11 months of supply.

Those residing in apartments in Midland-Odessa faced a price increase unlike anywhere in the country. The rent of an average apartment rose by more than 30 percent (year-over-year) during some months in 2018. That was head and shoulders above other markets, which rarely hit double digits. Midland's average rent for an apartment also was the highest in the state topping Austin and Frisco by around \$200 a month.

If paying higher rent or mortgage wasn't bad enough, Midland drivers felt the pain at the pump as the average price of gas was around 40 to 50 cents a gallon more than the state average. Midland and Odessa were the only larger metropolitan cities in the state to hit \$3 a gallon this summer, and as the year comes to an end, the state average dipped below \$2, while the Midland average was 50 cents higher.

5. TERRY JOHNSON WINS COUNTY RACE

One of the more formidable fields for any local office was in the Republican primary for county judge. But when the votes were counted and run-off was held, Terry Johnson defeated James Beauchamp and Stephen Robertson for the nomination. Johnson overcame Democrat Steven Schafersman, collecting nearly 80 percent of the vote inside Midland County.

Johnson's election was seen as a referendum on current county leadership Johnson and Beauchamp, who also reached the May run-off, were both seen as candidates who provided a choice to the status quo on the Commissioners' Court.

Surprises were not limited to the county judge's seat. Jeff Robnett used a superior social media campaign to win a four-person race in the Republican primary (without a run-off) for the 441st Judicial District Court seat. He dominated Sara Ruth Spector, earning 78.76 percent of the vote.

The grassroots pushed Heidi Kirk to receive the most votes in the general election for District 5 on the Midland ISD school board. However, John Trischitti III, director of the Midland County Public Library, won the run-off to ultimately claim the seat.

On the city front, Michael Trost earned a re-take to the Midland City Council after placing

second in the at-large race. Spencer Robnett was the top-vote getter, but the city allows the top two to earn seats on the council, and Trost knocked off Chase Gardaphe. Voters didn't mind Trost's struggles with tax issues over the years or his comment to see changes on the Midland Development Corp. board. Trost previously represented District 4 (west Midland).

6. MIDLAND ISD GROWS, TRANSFORMS

Transformation was a big part of 2018 for Midland ISD. Superintendent Orlando Riddick and his staff worked toward the district goal of evolving toward a System of Great Schools. The ultimate goal is more control at the campus level and less from central office. Community residents saw the district's transformation continue from its work with the Texas Education Agency to work with other districts, such as Denver and Indianapolis.

MISD's turnaround plan also has created more opportunities for school choice. The Sam Houston Collegiate Preparatory Academy opened at the beginning of the fall semester. The academy, according to the district, is expected to propel education opportunities and outcomes and create an environment with high student and adult expectations. During the year, the district greenlighted a young women's academy — expected to open as early as 2019 — and the first in-district charter — which could open as early as 2020. These campuses would increase the number of choice schools inside the district to eight.

Academically, Midland ISD equaled the number of failing campuses (four) compared to 2017.

On the facilities front, student population growth factored into a facilities plan from the Midland ISD Facility Master Planning Committee that proposes \$545.8 million bond election in as early as May and more than \$910 million in total projects over the next decade. The non-binding proposal calls for two new high schools, a middle school and two other new facilities to be part of a first bond.

Student enrollment for the 2017-18 school year was listed as 25,670, according to the committee's report. Midland ISD forecasts that membership will increase to 35,855 by 2027-28. That takes into account a 2.5 percent growth rate calculated on grade progression, adjustments for current and predicted high school drop-out rates, growth in early education services and steady birth rates (compared to the average of the last six years).

7. POLICE CHIEFS COME, GO AND COME AGAIN

The year opened and closed the book on an attempt by an Arizona lawyer to lead the Midland Police Department. Actually, Steve Henry's tenure at the top of the department lasted less than four months.

In late March, less than three months after Henry started, the city put him on administrative leave because of allegations that he violated two policies or standards of city of Midland Personnel Policies. An investigation by the law firm of Cotton Bledsoe Tighe & Dawson showed Henry violated personnel policies, specifically those dealing with harassment. Details into harassment allegations that led to an investigation and the ultimate termination included at least 36 incidents over

a more than two-month period. The allegations describe inappropriate actions and comments that took place in the office and out in the community. The allegations also detail conversations that describe interactions Henry had with other employees, which again ranged from potentially sexual in nature to sexist.

The Henry saga resulted in a change to the contract language to make it tougher for future employees to walk away with severance packages. The city finally found its next police chief earlier this month. Former Deputy Chief Seth Herman was named the 11th chief since 1941. He had served as the interim chief since late March.

8. PERMIAN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Pioneer's Susan Spratlen told Midland in January about an effort by oil companies to develop a plan that addresses a variety of issues in the nation's most-active basin. These issues include educating the workforce of the future, improving health care and constructing roads more suited to the heavy demands of the oil and gas industry. She called it the Permian Strategic Partnership.

More of the details were revealed last month in a letter in the Reporter-Telegram that stated that 17 companies were committed to providing more than \$100 million over the next several years as seed money to spur additional private-sector investment.

"A once-in-a-generation opportunity has brought us together for a common purpose — to strengthen the communities where we live and work," the letter stated. "The Permian is poised to provide energy the world needs, create tens of thousands of local jobs and generate billions in state and local tax revenues. But this potential can only be fully realized if we simultaneously address significant infrastructure challenges and preserve the quality of life that makes so many want to live and work here. With this goal in mind, our companies have formed the Permian Strategic Partnership, an industry resource that will partner with local leaders and stakeholders to strengthen communities across West Texas and southeast New Mexico for decades to come."

Companies involved include Pioneer, Concho, Chevron, Anadarko, Apache, Cimarex, Devon, Diamondback, Encana, Endeavor, FOG Resources, Halliburton, Occidental, Parsley, Schlumberger, XTO Energy and Shell.

The Permian Strategic Partnership is expected to have an office and staff. A series of community meetings will take place for "citizen input and harness the volunteer spirit that is so much a part of this region."

9. \$15 MILLION DOWNTOWN PARK

The Scharbauer Foundation, Concho Resources, the city of Midland and the Downtown Midland Management District announced in August that they are partnering on a \$15 million city center park that will include all of the features of downtown parks in more metropolitan cities.

It is expected that Centennial Park will check two boxes — the first being a complementary piece to the \$43 million Midland Convention Center and the second being a catalyst project for downtown.

The Scharbauer Foundation has pledged \$8 million, while the city of Midland and Concho will spend \$2 million each for a

downtown area that when completed — expected in April 2020 — will include greenspace, a splash pad/water feature, a performance stage, a pavilion, a dog park and natural-style playground. The city later in the fall committed to more than \$27.5 million (including park development costs, a minimum of \$500,000 annually for operating costs and a \$1 million videoboard approved for the Midland Convention Center.)

Once completed, the city and DMMD will fund the operations and maintenance, although a nonprofit — the "Midland Downtown Park Conservancy" — will be created to construct, promote, schedule and manage the park, which will be nearly 4 acres.

10. GOOD COUNTY, BAD COUNTY

In a matter of months, the Midland County Commissioners' Court showed the voters they were elected to make decisions and that elections wouldn't always have consequences.

The five-member court first showed itself to be a team player, donating \$10.66 million to other government entities inside Midland County. That included \$5 million to Midland ISD and \$2.5 million each to Midland College and Midland Memorial Hospital. It was philanthropy that drew praise from around the community. Commissioners during that August meeting also decided to give another \$1.5 million-plus to nonprofits in the community, including \$700,000 to the Midland Humane Coalition and \$100,000 each to Keep Midland Beautiful, Midland County Airfield Foundation, The Field's Edge and Chris Davidson Opportunity Park.

Later that month, commissioners reverted back to their old ways by approving a contract for management of the Horseshoe complex through September 2024. The operator, Dooley Management Co., was being sold to Joe Kelley, executive director of the complex. This action was done despite Midland County voters' overwhelming preference for Terry Johnson, who made the Horseshoe and its operations a main topic of his candidacy for county judge. Johnson had hoped the management contract at the Horseshoe could go out for bid.

Commissioners in October then put millions more toward the next round of expansion at the county multi-purpose complex. The spending included \$856,725 for bleacher seating at Horseshoe Arena, \$670,326 for RV parking, \$389,349 for a "crew room," where performers can get dressed or prepare for their events, \$1.437 million for a new concession building, and \$1.858 million for a new hospitality building. Commissioners' spending on capital projects at the Horseshoe has topped \$50 million.

Obituaries



Albert Eugene "Gene" Louder

Albert Eugene "Gene" Louder, 62, of Stanton, passed on to his new life in Heaven on Friday, December 28, 2018 at his residence. He was a good man who will be missed dearly.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Gene was born May 26, 1956 to Tull Ray and Helen Ruth Louder in Big Spring. He was raised in Stanton, Texas and graduated from Stanton High School with the Class of 1974.

He graduated from Texas Tech University in December 1977. He married Rebecca Sellers of San Angelo February 13, 1982.

His family and friends were his greatest treasures. He was a wonderful Dad, Granddad and Husband.

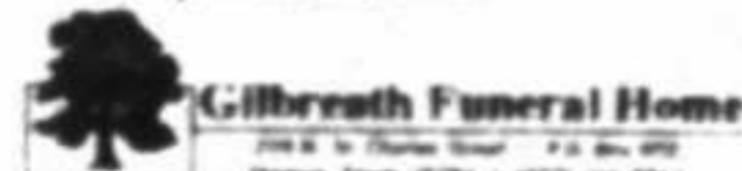
Gene was a hard worker all his life and taught his kids to do the same. He worked in a variety of jobs and did them all well. He was still close with the White Motor family and recently retired from self employment as an oilfield pumper.

Survivors include his wife, Becca Louder of Stanton, one son, Tullie C. Louder and wife, Jayna of Haslett, two daughters, Carly J. Barnes and husband, Tyler of Oxford, Mississippi and Sarah L. Chaney and husband, James of Midland; one brother, Jim Louder of Stanton, three grandchildren, Caleb Louder, Addie Chaney and Gib Barnes, his mother-in-law, Virgie Sellers of San Angelo, and many close friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Ray Louder.

The family suggests memorials to Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Memorial Society, www.dg-adbc.org or the First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1168, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home Online condolences can be made at www.gilbreath.com

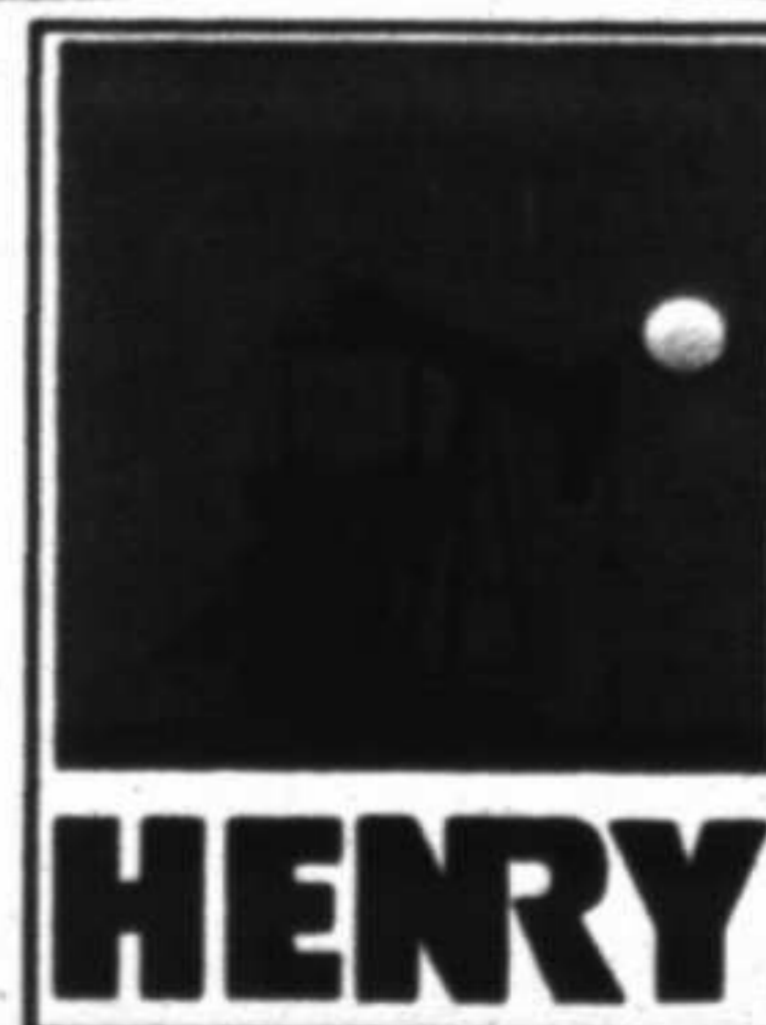


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verb

1. to overcome with fear; intimidate.
2. to lessen the courage of; dishearten.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** You will be "with it" today. Emphasis is on one-on-one relating. You will experience a great deal of intensity. Mars, your ruling planet, enters your sign. This move promises energy, and acts as a good omen for 2019. Celebrate as you rarely do. **Tonight:** Lead the gang into the new year.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** You might feel a little tense as you gaze at an impending New Year's Eve. You could feel as if life is improving and gaining gusto. Celebrate tonight with the knowledge that someone special could be entering your life soon. **Tonight:** Give in to an urge to take off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** The most forthright and direct in your dealings. One-on-one relating becomes even more possible than it has been as of late, as a significant other is determined to dominate the scene. Let this person do his or her thing, while you happily initiate a very fun year. **Tonight:**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Strong feelings come to the surface. You have a lot to deal with. Magnetism walks into 2019 with you. Know that nearly anything is possible right now. Share your special New Year's wish as you pop a bottle of champagne. **Tonight:** Enjoy being the center of attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You are adventurous, to say the least. You might want to be more subdued at present, but a desire to celebrate runs through your body and cannot be contained. Bring in the new year in style. Do not allow anyone to slow you down. **Tonight:**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Friends and loved ones clearly want you around to play the day and night away. Avoid a divisive situation on the homefront at all costs. Bring in 2019 without an unintended squabble. Know what you want and what to expect. **Tonight:** Spontaneity works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** You might want to play it low-key, but understand that this possibility doesn't really exist for you. You get into the spirit of the moment and can hardly hold back. Don't forget to share a New Year's resolution

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Reach out to someone at a distance. You might want to plan for a fun few days visiting with this person. Just talking about the trip could put you in the mood for a wild New Year's. You will celebrate, but try not to go overboard. Everyone around you is feeling festive. **Tonight:** Say "yes."

BORN TODAY
Actor Val Kilmer (1959), actor Anthony Hopkins (1937), singer/songwriter Donna Summer (1948)

Things to do

- New Year's Eve**
 ■ **Opera's Table:** Dinner service beginning at 4:30 p.m. with complimentary glass of sparkling wine, 223 W. Wall St. opastable.com.
 ■ **Ranchland Hills Golf Club:** New Year's Eve BBQ dinner, 5-8 p.m. at 1600 E. Wadley Ave. \$18.99.
 ■ **Bowlero:** Daytime New Year's Eve family package with two hours of unlimited bowling, four menu options, unlimited soft drinks and a game card, \$24.99, and New Year's Eve Ball Drop begins at 9 p.m. will offer four hours of unlimited bowling with six menu options and champagne toast, \$37.99. 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.
 ■ **The Bar:** New Year's Eve Bash with live music by the Electric Gypsies, party favors, champagne at midnight and breakfast burritos. Reservations encouraged. Doors at 6 p.m. at 606 W. Missouri Ave. \$25.
 ■ **KC's Nutty Roller:** New Year's Eve Party with party favors, games and blackout skates, 7 p.m., 1004 Andrews Highway. \$16 admission, \$1 skate rental, \$5 blades. Cash only. kcnuttyroller.com.
 ■ **American Legion Woods Lynch Post 19:** New Year's party featuring music by Dennis Snyder and the Sun-downers, snacks, party favors, a cash bar and champagne and breakfast at midnight, 21 and older only, 7:30 p.m. at 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. Advance \$30-\$50, door \$40-\$60. Call 682-3511 for reservations.
 ■ **Torino's Pizzeria:** New Year's Eve Party at the Boardroom with music, dancing and drinks, 8 p.m. at 3303 N. Midland Road.
 ■ **The Reserve in the Double Tree by Hilton:** 1970s Retro Party will feature appetizers, champagne toast and classic disco hits, 9 p.m., \$15 cover; hotel packages are available that include a room, dinner and tickets to the event, 117 W. Wall St.
 ■ **Hot Shots:** New Year's with Dirty Glass, 9 p.m., 615 W. Wall St.
 ■ **Midland Beer Garden:** Midnight champagne toast, 7112 W. Highway 80, midlandbeergarden.com.
 ■ **Hotel Settles:** New Year's Eve Party in the historic ballroom - live music by Spur 327, 9 p.m., packages \$199-\$499, or New Year's Eve Party at Pharmacy Bar and Parlor, 10 p.m., \$15, 200 E. 3rd St., Big Spring, hotelsettles.com.

- New Year's Day**
 New Year's Day Brunch will feature omelet and waffle bars, carved prime rib, black-eyed peas and more, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. \$21.99.

Today in history
 Today is Monday, Dec. 31, the 365th and final day of 2018.
Today's highlight:
 On Dec. 31, 1972, Major League baseball player Roberto Clemente, 36, was killed when a plane he

TODAY IN MIDLAND

FISHING ON CHILLY DAY



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Rodolfo Zubia, in coveralls, and Darwin Human bundle up Sunday as they try to catch a few fish at C.J. Kelly Park.

chartered and was traveling on to bring relief supplies to earthquake-devastated Nicaragua crashed shortly after takeoff from Puerto Rico.
On this date:
 ■ In 1759, Arthur Guinness founded his famous brewery at St. James's Gate in Dublin.
 ■ In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army general Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.
 ■ In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light by illuminating some 40 bulbs at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.
 ■ In 1904, New York's Times Square saw its first New Year's Eve celebration, with an estimated 200,000 people in attendance.
 ■ In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.
 ■ In 1951, the Marshall Plan expired after distributing more than

\$12 billion in foreign aid.
 ■ In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.
 ■ In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.)
 ■ In 1987, Robert Mugabe was sworn in as Zimbabwe's first executive president.
 ■ In 1995, the syndicated comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," created by Bill Watterson, came to an end after a 10-year run.
 ■ In 1997, Michael Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, was killed in a skiing accident on Aspen Mountain in Colorado. Pianist Floyd Cramer died in Nashville at age 64.
 ■ In 2001, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees in the wake

of 9/11, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life.
 ■ Ten years ago The U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting on an Arab request for a binding and enforceable resolution condemning Israel and halting its military attacks on Gaza. A man left four gift-wrapped bombs in downtown Aspen, Colo. in a bank-robbery attempt, turning New Year's Eve celebrations into a mass execution. (The man, identified as 72-year-old James Chester Blanning, shot and killed himself.)
 ■ Five years ago: Only hours before the law was to take effect, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, acting on a request from an organization of Catholic nuns in Denver, blocked implementation of part of President Barack Obama's health care law that would have forced some religion-affiliated organizations to provide health insurance for employees that included birth control. Character actor James Avery, who'd played the Honorable Philip Banks in "The Fresh

Prince of Bel-Air," died in Glendale, California, at age 68.
 One year ago: New Yorkers endured the second-coldest New Year's Eve celebration on record; the temperature in the city was 10 degrees Fahrenheit as a glittering crystal ball dropped with a burst of confetti and dazzling fireworks in Times Square. Bitterly cold temperatures spread across the Deep South; the dangerous temperatures would grip wide areas of the U.S. from Texas to New England for days.
Today's birthdays: Actor Anthony Hopkins is 81. Actor Ben Kingsley is 75. Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg is 72. Actor Tim Matheson is 71. Rock musician Tom Hamilton (Aerosmith) is 67. Actor Val Kilmer is 59. Author Nicholas Sparks is 53. Donald Trump Jr. is 41. Olympic gold medal gymnast Gabby Douglas is 23.

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Weather

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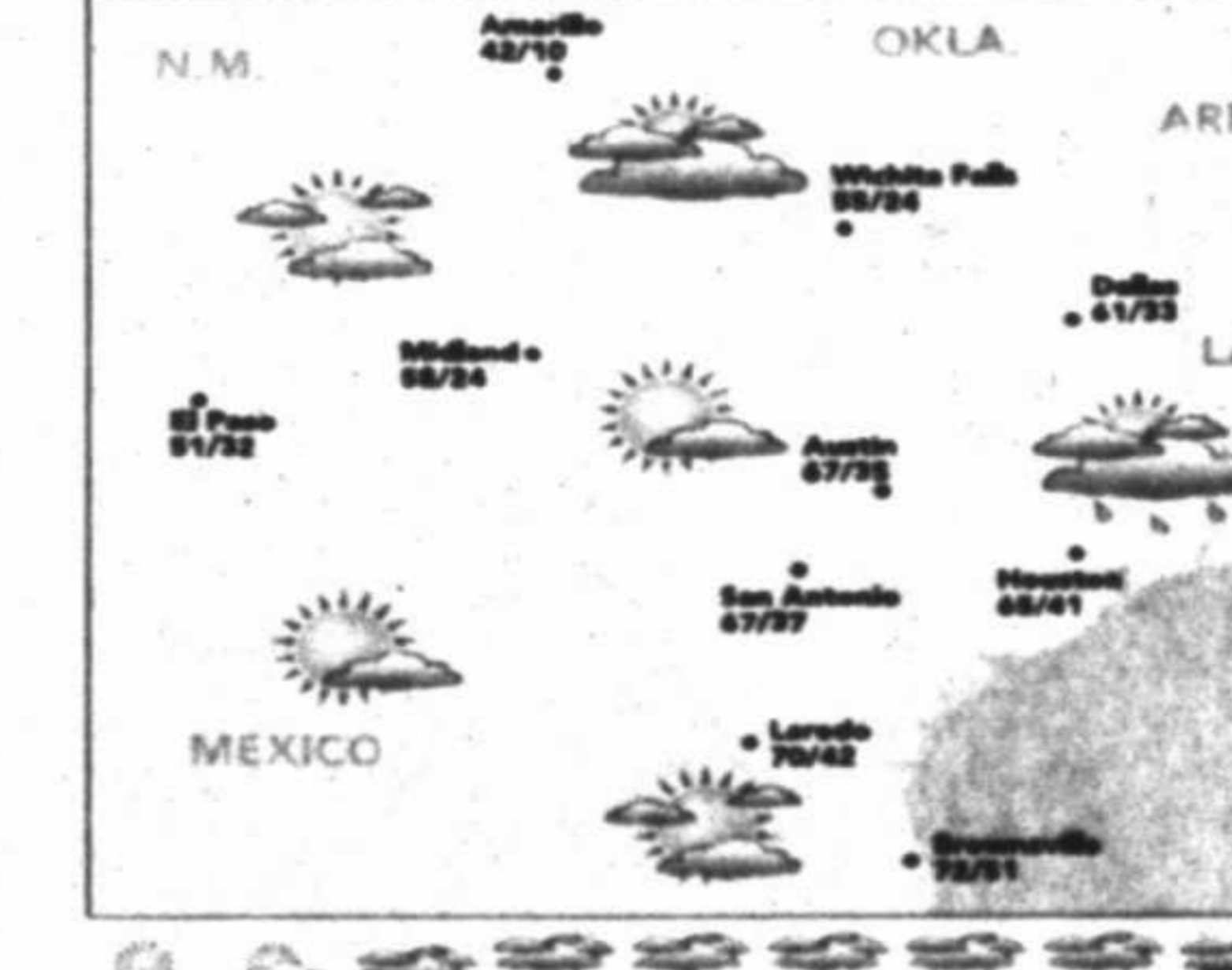
Dec. 30 records
 High.....82, set in 1951
 Low.....12, set in 1983

Precipitation
 Sunday.....0.00
 Saturday.....trace
 Month total.....1.02 inch
 Year total.....17.69 inches
 Normal total (year to date).....14.58 inches

Winds
 Average speed.....10 mph
 Gust speed.....12 mph

Today's forecast
 High: 59
 Low: 25
Conditions: Sunny today/ mostly clear tonight
Winds: West 5-10 mph today/northeast 10-15 tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:49 a.m.
Sunset: 5:55 p.m.

Forecast for Monday, December 31, 2018



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

- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
 *** Emphasize positive interactions with your friends and loved ones, and try to have a wish fulfilled in the near future. Get together with co-workers or throw a New Year's Eve party. You will be quite content with your nearest and dearest around you. **Tonight:** Cheer in the new year.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
 *** You exhibit a more playful yet sensual mood. If anyone is about to play the night away, it is you. You will energy to nearly any situation. Be careful with how far you push a respected person in your life. For the next few weeks, relating to this person will be touchy. **Tonight:** Be responsive.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
 *** You might feel a little tense as you gaze at an impending New Year's Eve. You could feel as if life is improving and gaining gusto. Celebrate tonight with the knowledge that someone special could be entering your life soon. **Tonight:** Give in to an urge to take off.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
 *** You have a vision of how New Year's Eve needs to be celebrated. You might try to make it so. What might be more important is working through some building tension between you and another person. Communication becomes vital this year. **Tonight:** Opt for togetherness.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
 *** The most forthright and direct in your dealings. One-on-one relating becomes even more possible than it has been as of late, as a significant other is determined to dominate the scene. Let this person do his or her thing, while you happily initiate a very fun year. **Tonight:**
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
 Go for it.
 *** Strong feelings come to the surface. You have a lot to deal with. Magnetism walks into 2019 with you. Know that nearly anything is possible right now. Share your special New Year's wish as you pop a bottle of champagne. **Tonight:** Enjoy being the center of attention.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
 *** You are adventurous, to say the least. You might want to be more subdued at present, but a desire to celebrate runs through your body and cannot be contained. Bring in the new year in style. Do not allow anyone to slow you down. **Tonight:**
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
 *** Friends and loved ones clearly want you around to play the day and night away. Avoid a divisive situation on the homefront at all costs. Bring in 2019 without an unintended squabble. Know what you want and what to expect. **Tonight:** Spontaneity works.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
 *** You might want to play it low-key, but understand that this possibility doesn't really exist for you. You get into the spirit of the moment and can hardly hold back. Don't forget to share a New Year's resolution
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
 *** Reach out to someone at a distance. You might want to plan for a fun few days visiting with this person. Just talking about the trip could put you in the mood for a wild New Year's. You will celebrate, but try not to go overboard. Everyone around you is feeling festive. **Tonight:** Say "yes."

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DALLAS
Dallas Morning News picks Laura Bush as 'Texan of the Year'

The editorial board of The Dallas Morning News has picked former first lady Laura Bush as the newspaper's "Texan of the Year" in part for speaking out against child separation at the border.

The newspaper on Sunday said Bush wrote "one of the most consequential op-eds of the year" when she published a Father's Day column calling the Trump administration's zero-tolerance immigration policy "cruel" and "immoral."

The policy led to nearly 3,000 children being separated from their families.

Bush told the editorial board she saw it as a time when her voice could make a difference. The board said Bush told them she had also considered calling the Homeland Security secretary.

The newspaper had earlier named the U.S. Border Patrol agent as one of the finalists for the recognition.

GUATEMALA
2nd child dead in US custody mourned

YALAMBOJOCH — White flowers and flickering candles sat atop a low table inside the simple wooden home in remote, rural Guatemala. Nearby was a small pair of rubber boots, sized to fit an 8-year-old.

Taped to the wall were three photos, alternately smiling and serious, bearing a simple epitaph for the boy whose memory the makeshift altar honored: "Felipe Gomez Alonzo. Died Dec. 24 2018 in New Mexico, United States."

On Christmas Eve, Felipe became the second Guatemalan child this month to die while in U.S. custody near the Mexican border. The deaths prompted widespread criticism of President Donald Trump, who has sought to deflect responsibility toward Democrats even as his Homeland Security secretary vowed additional health screenings for detained migrant children.

In the boy's village of Yalambojoch, in western Guatemala, the political fallout in the United States seemed a world away and there was only deep sadness over his death. Relatives said they had no idea that such a tragedy could occur. Nor had they heard about U.S. policies that led to thousands of migrant children being separated from their parents earlier this year.

'Aquaman' still rules, others see a post-Christmas bump

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In the final week-end of 2018, "Aquaman" still led the pack at the box office, but other films like "Mary Poppins Returns," "The Mule" and "Second Act" enjoyed post-holiday bumps too, even amid an onslaught of new Christmas offerings like "Vice," "Holmes and Watson," "On the Basis of Sex" and the Netflix phenomenon "Bird Box."

Warner Bros. said Sunday that "Aquaman" added an estimated \$51.6 million in North American ticket sales over the weekend to take first place again. Down just 24 percent from its domestic debut, the DC Comics pic, which has been No. 1 internationally for four weeks, has now grossed nearly \$748.8 million worldwide.

Although other films in theaters were left in "Aquaman's" wake, more than a few in the top 10 experienced an uncommon uptick in returns this weekend. Disney's "Mary Poppins Returns" ended the weekend up an estimated 19 percent, in second place, with \$28 million, while "Bumblebee," down only five percent,

settled in third with \$20.5 million. Up 11 percent, "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse" got fourth with \$18.3 million, and "The Mule," up 24 percent, took fifth with \$11.8 million.

The Jennifer Lopez-led "Second Act," which got off to a slow start last weekend, also found itself up 11 percent, with \$7.2 million in seventh place. But the biggest bump of all came for Disney's "Ralph Breaks the Internet," which was up nearly 40 percent in its sixth weekend in theaters, with \$6.5 million.

"There is a bit of a lull on the weekend leading into Christmas. People are busy and distracted," said Comscore's senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "But the weekend after, most of these films in the top 10 got a bounce."

This so-called "catch-up" weekend made it a little difficult for the Christmas newcomers to make a huge impact, however, especially when the big wide-releases this time were either politically charged (the Dick Cheney movie "Vice") or poorly reviewed ("Holmes and Watson," which is in the single digits on Rotten Tomatoes and got a deathly D+ CinemaScore).

Prostitution arrests tops most viewed at MRT.com

The following are the top viewed locally-produced items on mrt.com in 2018. Listed are the number of page views generated.

- Prostitution operation results in 62 arrests in Midland, Odessa 880,922
- MPD arrests 45 in 'Operation Pipeline,' prostitution stings 775,549
- Mugshots: Fugitives sought by Midland-area police 463,584
- These are Midland County's most expensive homes 247,401
- "Operation Gauntlet" arrests lead March's top crime roundup 182,933
- "Operation Pipeline" leads June's top crime 169,271
- Midland spent more than \$4 million on alcohol in October 121,121
- These 12 missing people were last seen in Midland, Odessa 114,248
- Realtor: Site of former Water Wonderland has been sold 110,961
- Mugshots: July's Top Crime Roundup 95,542
- Mugshots: August's Top Crime Roundup 95,525
- Mugshots: January's Top Crime 67,950
- Scenes from Texas Tech's spring scrimmage tailgate festivities 65,850
- Mugshots: May's Top Crime Roundup 65,339
- 37,000 acre West Texas ranch selling to the highest bidder 53,373
- Two die after I-20 wreck 52,026
- Saltgrass COO finds racist note faked by Odessa employee 51,276
- West Texas tacos you must eat "before you die," according to Texas Monthly 47,412
- \$950K Midland home perfect for entertaining 46,013
- Photos: First day of school in the Midland area 45,328
- City: Cyclist is dead
- 'Operation Triple Beam' results in more than 170 arrests 44,182
- Officials release list of violations regarding The Hacienda's shut down 42,81
- Restaurants open on Christmas Day 41,617
- Mugshots: Over a dozen arrested on felony charges in October 40,471
- Midland High School commencement ceremony 40,359
- Driver charged in deaths of 2 cyclists 39,154
- Photos: George H.W. Bush's Midland, West Texas days 38,619
- Mugshots: April's top crime 37,868
- MPD seek information on theft suspect 37,058
- Man arrested on aggravated assault charge 36,802
- \$1.379M Midland home features theater room 36,512
- Meet the Team: MHS Bulldog Football 35,818
- Mugshots: September's Top Crime Roundup 35,442
- Sinkhole develops on Midkiff Road 35,371
- Lee community saddened by loss of Essence Glover 35,359
- Photos: Midland ISD Convocation 2018 34,503
- Lee High School commencement ceremony 34,318
- Meet the Team: Greenwood Rangers Football 33,389
- Authorities investigating plane crash at ClayDesta parking lot 33,036
- Prostitution operation results in 7 Midland arrests 31,905
- Meet the Team: Lee Rebels Football 31,393
- Photos: Midland High homecoming game 30,527
- Photos: Cold front brings dust storm to the Permian Basin 30,338

Trump's promise of a wall may not be fulfilled as advertised

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Three confidantes of President Donald Trump, including his departing chief of staff, are indicating that the president's signature campaign pledge to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border would not be fulfilled as advertised.

Trump sparked fervent chants of "Build that wall!" at rallies before and after his election and more recently cited a lack of funding for a border wall as the reason for partially shutting down the government. At times the president has also waved off the idea that the wall but be anything but a wall.

However, White House chief of staff John Kelly told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Sunday that Trump abandoned the notion of "a solid concrete wall early on in the administration."

"To be honest, it's not a wall," Kelly said, adding that the mix of technological enhancements and "steel slat" barriers the president now wants along the border resulted from conversations with law enforcement professionals.

Along the same lines, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway called discussion of the apparent contradiction "a silly semantic argument."

"There may be a wall in some places, there may be steel slats, there may be technological enhancements," Conway told "Fox News Sunday." "But only saying 'wall or no wall' is being very disingenuous and turning a complete

blind eye to what is a crisis at the border."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, the South Carolina Republican who is close to the president, emerged from a Sunday lunch at the White House to tell reporters that "the wall has become a metaphor for border security" and referred to "a physical barrier along the border."

Graham said Trump was "open-minded" about a broader immigration agreement, saying the budget impasse presented an opportunity to address issues beyond the border wall. But a previous attempt to reach a compromise that addressed the status of "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the U.S. as children — broke down last year as a result of escalating White House demands.

Graham said he hoped to end the shutdown by offering Democrats incentives to get them to vote for wall funding and told CNN before his lunch with Trump that "there will never be a deal without wall funding."

Graham proposed to help two groups of immigrants get approval to continue living in the U.S.: about 700,000 young "Dreamers" brought into the U.S. illegally as children and about 400,000 people receiving temporary protected status because they are from countries struggling with natural disasters or armed conflicts. He also said the compromise should include changes in federal law to discourage people from trying to enter the U.S. illegally.

"Democrats have a chance here to work with me and others, including

Gunman fires on car full of girls in Houston, killing child

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A man in a pickup pulled up next to a car carrying a woman and four girls that was leaving a Houston-area Walmart parking lot and opened fire, killing a 7-year-old inside the car and wounding the woman, authorities said Sunday.

The red pickup fled the scene. The car also sped away before it came to a stop and the woman called 911, according to Harris County sheriff's Maj. Jesse Razo.

The 7-year-old was the daughter of the woman who was wounded. It's not clear if the other three girls, all under the age of 15, also are related to the woman, who was shot in the arm.

It also wasn't immediately clear what prompted the shooting Sunday morning. Razo said the other girls inside the car were "shaken" and "devastated."

An arrest hadn't been made as of late Sunday afternoon.

"We're going to use all resources available to bring this killer to justice," Razo told reporters at the scene. "And I urge you, whoever

did this, you know who you are, please turn yourself in now because we will be looking for you, we will locate you, we will find you."

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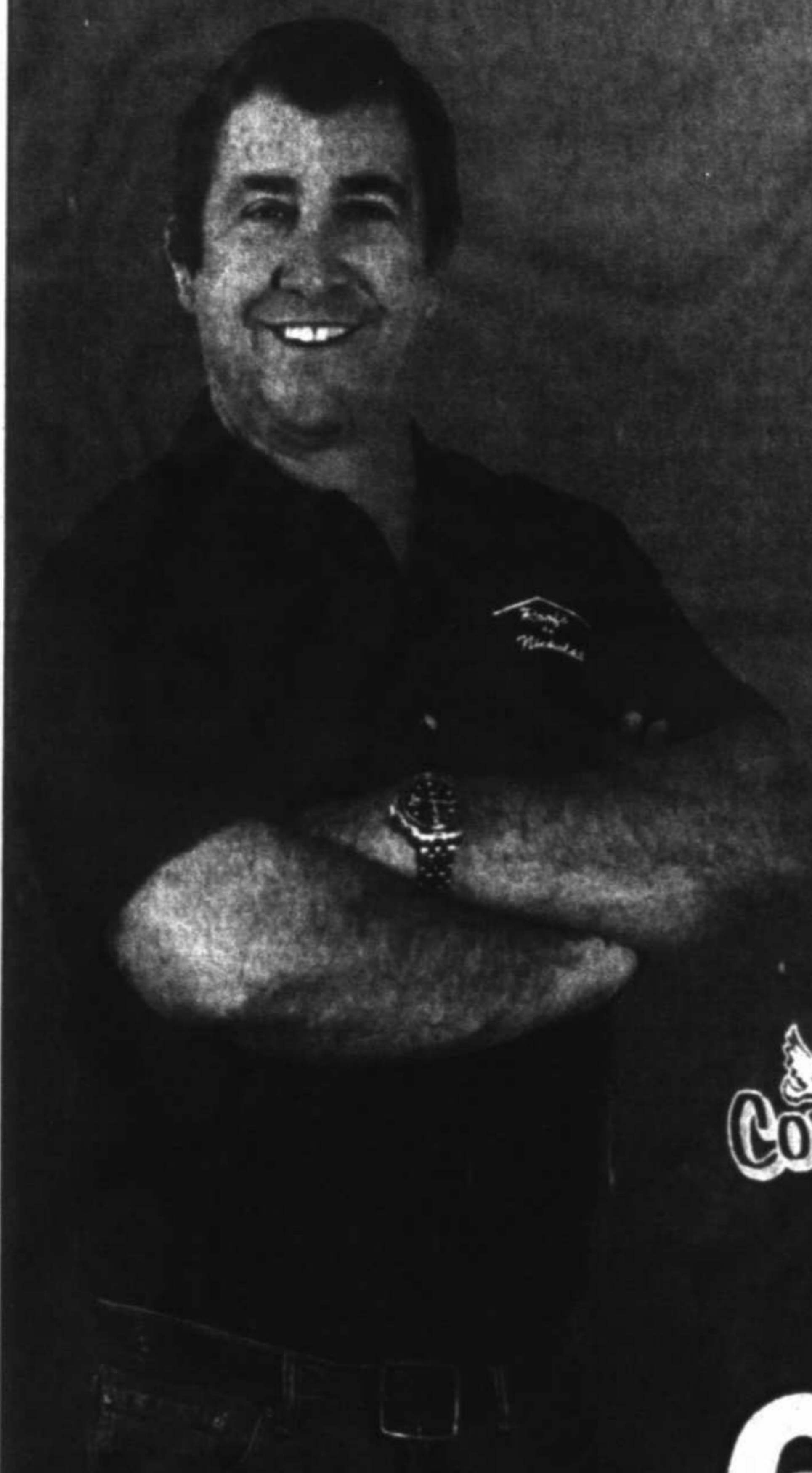
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OPINION

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US needs reset in relations with Saudi Arabia

Fifteen months ago in Riyadh, I met Mohammed bin Salman, who was then deputy crown prince of Saudi Arabia, for the first time. During that meeting, I heard bin Salman say something I had never heard an Arab leader admit before — that Islamism is a problem within Islam and must be solved by Muslims with the help of Western democracies. At the time, I never would have thought the crown prince would be implicated in the gruesome murder of a journalist.

After becoming crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman began implementing much-needed social reforms in Saudi Arabia, including allowing women to drive and reopening movie theaters for the first time in decades. The next time I met him in Washington, he explained the importance of these reforms for revitalizing Saudi society and the economy. After all, a prosperous Saudi Arabia is very much in America's interest. Like so many other Western officials, I had hopes that he would lead Saudi Arabia in a positive new direction free from oppression and political persecution.

The killing of Jamal Khashoggi has largely destroyed those hopes.

Freedom of the press underpins free societies around the world. Unfortunately, acts of violence and intimidation against journalists, such as Khashoggi's atrocious murder, are all too common. As of Dec. 14, 34 journalists have been killed in re-

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Special to the Washington Post

taliation for their work in 2018, according for the Committee to Protect Journalists, nearly double the number in 2017. The United States must not only unequivocally support international press freedom but also condemn all leaders who intimidate, imprison or murder journalists and dissidents, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Chinese President Xi Jinping. Sanctioning any Saudi official involved in Khashoggi's murder is the right decision and reaffirms America's commitment to human rights and civil liberties.

Now we face the challenge of balancing those values with U.S. security needs in the Gulf region. The U.S.-Saudi relationship has been an important part of our foreign policy in the Middle East for more than 70 years. Today, Saudi Arabia and its partners in the Gulf are crucial allies in the fight against terrorism, as well as efforts to counter the rogue and destabilizing regime in Iran. They are doing both in Yemen, where the Saudis and Emiratis are fighting al-Qaida, the Islamic State and

a rebel group backed by Iran. In the past three years, the Houthi rebels in Yemen have launched more than 130 Iranian-supplied ballistic missiles at Saudi cities. The Houthi advance has also raised the possibility that a hostile rebel group could seize power on Saudi Arabia's southern border.

At the same time, the war has also created a serious humanitarian crisis with appalling civilian casualties, the destruction of hospitals, schools and water supplies, and more than 8 million people in need of emergency food aid. Here, too, we must urge both sides to do the right thing.

The Saudi government must change its policies, or the United States will find it impossible to stand behind a regime that has joined the ranks of states willing to murder those who disagree with or criticize its policies. If the crown prince and the government of Saudi Arabia do not change course, then King Salman, the leader of Saudi Arabia, must rethink who should be his successor.

In the aftermath of Khashoggi's murder, there must be dramatic and demonstrated change in policy in Riyadh. First and foremost, we need meaningful commitments from the Saudis that they will respect human rights. This will require frank conversations between U.S. officials and their Saudi counterparts. The crown prince should immediately release all imprisoned dissidents, including Raif Badawi, Samar Badawi and other women's rights activ-

ists who were arrested earlier this year. The Saudis also must follow through on holding accountable all of the officials involved in Khashoggi's murder.

In Yemen, meanwhile, diplomatic cooperation with the U.N. special envoy must continue to bring an end to the war and resulting humanitarian crisis. The recent cease-fire in the port of Hodeidah, a crucial entry point for humanitarian aid, is a welcome first step to relieving the suffering of the Yemeni people. Any work on a potential peace settlement must safeguard the well-being of Yemenis while preventing Iran or any terrorist groups from gaining a foothold on the Arabian Peninsula. Finally, Congress should require that future arms sales to Saudi Arabia be preconditioned on real social and human rights progress. Such a policy will take into account the importance of Saudi Arabia to our interests in the region while also standing up for our values.

Saudi Arabia is a crucial ally in the Middle East, supporting U.S. efforts to fight terrorism and halt the ambitions of a hostile and increasingly aggressive Iran. But the murder of Jamal Khashoggi represented a blatant disregard for human rights and an unfortunate reversal from the hopes many of us had for the new Saudi leader. The crown prince and his government must change course, or there will need to be new Saudi leadership if the close, decades-long cooperation between Washington and Riyadh is to continue.

OPINION EXTRA

Government officials make a difference in the community

The Reporter-Telegram has given you the top 10 stories of the year, but thinking about the past year, I couldn't help but think about the government officials who made a difference in our community. Some are obvious, others not as much. I also added people who probably look back at 2018 with a smile, because no matter what was said or written about them, they had the last laugh.

The difference-makers

■ The Midland Development Corp. We have been asking someone to take the lead to help the community deal with the reality of a new Midland. The MDC set the example everyone should be following. The board showed us it is possible to operate with a sense of urgency and make things happen to improve infrastructure and health care. The MDC has found ways to use its resources to bring in more state funding for road projects, and the organization's deal with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center was arguably the best move we have seen from government in recent memory. This was a banner year for the MDC.

■ Elise Kail. It's about transformation for Midland ISD, and Superintendent Orlando Riddick created a position for Kail to help direct the most dramatic changes in the history of the district. This has to be an exciting and important time to captain the ship — in-district charter, women's leadership academy, collegiate preparatory academy.

■ Congressman Mike Conaway. As the chairman of the House Agriculture committee, his priority was getting a farm bill through Congress and signed by the president. Mission accomplished. Conaway did what we don't see a lot of in D.C.: He got something done.

They got the last laugh

■ Terry Johnson. True story. I communicated with the Democratic candidate for county judge about an op-ed we were hoping to publish next to an article by the Republican candidate. The Democrat said it wasn't ready. He said a member of the commissioners' court — a Republican — was working on it with him. Multiple members of the current and former court — or their spouses — financially supported Johnson's opponents in the primary and runoff — anything to knock off Johnson. However, Johnson won and will serve as chief executive of the county.

■ Michael Trost. On the surface, he appeared to be everything I think the average Midlander disliked in their politicians. He was a card-carrying member of the Democratic Party, running citywide. He had well-documented financial issues, and his record when he previously served on the council was far from stellar. Trost, however, had the last laugh when all the votes were counted. Despite voting for a higher tax rate in four of the six years when he was a councilman, he convinced the electorate he was a fiscal conservative. He was a political chameleon, and people saw whatever they wanted to with Trost. However, he was elected and earned three more years on the council.

■ Midland Students First. Officials with the political action committee didn't like being labeled as representing the status quo. Apparently, the voters didn't mind. Candidates backed by the political action committee improved to 4-0 in elections.

■ Jeff Robnett. The Midland High graduate put on a campaign clinic, including an impressive use of social media to become the next judge for the 441st District Court.

— Stewart Doreen, Reporter-Telegram editor

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Ever wonder what members of Congress get for Christmas?

I hope that Luis Guterrez got a new set of manners. Because, based on how he conducted himself at a hearing a few days before the holiday, he doesn't have any.

The Democratic representative from Chicago played Scrooge during a grilling of Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen over the administration's treatment of refugees.

For what it's worth, as a Mexican-American, I'm usually more in sync with Guterrez than Nielsen. About a decade ago, I applauded when the congressman got arrested outside the White House protesting President Obama's deportation juggernaut and then toured immigrant communities devastated by the administration's enforcement policies. And I'm aghast that Nielsen who's had a rocky relationship with President Trump — responded to the recent and tragic deaths of young children in Border Patrol custody by coldly citing the "consequences" of parents taking their kids across the U.S.-Mexico border.

But this isn't about politics. It's about politeness. And, as a journalist, it's my job to call Guterrez on the carpet for what was really a disgraceful performance.

At best, these kinds of exchanges between political leaders should make you think. This one will make you wince.

Guterrez began a six-minute screed by saying that Nielsen had come before the House Judiciary Committee to appear "tough and remorseless" just in time for Christmas. He then referenced her shaky tenure at the Homeland Security Department and snarked that she might not have a job in a few weeks.

Then he catapulted into a wider attack on the administration, which he claimed had set a new standard for lying to the American people about immigration.

That was saying something, given how deceitful the Obama administration was on the subject. Like when Obama claimed that most of the people being deported were "gangbangers" and other criminals, only to be proven wrong.

Guterrez wrapped up his verbal assault on Nielsen with a visit to Crazytown, claiming that a Trump-like border wall would have kept the baby Jesus from seeking refuge in Egypt.

About the only thing of value that Guterrez had to offer was when he called out Nielsen for lying when she claimed, in a tweet, that her department did not have a policy of separating families. Of

course, various members of the administration — including Nielsen herself — have defended the same policy she claimed didn't exist.

By the time Nielsen got to defend herself, she had a lot to defend.

The homeland security secretary insisted that calling her a liar amounted to "fighting words" and she reiterated the ludicrous claim that the administration does not have a "policy" of family separation.

Not to get too Clintonesque, but it turns out that the whole argument hinges on the definition of the word "policy." Nielsen seemed to be saying that, while it may be the practice to separate some families, it is not a full-blown policy. That's because the practice is not uniformly applied to every single immigrant family that the Homeland Security Department comes into contact with — whether at the border or within the interior.

So, are we to believe that because the administration discriminates against families from Central America puts it in the clear?

Within seconds of Nielsen's hair-splitting, Guterrez apparently decided that he had heard enough. And that's when he crossed the line. He scoffed, turned away and walked out of the committee room. That is as rude as it gets.

Nielsen had listened politely as he insulted her time and again, but he couldn't show her the same courtesy.

We tell our children that they should never behave like this, and that they should respect even those people they disagree with.

But that sermon would really benefit our elected officials, who are often so full of themselves that there is no room for them to take in another point of view.

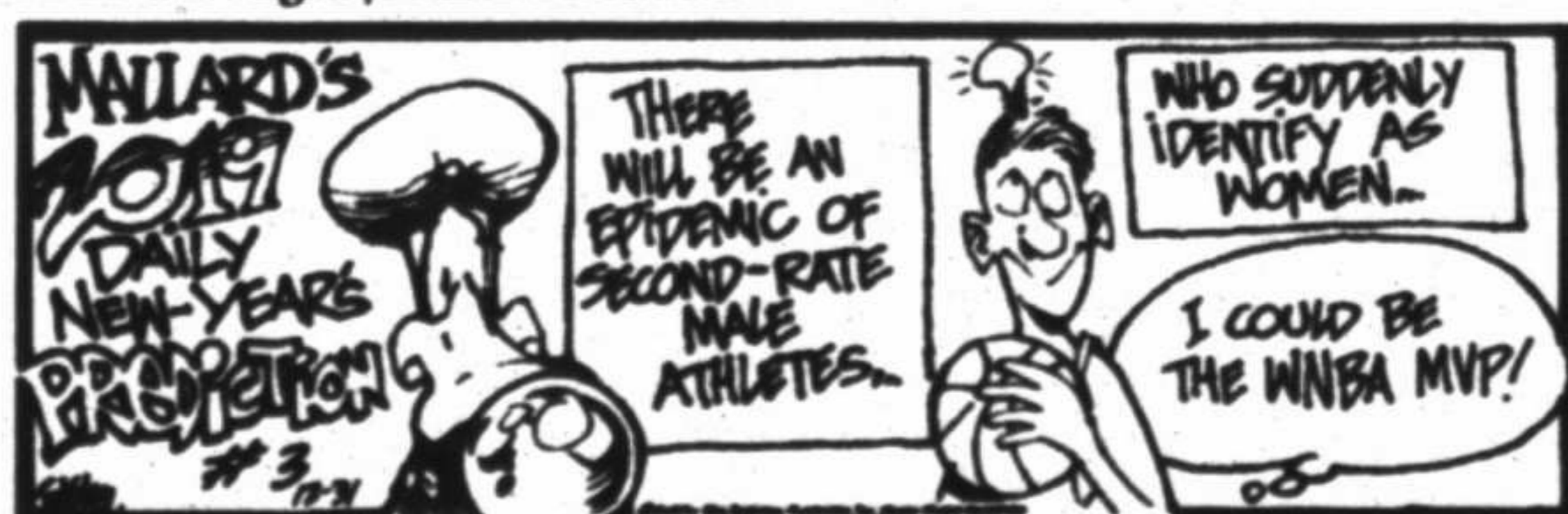
Besides, Guterrez has a special responsibility to conduct himself in a dignified manner. As one of the relatively few members of Congress who are Latino, Guterrez is supposed to represent me and people like me. And by letting his ego get the better of him, he let us all down.

Consider the times. Latinos are treated as inferior, discriminated against and accused of ruining the country we love. For America's largest minority, these are hard days. We don't need it to be made harder by those who are supposed to have our backs.

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Russell's retirement is MRT's Sports Story of the Year

By Christopher Hadorn
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The outpouring of gratitude from former ballplayers on social media spoke volumes about the impact that Barry Russell had on their lives. Russell announced May 8 that he was retiring as Midland High head baseball coach after a remarkable 22-year run, which included the 2001 Class 5A state title, another state tournament appearance in 2006, and an impressive streak of 20 straight years of reaching the playoffs from 1997-2007. Russell's stunning decision sent shockwaves through the West Texas' baseball community, as former players such as ex-Texas Rangers outfielder Laynce Nix expressed their appreciation toward the

man who sent over 80 MHS ballplayers to the professional and college ranks. Russell's retirement was voted by the Reporter-Telegram sports staff as the top sports story for the year 2018.

Russell will still serve the area's youth as the Director of Baseball Camps and Clinics at the state-of-the-art baseball facility, D-Bat Permian Basin. Jeremy Mueller, Russell's former assistant from 2002-06, was hired in June to lead the Bulldogs' baseball program after a stint at Taylor.

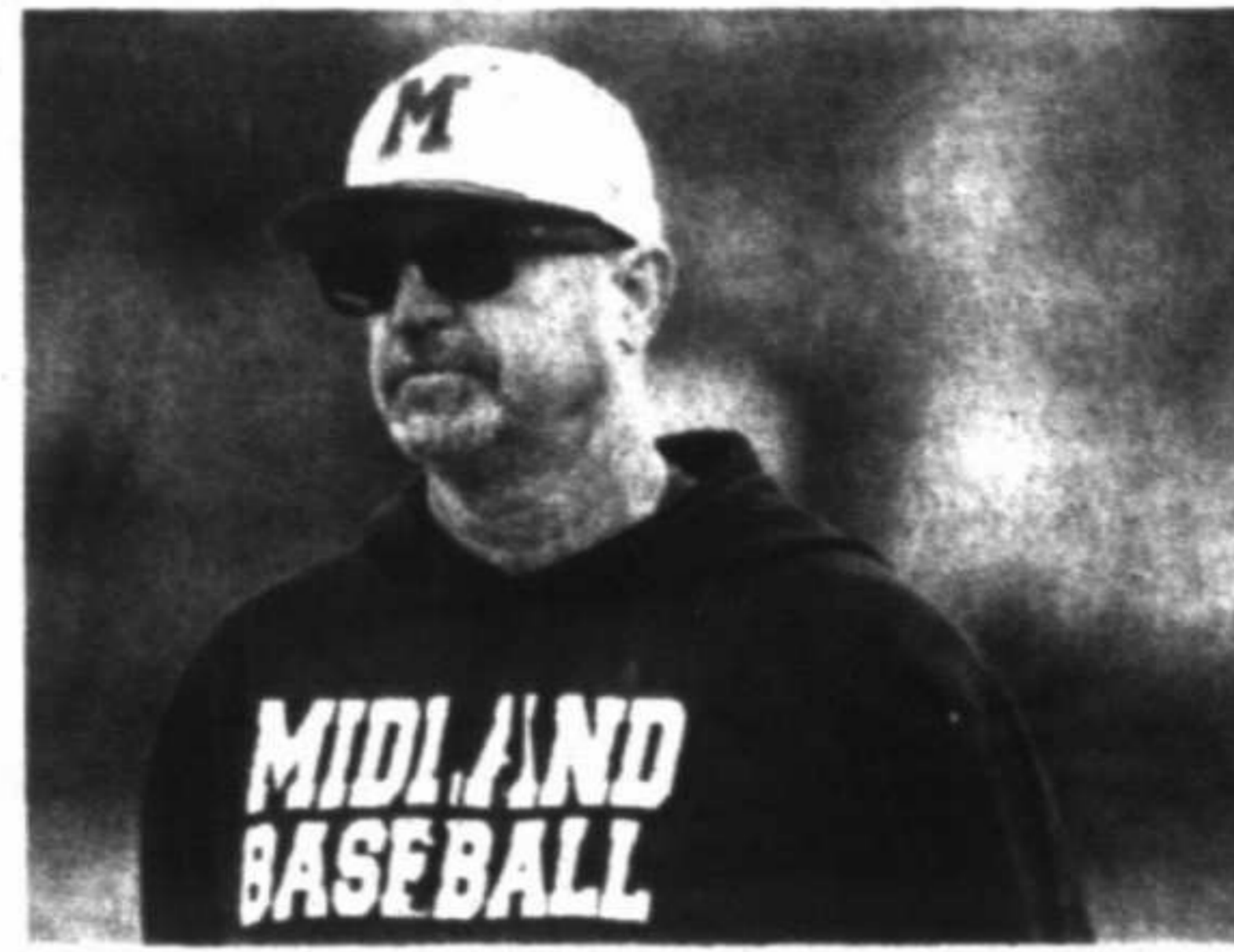
Circumstances didn't necessarily go Russell's way when he first arrived at Zachery Field, as MHS went 11-17 with a 2-10 district record in 1996. But the Bulldogs baseball coach quickly turned things around,

claiming his first of 11 district titles in 1998.

On a 2001 team led by seven-year major league infielder Jayson Nix, the Bulldogs beat Austin High, 4-2, to claim the program's first state title since 1973 and finish the season with a 36-7 mark.

MHS was one of the premier programs in the state between 2001 and 2006, as it reached the regional semifinals five times and enjoyed two state tournament berths.

"When I first got there, we weren't very good," Russell told the Reporter-Telegram in May. "There was a history here and I tried to get the kids to see that. For about five years (2002-06), we were probably as good



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High baseball head coach Barry Russell looks on during the game against Odessa Permian on March 27 at Zachery Field.

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Winning by a hair



Bill Kostrou/AP

Dallas Cowboys Michael Gallup, right, catches a two-point conversion Sunday during the second half against the New York Giants on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Prescott throws 4 TDs, Cowboys beat Giants

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Don't tell Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys their regular-season finale against the New York Giants was a meaningless game.

They played it to the end and got momentum for the playoffs, in which they will host Seattle next weekend.

Prescott threw a 32-yard fourth-down touchdown pass to Cole Beasley on a play that was reversed by video replay and added a winning 2-point conversion pass to Michael Gallup with 1:12 to play as the NFC East champion Cowboys rallied twice in the final 10 minutes to beat the

New York Giants 36-35 on Sunday.

"You saw it out there, the intensity that we played with, the ups and the downs and how we stayed through it," Prescott said after going 27 of 44 for 387 yards and a season-high four touchdowns, three to tight end Blake Jarwin. "We stayed positive, knowing we were going to give ourselves a chance to come out on the end. It was a great win."

The win was the seventh in eight games for the Cowboys and it has them looking forward to next weekend's wild-card game at home.

Dallas coach Jason Garrett downplayed the meaningless angle, even though he rested NFL leading rusher Ezekiel Elliott

and two of his top offensive linemen.

"That might be for people outside our building, talking about the meaningful or meaningless nature of a game," Garrett said. "They're all very meaningful to us. It's an opportunity for us to improve as a football team, to finish strong, to have some momentum going into the playoffs."

For the Giants (5-11), it was another late loss. They lost eight games by seven points or less in Pat Shurmur's first season, the last two by a total of two points.

This also could have been quarterback Eli Manning's final start for them after a 15-year career. He has a year left on a

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Texans clinch AFC South title with win over Jaguars

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — After the Houston Texans fell to 0-3 with a loss at home to the New York Giants on Sept. 23, they appeared to be headed for a second straight losing season.

Instead, the Texans (11-5) won their next nine games and 11 of their last 13, capped by Sunday's 20-3 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars, to clinch the AFC South title.

"We have a lot bigger goals," J.J. Watt said. "I have a lot bigger goals but it's good. Especially after starting 0-3 and everybody writes you off. Guys in the locker room believed. Guys in the locker room never gave up."

Deshaun Watson threw for 234 yards and ran for a touchdown and DeAndre Hopkins had 147 yards receiving in the victory.

The Texans will make their fifth playoff appearance after winning the division for the fifth time in franchise history. Houston returns to the postseason for the third time in four years after bouncing back a 4-12 campaign in which Watson and Watt suffered season-ending injuries.

"The way we started out, it's a testament to the players in that locker room," coach Bill O'Brien said. "They've always hung tough. And to go from 0-3 (and then) go 11-2 in this league is pretty tough to do. Give credit to the players."

Houston built a 14-point lead in the first half behind rushing touchdowns by Watson and Lamar Miller and made it 20-3 on

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Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) beats Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey (20) for a 43-yard reception and a first down during the fourth quarter Sunday at NRG Stadium in Houston.

Texas A&M tries to end bowl losing streak against NC State

By Mark Long
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher has dozens of players on his roster without a bowl victory.

Most of them, actually. Fisher has a chance in his first season with the Aggies to show many of them what it's like to end the year celebrating on the field with a trophy.

No. 21 Texas A&M (8-4) will try to end a three-game bowl losing streak when it plays North Carolina State (9-3) in the Gator Bowl on Monday night.

"I want one," senior defensive lineman Landis Durham said. "I've been saying since before we came here, I feel like everybody deserves to experience a bowl win in their college football career. I'm trying to get

mine."

The Aggies likely will rely heavily on running back Trayveon Williams, who has been on a tear during the team's three-game winning streak.

A junior expected to leave school early and enter the NFL draft, Williams had 593 yards rushing and five touchdowns in wins against Mississippi, UAB and LSU.

Williams leads the Southeastern Conference with 1,524 yards on the ground in 2018, leaving him 169 yards shy of Darren Lewis' school record set in 1988.

"I couldn't lie and say it's not important," Williams said. "When we first come here as a student-athlete, as a player, you want to set your mark on the program. Most importantly, we want to get this win."

"The last (three) years, we've been unsuccessful in the bowl games, so definitely we want to get that done, get that done for the

seniors, but want to get that win to get the Jimbo Era going, start the new direction of this program."

Dave Doeren has North Carolina State headed in the right direction.

The Wolfpack made a bowl for the seventh time in Doeren's eight seasons, including five in a row.

They are looking for the program's first three-game winning streak in postseason play and have a chance to end the year with four consecutive victories.

They also can notch double-digit wins for the second time in school history (2002).

But NC State will be without two of its best players against the Aggies. Junior receiver Kelvin Harmon, who leads the Atlantic Coast Conference with 1,186 yards receiving, and senior linebacker Germaine Pratt, who led the team in tackles (104) and tackles for loss (10 1/2), are

skipping the bowl to protect their NFL draft stock.

"It's kind of like an injury, to be honest with you," Doeren said. "We have other players that are excited to play. I'd rather talk about the guys that are playing, to be honest with you. Proud of these guys, excited to see them go out and finish."

Receivers Jakobi Meyers, Emeka Emezie, C.J. Riley and Thayer Thomas are expected to be Ryan Finley's top targets.

"As much as we miss Kelvin, wish he was here playing with us, we're ready to roll with these guys," said Finley, who looks to strengthen his draft stock.

Brock Miller will fill in for Pratt. Miller started in place of Pratt against North Carolina last month and notched a career-high six tackles.

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Mavs last-minute surge beats Thunder

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Teenage rookie Luka Doncic scored 25 points, young backcourt mate Dennis Smith Jr. hit the go-ahead layup in the final minute and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 105-103 on Sunday night.



LM Otero/AP

Dallas Mavericks forward Luka Doncic (77) drives against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George (13) during the second half Sunday in Dallas.

Paul George scored the last 13 points for Oklahoma City and finished with 36, but he missed a pull-up jumper over Smith with 2 seconds left in the first of two straight meetings on back-to-back nights for these regional rivals.

The Thunder still had a chance with 1.7 seconds left, but Russell Westbrook missed a corner 3-pointer at the buzzer to wrap up a rough night for the 2017 MVP. He was 4 of 22 from the field for nine points with nine rebounds and eight assists.

The Thunder led by as many as six in the final two minutes after consecutive 3s from George, but the Mavericks chipped away thanks to missed shots and turnovers by Oklahoma City. Smith's layup for a 104-103 lead came after he dribbled away from the basket and reversed course to the hoop. The second-year guard who turned 21 last month scored 14 points. DeAndre Jordan, who had 12 points and 17 rebounds, pulled Dallas to 101-99 with a thunderous dunk. The Thunder turned it over but Westbrook knocked away Harrison Barnes' pass to Doncic. Trailing the play, Jordan grabbed the loose ball and dunked without taking a dribble.

George was 12 of 24 from the field but just 3 of 11 from 3 as the Thunder shot 24 percent from beyond the arc. Westbrook missed all eight of his attempts from long range.

The Mavericks took their first 10-point lead on a 3 from the 19-year-old Doncic while the Thunder went without a field goal for more than six minutes to start the third quarter. The lead reached 13 in the final minute of the third on a 3 from J.J. Barea.

The Dallas lead was gone less than four minutes into the fourth quarter, with Oklahoma City getting even at 86 on a floater from Dennis Schroder, who scored 19 points.

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LATE HS BASKETBALL

BROWNWOOD 95, GREENWOOD 92, 2 OT
GREENWOOD — Greenwood's Jordan Riley scored a game-high 40 points in the Rangers' 95-92 double overtime loss to host Brownwood in the championship game of the Brownwood Tournament on Saturday.

After Greenwood had a 29-point fourth quarter to tie the game at 75 at the end of regulation, the teams were tied at 84-all after the first overtime, before Brownwood outscored the Rangers 11-8 in the second OT.

Greenwood (17-6) had three other players score in double figures as Brody Ray had 12, Max Montes had 11 and Logan Jarvis added 10.

BROWNWOOD 88, GREENWOOD 82, 2 OT
GREENWOOD (17-6) — Brody Ray 12, Max Montes 11.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CHAPS FINISH CLASSIC WITH WIN OVER SOUTH MOUNTAIN
PHOENIX — The Midland College men's basketball team completed the Phoenix College Classic on Sunday with a 66-57 victory over South Mountain Community College.

All of the six available Chaps arrais played and scored, led by Elijah Luffie with 23 points. Montre Gipson added 14, Chume Nwigwe had 10, Eman Eman had nine, D.J. Purnell Jr. has six points and Jamari Barrett chipped in with two points.

Midland College (4-10) next travels to Central Arizona College for a 1 p.m. game on Tuesday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BRIEFS

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HOUSTON FIRES FOOTBALL COACH

APPLEWHITE AFTER 2 SEASONS

HOUSTON — Houston fired coach Major Applewhite on Sunday after two seasons.

The school announced the move a little more than a week after the Cougars were trounced in a 70-14 loss to Army in the Armed Forces Bowl.

Houston (8-5) lost four of its last five games after starting 7-1 and earning a ranking in the AP Top 25 for one week in late October. On Dec. 22, the injury-plagued Cougars suffered their most lopsided loss in their 27 bowl games, and their biggest loss overall since a 66-10 loss at UCLA during the 1997 regular season.

"After a thorough evaluation of our football program, it is my assessment our future opportunities for success are better

addressed by making this very difficult decision now," Houston athletic director Chris Pezman said in a statement.

Applewhite had been at Houston since January 2015 when he was hired as offensive coordinator under head coach Tom Herman. After Herman left to coach Texas in November 2016, Herman was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach, where he served for two years.

In Applewhite's first season, Houston went 7-5, capped by a 33-27 loss to Fresno State in the Hawaii Bowl.

MIAMI COACH RICHT RETIRES AFTER HURRICANES FINISH SEASON 7-6

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Mark Richt stepped down as Miami coach on Sunday, an announcement that caught the school off-guard and comes just days after the end of an underachieving season.

Richt, 58, said he was not forced out, and that the decision to retire was his.

"My love for The U is simply great," Richt said in a statement. "My true desire is for our football program to return to greatness, and while terribly difficult, I feel that stepping down is in the best interests of the program."

Richt said he informed Miami athletic director Blake James of his decision a few hours before the school sent out a statement shortly before 1 p.m. announcing the move. The Hurricanes scheduled a news conference for later Sunday to discuss the situation and where the program will go from here.

James told The Associated Press that he was stunned when he got the news Sunday morning.

"I wanted Mark to be our coach," James said. "Last night, I thought he was our coach."

GATOR

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"It's no different than anything else, in my opinion," Doeren said. "You worry about who you got instead of who you don't. That's kind of what we're doing."

Here are some other things to know about the Gator Bowl, which is sponsored by TaxSlayer.

Defensive confidence

NC State likes its chances

against Williams. The Wolfpack rank 13th in the nation against the run, allowing 109.1 yards a game.

"The games where they've struggled are the games that back hasn't gone off, so we know that," Doeren said. "We have a challenge in order to make that happen."

Championship take

Texas A&M is the only

team in the country to play both national championship finalists Alabama and Clemson this season, and Fisher expects "another classic game that comes down to the wire."

"The new quarterback that Clemson has, they got the ability to get the ball vertical, make plays down the field," he said. "You don't think a big guy at Clemson can run a lot better than you think he can? Alabama is so

dynamic, big, it's hard to run the football on them.

"You turn around, Alabama on offense, they're just as dynamic."

Presidential tribute

The Aggies will wear tribute helmet decals to honor the memory of late president George H.W. Bush, whose Presidential Library is located on the Texas A&M campus.

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NFL ROUNDUP

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PATRIOTS 38
JETS 3
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady threw for three first-half touchdowns and New England clinched its ninth straight first-round bye in the playoffs.

After back-to-back December losses left the Patriots with a losing record on the road, they finished with two straight home wins to avoid playing in the wild-card round for the first time since 2009.

LIONS 31
PACKERS 0
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Matthew Stafford threw for 266 yards and two scores to T.J. Jones and kicker Matt Prater tossed a touchdown pass after faking a field-goal try.

With Green Bay trailing 21-0 at the half, quarterback Aaron Rodgers never returned after walking to the locker room early in the second quarter, having suffered a concussion. Both teams had long been eliminated from playoff contention.

Zach Zenner had a 13-yard touchdown run for the Lions (6-10), who have won four straight against their NFC North rival for the first time since 1982-83. They got a little positive push at the end of Matt Patricia's first season, as coach.

PANTHERS 33
SAINTS 14
NEW ORLEANS — Undrafted rookie Kyle Allen passed for 228 yards and two touchdowns before injuring his shoulder against a Saints squad looking ahead to the playoffs.

Allen, a third-stringer pressed into service with Cam Newton and backup Taylor Heinicke out, also ran for a short touchdown as Carolina snapped a seven-game slide. He led the Panthers to three TDs and a field goal on the first four drives of his first NFL start. He played until the fourth quarter, when he was hit hard by Saints rookie end Marcus Davenport while releasing an incomplete pass.

FALCONS 34
BUCCANEERS 32
TAMPA, Fla. — Matt Ryan's first career reception went for a touchdown and the Atlanta quarterback also threw for 378 yards and two TDs.

Matt Bryant's second field goal, a 37-yarder as time expired, provided the winning points after James Winston rallied the Bucs (5-11) from a 31-20 deficit to a one-point lead with just over five minutes to go.

Baltimore Ravens inside linebacker C.J. Mosley, right, rushes past Cleveland's Browns center JC Tretter after intercepting a pass attempt in the second half Sunday in Baltimore.

BILLS 42
BROWNS 24
ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills rookie Josh Allen had a career-best three touchdown passes and scored two more rushing, and defensive tackle Kyle Williams closed his 13-year career in Buffalo with a win.

Williams had a tackle for a loss and was part of a defense that forced four turnovers, including three by Miami quarterback Ryan Tannehill, in a game between two AFC East teams already eliminated from playoff contention.

BROWNS 26
RAIDERS 3
BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Ravens squeezed past the Browns and into the playoffs, using two rushing touchdowns by rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson and a late defensive stand to beat Cleveland 26-24 Sunday and claim the AFC North title.

Kenneth Dixon accounted for 117 of Baltimore's season-high 296 yards on the ground. Jackson had 90 and the rejuvenated Ravens (10-6) ended a three-year playoff drought with their sixth win in seven games. Fourth-seed Baltimore will open the postseason next weekend at home against the Los Angeles Chargers.

CHIEFS 35
RAIDERS 3
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs finally clinched their third consecutive AFC West title and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs, and Patrick Mahomes and the rest of Kansas City's offense continued to shatter records.

Mahomes threw for 281 yards, highlighted by a 67-yard TD pass to Tyreek Hill and an 89-yard TD toss to Demarcus Robinson. That gave the first-year starter 5,097 yards and 50 touchdowns passes, joining Peyton Manning as the only QBs to hit 5,000 and 50 in the same season.

RAMS 48, 49ERS 32
LOS ANGELES — Bradin Cooks and Josh Reynolds caught two touchdown passes apiece from Jared Goff, and the Rams secured a first-round playoff bye.

Cory Littleton returned one of his two interceptions for a TD as the Rams (13-3) forced four turnovers and wrapped up their winning regular season since 2001 with a six-game sweep of their NFC West rivals.

CHARGERS 23, BRONCOS 9
DENVER — Philip Rivers and the Los Angeles Chargers recovered from a slow start for their first win in Denver since 2013.

The Chargers (12-4) are headed to the playoffs for the first time in five years, but they'll go in as a wild-card thanks to a last-second loss to the Broncos at home in November.

Were it not for that slip-up, the Chargers and not the Kansas City Chiefs would have earned No. 1 seed in the AFC playoffs and the first-round bye that comes with it.

SEAHAWKS 27
CARDINALS 24
SEATTLE — Sebastian Janikowski made a 33-yard field goal on the final play, wrapping up the No. 5 seed in the

NFC playoffs and a matchup at Dallas. Seattle (10-6) took a 24-21 lead earlier in the fourth quarter on Janikowski's 42-yard field goal, but watched Arizona answer with Zane Gonzalez's third field goal of the game, from 55 yards with 1:49 left to be it. Gonzalez hit earlier from 36 and 50 yards.

STEELERS 16
BENGALS 13
PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 287 yards and a touchdown, newly acquired kicker Matt McCrane booted three field goals and the Steelers still fell short of the postseason.

The Steelers (9-6-1) saw their chance at capturing the AFC North end when Baltimore held off Cleveland.

A significant portion of the team remained on the field after the game ended watching Cleveland's last ditch drive while the crowd that stuck around chanted "Let's Go Browns." A massive groan arose when Cleveland rookie quarterback Baker Mayfield was intercepted in Baltimore territory in the waning seconds.

EAGLES 24
REDSKINS 0
LANDOVER, Md. — Nick Foles led Philip Rivers' NFL record by completing 25 straight passes and threw two touchdown passes before a chest injury forced him out of the game. Nate Sudfeld fired a 22-yard TD on his only pass.

Foles, the Super Bowl MVP in Philadelphia's win over New England last February, is 6-0 in must-win games filling in for Carson Wentz.

Foles stepped in after Wentz was sidelined by a back injury earlier this month and guided Philadelphia to an upset on the road against the Rams as a 13 1/2-point underdog. He set a franchise record for yards passing in a game with 471 in a 32-30 comeback win last week against Houston.

BEARS 24
VIKINGS 10
MINNEAPOLIS — The NFC North champion Bears refused to let up, ending Jordan Howard for 109 rushing yards and two touchdowns and a relentless defense.

With the 24-0 win by Philadelphia at Washington, the Vikings (8-7-1) watched the Eagles claim the last wild-card spot and went home wondering what happened to their offense after signing Kirk Cousins for \$84 million guaranteed to be the franchise quarterback.

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COWBOYS

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four-year contract but his salary will cost \$23 million against the cap next season.

The soon-to-be 38-year-old who is not very mobile still loves to play, but New York has made the playoffs once since winning the Super Bowl in February 2012.

"The losses hurt and they are tough to deal with," said Manning who went 24 of 41 for 301 yards and two touchdowns in the past because you know your opportunities are running low to make playoffs and championship runs. When you are not doing as well as you want to, it is tough to handle."

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Top Sports Stories of the Year

2. FELDT IS HIRED AS MISD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

As part of a shakeup in the Midland ISD Athletics Department, Blake Feldt was hired as the school district's Executive Director of Athletics in mid-July.

Feldt, a Midland High graduate, resigned his job as head football coach at Odessa Permian, to take an administrative position at the rival school district.

The hiring of Feldt came after Randy Rowe was reassigned by MISD to athletic director in May. Rowe has served as MISD's Executive Director of Athletics since 2015.

Feldt spent five seasons as the Panthers' head coach, guiding them to a 38-18 record and three playoff appearances. Permian named assistant coach Jeff Ellison as interim head coach before he was promoted to the permanent head coaching position after the season was completed.

3. LITTLE GETS DRAFTED AFTER HELPING TECH TO CWS

Midland Christian grad Grant Little had a huge year playing for the Texas Tech baseball team in 2018.

During his sophomore year, Little played mostly in left field, batted cleanup and was second on the team with a .370 batting average to go with 12 home runs and 77 RBI in helping the Red Raiders go 45-20 and early their third trip in the last five years to the College World Series.

Just before heading to the CWS in Omaha, Nebraska, Little was drafted 74th overall by the San Diego Padres in the Competitive Balance Round B segment in the Major League First-Year Player Draft.

Shortly after the season, Little announced that he would be turning pro and forego his final two years of college eligibility.

Little played 39 games with the Class A Short Season Tri-City Dust Devils and hit .267 with 17 RBI.



Little

4. LONGTIME TRAINER DOC DODSON PASSES AWAY

The community lost a legend in late August when longtime Midland High athletic trainer James "Doc" Dodson passed away at the age of 82.

Dodson was a 2012 inductee to the Midland ISD Athletics Hall of Legends after a 32-year career serving MHS athletics.

Dodson had a long, distinguished career as he also earned a certificate of merit in 1965 from President Lyndon B. Johnson for saving a young girl's life, he served as a trainer in the 1972 summer Olympics in Munich, and was voted outstanding high school athletic trainer on the national level in 1980 and 1997.

He was also a member of the National Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame and Southwest Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame.

In August, the MISD school board voted to rename Memorial Stadium in his honor.

5. LEE WINS A SHARE OF THE DISTRICT 2-6A FOOTBALL TITLE

The Lee football team had achieved its share of feats during Clint Hartman's three seasons as head coach, but it had yet to beat its storied rival Odessa Permian or claim a district title.

That all changed Nov. 9 when the Rebels outlasted the Panthers, 43-36, in the regular season finale to force a three-way share of the District 2-6A title between Permian and eventual state semifinalist Amarillo Tascosa.

Lee scored the game-winning TD when Felix Hinojosa tossed a 16-yard pass to Sheldon Bass Jr. with 1:07 left. Josh Traylor rushed 27 times for 240 yards and four TDs for the Rebels, who beat Permian and won district for the first time since 2013. Lee finished the season at 9-3.

6. ANDREWS GIRLS GOLF WINS EIGHTH STRAIGHT STATE TITLE

There were not only a lot of expectations but a large target on the backs of the Andrews girls golf team in 2018 after winning seven straight state championships.

Not only did the Lady Mustangs meet those expectations but defended their state title with a 31-stroke victory over Frisco Lebanon Trail at the Class 4A Girls State Golf Championships at Slick Rock Golf Course in Horseshoe Bay.

Andrews shot 317-327—644 total for its eighth straight state title, which tied a UIL record set by Booker from 1986-93.

Senior Rachel Huffman (73-80—153) led the Lady Mustangs with a third place finish in the individual standings.

The state championship was also a first for head coach Jeff Williamson, who took over for longtime head coach Mark Burgen.

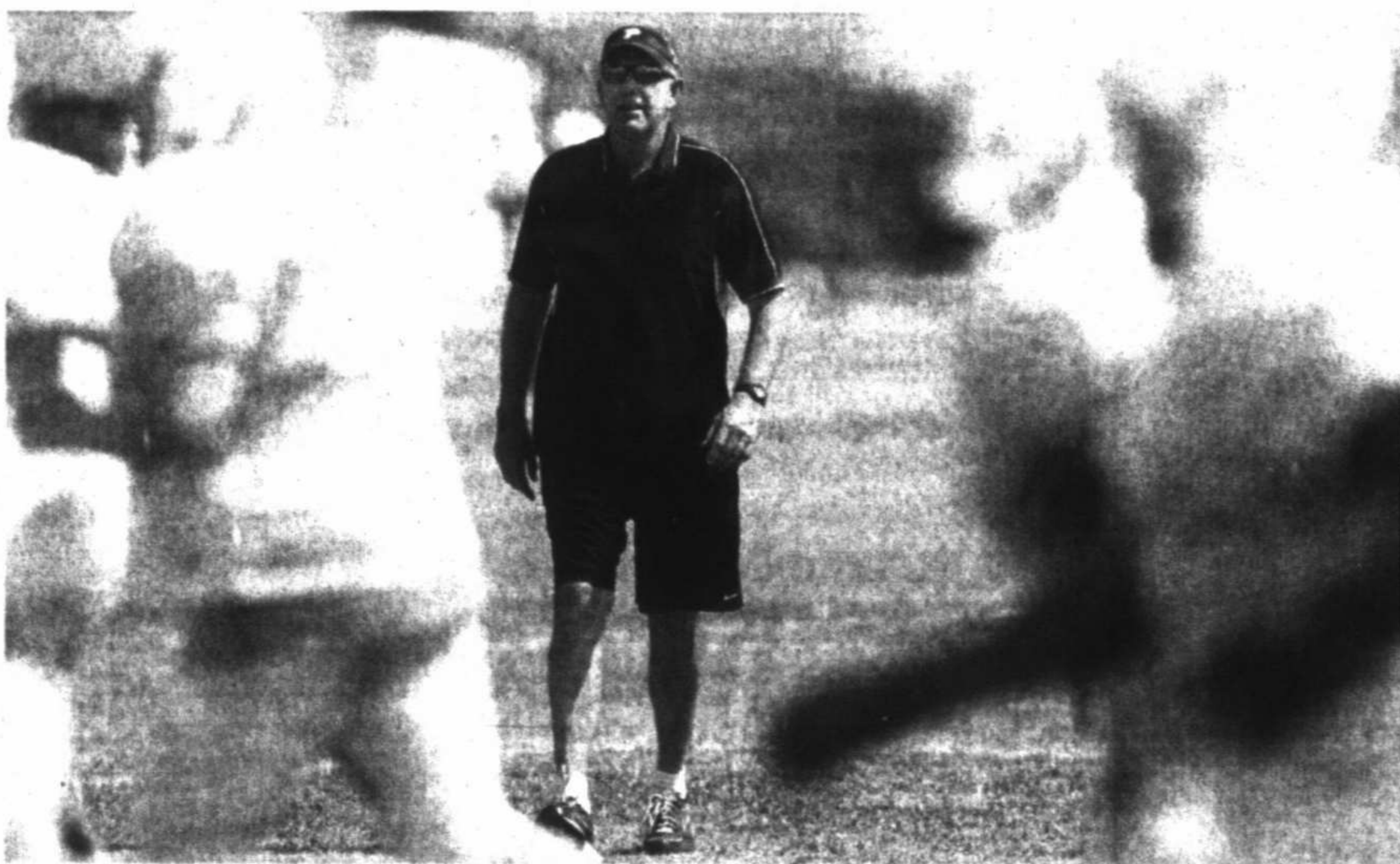
7. MHS GRAD, KU'S HOPPEL NABS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS IN TRACK

Midland High grad Bryce Hoppel emerged as one of the nation's elite 800-meter runners in his sophomore season at Kansas.

Early in the year, Hoppel won the Big 12 indoor championship in the 800 before garnering First-Team All-American status with a top eight finish at the indoor national championships, March 10 in College Station. Hoppel closed out his season with a bang when he finished fourth with a personal best time of 1 minute, 45.67 seconds in the 800 at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, June 8 at historic Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. Hoppel earned First-Team All-American status in outdoor as well.

8. MCA OUTLASTS BEAUMONT LEGACY FOR TAPPS 3A STATE TITLE

The Midland Classical girls basketball team dug deep to hold off No. 1-ranked Beaumont Legacy Christian, 59-53, in double overtime to win the TAPPS 3A state championship on March 3.

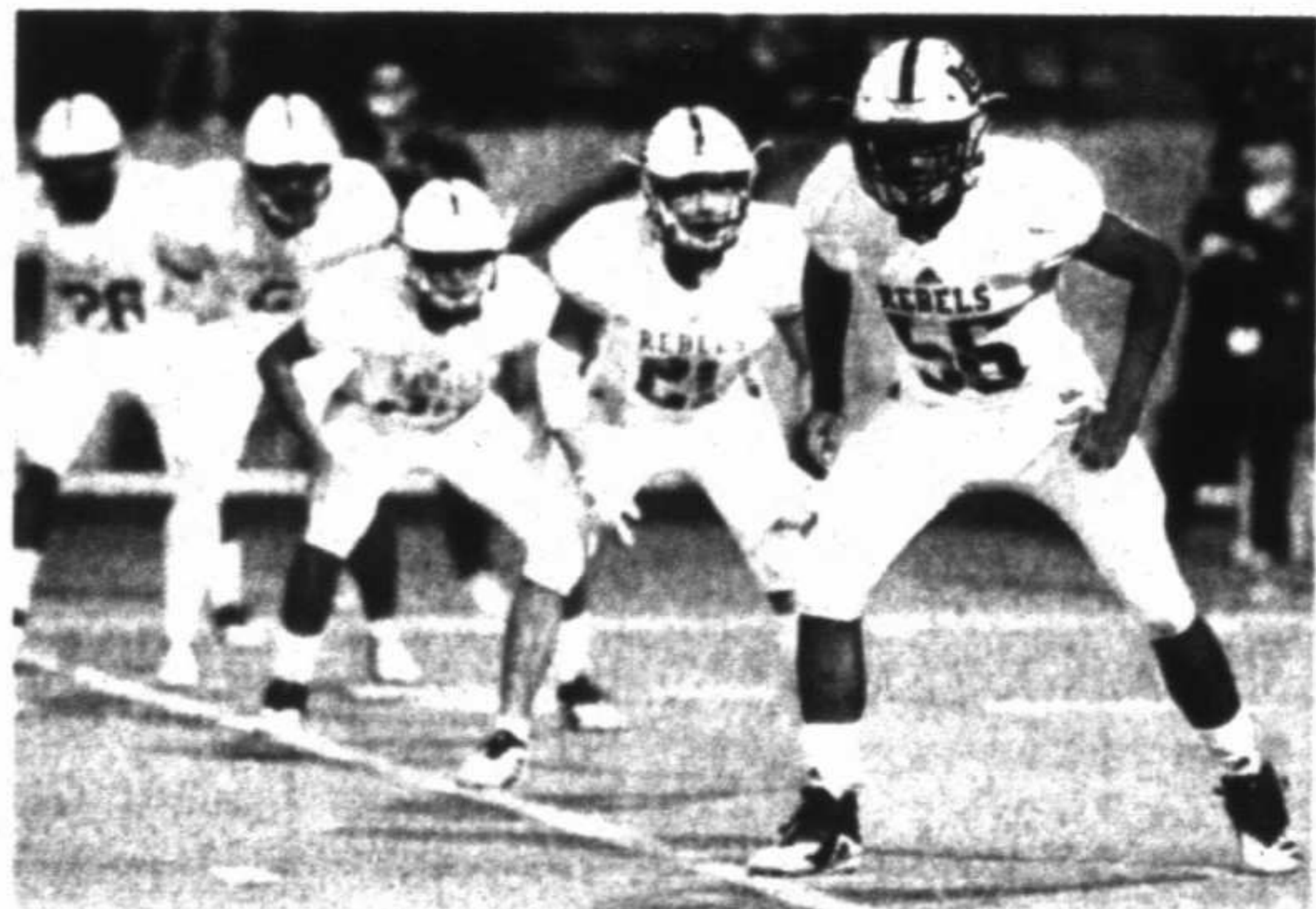


TOP: Permian coach Blake Feldt looks on during team practice August 19, 2013, at Odessa Permian. BOTTOM: Doc Dodson, former Midland High trainer, admires a framed copy of the Midland Reporter-Telegram hanging in the MISD Athletic Office on Oct. 20. The newspaper displays when the Lee High School football team won the state championship game.

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



LEFT: Midland High tennis athlete Allison Stewart photographed May 3 at Midland High. RIGHT: Lee players line up for a kickoff against Midland High on Nov. 2 at Grande Communications Stadium.



9. MHS' STEWART REACHES STATE SEMIS IN TENNIS

Midland High senior Allison Stewart took on a new challenge after she teamed with Kate Daugherty to win the 2017 Class 6A state girls doubles title with a 45-0 record as a junior.

Stewart took up girls singles in spring tournament season and enjoyed a banner year, finishing with a 52-2 season record en route to the Class 6A state semifinals in College Station.

Stewart beat Conroe The Woodlands sophomore Avery Hilbig, 6-2, 6-2, in the state quarterfinal before falling 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-4 to Cypress Ranch's Melissa LaMette in a grueling, hot state semifinal match on May 17 at George P. Mitchell Tennis Center. Stewart is now competing at Division I Abilene Christian.

10. MID CITY LL TEAM REACHES INTERMEDIATE WS

The Mid City Intermediate 50/70 All-Star baseball team made history over the summer when it became the first Midland Little League team since 2014 to make it past the state round and to the World Series in Livermore, California.

Mid City rolled through Division 3, sectionals, survived a test in the championship of the Texas West State Tournament in Abilene, survived another test in the Southwest Regional Championship in Grand Junction, Colorado, to advance to the World Series.

Mid City made it all the way to the semifinals of the United States Bracket before being eliminated.

Other stories considered:

- Trinity boys and girls win TAPPS 4A state golf championships
- MCA girls golf wins TAPPS 3A state championship
- Stanton coaching carousel. Peterson resigns, Burkhardt is hired, Burkhardt resigns midseason.
- Big Spring football coach AD Mitch McLemore is reassigned. HS principal and former football coach Mike Ritchey takes over as AD.

- Forsan boys basketball makes first regional tournament appearance since 2009
- Greenwood football makes it to third round of the playoffs for the first time since 2012
- Justin Boswell resigns as Lee boys basketball coach, Stanton's Doug Gordon is hired as new Rebels coach
- Coahoma football coach AD Fred Dietz steps down, former longtime Big Spring assistant Chris Joslin is hired
- Both MHS and Lee girls golf programs qualify for Region I-6A tournament
- MHS' Sametria Smith captures silver in 6A long jump
- Garden City boys golf team wins Class 1A state title
- Grady's boys singles tennis player Dominic Gibson wins third straight state title
- Midland College golf team finishes third at NJCAA National Tournament in Walt Williams' first year as coach
- MHS' Tom Helting returns as MHS team tennis coach after stint in administration
- Midland hosts Texas League All-Star Game won by the South in home run derby

RUSSELL

From 1B

good as anyone in the country. That 2006 team (which featured sixth-round draft pick J.W. Wilson) was really good. I wanted to make Midland High a name brand and I think people know what MHS baseball is."

Russell made his name in the postseason, where he compiled an 81-47 all-time record with the Bulldogs. His Bulldog teams reached the area round on 19 occasions. Although MHS never matched the six-year run in the early-to-mid 2000s, the Bulldogs were still a force toward the latter

part of Russell's tenure, as they captured four straight district titles from 2011-14.

However, the Dawgs' 20-year run of playoff berths — the second longest in the state at the time — ended unceremoniously with Russell's final season in 2018.

Russell finished his 34-year career with an impressive 736-356-2 record that included stops at Clyde, La Pryor and Victoria Stroman. But the coach's influence went beyond his diamond accomplishments, as many players publicly disclosed their admiration for Russell when he retired. "He's a special guy, to say the

least," University of Tennessee baseball player Ethan Barker said. "He taught me a lot about the game. When I came into high school as a young kid, I didn't really know much. He taught me about playing the right way."

Russell is so revered that his coaching fraternity bestowed him with their highest honor: as the president of the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. Russell will serve one more season in that role.

Follow Christopher on Twitter: @chris_MRTsports



Midland High baseball head coach Barry Russell talks to his team during a game against Odessa High on March 17 at Zachery Field.

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Man's talk of suicide keeps woman in their relationship

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, after five years of marriage, I divorced my ex-husband, "Taylor." We agreed to separate because I believed I had fallen out of love with him. We have remained friendly and communicate often.

Since the divorce, I have struggled with feelings of guilt and the creeping suspicion that I have made a mistake. I think I am still in love with him. Taylor desperately wants us to get remarried, and lately I have been considering it. However, I have another issue to consider.

For the past few months, I have been seeing another man, "Jacob." Although he is sweet and affectionate, Jacob is needy, clingy and struggles with depression and anxiety. He often expresses suicidal thoughts over problems in his life, including the thought of me leaving him. He is in therapy, but it doesn't seem to be helping.

I am terrified of breaking up with him to reconcile with my ex-husband because I honestly believe Jacob would kill himself, and I could not live with that. Any advice would be appreciated. — **IN A HARD SPOT IN ALABAMA**

DEAR HARD SPOT: Jacob is in therapy. Write a letter to his therapist and explain your concerns. That way the therapist will understand in advance that

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his/her patient may be heading for a rough patch. Regardless of whether Jacob is serious about killing himself should you end the relationship, for your own sake, you must not allow yourself to become a prisoner of his illness. That dynamic is unhealthy for you.

I must caution you, however, not to allow yourself to be pressured into reconciling with your ex unless both of you have premarital counseling so you won't fall back into the pattern that destroyed your marriage. Whether it was lack of communication, boredom, a dull sex life — you both must understand where it went off track and take steps to correct it before remarrying.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are close friends with another couple we love dearly. Lately the wife has been concerned about her husband's continued weight gain. She makes comments when we are all out to dinner about what he wants to order and insists they share a meal or that he choose something lighter.

I know she's concerned about diabetes and heart disease and all the other ills obesity can bring, but I don't think this is helping. In fact, I think it's pushing him to want to eat more. How can we as friends help them to overcome this? For the record, he now weighs more than 300 pounds. — **BEST FRIENDS IN TEXAS**

DEAR FRIENDS: Your friend's husband is dangerously overweight. She may be panicking at the reality that the load he's carrying could shorten their marriage. What she doesn't realize is that the motivation for him to deal with his weight problem has to come from him, not her.

Rather than second guess what he's eating when you are all out to dinner, she should encourage him to talk with his doctor and a nutritionist about what he needs to do to get healthy. Please tell her that. It won't happen overnight, and she should expect him to fall off the wagon sometimes. But with determination, it can be done.

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With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠A Q 7 3 ♥K 4 0 9 5 ♠AK Q J 8

With the opponents passing, you open 1C and partner responds 1S. What call would you make?

A — A raise to 4S is perfect, showing a hand worth about 20 points with no singleton or void. You would make a splinter bid with shortness in a side suit.

Q2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠Void ♥Q 9 6 5 3 ♦K Q 10 5 2 ♣Q 3 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ Pass INT Pass
2♣ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

A — The opponents may not have much of a fit and your side might not either. There is danger both in bidding and passing. We like pass.

Q3 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠K 9 5 4 ♥A 6 0 A 8 5 ♠A 10 5 2

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
INT Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♣ Pass

What call would you make?

A — This looks like a minimum, but three aces and a doubleton make this worth accepting. Bid 4S.

Q4 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠Void ♥AK Q J 8 4 ♦A Q 9 7 3 ♣J 10

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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A — West is annoying us but we have to do something. Bid 5D with confidence and give West a dirty look. Maybe he'll bid 6C.

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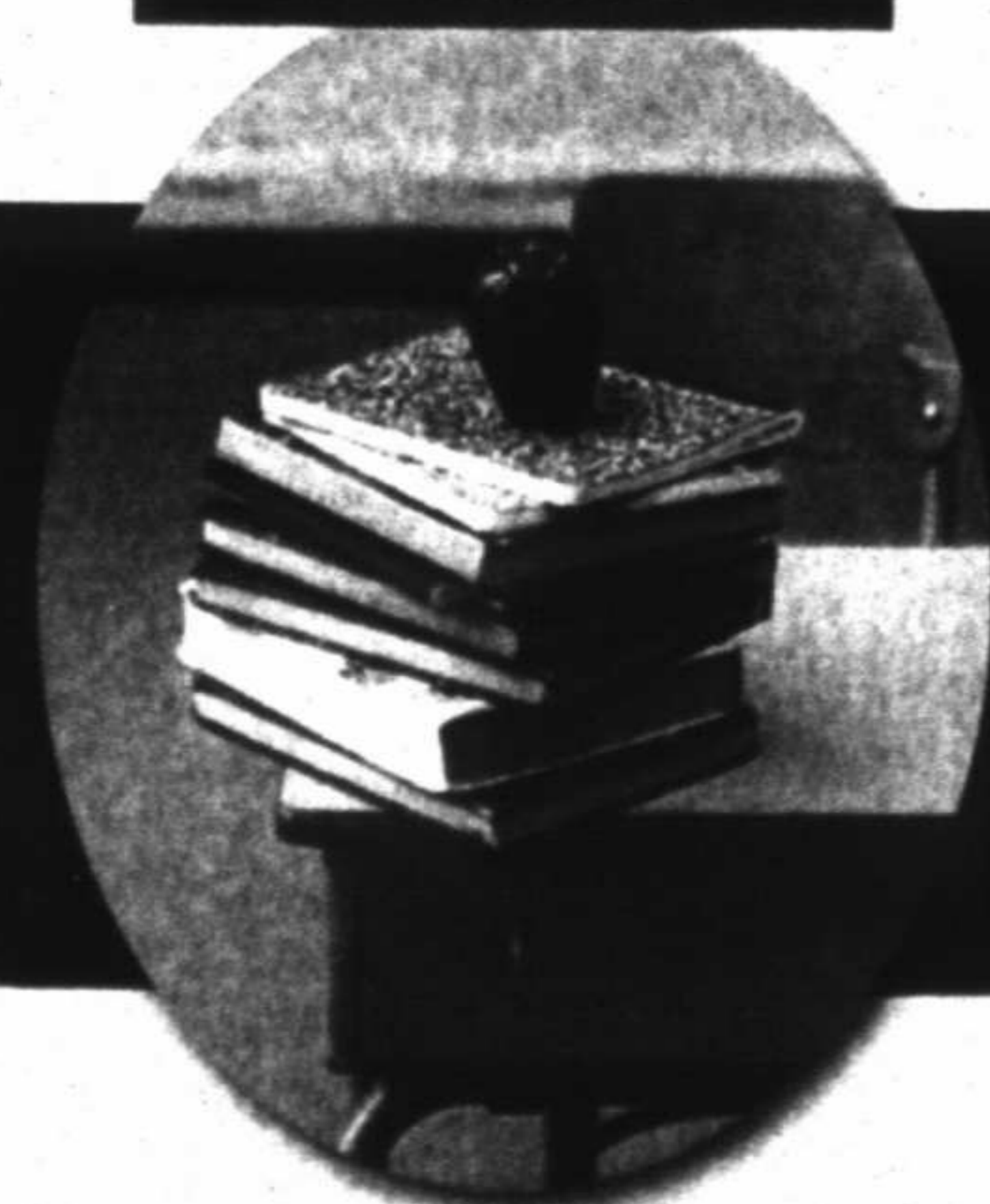
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