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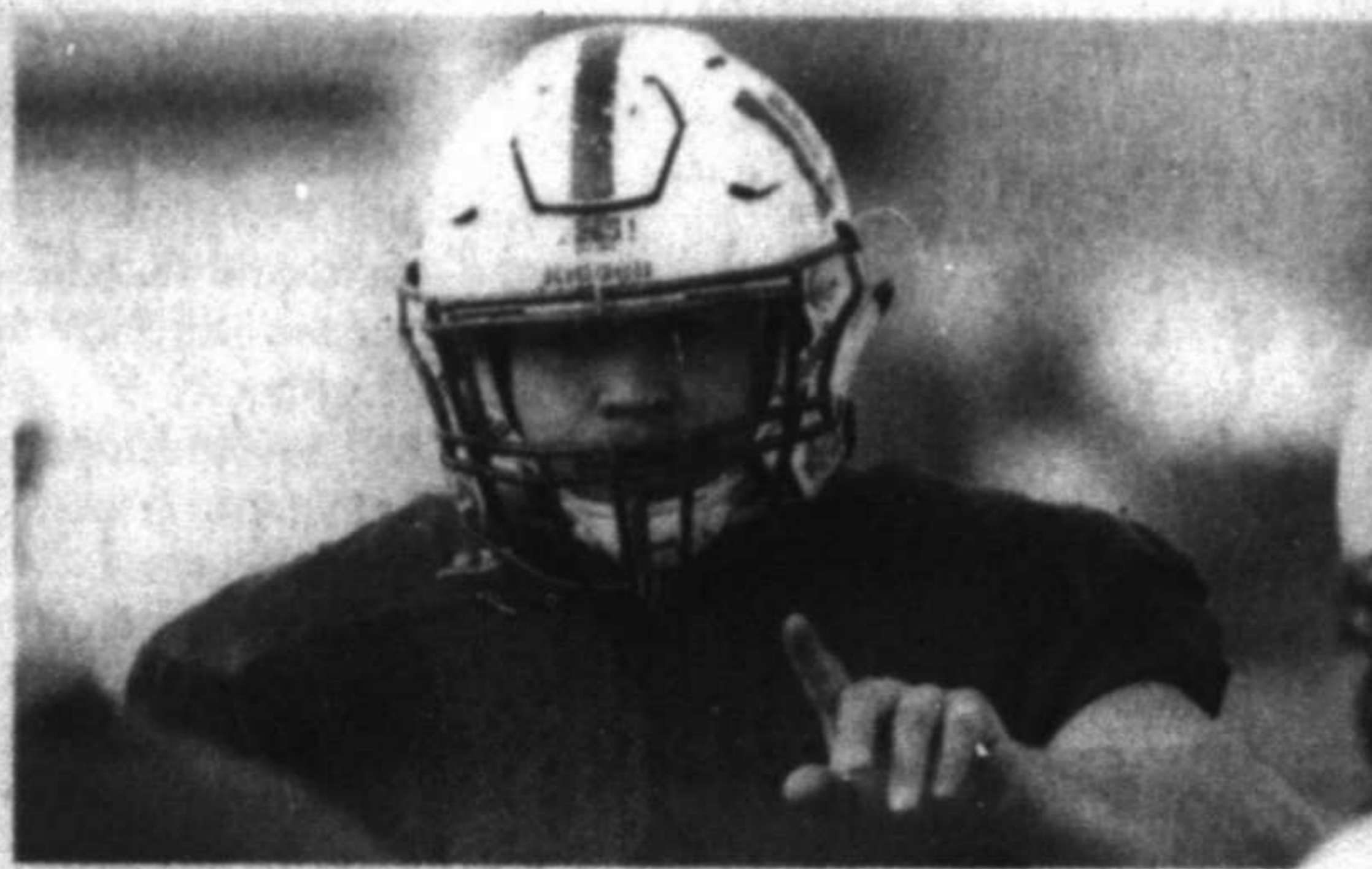
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A look at Abraham Mendez, Lee senior defensive tackle, before the Rebels face off against Arlington Lamar tonight.

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LESS THAN EXPECTED



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Shoppers stream into JCPenney Co. for Thanksgiving Day sales, photographed Thursday at Midland Park Mall.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Local holiday shopping season starts off with smaller volume of people

TVs still a must-have item around Midland

By Trevor Hawes
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I don't know if I can call it a tradition yet, but the Thanksgiving holiday highlight for me is not the turkey and trimmings

Rather, I revel in the retail bonanza that kicks off in the afternoon and lasts into wee, small hours of the morning.

For the second straight year, I ventured out among the crowds Thursday evening to get a glimpse at what Midlanders were buying and to use the eye test to gauge just how the unofficial kickoff to the holiday season is changing — and there were some big changes. Here's what I found.

■ Toys Were Us: The big shock for me Thursday night was the lack of a crowd at Toys R Us. I arrived earlier this year than last year, at about 7:30 p.m., and, much to my surprise, there weren't many people there. Last year, I could barely get in the door. This year, I could probably have been in and out in 15 minutes.

Maybe it's a sign that the once-dominant toys retailers really is in trouble. Toys R Us filed for Chapter 11

Coming Sunday

A look at Small Business Saturday in Midland.

bankruptcy a few months ago, citing trouble with competition from online options such as Amazon.

One employee I spoke with said there was a small line at open, but it wasn't nearly as long as in years past. She attributed the lack of business to the company's heavy discounting online before Black Friday began. At Midland's brick-and-mortar store, however, the air was quiet.

■ Where the action was: An hour earlier, I started the night at Wal-Mart, which began its deals at 6 p.m. Wal-Mart was jammed, so much so that cars nearly filled the parking lots of neighbors Wendy's and Chick-fil-A.

One look at people's carts, and it was clear what the hottest items were: TVs — and several of them, though I don't mean in variety. Shoppers were snatching up Sharp Aquos 55-inch 4K and Element 39-inch models in bulk. When observing people in line, I saw five shopping carts in a row, each with a pair of Sharp TVs.

As for the scene, Wal-Mart was busy but orderly. Shoppers checking out were staged starting in the middle of the

store, and, just like last year, there were several police officers working security. I counted five cruisers parked out front.

And a shout out to what I've dubbed "the cart corps." Shopping carts go out, and they have to come back in. When I left Wal-Mart, there were many employees in the parking lot retrieving carts, which isn't an easy task with people and traffic everywhere.

■ "Happy and calm": I arrived at Target at about 7 p.m. I didn't even get to the front door before I saw people flowing out of the store with TVs. One employee pushed a trolley with three 55-inch TVs a customer had purchased.

Target clears out the maternity department and puts TVs on the floor, most of which are purchased in the electronics department in the back of the store. Everything else is paid for at the front of the store. To get there, however, means a long journey from the back wall. I had the bright idea of counting carts. I hit 26 by the time I got to the paper towels aisle when I realized it was an insurmountable task.

The line wove up and down aisles — 16 by my count — toward the cash registers. The long line and long wait didn't leave people downtrodden. The customers I talked with were all smiles.

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WEEK IN OIL

Crude price hits new year high, approaches \$59

By Trevor Hawes
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The price of oil was up more than 4 percent for the week and hit a new year high in the process.

West Texas Intermediate contracts for January delivery closed Friday at \$58.95 per barrel, up 93 cents (1.6 percent) on the day, up \$2.40 (4.22 percent) for the week. WTI also recorded a year high on Wednesday. Markets were closed Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Monday marked the last day for December contracts, which settled at \$56.09 per barrel. As the new near-month contract, January closed Tuesday at \$56.83.

Oil rose this week on sharp declines in crude oil inventories. According to the Energy Information Administration's weekly supplies report, released Wednesday and representing the week of Nov. 17, commercial crude inventories dropped by

Rig count

Midland County adds three rigs, approaches 50.

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Man charged with killing Texas trooper who stopped him

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

DALLAS — The suspect in the shooting death of a state trooper during a Thanksgiving Day traffic stop in East Texas was charged Friday with capital murder of a law enforcement officer.

Dabrett Black, 32, was being held in the Brazos County jail in Bryan, about 100 miles northwest of Houston. He is accused of fatally shooting Trooper Damon Allen on Thursday.

The Texas Department of Public Safety said in social media posts late Thursday that Allen initiated a traffic stop shortly before 4

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Did you know?

New Mexico charity to hold a local firearms raffle. Page 6A

The big number

At least 235 people were killed in an extremist attack in Egypt. Page 7A

Word of the Day:

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TROOPER

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p.m. on Interstate 45 near Fairfield, about 90 miles south of Dallas. DPS said Black shot Allen with a rifle after the trooper walked back to his vehicle.

Allen died at the scene, DPS officials said, adding that he had been with the department since 2002. An obituary posted Friday by the funeral home said Allen is survived by his wife Kasey, three daughters and a son.

DPS said Black, of Lindale, fled the scene in a car and was spotted about three hours later more than 100 miles south of Fairfield, in Waller County. The Waller County Sheriff's Office posted on Facebook that deputies were attempting to take Black into custody when shots were fired. It was not clear from the statement who opened fire.

Black fled on foot and was taken into custody after a police dog found him in a nearby field. He had been hiding among hay bales, authorities said. He was treated for injuries that weren't life-threatening.

"Our DPS family is heartbroken tonight after one of Texas' finest law enforcement officers was killed in the line of duty," DPS Director Steven McCraw said. "Trooper Allen's dedication to duty, and his bravery and selfless sacrifice on this Thanksgiving Day, will never be forgotten."

Allen was the second Texas trooper to be killed while on duty this month and the first trooper in the state to be shot in the line of duty since 2008. Trooper Thomas Nipper was struck and killed by a vehicle during a traffic stop on Interstate 35 earlier this month.

Court and jail records show Black has a history of evading arrest and violent run-ins with law enforcement officers.

A magistrate judge who heard official charges against Black declined to hold a bond hearing Friday. Black will likely be transferred to one of the three counties where there are open charges against him. Jail officials said a bond hearing on the capital murder charge would likely have to happen in Freestone County, where the charge originated.

Smith County court records show Black was indicted last month after he led police on a chase and rammed his car into a police cruiser in July. Court records show he was charged with aggravated assault of a public servant and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Brazos County jail records show that he was out on bond on those charges and that the bond had been recalled as insufficient due to the new charges.

Black was charged in 2015 with assault on a public servant and attempting to take a weapon from an officer, according to Smith County court records. Those charges were dismissed in 2016, but the records didn't explain why.

Brazos County jail records also show Black was facing a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle in Anderson County, east of where the shooting occurred Thursday. Details of the charge, including the date of the alleged offense, were unclear from those records that said his bond had been forfeited. A call to Anderson County court officials was not immediately returned Friday.

A call to a court-appointed attorney representing Black in the Smith County charges was also not immediately returned Friday. It was unclear from Brazos County records whether Black has an attorney representing him in the capital murder case.

Several Texas officials reacted to Allen's death. In a tweet Thursday, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz offered "prayers for the family and loved ones" of the trooper.

Gov. Greg Abbott called the fatal shooting of Allen a "heinous crime" in a statement Thursday. Abbott also expressed his "most sincere condolences" to the trooper's family.

Allen's body was taken to the Dallas County medical examiner's office late Thursday night. A DPS spokesman said law enforcement officers on Friday escorted Allen's body to a funeral home in League.

A funeral is planned Dec. 1 in Mexico.

Obituaries

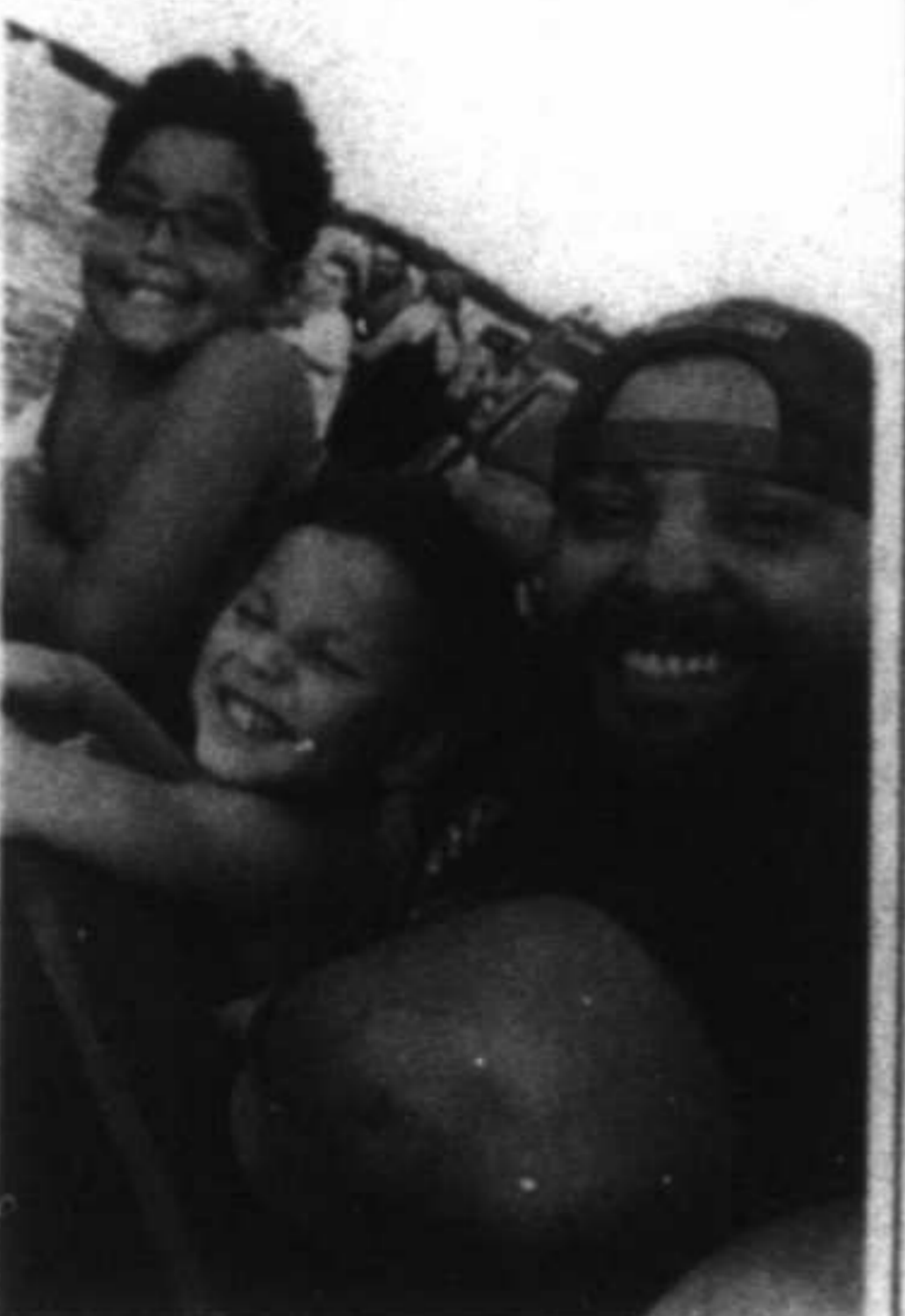


Isabella Rose Butler

Isabella Rose Butler, anxiously-awaited infant daughter of Kristopher and Kim, died November 17, 2017 from complications at birth.

The grandparents, Sylvia and Jesus Contreras and Catherine Butler along with many family and friends join in grieving the loss of this precious baby.

Services for Isabella were held at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Wednesday.



Joseph & Kyle Satroplus

Joseph "JoJo" Anthony Satroplus age 11, July 31, 2006 - November 17, 2017 of Midland, Texas and little brother Kyle "KB" Benny Satroplus age 4, December 14, 2012 - November 21, 2017 of Midland, Texas.

"JoJo" and "KB" were granted their angel wings following a tragic accident. Their final moments were spent surrounded by family and friends that both had touched in some special way throughout their short, yet very memorable life. "JoJo" was in the 6th grade and attended Washington Stem Academy. His favorite subjects were science and math. "JoJo" loved to read books. He had such a huge heart for babies and kittens.

"KB" went to preschool at Helen Great-house Children's Center. His favorite food was sausage and he enjoyed listening to music. He also loved reading. Many of "KB's" organs were donated to other children; He fulfilled his dream of being a "hero."

Both "JoJo" and "KB" were joined together with their loving father, Andrew Satroplus who also lost his life in this tragic accident.

With their passing we remind others that their lives are to be celebrated. Al-

though we will miss them everyday, especially their gentle smiles that would melt the hearts of those always around them. They will forever remain deep in our hearts. We have a big, loving and wonderful family that throughout their lives, were able to create wonderful memories to hold on to.

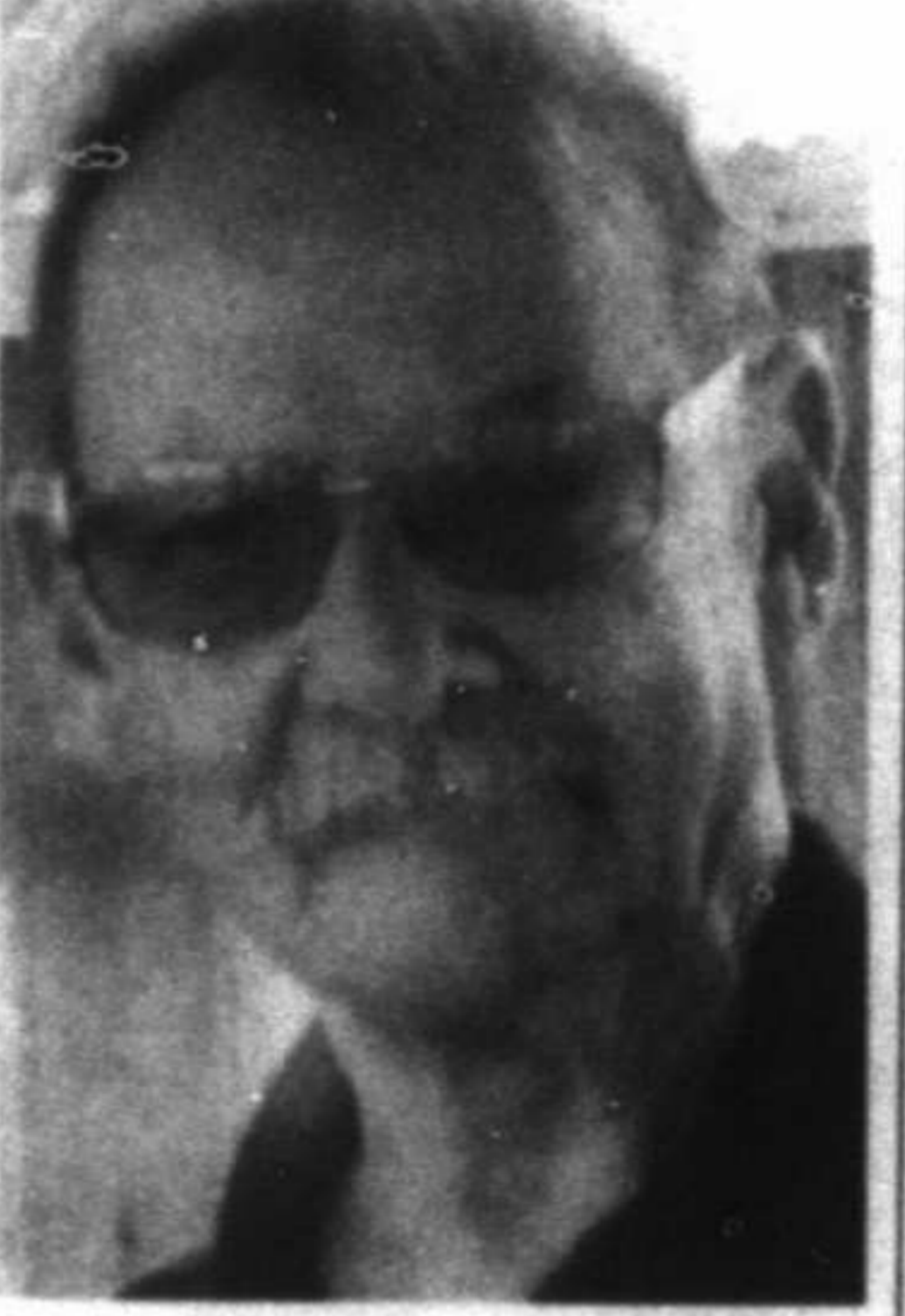
All three can hold each other in their gentle, loving spirits forever.

"JoJo" and "KB" leave behind their mother, Andrea Almodova, step-father Ricardo Calderon, step-sister Eva Calderon, grandparents Benny and Melva Almodova, Ronald and Gloria Satroplus and step-grandparents Ricardo Calderon and Julia Anguiano. Uncles: Javier, Isaac and Adrian Almodova, Roderick and Daniel Satroplus. Aunts: Maribel, Amber and Christie Almodova, Corina Calderon and Tiffany Schumpert and several cousins who loved them very much.

A viewing will be held on Sunday, November 26th 2017 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Located at 2508 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Tx 79705.

A rosary will be held on Monday, November 27th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine. Located at 1401 Garden Lane, Midland, Tx 79701.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 28th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine. Located at 1401 Garden Lane, Midland, Tx 79701.



Efren Evaro Rodriguez

Efren Evaro Rodriguez, 75, of Midland and Pecos, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2017.

Viewing is on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Pecos Funeral Home, at 607 West 3rd Street.

The Rosary will be held Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

A celebration of life service will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Santa Rosa Catholic Church in Pecos, Texas. Burial will follow at Mt. Evergreen in Pecos.

Efren was a strong believer in his faith and dedicated to his community and family. He valued his time with his grandsons, and loved teasing them constantly, in a way a Grandpa could only do. He looked

forward to teaching them his family recipes and 'know how.'

Efren was born July 9, 1942 in Barstow, Texas to Aguedo and Luz Rodriguez.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alicia Acosta Rodriguez.

He is survived by his daughter, Joanna Rodriguez Castillo of San Antonio, Texas, and two beautiful grandsons, Nicolas and Marcos Castillo.

He is also survived by his long-time partner, Soledad Amparo Sanchez of Midland, Texas, and two step children, Randy Sanchez from Midland, Texas and Sandy Sanchez Trevizo from Austin, Texas. In addition, he is survived by three step-grandchildren, Nico Trevizo, Erica Rendon, and Christina Sanchez; two step great-grandchildren, Derek Rendon and Alex Garcia; and his only living sister, Maria Rubio; and by several sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

In lieu of donations, please donate to Santa Rosa Catholic Church.



C.D. Offield (Curtis Donald)

C.D. Offield (Curtis Donald), 83, of Midland passed away on November 21, 2017 in his home. C.D. was born February 20, 1934 in Glenn, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Lee and Lois Ann Offield; his wife, Ruby Faye Offield; his daughter, Lenora Faye (Sissy) Manley; and his brothers, Denver,

Dudley, and Bobby Offield.

C.D. came to Midland from Littlefield, Texas in 1950, where he met and married the love of his life, Ruby Faye Griffith, on September 19, 1952. They had three children - Lenora Faye, Perry Donald, and Lynn Dale.

C.D. worked as a cabinet maker, then went

to work for Pittsburg Plate and Glass; from there he started working for the Building of the Southwest where he managed the building. He then started his own business, C.D.'s Glass and Mirror, which he operated for over 25 years.

After his retirement, he enjoyed farming,

raising goats, and working his land. He loved being outdoors, whether he was fishing or riding on his tractor. He also loved square dancing and traveling to Bluegrass Festivals.

C.D. never met a stranger or failed to have a story to tell. He loved to make people laugh or just see their reactions to his stories. He was loved by everyone and will be truly missed by all.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers are Robert Manley, Brandon Manley, Justin McMorries, Justin Smith, and Erick Lucenti.

Honorary pallbearers are Randal and Artie Offield, Colton Dale Manley, Jayden Manley, and Don Manley.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Dee Ann Gibson Jones

Dee Ann Gibson Jones, 66 of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. A Celebration of Life will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

She is survived by her children Kathy Powell and Daryn Forrest and her extended family.

John R. Kirwan

John R. Kirwan, 93, of Midland, died Wednesday, November 22, 2017.

A visitation will be held 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home. Services will be held Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Margaret Sorey

Margaret Sorey, 86, of Midland, Texas passed away November 23, 2017.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Andrew P. Satroplus

Andrew Phillip Satroplus, 34, of Midland, passed away on Friday, November 17, 2017.

Viewing will be on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Monday, November 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., both at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Rosary will take place on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Andrew is survived by his parents, Ronald and Gloria Satroplus; son, Damian Combs Satroplus; stepdaughter, Bailey Roberts; two brothers; and his companion, Nora Adam.

Kyle B. Satroplus

Kyle Benny Satroplus, 4, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, November 19, 2017.

Viewing will be on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Monday, November 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., both at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Rosary will take place on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church.

Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Andrea Almodova; and one brother.

Joseph A. Satroplus

Joseph Anthony Satroplus, 10, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

Viewing will be on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Monday, November 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., both

at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

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Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Joseph is survived by his mother, Andrea Almodova; and one brother.

Texas fires special education director over past allegations

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas has fired its special education director after learning that she had been accused in a lawsuit of trying to keep others from talking about the alleged sexual abuse of a student at an Oregon school district where she previously worked.

Laurie Kash started with the Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15.

A lawsuit accused her of ordering several employees to say nothing about the sexual abuse allegations while she was special education director at the Rainier School District, about 40 miles north of Portland, Oregon.

"These allegations were not disclosed during the hiring process, and if these serious allegations had been disclosed, she would not have been hired," the Texas Education Agency said in a statement. The agency added that "Dr. Kash has no business being in charge of special education policy and programming in Texas."

Kash's attorney, Bill Aleshire, told the Austin American-Statesman that Kash mentioned the lawsuit's allegations in her interview for the Texas job.

He said three Oregon state agencies investigated her allegations and

found them to be without merit.

Aleshire also told the American-Statesman that he believed Kash was fired because she had filed a federal complaint against the Texas Education Agency.

She was fired the day after she complained to the U.S. Department of Education, saying that TEA wrongly agreed to a no-bid \$4.4 million contract with a Georgia company to analyze private records for children with disabilities.

She asked the department's inspector general to investigate the contract with SPEDx, which was hired to detect patterns and trends in student records.

She said in her complaint that she worried that parents do not realize the information is going to a for-profit company and that SPEDx cannot perform the tasks for which it was hired.

Kash was not made aware of her dismissal until contacted by an American-Statesman reporter.

"This is how TEA treats a whistleblower, plain and simple," Aleshire said.

TEA said in a statement that SPEDx was hired after "a thorough review of the landscape of vendors" in the U.S. because it was the only one with the analytics capacity "sophisticated enough for the job."

SHOPPING

From 1A

laughing and were very positive. One employee I spoke with, who coordinated the line, said the night was "happy and calm."

By my estimation, she was right, and it was like that wherever I went, even Best Buy.

The science: Last year, Best Buy was the busiest place I had visited. That wasn't the case this year. At 8 p.m., there were many people milling around, but it wasn't madness. A few employees I spoke with told me I had missed the rush at the store open. The line stretched all the way down to Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

I think Best Buy has Pre-Black Friday down to a science. The retailer can get early entrants in and out quickly, making the rest of the night easier for everyone else.

One last note about Best Buy: I learned just how much people want televisions. As I was leaving, I saw a shopper stuffing one into the back of a taxi.

The mall: Midland Park Mall was alive and well Thursday night, except for one store. Sears had customers, but it was mostly guys hanging out in the tools department. It reminds me of small stores when I was a kid, except with far less people. Sears is like stepping back in time, and I can't help but wonder just how long Midland will have one. Cabela's Music City Mall lost its Sears this

year. The rest of the mall was busy, especially J.C. Penney Co. and White Barn, where one employee told me the candle store had been packed all night.

Here are the businesses that weren't open Thursday: Chick-fil-A, Dallas Cowboys Pro Shop, Dillard's, Family Dentistry, Fudrucker's, Gordon's Jewelers, Hickory Farms, Kay Jewelers, Legacy Harley-Davidson of Midland, Master Cuts, Motherhood Maternity, Pandora, Sno Factory, Visionworks, Vitamin World and Zales.

Black Friday itself: The day the shopping holiday is named for just wasn't nearly as busy as Thanksgiving night. Just like last year, Black Friday didn't have any "oomph"; rather, at least in my experience, Friday morning was just like any other shopping day. Walk into Wal-Mart, and you'd never know it was packed the night before. Best Buy was busy, but every other store had what I'd consider a normal volume of customers.

Also, with a few exceptions, Thanksgiving night wasn't as busy as last year. Is it a sign that more people are shopping online and earlier? Maybe. I finished my holiday shopping last week without stepping foot into a store. From what I've gathered, a lot of people have done the same.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY
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Jumburrto
Paraphrase
[par-uh-froyz]
noun

1. a restatement of a text or passage giving the meaning in another form, as for clearness; rewording.
2. the act or process of restating or rewording.

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(subject to change because of the holiday weekend)

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- Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
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When it's open

U.S. Postal Service
Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today
Note: The Midland County Public Libraries are closed today.

Trash service
Regularly scheduled trash collection will resume on Monday, according to the city of Midland.

The Citizens Collection Station, 4100 Smith Road, and the Landfill, 7901 Garden City Highway re-open at 9 a.m. today.

Recycling Container Locations
Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:
H-E-B 3325 W. Wadley Ave., (Behind Starbucks), plastic and cardboard
Centennial Library 2503 W. Loop 250, (Behind IHOP), plastic and cardboard
Super Mercado 2208 N.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Devon Copeland and Emily Sanchez lead the group in dance Monday during the COM Thanksgiving Swim Camp.

Big Spring St. (Behind Bush's Chicken), cardboard
Midland College 3600 N. Garfield St. (Chaparral Center), plastic, aluminum and cardboard
Security Bank Ballpark 5514 Champions Drive (southwest corner of the stadium), cardboard, paper, plastic and aluminum
There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard

and paper.
All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.
For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-7745 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org

Large item pickup
For residential customers,

the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge.
These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property.
Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley.
These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 685-7278 to

schedule this service.
City of Midland

This date in Texas

On Nov. 25, 1920, radio station WTAW of College Station, Texas, broadcast the first play-by-play description of a football game, between Texas University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. (Texas won, 7-3.)
Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-7-6
Pick 3 day: 3-9-9
Pick 3 evening: 3-4-9
Pick 3 night: 6-2-4
Daily 4 morning: 7-6-4-6
Daily 4 day: 9-9-8-4
Daily 4 evening: 3-7-1-7
Daily 4 night: 6-1-1-5
Cash Five: 2-15-19-26-36

Triple Chance: 10-20-24-29-31
41-42-46-48-54
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All or Nothing day: 3-7-8-9-10-12-13-14-15-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-8-9-10-11-12-14-17-19-20-21-23
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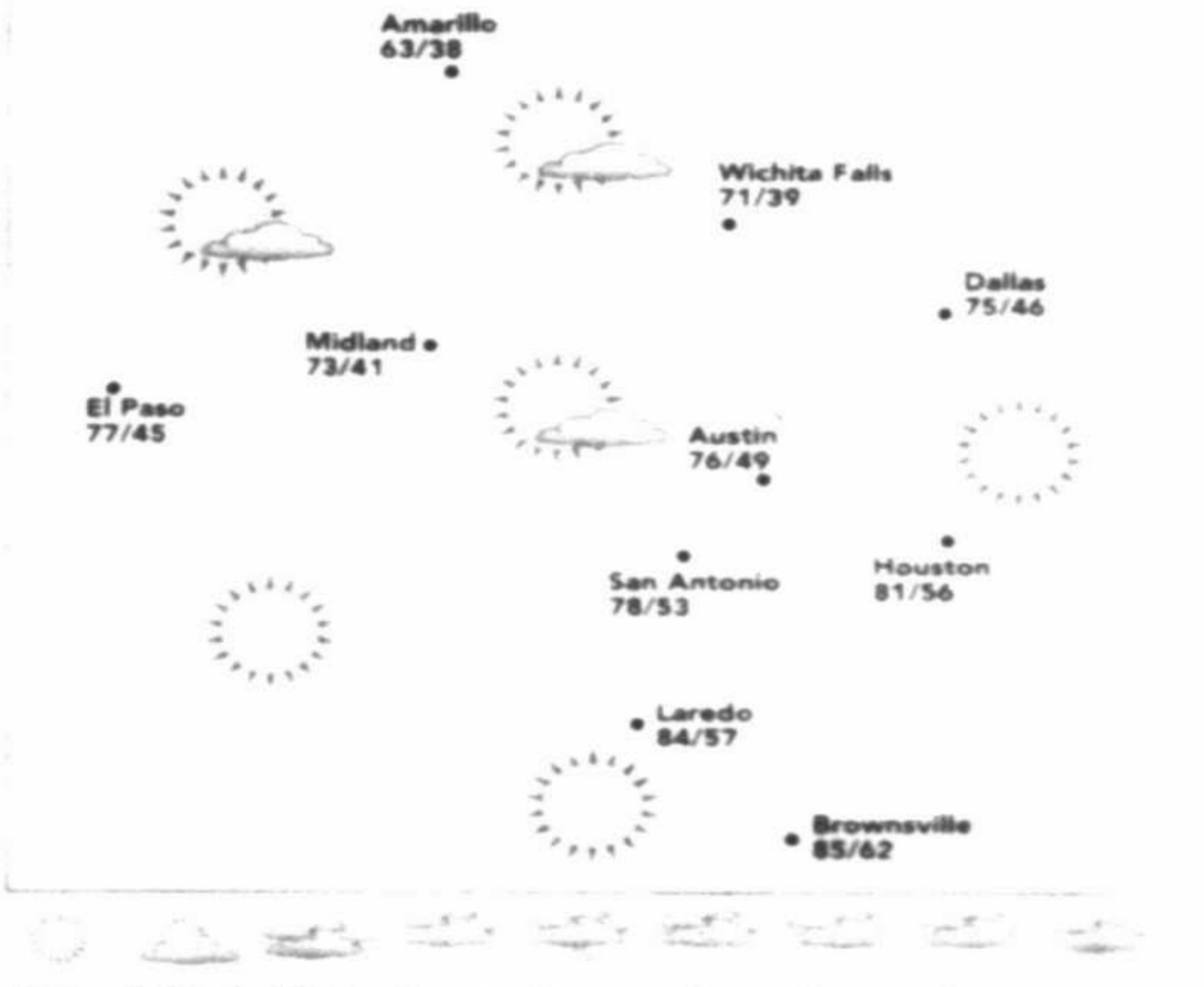
Friday's temperatures
High: 82
Low: 43
Normal high: 63
Normal low: 36

Nov. 24's records
High: 83, set in 1946 and equaled in 1965
Low: 10, set in 1938

Precipitation
Saturday: 0.00 in.
Sunday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 0.40 in.
Year total: 17.34 in.
Normal total (year to date): 13.87 in.

Winds
Average wind speed: 9.9 mph
Highest wind speed: 20 mph
Highest gust wind: 24 mph

Forecast for Saturday, November 25, 2017



Today's forecast
High: 71
Low: 40
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:26 a.m.
Sunset: 5:45 p.m.

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 25, 2017:
This year you often respond to others, and you enjoy sharing ideas, events and funny happenings. People enjoy your sociability, and often want to be around you. If you are single, your popularity certainly helps you to meet people. Be smart and don't settle unless you are sure you have met Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you find a lot to talk and laugh about. You simply enjoy each other's presence. AQUARIUS listens carefully when you speak.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You often seem to stir the pot, or at least certain friends

think you do. However, you also simultaneously encourage others to reflect on the cause of your impulsiveness. Unless you explain yourself, your pals might never figure it out. **Tonight:** Only where there are crowds.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might feel pushed by an older friend or relative to step up to the plate. This responsibility does not constitute your vision of a perfect Saturday. Do what you must, yet at the same time respond to a loved one's needs. Know when to call it a day. **Tonight:** Out on the town.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You willingly hop in your car to take off and explore a fair or a flea market. Invite a friend or loved one to join you. You could be surprised by what comes up for you when you put yourself in a different environment. **Tonight:** Try out a new type of cuisine and/or a new restaurant.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You prefer one-on-one relating, and do not want to get hung up in crowds. You and a loved one might opt take the day

off together. Depending on what you enjoy doing, make plans accordingly. Give yourself the gift of being carefree for a day. **Tonight:** Paint the town red. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ Your popularity continues to skyrocket. You have high energy and are quite directed. You know what you want, and you express those needs clearly. Conversations are started easily, though you might be surprised by others' reactions. **Tonight:** Let others entertain you for once.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You continue to want to take care of the details of a project, as you are precise and meticulous. A roommate, neighbor or family member is likely to become difficult and withdrawn. Embrace an unexpected development if you want some excitement. **Tonight:** Time to relax. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ You might not be able to convince others of the rightness of your thinking, so don't even try. However, if you simply let your personality and sense of fun come out,

you and those around you are likely to have a memorable time. **Tonight:** Dinner with friends at a favorite spot.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with a domestic issue. You could have a lot to do. Your skills and abilities might be needed, even if it's just to think through a problem. You might feel as if you can't meet others' needs, but know that you can and probably will. **Tonight:** Worry less about your finances.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A close friend values you and lets you know. Initiate a conversation that seems especially significant or important to you. As a result, you'll get honest and perhaps even surprising feedback. A child shocks you with his or her thoughts or actions. **Tonight:** Worry less about your finances.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in a situation where you want to head in a new direction. Just don't overthink the issue. You might feel constrained by a situation at home, but know that the other

party involved is likely to help you through it. Make an important call. **Tonight:** Out late.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are the lead player, no matter which way you turn. Others seek you out, and though you seem withdrawn, you still remain a source of compassion. A loved one might attempt to shake up the status quo in order to get an emotional response from you. **Tonight:** As you wish.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to your intuition. Don't feel as if you need to do anything a certain way. A serious approach works well for you, as it allows you to slow the pace and make strong choices. If someone decides to create uproar, don't pay any attention. **Tonight:** Mystery goes a long way.
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Midland County adds three rigs, approaches 50

RIG COUNT

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin added two rigs for a total of 393 in a Thanksgiving holiday shortened week, according to Baker Hughes.

Reeves County, in the heart of the Delaware Basin, led all counties with 62 rigs, down three. Midland County, in the Midland Basin, bumped three higher to 48 rigs.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts this week were Loving (39); Lea, New Mexico (38); Martin (30); Eddy, New Mexico (29); Howard (21); Glasscock (17); Upton (15); Reagan (13); Pecos (12); and Ward (11).

Cochran and Hockley counties ceased all activity.

Railroad Commission District 8 edged three higher for a total of 270 rigs.

For other areas with activity in the Permian, District 7B held at two for the seventh straight week, District 7C fell by two to 32, District 8A stayed at 21 and New Mexico rose by one to 68.

Rig count

The following are county-by-county Permian Basin rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending Nov. 22.

DISTRICT 7B	
Fisher	1
Nolan	1
Total	2

DISTRICT 7C	
Irion	2
Reagan	13 (-4)
Tom Green	2 (+1)
Upton	15 (+1)
Total	32 (-2)

DISTRICT 8	
Andrews	8 (-3)
Crane	2
Culberson	7 (-1)
Ector	1
Glasscock	17 (+4)
Howard	21 (+3)
Jeff Davis	1
Loving	39 (-1)

Martin	30
Midland	48 (+3)
Mitchell	1
Pecos	12 (-1)
Reeves	62 (-3)
Sterling	1
Ward	11 (+1)
Winkler	9 (+1)
Total	270 (+3)

DISTRICT 8A	
Borden	1 (-1)
Cochran	0 (-1)
Dawson	1
Gaines	3 (+1)
Garza	2
Hockley	0 (-1)
Scurry	6
Terry	2 (+1)
Yoakum	6 (+2)
Total	21

NEW MEXICO	
Chaves	1
Eddy	29 (-1)
Lea	38 (+2)
Total	68 (+1)

The Texas total was 325, up by one.

The Permian had 228 rigs a year ago.

Texas & New Mexico

Texas added one rig statewide for a total of 450. The Eagle Ford in South Texas and Barnett in North Texas were unchanged at 67 and five, respectively.

Seven of the Haynesville's rigs were in East Texas. Six of the Granite Wash's rigs were in the Panhandle.

Texas had two rigs offshore.

New Mexico was up by one rig to 69. Its lone non-Permian rig was in Sandoval County, in the

Please see RIG/5A

CRUDE

From 1A

1.9 million barrels to 457.1 million barrels.

The Strategic Petroleum Reserve saw a drawdown of 1.7 million barrels to 667.5 million barrels.

Total motor gasoline supplies were unchanged at 210.5 million barrels. Kerosene-type jet fuel rose by 900,000 barrels to 41.2 million barrels.

Distillates were up by 300,000 barrels to 125,000 barrels.

Crude production was nearly level. Daily production was up by nearly 13,000 barrels per day to 9.658 million barrels per

day. Imports dropped by 25,000 barrels per day to 7.873 million barrels per day. Exports were up by 462,000 barrels per day to 1.591 million barrels per day.

WTI is up \$6.62 (12.65 percent) for the year and has an average price of \$50.11 per barrel. The year low is \$42.53.

Plains Marketing posted prices also hit new year highs. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour.

On Friday, WTI posted was priced at \$55.50 per barrel, and sour fetched \$52.15 — both year highs.

WTI posted was up \$1 (1.83 percent) on the day and up \$2.50 (4.72 percent) for the week. Sour was up \$1 (1.98 percent) Friday and up \$2.50 (5.03 percent).

The spread between WTI futures and WTI posted was \$3.45 on Friday. The spread between WTI posted and sour has held at \$3.35 for 17 trading days.

In other futures trading Friday, February contracts rose by 89 cents to \$58.19 per barrel, March was up by 79 cents to \$58.73 and April jumped 70 cents to \$58.48.

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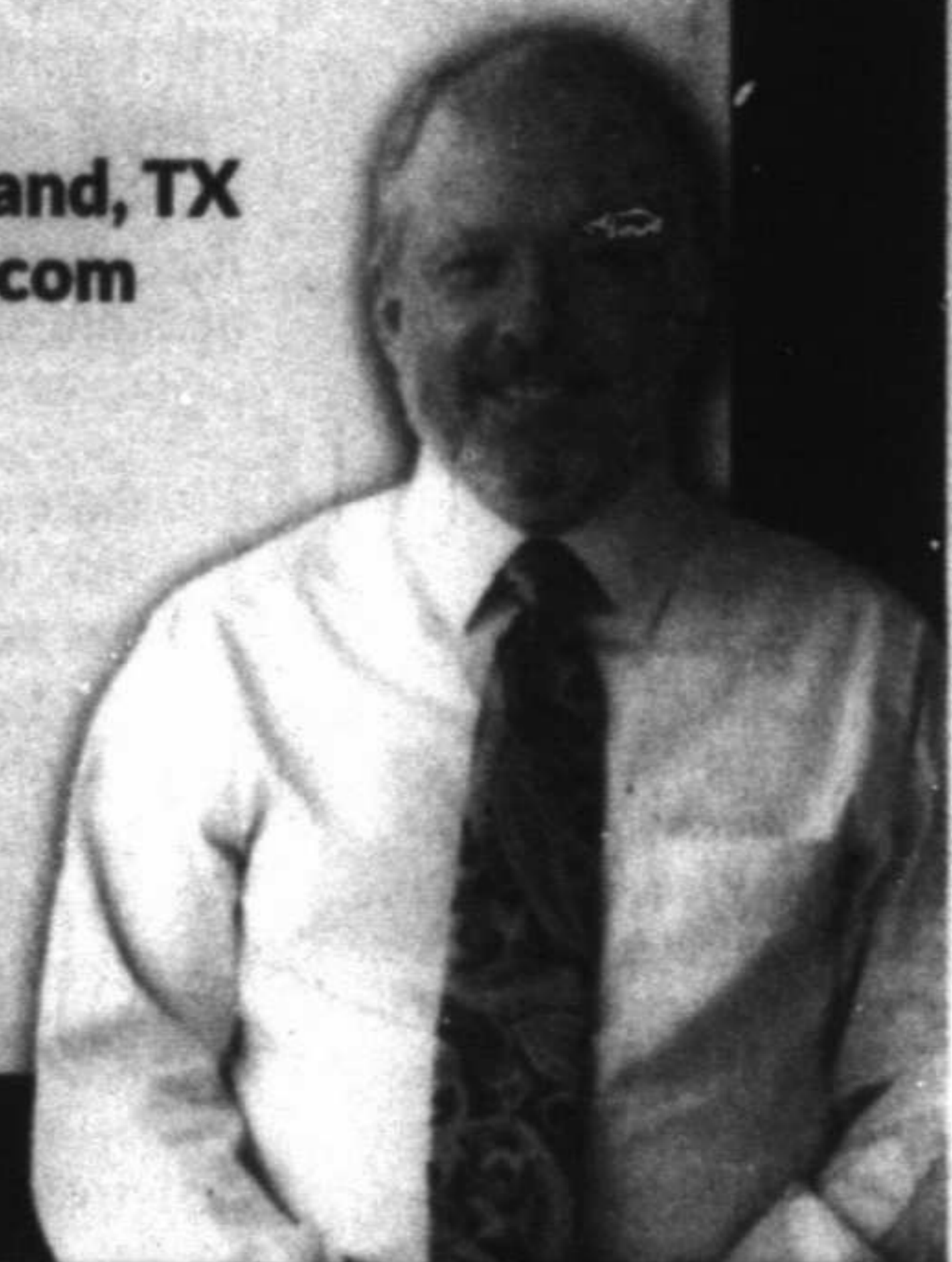
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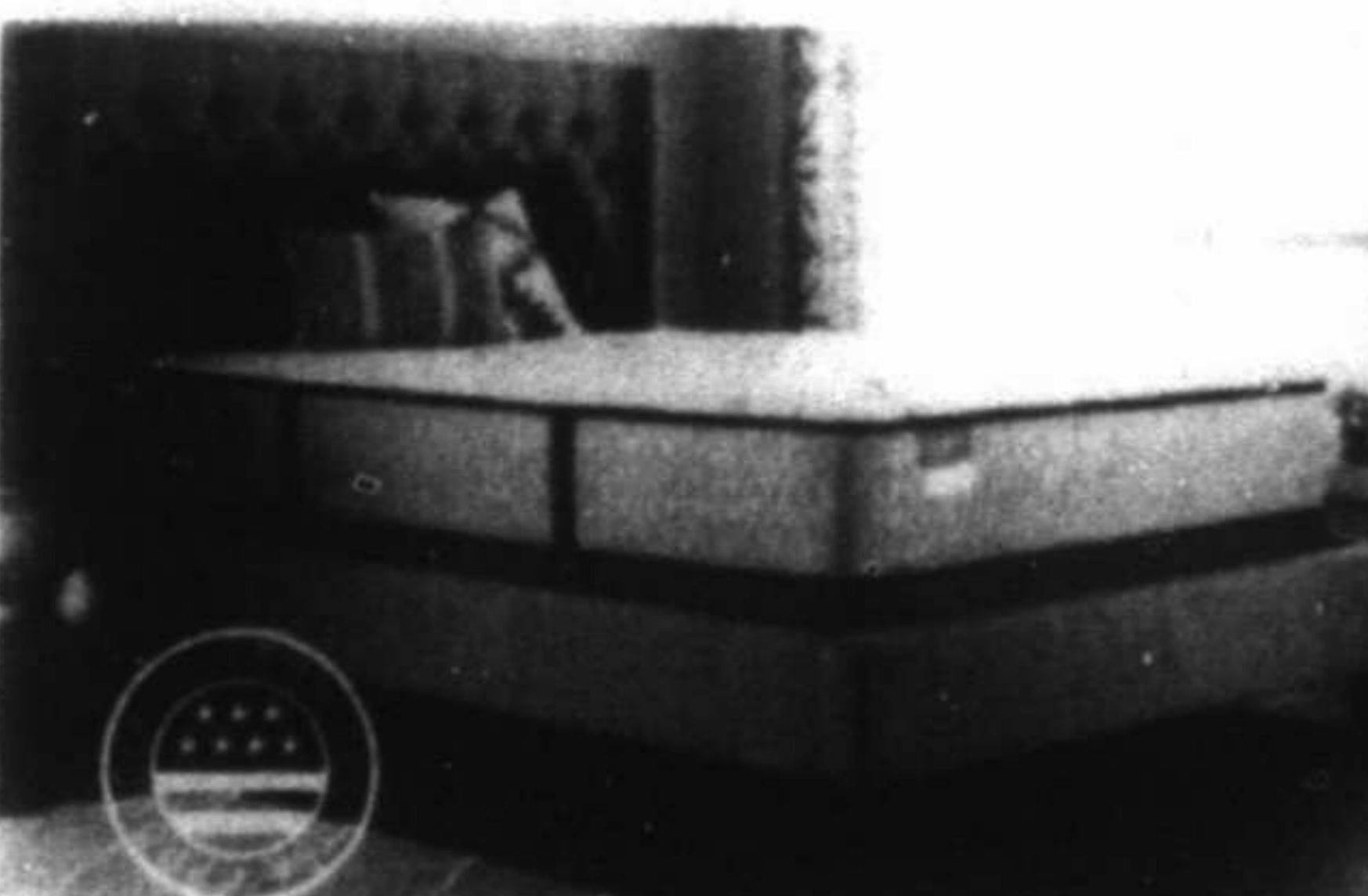
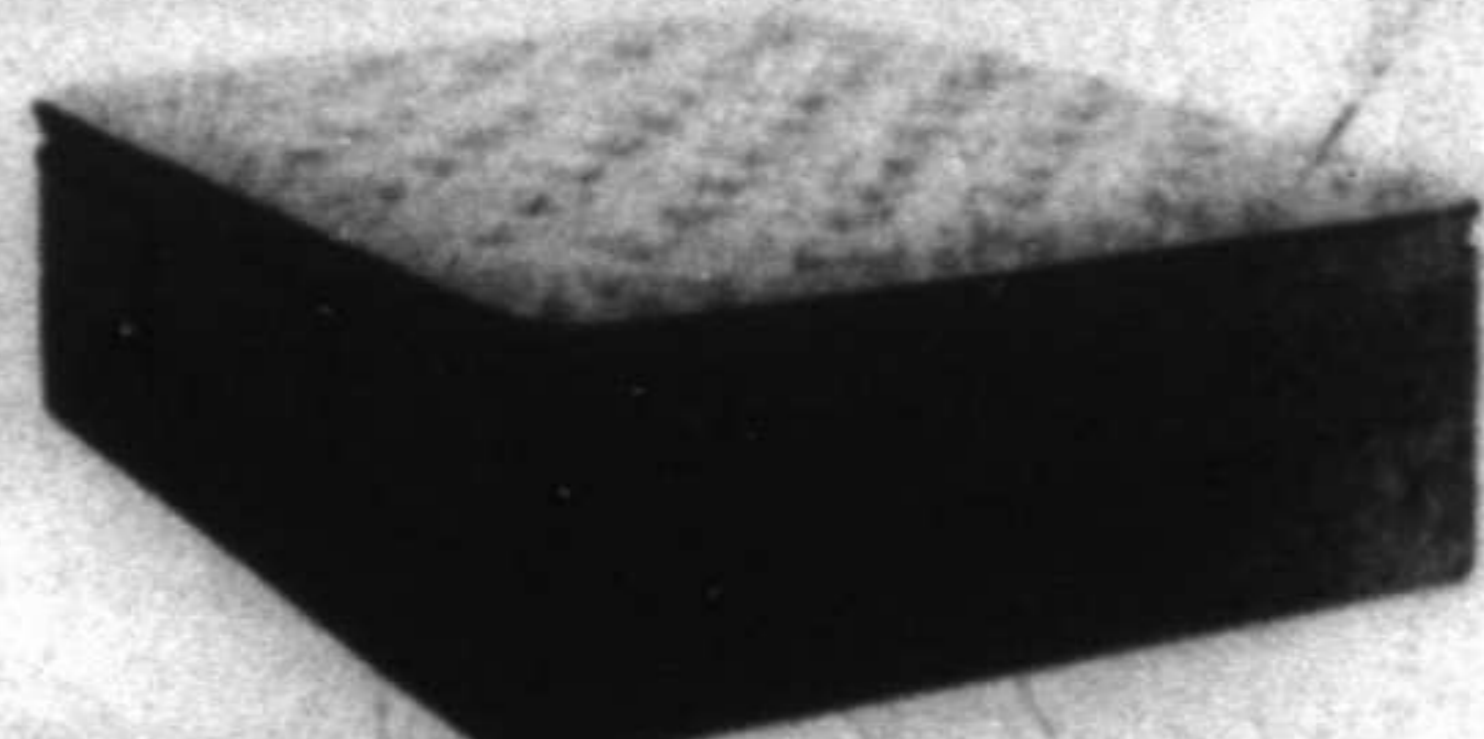


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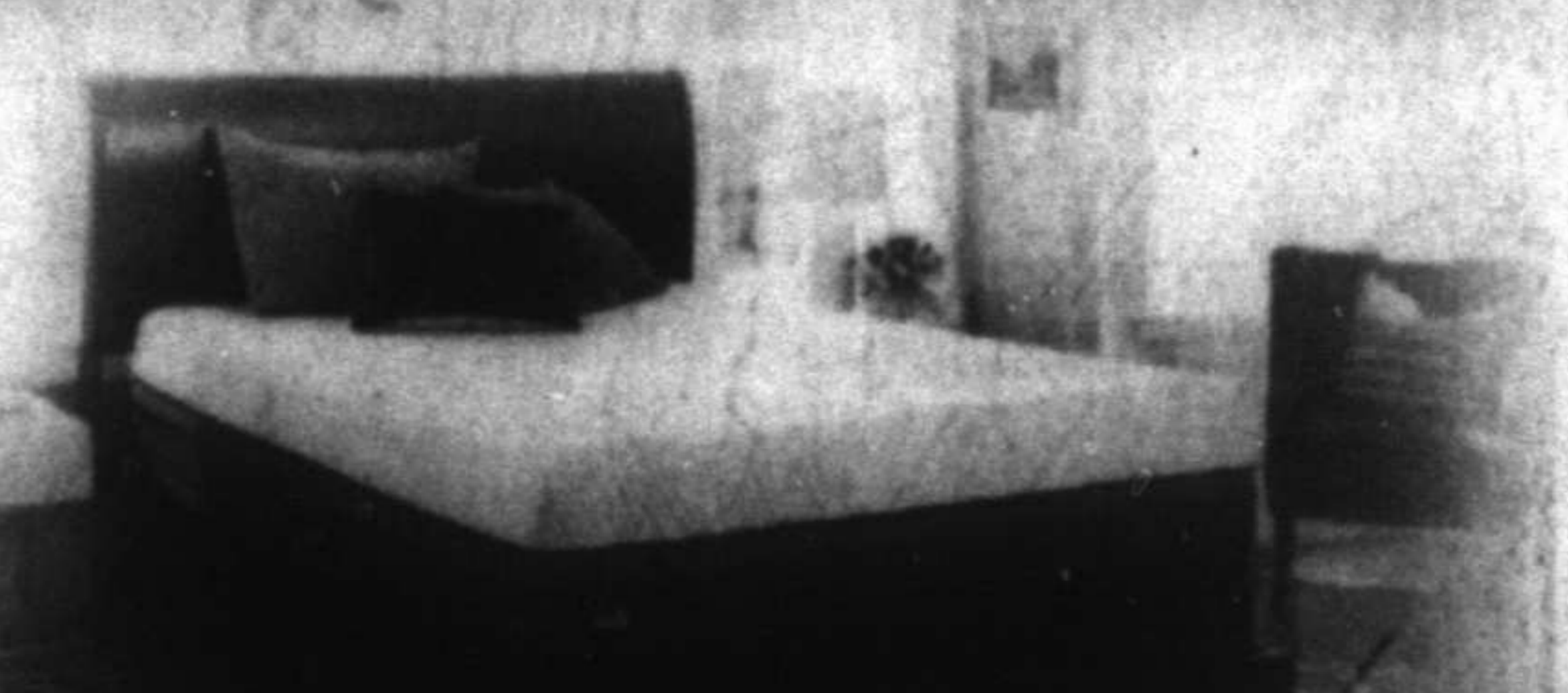
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Opposing parenting styles are cause of family fracture

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister "Cassie" and I got along well until we had kids. Our children are months apart in age, and parenting has brought out the differences in our beliefs in a way that has made it hard for us to get along.

I'm a proponent of Western medicine. My kids are vaccinated. We take them to the doctor, give them antibiotics when their doctor prescribes them and emphasize a balanced diet.

Cassie is a proponent of alternative medicine. She doesn't vaccinate her kids, keeps a vegan house and uses homeopathic remedies and meditation to combat illness. This difference has resulted in heated arguments about what's best for kids, and we have not been able to "agree to disagree."

Recently she sent me a large, and probably expensive, set of herbal remedies as a "gift." If it were from someone else, I'd thank her and give the set to someone who would use it. But in light of our ongoing "debates," this feels like a passive-aggressive dig at my values. It would be like me sending her a grass-fed steak and a wheel of Brie. How should I respond? — **DIF-FERENT MEDICAL BELIEFS**

DEAR D.M.B.: Don't overreact. Write Cassie a sweet note thanking her for her "thoughtfulness" and give the unwanted gift to someone who might use it or toss it. Do NOT let this degenerate into another argument. And let's hope that her children continue to enjoy good health.

DEAR ABBY: I am mature for being 16. However, I have a few quirks that I prefer not to tell anyone about because when I do, most of the feedback I get is negative.

First, I don't like watching PG-13 movies, so my favorite TV shows and movies are for kids. My mom and sister keep

DEAR ABBY

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telling me how dumb and stupid it is and that they're surprised I don't watch things "more my age." I don't call their shows stupid. I hate telling people my favorite TV shows because of the kind of reaction I get from the people close to me.

Second, I LOVE stuffed animals. Last time I counted, I had around 60. All of them have value to me and make me happy. Is there something wrong with having that many? One of my sister's famous quotes is, "How come you have them if you don't use them?" Occasionally she has tried to take stuff from me because of her "philosophy."

Is there something wrong with me? Or should I ignore the nasty comments? — **KID AT HEART IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR KID AT HEART: There is no accounting for taste. Many adults still read the funnies. I know this for certain because I am one of them.

We ALL have our quirks, and that includes your mother and your sister. Yours harm no one, and if they bring you pleasure, I see no reason not to indulge yourself. Your mom and sister may be teasing you, so stop rising to the bait.

P.S. Your sister may think your stuffed animal collection is juvenile, but she shouldn't be taking them without your permission because that's stealing, and stealing IS a serious problem.

Rig

From 4A

northwestern part of the state.

At this time last year, there were 279 rigs in Texas and 29 in New Mexico.

United States

Of the nation's 923 rigs this week, 747 were searching for oil, up nine, and 176 were exploring for natural gas, down one. The U.S. had 22 rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, up one. Inland waters rigs held at one.

By drilling trajectory, there were 786 horizontal rigs, up 10; 66 vertical rigs, up three; and 71 directional rigs, down five.

The U.S. had 593 rigs a year ago.

Most active

Basins with the highest rig counts were the Permian, the Cana Woodford (73), the Eagle Ford, the Williston (47) and the Marcellus (42).

States with the most activity were Texas, Okla-

homa (122), New Mexico, Louisiana (63) and North Dakota (46).

Canada & North America

Canada added seven more rigs this week for a total of 215. Oil rigs fell by two to 107; natural gas rigs rose by nine to 108. Canada had 174 rigs a year ago.

The total number of rigs in the North America region was 1,138, up 15. At this time last year, there were 767 rigs in North America.

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SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

1♣ Pass 1♣ Pass

What call would you make?

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as

South, you hold:

♠ K 9 3 ♥ A 8 2 ♦ A 9 4 3 ♣ J 9 3

SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST

Pass Pass 1♣ Pass

What call would you make?

you hold:

♠ K Q 9 8 ♥ 10 3 ♦ K J 5 ♣ A J 8 6

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1NT Pass 2♣ Pass

2♦ Pass ?

What call would you make?

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you

hold:

♠ J 10 9 8 4 2 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ K 8

As dealer, what call would you make?



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Even in the Amazon era, Black Friday shows stores are alive

By Anne D'Innocenzo and Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Retailers worked hard to attract shoppers to stores on Black Friday, offering in-person deals meant to counter the ease of shopping by phone on Amazon.

A better economy and colder weather helped, to be sure. But stores have also tried to improve the store experience and offer better service. They've also made a big push toward offering store pickup for online orders, hoping to get people to pick up more items. But they're fighting a circumstance in which online leader Amazon is the first and only stop for many shoppers.

So they're getting creative with the deals.

Victor Moore said he arrived about two hours ahead of Best Buy's 8 a.m. opening in Nashville and scored one of the about 14 "doorbuster" deals on a 55-inch Toshiba smart TV for \$280, a \$220 savings. Moore said he's done some online shopping, but the allure of in-store-only deals drew him out from behind the computer.

"This is the first successful doorbuster that I've ever been a part of," Moore said. "I've been in lines before, but never actually got the items that I was waiting for."

Annette Peluffo usually avoids Black Friday and buys online. But a \$250 gift card reward for buying an iPhone 8 plus at a Best Buy store in Miami was hard to resist. She plans to use the money to buy toys for her nephews and nieces in the coming weeks. "I just



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

People wait in line for a Best Buy store to open for a Black Friday sale on Thanksgiving Day on Thursday in Overland Park, Kan. Shoppers are hitting the stores on Thanksgiving as retailers under pressure look for ways to poach shoppers from their rivals.

came here for the iPhone. I am not going to any other store," she said.

Still, Black Friday isn't what it used to be. It has morphed from a single day when people got up early to score doorbusters into a whole month of deals. That has thinned out the crowds. And brick-and-mortar stores face plenty of challenges.

With the jobless rate at a 17-year-low of 4.1 percent and consumer confidence stronger than a year ago, analysts project healthy sales increases for November and December. The National Retail Federation trade group expects sales for that period to at least

match last year's rise of 3.6 percent and estimates online spending and other non-store sales will rise 11 to 15 percent.

But analysts at Bain say Amazon is expected to take half of the holiday season's sales growth.

Amazon said Friday that Thanksgiving continued to be one of its busiest shopping days, with orders through its app up over 50 percent from a year ago.

Overall, online sales on Black Friday rose 18.4 percent to \$640 million, from a year ago, as of Friday morning, says Adobe Analytics. Thanksgiving generated a total of \$2.87 billion in online spending,

up 18.3 percent from a year ago, the data firm said.

About 69 percent of Americans, or 164 million people, intend to shop at some point during the five-day period from Thanksgiving to Cyber Monday, according to a survey released by the NRF. It expected Black Friday to remain the busiest day, with about 115 million people planning to shop then.

"The consumer still likes to go to the stores," said Charles O'Shea, Moody's lead retail analyst. "I've seen a lot of traffic. Yes. There's going to be a lot of online shopping. But I think the brick and mortar stores have done a nice job

so far in attracting shoppers."

That's true of Karre Wagner, a 20-year-old University of Minnesota student from St. Paul, Minn., who was shopping at Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota, with her boyfriend. She bought a Blue-Ray player at the mall's Best Buy store. She says she started holiday shopping on Black Friday, but she likes to go to the mall to shop.

"I like to see what I'm buying. I like to touch it, feel it, know exactly what I'm getting and part of it is the experience," she said. "I mean, sitting online is fine, but there's just something

about starting the holiday season with Black Friday."

The shift to online buying is a major factor as industry analysts watch how the nation's malls fare this holiday shopping season. The Mall of America in Minnesota says that 2,500 people were in line at the 5 a.m. opening Friday, in line with a year ago. Shoppers started queuing up as early as 5:45 p.m. on Thanksgiving. Jill Renslow, Mall of America's executive vice president of business development, said stores like Nordstrom, Macy's and Best Buy were crowded. She said the items that caught shoppers' attention included voice-activated devices like Amazon Echo, nostalgic toys, clothing and shoes.

Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette said customer counts are higher and business was better in the North and Northeast even with fewer promotions from a year ago.

But much depends on whether people are buying or just looking, and if they're buying things that aren't on sale as well.

Chuck Boyd said he and his son arrived at 4 a.m. as one of the first five or six in line at Best Buy in Nashville to get one each of about 14 "doorbuster" deals on a 55-inch Toshiba smart TV for \$280, a \$220 savings.

Boyd said he never goes out for Black Friday deals and prefers online shopping. But his son wanted a TV for his apartment at school, so Boyd came along to get one too.

"I'd much rather do online," Boyd said. "But this was the deal you could only do in the store."

New Mexico charity embraces firearms raffle

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — Organizers of a year-end charity gun raffle in southern New Mexico say they are better off after separating from United Way Worldwide, which had sought to block the annual firearms fundraiser.

Alamogordo-based Thrive in Southern New Mexico dropped the United Way name and affiliation earlier this year after its local firearms raffle was thrust into the national debate over access to guns.

Thrive still describes itself as the leading fundraising organization for local nonprofits in a rural, two-county area. Executive Director Stephanie Hale said the reorganization is keeping more funds in the local community that previously went to the United Way, that the firearms raffle this year should pay for her group's annual operating expenses.

"We still do the same things that we did as part of United Way, only now all the funds that we raise stay," she said.

Thrive in Southern New Mexico briefly suspended publicity for its "Ultimate Firearms Raffle" of more than 100 guns in the aftermath of recent mass shootings at a Las Vegas country music concert and a Texas church. Hale says Thrive will promote raffle ticket sales in December at several gun shows.

"We're trying to push them when we can, when there's not some tragedy caused by a lunatic," she said. "You kind of have to walk a fine line when these things happen."

Miranda Viscoli, co-president of New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence, said the raffle undermines public safety by distributing more guns into the community — including military-style rifles.

Viscoli said the raffle continues to cast a shadow over the Thrive's charitable giving, even if raffle proceeds don't go directly to local nonprofits.

She previously urged United Way to end or break ties with several gun raffles.

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Miranda Viscoli, co-president of New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence

parents whose kids go the Boys and Girls Club, but they don't agree with the firearms raffle?" Viscoli said. "It's in poor taste to put it mildly."

Thrive in Southern New Mexico has teamed up with a Western True Value store to sell 2018 calendars that come with a raffle ticket for \$50. With 4,000 calendars available, Thrive stands to collect as much as \$200,000. The drawings

take place Dec. 27, though winners are announced gradually throughout the coming year each Tuesday and Thursday.

The firearms include 15 semi-automatic AR-style rifles with a military-style appearance, shotguns, and various caliber handguns and rifles. A special drawing awards a gun safe and five firearms to one ticketholder.

Beyond the raffle, leading charitable donors to Thrive include the region's main hospital, the Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center. Thrive funnels charitable contributions to about a dozen nonprofit programs and agencies that include senior centers, youth support groups, and resource organizations for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Rhonda Cross, board vice president for Thrive, emphasized that the Ultimate Firearms Raffle distributes guns through a federally licensed gun dealer that runs a background check on winners.

"Me personally, I have no qualms about doing this," said Cross, who says her husband, children and grandchildren have guns and are well trained in safety.

Viscoli pointed out that any gun recipient from the raffle can resell their weapon directly to another individual without a background check, under provisions of New Mexico law.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA
EPA's work on Navajo Nation uranium sites under review

WINDOW ROCK — A federal watchdog says it will review the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to clean up abandoned uranium sites on the Navajo Nation.

The EPA received funding in 2015 from a \$1 billion settlement to address 50 sites in northeastern Arizona.

The sites were run by Kerr McGee Corp., later acquired by Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

The EPA's Office of Inspector General says it wants to determine whether the EPA is prioritizing sites that present the greatest threats. Reviews generally take 18 months.

Mining in the Cove area of the reservation began in 1949 and ended in the late 1960s.

The EPA and Dine (dih-NEH') College have found high concentrations of uranium in the soil and groundwater.

The EPA has installed

warning signs at unregulated water wells.

NEW YORK
Ivanka Trump: Malia Obama should be 'off limits' to media

Ivanka Trump is condemning recent tabloid coverage of President Barack Obama's eldest daughter Malia, saying the college student deserves privacy and ought to be "OFF limits."

The president's daughter tweets: "Malia Obama should be allowed the same privacy as her school aged peers. She is a young adult and private citizen, and should be OFF limits."

The former first daughter is a first-year student at Harvard University.

Malia Obama took a gap year after graduating high school in 2016, in what the Obamas said was an effort to start college without the distraction of her father in the White House.

The informal society of presidential children has historically been protective of its youngest members, without regard

for political party.

NEW YORK
Uma Thurman lashes out at Harvey Weinstein in cryptic post

Uma Thurman has wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving — everyone except disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

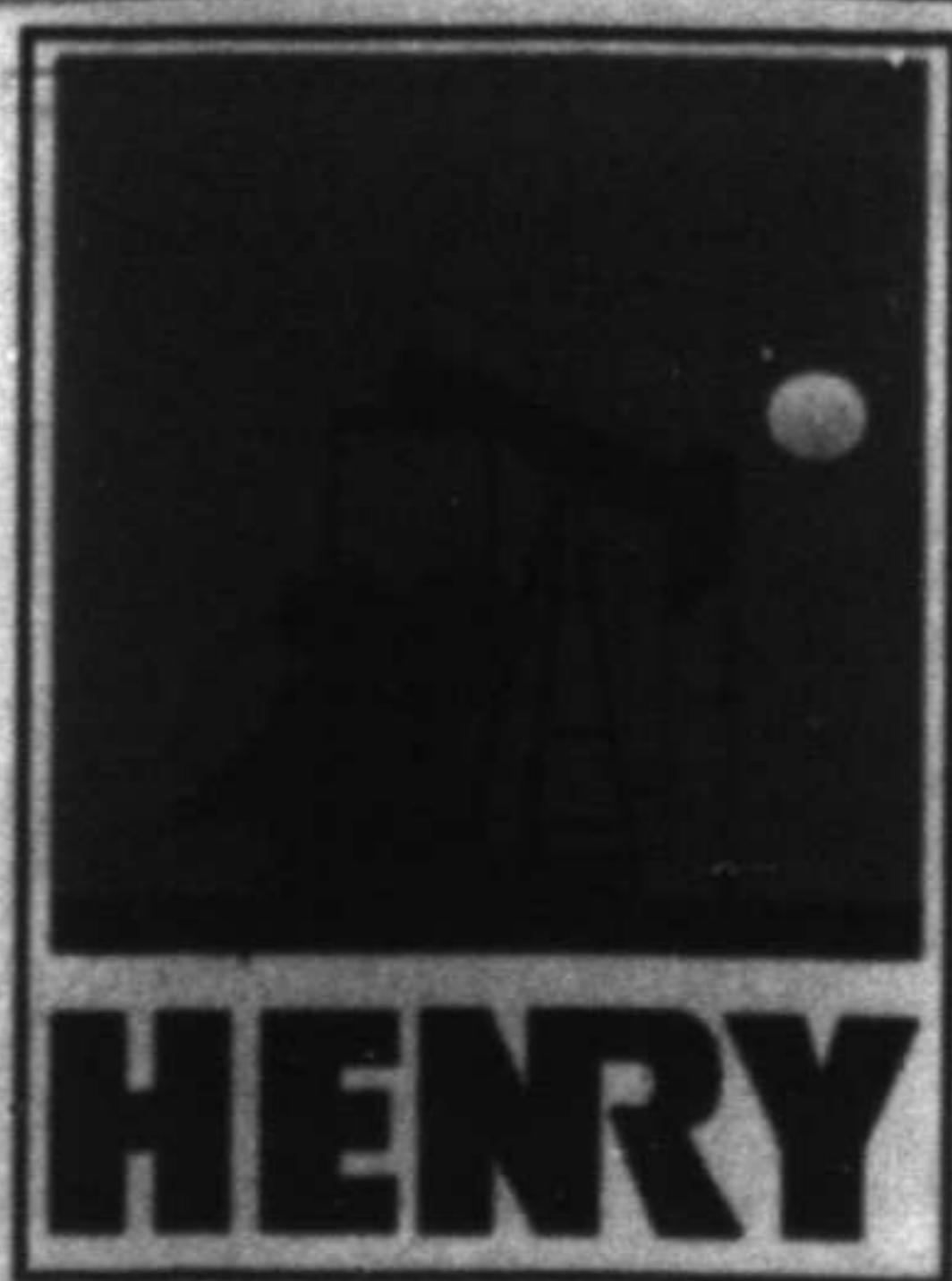
In a cryptic Instagram post Thursday, the actress wishes her followers a happy Thanksgiving but adds, "except you Harvey, and all your wicked conspirators." She says she's "glad it's going slowly — you don't deserve a bullet."

Dozens of actresses have alleged Weinstein sexually harassed or assaulted them, including Rose McGowan and Asia Argento.

But Thurman has said she's waiting to speak when she's less angry.

She plays an assassin in the Weinstein-produced "Kill Bill." She also starred in "Pulp Fiction," another of his films.

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Abdullah Abdel Nasser, 14, receives medical treatment at Suez Canal University hospital Friday in Ismailia, Egypt after he was injured during an attack on a mosque. Militants attacked a crowded mosque during Friday prayers in the Sinai Peninsula, setting off explosives, spraying worshippers with gunfire and killing more than 200 people in the deadliest ever attack by Islamic extremists in Egypt.

Militants attack Egyptian mosque, kill at least 235 people

By Brian Rohan and Samy Magdy
Associated Press

CAIRO — In the deadliest-ever attack by Islamic extremists in Egypt, militants assaulted a crowded mosque Friday during prayers, blasting helpless worshippers with gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades and blocking their escape routes. At least 235 people were killed before the assailants got away.

The attack in the troubled northern part of the Sinai Peninsula targeted a mosque frequented by Sufis, members of a mystic movement within Islam. Islamic militants, including the local affiliate of the Islamic State group, consider Sufis heretics because of their less literal interpretations of the faith.

The startling bloodshed in the town of Bir al-Abd also wounded at least 109, according to the state news agency. It offered the latest sign that, despite more than three years of fighting in Sinai, the Egyptian government has failed to deter an IS-led insurgency.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi vowed that the attack "will not go unpunished" and that Egypt would persevere with its war on terrorism. But he did not specify what new steps might be taken.

The military and security forces have already been waging a tough campaign against militants in the towns, villages and desert mountains of Sinai, and Egypt has been in a state of emergency for months.

Across the country, thousands have been arrested in a crackdown on suspected Islamists as well as against other dissenters and critics, raising concern about human rights violations.

Seeking to spread the violence, militants over the past year have carried out deadly bombings on churches in the capital of Cairo and other cities, killing dozens of Christians. The IS affiliate is also believed to be behind the 2016 downing of a Russian passenger jet that killed 226 people.

Friday's assault was the first major militant attack on a Muslim congregation, and it eclipsed past attacks, even dating back to a previous Islamic militant insurgency in the 1990s.

The militants descended on the al-Rouda mosque in four off-road vehicles as

hundreds worshipped inside. At least a dozen attackers charged in, opening fire randomly, the main cleric at the mosque, Sheikh Mohamed Abdel Fatah Zowraq told The Associated Press by phone from a Nile Delta town where he was recuperating from bruises and scratches suffered in the attack.

He said there were explosions as well. Officials cited by the state news agency MENA said the attackers fired rocket-propelled grenades and shot men as they tried to run from the building. The militants blocked off escape routes with burning cars, three police officers on the scene told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

Abdullah Abdel-Nasser, 14, who was attending prayers with his father, said the shooting began just as the cleric was about to start his sermon, sending panicked worshippers rushing to hide behind concrete columns or whatever shelter they could find. At one point, a militant shouted for children to leave, so Abdel-Nasser said he rushed out, though he was wounded in the shoulder by shrapnel and a bullet.

"I saw many people on the floor, many dead. I don't think anyone survived," he said at a hospital in the Suez Canal city of Ismailia, where around 40 of the wounded were taken, including many children.

Mohammed Ali said 18 members of his extended family were killed in the attack. The mosque belonged to a local clan, the Jreer, so many of its members worshipped there.

"Where was the army? It's only a few kilometers away. This is the question we cannot find an answer to," he said.

The attackers escaped, apparently before security forces could confront them.

Afterward, dozens of bloodied bodies wrapped in sheets were laid across the mosque floor, according to images circulating on social media. Relatives lined up outside a nearby hospital as ambulances raced back and forth. The state news agency MENA put the death toll at 235.

Resident Ashraf el-Hefny said many of the victims were workers at a nearby salt mine who had come for Friday services at the mosque.

"Local people brought the wounded to hospital on their own cars and trucks," he said by telephone.

CBS, Dish end blackout for customers after reaching fee deal

By Gerry Smith and Scott Moritz
Bloomberg

Dish Network and CBS agreed to a new multi-year contract, ending a blackout that would have left millions of satellite-TV subscribers without the nation's most-watched network and its popular football programming.

The agreement, which does not include online channels on Dish's Sling TV, allows Dish to use CBS content across various U.S. cities, according to a statement late Thursday. No financial details were provided. CBS and its local stations in 18 cities were pulled from Dish's service late Monday after failing to agree on a price that Dish would pay to carry the broadcast network.

Media companies and pay-TV providers are

tussling over how to split revenue from cable and satellite customers as subscriptions drop. Dish has lost 468,000 TV subscribers this year as people switch to streaming options like Netflix. CBS has fared better, with revenue up 1.3 percent as fees from viewers and deals to license programs have more than offset falling audience ratings and ad sales.

The standoff occurred during one of the most popular viewing times of the year, featuring big college football games throughout the Thanksgiving weekend, and an NFL doubleheader on Sunday. Still, the agreement came after the Dallas Cowboys played against the Los Angeles Chargers, resulting in Dish subscribers missing that game.

The fact that CBS continues to keep its channels off Dish's Sling TV

highlights how selective the broadcast network has been when making online TV partnerships. CBS offers All Access, its own web-based streaming service starting at \$5.99 a month. And after holding out for months, CBS agreed in August to provide channels to AT&T's DirecTV Now service. It's also available on Google's YouTube TV service.

Both companies faced risks if the blackout continued. Dish's 13.2 million customers are important to advertisers on CBS, which also counts on the satellite carrier's subscriber fees. Dish faced a backlash from angry subscribers who couldn't get the most-watched U.S. TV network and have more ways to cut their pay-TV subscriptions and replace them with cheaper online entertainment.

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Trump wants to end welfare as Bill Clinton knows it

By Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Overhauling welfare was one of the defining goals of Bill Clinton's presidency, starting with a campaign promise to "end welfare as we know it," continuing with a bitter policy fight and producing change that remains hotly debated 20 years later.

Now, President Donald Trump wants to put his stamp on the welfare system, apparently in favor of a more restrictive policy. He says "people are taking advantage of the system." Trump, who has been signaling interest in the issue for some time, said this past week that he wants to tackle the issue after the tax overhaul he is seeking by the end of the year. He said changes were "desperately needed in our country" and that his administration would soon offer plans.

For now, the president has not offered details. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said more specifics were likely early next year. But the groundwork has already begun at the White House and Trump has made his interest known to Republican lawmakers.

Paul Winfree, director of budget policy and deputy director of Trump's Domestic Policy Council, told a recent gathering at the conservative Heritage Foundation that he and another staffer had been charged with "working on a major welfare reform proposal." He said they have drafted an executive order on the topic that would outline administration principles and direct agencies to come up with recommendations.

"The president really wants to lead on this," Winfree said. "He has delivered that message loud and clear to us. We've opened conversations with leadership in

Congress to let them know that that is the direction we are heading."

Trump said in October that welfare was "becoming a very, very big subject, and people are taking advantage of the system."

Clinton ran in 1992 on a promise to change the system but struggled to get consensus on a bill, with Democrats divided and Republicans pushing aggressive changes. Four years later, he signed a law that replaced a federal entitlement with grants to the states, placed a time limit on how long families could get aid and required recipients to go to work eventually.

It has drawn criticism from some liberal quarters ever since. During her presidential campaign last year, Democrat Hillary Clinton faced activists who argued that the law fought for by her husband punished poor people.

Kathryn Edin, a professor at Johns Hopkins University who has been studying welfare since the 1990s, said the law's legacy has been to limit the cash assistance available to the very poor and has never become a "springboard to work." She questioned what kinds of changes could be made, arguing that welfare benefits are minimal in many states and there is little evidence of fraud in other anti-poverty programs.

Still, Edin said that welfare has "never been popular even from its inception. It doesn't sit well with Americans in general."

Robert Rector, a senior research fellow at Heritage, said he would like to see more work requirements for a range of anti-poverty programs and stronger marriage incentives, as well as strategies to improve results for social programs and to limit waste.

US backtracks on decision to close Palestinian DC office

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration backtracked Friday on its decision to order the Palestinians' office in Washington to close, instead saying it would merely impose limitations on the office that it expected would be lifted after 90 days.

Last week, U.S. officials said the Palestine Liberation Organization mission couldn't stay open because the Palestinians had violated a provision in U.S. law requiring the office to close if the Palestinians try to get the International Criminal Court to prosecute Israelis. The move triggered a major rift in U.S.-Palestinian relations that threatened to scuttle President Donald Trump's ambitious effort to broker Mideast peace before it ever got off the ground.

Yet the United States delayed shuttering the office for a week while saying it was working out the details with the Palestinians, before abruptly reversing course late Friday,

as many Americans were enjoying a long Thanksgiving Day weekend. State Department spokesman Edgar Vasquez said the U.S. had "advised the PLO Office to limit its activities to those related to achieving a lasting, comprehensive peace between the Israelis and Palestinians."

Vasquez said even those restrictions will be lifted after 90 days if the U.S. determines the Israelis and Palestinians are engaged in serious peace talks. The White House, in an effort led by Trump adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner, has been preparing a comprehensive peace plan to present to both sides in the coming months.

"We therefore are optimistic that at the end of this 90-day period, the political process may be sufficiently advanced that the president will be in a position to allow the PLO office to resume full operations," Vasquez said.

The reversal marked a serious departure from the administration's interpretation of the law only a week earlier. Officials had said then that,

one way or another, the office had to close because Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, in a U.N. speech in September, had called on the ICC to investigate and prosecute Israelis. That same law, though, says that the president can let the office re-open after 90 days despite an ICC push if serious Israeli-Palestinian talks are underway.

Asked how the Trump administration explains its new interpretation of about what must happen if the Palestinians call for an ICC investigation, Vasquez said: "These actions are consistent with the president's authorities to conduct the foreign relations of the United States."

There were no indications that the Trump administration had initially moved to close the office as part of a premeditated strategy to strengthen its hand in eventual peace talks. Instead, officials explained the move by saying Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, in a strict interpretation of the law, determined that Abbas' speech had crossed the legal line.

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Young senior Esan a force on MCS' defensive line

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland Christian defensive tackle Nifemi Esan is wise and mature beyond his years.

The 6-foot, 195 pound interior lineman is only 16 years old, but he plays like a seasoned veteran as a Mustangs senior.

"He's one of the youngest kids on our football team, for him to be a senior is just crazy," MCS head coach Greg McClendon said. "He should be about a sophomore right now."

Esan, who began playing football at MCS in the seventh grade, has never felt overwhelmed in the trenches because he has always been on par with his counterparts in terms of size and stature.

"I grew the same as most kids," Esan said. "I have always been the same size as them."

Esan and the Mustangs defense face a stiff test when they meet Cedar Hill Trinity Christian (9-1) in today's 6 p.m. TAPPS Division II state quarterfinal at Indian Stadium in Tuscola.

Esan and MCS (8-3) meet an explosive Eagles offense that has put up 45.8 points per game, spearheaded by four-star recruit Qualan Jones, who has rushed for 1,011 yards and 16 TDs at running back.

"You just give everything you've got on the field and play like it's your last game," Esan said. "I'm very excited because they are a really good team and they will give us a challenge."

Esan, who started grade school

at an earlier age than most, is a sharp student who enjoys math class and plans to major in biomedical engineering when he attends college.

On the gridiron, the tackle is an active defender who is always around the football.

Despite playing a position where tackles don't typically compile stops, Esan ranks second on the Mustangs' defense with 74 tackles.

In the MCS' scheme, Esan says his role is to bust through the opposing offensive line and make plays.

"They want me to attack and set a new line of scrimmage and push them back," Esan said.

In 2016 as a junior, Esan tied



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Nifemi Esan chases El Paso Americas' Francisco Melendez out of the pocket Sept. 15 at Gordon Awtry Field.

Please see MCS/3B

Still standing



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Abraham Mendez photographed during practice Tuesday at Lee High School.

Mendez beats long odds, finds support system at Lee

By Will Korn
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There was a time when Lee senior defensive tackle Abraham Mendez was at rock bottom.

Throughout his childhood and middle school years, Mendez and his family — his mother, Alma Christy Gasca, his two brothers and his younger sister — fought a life marked by poverty and danger. Mendez and his brothers were involved in drugs and the family's home in El Paso was raided by law

enforcement, forcing the embattled group to move east to the Tall City just before Mendez' began high school.

Difficulties hardly lightened for Mendez. To begin their lives in Midland, his five-member family crammed into a 24-foot-long RV for shelter. During his first two weeks at Lee Freshman High School, he walked a roughly six-mile route to and from his trailer park every morning and evening, often asking for directions after getting lost. He didn't have access to a phone or a vehicle.

Later, his family left him by himself and returned to El Paso when one of Mendez' brothers was sentenced to probation for a past crime. With only four pairs of clothes, no money, no job and surrounded by strangers, Mendez was tasked with scraping up \$200 per month to rent the RV.

Three years later, Mendez is now a standout on the Rebels' scout team, where his relentless dedication to his duty has helped to condition Lee's starting offensive line for

Please see LEE/3B

Old rivals Garden City, Rankin meet in regional round

By Oscar LeRoy
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Garden City and Rankin have had a good and long-standing rivalry, dating back to when both programs were playing 11-man football and even all the way back to the first meeting 70 years ago.

But at 2 p.m. today at Wink's Wildcat Field, the stakes will be much higher as the teams will play for a chance to advance in the Class 1A Division I playoffs when they face off in a regional round game.

No. 3-ranked Garden City (9-2) and Rankin (8-3) met earlier this season on Sept. 29 in Garden City with the Bearkats walking away with a convincing 50-0 win.

A lot can change in almost two months and the Bearkats are not taking anything for granted.

"It's always kind of hard staying focused considering we played them earlier this year and we put a pretty good score on them the last time," Garden City senior quarterback Trent McMillan said. "But all of us are pretty focused on what we need to get accomplished. Any rivalry game adds extra tension and a need to win this game, so this game is a big deal for us."

Garden City coach Jeff Jones said it's always scary

playing a team twice.

"Whenever you win that first game soundly, it always

gives that team extra motivation," he said. "The same thing happened last year with Marfa. After we beat them in the regular season, we had to play them again in the second round of the playoffs. Our kids know that if you have a bad game at this point of the season, you're not playing anymore. That helps to keep the focus up, especially for a team that wants to keep playing."

The Red Devils are also

confident that they can have a better showing this time around.

"It's always tough playing a team the second time but I think we've got a better game plan going into it than before," said Rankin senior running back/linebacker Cameron Shelton. "I guess we learned the last time that it's going to be a battle all the way through and no team is going to give an inch and the best team is going to win."

"We feel we can get the job done but we know it's going to take a lot of hard work and effort."

Rankin's second-year coach and Cameron's dad, Jeff Shelton, said he believes his team can match up with

Please see RIVALS/3B

Decatur edges Andrews in wild area shootout

By Oscar LeRoy
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ABILENE — All Decatur had to do was get a stop in its back-and-forth Class 4A Division I area round playoff game against Andrews.

Tied at 48 midway through the fourth quarter, the Eagles got the stop and a last scoring chance they needed in this wild game against two very similar teams.

After forcing Andrews to punt, Decatur drove 70 yards and capped it off with a 17-yard pass from Wilson Hicks to Dane Fitzgerald with 5:01 remaining. The Eagles' defense held on from there in a 55-48 victory at Wilford Moore Stadium.

Decatur (8-4) advances to play Wichita Falls Hirschi, a 41-17 winner over Lubbock Estacado in the regional round next weekend. Andrews ends its season at 9-3.

"I don't know what it is but in the last few years, we've played some of the craziest games," Decatur coach Mike Fuller said. "That was a great team and it's obvious why they score so many points."

"Our defense made some pretty good adjustments and made some better plays on those guys."

Hicks and his receivers were tough to stop on this night as the junior quarterback threw for 444 yards and five touchdowns and he also added two rushing TD for the Eagles.

Andrews and quarterback Jace Keesee weren't going to be outdone as the senior threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns and he also ran for two scores.

Andrews coach Ralph Mason was obviously disappointed but said he was proud of the way his team fought to the end.

"I never had any doubts that we would (fight)," Mason said. "Those are the kind of kids we've got. They're great leaders. They fought hard. (Decatur) found a way in the second half to give us a chance. There were times we needed to make plays, but it didn't happen to us. They're a good ballclub."

It didn't take long for both teams to heat up as each took advantage of great field position, beginning with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Keesee to Noah Lujan (9 catches, 123 yards) to cap off a four-play drive.

Decatur responded quickly with a three-play, 68-yard drive that culminated with a 20-yard TD pass from Wilson Hicks to Mario Reyes.

And the shootout was on as the teams were tied at 14-all at the end of the first quarter.

The game was tied at 21-all early in the second quarter when the momentum started to swing in the Eagles' favor.

After forcing Andrews to a rare three-and-out, Jhett Parker took the ensuing punt and returned it 75 yards down the near sideline for a touchdown to give Decatur its first lead of the game, 28-21.

Special teams would give the Eagles

Please see ANDREWS/2B



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Ohio State at Michigan, 11 a.m., FOX
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Kansas at Oklahoma State, 11 a.m., FS1
ECU at Memphis, 11 a.m., ESPN
UConn at Cincinnati, 11 a.m., ESPNNews
Louisville at Kentucky, 11 a.m., SEC
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Wisconsin at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m., ABC
Iowa State at Kansas State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2
North Carolina at NC State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN
Penn State at Maryland, 2:30 p.m., BTN
West Virginia at Oklahoma, 2:45 p.m., ESPN
Michigan State at Rutgers, 3 p.m., FOX
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Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 3 p.m., SEC
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Men's College Basketball
Savannah State at Texas Tech, 2 p.m., FSSW+
SIU Edwardsville at Creighton, 3:30 p.m., FS2
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Boston College at Providence, 7 p.m., FS1
Utah Valley at North Dakota, 8 p.m., FCSC

National Basketball Association
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College Football
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WHAT'S ON DECK

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JC Basketball

MC Men vs. New Mexico JC, 6 p.m., New Mexico Junior College Classic, Hobbs, N.M.
MC women vs. Eastern Arizona, 1 p.m., Sonic Thanksgiving Classic, Odessa

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW YORK JETS - Signed WR-RK Ludy Whitehead and TE Zach Cooney to the practice squad. Released LB Jeremy Cash and CB Michael Hunter from the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS - Signed RB Kari Bibbs to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS - Reassigned G Reto Berni and D Jaycob Megna to the San Diego (AHL) CALGARY FLAMES - Assigned G Eddie Lack to Stockton (AHL). Recalled G David Rittch from Stockton.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING - Recalled F Cory C. Necher from Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS - Recalled F Tye

Grovec from Hershey (AHL).
American Hockey League
AHL - Suspended Syracuse F Alex Gallant four games for a charging incident in a Nov. 22 game against Rochester.
ECHL
ECHL - Suspended Wheelings Cody Wydo one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a Nov. 22 game against Worcester.
ONTARIO REBRIS - Recalled D Jonathan Racine from Manchester (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE - Recalled F Michael Joly from Colorado (ECHL).
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS - Fired football coach Bret Belemo.
TCU - Signed football coach Gary Patterson to a two-year extension through the 2023 season.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Metropolitan Division, Pacific Division, Western Conference, Central Division, Nashville 2, St. Louis 0, Dallas 6, Calgary 4, Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2, OT, Today's Games, Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., Buffalo at Montreal, 6 p.m., Chicago at Chicago, 6 p.m., Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m., N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 6 p.m., New Jersey at Detroit, 6 p.m., Vegas at Arizona, 7 p.m., Minnesota at St. Louis, 7 p.m., Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m., Winnipeg at San Jose, 9 p.m., Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Scores & Schedule

Table with columns: Friday's Scores, Today's Games, Thursday's late box scores, Redskins 20, Giants 10, New York 0, Washington 9, Second Quarter, Third Quarter, Fourth Quarter, Individual Statistics, Rushing, Passing, Punting, Fumbles-Lost, Penalties-Yards, Time of Possession.

NFL GLANCE

Table with columns: American Conference, East, South, West, National Conference, East, South, West, Thursday's Scores, Minnesota 20, Detroit 23, L.A. Chargers 28, Dallas 6, Cincinnati 4, Washington 10, N.Y. Giants 10, Sunday's Games, Minnesota at Indianapolis, noon.

Table with columns: American Conference, East, South, West, National Conference, East, South, West, Thursday's Scores, Minnesota 20, Detroit 23, L.A. Chargers 28, Dallas 6, Cincinnati 4, Washington 10, N.Y. Giants 10, Sunday's Games, Minnesota at Indianapolis, noon.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES

Table of high school football scores across various regions and classes, including Prep Football, Class 6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, and 1A Six-Man Division I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII, XXIX, XXX.

Carballo's goal lifts Jacks over IceRays in OT

from staff reports
ODESSA - Ricky Carballo scored the game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Odessa Jackalopes to a 5-4 victory over the visiting Corpus Christi IceRays, Friday at Ector County Coliseum. Odessa led, 3-2 after two periods of play, before the IceRays (9-10-2) tied the game at 4-4 in the third with goals by Brendan Miller and Larry Jung-wirth. Carballo finished with the goal and two assists for Odessa (10-10-1), while goaltender Alex Camarre stopped 36 of the 39 shots he faced in regulation.

Tyler Seguin has hat trick in Stars' 6-4 win over Flames

Associated Press
DALLAS - Tyler Seguin scored two of his three goals in the third period and the Dallas Stars rallied to beat the Calgary Flames 6-4 on Friday night. Seguin broke a tie with an unassisted goal, the 200th goal of his career, with 5:57 to play and added an empty-net goal with a minute to go. After a turnover by Calgary's Michael Stone, Seguin took the puck down the slot and sent a wrist shot past goalie Mike Smith into the upper right corner of the net for the winner. Sean Monahan's second goal of the game gave Calgary a 4-3 lead 6 minutes into the third period. Dallas' Gemel Smith tied it at 4 at 12:12. Antoine Roussel and Alexander Radulov also scored for Dallas, and Ben Bishop made 34 saves. Michael Ferland and Johnny Gaudreau also scored for Calgary, and Smith stopped 36 shots. NOTES: Before the game, the Stars honored Jere Lehtinen, who played 14 seasons for Dallas, by retiring his No. 26. He joins Neal Broten (7), Bill Goldsworthy (8), Mike Modano (9) and Bill Masterton (19). Lehtinen three times won the NHL's Selke Trophy, awarded to the best defensive forward. He now is general manager of the Finnish National Team. ... Monahan's first goal was his seventh on the power play, tied for the most in the league.

ANDREWS

From 1B

the biggest lead of the first half when Andrews punter Jaden Brown was tackled at his own 5 after a bad snap. Two plays later, Hicks punched it from a yard out for a 42-28 lead with 3:15 left before the half. Andrews was again quick to respond as Britin Garcia caught a 60-yard pass to set up a 2-yard TD run two plays later to pull the Mustangs to within 42-35 with 2:51 left in the second quarter. Decatur missed a golden opportunity to push its lead to two scores at intermission when a bad snap from the AHS 2 resulted in the ball ending up 32 yards behind the line of scrimmage.

as the clock wound down. Things cooled off considerably in the second half as both teams seemed to make defensive adjustments, but not before Decatur took a 48-35 lead when A.J. Martinez (124 yards rushing, 65 yards receiving) took a short pass and raced 43 yards for the score. The Eagles, however, had their extra point blocked. And Andrews came back and tied the game at 48 behind a 2-yard run by Casey Buck and a 4-yard TD run by Keesee. But the Mustangs also missed an extra point and the game stayed tied at 48. "I thought the defensive coaches did something right (in the second half) because we were able to

get some stops, got us back in the ballgame and gave us a chance," Mason said. "I thought we were fixing to go up by one but we missed the PAT. I still think it might have been good, but obviously that wasn't the difference in the game."

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DECATUR 55, ANDREWS 48
Andrews 14 21 7 9-48
Decatur 14 28 6 7-45

Table with columns: First Downs, Rushes-yards, Passing yards, Comp.-Att.-Int., Punts-Avg, Fumbles-lost, Penalties-yds, AND, DEC, Individual Statistics, Rushing, Passing, Punting, Fumbles-Lost, Penalties-Yards, Time of Possession.

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HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

ARLINGTON MARTIN 41 ODESSA PERMIAN 10
ARLINGTON — Arlington Martin scored 34 unanswered points between the second and third quarters to eliminate Odessa Permian in Friday's Class 6A Division I area playoff at Maverick Stadium.

With Martin leading 14-3 and Permian threatening to score, the Warriors (11-1) turned the momentum for good when Jayce Godley scored on a 99-yard fumble return with 4:59 left in the second quarter.

Justin Hammond had nine rushes for 104 yards for the Panthers (9-2).

Fourth Quarter		
Permian	Martin	Score
Permian — Steve Steen 1 run (Roberts kick good), 10:05		10-0
First Downs	14	19
Rushes-Yards	47-257	43-314
Comp.-Att.-Int.	3-11-0	5-8-1
Passing Yards	34	87
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-0
Punts-Avg.	4-19.3	2-19
Penalties-Yards	5-50	5-48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING — Permian, Justin Hammond 9-104, Mark Samaniego 10-51, Steve Steen 14-37; Kashawn Jones 4-26, Broder Miller 1-25, Ed Williams 9-23, Martin, Montreal Smith 12-115, Tre Henderson 4-32, Antwan Parker 2-48, Brayden Willis 7-45, Juma Oloviano 7-50, Sul Peter 4-18, Taylor Christian 4-8, Dayson Jones 1-6, Stephen Mohon 2-1.		
PASSING — Permian, Steve Steen 3-11-0; Martin, Brayden Willis 3-3-0-45, Juma Oloviano 3-5-1-22.		
RECEIVING — Permian, Justin Hammond 2-33, Sorrell Brown 2-20, Brayden Willis 1-14.		
INTERCEPTIONS — Permian, Christian Tschauer 1-28.		

ARLINGTON MARTIN 41, ODESSA PERMIAN 10
MARTIN — Justin Hammond 9-104, Steve Steen 14-37, Kashawn Jones 4-26, Broder Miller 1-25, Ed Williams 9-23, Martin, Montreal Smith 12-115, Tre Henderson 4-32, Antwan Parker 2-48, Brayden Willis 7-45, Juma Oloviano 7-50, Sul Peter 4-18, Taylor Christian 4-8, Dayson Jones 1-6, Stephen Mohon 2-1.

MANSFIELD 55 SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 37
MANSFIELD — San Angelo Central led 17-13 at halftime but was unable to hang on, as Mansfield pulled away with a victory in a Class 6A Division II area playoff game Friday at Vernon Newsom Stadium.

Jaquils Coleman rushed for 177 yards and three touch-

downs on seven carries for Mansfield (11-1), which scored 28 points in the third quarter and advanced to the regional quarterfinal.

For Central (11-1), junior quarterback Maverick McIvor passed for 376 yards and four touchdowns — three to receiver Henry Teeter, who finished with 195 yards on 12 catches.

MANSFIELD 55, SAN ANGELO CENTRAL 37		
Mansfield	0	17
Central	7	13
Mansfield	3	10
Central	10	28
Mansfield	10	28
Central	14	37

0:00		
First downs	18	10
Rushes-yards	16-88	39-355
Passing yards	376	90
Comp.-att.-int.	31-56-2	5-12-0
Punts-avg.	3-21.0	1-24
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-yards	6-65	5-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING — Central, Maverick McIvor 12-49, Cody Parker 2-37, DaMarcus Cobb 2-2, Mansfield, Jaquils Coleman 7-177, Avery Chalmers 16-89, KJ Hawkins 12-40, Riese Grogan 1-18, Jackson Gleason 1-7, Theo Owens 2-4.		
PASSING — Central, McIvor 31-56-2-376, Mansfield, Shawn Hartfield 5-12-0-90.		
RECEIVING — Central, Henry Teeter 12-195, Jesse Scott 10-101, Jason Coates 7-42, Jackson Trinne 1-13, Cobb 1-2, Mansfield, Gleason 3-76, Grogan 2-14.		

SEMINOLE 29 IOWA PARK 27
ABILENE — Army commit Cade Barnard scored three touchdowns to lead Seminole past Iowa Park in Friday's Class 4A Division II area playoff at Wildcat Stadium.

Barnard rushed for a 28-yard TD run in the first quarter, and then caught a pair of receiving TDs, the first for 33 yards and the second for 27 yards.

The Indians (11-1) advanced to face Bushland in next week's regional playoff.

Cowboys' Jerry Jones backs off on Goodell, backs Garrett

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — As soon as Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones confirmed he is backing off a threat of legal action over the future of Commissioner Roger Goodell, the focus turned to the performance of coach Jason Garrett and his staff.

That's how bad the tailspin is for a team desperately missing suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott.

Jones said after Dallas' third straight loss by at least 20 points — 28-6 to the Los Angeles Chargers on Thanksgiving — that the compensation committee was being responsive to his concerns about a contract extension for Goodell.

While denying that his concerns are connected to Goodell's decision to suspend Elliott for six games over alleged domestic violence, Jones said he wanted all the owners to revisit the commissioner's performance after voting unanimously in May to let the compensation committee complete a new deal.

Jones' concerns have included the league's handling of protests involving the national anthem and the disciplinary power of the commissioner in the collective bargaining agreement, which is what Goodell used to punish Elliott after prosecutors in Ohio didn't pursue charges.

The issue turned into an exchange of threatening letters after Jones hired high-profile attorney David Boies. Jones said there will be an owners-only session to discuss Goodell's contract during the next NFL meetings Dec. 13 in the Dallas area.

"I just want to say we really have had, are having a lot of owner partici-

pation," Jones said. "It doesn't mean at all that we're not really pursuing what we want to get done, and that is have the owners in a very positive way give input and make everyone, including ourselves, accountable."

"I don't want to be redundant, but the business of standing down there didn't necessarily mean that you're not standing up elsewhere."

Jones' team is falling apart a year after the dynamic rookie duo of quarterback Dak Prescott and Elliott carried the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC at 13-3.

Dallas (5-6) already has twice as many losses, and Prescott more than double the number of interceptions (nine after four as the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year). The Cowboys still have three games left in Elliott's suspension, after winning the last three before the ban.

The slide hasn't reflected well on the coaches, with the Cowboys outscored 72-6 in the second half of the three losses. That lopsided number leads to questions about halftime adjustments.

"We all know that it has to get better, has to get together," Jones said. "I really think this coaching staff is tops. I think Jason is able to use everything that he's learned, as coordinator, as coach over these last years, and we've just got to get it together."

The last time Garrett faced questions about his job, the Cowboys were coming off three straight 8-8 seasons that ended with losses in regular-season finales that kept them out of the playoffs.

Since then, the fluctuations have been dramatic — NFC East champs at 12-4 in 2014, a first-to-last slide to 4-12 without injured quarterback Tony Romo a year later, followed

by last season's sparkling year when Prescott shocked the NFL after Romo got hurt again.

And while the absence of Elliott and 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee (hamstring) is a huge part of the current slide, the Cowboys again aren't handling adversity well. Garrett admitted as much about 2015, and is about to have to do so again if the Cowboys can't reverse the slide.

Dallas plays Washington in the last of three home games Thursday, then starts a season-ending stretch of three out of four on the road at the last-place New York Giants.

"Obviously we've got to get it right," Garrett said. "That's my job. That's our job as a coaching staff. We just haven't done enough on either side of the ball or in the kicking game to allow us to compete toward the end of the ballgame."

Jones, who spoke to the team after the game but declined to offer details, tried to say he wasn't giving the "negative vote of confidence" by continuing to show faith in Garrett, who got a five-year contract after winning the division and his first playoff game in 2014.

In his seventh full season, Garrett is 63-52 in the regular season. Only Tom Landry, who led the Cowboys for their first 29 years, has coached the team longer.

"I feel about this staff the same way I feel about my mirror — that's what if there's some changes made, don't change what's in front of the mirror, because I can change what you're doing that the mirror is seeing," Jones said. "Candidly, I'm really not shaken. I'm disappointed, but there's no shake here."

That could change if the blowout losses don't stop.

Browns' Gordon feeling forgiven in return from suspension

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — As he builds his body into football shape and develops trust with his teammates, Josh Gordon feels forgiven.

Since returning to the Browns following an indefinite drug suspension by the NFL for numerous abuse violations, Gordon doesn't sense any resentment or anger directed at him.

Only love.

"I do love this environment, these guys here, these coaches here from top to bottom," the former All-Pro wide receiver said Friday. "It's been an all-around conducive environment in what I'm trying to do. There hasn't been any type of negativity or any kind of energy being sucked out of the room or anything like that."

"I'm in a good mental space for me. As long as I feel that myself, the rest doesn't affect me as much. It's all good right now."

Gordon practiced this week for the first time in 14 months, and as long as he continues to abide by guidelines established in his conditional reinstatement by league Commissioner Roger Goodell, the 26-year-old can play next week in a regular-season game for the first time since the end of the 2014 season.

That's the next step. Until he can take it, Gordon has to stay sober.

Earlier this week, coach Hue Jackson said when

Gordon left the team on the eve of last season to enter rehab, he and the Browns were ready to move on from their troubled star.

Jackson, though, had a change of heart when he learned more about Gordon's addiction and background.

Gordon was warned by Jackson's compassion.

"That just shows the humanity of it. People can make a turn," Gordon said.

MCS

From 1B

for second on the Mustangs with seven tackles for loss in his first full season of starting.

Esan sets the tone up front with his motor and aggressiveness.

The MCS senior loves to play against the run, while employing the rip, his favorite move to combat offensive linemen.

"Nifemi, he plays hard," McClendon said. "He gets after it. He's got some speed and he runs to the ball and he plays with a tenacious attitude. He got a lot of playing time last year and he really grew up. And this year, he's probably the strongest defensive lineman we have as far as his play goes."

Even though he got thrown into the starting lineup at the ripe age of 15, Esan said that previous seniors Andrew Mowles and Noah Hooper and current standout linebacker David Threadgill helped him with the transition.

"Last year was my first year of ever starting, so it was pretty rough," Esan said. "But I had a lot of leaders on the team to help me through it."

Now in 2017, Esan is the defensive front four's stalwart on a capable unit, which includes junior defensive tackle John Graniczny and sophomore defensive end Kage Gilbreath, the team leader with eight tackles for loss.

"I'm a senior so I'm the leader of the d-line," Esan said. "I make sure

everyone is in check."

Esan said the injury-plagued Mustangs have been able to press on despite key injuries this year because of their closeness and friendship. He likens the bond between him and his teammates to a brotherhood.

The interior lineman also credits McClendon for holding everyone to a high standard.

"Coach Mac is a very good coach," Esan said. "He tells you what you're doing wrong and how to fix it. He just wants you to do the little things right. 'He's pushing us to go harder and just do all we can and give everything we've got.'"

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TAPPS DIVISION II STATE QUARTER-FINAL
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN VS. CEDAR HILL TRINITY CHRISTIAN

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Indian Stadium, Tuscoia

Online: Live streaming available at <http://bit.ly/watchmcs>

For live updates: Follow @chris_MRTsports on Twitter

Records: MCS 8-3, Cedar Hill Trinity 9-1

Last game: MCS 48, Tyler Grace Community 22; Cedar Hill Trinity 70, Fort Worth Southwest Christian 8

Last meeting: MCS def. Cedar Hill Trinity 50-0 in 2011 to tie series at 1-1.

Five things to watch:
 ■ Pro Football Hall of Famer and former Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders is the Eagles' first-year offensive coordinator. Sanders' son Shadour Sanders, a freshman, has thrown for 1,693 yards and

26 TD passes with only eight interceptions this season.

Trinity head coach Aveion Cason was an NFL running back from 2001-08.

■ Cedar Hill Trinity runs a pro-style offense.

The Eagles have a deep stable of running backs that have rushed for 2,416 yards and 35 TDs this season.

■ The Eagles have won six straight games, outscoring their opponents by a 336-62 margin during that time span. Trinity's lone defeat was a 57-21 loss to Brock on Sept. 21.

McClendon said the Eagles' defense has so much speed that they are hard to run against on the outside.

"They've got as much talent on their team as anybody we've seen all year," McClendon said. "There isn't any question about that."

■ McClendon said it's uncertain if Mustangs junior quarterback Peyton Powell will play after he missed the last five games because of a fractured rib.

McClendon said MCS will prepare if Powell won't play. If Powell can't play, Mustangs senior Silas Crews will start at quarterback after he accounted for four total TDs and 167 yards rushing in last week's playoff win over Tyler Grace Community.

■ McClendon thought the Mustangs started too slow as they led Tyler Grace 14-0 at halftime before scoring on all five of their offensive possessions (excluding the final kneel-down series) in last week's playoff victory.

"Bottom line is what we did last week won't be good enough the rest of the way," McClendon said. "We've got to start faster and we've got to play better from the get go the rest of the way to have a chance to achieve what we set out to."

Next: Winner plays Fort Worth Christian-Dallas Christian winner, TBA, state semifinal.

LEE

From 1B

its opponent each week.

Mendez will take the field with unbridled spirit when his Rebels (9-2) host Arlington Lamar in the Class 6A Division I area round at 2 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium.

The winner will face either Duncanville or Eules Trinity next week in the regional quarterfinal.

Mendez said the guiding light in his life was Lee football. As a sophomore, he found stability in the program's discipline and structure. Through his teammates and coaches — including former Lee head coaches James Morton and John Parchman — he found love, hope and a second chance to live the life he knew he could.

"Without the Lee football program, I don't think I'd be here right now," Mendez said. "Guys like coach Morton, (current head) coach (Clint) Hartman, (assistant) coach (Frank Maldonado) — people that care about me — they don't just want me to play, they really want me to succeed in life. I've met and made a bunch of good friends. The whole football team is like a family. It feels good."

It was Morton — now in his second year as the head coach of his alma mater, Class 3A Eastland — who helped keep Mendez in the sport after his family went back west. Mendez was considering dropping out of school and football just to work to pay his rent.

"We shed some tears and I told them that I was living by myself and I needed money to pay rent," Mendez said. "I needed to work. Sure enough, coach Morton, after school that same day, he brought a bunch of clothes from his own closet and gave them to me. He'd pick me up every day from school at six in the morning and we'd have deep conversations about life and what it means to be a man."

Through Morton, Mendez was introduced to others who would help him on his journey — Glenn Starns, a cousin of Morton's, as well as longtime Lee videographer, Larry Hall.

The quality of Mendez' life quickly improved, as the three men and others made sure he was provided for. But Morton's departure for Eastland in January of 2016 took a toll on both Mendez and his beloved coach.

"He was crying in front of me and I was in shock," Mendez said. "By the second week, I just started crying because I didn't think I was going to make it without him. It was hard."

When Hartman took Lee's head coaching job in March of 2016, he learned of Mendez' situation and took him under his wing. He said Mendez' maturity and growth as a man and player has been special.

"Throughout this process

he learned to trust us, that we really had his well-being at the forefront," Hartman said. "I have a smile from ear to ear about the way he has matured and grown up in the year and a half that I've been with him. He shows up to work every day, he smiles and is really mature for his age because he has seen a lot of things. He works as hard as he can against our (starting) offensive line every day."

During the summer of his junior year, Mendez met Wesley and Amy Webb, owners of Mac's Bar-B-Q in Midland. Through the couple, he found a steady paying job and moved into a comfortable new home, where he lives today.

Inspired by his success working with Mac's, Mendez said he plans to pursue an associate's degree in business management at Midland College next year. He said another dream he has is to one day return to Lee to coach football.

"I'm 19 years old and I'm blessed to be still playing football," Mendez said. "It feels good."

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CLASS 6A DIVISION I AREA ARLINGTON LAMAR AT LEE

When/where: 2 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium

On the radio: KCRS 95.5/97.5 FM (550 AM)

For live updates: Follow @Will_MRT on Twitter

Records/seeds: Arlington Lamar 6-5, Division I No. 2 seed out of District 4-6A; Lee 9-2, Div I No. 2 seed out of District 2-6A

Last game: Arlington Lamar 49, Haltom City 12, Nov. 16 in bi-district; Lee 63, El Paso El Dorado 0, Nov. 17 in bi-district

Five things to watch:

■ The Vikings, playing in a competitive District 4-6A, boast one of the most prolific passers Lee has seen this season.

Sophomore quarterback Jack Dawson has passed for 2,188 yards and 21 touchdowns versus seven interceptions for Lamar this season. His status today is questionable after suffering an ankle injury in the team's bi-district win last week.

■ Lamar's backfield features senior Michael Bradley, who has rushed for a team-high 688 yards and six TDs on 123 carries. Sophomore Desmond Moultrie has 300 yards and two scores on 76 touches.

■ Six-foot, 175-pound senior receiver Dayton Dubs leads the Vikings with 573 yards and seven TDs. Jaylen Jones (40-475, 5 TD), sophomore Trevon West (27-440, 6 TD) and Matthew Shaw (33-374, 4 TD) are also threats on the outside.

■ Hartman said the Vikings' 6-5 record doesn't indicate their ability as a football team.

"We have an athletic football team coming in here from Arlington Lamar and our plan is to do our job," Hartman said. "We know what we have to do — we have to stop the pass and can't give up big plays. They're a chuck-the-football-deep kind of team."

■ Today is the 75th playoff game in Lee program history. It's the first time the Rebels have played in the area round since a 57-7 loss to Southlake Carroll in the 2013 area round.

Next: Winner plays winner of Eules Trinity-Duncanville, TBA in Class 6A Division I regional quarterfinal

RIVALS

From 1B

the Bearkats but his team is going to have to play mistake-free football for four quarters against an established power team.

"They're a proven team and they've been proving it for many years now," he said. "We're still trying to find that signature win for our program."

This rivalry has extra meaning to Jones, who is graduate of Rankin, while his wife's cousin, Markus Black, plays for the Red Devils.

"I've gotten kind of used to it," said Jones of playing his alma mater. "Standing on the sidelines there brings a lot of good memories, but at the same time I'm coaching Garden City and you have to do what you can to help the team you're representing be successful. I like to see Rankin do well except for a couple of times a year."

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CLASS 1A DIVISION I REGIONAL NO. 3 GARDEN CITY VS. RANKIN

When/where: 2 p.m., Wildcat Field, Wink

Live updates: Follow @OLeRoy_MRT on Twitter

Records: Garden City 9-2; Rankin 8-3

Last game: Garden City 68, Klondike 6; Rankin 60, Water

Valley 46

Last meeting/series: Garden City defeated Rankin 50-0, on Sept. 29 but Rankin leads the all-time series 17-12

What to watch:
 ■ Garden City has won four straight games and the Bearkats have only allowed 36 points combined in those games.

■ The Bearkats held Klondike to 30 total yards in last week's win. Offensively, it was pretty balanced as Josue Gutierrez had 65 yards rushing and two TDs, JD Rodriguez had 61 yards rushing and a TD, Amando Alegria added 56 yards rushing and two TDs, and QB Trent McMillan had 53 yards passing and a TD.

■ The Red Devils bounced back from their regular season loss to Buena Vista with their win last week. Rankin coach Jeff Shelton said his team was jelled up in that game and the Red Devils were kind of jittery to start the game. But he added that his team did a good job of settling down and playing well in the second half and won the turnover battle.

"There are no style points at this point of the season," Shelton said.

■ Garden City coach Jeff Jones said the Red Devils' athleticism and size are a concern and added that his team has to be ready for a bunch of different things coming at them.

■ Shelton said it's going to be important not to get into early binds against a team as talented and quick as the Bearkats are.

Next: Winner plays Borden County-Imperial Buena Vista winner, state quarterfinal, TBA

You're looking live at Brent Musburger in a sports book

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The wink and nod are no longer needed. Neither are the euphemisms Brent Musburger liked to use on network television for those who might have a dollar or two bet on whatever game he happened to be calling.

He used to call them "My Guys in the Desert," and those in the know knew what Musburger was talking about. It was his way of telling viewers on CBS and later on ESPN that the final minutes of a game no longer in doubt might still mean something to people with money on the point spread.

The guys in the desert aren't just his friends. They're part of his business now, five days a week in a million-dollar glass booth inside the sports book at the South Point hotel at the end of the Las Vegas Strip.

Musburger is looking live these days in the middle of a bustling casino sports book, where bettors with big wads of cash line up at the windows to take their chances against bookies equally determined to leave them empty handed.

It's there that Musburger and his guys fill listeners in on the latest odds and trends. It's there that they also hope to knock another hole into the perception that sports betting is somehow immoral and sleazy.

"There's a part of the population that thinks this is some kind of a dirty business," Musburger says. "I tell people all the time it's as clean as it gets with all the regulation they have."

The 78-year-old broadcasting icon is the face of the Vegas Stats & Information Network (VSIN), a fledgling company started by his nephew, Brian Musburger. Unlike other sports betting information services VSIN doesn't sell picks but delivers information 24 hours a day on Sirius XM radio.

Musburger does two hours a day, five days a week in this, his adopted city, talking about the point spreads and over/unders to what he believes to be a growing audience of listeners. On one side of him in the broadcast booth is longtime sports book operator Vinny Magliulo, and on the other professional bettor Amal Shah.

It's a far cry from the days when he'd sign off of NFL Today on CBS following the NFC championship game by tipping viewers that there was a line making one team or another the favorite in the Super Bowl.

"I thought people were interested in that," Musburger said, sitting at a table in the sports book bar. "Of course the NFL would complain and I'd say, 'Damn, I forgot.' Then, of course, I'd do it again the next year."

Musburger isn't far removed from the games he now talks about on his show. After decades in network broadcasting he abruptly left ESPN — on good terms, he says — in January for his new job in a city where betting on sports is not only legal but part of everyday life.

His nephew encouraged him to make the move, partly because the new network needed the credibility his name brings and partly because he had nothing left to prove as a play-by-play announcer.

"My pitch to him was I want to reinvent the pregame show he did at NFL Today," Brian Musburger said. "I went with a challenge about how we can innovate the pregame show. We look to speak directly to people who truly needed a pregame show, whether fantasy players or sports bettors. They need credible information before the games start, not fluff pieces on what players are doing in the community."

Getting the right people in Las Vegas aboard didn't prove to be an issue. Brent Musburger has been friendly with South Point oddsmaker Jimmy Vaccaro for 25 years, and out of their conversations came a plan to approach South Point owner Michael Gaughan with a proposal to build a studio in the sports book.

Gaughan removed 60 profitable slot machines and spent \$1 million to build the

glass studio. So far no one has looked back.

"It's been a home run," Vaccaro said. "I give Michael Gaughan a lot of credit. Not a lot of casino owners would build a state of the art studio in the middle of their sports book."

Though there have been local Las Vegas radio programs and occasional TV shows centered on sports betting, this is the first on national radio. So far there seems to be demand, and the network went from 12 hours a day to 24 this

month. There are also plans for marketing a simulcast and selling newsletters.

Just don't expect appeals for 1-900 numbers or a "lock of the week" for sale.

Musburger laughs when it's suggested he has become a tout. Though he has experience on betting sports since the days he used to come to this gambling town as a baseball writer for a Chicago newspaper on his way to cover the Dodgers late in the season, he's no more than a recreational bettor himself.

"You'd go broke if you listen to everything I say," Musburger said. "I'm not a handicapper. But as the process goes on hopefully I can give out a couple pieces of information that somebody can take and use when they bet."

On a recent Friday, Musburger was in the booth talking about the possibility of the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the sports betting act of 1992 when it hears arguments next month on New Jersey's challenge to the federal law. It's a

widely watched case many think could lead to legal sports betting expanding far beyond its traditional home in Nevada.

"It's my belief without counting or knowing the individuals on the court that they would not hear New Jersey's appeal on this if there wasn't reasonable belief they would overturn it," Musburger said.

The Breeder's Cup was the next day, and Musburger imagined a day in the near future where horse racing fans could bet the

ponies and make a wager on an afternoon football game at the same time.

"How good would that be at Churchill Downs?" he asked.

Then again, things are already pretty good for Musburger right now in Las Vegas.

"I love the city, love the people here," he said. "I have great fun. The World Series ends and I'm looking to college football on Saturday and the next day the NFL. Then I'll start to pour into the NBA."

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Duke forward Marvin Bagley III reacts at the end of overtime of an NCAA basketball game against Texas in the Phil Knight Invitational tournament in Portland, Ore., on Friday. Duke won 85-78.

No. 1 Duke rallies to beat Texas 85-78 in overtime

By Anne M. Peterson Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski calls Marvin Bagley III a treasure. The freshman big man had a career-high 34 points and added 15 rebounds, and No. 1 Duke rallied to defeat Texas 85-78 in overtime on Friday in the semifinals of the PK80 Invitational. "I believe ultimately in this kid. I knew he was going to be good, but coaching him every day, he's a treasure, really," Krzyzewski said. "Because he wants to be really good. All of his teammates love him because he's as hard of a worker as we have." Gary Trent Jr. added 17 points for the Blue Devils (7-0), who trailed by 16 points in the second half and were forced to play five freshmen once senior Grayson Allen fouled out. Duke advanced to play the winner of Friday night's late game between No. 7 Florida and No. 17 Gonzaga for the title on Sunday.

Dylan Osetkowski had 19 points and seven rebounds for Texas (4-1), which fell short of its first-ever victory over a top-ranked team. Bagley had consecutive dunks to give the five-time NCAA champion Blue Devils a 78-73 lead in overtime. Andrew Jones' layup pulled Texas within 78-77 with 1:20 left. Wendell Carter's put-back dunk pushed Duke's lead to 82-78 and Trent's free throws with 11 seconds left sealed the win. "The game kind of slowed down and my teammates found me in the right spots. Coaches, they called plays for me and they believed in me to keep attacking and going to the rim, just trying to create something," said Bagley, who had 21 points in the second half and overtime. Bagley tied the Blue Devils' freshman scoring record set by J.J. Reddick on Jan. 15, 2003, against Virginia. "He has it," Krzyzewski said of the 6-foot-11 forward. "He just has to keep developing it."

Duke trailed by as many as 16 points in the second half, but Bagley's short jumper tied it at 70 and put the Duke fans in the crowd on their feet. Allen fouled out with 2 minutes left in regulation and Kerwin Roach II dunked to put Texas back in front 72-70. Trent made a layup and his free throw gave Duke a 73-72 lead with 32.8 seconds left. Matt Coleman made a free throw on the other end to re-tie it but missed the second and the game went to overtime. It was the sixth biggest comeback in Duke history. The Blue Devils struggled throughout the game from the perimeter and at times from the free-throw line. Duke made just three of 18 3-point attempts for the game and finished with 22 of 36 free throws. Carter finished with 114 points and 11 rebounds. Mohamad Bamba, the Longhorns' 6-11 freshman with a 7-9 wingspan, finished with nine points and 10 rebounds but fouled out with 32.8 seconds left in regulation.

Howard College uses 2nd half push to top MC

From staff reports HOBBS, N.M. — The Howard College men's basketball team used a 39-29 advantage in the second half to topple Midland College, 68-57 on Friday in the New Mexico Junior College Classic. Jeremy Hayes led all scorers with 23 points for Howard (8-1), while Marquell Fraser led MC (3-5) with 19 points. Kayo Goncalves added 14 points for the Chaps, who shot 50 percent for the game and committed 22 turnovers in the loss. The Chaps limited Howard to just 39.6 percent shooting from the floor.

HOWARD COLLEGE 68 MIDLAND COLLEGE 57 Midland College (3-5) — D'Andre McClain 11; 2-4; Marquell Fraser 7-10 5-5 19; Aman Hale 2-7 5-9; Kevin Kangu 4-10 0-0 8; Erkan Kins 1-2 0-0 3; Isiah Pineda 0-0 0-0 0; Musa Mohamed 0-0 0-0 0; Erkan Kins 0-0 0-0 0; Michael Hillstrand 0-0 0-0 0; Kayo Goncalves 5-10 0-0 14. Totals 20-40 12-18 57. Howard College (8-1) — Aman McClay 2-5 1-2 5; Jeremy Hayes 5-7 12-23 23; Derrick Green 2-6 0-1 5; Jack Pagenkot 2-4 1-2 6; Garrick Green 3-5 2-2 9; Andre Ferguson 0-2 3-4 3; Diamond Onwuka 0-4 0-0 0; Shawn Chandler 1-3 0-0 0.

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TEXAS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

TCU 69 NEW MEXICO 67 NICEVILLE, Fla. — Kenrich Williams led Texas Christian with 23 points Friday as the Horned Frogs advanced to the Emerald Coast Classic title game with a narrow 69-67 victory over New Mexico. TCU (5-0) will face Maryland or St. Bonaventure for the championship Saturday at Northwest Florida State College. Williams also led TCU with 17 rebounds. Desmond Bane added 11 points and Jaylen Fisher scored 10 for the Horned Frogs. Sam Logwood led the Lobos (2-3) with a career-high 27 points. Chris McNeal and Antino Jackson each scored 12. New Mexico bolted to a 9-0 lead in the first two minutes of play, but TCU gradually closed the gap until a Fisher layup put the Horned Frogs ahead for good 24-23 at the 6:35 mark of the first half. The Frogs expanded their advantage to 13 points in the second half, but the Lobos closed the gap to 2 points on a 3-point shot by McNeal with 10.8 seconds remaining. McNeal, though, missed a potential game-winner as time ran out. Fisher, who led TCU in assists with five, started for the second time this season ahead of Alex Robinson, who missed the Frogs' win over Omaha with a right foot bone bruise. Robinson came off the bench Friday but scored only two points. WESTERN KENTUCKY 63 SMU 61 PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas (AP) — Jake Ormer hit a 3-pointer with 4.5 seconds left to help Western Kentucky beat SMU 63-61 in Friday's first-place game at the Battle 4 Atlanta. The freshman's 3 capped a comeback from 10 down in the final 10:22 for the Hilltoppers (4-2). The Mustangs (5-2) had a final chance after a timeout, with Ben Emelogu taking an inbound pass and racing up the court to launch a long, lean-

ing 3-pointer. The shot bounced off the rim at the horn. Lamonte Bearden scored 12 of his 14 points after halftime for Western Kentucky, which shot 46 percent and scored 15 points off turnovers. The Hilltoppers were coming off an upset of No. 18 Purdue in Thursday's consolation bracket after an opening-round loss to No. 5 Villanova. Ethan Chargois scored 21 points for SMU, which upset No. 2 Arizona on Thursday night after an opening-round loss to Northern Iowa. NO. 16 TEXAS A&M 81 PEPPERDINE 65 COLLEGE STATION — DJ Hogg scored 18 points and Tyler Davis had seven of his 15 in a key second-half stretch to lead No. 16 Texas A&M past pesky Pepperdine 81-65 on Friday night. Kameron Edwards scored 20 points to lead the Waves, who trimmed their deficit to six twice in the second half, the final time with 7:31 remaining. However, after Amadi Udemay's layup cut the Aggies' lead to 60-54, Pepperdine went 5:35 without a basket and A&M (5-0) pulled away. Dunks by Hogg and Davis stretched the lead back to 15 after a 15-4 run. A&M couldn't break inside Pepperdine's zone defense for much of the game, and the Waves (2-4) were content to let the Aggies shoot 3-pointers. Redshirt freshman point guard J.J. Caldwell made his Aggie debut at the 10:24 mark of the first half. In 10 minutes, the pass-first guard showed the skills A&M had been waiting on with a couple of slick passes and a steal. He finished with four points and three assists in 16 minutes. Caldwell sat out his first year on campus after the NCAA ruled him ineligible and then he was suspended for the season's first four games for violating team rules. He was arrested on May 24 for a misdemeanor DWI charge that was dismissed on Sept. 12.

NBA ROUNDUP

CELTICS 118 MAGIC 103 BOSTON — Kyrie Irving scored 17 of his 30 points in a blistering first half and the Boston Celtics jumped to an early lead and coasted to a 118-103 victory over the Orlando Magic on Friday night. One game after ending their streak of 16 consecutive victories, the Celtics scored 40 points in the first quarter and 73 by halftime — both season highs — to send the Magic to their seventh straight loss. Aron Baynes finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Al Horford had 10 assists. Still wearing a mask after breaking a bone in his face on Nov. 10, Irving was 9 for 15 from the floor and sank all 10 of his free throw attempts, many with the sold-out crowd chanting "M-V-P!" Rozier had a career-high 23 points for Boston, which also topped its season high for points. Jonathan Simmons scored 14 points for Orlando. CAVALIERS 100 HORNETS 99 CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 27 points, 16 rebounds and 13 assists, J.R. Smith made the tiebreaking free throw with 48 seconds left, and Cleveland extended its winning streak to seven with a victory over Charlotte. James had season highs in rebounds and assists in his 57th career triple-double. He's 41-6 in the regular season against Charlotte and the Cavaliers have won 12 of 13, including eight straight against the Hornets. James had season highs in rebounds and assists in his 57th career triple-double. He's 41-6 in the regular season against Charlotte and the Cavaliers have won 12 of 13, including eight straight against the Hornets. Dwight Howard had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Charlotte. The Hornets are 1-8 on the road. PISTONS 99 THUNDER 98 OKLAHOMA CITY — Andre Drum-

mond had 17 points and 14 rebounds and Detroit overcame a 15-point deficit to beat Oklahoma City. Russell Westbrook had his sixth triple-double of the season for Oklahoma City with 27 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds. He missed a long 3-point attempt on the final possession to finish 1 of 10 from 3-point range and 10 of 29 from the field. "Down 10 at the half, the Pistons took their first lead on Ish Smith's jumper in the fourth and expanded it to four on Luke Kennard's only basket of the night, a 3-pointer that made it 88-84. Carmelo Anthony had 20 points for Oklahoma City, and Paul George had 16. HEAT 109 TIMBERWOLVES 97 MINNEAPOLIS — Wayne Ellington scored 21 points and made six 3-pointers off the bench, Goran Dragic added 20 points and Miami had a season-best performance from behind the arc to beat Minnesota. Dragic was 5 of 8 from 3 as Miami hit a season-high 19 3-pointers on a season-high 39 attempts. Dion Walters added 17 points, including a 3-of-8 mark from deep. Jimmy Butler, Andrew Wiggins and Karl-Anthony Towns each had 18 points for Minnesota. HAWKS 116 KNICKS 104 ATLANTA — Dennis Schroder scored 26 points and Atlanta used a 30-point third quarter to snap a three-game losing streak and beat New York. The Hawks, last in the Eastern Conference with a 4-15 record, won just their second home game by outlasting New York with a 24-5 advantage in second-chance points. Kristaps Porzingis had 28 points, and Courtney Lee added 26 for the Knicks.

PELICANS 115 SUNS 91 PHOENIX — Anthony Davis had 23 points and nine rebounds. DeMarcus Cousins added 19 points and 10 boards and the New Orleans Pelicans routed the Phoenix Suns 115-91 on Friday night. Davis and Cousins sat out the fourth quarter, watching from the bench long after the outcome had been decided in the Pelicans' most one-sided victory of the season. New Orleans, coming off consecutive home victories over Oklahoma City and San Antonio, won its third straight with ease. T.J. Warren had 18 points, and Tyler Ulis 17 for Phoenix. NUGGETS 104 GRIZZLIES 92 DENVER — Nikola Jokic scored 14 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and had 13 rebounds and eight assists to help Denver beat Memphis. Gary Harris and Jamal Murray added 15 points apiece. The Nuggets won their fifth straight at home. JaMychal Green had 21 points for the Grizzlies in their seventh loss in a row. It's the longest losing streak for the Grizzlies since a seven-game skid from Nov. 1-11, 2009. PACERS 107 RAPTORS 104 INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo scored 21 points, Bojan Bogdanovic added 19 and Indiana beat Toronto. Lance Stephenson had 13 of his 18 points in the final five minutes and shot 7 for 9 from the field, including 4 for 4 from 3-point range. Kyle Lowry scored 12 of his 24 points in the second quarter for Toronto.

NBA GLANCE Table showing Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Central Division standings with columns for W, L, Pct, GB, and GB.

Day and Spieth go in opposite directions at Australian Open

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

SYDNEY — Jason Day and Jordan Spieth went in opposite directions Friday at the Australian Open.

Day had four consecutive birdies on the back nine, including a 30-footer, for a 3-under 68 that left him a stroke out of the second-round lead. Australian Lucas Herbert, who shot 66, is in front with a 9-under total of 133 on The Australian course.

First-round leader Cameron Davis, who shot 72 Friday, is another stroke behind in third.

Defending champion Spieth earlier failed to take advantage of ideal morning scoring conditions and had a 71 to fall further behind the leaders — eight strokes behind Herbert and tied for 19th place with 10 others.

Spieth, who hasn't played since the Presidents Cup in late September, has won the Australian Open two out of the last three years and finished second the other time.

Day, who had seven birdies and four bogeys, is aiming to win his first Australian Open title in his first competitive appearance on home soil since 2013.

"It was quite tough out there today with the winds," Day said. "But I played very well and gave myself a lot of opportunities for birdies."

The 21-year-old Herbert led the Australian Open into the final round last year — when he finished seven shots off the pace in a tie for 20th — and is coming off a second-place finish in last week's New South Wales Open.

"I think I warmed up this morning and it felt really good, and I was like, 'I hope this sticks around,'" Herbert said.

At least Spieth's morning start Saturday means

he will avoid the windy conditions that the leading groups will have to contend with in the afternoon.

And that left him optimistic of a comeback. In 2014, he shot a then course-record 63 at The Australian to win his first Australian title by six shots.

"I feel like you can make up more ground and come from behind here over I think any tournament I've played this entire year," Spieth said. "The golf course will start to bake out and you get really calm conditions in the morning that leave the windier conditions for the afternoon, so I'll have a pretty gettable golf course. If I can post something like 5, 6-under, then I'm very much in this tournament."

Day agreed that Spieth is far from out of it. "It's Jordan Spieth," Day said. "If he gets something going on the weekend he can hole a lot of putts and make a lot of birdies and make a charge, and usually he does make a charge on the weekend."

"Sometimes there's not a lot of pressure on your shoulders. You just go out there and kind of free-will it and that's how you make a ton of birdies and move up the leaderboard pretty quick."

Spieth said the seven-week layoff was the longest he's had since his college days and that he felt rusty and nervous at times during his first round which featured five bogeys in windy conditions.

The wind began to pick up late in Spieth's round Friday, as did his frustration level at times. On the par-4 sixth — his 15th of the day — his drive traveled well over 300 meters, so far that it reached a spectator crossing area that officials obviously felt was far enough from the tee.

Spieth took a drop from

it, but his approach to the green failed to spin back, leaving him a putt of at least 20 feet. He missed his birdie attempt.

"It's just been the short game rust that's kind of hurt me a bit the last couple of days that prevents me from being 5 or so under," Spieth said.

At least he birdied the ninth — his last hole Friday. Finishing on even-par would have left him just one stroke away from the projected cut, which could have changed based on afternoon scoring.

"That was only my second one-putt of the day," Spieth said. "The other was for par."

NOTES: Canadian Mike Weir, the 2003 Masters champion, missed the cut, shooting 77-69. He's set to play in next week's Australian PGA at Royal Pines on Queensland state's Gold Coast, where Masters champion Sergio Garcia, Adam Scott and Marc Leishman are also entered.

Emirates Australian Open Leading Scores
Friday
At The Australian Golf Club Rosebery
Sydney
Purse: \$1.25 million
Venue: 7,239; Par: 71
Second Round
a-amateur

Lucas Herbert, Australia	67-66—133
Jason Day, Australia	66-68—134
Cameron Davis, Australia	63-72—135
Anthony Quayle, Australia	67-69—136
Cameron Smith, Australia	69-69—138
Matt Jones, Australia	71-67—138
Nick Cullen, Australia	66-72—138
Richard Green, Australia	70-68—138
Jack Munro, Australia	71-68—139
Dale Brandt-Richards, Australia	73-66—139
Jason Scrivener, Australia	69-70—139
Taylor Macdonald, Australia	65-74—139
Ben Campbell, New Zealand	67-72—139
Craig Perry, Australia	73-67—140
Rhein Gibson, Australia	72-68—140
Jonas Blixt, Sweden	68-72—140
Travis Smyth, Australia	71-69—140
Matthew Guyett, Australia	68-72—140
Also	
Jordan Spieth, United States	70-71—141
Mikko Ilonen, Finland	73-68—141
Kramer Hickok, United States	69-73—142
Geoff Ogilvy, Australia	69-73—142
Rod Pampling, Australia	68-74—142
Mike Miller, United States	75-68—143
Nick O'Hern, Australia	70-74—144
a-Charles Reiter, United States	75-69—144
Missed the Cut	
Brett Jones, United States	73-72—145
Zac Blair, United States	75-70—145
Robert Allenby, Australia	74-71—145
Mike Weir, Canada	77-69—146
Peter Cooke, Australia	72-75—147
Sepp Straka, United States	72-76—148



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Australia's Jason Day hits a shot from a fairway bunker on the 3rd hole during the second round of the Australian Open Golf tournament in Sydney, on Friday.

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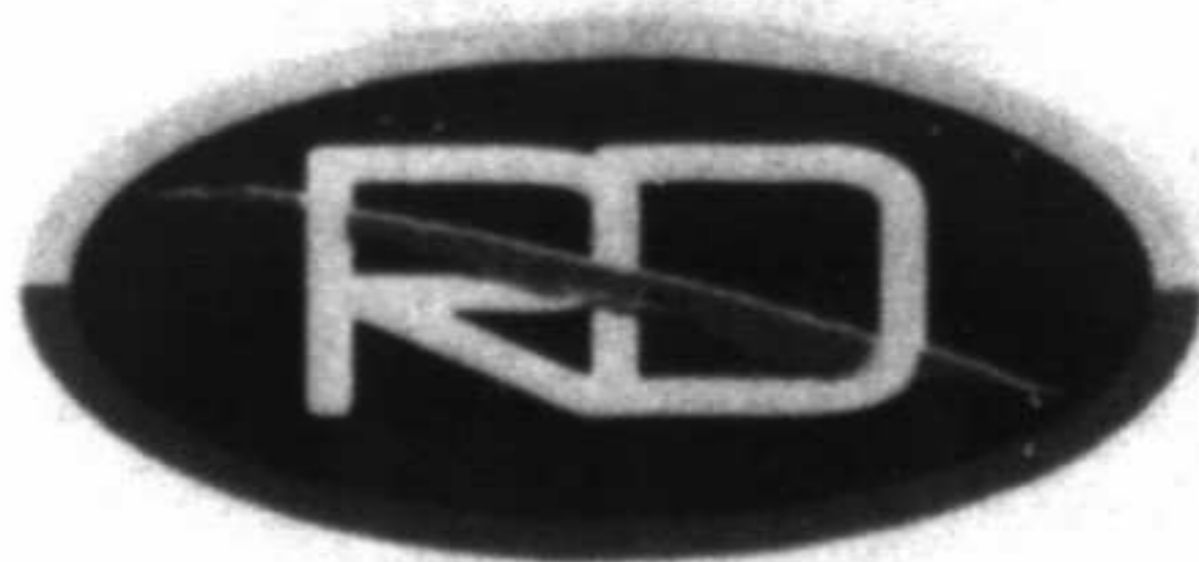
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Texas receiver Armani Foreman (3) runs for a touchdown after a catch during the first half of an NCAA football game against Texas Tech on Friday in Austin.

Shimonek rallies Texas Tech past Texas

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Nik Shimonek came off the bench in the fourth quarter to throw two touchdown passes and Texas Tech rallied to beat Texas 27-23 Friday night and earn a victory that could save coach Kliff Kingsbury's job.

Kingsbury's future has been in doubt after five seasons but the rally made the Red Raiders (6-6, 3-6 Big 12) bowl eligible after missing the postseason last year.

Shimonek, the starter all season, had been benched for McLane Carter, but came in with the Red Raiders trailing 23-13. His first drive included a 51-yard completion and his short touchdown pass

to T.J. Vasher cut it to 23-20.

The game winner, a 16-yard pass to Cameron Batson, came with 2:07 to play. The touchdown was set up by a 52-yard interception return to the Texas 14 by Justus Parker.

Texas' final drive ended when Longhorns quarterback Sam Ehlinger threw another interception at the Texas Tech 20 with 1 minute to play.

Ehlinger passed for 239 yards and a touchdown but the Texas offense slogged through most of the final three quarters. The Longhorns ran for just 18 yards and had deep drives end in field goals of 19 and 20 yards for Josh Rowland instead of touchdowns.

Texas (6-6, 5-4) had already clinched its

first bowl berth since 2014 under first-year coach Tom Herman but must win its post-season game to avoid a fourth consecutive losing season.

The takeaway

Texas Tech: Red Raiders athletic director Kirby Hocutt, who is also the chairman of the selection committee for the College Football Playoff, has plenty to contemplate about Kingsbury and the future of the Red Raiders program. Kingsbury is 30-32 with three losing seasons in five years. Kingsbury's decision to start Carter was risky but he made the right move in the fourth quarter to go back to Shimonek and it may earn him more time with the

program where he once was a record-setting quarterback.

Texas: The loss will make for a bitter off period before the bowl game. The Longhorns missed the chance to earn a seventh win for the first time since 2013 and the chance to end the regular season on a three-game win streak. The offense continues to be the problem for the Longhorns, who have struggled to move the ball all season under coordinator Tim Beck.

Up next

Texas Tech: Bowl game to be announced

Texas: Bowl game to be announced

TCU gets Big 12 title shot with 45-22 win over Baylor

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Kenny Hill threw touchdowns to three different receivers and ran 3 yards for another score as No. 10 TCU clinched a spot in the Big 12 championship game with a 45-22 win over Baylor on Friday.

The Horned Frogs (10-2, 7-2 Big 12, CFP No. 12) will play No. 3 Oklahoma for the Big 12 title on Dec. 2. That will come three weeks after TCU's 38-20 loss to the Sooners.

Baylor (1-11, 1-8) jumped out to a 9-0 lead within the game's first 2 minutes, including a safety when Hill was sacked and fumbled in the end zone. But TCU was ahead for good after Hill's 7-yard TD pass to Jarrison Stewart made it 14-9 with 26 seconds left in the first quarter.

Defensive end Mat Boesen set a TCU single-game record by recording 5 1/2 of the eight sacks by the Horned Frogs.

Hill completed 26 of 36 passes for 325 yards, including TD passes to Desmon White and Jalen Reagor in the third quarter, a week after he didn't even travel to Texas Tech because of an apparent concussion.

Baylor true freshman quarterback Charlie Brewer was 19-of-29 passing for 301 yards with two touchdowns and an interception.

The takeaway

Baylor: Only four seniors started the

finale of what has been a transition season for the Bears in coach Matt Rhule's first year. Baylor started 11 true freshmen this season, including Brewer and RB John Lovett, and half of their starters over the course of the entire season have been freshmen or sophomores. There were 27 players who made their first-ever collegiate starts this season, the third-most in Division I football.

TCU: After sharing a Big 12 title with Baylor in 2014, when there was no championship game, the Horned Frogs get their much-desired rematch with the Sooners. TCU wasn't completely sharp against Baylor, but that often can happen in rivalry games.

Fight

Things got chippy with a bit of a brawl late in the third quarter when Baylor's Ja'Mycal Hasty was being pulled down near the Bears sideline by another defender when defensive tackle Chris Bradley came in and hit him hard from behind. A Baylor lineman then shoved Bradley, and another TCU defender got involved.

After a lot of shoving and a few punches thrown, and TCU coach Gary Patterson among those trying to keep his players from running all the way across the field into the fray, officials announced that every player on both teams had been assessed an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

King accounts for 3 TDs, leads Houston past Navy, 24-14

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston's defense slowed Navy in the second half, and the offense carried the momentum from there.

D'Eriq King threw for 277 yards and a touchdown and ran for two more scores to lead Houston to a 24-14 win over Navy on Friday.

King completed 21 of 27 passes and found Steven Dunbar for a 61-yard touchdown pass to give the Cougars (7-4, 5-3 American) a 21-14 lead with 14 minutes left in the game. King hit Dunbar in stride along the right sideline, and Dunbar broke one tackle at the Navy 40 and went untouched from there for the score.

"The defense played great all day," King said. "We got momentum off the defense. We saw those guys make plays, and we wanted to help them by making plays ourselves."

Houston's defense shut Navy out in the second half and held the Midshipmen to 79 yards and six first downs.

"It was tackle or dive there to get what you can get," Ed Oliver, who finished with a career-high 14 tackles and 3 1/2 tackles for a loss, said. "We stopped the dive. We were really locked in on our assignments, and we shut it down."

The 14 points was a season low for Navy.

"Consistent four quarters, consistent play," Houston coach Major Applewhite said. "For us to be able to create that many stops and punt opportunities is tremendous."

Dunbar finished with 142 yards

receiving on eight catches.

King, who started his third straight game, rushed for 57 yards and scored on runs of 9 and 2 yards, with the second tying it at 14 with 3:27 left in the third and capping a 14-play, 90-yard drive. Caden Novikoff tacked on a 35-yard field goal with 7:57 remaining to up the lead to 24-14.

"We made plays in the passing game," Applewhite said. "Quarterback made some runs. Duke (Catalon) ran the ball well. We played like we could play."

Malcolm Perry rushed for 82 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries, and Anthony Gargiulo added 71 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries to lead Navy (6-5, 4-4), which lost its fifth in the last six games. The Midshipmen outrushed Houston 217-103, but had 167 yards rushing at the half.

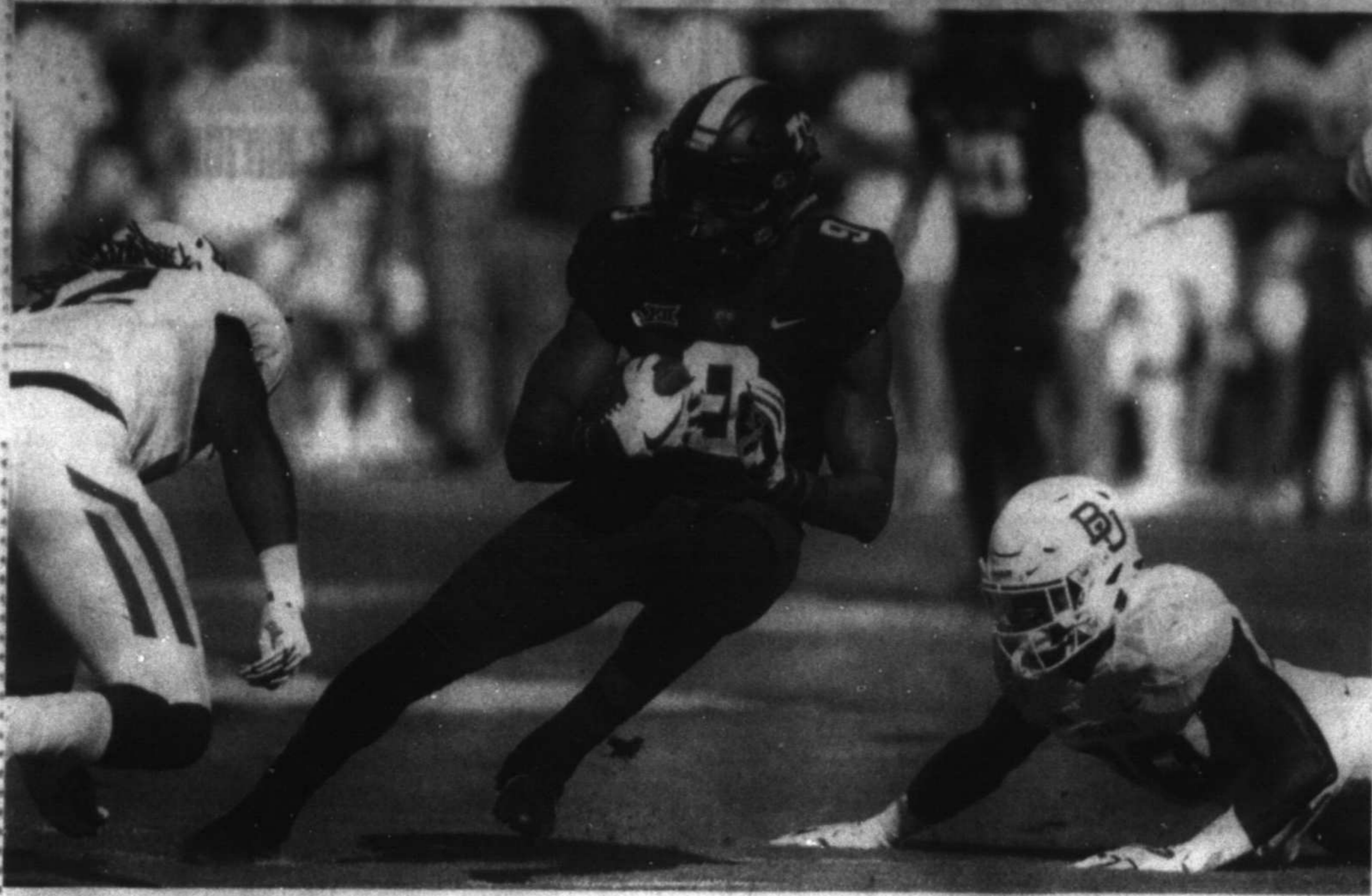
"Obviously, a disappointing loss," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "We left some points out there in the first half that came back to bite us."

Perry tied it 7-7 with a 12-yard touchdown run with 13:42 left in the second, and Gargiulo gave the Midshipmen a 14-7 lead with six minutes remaining in the first half.

"Houston played well defensively," Niumatalolo said. "We just can't sustain ourselves. It's kind of the story of our season. We can't put stuff together consistently. Obviously, Houston knew that. They kept their safeties back to see if we could grind it out and we couldn't. We couldn't execute the whole way downfield."

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TCU wide receiver John Diarse (9) looks for room against Baylor safety Davion Hall (12), left, and safety Henry Black (28) during the first half Friday in Fort Worth.

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Up next

Baylor: With the season over,

Rhule and his staff immediately went on the road recruiting and were watching prep football playoff games Friday night. The 2018 season opener is Sept. 1 against Abilene Christian.

TCU: The Frogs will be about 20 miles from their campus for the Big 12 championship game at the Dallas Cowboys' home stadium, where TCU has gone 2-1 in regular-season games.

No. 19 LSU wants to validate turnaround vs. Texas A&M

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Now in his fifth year at LSU, defensive end Christian LaCouture is about to play his final game in Tiger Stadium — and expects it to be an emotional one for a number of reasons.

LaCouture, who has a team-high six sacks, has loved playing in 102,000-seat Death Valley. There's also the matter of validating the remarkable turnaround the 19th-ranked Tigers have pulled off since an upset loss to Troy on Sept. 30.

Texas A&M (7-4, 4-3 Southeastern Conference), which visits LSU on Saturday night, is the last team between the Tigers (8-3, 5-2, No. 18 CFP) and their best record in the SEC since 2012.

"We are playing confident right now. On Senior Day, there is a lot of emotion at the start. Then, you have to focus on the game," LaCouture said. "We have to finish strong. We need a win to end on a high note. We want to go into the bowl game on a winning streak. We want no bad taste in our mouth."

LSU has won two straight and five of its last six, the lone loss coming at No. 1 Alabama.

The Aggies also have won two straight.

Beating LSU "would mean a lot," Aggies receiver Christian Kirk said. "It's definitely a big-time game."

This is also the third straight year these teams have played a regular season finale with the future of one team's coach in question.

In 2015, Les Miles saved his job — albeit not for long — by beating Texas A&M. Last season's game in College Station was LSU coach Ed Orgeron's last as interim coach. Less than 48 hours after a convincing victory over the Aggies, LSU announced Orgeron would keep the job.

Now Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin's future ap-



Rogelio V. Solis/Associated Press

Texas A&M quarterback Nick Starkel (17) throws during the first half Nov. 18 against Mississippi in Oxford, Miss. Texas A&M is the last team between LSU and the Tigers' best record in the Southeastern Conference since 2012. A victory in Tiger Stadium would give No. 19 LSU a 6-2 SEC record while improving the Tigers' bowl prospects. The Aggies have won two straight and want to end a six-game losing streak in the series with LSU.

pears uncertain. Sumlin said he hasn't been told he'd be fired after the LSU game and stressed that he's not focused on his job status right now.

"I'm in the process right now of working on winning this week," Sumlin said. "In this time, you can't worry about what people say. What you can worry about is the response of your team, the response of the people in this building and the trust level in there, and how they perform."

Here are some other central story lines surrounding the Aggies' visit to Death Valley.

Lopsided series

LSU has won the last six meetings, including all five since A&M joined the SEC in 2012. "The bottom line is we haven't won and there have been different reasons for every single one of those," Sumlin said. "It's

the results that matter."

GROUND GAINS: The Aggies can only hope LSU running back Derrius Guice doesn't pull off a reprise of his school-record-setting 285-yard rushing performance when these teams met last season. "Guice is a problem," Aggies defensive tackle Kingsley Keke said. "He's a tough running back. He always runs hard." Sumlin added that his defense can't overlook LSU backup Darrel Williams, either. Williams needs 30 yards rushing to reach 700, which would mark only the third time in school history that LSU had both a 1,000-yard rusher (Guice) and a 700-yard rusher in the same season.

Friendly fire

Years before Nick Starkel became Texas A&M's starting quarterback, he was childhood friends with Orgeron's sons, Parker and Cody, in Mandeville, Loui-

siana. "Believe it or not," Orgeron said. Starkel has "been to my house several times as a young man. So proud to see him grow up. And he's a tremendous quarterback. Proud for him and his family."

Starkel has missed much of this season with broken ankle but returned as starter a couple weeks ago for victories over New Mexico and Mississippi, going 40 of 62 for 688 yards, five TDs and one interception combined.

Perimeter playmakers

This game features two receivers who also have been effective punt returners. Kirk is the first A&M receiver to surpass 4,000 all-purpose yards. D.J. Chark has touchdowns receiving, rushing and on a punt return this season, making him one of only seven LSU players ever to do that in one campaign.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST	MIDWEST
Houston 24, Navy 14	Toledo 37, W. Michigan 10
TCU 48, Baylor 52	Cent. Michigan 31, N. Illinois 24
Missouri 48, Arkansas 45	Iowa 56, Nebraska 14
Texas Tech 27, Texas 23	
SOUTH	FAR WEST
UCF 49, South Florida 42	San Diego St. 35, New Mexico 10
Troy 62, Texas St. 9	
FLU 41, W. Kentucky 17	EAST
Virginia Tech 10, Virginia 0	Pittsburgh 24, Miami 14
	Buffalo 31, Ohio 24

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SOUTHWEST	MIDWEST
Kansas at Oklahoma St., 11 a.m.	Ohio St. at Michigan, 11 a.m.
Tulane at SMU, 11 a.m.	Indiana at Purdue, 11 a.m.
North Texas at Rice, Noon	Iowa St. at Kansas St., 2:30 p.m.
West Virginia at Oklahoma, 2:45 p.m.	Wisconsin at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Temple at Tulsa, 3 p.m.	Northwestern at Illinois, 3 p.m.
Prairie View at Texas Southern, 6 p.m.	FAR WEST
SOUTH	UNLV at Nevada, 3 p.m.
Florida St. at Florida, 11 a.m.	Boise St. at Fresno St., 3:30 p.m.
Georgia at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.	Idaho at New Mexico St., 4 p.m.
Louisville at Kentucky, 11 a.m.	Arizona at Arizona St., 4:30 p.m.
East Carolina at Memphis, 11 a.m.	Wyoming at San Jose St., 5 p.m.
Duke at Wake Forest, 11:30 a.m.	Oregon St. at Oregon, 7 p.m.
UTEP at UAB, Noon	Notre Dame at Stanford, 8 p.m.
FAU at Charlotte, 1 p.m.	Washington at Washington St., 8 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Georgia St., 1 p.m.	BYU at Hawaii, 9 p.m.
Southern Miss. at Marshall, 1:30 p.m.	Colorado at Utah, 10:15 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Louisiana-Monroe, 2 p.m.	Utah St. at Air Force, 10:15 p.m.
Alabama at Auburn, 2:30 p.m.	EAST
Penn St. at Maryland, 2:30 p.m.	Boston College at Syracuse, 11:20 a.m.
North Carolina at NC State, 2:30 p.m.	Michigan St. at Rutgers, 3 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 3 p.m.	FCS PLAYOFFS
Georgia Southern at Louisiana-Lafayette, 4 p.m.	First Round
Grambling St. vs. Southern U. at New Orleans, 4 p.m.	Furman at Elon, Noon
Texas A&M at LSU, 6:30 p.m.	CCSU at New Hampshire, 1 p.m.
UTSA at Louisiana Tech, 6:30 p.m.	Lafayette at Stony Brook, 1 p.m.
Clemson at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m.	Samford at Kennesaw St., 1 p.m.
MIDWEST	South Dakota at Nicholls, 3 p.m.
UCConn at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.	W. Illinois at Weber St., 3 p.m.
	Monmouth (NJ) at N. Iowa, 4 p.m.
	San Diego at N. Arizona, 7 p.m.

Arkansas fires Bielema moments following Missouri loss

By Kurt Voigt
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkansas has fired coach Bret Bielema after five disappointing season, moments after a season-ending 48-45 loss to Missouri on Friday. The loss left Arkansas with a 4-8 record, capping only the second losing season of Bielema's 12-year career. It also left him with a 29-34 record in his five seasons with the Razorbacks, including 11-29 in the SEC.

Backup QBs seize spotlight for Oklahoma, West Virginia

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Two very different situations changed the quarterback matchup between Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield and West Virginia's Will Grier.

Mayfield, the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, was caught on camera making a lewd gesture towards the Kansas sideline during last Saturday's win. Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley announced Monday that Mayfield wouldn't start or be a captain today in his final home game.

Grier, a Davey O'Brien Award semifinalist who ranks second nationally with 34 touchdown passes, injured a finger on his throwing hand while trying to stretch the ball for a touchdown last Saturday against Texas. He had surgery and is expected to miss at least four weeks.

Kyler Murray will start for No. 3 Oklahoma (10-1, 7-1 Big 12, No. 4 CFP) while Chris Chugunov will get his first career start for West Virginia (7-4, 5-3).

In a tearful news conference Monday, Mayfield said he understood why the punishment was necessary.

"It doesn't matter who you are, you need to handle yourself the right way," he said. "For this program going forward, it needs to show that coach Riley is about doing it the right way. He always has and always will be. It doesn't matter if you are the starting quarterback. If you don't act the right way, coach Riley is going to discipline you. That's how it needs to be."

Murray, a transfer from Texas A&M, has completed 16 of 19 passes for 307 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 62 yards this season. It's unclear how much he will play, but he'll be expected to help Oklahoma remain on track for a spot in the College Football Playoff.

"He's absolutely ready," Mayfield said. "He could have started any of the other games this year. He's more than capable of leading this team and being a great quarterback here. He will be. He'll be ready. There's zero questions and zero doubt about that." Chugunov completed 14 of 26 passes for 189

yards and a score in relief of Grier.

"I was happy with the way he competed last week," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "He went in there and competed his tail off. He got knocked around a little bit and kept getting up and knew where to go with the ball."

Here are some things to watch as the Sooners and Mountaineers clash:

Careful Mayfield

Mayfield acknowledged that Oklahoma and West Virginia are known for having especially intense games. He also understands that because Kansas successfully baited him by not shaking hands before last week's game, the Mountaineers might test him more than usual. He said he'll still be careful to keep his emotions in check.

"You can say what you want about the chippy games we've had with them. That's just because they're a good program and we play competitively with each other. But, that's football. It's chippy. I always expect it to be like that. Like I said, I can always handle myself better."

Nothing to lose

West Virginia already is bowl eligible, so a loss wouldn't be costly. A road win against the nation's No. 3 team would provide a boost to the program, though.

"Let's go play ball, let's have fun, let's rally around (Chugunov), let's play our tail off," Holgorsen said. "This season changes drastically if we can go win this one."

Last home game?

Oklahoma left tackle Orlando Brown, an Outland Trophy finalist, said he wasn't sure if he'd declare for the NFL after this season. The junior is expected to be a high draft pick if he leaves.

"No, it's too early for me to say that," Brown said. "It's still a lot of football left and I only focus on one week at a time. Obviously, I love it here, and there's a lot of things to look forward to in the future, but as far as the NFL, I don't know yet."

HOUSTON

From 1C

Linell Bonner finished with eight catches for 98 yards for Houston, which won its third out of the last four games. Houston outgained Navy 380-291.

The takeaway

Navy: The Midshipmen were able to run the triple option with success in the first half, finishing two drives with touchdowns, but Navy couldn't keep it going, rushing for 50 yards in the second half. Zach Abey started and ran the

option well, rushing for 33 yards, but trailing in the fourth quarter, Navy used Perry and Garret Lewis under center. Navy won the turnover battle, recovering two fumbles, but were unable to convert either turnover into points.

Houston: The Cougars' defense stopped Navy's triple option in the second half and kept the Midshipmen off the field. Houston limited Navy to six of 16 on third downs and sacked Navy's quarterbacks three times, with Oliver getting two of them. Houston's offense woke up in the

second half, putting up 261 yards and scoring 17 points.

Special guest

George H.W. Bush, the 41st president, did the coin toss before the game

Heflin called for targeting

Navy linebacker Taylor Heflin was ejected with four minutes left in the third quarter for targeting on Dunbar.

After Bonner caught a 6-yard pass from King

on third-and-15 from the Navy 20, Micah Thomas was tackling Bonner when Heflin came in, leading with his helmet. Following the review, the play was confirmed. Bonner was slow to get up and went to the locker room shortly thereafter.

Up next

Navy: The Midshipmen will have two weeks off before facing Army in Philadelphia.

Houston: The Cougars will await their opponent and bowl game.



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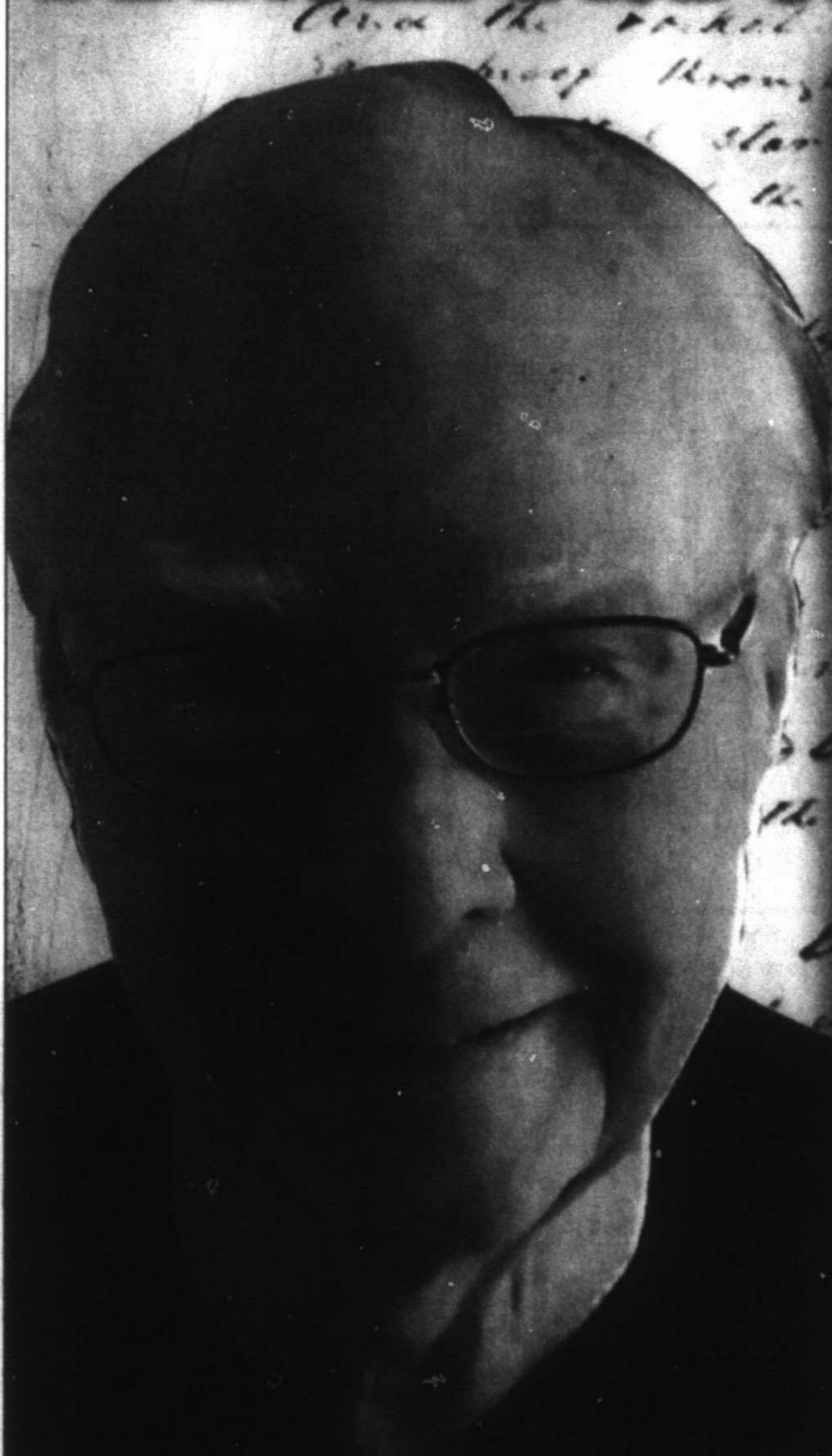
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Harold Rudolph Parkison was born on October 25, 1926 in an old farmhouse in Wood County, Texas to Hugh John and Auey Oey (McInnis) Parkison. Harold is an only child. For generations, all the men in his father's family had a "J" somewhere in their names. He said, "The mystery to me is that I don't have a "J" in my name. Why I didn't get a "J", I don't know." His father was a Corporal assigned to Company M, 19th Regiment of Infantry in the US Army. He served in a machine gun company in Hawaii after WWII. His mother worked in a meat market during the war. He said, "We had meat on the table. I remember well all the hardships and everything." They moved to Houston, Texas before Rudy was a year old. He used to go back to the family farm and spend his summers. He treasures the time he spent there with his uncle, Billy McInnis. He said, "I spent probably more time with my uncle than I did my father. I would go and tag along with him all summer long."

Rudy was a Boy Scout until he was 14 years old. He earned his way to a Star Scout. In his high school days, he had a few odd jobs. He delivered milk, delivered the newspaper, worked in a machine shop one summer and worked at the US Post Office every Christmas. He laughed and said, "You had to go through the mail. In those days, it was all hand sorting. I had to sort it by states east and west of the Mississippi. I soon learned which states were east and which ones were west."

In 1944, Rudy enrolled at Rice Institute in Houston, Texas as a chemical engineering major. He decided to leave during his sophomore year to enlist in the Army Air Corps. Rudy enlisted on June 12, 1944. He was inducted as an Aviation Cadet Trainee at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas on March 27, 1945. He was sent to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas for boot camp. He was assigned as a Bomber with the 3704th Army Air Force Base Unit, but never received any Bomber training because the program was shut down by the government in May.

Rudy was then transferred to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado. He went through remote control gun turret mechanic training there and spent the rest of his time doing KP and guard duty. Law enforcement was apparently not Rudy's forte. He recalled a funny story about serving on guard duty one day. The base had a big garden that was tended to by the prisoners. Rudy was assigned to take them to the garden to work. While they were gardening, he sat down and fell fast asleep. He laughed and said, "When they got ready to leave, one of the prisoners woke me up and told me it was time to go. They weren't hardened criminals, you know. They were just guys who'd been drunk or did something you got in the brig about. I went to sleep with a rifle in my lap."

That September, he was transferred to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. He spent his time doing KP, which he wasn't very fond of. He said, "Once they shut the program down, I lost my incentive. I felt good about what I was trying to do. I got tired of KP. They didn't really have anything for you to do. I had a lot of time on my hands. I was just surplus." He was finally sent to Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas and was discharged at the convenience of the government into the Reserves on December 5, 1945, after only 8 months and 9 days of active duty. Rudy received two Meritorious Service Certificates, a Victory Medal, a Carbine MM Marksman Badge and a letter of appreciation from the War Dept. for his service in the Reserves. He served two additional 3-year terms in the Reserves. His final discharge was in 1952. He was never called into active duty, but was called in during the Korean War to take a physical. They decided since he didn't have enough military training and had two children at home not to recall him into active duty.

In junior high, Rudy took a pretty young girl named Betty Sue Wimberly to the prom, but didn't have a serious romance. They ended up going different directions in high school. When he came home on leave in September of 1945, they re-connected through some friends and the sparks flew. They were married just 4 months later. Rudy and Betty pledged their love before God, their family and their friends on January 21, 1946. He said, "I don't know what I would've done without her inspiration when I got out of the service. She helped me from not doing anything and I had the desire to go back to school and get an education and get a decent job." They had three children together. Their son, Randall Harold Parkison and wife Carol, live in Fairport, Alabama. He is a retired chemical engineer and graduated from the University of Texas. He was the plant manager for Synchem, a Molechnology company. Their daughter, Juditha Sue Parkison, was tragically killed in a car accident when she was only 19 years old. She was in her first semester as a freshman at Texas Tech. She was going on a 530 trip with 5 other girls. There were 100 in the accident. It was a devastat-

ing blow to Rudy and Betty. Their son, Scott Wimberly Parkison and wife Monica, live in Midland. He is a petroleum engineer and graduated from the University of Texas. He is the Chief Commercial Officer for Adrenal Permian Resources. They have four grandchildren, Jesse Dylan Parkison, Ty Wimberly Parkison, Cade Adams Parkison, and Anna Blair Parkison. They have one great granddaughter, Lucy Hart Parkison. Rudy and Betty enjoyed 64 amazing years together before her passing on January 19, 2010.

In January of 1946, Rudy started working at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Beane. He also decided to go back and finish his education. He returned to Rice Institute on a GI Bill. He graduated in June 1949 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. He worked for Humble Oil during the summers to help them get by.

In July 1949, Rudy went to work as a trainee at Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas. During training, he spent time in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas. His first permanent assignment was in Ardmore, Oklahoma as a Mud Engineer. He spent a year there and was then transferred to Elk City, Oklahoma for the next 2 years. He started out in the mechanical engineering dept. and later transferred to the exploitation dept. doing well work. In 1953, he sat on the deepest well that was drilled during that time. Then he was transferred to Centralia, Illinois as a Reservoir Engineer, where he spent 3 years. From there, it was on to Houston, Texas for a year at Shell Development Company as a Reservoir Engineer. He then spent 9 months in Franklin, Louisiana as Division Reservoir Engineer. He was transferred to New Orleans, Louisiana for 2 1/2 years as Offshore Marine Division Reservoir Engineer. He left Shell in 1960 after 11 years.

After leaving Shell, Rudy wanted to settle down back in Texas. So, they moved to Dallas and he went to work for Delhigh-Taylor Oil Company as a Petroleum Engineer. He spent most of his time doing field work in the Permian Basin. He spent 4 years with them. They were bought out by Tenneco-Conoco. In 1964, he went to work for General American Oil Company as Vice President of Engineering working in acquisitions. He spent some time traveling overseas. They were eventually bought out by Phillips. He spent 17 years there. From 1981-2004, Rudy was self-employed as a consultant under the name H. Rudy Parkison. He later got involved with acquiring royalty interests and formed Parkison Oil & Gas.

Rudy became an active member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) in 1956. He served as the Chapter Chairman of the Dallas Sector in 1975-1976. He became a member of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) in 1983, where he served as President in 1998.

For years, he was a member of a group of senior golfers that played at tournaments at resorts all over the United States. He and Betty traveled to many of them. He really enjoyed playing and had gotten his game down to a 13 handicap. Betty wasn't a golfer, so she spent her time shopping with the other wives. It was a win-win for both of them. He has been an avid hunter all his life. He hunted deer, dove and turkey in Comanche County, Texas, goose in the Panhandle and in South Texas and duck in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Rudy is very proud of his time in the service, although for years he never admitted to being a veteran because his time in the service was short. He said, "I volunteered and was ready to serve my country. I was proud to be accepted in the aviation cadet program. He believes the benefits of the discipline received in the military incentivizes people and starts a stable foundation for their future. To Rudy, patriotism means "honoring your country and the flag and defending your country, which in turn, means defending your family." He firmly believes in the Constitution and our forefathers. He said, "They did such a good job founding this country."

Shortly after Betty passed away, Rudy moved to Midland to be closer to his family. Losing her was very hard on him and he needed to start a new chapter. He bought a house at Manor Park and loves it there. He has found a new lease on life and has made some wonderful friends here. Rudy has had an adventurous life that took him all over the world. He had a very successful career and raised a good family. I asked him to tell me what his secret has been to get to 91. He said, "I don't have one other than just be happy and realize that the Lord keeps you alive. You're dependent on Him. We live under His Grace. I tell Him I still have too many things I need to get finished! I'm ready to go any time, except...." Rudy's zest for life will no doubt keep him around for many years to come. He has a lot to teach the world about success and happiness. Thank you for your service, Rudy!

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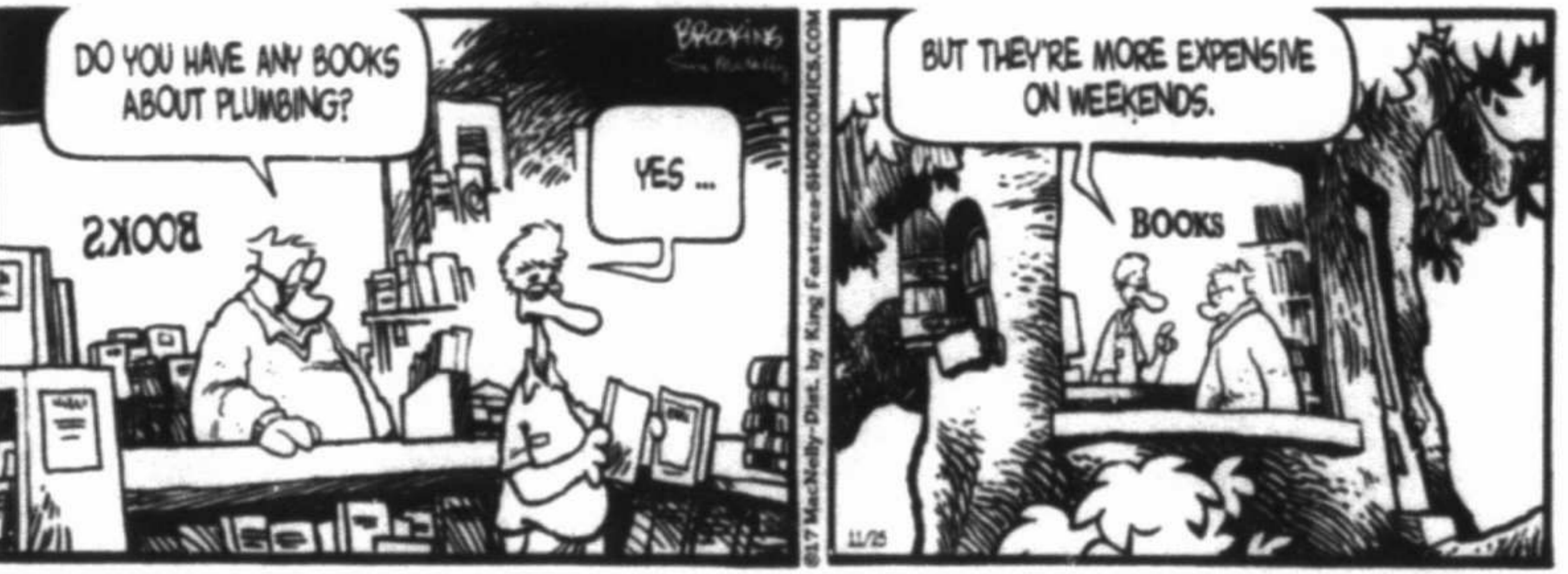
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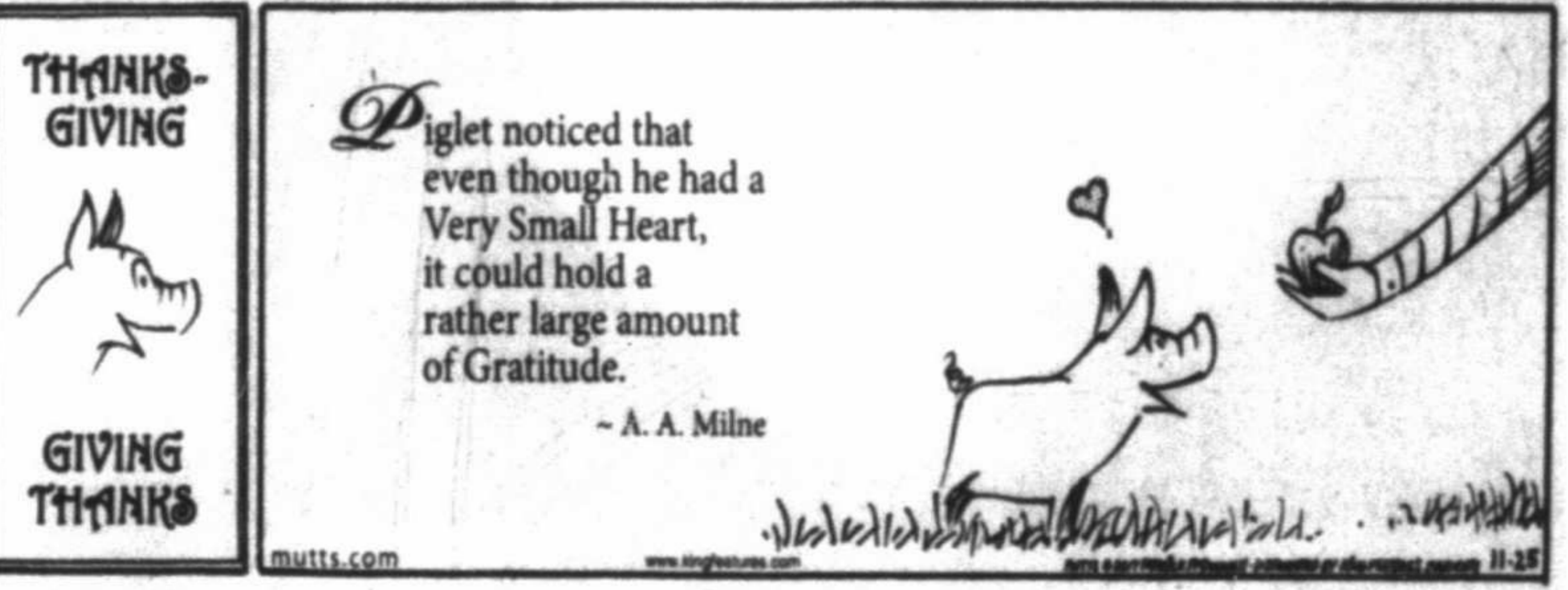
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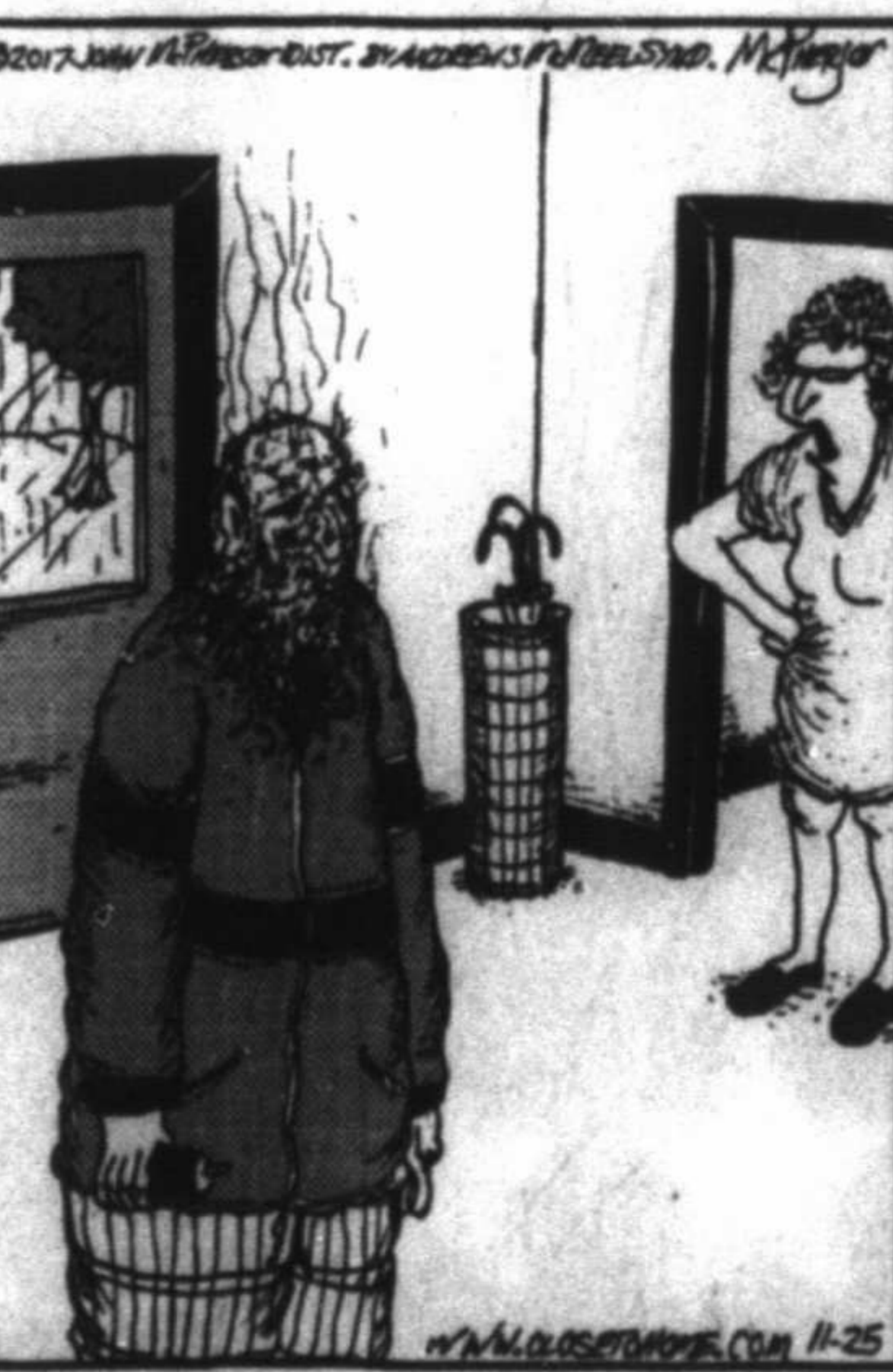
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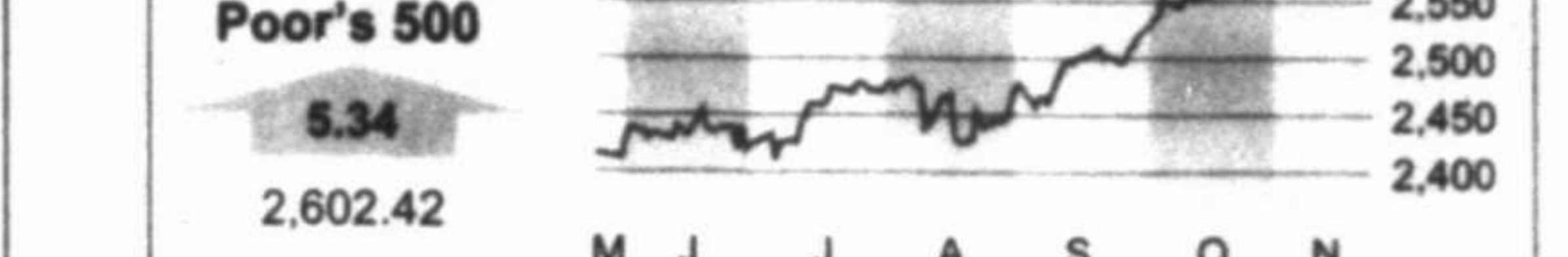
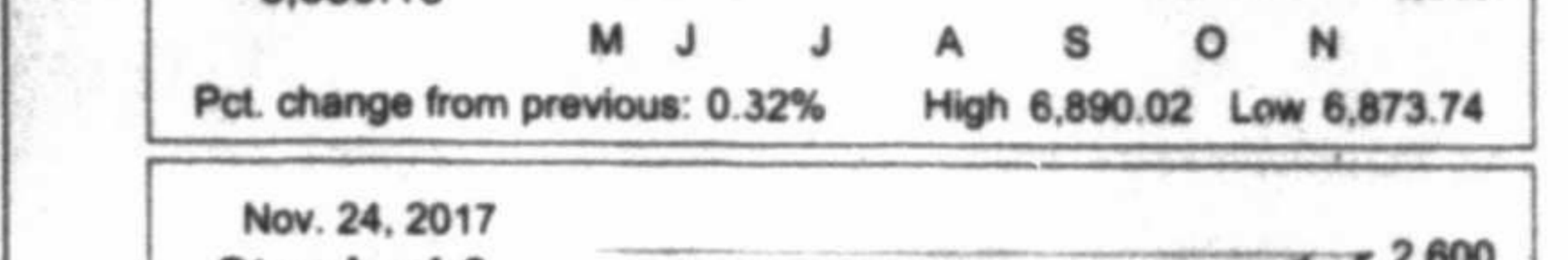
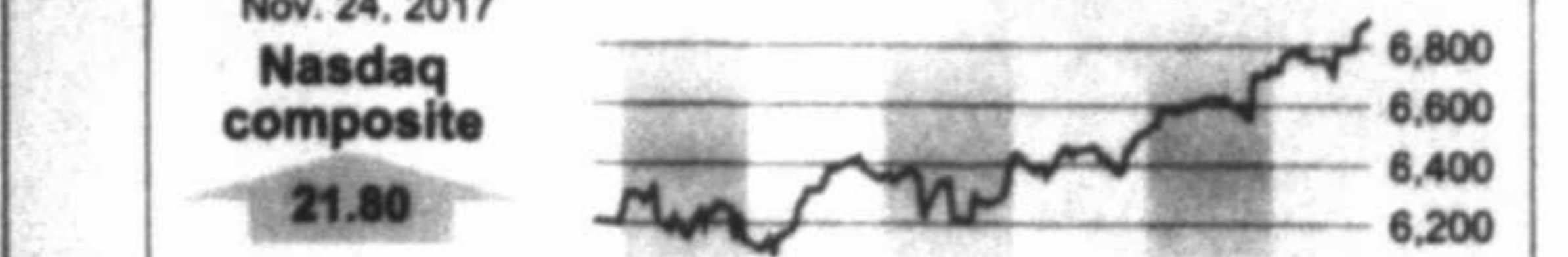
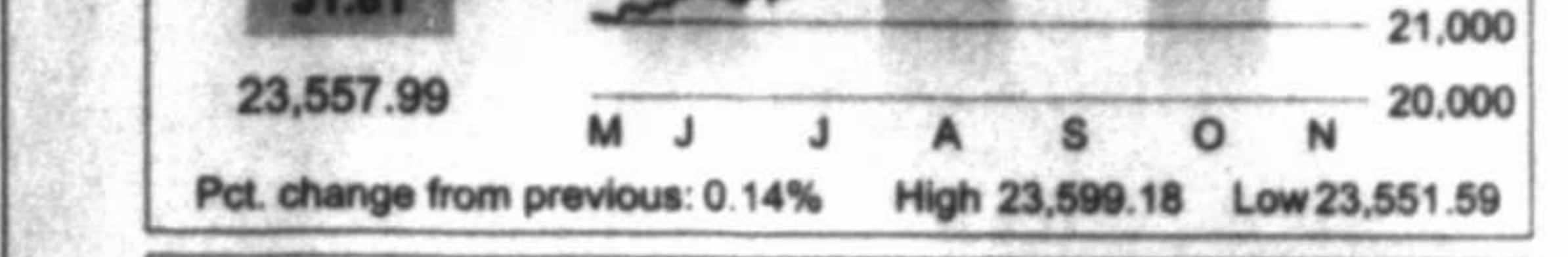
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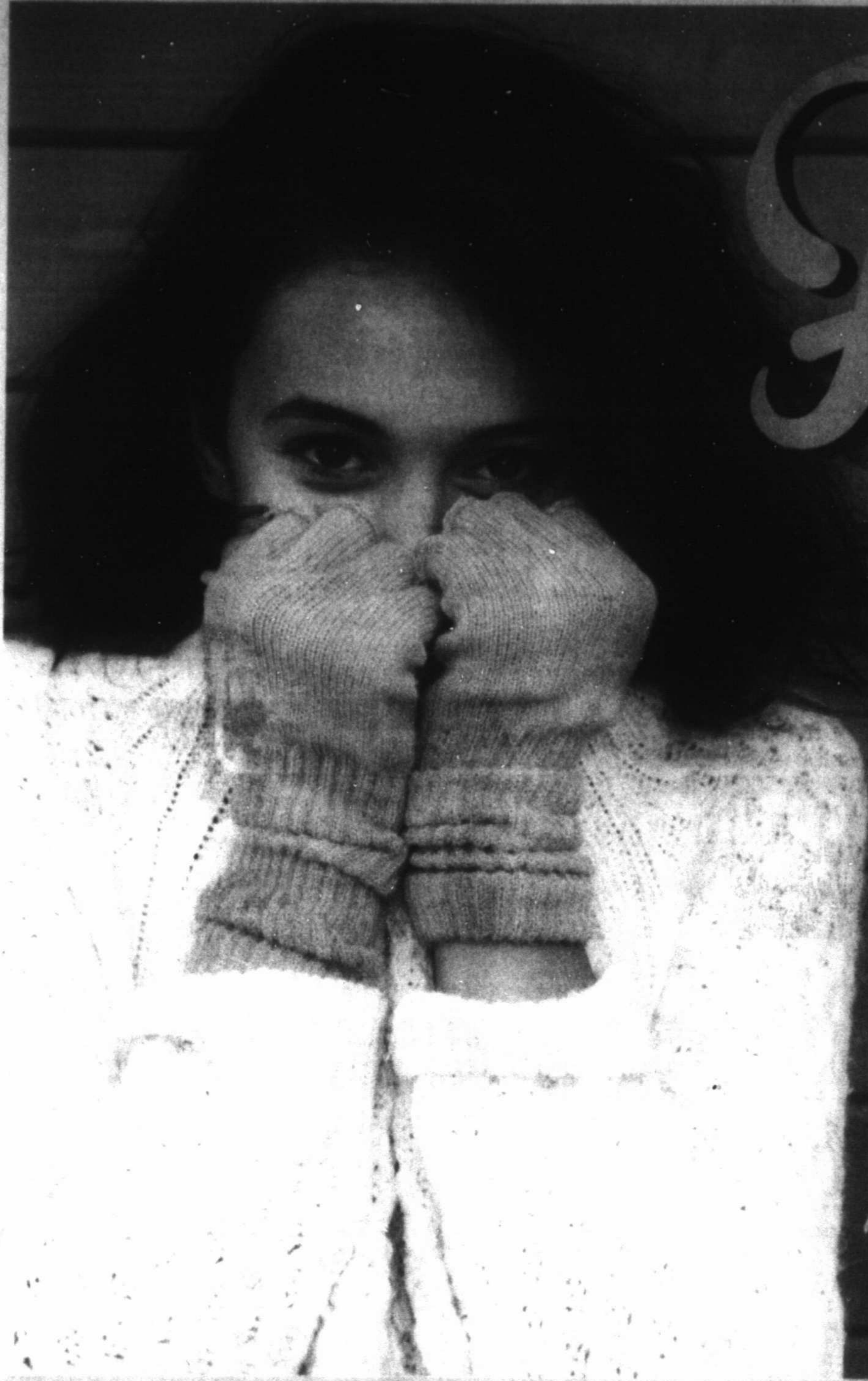
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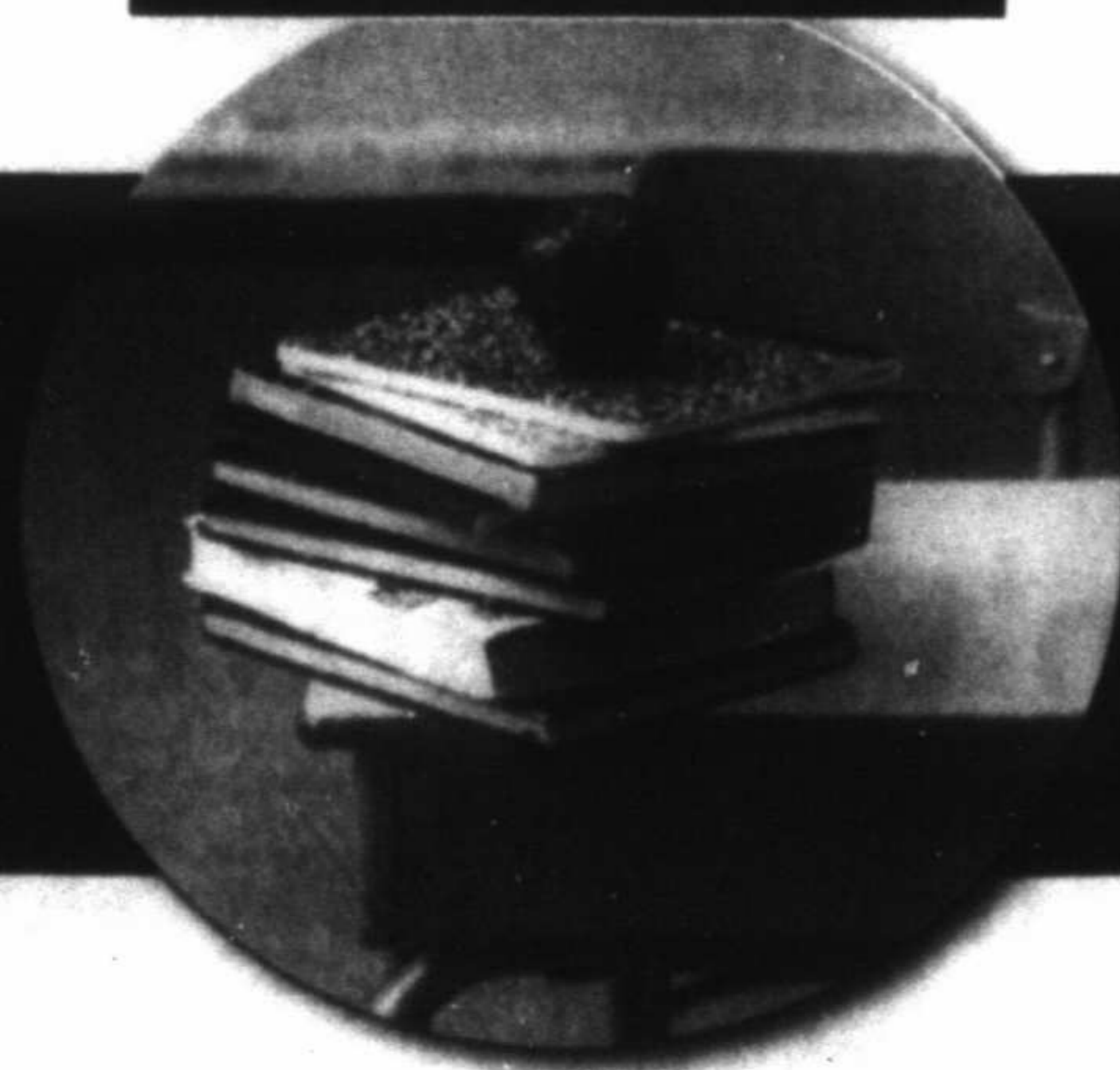
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Lease/Unit Name	HUBBARD 26-35
Lease/Unit Well No	4309H
Lease/Unit Acres	620.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Lease Lines	270.0 F North L. 324.0 F West L
Survey Lines	270.0 F North L. 2258.0 F East L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 270.0 F NORTH L. 324.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: GLASSCOCK
Section: 35 Block: 35 T5S Abstract: 376
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L. 330.0 F WEST L
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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330.0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8806 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Johnmethan Washington, at (512)6008855.

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that Metro Self Storage Midland at 315 N. Midland Dr. Midland, Texas 79703 will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Statutes-Property Code). The sale will take place at the website StorageStuff Bid on December 7, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The sale will be conducted under the guidance of Christopher Rosa (#16850) on behalf of the facility's management. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale at StorageStuff Bid. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is as described as general household items unless otherwise noted. Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants:

- E015-Luis A. Parra (ceiling fan fixtures & Hanging Lights)
- K004-Vinnette Moore (High Chair, Luggage & Misc)
- S008-Michael Martinez (Microwave, Vacuum & Misc)
- S018-Rocky Fuentez (Table, Chairs, Sectional & Misc)

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Guitar Water Services, LLC, PO Box 2213, Abilene, Texas 79604 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation, Guitar Lease, Well Number 5D. The proposed injection well is located ±4 Miles West of Big Springs, Texas in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,340 to 12,000 feet.

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Discovery Operating, Inc. (RRC P-5 # 220865) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission an amended P-17 Application for an exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to add production from the following oil and gas leases to existing surface commingling Permit No. 7451: Holzgraf (SA) D 3971WB (RRC Lease No. 826618), Holzgraf (SA) E 3972WB (RRC Lease No. 826623), Holzgraf (SA) F 3973WB (RRC Lease No. 826625), and Holzgraf (SA) G 3974WB (RRC Lease No. 826626), all in the Spraberry (Trend Area) in Upton County, Texas. The wells and leases are located in Sections 34 and 39, Block 41, T-4-S, T&P Ry Co. Survey, Upton County, Texas. This application is for off lease storage, common separation and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

Legal and Public Notices

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307506
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 31, 2017 Status/Permit No. 830786
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Dec 5, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
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General Announcement

Thank You Jesus!
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Teach the Lord's
Word 1-4

Lost
Gold Wide wedding ring with small diamonds on top. 2 pinkie rings, one gold, one silver. BIG Reward! Call 699-3005



Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

2009 HONDA Accord EXL, gray / leather / brand new tires / great condition 108K miles, runs great \$7,950.00 Call (432) 889-2255

LINCOLN 2009 Towncar Signature Limited LTD 74K miles, excellent condition. See at 4304 Lanhan Street Call 575-937-4242

Toyota 2011 Camry 24K miles, white, home to work car. Beige on beige. Call 480-399-3580

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2006 F250, 5.4 Triton, Crewcab, 8 bed new Michelins, 2 work boxes \$8,750. Call Between 7am-3pm Mon-Fri. 432-230-1859

GMC 1999 Sierra 1500 4wd extended cab, 154k miles, black exterior, beige camo interior, grill guard, off road tires, toolbox. \$5,500 432-697-3767 or 432-853-9562

Vans and Mini Vans

DODGE CARAVAN Specialty Van with handicap ramp \$5,500, runs great. 432-263-4548 or 432-816-0422

4WD and SUV

2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE OVERLAND 5.7 HEMI V8 4WD, LOADED. 30,000 miles. \$24,300 575-365-4600

2015 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED SPORT S 4X4, mint condition, clean carfax, white w/ black appearance group by Mopar w/ black 3 piece hard top. 41,000 mi., \$29,900 432-889-8337

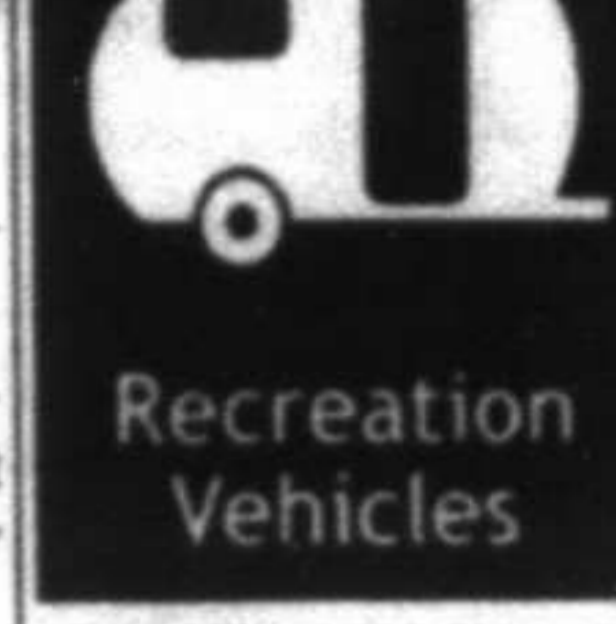
JEEP 2001 Grand Cherokee, white, engine replaced, must see AC & heater works. Asking \$5,000. 432-349-0041

JEEP WRANGLER 2008, 4 dr, 4 wd, great condition \$15,500. Must see! 432-254-4828

Specialty Vehicles

74 VOLTSWAGON Imgreen, with engine that vehicle came out of. Runs good. 40 gallon beer keg gas tank. 432-816-7256

2007 SILVERBACK BY CEDARCREEK 32 FT SLIDEOUT FIBERGLASS SELF CONTAINED FIBERGLASS, LOADED MUST SELL \$10,500 432-413-0394



Recreation Vehicles

Fax Your Ad 24-7 682-6999

Legal and Public Notices

Notice on Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is December 7, 2017.

Aztec Storage Center
500 S Midland Dr
Midland TX 79703
Time to 9:00am

#492 Terrell Street
#150 Yvette Rodriguez
#156 Shane Calender

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Legal and Public Notices

MORROW ENTERPRISES, INC. is bidding as a Prime Contractor and is interested in receiving quotes from MBE AND DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers for the construction of the City of Fort Stockton 30-Inch Water Transmission Line: Project No. 16L0302C. Firms interested may quote the various types of work such as Boring, Seeding, Construction Survey, Fencing, Traffic Control, Water Pipe Materials, Aggregate and Concrete Materials and Trench Safety. Please furnish quotes prior to bid day. Project bid deadline is November 30, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. If interested, please contact Morrow Enterprises, Inc. by phone (575) 626-1178, fax (575) 627-2260 or email: bidds@mor-townmi.com

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorene, on a request by Ornela Sosa, 1515 Cotton Pater, for a Special Use Permit and Term for the sale of all utilities, pipes, gas, and premises, consumption, and restaurant for the following property:

A 1/4 acre square tract portion of SA, Block 27, Plantation Hills, Section 35, Township 35S, Range 12E, Garfield County, Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of West Loop, 450' North, approximately 400' East, south of Garfield Street (Council District 1).

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

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Generally located on the west side of Bear Parkway, approximately 395-feet south of Thomason Drive (Council District 4).

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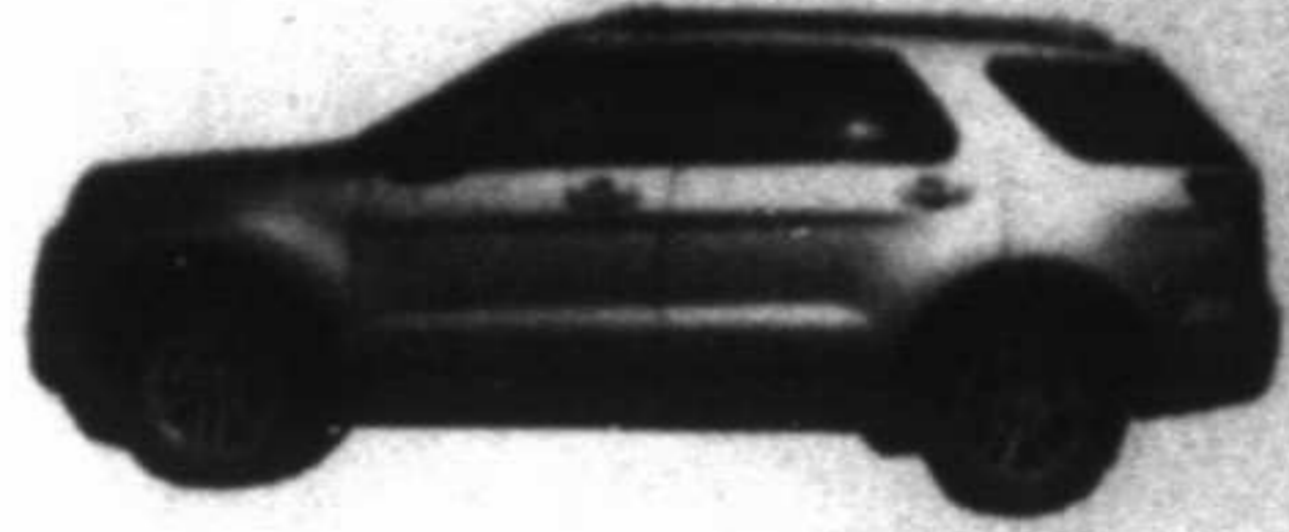
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~~Was \$19,005~~
NOW \$17,995

**2016 Ford
Fusion**

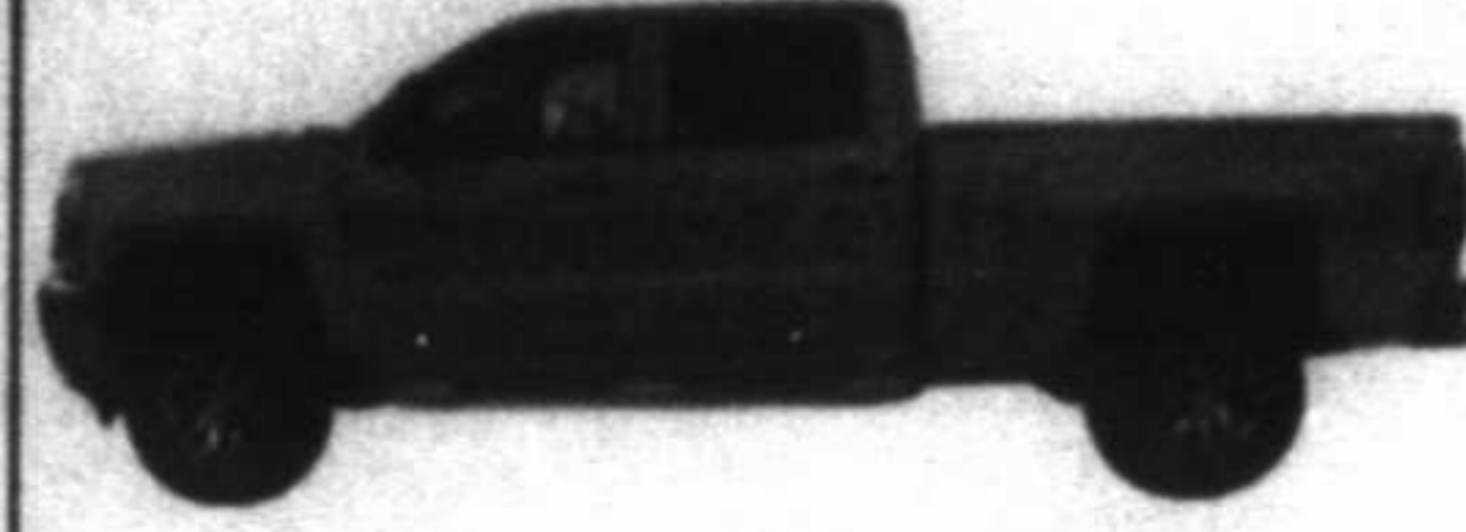
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NOW \$28,995

**2017 Ford
Explorer**

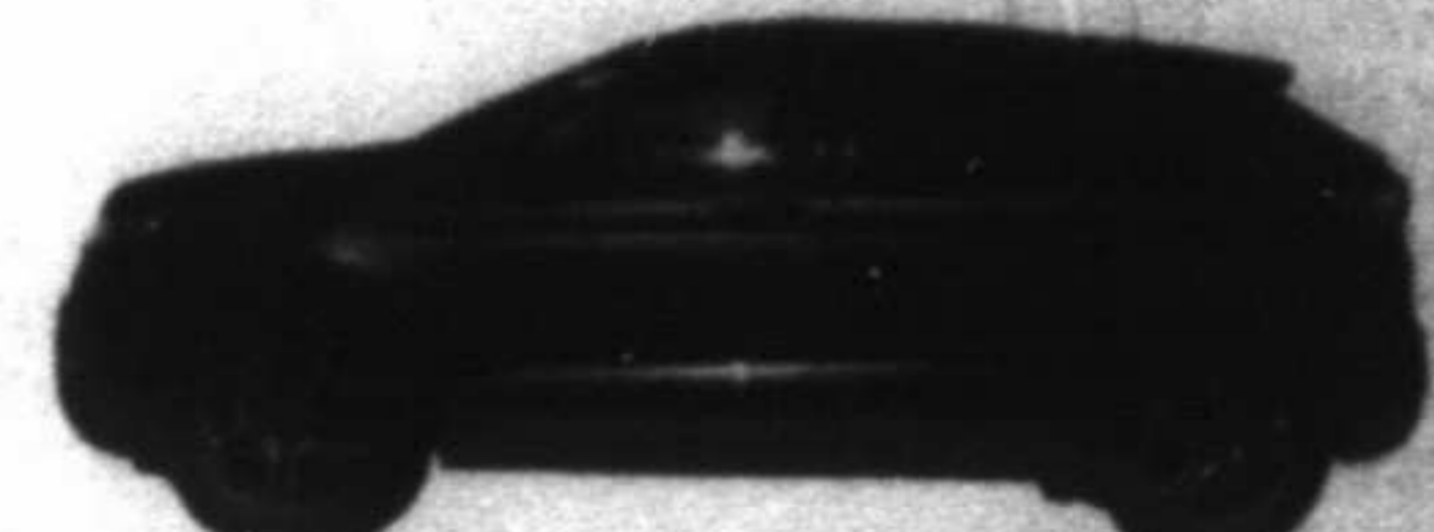
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NOW \$46,995

**2016 Chevrolet
Silverado 3500**

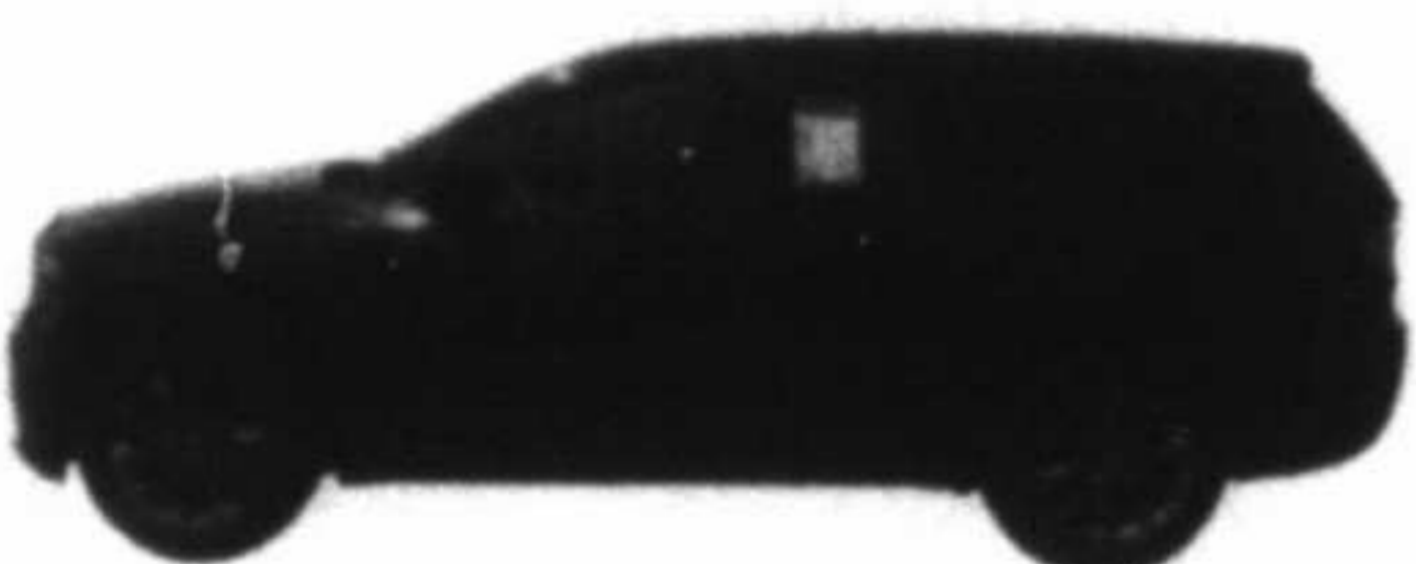
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NOW \$25,995

**2016 Ford
Edge**

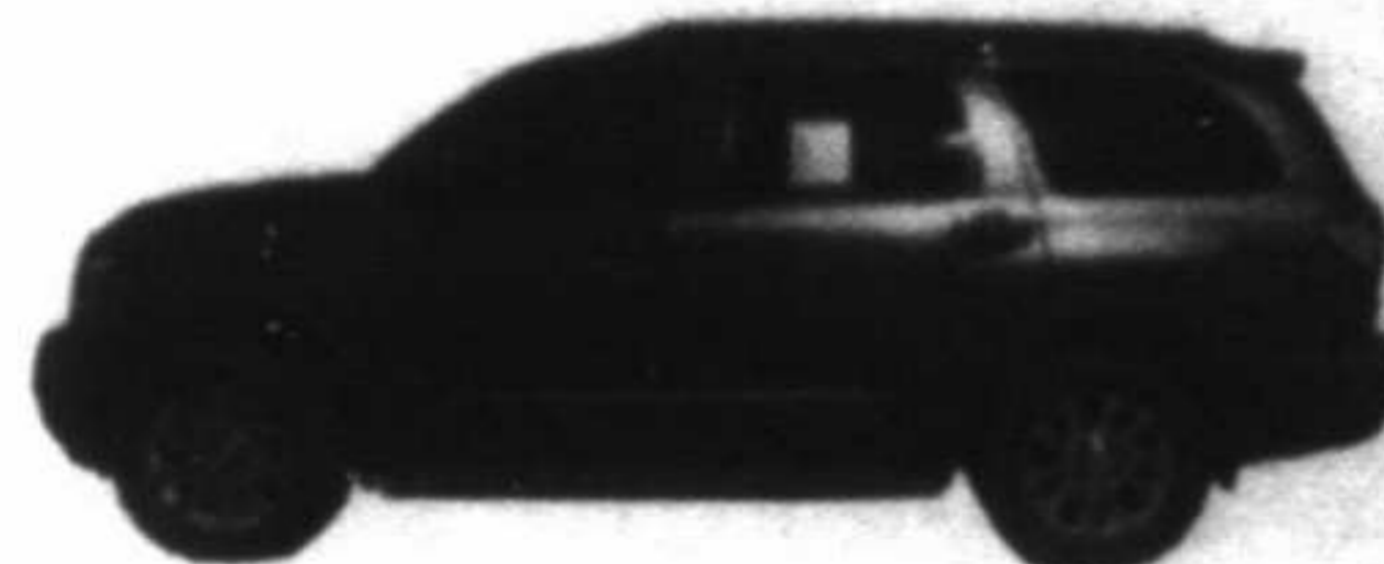
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NOW \$21,995

**2014 Dodge
Durango**

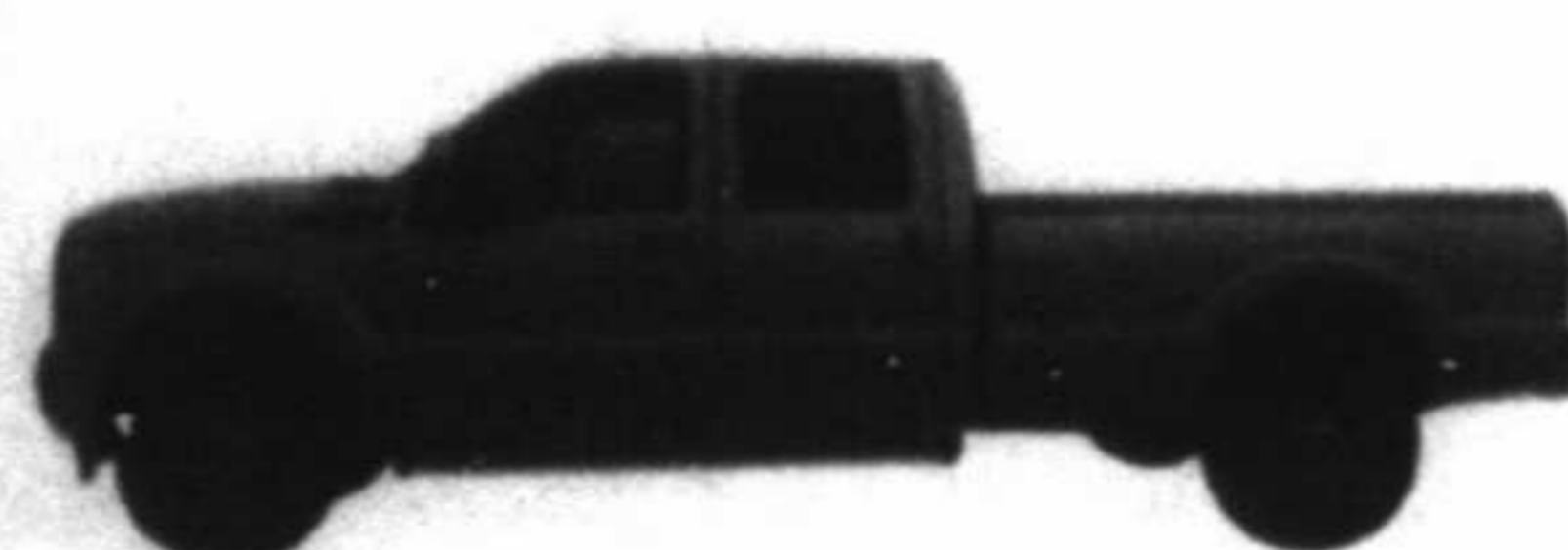
45,044 Miles
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~~Was \$43,005~~
NOW \$40,995

**2014 Toyota
Sequoia**

37,994 Miles
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~~Was \$55,005~~
NOW \$51,995

**2015 Ford
F-350**

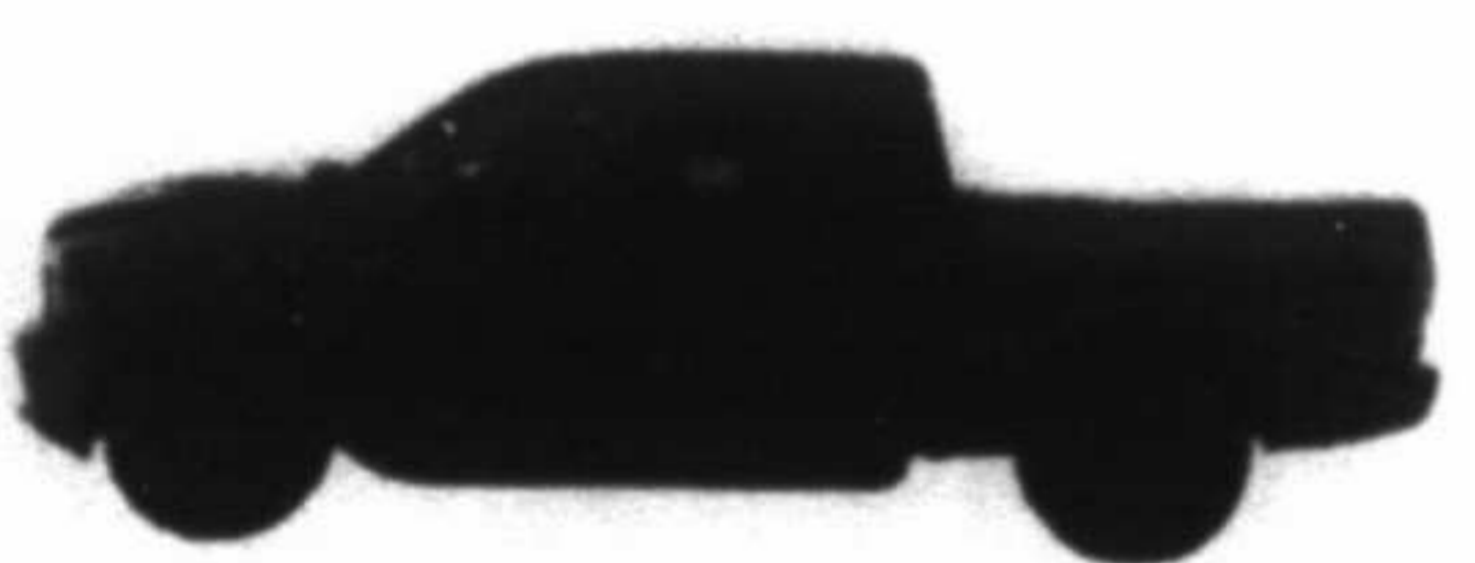
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~~Was \$18,005~~
NOW \$16,995

**2014 Chrysler
300**

50,630 Miles
Stk# 17315032



~~Was \$39,005~~
NOW \$34,995

**2016 Dodge
Ram 1500**

7,997 Miles
Stk# 17800641



~~Was \$33,005~~
NOW \$30,995

**2014 Jeep
Grand Cherokee**

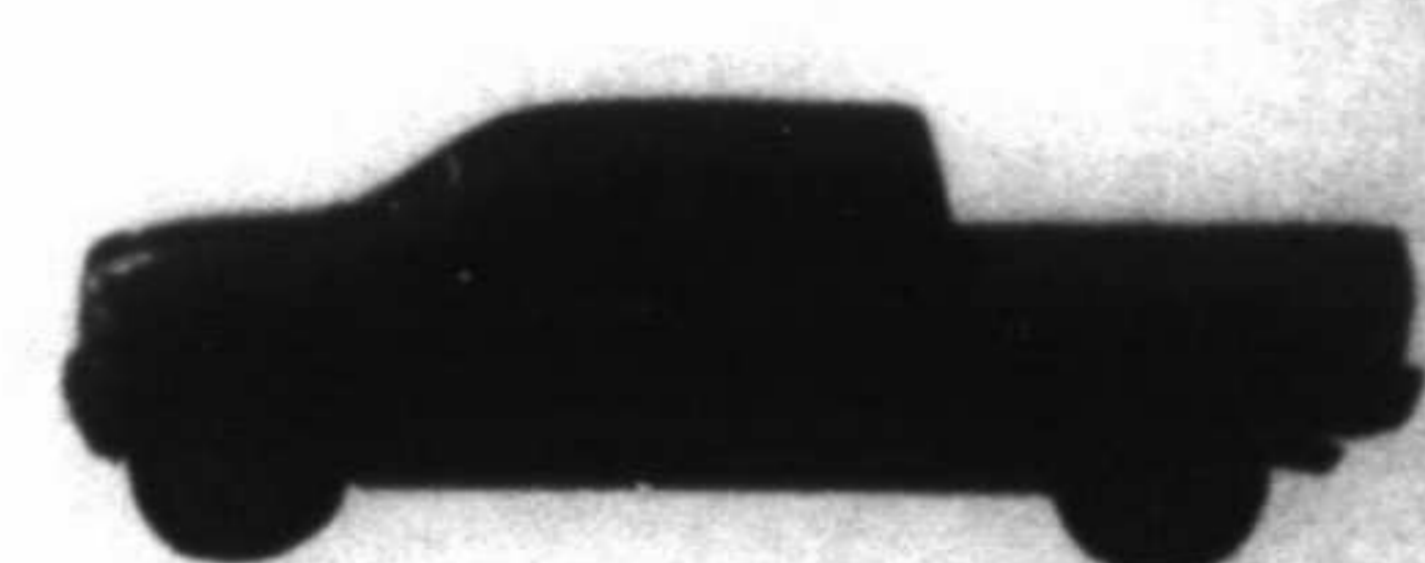
23,863 Miles
Stk# 17800771



~~Was \$31,005~~
NOW \$27,995

**2015 Ford
Mustang GT**

35,949 Miles
Stk# 17301321



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NOW \$60,995

**2017 Dodge
Ram 2500**

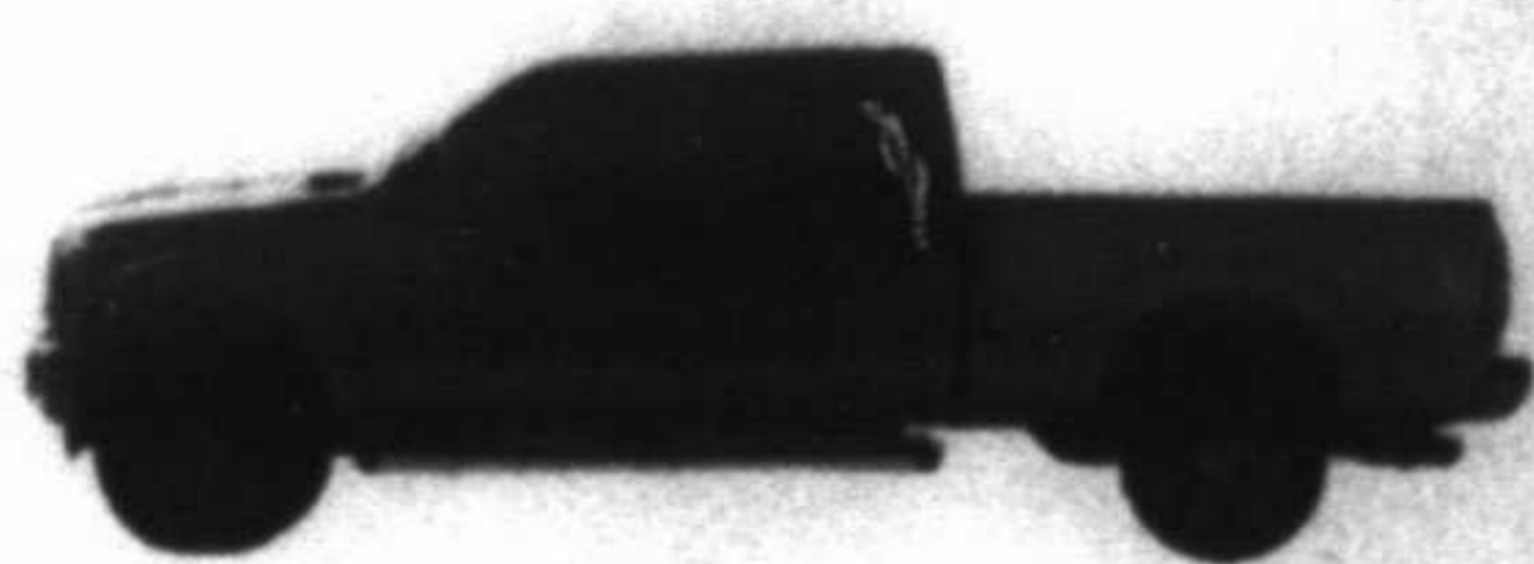
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~~Was \$15,005~~
NOW \$11,995

**2016 Chrysler
200**

45,497 Miles
Stk# 1740041



~~Was \$51,005~~
NOW \$47,995

**2015 Ford
F-250**

67,039 Miles
Stk# 17309691



~~Was \$27,005~~
NOW \$24,995

**2017 Chevrolet
Impala**

22,173 Miles
Stk# 1740052



~~Was \$44,005~~
NOW \$40,995

**2015 GMC
Sierra 1500**

32,752 Miles
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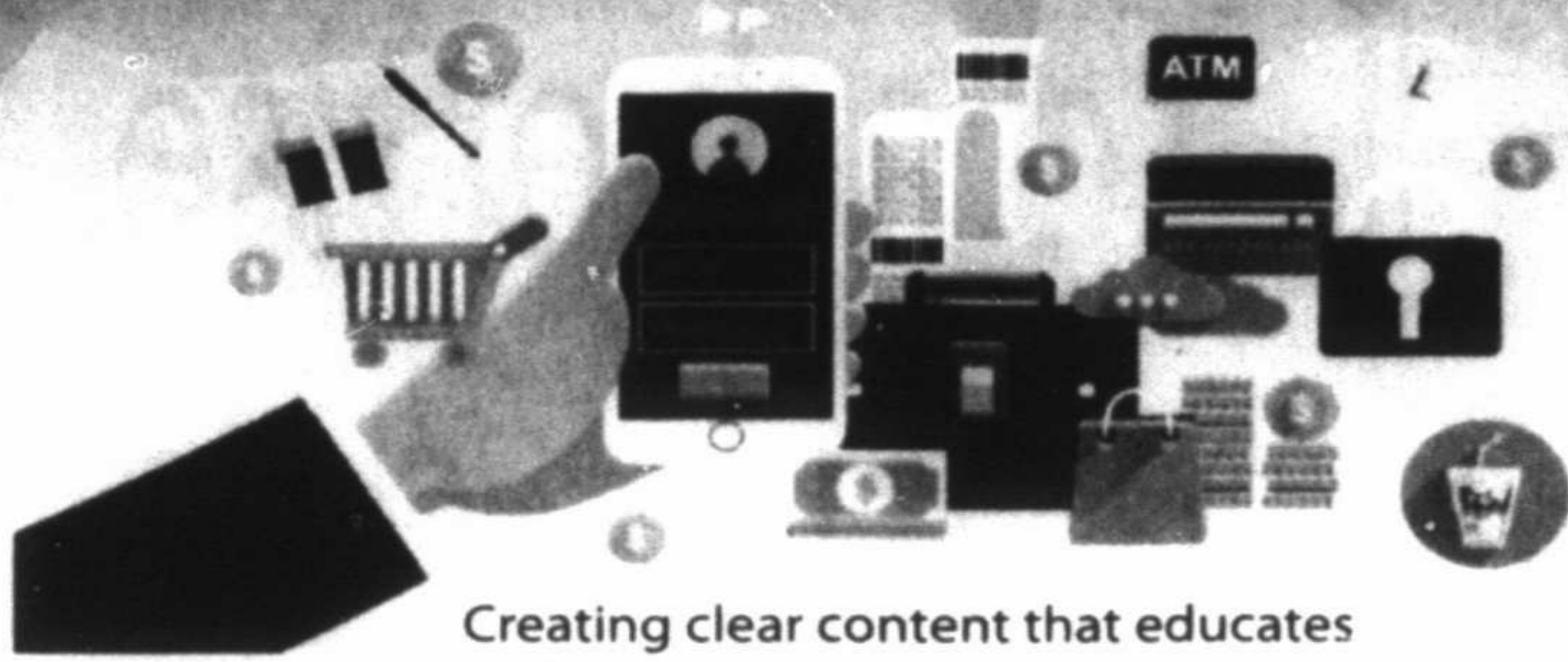
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