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Midland County Commissioners' Court approved salary increases for elected officials, including raises of $6,647-$8,706 for themselves.

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MISD shows improvement with accountability

Fewer schools are on TEA's 'IR' list; more targets are met

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD continued its climb up the Texas Education Agency's accountability system ladder.

On Tuesday, MISD released results that showed:

■ the district as a whole and 32 of 36 campuses eligible for ratings received a passing rating;

■ fewer campuses on the TEA's list of failing schools (four, down from nine last year and 11 in 2014 and 2015);

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View percentages, numbers and distinction designations for the district and campuses.

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■ campuses and the entire district met at least 91 percent of the TEA four indexes (student performance, student progress, closing the achievement gap and postsecondary readiness);

■ a year-to-year increase in targets met;

■ a 76 percentage rate of campuses showing growth or remaining stable on its performance on the TEA's four indexes;

■ an increase in the number of "distinction designations" (from 11 in 2015 to 18 last year to 22 this year);

■ an increase in the number of campuses receiving a "distinction designation" (from two in 2015 to six last year to eight this year).

Superintendent Orlando Riddick said in a press release that while there is still more to accomplish, "these results provide the momentum to become the great educational system this community expects and is ready to support.

"These results prove that working together as a team toward a singular goal, embracing a growth mindset and a 'no-excuses' philosophy has set us on the right path to success," he said.

The TEA, according to the district, provides three performance ratings — met standard, improvement required and met alternative standard. Four schools worked their way off the improvement required list,

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CRUDE FEST CANCELED

MRT file photo

Kevin Fowler performs during day two of the Crude Fest music festival on May 15, 2015, at Star of Texas Ranch.

Crude Fest won't be staged next year, organizers say

By Rich Lopez
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In a post Tuesday on Crude Fest's Facebook page and website, organizers announced that the festival will not be staged in 2018 because of the high cost to produce such an event.

In a message to their fans, organizers said:

"To our fans: all of us here at Crude Fest thank you and really appreciate your loyal support over the past eight years. Unfortunately, however, the festival will not be returning in 2018. Long story short, it's just become too expensive and too difficult to produce in the current economic environment. That said, we'll look at opportunities to return at a different time and location. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all the great memories and making us the biggest party in West Texas. 'Til we meet again."

The Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday reached out to Townsquare Media, which produces the festival.

"We're very saddened by this news but that's not to say there won't be events in the future," said Gwen McCown, brand manager of LoneStar 92, which also is a Townsquare Media affiliate.

McCown reiterated much of what was said in the Facebook post and expressed her appreciation.

"We just thank West Texas for being a part of such a great event," she said.

This year, the three-day Texas country music and camping festival featured The Eli Young Band, Josh Abbott Band, Cody Johnson and Flatland Cavalry, among others.

Council votes to put $100M road bond on ballot

■ Ballot to feature two propositions; early voting to start Oct. 23

By Stewart Doreen
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A $100 million bond to fix Midland's roads and other aging infrastructure will be on the November ballot.

The five City Council members present in council chambers voted unanimously during a special meeting Tuesday to hold the election on Nov. 7.

More inside

■ Public didn't turn out for hearing on tax rate

■ Midland College's board of trustees approved a tax rate proposal and a budget for 2017-18

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The ballot will have two propositions. The first — proposition A — will read "The issuance of $74,090,000 general obligation bonds for street improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

The second — proposition B — will read "The issuance of $25,910,000 general obligation bonds for waterworks and sewer system improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

"A majority of residents in this city seem to be receptive to fixing our roads," said Councilman J.Ross Lacy, who has led the road bond effort. "That is all we have heard the last two years — 'fix our roads.' OK, we have a bond proposal to do that; go vote for it now."

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

The plan would impact 26 different road projects across the city. The

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over **95** percent of Texas school districts met state standards. Page 4A

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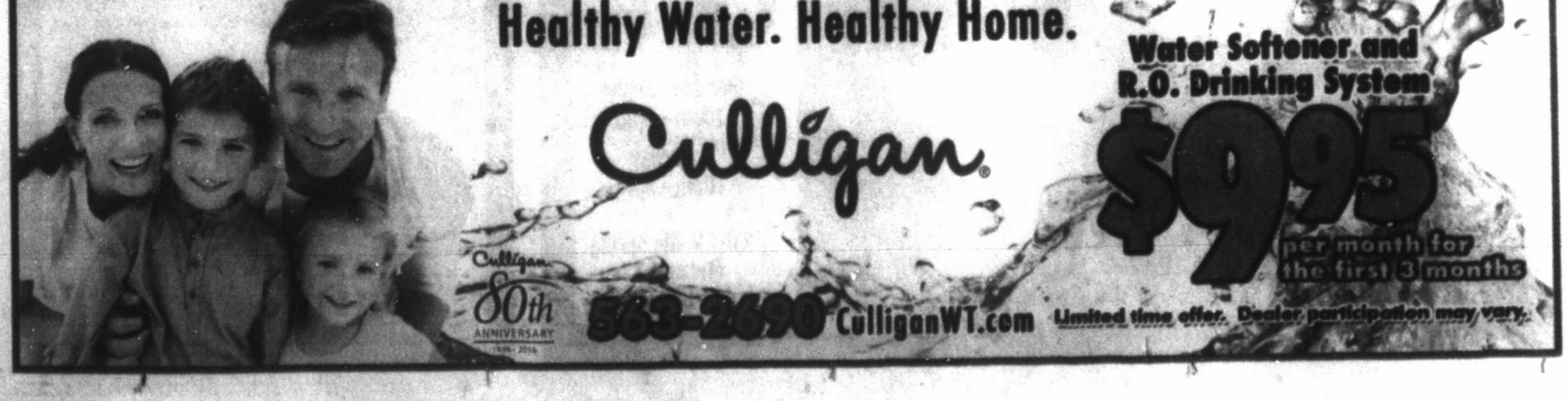

DPS: Gardendale woman dies in 2-vehicle wreck

From staff reports

A 25-year-old Gardendale woman died Friday morning in a two-vehicle wreck on State Highway 158, about 10 miles west of Midland, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Casey L. Folk was driving a 2015 Jeep Cherokee eastbound on SH 158 behind a 2015 GMC pickup that was towing a flatbed trailer. The pickup stopped as the driver prepared to make a left turn, and the Cherokee hit the trailer, according to the release.

Folk, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene. The pickup driver, a 23-year-old Midland man, was not injured.

Folk is the 26th person to die in wrecks on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The most recent fatality occurred Aug. 4 when a 41-year-old Midland man died at the scene of a two-pickup wreck at the intersection of Business I-20 service road and North County Road 1140.

The total number of fatalities so far this year is more than double the year-to date total for 2016, when 12 people died, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The number of fatalities on roads in Midland County through the end of August was 26 in 2015, 25 in 2014 and 32 in 2013.

Pair arrested on child endangerment charges

From staff reports

A Midland couple was arrested Monday after allegedly endangering a child, according to court documents.

Juan Carlos Bennett, 30, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a state felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence, a $25,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance more than 4 grams but less than 200 grams and $2,000 in bonds for six misdemeanor charges.

Bennett

Jazmin Villafranco, 20, was being held Tuesday on a state felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence. Bond had not been set as of Tuesday evening.

Villafranco

Midland police detectives executed a search warrant in reference to ongoing distribution of cocaine by Bennett, according to his arrest affidavit.

During the search, detectives found various loaded firearms that were accessible to the children in the household and a large amount of cocaine residue on top of a dresser, according to the affidavit.

Bennett and Villafranco openly used the narcotics in the presence of the children, according to the affidavit. Detectives found digital scales, several plastic baggies and a large plastic bag containing a white substance.

In addition, a cover was not attached to the residence's breaker box, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a state jail felony charge, the couple could face up to two years imprisonment. If convicted of a first-degree felony charge, Bennett could face up to 99 years imprisonment.

Commissioners approve employee retirement rate, elected official salaries

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County commissioners' decisions on Tuesday centered around employees and elected officials. The court voted to increase the employer contribution and matching rate for the Texas County and District Retirement System and approved salaries for elected officials.

Commissioners voted 3-0 for 13.5 percent of payroll to go into the state's county retirement fund and a matching rate of 200 percent. The change goes into effect Jan. 1 and applies to current and future employees.

The commissioners' court discussed the topic at its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday before it was moved to Tuesday's agenda.

Commissioner Robin Donnelly of Precinct 2 wasn't at the second meeting and couldn't vote. He spoke on Monday about potential impacts on liabilities and operating costs, and he recommended in a statement on Tuesday the court adopt a matching rate below 200 percent.

At the meeting, Commissioner Randy Prude of Precinct 4 said the court has always tried to honor county employees. He made the motion to make an increase from the current plan — a 13 percent contribution and 180 percent matching rate.

After the motion, commissioners consented to allow county employees to weigh in on the topic. About a dozen attended the meeting, and three spoke in support of the change.

"It would be a great means in recruiting people and getting them on board," said Sheriff Gary Painter, one of those who spoke. "But for people who are living from paycheck to paycheck, it would be tremendous."

Also at the meeting, commissioners approved salaries for elected officials. The topic was not addressed Monday due to notification requirements.

Midland County in a notice this month published the following salary increases for elected officials in 2017-18. The Reporter-Telegram added the new total (base salary plus longevity pay, supplements and budget cell phone allowance if taken):

County Judge: $8,706.56 ($146,255)

Commissioners (Precincts 1 through 4): $6,647.51 ($74,699-$75,779)

District clerk: $4,934.90 ($88,103)

County attorney: $6,833.97 ($151,690)

County clerk: $4,934.90 ($88,283)

Justice of the Peace (Precincts 1 through 4): $4,361.26 ($77,128-$85,208)

Treasurer: $4,934.90 ($88,823)

Tax assessor/collector: $7,481.97 ($88,823)

Sheriff: $6,686.46 ($120,007)

Constables (precincts 1 through 4): $3,496.15 ($61,725-$66,145)

Charges filed against man who was shot by deputy

From staff reports

Charges have been filed on the Midland man who was shot Saturday morning by a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy after an incident on Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and State Highway 158, according to court documents.

Edwin Jordan Soto-Contreras, 20, is facing a second-degree felony charge of robbery and a third-degree felony charge of assault on a public servant. Bond had not been set as of Tuesday evening.

MCSO deputies were responding to a call about a man trying to get in vehicles parked at the Kent Kwik at FM 1788 and Highway 158.

When a deputy attempted to stop Soto-Contreras — who was naked at the time — he assaulted the deputy, according to the affidavit. The deputy used his Taser but was not successful in subduing Soto-Contreras. He continued assaulting the deputy causing him to lose consciousness, according to the affidavit.

Soto-Contreras then tried to drive off in the deputy's vehicle.

Soto-Contreras assaulted a second deputy, who also used his Taser and was forced to use his weapon. Soto-Contreras was shot multiple times, according to the affidavit.

Soto-Contreras continued to elude officials by climbing on top of a loaded flatbed semi-trailer. The lawmen finally were able to knock the man to the ground and contain him. Paramedics treated the injured deputy and Soto-Contreras' wounds before transporting them to Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the affidavit.

Sheriff: deputies suspended following 'hazing ritual'

Associcted Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Bexar (bayr) County sheriff has suspended seven deputies after a video surfaced showing them participating in a "hazing ritual" that involved the 4-year-old daughter of one of the deputies.

Sheriff Javier Salazar said Monday six of the deputies hazed the seventh one using handcuffs, shackles and a Taser.

At one point the child participated in the hazing but it's not clear how.

Salazar says the incident occurred during a party Friday at the home of one of the deputies. He says the group considered the matter "one big joke."

It came to light after video of the hazing was posted to social media.

The deputies are facing charges that include child endangerment and unlawful restraint.

The investigation into the incident continues.

I-20 near Penwell is dangerous roadway

■ ANALYSIS

From staff reports

A study analyzing traffic fatalities put the area of Interstate 20 at Penwell among the most dangerous in Texas.

Austin-based law firm Ross Law Group analyzed data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for 2013 through 2015 to find out which sections of highway had the highest concentrations of fatalities.

I-20 at Penwell ranked third on the list of the 78 deadliest stretches of highway. The study reported 18 fatalities in the area. While not addressed by the study, Penwell was the site of a prison bus crash Jan. 14, 2015. The bus was traveling during an ice storm when it went through a damaged guardrail at an overpass and fell nose-first to the roadway below. Two guards and eight inmates were killed, accounting for more than half of the fatalities reported by the study.

Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District public information officer Gene Powell told the Reporter-Telegram that the agency is working on plans to place a median cable barrier from Business 20 in West Odessa to Farm-to-Market Road 1053. Median cable barriers are designed to prevent vehicles from crossing the median and crashing into oncoming traffic. TxDOT already has them on I-20 in Odessa-Midland.

Odessa had five deadly stretches of highway: portions of I-20, U.S. Highway 385, the eastern portion of Loop 338 and State Highway 191. These areas encompassed 29.6 miles of roadway and had 82 fatalities among 74 fatal crashes.

According to TxDOT data, there have been 239 fatal crashes in Ector County and 180 in Midland County from 2012 to 2016.

The full study results can be seen at: https://www.rosslawgroup.com/deadliest-highways-texas.

Large West Texas wastewater spill in Delaware River diluted by rain, BLM says

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Heavy rain may have softened the environmental blow of a large wastewater spill in the Delaware River near West Texas oil fields earlier this month, officials say.

Before dawn on Aug. 1, a few miles south of the Texas border with New Mexico, an over-pressured flow line ruptured and dumped 18,000 barrels of wastewater and 11 barrels of oil into the Delaware River, flowing for seven hours into the Pecos River and the Red Bluff Reservoir before it was discovered.

"Anything this big is a pretty good sized event," said James Amos, a supervisory petroleum engineering tech at the Bureau of Land Management's field office in Carlsbad, New Mexico. "Hitting the waterway makes it even worse."

The wastewater spill was several times larger than the typical 200-to-300 barrel spills in the region. Scores of fish were killed near the source of the spill. But a rain storm lifted water levels in the Delaware 3 feet higher than normal, diluting the effect of the wastewater spill.

The BLM and other agencies including the Texas Parks &Wildlife Department will continue to monitor the impact to hundreds of river-dwelling species, including threatened species such as the Texas hornshell mussel.

"It didn't do as much damage as it could have," Amos said. "Chances are very good the dilution may have saved the species."

Denver-based Cimarex Energy, owner and operator of the lease on which the spill occurred, did not respond to requests for comment.

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Glickman's Militaria, Edge Weapons, Medals, Patches and Insignias, Helmets, "Bayonets from Janzen's Notebook", Mine Detector, Russian High-Altitude Helmets, Packs, Bags, Foot Lockers, Entrenching Tools, Leather Holsters, Web gear, and more than we can list
Special Interest & Collectibles: 1967 Wurlitzer Juke Box (works), 2 Bronzer, Antique Coffee Grinder, Antique Butter churn, S&N prints by Joe Beeler, Charles Pruitt, Western and other Art, Mantle Clock, Core Lamps, Bulova Advertising Clock, Comics (Batman, Spiderman, Green Hornet 1990's), Rolleiflex Camera, Vintage Cash Registers, Dendyke-Bassett School Maps, Hand Crafted Doll House and Furniture, Vintage Pachinko Machine, Belt Buckles, Knives, Vintage toy cap guns and other vintage toys
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Ululate
[uhl-yuh-leyt, yool]
verb
1. to lament loudly and shrilly.
2. to howl, as a dog or a wolf; hoot, as an owl.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

Learning how to battle blazes

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Youth at the Midland Fire Department's Kids Camp watch a firefighter demonstrate how a fire hose is used. The camp was Aug. 7 and Aug. 9-10 at Central Fire Station.

Midland ISD kickoff events

Midland ISD will welcome new and returning staff members with school year kickoff events.

In a letter to employees, MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick said, "There is an excitement rising throughout the community as positive results begin to confirm the continued progress in so many areas throughout the district.

"Our successes are what they are because of the hard work, dedication, and having the common goal of doing what is best for our students," he said. "Starting a new year gives us the opportunity to make plans, design new strategies, and implement new ideas. There is a special kind of joy and satisfaction in preparing and planning for a new school year."

Midland ISD employee convocation

8:30 a.m. Friday
Chaparral Center
Midland College

Midland ISD summer graduation ceremony

5:30 p.m. Monday
Bowie Fine Arts Auditorium,
805 Elk St.

Midland ISD first day of school

Aug. 28

Source: MISD

School zones

Speed limits in Midland ISD school zones will go into effect on Monday, the first day of school.

"All school zones are not the same, so drivers should pay close attention to the operation times of each school zone they may travel through,said David Colburn, MISD chief of police. "Cellphone use of any type is prohibited in all school zones."

Source: Midland ISD

Things to do

■ Youth day camps: Venom and Poison: Spiders, Scorpions and Berries, 9 a.m.-noon, Sibley Nature Center,1307 E. Wadley Ave. These camps are are open to students entering grades K-3. Call 684-6827 about availability $12 members, $15 for non-members. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ TCM Big Screen Classics: "Bonnie and Clyde" 50th Anniversary Event, 2 and 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Third Thursday Reading will feature "Gilberto and the Wind" and each child will receive a copy. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program and is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave.

The event is free, but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Go to bushchildhoodhome.org for more information.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-4-8
Pick 3 day: 0-0-9
Pick 3 evening: 6-7-1
Pick 3 night: 3-9-2
Daily 4 morning: 6-8-1-0
Daily 4 day: 1-5-7-9
Daily 4 evening: 9-0-9-3
Daily 4 night: 4-8-2-3
Cash Five: 5-9-16-32-34
Triple Chance: 6-7-8-14-30-31-34-40-52-53

Texas Two Step: 6-16-17-32 BB: 5
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-7-8-9-11-16-18-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-5-10-13-14-15-16-17-22
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 85
Low 75
Normal high 94
Normal low 69

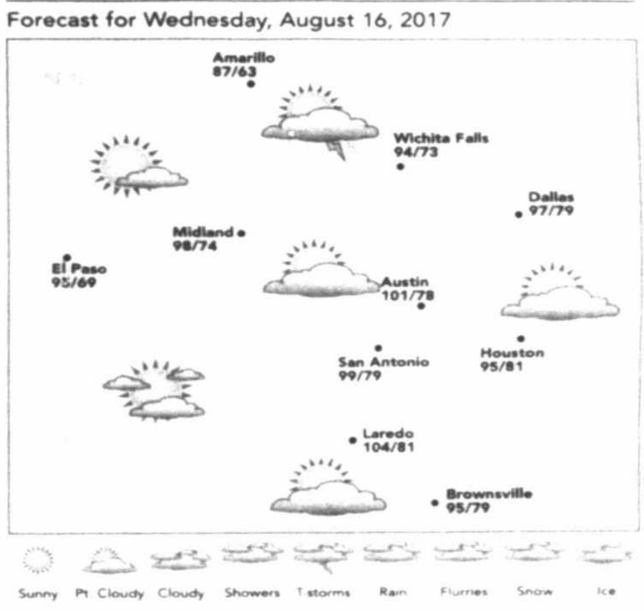
August 15's records
Record high: 104 set in 1969
Record low: 60 set in 1940

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 1.85 in.
Year total ..... 12.07 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 8.71 in.

Winds
Average: 9.9 mph
Highest sustained: 18 mph

August 16 forecast
High: 99
Low: 74

Forecast for Wednesday, August 16, 2017



Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: 20 percent during the day
Sunrise ..... 7:14 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:31 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017:**
This year you often feel overwhelmed by what you must do, and confused about where others are coming from. You see others as producers of chaos. Nevertheless, communication remains a strong suit for you. If you are single, you might date a while before finding someone you feel comfortable with. You might find that several people you meet this year suit you. If you are attached, the two of you need to stay calm during misunderstandings and remember that the other party genuinely cares. Respect your sweetie's different viewpoints. GEMINI intrigues you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might believe that you are communicating with exactitude, but then why do others act as if you are speaking Chinese? The promise of the morning is confusion. You might be right in the middle of this hazy distortion. Do not lose your patience. **Tonight:** Take a midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of the cost of continuing as you have been. Observe a friend's reaction, and ask for feedback if necessary. If you choose not to be the source of crystal-clear communication, say little. As a result, you might avoid several problems. **Tonight:** Accept a fun invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are all smiles, and you might not even know why. Others will observe you and feel drawn to you. Witness the power of positivity and friendliness. Later in the day, make an important call to someone you care a lot about. **Tonight:** The world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ Know when to back off. Consider taking today as a personal day, as long as you don't think it will be a source of trouble. Maintain your composure rather than allow someone else's difficult attitude to get to you. Remember, this is but a passage! **Tonight:** Go for a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Knowing what you want is critical to manifesting your desires. Being able to inspire others with your vision might be more important than you realize. Note how others respond to your energy and efforts. You could be opening a door of trust. **Tonight:** Enjoy those around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A take-charge attitude is not really your style, but your fussiness often puts you in that position. If you would prefer to not be placed in this role, keep your critiques to a minimum. Take off your rose-colored glasses, and you might be shocked! **Tonight:** Respond to a request.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you care about. Confusion surrounds matters involving a new point of view. You might want to seek out a specialist. A friend could be unusually assertive; know that this person is well-intended. **Tonight:** Opt to experience life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Close relating brings forth another person's bottom line; you don't need to wonder, as it will become obvious. An older friend, relative and/or an authority figure demands a lot. Be wise and step up to the plate, knowing that it is the right move. **Tonight:** Make it close and cozy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could feel more challenged by a close associate than you usually do. You might feel as if this person is in your face making demands that you typically would not respond to. Ask yourself how you feel about this person in general, then respond. **Tonight:** Let the fun begin!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be much more difficult than you realize. Refuse to get backed into a corner by someone. Others might be confusing, and trying to get clarity is likely to be difficult. At present, that objective doesn't seem possible. Trust that answers will be forthcoming. Tonight: Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your playfulness might be inappropriate, yet it adds a certain charm to the moment. You cannot be more clear about an expectation, but don't expect others to receive your message. A lack of clarity seems to be a given right now. **Tonight:** Act as if there were no tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pressure seems to build because of a personal matter. You could feel confused by what you hear. Attempts to ask questions in order to gain clarity seem to only add to your confusion. Try not to focus on the problem. Remain upbeat, and worry less. **Tonight:** Head home early.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Madonna (1958), TV host Kathie Lee Gifford (1953), actress Angela Bassett (1958)

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Comments were not offered during city tax rate public hearing

From staff reports

No Midlanders participated during a public hearing Tuesday about the city's budget and tax rate.

The non-event was the first of two public hearings regarding the proposed tax rate, which was set at 41.11 cents per $100 valuation. The rate is a 3 percent increase over the effective rate. Last year, a person living in a home valued at $200,000 paid about $799 in city property taxes. That amount would increase to $822, according to the tax rate in the proposed budget.

The next tax rate hearing is schedule for Tuesday. A public hearing to gather input about the city's $231.5 million budget is set for Aug. 29. The general fund budget, which is supported by property taxes, sales taxes, franchise fees and other fees, is $111.8 million, an increase of $5.361 million compared to last year.

The council will have first readings on the budget and tax rate ordinances on Aug. 29. The second readings on both ordinances is set for Sept. 12. The proposed budget is available online and in the City Secretary's Office.

Budget notables include:

■ Property tax is listed as 41 percent of the total general fund revenues.

Sales tax, which is expected to increase from $36 million to $38 million, is listed as 35 percent of the total. Franchise fees will make up 12 percent of general fund revenues.

■ Police and fire departments combine to make up 49 percent of the overall general fund expenditures, which is more than the revenue brought in by property taxes.

The departments have 471 of the 1,076 city employees.

■ Police Department and Fire Department rank first and second, respectively, in expenditures.

Third is the Engineering Department at $18.9 million and fourth is the Community Services Department at $10.6 million.

■ $7.5 million is proposed for road maintenance and other major street treatments.

■ Year-end reserve balance for the General Fund is scheduled to be about $41 million.

Current tax rates by city

Midland 0.399679
Odessa 0.4047059
Plano 0.4786
Lubbock 0.53802
Richardson 0.62516
Wichita Falls 0.70598
Abilene 0.7465
San Angelo 0.9194

Source: City of Midland

MC board approves tax rate proposal, hears storm damage presentation

By Simone Jasper
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The Midland College Board of Trustees on Tuesday approved a tax rate proposal and a budget for 2017-18.

The board approved a proposed tax rate of 12.525 cents per $100 valuation. The proposed rate includes 11.308 cents for maintenance and operations and 1.217 cents for debt service.

The tax rate is nearly the same as the effective rate — 12.526 cents — and lower than the 13.711 cents for 2016-17. The board will vote on the tax rate next month.

The board also approved a budget with $51.2 million in operating expenses, which includes unrestricted and auxiliary. Expense totals — operating, restricted and debt service — are more than $68.5 million, a 5.5 percent increase from last fiscal year, according to a document provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

The budget includes more than $52.9 million in unrestricted revenues coming from state funds, tuition and fees, property tax and other sources.

The board gave tentative approval in June for unrestricted, auxiliary and debt service budgets. Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services, said the budget was later adjusted to add three faculty positions and better reflect property values, among other changes. The budget presented to the board for approval Tuesday included those changes and the restricted budget.

Also at the meeting, the board approved ratifying a contract with the contractor Mid-Tex for storm-related repairs. Dennis Sever, vice president of information technology and facilities, gave a presentation about damages and asked board members to declare the situation an emergency.

"We have to have board approval for anything over a certain amount — $50,000 — and I didn't have a way to fix it for less than $50,000," Sever said after the presentation. "There was urgency to it, and there wasn't a trustees' meeting."

Sever said a storm on June 21 damaged the roof of the campus' family housing units and five families were displaced. He said the storm caused other damages at the college, including to fencing at the tennis center and the Advanced Technology Center. Costs are about $280,000 so far, according to Sever.

Discussion about the storm damage came after the board previously declared an emergency for the Early College High School wing of the Allison Fine Arts Building. Sever said the area flooded at the end of the 2016-17 school year as the result of old plumbing.

The college worked during the summer to replace the pipes and materials that were damaged. Sever said the college is finishing the project.

"We're practically done," Sever said. "They could have school tomorrow if they wanted to."

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breakdown of costs are: roads, 60 percent; water and sewer, 24.4 percent; engineering, 5.2 percent and ADA compliance, 10.4 percent.

Streets on each proposal scored a rating of less than 50 on the pavement condition index, according to Lacy. (A score under 50 indicates roads are in "poor" condition.) About 30 percent of the city's roads received a score of 50 or less, according to city officials. Another study is currently being done, and city officials have said they expect the number of roads to be more than 30 percent.

Lacy said www.midlandroadbond.com, a website for the political action committee Midland Road Bond, went online Tuesday.

A statewide election on constitutional amendments is set for Nov. 7 so there will be no additional cost to have this bond election, according to Elections Office officials. Two weeks of early voting will begin Oct. 23 and continue through Nov. 3. The County Annex will be the location for early voting. There will be 12 locations for Election Day voting.

$100 million bond project
Time frame: Five years
Tax impact on a $250,000 home: $100 a year
Paving: $59.82 million
ADA: $10.4 million
Paving/ADA Consulting: $3.87 million
Utilities: $24.43 million
Utilities Consulting: $1.48 million

Percentage
Roads: 60 percent
Utilities: 24.4 percent
ADA: 10.4 percent
Engineering/Consulting: 5.2 percent

Year 1

Taylor Avenue, between Lamesa Road and Mineola Street
Hicks Avenue, between Lamesa Road and Terrell Street
Cuthbert Avenue, between Garfield Street and "A" Street
Green Tree Boulevard, between Holiday Hill Road and Midland Drive

Year 2

Cuthbert Avenue, between Ward Street and Garfield Street
Wood Drive, between Midland Drive and Oriole Drive
Carter Avenue, between Garfield Street and Big Spring Street
Bluebird Lane, between Midland Drive and east end of Butler Park
Bankhead Highway, between Front Street and Midkiff Road
Oriole Drive, Mockingbird Lane to Teakwood Trace
Michigan Avenue, between "A" Street and Garfield Street
Louisiana Avenue, between "A" Street and Garfield Street
Texas Avenue, between Andrews Highway and "A" Street

Year 3

"A" Street, between Cuthbert Avenue and Indiana Avenue
Garfield Street, between Michigan Avenue and Golf Course Road
Thomason Drive, between Loop 250 and Wall Street

Year 4-5

Main Street, between Wadley Avenue and Ohio Avenue
Solomon Lane, between "A" Street and Big Spring Street
Sunglo Street, between Midkiff Road and Garfield Street
Sinclair Avenue, between Midland Drive and Loop 250
"A" Street, between Wadley Avenue and Scharbauer Drive
New York Avenue, between Carver Street and Fairgrounds Road
Tarleton Street, between Golf Course Road and Wadley Avenue
Anetta Drive, between Loop 250 to Midland Drive
Whittle Way, between Sunshine Parkway to Wadley Avenue
Illinois Avenue, between N Street and "A" Street

Editor's Note:
Those wishing to write letters to the editor about the road bond can send them to letters@mrt.com. Now that the election has been called, letters taking a side are limited to 200 words.
Letters policy
■ Deadline is noon Thursdays for the following Sunday.
■ Reporter-Telegram policy limits individuals to one letter in a 30-day period.
■ Letter-writers should include phone number and address. Failure to do so could delay letter's publication.

95-plus percent of Texas school districts meet standards

Associated Press

AUSTIN — More than 95 percent of Texas school districts, and around 89 percent of individual schools, have met minimum education standards — slight improvements over last year.

The Texas Education Agency announced results Tuesday for 1,203 districts and 8,757 schools. It has frequently overhauled ratings in recent years, meaning lower failure rates.

In 2016, about 94 percent of districts met state standards and almost 89 percent of schools did. The year before that, it was 95.5 percent of districts and 86.5 percent of schools.

Critics complain that Texas has watered down its accountability ratings too much.

The system was going to be replaced with an academic accountability scale issuing letter grades A to F this year. But state lawmakers delayed implementation until next year for school districts and 2019 for schools.

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led by Milam Elementary, which had been rated "IR" for four consecutive years.

DeZavala Elementary (three straight years on IR), Bunche Elementary and San Jacinto Junior High also will start the 2017-18 year off the list of failing schools. Because it was closed, Crockett Elementary is also off the district's list, although district officials said in a press release Crockett would have been labeled "IR" based on the data from the past year. Crockett's six straight years as "IR" heading into 2016-17 was the second longest streak in the state, according to the TEA.

Four campuses remained on the improvement required list for 2017-2018 — Lamar, Houston, South and Travis elementaries. South will remain on the list for a fifth-straight failing year. To put that in perspective, a student entering the fifth grade at South has not experienced a year when South didn't perform at a passing standard. Houston made the list for the third straight year.

Still, MISD officials celebrated the news that its secondary schools all met standard and a number of campuses progressed out of improvement required or formerly improvement required status. Those campuses, according to Elise Kail, executive director of accountability, are Alamo Junior High, San Jacinto Junior High and Bonham, Burnet, De Zavala, Long, Milam, Rusk and Bunche elementaries.

Midland ISD also reports its campuses received 22 distinction designations for the 2016-17 school year. Distinction designations, according to the district, are awarded to campuses for achievement in different areas based on performance relative to a group of campuses of similar type, size, grade span and student demographics. In 2013, Midland ISD's total, as a district, was four.

Milam again stood out, moving from IR this past year to meeting standard and receiving three distinction designations this year.

Lastly, the district met 138 of 152 targets (individual indexes — student performance, student progress, closing the achievement gap and postsecondary readiness).

"We all understand that the basis of our success is the teacher in the classroom," Chief Academic Officer Patrick Jones said. "Our MISD board of trustees adopted a mission statement which set the goal. Our teachers embraced the mission to ensure that all MISD students will graduate prepared and ready for college and career."

Midland ISD accountability ratings

Percentage of targets met by campus and district
Index 1 (student performance): 79 (30 of 38)
Index 2 (student progress): 95 (36 of 38)
Index 3 (closing the achievement gap): 89 (34 of 38)
Index 4 (postsecondary readiness): 100 (38 of 38)
Overall: 91 percent (138 of 152)

Number of target changes for campuses and district
Index 1: 24 growth, 4 stable, 10 decline
Index 2: 21 growth, 2 stable, 15 decline
Index 3: 29 growth, 2 stable, 7 decline
Index 4: 30 growth, 3 stable, 5 decline
Overall: 104 growth, 11 stable, 37 decline (75.6 percent of campuses showed growth or remained stable)

Distinction designations
Early College High School at Midland College
■ Academic Achievement in Mathematics
■ Top 25 percent Student Progress
■ Top 25 percent Closing Performance Gaps
■ Postsecondary Readiness

Midland Freshman High School
■ Academic Achievement in Mathematics
■ Top 25 percent Student Progress

Bonham Elementary
Academic Achievement in Science

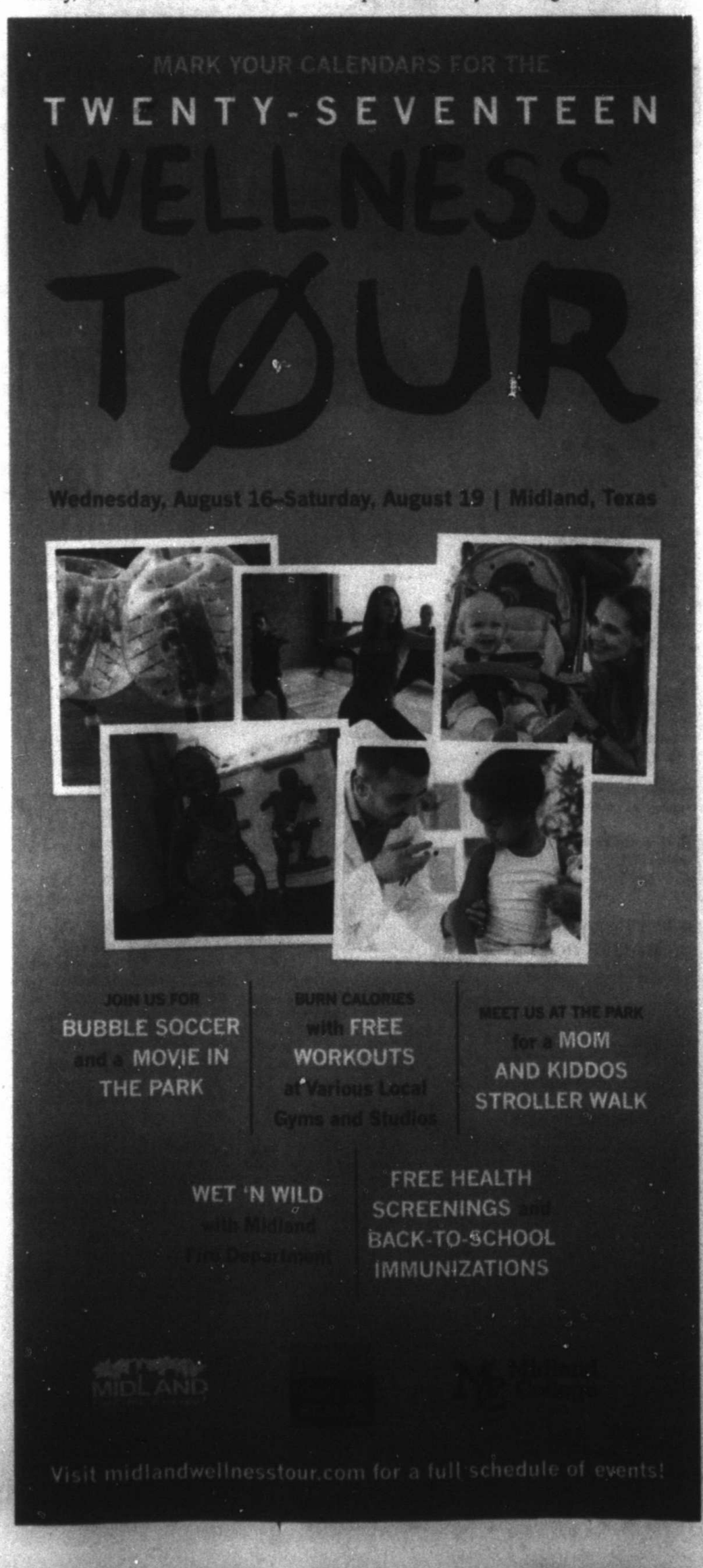
Burnet Elementary
Academic Achievement in Science

Milam Elementary
■ Academic Achievement in Mathematics
■ Top 25 percent student progress
■ Top 25 percent closing performance gaps

Rusk Elementary
Top 25 percent closing performance gaps

Parker Elementary
■ Academic achievement in Mathematics
■ Academic achievement in Science
■ Top 25 percent closing performance gaps
■ Postsecondary Readiness

Carver Center
■ Academic achievement in Reading/ELA
■ Academic achievement in Mathematics
■ Academic achievement in Science
■ Top 25 percent student progress
■ Top 25 percent closing performance gaps



Consultants: OPEC's fight to reduce supply could last years

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

When OPEC and Russia first embarked on their strategy to clear a global oil glut, it was expected to succeed within six months. It now looks like the battle could last for years.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its partners plan to wrap up their production cuts next spring, already nine months later than originally expected. Yet oil prices are faltering again as data from the International Energy Agency show world inventories could remain oversupplied even after the end of 2018. ESAI Energy LLC predicts that, rather than months, draining the surplus may take years.

"They're going to have to dig in for the long haul," Neil Atkinson, head of the IEA's oil markets and industry division, said in a Bloomberg television interview. "Re-balancing is a stubborn process."

Oil prices have lost 11 percent in London this year as the production cuts that OPEC, Russia and other partners started in January fail to disperse a world surplus. The producers will meet in November to decide whether further action is needed beyond spring 2018.

The cutbacks have been undermined amid recovering output from OPEC members exempt from the deal — Libya and Nigeria — and as U.S. shale producers prove they can keep drilling despite lower prices. Shale output will hit a record next month, the U.S. government forecasts.

As a result, OPEC's current production — about 32.8 million barrels a day in July — is higher than the amount needed for most of next year, the IEA's latest report showed on Aug. 11. Instead of fulfilling its goal to reduce oil inventories to their five-year average, OPEC would potentially expand them further.

The longer-term outlook also poses problems, according to consultants ESAI Energy. Over the next five years, U.S. production will continue to expand while growth in oil consumption slows, ESAI predicts. New demand for petrochemical products, a key driver, will be met by products derived from gas.

"If OPEC wants to keep oil prices in the $50s and hit $60, the organization will have to keep a lid on supply for several more years," said Sarah Emerson, energy principal at ESAI in New York.

Still, the cutbacks by OPEC and Russia have shown some signs of success. Global inventories declined in the second quarter, bringing them closer to their five-year average, said the IEA, which advises most of the world's major economies on energy policy.

White nationalist says he might still march through Texas A&M campus

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

Less than 24 hours after Texas A&M University officials canceled his plans to hold a rally on a university plaza, white nationalist Preston Wiginton indicated Tuesday that he is planning to sue and remains determined to hold some kind of event on or near the College Station campus.

In a statement, Wiginton said he is considering leading a march on a public street through the university instead of his originally scheduled "White Lives Matter" rally. A&M officials said they axed the planned Sept. 11 event out of safety concerns. But Wiginton said he didn't buy that reasoning.

"Their real fear is the fear of words," he said.

Wiginton also said that a lawyer sympathetic to his cause has filed a complaint against A&M with the American Civil Liberties Union. He said he is working with private lawyers to pursue a lawsuit.

"We invite Texas A&M to reconsider their cancellation and to take the historical step to address this issue. However, it appears that at TAMU white lives don't matter and the demise of the white population is of no concern to them," he said.

A&M officials declined to comment. They moved Monday to bar Wiginton's event from campus after he compared it to the violent demonstration over the weekend in the college town of Charlottesville, Virginia. Multiple people tussled, and one counterprotester was killed at the "Unite the Right" event there.

When Wiginton announced his original plans, he did so with a press release headlined "CHARLOTTESVILLE TODAY TEXAS A&M TOMORROW." A&M officials cited that headline in their decision to cancel the event, suggesting it invoked the possibility of violence.

Wiginton, who is in his 50s, briefly attended A&M last decade. He has hosted numerous white nationalist speakers at the university, taking advantage of the public school's inability to block events because of their message.

Last December, he hosted Spencer for a speech. Hundreds of people attended, and thousands showed up to protest. Texas Department of Public Safety troopers in riot gear had to clear the university's student center as tensions mounted.

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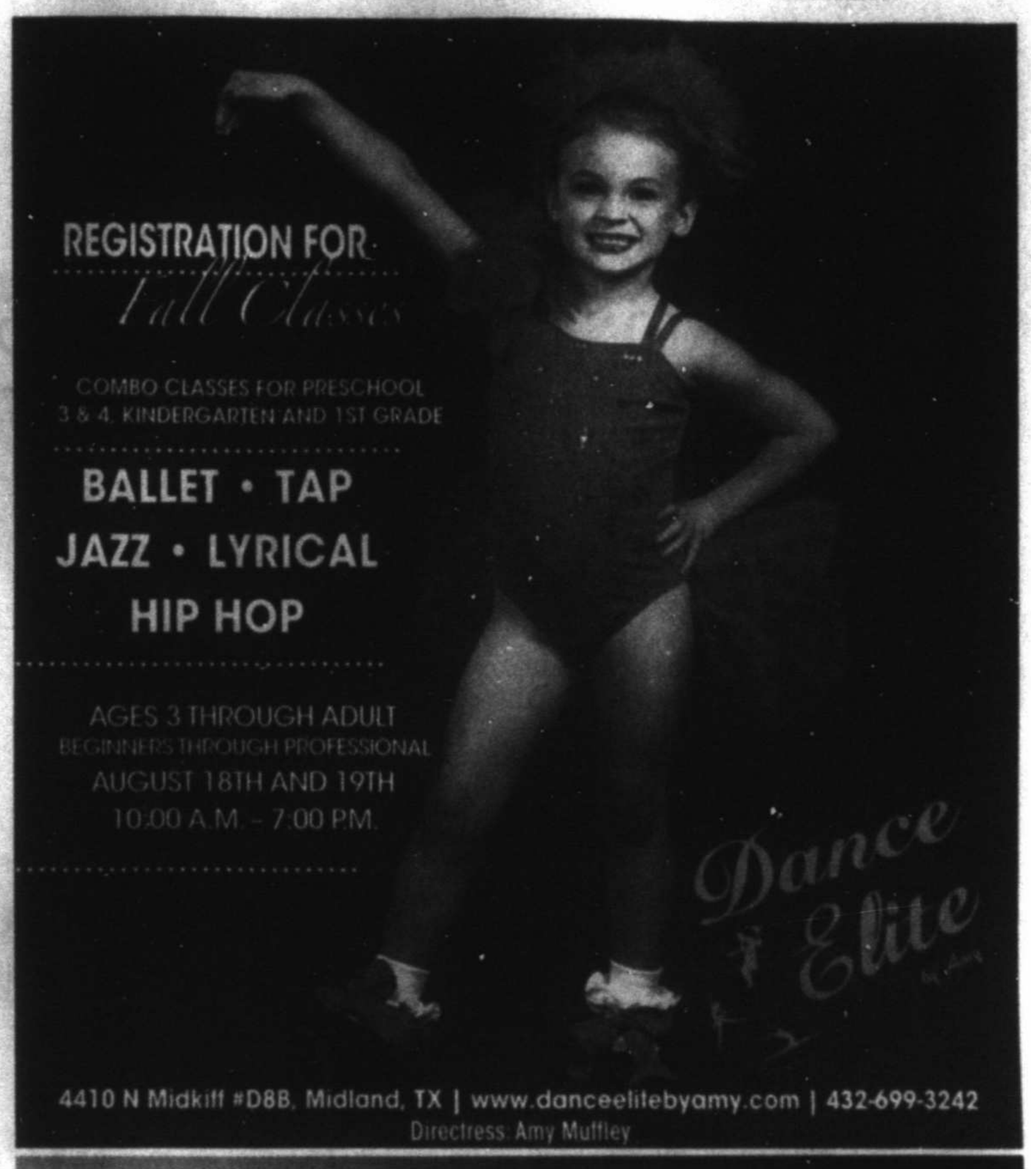

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OPINION

Trump's comments not enough for his critics

■ Conservatives spend long hours rebutting charges of racism because sadly, there are plenty of reckless people spreading such charges and plenty of inattentive people who will believe them

MARK DAVIS
Dallas Morning News

I believe the appropriate maxim is, "Better late than never."

President Donald Trump applied multiple layers of criticism to precisely the right targets in comments Monday morning after a weekend of being slammed for not doing it Saturday.

"Racism is evil," he said in addressing the bleak events in Charlottesville, Virginia, "and those who cause violence in its name are criminals and thugs, including the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups that are repugnant to everything we hold dear as Americans."

There, that should do it. In some alternate universe.

In the one where we live, the goal posts moved immediately. I heard Republican critics of Trump call the expanded comments forced and unconvincing, while liberal voices lunged for familiar index cards. He may have said the right things at last, said some, but his administration is still rife with racists and he still seeks the approval of white supremacists.

Right. That's why David Duke blasted him for "attacking" his buddies with the Saturday remarks that spoke out against hate and bigotry broadly. This would be the David Duke whom many Democrats want you to recognize as Trump's 2020 campaign manager.

Conservatives should not have to spend long hours rebutting charges of racism. But we do, and we must, because sadly, there are plenty of reckless people spreading such charges, and plenty of inattentive people who will believe them.

By the way, that is precisely the reason Trump should have called out specific hate groups Saturday. His generalized remarks were appropriate, but incomplete, creating an open door for the attacks of enemies and another unnecessary explanatory burden for supporters.

So list me among those who wish his Monday words had been his Saturday words. Why the delay? Was it because Trump shares views with the racist thuggery on display in Charlottesville? Is it because he seeks to curry favor with them as a valuable part of his base?

Those are the fantasies of his haters. The real reason, though, creates some heavy lifting for supporters: He toyed with us for a couple of days because he knew his critics would go nuts, and they did. He put a 48-hour time delay on striking the right tone so that his posturing Republican critics would take predictable potshots while Democrats wove delusions of a White House infested by Klansmen.

So as California Congresswoman Maxine Waters was coining her latest gem — that the White House is now the "White Supremacists' House" — Trump was biding his time, preparing to disarm his shrillest detractors with exactly the words needed to achieve levels of proper revulsion.

So the word games are over, or they should be. The Trump administration is bringing every investigative lens to focus on exactly what happened to create the tragedy of Charlottesville. Virulent racism is obviously part of the fuel. So are counter-protesters who showed up willing to exude violent intent before the car ever plowed into the crowd.

In the aftermath, the attempt to smear Trump with his most hateful voters is vicious dishonesty of the highest order. Did Bernie Sanders deserve the reputational stain of having a fan who sought to assassinate a slew of Republican congressmen at a baseball practice?

The investigative wheels will now properly turn, surely accompanied by the soundtrack of craven opportunism from Trump critics who will seek to festoon his presidency with the imagery of white hoods and swastikas.

It is a valid opinion that the president took too long to say the right thing. But the claim that this is a sign of kinship with hate groups is unhinged slander.

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OPINION EXTRA

America shouldn't ignore the far left group in Charlottesville

The "alt-right" is evil. White supremacism is evil. Neo-Nazism is evil.

I've been saying these things my entire career; I've spent more than a year slamming various factions on the right that refuse to disassociate from and condemn popularizers of the racist alt-right. The media, too, have spent inordinate time covering the rise of the alt-right and tacit acquiescence to it from White House chief strategist Steve Bannon and President Trump. So when an alt-right piece of human debris drove a car at 40 mph into a crowd of protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, last Saturday, injuring 19 people and killing a 32-year-old woman, the level of scrutiny on the alt-right forced Trump to condemn various alt-right groups by name.

Good.

But the media have remained largely silent about another group: Antifa. Antifa is a loosely connected band of anti-capitalist protesters generally on the far left who dub themselves "anti-fascist" after their compatriots in Europe. They've been around in the United States since the 1990s, protesting globalization and burning trash cans at World Trade Organization meetings. But they've kicked into high gear over the past two years: They engaged in vandalism in violence, forcing the cancelation of a speech by alt-right popularizer Milo Yiannopoulos at the University of California, Berkeley; a few months later, they attacked alt-right demonstrators in Berkeley; they attacked alt-right demonstrators in Sacramento, California, leading to a bloody street fight; they threw projectiles at police during President Trump's inauguration; they attacked pro-Trump free-speech demonstrators in Seattle last weekend. They *always* label their opponents "fascists" in order to justify their violence.

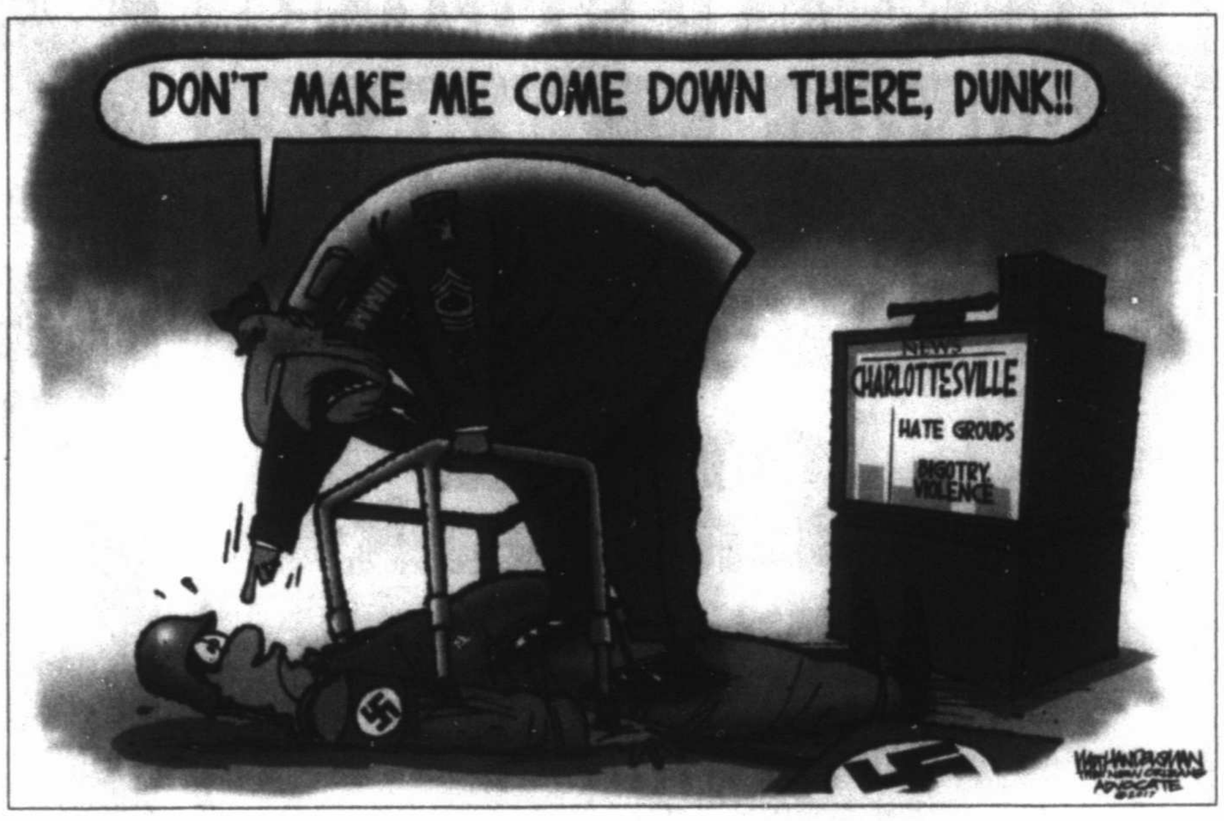
In Charlottesville, Antifa engaged in street violence with the alt-right racists. As in Weimar, Germany, fascists flying the swastika engaged in hand-to-hand combat with Antifa members flying the communist red. And yet, the media declared that any negative coverage granted to Antifa would detract from the obvious evils of the alt-right. Sheryl Gay Stolberg of The New York Times tweeted in the midst of the violence, "The hard left seemed as hate-filled as alt-right. I saw club-wielding 'antifa' beating white nationalists being led out of the park." After receiving blowback from the left, Stolberg then corrected herself. She said: "Rethinking this. Should have said violent, not hate-filled. They were standing up to hate."

Or perhaps Antifa is a hateful group itself. But that wouldn't fit the convenient narrative Antifa promotes and the media buy: that the sole threat to the republic comes from the racist right. Perhaps that's why the media ignored the events in Sacramento and Berkeley and Seattle — to point out the evils of Antifa might detract from the evils of the alt-right.

That sort of biased coverage only engenders more militancy from the alt-right, which feels it must demonstrate openly and repeatedly to "stand up to Antifa." Which, of course, prompts Antifa to violence.

Here's the moral solution, as always: Condemn violence and evil wherever it occurs. The racist philosophy of the alt-right is evil. The violence of the alt-right is evil. The communist philosophy of Antifa is evil. So is the violence of Antifa. If we are to survive as a republic, we must call out Nazis but not punch them; we must stop providing cover to anarchists and communists who seek to hide behind self-proclaimed righteousness to participate in violence. Otherwise, we won't be an honest or a free society.

— Ben Shapiro, Creators Syndicate



Confederate monuments should go

■ Even Robert E. Lee opposed building Confederate monuments in the immediate aftermath of the war

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Robert E. Lee wasn't a Nazi, and surely would have had no sympathy for the white supremacist goons who made his statue a rallying point in Charlottesville, Virginia, last weekend.

That doesn't change the fact that his statue is now associated with a campaign of racist violence against the picturesque town where Thomas Jefferson founded the University of Virginia. The statue of Lee was already slated for removal by the city, but the Battle of Charlottesville should be an inflection point in the broader debate over Confederate statuary.

The monuments should go. Some of them simply should be trashed; others transmitted to museums, battlefields and cemeteries. The heroism and losses of Confederate soldiers should be commemorated, but not in everyday public spaces where the monuments are flashpoints in poisonous racial contention, with white nationalists often mustering in their defense.

Some discrimination is in order. There's no reason to honor Jefferson Davis, the blessedly incompetent president of the Confederacy. New Orleans just sent a statue of him to storage — good riddance. Amazingly enough, Baltimore has a statue of Chief Justice Roger Taney, the author of the monstrous Dred Scott decision that helped precipitate the war. A city commission has, rightly, recommended its destruction.

Robert E. Lee, on the other hand, is a more complicated case. He was no great friend of slavery. He wrote in a letter to his wife "that slavery as an institution, is a moral & political evil in any Country" (he added, shamefully, that it was good for blacks — "the painful discipline they are undergoing, is necessary for their instruction as a race"). After the war, he accepted defeat and did his part to promote national healing.

Yet, faced with a momentous choice at the start of the war, he decided he was a Virginia patriot rather than an American nationalist. He told one of President Abraham Lincoln's advisers: "I look upon secession as anarchy. If I owned the 4 million slaves in the South I would sacrifice them all to the Union; but how can I draw my sword upon Virginia, my native state?" He betrayed the U.S. government and fought on the side devoted to preserving chattel slavery.

That is a grievous political sin, although he obviously wasn't the only one guilty of it. The Civil War was an America conflict, with Americans on both sides. An honorable soldier, Lee is an apt symbol for the Confederate rank and file whose sacrifices in the war's charnel house shouldn't be flushed down the memory hole.

The Baltimore commission has called for moving a striking dual statue of Lee and Stonewall Jackson to the Chancellorsville, Virginia, battlefield where the two last met before Jackson's death. This would be appropriate, and would take a page from the Gettysburg battlefield. A statue of Lee commemorates Virginia's losses and overlooks the field where Gen. George Pickett undertook his doomed charge. If you can't honor Robert E. Lee there, you can't honor him anywhere.

For some of the left, that's the right answer, but this unsparing attitude rejects the generosity of spirit of the two great heroes of the war, Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant. Notably, Grant vehemently opposed trying Lee for treason.

For supporters of the Confederate monuments, removing them from parks and avenues will be a blow against their heritage and historical memory. But the statues have often been part of an effort to whitewash the Confederacy. And it's one thing for a statue to be merely a resting place for pigeons; it's another for it to be a fighting cause for neo-Nazis.

Lee himself opposed building Confederate monuments in the immediate aftermath of the war. "I think it wiser," he said, "not to keep open the sores of war, but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavoured to obliterate the marks of civil strife and to commit to oblivion the feelings it engendered." After Charlottesville, it's time to revisit his advice.

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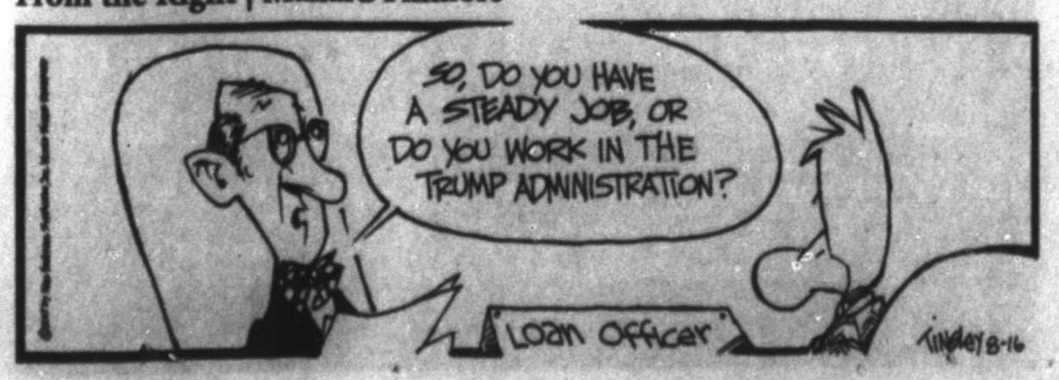

Combative Trump insists anew: Violence blame 'on both sides'

By Jonathan Lemire and Julie Pace
Associated Press

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Protestors near Trump Tower react as President Donald Trump arrives on Monday in New York.

NEW YORK — A combative President Donald Trump insisted Tuesday "there is blame on both sides" for the deadly violence last weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia, appearing to once again equate the actions of white supremacist groups and those protesting them.

The president's comments effectively wiped away the more conventional statement he delivered at the White House one day earlier when he branded members of the KKK, neo-Nazis and white supremacists who take part in violence as "criminals and thugs." Trump's advisers had hoped those remarks might quell a crush of criticism from both Republicans and Democrats.

The president's retorts Tuesday suggested he had been a reluctant participant in that cleanup effort. During an impromptu press conference in the lobby of his Manhattan skyscraper, he praised his original response to Charlottesville and angrily blamed liberal groups in addition to white supremacist for the violence. Some of those protesting the rally to save a statue of Confederate General Robert E. Lee were "also very violent," he said.

"There are two sides to a story," he said. He added that some facts about the violence still aren't known.

His remarks were welcomed by former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, who tweeted: "Thank you President Trump for your honesty & courage to tell the truth."

Democrats were aghast at Trump's comments. Sen. Brian Schatz, a Hawaii Democrat, said on Twitter that he no longer views Trump as his president.

"As a Jew, as an American, as a human, words cannot express my disgust and disappointment," Schatz said. "This is not my president."

As Trump talked, his aides on the sidelines of the lobby stood in silence. Chief of staff John Kelly crossed his arms and stared down at his shoes, barely glancing at the president. Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders looked around the room trying to make eye contact with other senior aides. One young staffer stood with her mouth agape.

When asked to explain his Saturday comments about Charlottesville, Trump looked down at his notes and again read a section of his initial statement that denounced bigotry but did not single out white supremacists. He then tucked the paper back into his jacket pocket.

Violence broke out Saturday in Charlottesville, a picturesque college town, after a loosely connected mix of white nationalists, neo-Nazis and other far-right extremists assembled for the largest gathering of its kind in a decade. Heather Heyer, 32, was killed when a man plowed his car into a crowd of counter-protesters.

Trump, who has quickly deemed other deadly incidents in the U.S. and around the world acts of terrorism, waffled when asked whether the car death was a terrorist attack.

"There is a question. Is it murder? Is it terrorism?" Trump said. "And then you get into legal semantics. The driver of the car is a murderer and what he did was a horrible, horrible, inexcusable thing."

Trump said he had yet to call Heyer's mother, said that he would soon "reach out." He praised her for what he said was a nice statement about him on social media.

As Trump finally walked away from his lectern, he stopped to answer one more shouted question: Would be plan to visit Charlottesville? The president's response was to note that he owned property there and to say it was one of the largest wineries in the United States.

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The governing body of Midland County proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Maintenance & Operations.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$ 0.155992	per $100
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You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

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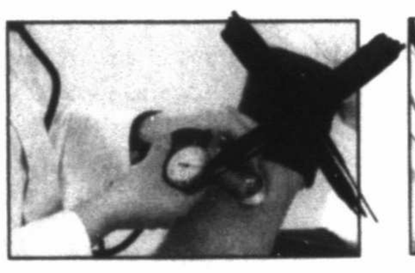
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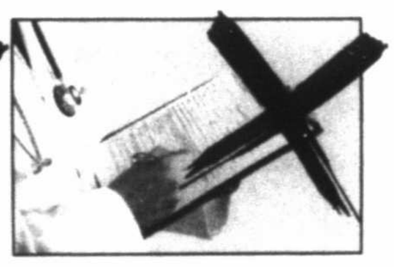
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65-69	163.50	126.00	66.00	51.00	33.50	26.00	20.50	16.00
70-74	221.00	171.00	89.00	69.00	45.00	35.00	27.40	21.40
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FAVORITE FUNERAL HOME Ellis Funeral Home

Ellis Funeral Home has been a respected and trusted name in Midland since 1892. Their professional and experienced staff is dedicated to providing exceptional, compassionate care to families at the most difficult time in their lives.

Believing funeral services should reflect the lives of those being honored, members of the staff at Ellis Funeral Home do their utmost to create meaningful tributes for those who have meant so much to their family and friends. They consistently work to exceed the expectations of each and every family they serve, accommodating every wish in a meaningful way.

"Our intention is to help make every ceremony personal and meaningful, and truly reflective of the life that was lived," said Ronnie D. Lynch, funeral home manager. "We can assist you in completing all of the arrangements within your financial means and with the special preferences you desire."

As part of the Dignity Memorial® network, Ellis Funeral Home offers services above and beyond others.

"We offer a toll free number to families that lets them call a Compassion Helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," Ronnie said.

The Compassion Helpline provides personal and confidential phone counseling services to help you with issues that may be difficult to talk about with family and friends. Sharing your feelings with a professional therapist can help you with the pain often associated with the death of a loved one and to adjust to the life changes that follow.

The service includes 13 months of unlimited complimentary access for families holding services at any Dignity Memorial® provider throughout North America, as well as three months of unlimited complimentary access for anyone attending a visitation, chapel or memorial service at a Dignity Memorial® provider.

Ellis Funeral Home's Dignity service guarantee ensures that the service will be done exactly the way you want it done.

Offering free limousine service is another way that Ellis Funeral Home helps care for families. Beginning in September, they will have a new fleet of limousines.

Ronnie Lynch, Funeral Home Manager

The mission of the funeral home is to provide and deliver quality funeral and cemetery products and services that appeal to the eyes, ears and hearts of their community. Their commitment is to accomplish this as a team, continuously striving to improve themselves and those they work with.

Dignity Memorial® network consists of more than 2,000 funeral, cremation and cemetery service providers. When you choose a Dignity Memorial provider, you not only receive the compassionate care you expect from a locally operated establishment, but also the value you deserve from the largest and most trusted network of funeral, cremation service providers.

"If your loved one passes away in another part of the country, Dignity will coordinate with the family to make sure the service is carried out exactly as they wish," Ronnie said.

Services Corporation International, operating under its brands Dignity Memorial and Neptune Society, recently received the J.D. Power President's Award for Excellence in Customer Service. Finbarr O'Neill, president of J.D. Power, presented the award to Services Corporation International's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas L. Ryan, at Waltrip Funeral Home in Houston.

O'Neill also provided special recognition to SCI's Founder and Chairman Emeritus, Robert L. Waltrip, for his contributions to SCI and the funeral and cemetery industry over the past 53 years.

"SCI has a rich history of caring for families with compassion, dignity and honor in their time of stress and sorrow," said O'Neill. "Since Mr. Waltrip founded the company in 1962, SCI has embraced its clients with respect, integrity and service-excellence."

O'Neill noted that SCI's achievement in terms of customer service excellence reflects a culture committed to service, as well as its continuous and rigorous improvement through measuring, monitoring and innovation that exceed customer expectations and promote a culture of service excellence throughout its locations.

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HEALTH + WELLNESS

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Vaccines are effective in curtailing certain diseases

LORI BENNINGHOFF
Midland Health

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. The goal is to raise awareness about the importance of vaccinations in preventing serious diseases and more specifically, helping to protect your family.

If your children need back-to-school immunizations, they will be offered for free at the Midland Health Department as part of this year's Wellness Tour. Free vaccinations will be given 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, on a first-come, first-served basis to those who qualify. To learn more, visit www.midlandwellnesstour.com or call the Midland Health Department at 681-7613.

■ It's important that your child be immunized, because before vaccines:

■ About 10,000 children became paralyzed by polio; rubella;

■ rubella (German measles) caused birth defects and mental retardation in as many as 20,000 newborns;

■ measles infected about 4 million children;

■ diphtheria was one of the most common causes of death in children;

■ haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) caused meningitis in 15,000 children, leaving many with permanent brain damage;

■ pertussis (whooping cough) killed roughly 8,000 infants.

■ Even if diseases have gone away, children still need vaccines.

Although vaccines are very effective, we have started to see a resurgence of certain diseases. Within the past two years, there have been outbreaks in the United States of measles, whooping cough, mumps, meningococcal meningitis and chickenpox. Polio, rubella, and other vaccine preventable diseases still exist in other countries.

International travel is not unusual. It takes only one infected person to start the cycle here at home.

Vaccinating adults can help protect infants in the community who may be too young to receive certain immunizations. Newborns are especially susceptible to being exposed to influenza or whooping cough from their caregivers or relatives.

■ Don't be concerned about too many vaccines at once.

Starting from the birth, babies are exposed to millions of bacteria through their mother's birth canal. Even the air that we breathe (or food we eat) can contain viral particles or bacteria. Your immune system is constantly making antibodies to exposures from the environment. This number far outweighs the number of antigens that are found in a set of routine vaccinations.

Following an alternate vaccine schedule (or spacing out shots) puts you at risk for longer periods and is not recommended.

To view the recommended vaccinations schedule, please visit www.midlandhealth.org/vaccinations.

■ Vaccinations' side effects are

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WELLNESSTOUR2017

Free classes will be offered at Lady J Fitness and Fitness as part of the third annual Wellness Tour. MRT file photos

Third annual citywide tour kicks off today

From Midland Health

The third annual Wellness Tour is today through Saturday at various locations across the city. The health-and-wellness weekend is produced in part by Midland Health, the city of Midland and Midland College.

For more information, visit www.midlandwellnesstour.com. #MidlandWellnessTour

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Orangetheory Workout Blast
Orangetheory Fitness | 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Suite B1

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■ 1-4 p.m.
The Myth of Cheap Food
West Texas Food Bank | 1601 Westcliff Drive

■ 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m.
Free blood pressure and blood glucose screenings
Coleman Clinic | 801 E. Florida Ave.

■ 4-7 p.m.
Wet 'n Wild with the Midland Fire Department
C.J. Kelly Park | 5500 League Drive

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CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

Women's health problems hurt Texas economy

Fellow Texan and columnist Molly Ivins summed it up best: "Texas is a fine place for men and dogs, but hell on women and horses."

About a quarter of Texas women don't have health insurance, and half do not get the care they know they need, according to a devastating article by my colleague Jenny Deam.

Women make up half the workforce, and according to census figures, a slight majority of the U.S. population, so their suffering and undiagnosed health problems create costs and burdens that ultimately hurt our economy and slow our businesses. About 1.3 million women who need routine checkups and birth control can't afford it and can't access it, according to the Texas Women's Health Coalition.

"When we take away that safety net, and women don't have access to that, we see a progression of undetected breast and cervical cancer, undetected diabetes and high blood pressure, and of course the occurrence of unplanned pregnancy," Dr. Lisa Ehrlich, president of the Harris County Medical Society, said.

Texas has the most people without health insurance in the nation, and the Legislature's hostility to Obamacare has meant the uninsured rate among women has dropped only 1 percentage point since 2012 to 24 percent. Not to mention the Republican effort to shut down Planned Parenthood clinics, whether they provide abortions or not, has cut off a critical source of free contraception.

Lack of access to health care, and birth control, has led to 3,230 additional unplanned pregnancies, many of them delivered by teen mothers, according to the independent National Bureau of Economic Research. Elsewhere in the country, and in most poor countries around the world, the unplanned and teen pregnancy rates are going down, not up.

Please see **TOMLINSON**/3B

For some, laughter is the best medicine

DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA

'Pre-planning your funeral arrangements now can help ease your family's and friends' burden of doing it later," according to the brochure I read. Discussing funeral services is a topic that will upset most people, and they will resist. Remember, we are all going to pass eventually; why are we not able to accept and discuss it now?

Despite having the funeral planned and the plot purchased, the emotional journey can take a toll on us. Some people will handle a death without producing a tear. Others will move through the stages of the grief process and will still tear up years later. There is not a right way or wrong way to deal with death. We are all unique, especially when it comes to expressing our emotions.

The way you handle funerals in adulthood is a result of our childhood experiences with death. Did you attend funerals as a child, or were you kept from funerals because it might have been too much to endure? Did you look inside a casket? My friend's little girl calls it the "basket that grandpa was in." I like having children attend services. They lighten the mood and provide entertainment.

At the last family funeral, there was no casket, which was entirely acceptable. I have

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Obituaries

Bambie Lynne Clinton

Bambie Lynne Clinton, 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on August 12, 2017.

Bambie was born in Midland, Texas on March 31, 1958, to Loewen and Barbara Standley. She graduated from Pecos High School in 1976 where she met and married the love of her life, Steve Clinton. They were married in Pecos, Texas on January 13, 1977 and were happily married for 40 years.

Bambie was a fixture of Phillips Eye Clinic for nearly 30 years. She enjoyed entertaining and cooking for her family and friends, ensuring no one would leave hungry. Bambie was a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan and never missed a game. The love for her pets was second only to the love for her family. She was a mother to any and everyone who needed it. Her spirit and compassion will be greatly missed by all who crossed Bambie's path.

Bambie is preceded in death by her mother, Barbara Standley of Midland, Texas.

Bambie is survived by her husband, Steve Clinton; son, Michael Clinton and wife Jennifer of Midland, Texas; son, David Clinton of Reno, Nevada and granddaughter Makaylia Clinton of Holland, Michigan; father, Loewen Standley of Midland, Texas; sister, Tammy Halman of Midland, Texas; nephew Eric Hubbs, wife Sandra, and their daughter Cecily of Grand Junction, Colorado; sister, Kristy Young and nieces Sarah and Whitney Young of Midland, Texas.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held on Friday, August 18th, 4:00 p.m., at the George H.W. Bush Commemorative Center, located on the Commemorative Air Force's High Sky Wing Campus at Midland International Airport, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland, TX 79706. The ceremony will be officiated by Pastor Robert Frazier of Cottonflat Baptist Church. Casual dress is requested as Bambie would like everyone to be comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations on Bambie's behalf to Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals at P.O. Box 50426, Midland, TX 79710 or to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, at *www.michaeljfox.org*

The family of Bambie Clinton wishes to thank the wonderful nurses and doctors of Midland Memorial Hospital critical care unit for their care and compassion.

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

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Bertina Denise Young

1966 - 2017

Memorial services for Bertina Denise Young of Midland, Texas have been set for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Stanton, Texas with Reverend George Bell officiating.

A Wake will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Stanton.

Bertina was born July 14, 1966 and passed away August 12, 2017. She worked for Church's Chicken in Midland for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Ray Wright of Midland; daughter, Latrina Young of Midland; son, Courtney Wright, Sr. of Des Moines, Iowa; sisters, Brenda Young of Rankin and Jennifer Bueno of Odessa; brother, Joseph Young of Oklahoma City; and by eight grandchildren.

Serving as Honorary Pallbearers are Stacey Young, Courtney Wright, Jaime Martinez, Christopher Diaz, Adrian Young, and Xavier Young.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

C. L. Lenard

C. L. Lenard, 67, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, August 9, 2017.

C. L. was born on April 23, 1950 to J. C. Lenard and Winnie Lenard in Colorado City, Texas. He was raised in Midland and attended Booker T. Washington Elementary, Carver Jr.-Sr. High School, and graduated from Midland High School in 1968. He was active in basketball at Carver and the MHS track team.

After graduating from high school, C. L. attended the California College for Respiratory Therapy and upon completion, pursued a career as a Certified Respiratory Technician in the medical field, starting out in California, then Midland Memorial Hospital and later in Denver City until he retired and was disabled to work.

C. L. accepted Christ into his life at a very early age. He grew up in Midland attending St. Paul C.M.E. Church where he was baptized. He was a loving person who easily made friends wherever he went. He would always greet you with the biggest smile and also leave you with a smile even bigger. He was preceded in death by his father, J. C. Lenard; step-father, Harry Maxey, Jr., and a brother, Ira Lee Lenard.

He leaves to cherish his memory his mother, Winnie Maxey, of Midland; his wife of 29 years, Julia Blaylock-Lenard of Houston; two step-children, Hosea L. Blaylock and Tara Blaylock of Houston; a son, Ray'Quan Allen whom he helped raise. C. L. was instrumental in the lives of Brian Coefield of Lubbock and Michael Coefield of Orlando, FL.; one brother, Willie (Doll) Lenard; a sister, Linda Lenard of Midland; a half-sister, Earnestine Williams of Abilene; two nieces, LaDawndria (Marcus) Mayberry of Midland, and Vera Williams of Abilene; five nephews, Byron Riley of Soledad, California; Terry Robinson of Temple; Patrick Lenard of Dallas; and Darian Stewart of Dallas; Aaron Lenard of Midland. C. L. also leaves many other relatives and friends. He will be deeply missed, but never forgotten by all who knew him.

Services will be held Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Tommie Hale officiator; and Pastor Curtis Joiner as eulogist. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.com or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.

Caroline Kell O'Donohoe Bolger

Caroline Kell O'Donohoe Bolger, 76, of Midland passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017 surrounded by her family.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at The Branch at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Midland with a private burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Caroline was born on May 16, 1941 to Nancy and Jack O'Donohoe in Wichita Falls, Texas. She met her husband, Perry, in Austin while attending the University of Texas. They married in Wichita Falls, on January 28, 1961. They moved to Midland in 1976.

Caroline was a wonderful wife and homemaker who spent her time raising their four children. She loved her husband, family, and friends, and especially her grandchildren and great-grandson.

Caroline is survived by her children, Perry Bolger, Jr., of Houston; Barr Bolger and wife, Christa of Midland; Catherine Bolger Graham and husband, Mark of Scottsdale, Arizona; and Caroline Bolger Hinson and husband Mike of Austin; nine grandchildren: Jack and his wife, Shelby Bolger of Midland; Emma and Brady Bolger of Midland; Mac, J.P., and Kell Graham of Scottsdale; Jamison and Adelle Hinson of Austin; Kate Bolger of Houston; her beloved great-grandson, John Barr Bolger, III, of Midland; her brother, John F. O'Donohoe, III, of Wichita Falls; and her sister, Mary O'Donohoe McGregor of Wichita Falls.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Perry Bolger.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Summer Merritt and the home health-care nurses who so lovingly attended her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been directed to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center (802 Ventura Ave, Midland, TX 79705), or First Presbyterian Church of Midland (800 W Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701).

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

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Cleo Melvin Miller

Cleo Miller passed away Friday, August 11, 2017 in Midland, TX. After his fight with cancer.

Born March 8, 1938 to Hill and Mary Miller.

Cleo married Georgie Milton in 1964. He was a fun loving and humorous man who loved to cook & fish.

He will truly be missed by many family and friends.

He leaves to cherish his memory; daughter, Kelly Miller, of Midland and Michelle Grandbury of Las Vegas, NV, son, Kerwin Miller, of Midland, TX. special niece, Debra Green and 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Thursday August 17, 2017 at Greater St. Luke AME Church in Midland, TX. at 11:00 am.

Wake and viewing will be Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

All flowers or donations can be directed to Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Paul Fredrick Stueckler, Jr.

Paul Fredrick Stueckler, Jr. was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on August 22, 1932. He passed away peacefully on August 11, 2017. He was 84 years old.

Paul attended high school at Concordia in Austin, Texas. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Texas Western University in El Paso and went on to do post-Master's work at University of Washington Seattle.

Paul coached basketball for 36 years in public schools throughout Texas. He began his coaching career in 1954 at Presidio High School for one year, and the following 6 years at El Paso Austin. He spent the majority of his career at Midland Lee, retiring in 1990 as the only basketball coach the school had ever known. His 700 victories and multiple titles made him the 4th winningest high school basketball coach in Texas history. After retirement, he continued coaching for 15 years at Midland Junior College, Pensacola Junior College, and Collin College. In his 51 year coaching career, Paul mentored hundreds of young adults, fostering leadership and life skills above achievements on the court.

He first retired to Lillian, Alabama where he pursued his loves of fishing and boating.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marion Gay Stueckler; his children, Laura Stueckler Seale and David Stueckler; as well as four grandchildren - Connie Seale, John Seale, Jennifer Stueckler, and James Stueckler; and one great-grandson, Daniel Paul Seale.

He is also survived by two sisters, Ruth Stueckler Carson and Lois Stueckler Sprick.

Memorials can be made to Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church at 12 noon.

Reba Claudine "Dean" Holden

Reba Claudine "Dean" Holden, 78, of Midland, Texas, joined her parents and older brother in Heaven on July 20, 2017 after complications with surgery.

She was born on September 19, 1938 in Abilene, Texas. She was the daughter of Claud Ellington and Juanita Odessa Gayoso and the sister of G.A. Ellington.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Virgil "Paul" Holden, and by her children, Homer Youngblood and wife Angelika of Lovington, New Mexico, Tina Logan and her husband Steve Logan of Midland, Ron Youngblood and Marylin of Ash Flat, Arkansas, Stephanie Holden and fiancée Dan Olin of Gardendale Texas, Denise Saia and husband Matthew of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Renee Barraza of Big Spring, Texas.

She is also survived by her nephews, Rusty Flippo and Granger Flippo.

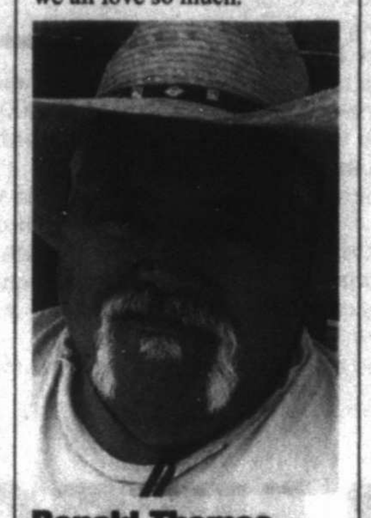
She was predeceased by Ricky Holden.

She had the joy of having 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren that she loved dearly.

She enjoyed spending any free time with her family, tending to her flowers, and babying her two little dogs.

She was a wonderful woman with a kind and beautiful heart. The most compassionate and loving person we've ever known and will be missed with every breath we take. We hope you will enjoy your glorious wings and we will all see you again in Heaven.

A celebration of her life will be held on September 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at West Kentucky Baptist Church, 1507 W. Kentucky Ave., Midland, Texas 79701, with Pastor Bob Porterfield officiating. Please feel free to join us to celebrate her life and honor this wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother that we all love so much.



Ronald Thomas "Rosey" Mott

Ronald Thomas "Rosey" Mott suddenly passed on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 peacefully in his home.

Rosey was born on March 24, 1958 in Grangeville, Idaho to Winnie Parsons Mott.

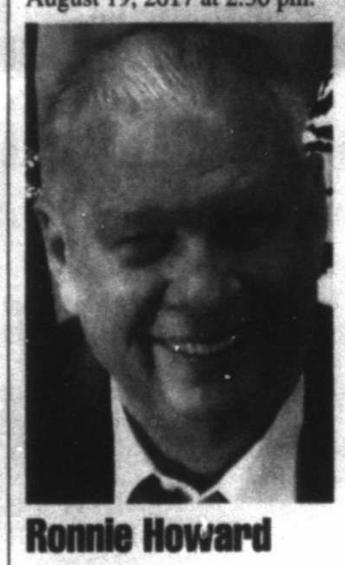
Rosey had a great sense of humor and a wonderful personality. Heaven has gained a big angel in Rosey that will surely be missed by all.

Rosey worked 38 plus years with Darryl Crass Drilling. In November, 2016 he started working with J W L Well Services.

Rosey was proceeded in death by his mother, Winnie Parsons Mott, wife, Sabrina "Little Bit" Roberts, brother, Freddie Parsons.

Rosey is survived by brother, Charlie Mott, sisters, Sunny Palmer (Allen), Nancy K. Parsons, and a host of nieces and nephews. Rosey is also survived by his girlfriend of 5 years Kelley Hayes, his adopted family Doc and Joanie McMahon and their children who he considered his brothers and sisters who he truly loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Field Office, 3205 W. Industrial in Midland, TX. Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 2:30 pm.



Ronnie Howard Benton

Ronnie Howard Benton, 71, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 11, 2017.

Ronnie was born August 26, 1945, in San Francisco, California to Herschel A. and Francell E. Benton. He graduated from Odessa High school and, at the age of 18, was commissioned into the United States Navy, where he served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged May 15, 1966, as a Boatswain's Mate, receiving a National Defense Medal. He remained with the Naval Reserve until January 15, 1969.

After arriving back in Texas, he moved to Fort Worth, and attended Texas Wesleyan where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

He began his Police career at Grapevine Police Department where he remained, until he moved to Midland in 1980. He was employed by the Midland Police Department from 1980-2000. He began as a Patrolman, transferred to the Crime Prevention Unit; he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant during his tenure in the Detective Division, which also included Sergeant over the Gang Unit. He was a graduate of Class 2 of the Texas Law Enforcement Management Institute, as well as a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He completed his service with the Police Department in Accreditation in the Planning and Research Division.

Following his retirement from the Midland Police Department, he was employed by Dyncorp and contracted to the United Nations where he worked as a Peacekeeper for three years in Indonesia and Kosovo. He returned home and worked at the George Mahon Federal Building, for twelve years until he could no longer work due to his illness.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Valerie; daughters, Brandi, Laura, Kristen, and Taylor; his son, Brian; his grandson, William; his brothers, Glenn and Ricky Benton; sisters-in-law, Anease Benton and Cindy Fatheree; brothers-in-law, Robert Fatheree and Mark Bell; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Francell Benton; sister-in-law, Carol Benton; and his niece, Kim Orosco.

A Memorial Service for Ronnie will be held in the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary in Midland on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Police Chaplain Rev. Mark H. Dettman officiating.

The Family of Ronnie Benton wishes to thank Dr. PK Patel, his pulmonologist, for his loving care throughout his illness. We also thank the Nurses in the Critical Care Unit and the Respiratory Therapists of Midland Memorial Hospital who took care of him with so much compassion. We greatly appreciate Hospice of Midland and finally, UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas where Ronnie selflessly donated his body for research to help find a cure for Pulmonary Fibrosis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

John Thomas Butler

John Thomas Butler, 16, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2017 in Midland. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Stonegate Fellowship Building F in Midland. Burial will follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

John was born on January 23, 2001 to Keitha and Gene Butler in Midland. John attended Santa Rita Elementary, Goddard Jr. High, Midland Freshman and was a junior at Midland High. He was a member of the MHS Cross Country team and track team. John was very active at Stonegate Fellowship in the SGY ministry and Stonegate Missions. So many people have come to us and shared with us how John touched their lives and lead them to the Lord. He loved hanging out with his friends, anything he could do outside whether running, biking, hiking, fishing or just sitting on the back porch enjoying nature. John lived his life to the fullest and enjoyed every second that he was given by God. He was a very special young man that we were so blessed to have in our lives and we Thank God for every moment that he was with us.

He is survived by his parents, Keitha and Gene Butler; two brothers, Justin and Josh Butler; maternal grandparents, Bob and Carol Parish of Hobbs, NM; paternal grandparents, Sid and Sandra Butler of Hobbs, NM; great grandmother, Mattie Ayres of Hobbs, NM; aunt, Kristie Parish and son, Colton Parish of Hobbs, NM; uncle, Kevin Parish and wife, Krissy Parish of Hobbs NM; uncle, Steven Butler and wife, Krista and son,

Obituaries

Christopher of Hobbs NM; uncle, Tony Bolden and wife, Toni and their children, Jaelyn, Dustin, Jared and Michael of Ruidoso Downs, NM; numerous great aunts, uncles, cousins, and more friends than you can count of all ages.

He is preceded in death by paternal great grandparents, Marshall and Louise Butler; great grandfather Travis Odell; great grandmother, Peralie Nason and husband, Lloyd Nason; paternal uncle, Johnny Butler and paternal aunt, Renee Garrett; maternal great grandfather, Lewis Ayres; great grandparents, Royal and Sue Parish.

Pallbearers will be Caden Carson, Nathan Keller, Cole Carriger, Cade Michaels, Jordan Luna Howell, LJ Mendez and Nathanel Muniz. Honorary pallbearers will be Justin Butler, Josh Butler, Colton Parish and Midland High Cross Country Team.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made in John's name to Stonegate Youth Missions.

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

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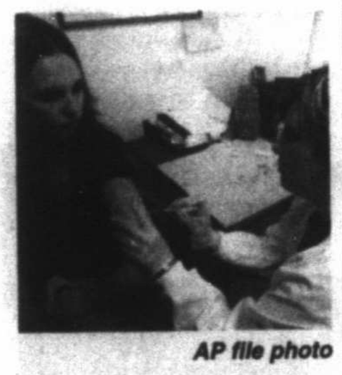
Death Notices

Violet Jean Rice

Violet Jean Rice, 88, of Midland, Texas, passed away on August 11, 2017.

Visitation and a rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on August 15, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on August 16, 2017 at St. Stephens Catholic Church with Father Rodney White officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven North Cemetery immediately following the service.

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



AP file photo

Drake University student Mandi McClue, left, gets a mumps immunization shot from Polk County Health nurse Lori Parsons during a clinic at the university student health center, on April 26, 2006, in Des Moines, Iowa. Most of the college students who got the mumps in a big outbreak in 2006 had received the recommended two vaccine shots, according to a study that raises questions about whether a new vaccine or another booster shot is needed. The outbreak was the biggest in the U.S. since shortly before states began requiring a second shot for youngsters in 1990.

Wellness Tour

From 1B

Back-to-school immunizations
Midland Health Department | 3303 W. Illinois Ave
■ During business hours
Free One-Day Workout Pass
Heroes Gym | 4400 Midland Drive
■ 8:45 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.
BODYCOMBAT Fitness Class
Midland YMCA | 800 N Big Spring St.
■ 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lighting the Way for Health
Midland Memorial Hospital | Front Lobby and Market Hallway, first floor
■ 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Get plant strong with healthy lunch options
Midland Memorial Hospital | The Market
■ 6:30 a.m.
Free CycleBar Class
CycleBar Midland | 3415 N Loop 250 W #502
Reserve a spot at midland.cyclebar.com and use promo code: MMHWT17.
■ 7-9 p.m.
Screening of "Forks Over Knives"
Carrasco Room, Midland College | 3600 N Garfield St.
Tickets are $5, which includes a light snack.

Friday

■ 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
Orangetheory Workout Blast
Orangetheory Fitness | 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Suite B1
■ 5:30 a.m. to noon
Fun and Free Fitness Classes
Lacy J Pilates & Fitness | 3211 W Wadle Ave., Ste.13
■ 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Strength Training Festival
Curves | 3001 W. Loop 250 N., Suite C117
■ During business hours
Free One-Day Workout Pass
Heroes Gym | 4400 Midland Drive
■ 8:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
Beginner, Intermediate, and Bikran Hot Yoga Classes
Midland Yoga Works | 2101 W. Wadley Ave, #25
■ 11:45 a.m. or 5:30 p.m.
Yoga for Beginners
Midland YMCA | 800 N Big Spring St.
■ 5:30 p.m.
Zumba Fitness Class
Midland YMCA | 800 N Big Spring St.
■ 7-10 p.m.
Bubble Soccer and Movie in the Park ("Sing")
Fasken Park | 2301 Humble Ave
■ 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Raise the Barre to Wellness
Pure Barre Midland | 3208 N. Loop 250 W. #200
To reserve a spot, email midland@purebarre.com or text 214-7323.

Saturday

■ 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m.
Orangetheory Workout Blast
Orangetheory Fitness | 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Suite B1
■ 9 -10 a.m.
Moms and Kiddos Stroll the Park
Grafa Park | Midkiff Road and Ma Mar Avenue
■ 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Beginner and Intermediate Vinyasa Flow Yoga Classes
Midland Yoga Works | 2101 W. Wadley Ave., #25
■ During business hours
Free One-Day Workout Pass
Heroes Gym | 4400 Midland Drive
■ 5:30 a.m.-noon
Fun and Free Fitness Classes
Lacy J Pilates & Fitness | 3211 W Wadley Ave., Ste.13
■ 9-11 a.m.
Low-Cost Shot Clinic for Your Pets
Hogan's Dog Park | 1201 E Wadley Ave.
■ 9 -10 a.m.
WaterinMotion Fitness Class
Midland YMCA | 800 N Big Spring St.
■ 9 -10 a.m.
Fitness Class
Midland YMCA | 800 N Big Spring St.
■ 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Self-Guided Scavenger Hunt
Sibley Nature Center | 1307 E. Wadley Ave.
■ 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Community Garden Tour and Farmers Market
Midland Memorial West Campus | 4214 Andrews Highway
■ 2-3 p.m.
Raise the Barre to Wellness
Pure Barre Midland | 3208 N. Loop 250 W. #200
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Leary

From 1B

never been fond of the casket walk-by — family or not. I always envision a plan to escape, or pray that someone else exits quickly, and I could simply follow their lead. I also look at the family in attendance and wonder why I never met some of them. Where have they been all these years? (Humor helps to lighten certain situations.)

Before the service, shiny objects down the hallway caught my attention. The objects turn out to be cremation urns. A brochure nearby displayed the urns and services offered; I could not resist looking. The idea of urn shopping while at a funeral may sound strange, but I did not plan to return and view them again anytime soon. I figured I should seize the moment and grabbed a brochure.

The options for ceremonies range from simple to elaborate. They include a champagne toast and the release of doves. Suggestions included that everyone wear bright-colored clothing. Having a thing for black-colored clothes, I think to myself, I will request everyone dress in traditional black with a splash of white. The music selections would include a variety of upbeat songs, something that would make everyone start to tap their foot, just to shake things up and keep it light.

With my selections complete for the big day, I lean over to inform my daughter of these choices. "I have selected a lovely urn for myself. They have some great ones," I told her. She turned and looked with those big blue eyes, her head tilted, and then we laughed. She shakes her head, and the service begins. Laughter again lightens the mood.

Tears begin to swell in my eyes during the service because it was my dad's mother. The reality sets in that he no longer has his mother to call and talk with or share a hug. As I look at my mom and dad, I realize that I do not call them or see them as much as I should. I can do better; I must do better, I think to myself. I still have the option to call and visit. We can still laugh, argue, hug and drink wine.

I hurt for my Dad at that moment. I did not want him or anyone to be sad. I could only hug him tight and say, "I love you, Dad." My dad does not cry, nor did he on this day. There is nothing more difficult than seeing someone you love experience pain, and not being able to do anything for them.

You may have experienced a death in your life that left an impact on you. There is one story for me that makes me laugh. When I share it, I still laugh, and sometimes I even tear up while telling the story. You see, for me, laughter is the best medicine. It makes me feel better, and if you know me, I am usually laughing. The story I am sharing is a shift from human stories, so stay with me.

Around nine years ago, we lost a member of the family, our dog, Sadie. Yes, this is a drastic shift, but when you own dog for 15 years, it becomes a family member. Sadie was a beautiful Australian shepard. She would patrol the shore while the kids swam in the lake, and she would ride on the jet skis. She loved to go on runs with me and ran five great miles on her last day. Sadie was the best.

When her time came to leave us, we were devastated. We all cried as we held her, and loved her as much as we could one last time until she took her final breath. We had decided on cremation, picked an urn and planned to bury her eventually. The years passed, and Sadie remained in the home. She sat in the laundry room, on the window sill facing the backyard and on the bookshelves.

Anytime the topic came up, we were sad — except for the youngest child, who was too young to grasp Sadie's death. Although, she quickly realized that if she mentioned Sadie's name, the middle child cried. While this was humorous, the middle child did not agree.

Not too long after Sadie's death, our aunt passed. The ceremony was brief. Afterward, we looked around, and everyone was all right, meaning we didn't shed any tears. Then someone said, "…we cried for two weeks when the dog died, now the aunt dies, and no one sheds a tear." Everyone started laughing. Tears came to eyes, and our faces were red from laughter. Some of the tears were for our aunt, but the majority were for our Sadie. These were tears mixed with joy and sadness. Laughter prevailed once again.

On this roller coaster called life, a few things remain certain. Death is inevitable, and so is change. The only constant in our world is God. You can always feel confident and secure when things in your life might seem overwhelming, or even out of control. Say the words you need to say now — don't wait. Let go of grudges. When you hold onto grudges, you allow them to hold you hostage. Count your blessings daily, and you may find there are more than you thought. And lastly, a quote by Victor Hugo, "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."

Denessa Leary is health and wellness coordinator for Midland YMCA.

Vaccines

From 1B

generally mild.

In general, vaccines are very well-tolerated. Most side effects are mild and can include fever, soreness or redness at the injection site.

Conversely, the diseases that vaccines protect you from can be deadly or debilitating. Serious side effects are rare, and your clinician is trained on how to handle them.

Vaccines, as with all products regulated by Food and Drug Administration, undergo a rigorous review of laboratory and clinical data to ensure the safety, efficacy, purity and potency of these products.

-- Your doctor is the best source of information.

Do not hesitate to talk to your health care provider. They are a reliable source of vaccine information and are a wealth of knowledge. Keep in mind, there is a lot of material on the internet and not all of it is accurate, studied or from a medical source. It is also a good idea to keep up with routine well-child exams, which is a great opportunity to catch up on any missing immunizations and discuss general health concerns.

Lori Benninghoff is a physician assistant at Wall Street Pediatrics.

Tomlinson

From 1B

A surge in unplanned pregnancies since Texas lawmakers reduced funding for family planning in 2011 has cost taxpayers $2.9 billion a year, according to coalition. The teen pregnancy rate has also shot up.

"Those young girls who have babies are much more likely to live their lives out in poverty, and their babies will, too," Ehrlich said. "That's something where we keep paying down the line."

Another outcome of Texas' sorry state of women's health care is the nation's highest maternal mortality rate. Texas went from 18.6 deaths per 100,000 births in 2010, which was the national average, to 33.8 in 2014. Armenia, Uruguay and Sri Lanka provide better maternal care than Texas.

The human toll of these health care failures is immense, with families losing loved ones and lives made more challenging. But these problems are not strictly humanitarian. Unhealthy women, premature deaths and unplanned pregnancies hold back our economy by taking people out of the workforce, diverting taxpayer dollars away from other priorities and raising health care costs for everyone.

In communities with high rates of uninsured, even people with insurance suffer from diminished access to quality services. The best doctors and hospitals go to communities where patients have insurance and therefore can pay their bills, not to places where a high percentage can't pay, according to the nonpartisan Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences.

"Local communities tend to bear the main economic burden of subsidizing service delivery," researchers reported.

Gov. Greg Abbott earlier this year vetoed a bill to fund an expert panel investigating maternal mortality and teen pregnancies in Texas, though he's now asked the Legislature to reinstate it. But another blue ribbon panel will only tell us what we already know: Providing poor women with Medicaid, or subsidized private insurance, keeps them healthier, more likely to work, less likely to suffer and less likely to burden taxpayers.

That fact, though, apparently means little to conservatives who want to repeal the Affordable Care Act, eliminate health care exchanges and cut Medicaid spending. They reject the idea that health care is a right, and they expect individuals to take care of themselves or pay the consequences.

Ideologically, that may sound appealing, but it fails in practice. As a society, we don't deny people health care based on their ability to pay. If someone needs emergency help, our doctors and professionals provide it without demanding proof of insurance.

When we allow a quarter of Texas women to go without insurance and accept that more than half don't get the care they need, we guarantee that they will end up in the emergency department. They might be near death and will definitely run up huge bills. And more than likely, they will suffer from a condition that could have been prevented for a penny on the dollar. That's the definition of penny wise and pound foolish, and to think that we're not all in this together is foolishness.

Texas women deserve better, and the best part of giving them the care they need is that we'll be doing what's best for us, too.

SERENITY memorial gardens cemetery
Services for Today
Pilar Valenzuela
10am @
Peaceful Gardens in Pecos, Texas

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Event to focus on special-needs kids

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

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

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

The resource fair will offer information on care, education and research relating to autism spectrum disorders and will connect families with others in similar situations.

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

The conference is supported by the Texas Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Midland Health events

■ Advance Care Planning Seminar, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today at Midland Memorial Hospital; Collette Underwood, 221-1166, collette.underwood@midland-memorial.com.

■ Mental Munchies, noon Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital; free class on mental health issues; to register or for more information, Amber Chavez, amber.chavez@ttuhsc.edu.

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

■ Birth Place Tour, 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283; childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Nutrition Support Group, 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Megan Casselman, 221-3045, megan.casselman@midland-memorial.com.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

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

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

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Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

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Two women converse June 26, 2012, in New York. Virtual reality — in which people wearing headsets and other equipment experience computer-generated environments as if they were real — is helping obesity researchers better understand people's responses to their personal genetic information.

Researchers use VR to study obesity

By Marlene Cimons
Special to the Washington Post

Virtual reality — in which people wearing headsets and other equipment experience computer-generated environments as if they were real — is helping obesity researchers better understand people's responses to their personal genetic information.

"It's important to put people in a setting that is as close to real life as possible," said Susan Persky, a scientist with the National Human Genome Research Institute's social and behavioral research branch. "For example, you really will feel much more like you are in a doctor's office. You feel present within the system. At the same time, we control everything."

Persky and her colleagues have conducted several studies using VR to gauge how obese individuals react in clinical settings and at other sites when presented with genetic information about their weight.

In one, she found that telling overweight women about the likely genetic basis for their obesity reduced the women's feelings that they were blamed for their weight. Other research has found that women who feel stigmatized by their doctors may avoid medical treatment to the detriment of their health.

The scientists recruited 200 women unhappy about their weight and gave them a 10-minute "appointment" with a virtual doctor. The virtual clinician gave each woman one of four presentations. One stressed genetic factors, delivered in a supportive style. A second also emphasized genomics, but it was given in a directive, "doctor-knows-best" manner. A third was supportive but focused only on personal behavior. The fourth stressed behavior but in a directive manner.

Not surprisingly, the volunteers liked the supportive virtual clinician best, especially when the doctor also offered genetic information, saying this approach made them feel less stigmatized and better about themselves. "People feel less blame when doctors talk about genetic factors," Persky said. "In obesity, we find this idea of genetic predisposition resonates with people."

Researchers also looked at guilt among overweight mothers of 4- and 5-year-old children, providing information about the influence of lifestyle to one group and the effects of genetic factors and lifestyle to a second group. Mothers told about genetic factors felt guiltier than the others, presumably because they felt they were passing obesity along to their offspring.

The parents then were asked to select a meal for their children from a virtual food buffet offering choices that were more

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Generosity is key to a long and happy life

MARCIA NORTON
Centers for Children and Families

Generosity is the quality of being kind and understanding, and the willingness to give others things that have value. Giving of yourself — whether it is time and energy or money — helps others and also benefits you. Practicing generosity is a mental health principal, and it could be the key to having a healthy and happy life.

Generosity build confidence and shifts our focus outward. We have a tendency to spend too much time listening to our own critical inner voices instead of turning our focus to others. These negative thoughts undermine our confidence and lower our self-esteem. By turning our thoughts to others, we can feel better about ourselves.

Helping co-workers could boost your happiness level at work, according to a study done by the University of Wisconsin at Madison published in the journal American Review of Public Administration. There are little things you can do to help at work: fill up the copier, replace paper towels, clean up the break room or straighten up the waiting areas. These things need to be done by someone; why not you? The study goes on to show that helping others makes us happier. Altruism is not a form of martyrdom; it is a part of our own healthy psychological reward system.

Researchers from the University of Buffalo found a link between unselfishness and decreased mortality risk. By being generous, there is a lower level of the stress hormone cortisol; therefore, stress illnesses occur at a lower rate. A study in BMC Public Health showed that volunteering improves well-being and life satisfaction and leads to decreased depression.

Generosity is the most effective when the gift you offer is sensitive. Think about what the other person really needs: maybe help with chores or someone to listen to them. Don't forget that generosity is a two-way-street. Allowing someone to express their gratitude is just as important as your act of giving.

Sometimes it is easier to give them receive. However, you also need to learn how to accept the generosity of others. If someone was to do something for you, show your genuine appreciation. A simple "thank you" will be appreciated. If you notice someone at work filling up the copier, tell him "thank you." By thanking others, you both can feel good. Gratitude is an important part of the equation.

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Option exists for people who can't digest milk

■ Variation is from cows that produce only the A2 protein

By Ellie Krieger
Special to the Washington Post

Maria Elena Sullivan could tell that her daughter Sofia, now 3, had trouble digesting milk from the moment she offered it to her at a year old. Sofia immediately spit it up. By the time she was 2, it was clear from her "serious reaction to it," which included abdominal pain and vomiting, plus the fact that she routinely pushed it away when it was put in front of her, that Sofia could not tolerate regular milk at all. Then the Lakewood, Colorado, mother came across a coupon for a free half-gallon of A2 milk, did a little research on it and decided to give it a try. She said Sofia "did just fine with it," and now her daughter requests "A2 milk, please."

At first glance, you might think that this new milk product is a quasi-natural, tinkered-with version of the real thing, but it is not. It is pure cow's milk. It has no special additives — it is not lactose-free. What makes it different is that instead of containing A1 and A2 beta-casein proteins like ordinary cow's milk does, it comes from cows that produce only the A2 variation of the protein. Because A1 can be hard for many people to digest, milk that contains only A2 is a helpful option, allowing people like Sofia to enjoy milk again. If you have trouble digesting milk — even if you think it is due to lactose intolerance — A2 milk could be the answer for you, too. The milk has been sold in Australia for more than a decade, was introduced to the United States in 2015 by the A2 Milk Co. and is now available in grocery stores nationwide.

Goat, sheep, water buffalo and human breast milks all contain only A2-like proteins, and thousands of years ago, cow's milk also had only A2. But with modern farming methods, European cow herds evolved to produce A1 as well. Today, some cows produce only A1, some only A2 and some both proteins. In regular milk production, all the cow's milks are typically blended together so you get a mix of proteins in the carton. To get A2 milk, a simple genetic test is used to determine which cows make only that protein variation, and their milk is used exclusively.

Several animal and human studies show that A2 milk is more easily digested than A1 milk. Scientists are just beginning to understand how the protein affects people, but we do know that during the breakdown of A1 in the gut, a peptide fragment (a chain of amino acids) called BCM-7 is formed. This fragment can slow down digestion, trigger inflammation and cause symptoms such as bloating, gas, abdominal pain, diarrhea and constipation. No such fragment is formed with A2 digestion.

If those symptoms sound similar to those of lactose intolerance, it's because they are. And many people may be misdiagnosing themselves when it is really A1 they need to avoid. That was the case for Manuel Villacorta, a registered dietitian nutritionist in private practice in the San Francisco Bay area. "I always thought I was lactose intolerant but was never officially diagnosed," he explained. He was skeptical about trying A2 milk and was taken aback when he tolerated it. "It really changed my life when it comes to milk." Now when clients tell him they are lactose intolerant, he advises them to try it.

Scientists have long questioned why there are so many more people who say they are lactose intolerant than who actu-

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healthy (grilled chicken, steamed carrots, peas and green beans) and less healthy (chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese).

Why use a virtual buffet rather than a real one?

"It's an assessment of actual parent behavior that can be measured in the controlled, sterile lab, while it actually looks and feels like a real-world environment where parents actually make feeding choices," Persky said.

Mothers who chose the healthier options felt less guilt afterward about the possibility of passing down genetic obesity risk factors to their children, even those in the group who weren't explicitly told about genetic influences, according to the study. "Most parents have some sense that there are genetic factors involved in weight," Persky said. "This isn't a totally new concept for them."

The findings suggest that parents are inclined to change how they feed their children — thus feeling less guilt about passing on their genetic risks — while still reluctant to change their own eating behavior. "Parents are often willing to do things for their children that they wouldn't do for themselves," Persky said.

America's drinking problem on the rise

■ Study: As many as 30 million Americans binge drink weekly

By John Tozzi
Bloomberg

Americans are drinking more than they used to, a troubling trend with potentially dire implications for the country's future health-care costs.

The number of adults who binge drink at least once a week could be as high as 30 million, greater than the population of every state save California, according to a study published last week in JAMA Psychiatry. A similar number reported alcohol abuse or dependency.

Between the genders, women showed the larger increase in alcohol abuse, according to the report.

"This should be a big wake-up call," said David Jernigan, director of the Center on Alcohol Marketing and Youth at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who wasn't involved with the research. "Alcohol is our No. 1 drug problem, and it's not just a problem among kids."

Although underage drinking has decreased in recent years, adult consumption increased across all demographics. The jump was also especially large for older Americans, minorities, and people with lower levels of education and income.

The rise is "startling," said Bridget Grant, a researcher at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and lead author of the paper. "We haven't seen these increases for three or four decades."

The share of adults who reported any alcohol use, high-risk drinking, or alcohol dependence or abuse increased significantly between surveys conducted in 2001-02 and follow-up surveys in 2012-2013. Researchers interviewed tens of thousands of people in person with similar questions, offering a robust, nationally representative look at how American drinking habits have evolved in the 21st century.

About 12.6 percent of adults reported risky drinking during the previous year in 2012-13, compared with 9.7 percent in 2001-02. Behavior was considered high-risk if people exceeded the government's for alcohol intake, set at four drinks in one day for women and five drinks for men, at least once a week.

That 3 percentage point increase may not seem like a huge jump, but given an adult U.S. population of about 250 million, it represents roughly 7 million more people binge drinking at least once a week.

The increase in alcohol abuse or dependence was even greater: Some 12.7 percent of respondents reported such behavior in the 2012-13 period, compared with 8.5 percent in 2001-02. That percentage increase is roughly equivalent to 10.5 million people at the current population. The surveys assessed abuse or dependence using standard, with questions like whether people had difficulty cutting down on drinking, or if they continued drinking even when it caused trouble with family and friends.

There's no single explanation for the increase. Researchers point to economic stress in the aftermath of the Great Recession; more easily available alcohol at restaurants and retailers; and the diminished impact of alcohol taxes. As a percentage of average income, than at any point since at least 1950.

Pervasive marketing by the alcohol industry and new products such as flavored vodkas or hard lemonade and iced tea may also be driving some of the increases among women and other demographics, said Jernigan.

The consequences for health care, well-being, and mortality are severe. Excess drinking caused on average more than 88,000 deaths in the U.S. each year between 2006 and 2010, the Centers for Disease Control The total includes drunk-driving deaths and alcohol-linked violence, as well as liver disease, strokes, and other medical conditions. The CDC said drinking too much is responsible for among working-age Americans.

The estimated cost of excess alcohol consumption is almost a year in the U.S.

"We pay for all of it," said Jürgen Rehm, senior director of the Institute for Mental Health Policy Research at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. The costs show up in higher health care needs, lost productivity, and prosecuting alcohol-fueled crimes from drunk driving to homicide.

Rehm said alcohol doesn't command the attention of policymakers

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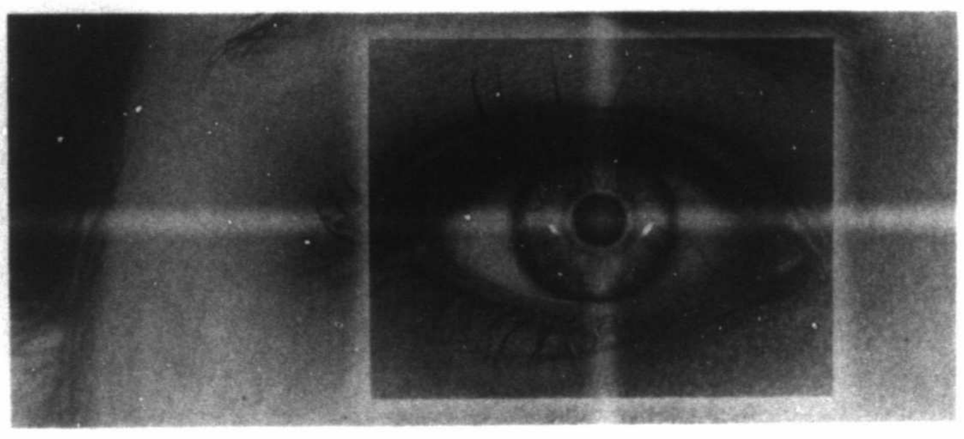

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the way tobacco, illicit drugs, or prescription opioids have. "The response of society should be commensurate to the level of the problem," he said. Yet there is no national strategy in the U.S. that matches recent, high-profile efforts to combat opioids, smoking, or illegal drugs. "Alcohol," Rehm said, "we just tend to overlook."

What can be done? Making alcohol more costly through higher taxes or setting minimum prices could reduce consumption, said William Kerr, senior scientist at the Alcohol Research Group, a nonprofit research center primarily funded by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. In Canada, putting a floor under prices was linked to reductions in alcohol-related hospital visits. Limiting availability-by restricting hours of sale or the number of liquor licenses, for example-would also reduce consumption, he adds.

More medical screening could also identify people with risky drinking habits. That, however, would require a significant cultural shift in the U.S.

Americans tend to consider excess drinking a character flaw rather than a medical problem. Only about one-fifth of people who have reported alcohol abuse or dependency have ever been treated, Grant found. That compares with a treatment rate of about 60 percent for depression, she said.

"I think that there's a lot of stigma still associated with it and people don't want to talk to their doctors about it," she said. "We haven't done the job for alcohol that we've done with depression."

Healthy Living

Moderate drinking

U.S. dietary guidelines define moderate drinking as one drink a day for women and two drinks a day for men. Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks in one sitting for women or five for men.

What counts as one drink?

Beer
12 ounces of 5% ABV (alcohol by volume) beer

Wine
5 ounces of 12% ABV wine

Liquor
1.5 ounces of 40% ABV (80-proof) spirits or liquor

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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ally have lactose malabsorption when tested. A sensitivity to A1 might just explain that gap. What's more, even people who are officially diagnosed with lactose intolerance may do better with A1 milk because the inflammatory response caused by the BCM-7 fragment in the gut has been shown to worsen lactose intolerance.

With all the nondairy milks on the market (almond milk, coconut milk, rice milk, hemp milk ... the list goes on), a person who has trouble digesting dairy has more options than ever, and you can certainly have a healthy diet without cow's milk. But unlike those alternative milks, cow's milk naturally provides a multitude of important nutrients such as protein, calcium, B vitamins and potassium. Plus it is a cornerstone of many wonderful dishes. If you are fine with regular cow's milk, there is not enough reason to recommend switching to A2. But if you have difficulty digesting dairy and want to have it in your life, A2 milk just might be the solution.

Ellie Krieger is a registered dietitian.

Lightning strikes Sept. 13, 2012, over downtown Midland. Lightning — once one of nature's biggest killers —is claiming far fewer lives in the United States, mostly because we've learned to get out of the way. In the 1940s, when there were fewer people, lightning killed more than 300 people annually. So far this year, 13 people have died after being struck, on pace for a record low of 17 deaths.

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Science Says: Lightning is actually zapping fewer Americans, not more

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lightning — once one of nature's biggest killers —is claiming far fewer lives in the United States, mostly because we've learned to get out of the way.

In the 1940s, when there were fewer people, lightning killed more than 300 people annually. So far this year, 13 people have died after being struck, on pace for a record low of 17 deaths. Taking the growing population into account, the lightning death rate has shrunk more than forty-fold since record-keeping began in 1940.

People seem to be capturing the phenomenon more on camera than before, making it seem like something new and sizzling is going on in the air. Separate videos last month of a Florida lifeguard and an airport worker being hit by lightning went viral. Both survived.

Lightning strikes have not changed — they hit about the same amount as they used to, said Pennsylvania State University meteorology professor Paul Markowski.

A big difference: Fewer of us are outside during bad weather. If we're not huddled indoors, we're often in cars. Vehicles with metal roofs — not convertibles — are safe from lightning, experts say.

"As a society we spend less time outside," said Harold Brooks, a scientist at the National Weather Service's National Severe Storms Laboratory. "Especially farmers. There aren't just many farmers around."

Decades ago, farmers would be in fields and were the tallest object, making them most likely to get hit, said National Weather Service lightning safety specialist John Jensenius Jr.

That helps explain the drop in yearly lightning deaths from about 329 in the 1940s to about 98 in the 1970s. The numbers have kept plunging since. From 2007-2016, average yearly deaths dropped to 31.

Improved medical care also has played a key role, including wider use of defibrillators and more CPR-trained bystanders.

When Dr. Mary Ann Cooper started out in the emergency room in the 1970s, there was nothing in textbooks about how to treat lightning victims.

Now instead of treating lightning patients the same way as people who touch high-voltage wires and are burned, doctors focus more on the neurological damage, said Cooper, professor emerita of emergency medicine at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

Perhaps the biggest reason deaths are down is because of efforts to teach people not to get hit in the first place.

"We've equipped the public by saying, 'When thunder roars, go indoors .' Three-year-olds can remember that," Cooper said.

Men are four times more likely to be killed by lightning in the U.S. than women, statistics show. Men do riskier things that get them in trouble in storms, Cooper and Jensenius said.

"Our victims are at the wrong place at the wrong time. The wrong place is anywhere outside. The wrong time is anywhere that you can hear thunder," said Jensenius.

In July — the deadliest month for lightning in the U.S. — vacationers Andre Bauldock and Lamar Rayfield were on a beach in Florida when a thunderstorm rolled in.

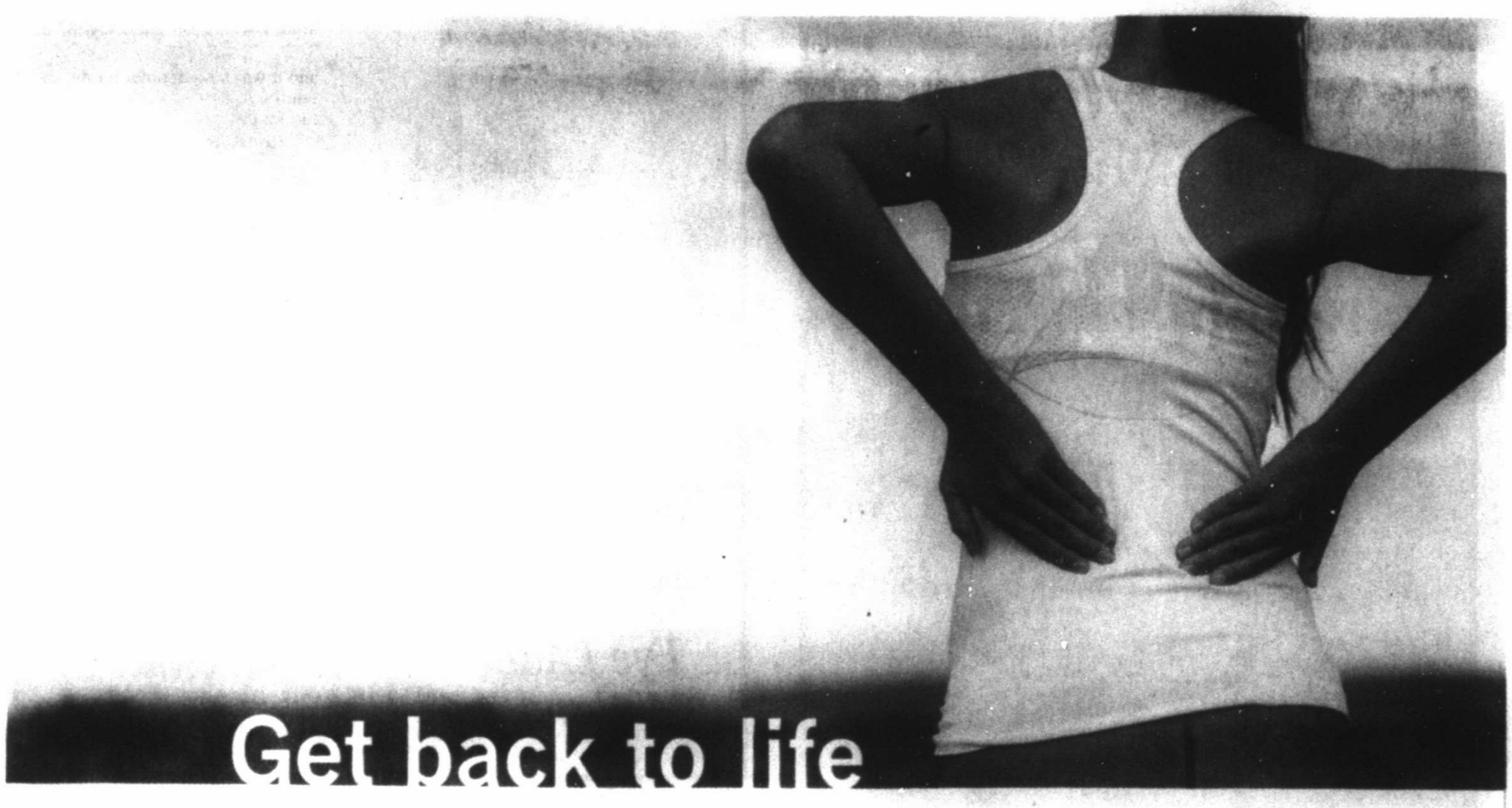
"We ignored it. We were just thinking it was going to pass over soon," recalled Bauldock. "We could see the sun in the distance. I was admiring the lightning out in the ocean and I thought it was far away."

The next thing Bauldock remembers is waking up in a parking lot surrounded by people. He was told the lightning struck his friend's stomach and then hit him. They both fell over. Rayfield eventually died.

An analysis of 352 U.S. lightning deaths from 2006 to 2016 found people were most often doing something near water — fishing, camping and beach activities— when they were hit. Golf doesn't even crack the top dozen activities, but soccer does, said Jensenius.

James Church was hit earlier this year in Florida as his first cast of the day flew through the air.

"I woke up. I couldn't move. It was like an elephant sitting on me, not a single muscle would work," Church recalled. "My eyes were working, my brain was working ... I couldn't feel anything."



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Cowboys QB Moore healthy, now behind Prescott

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Kellen Moore is the backup quarterback the Dallas Cowboys hope won't have to take a meaningful snap in 2017, just as he was a year ago before an injury at training camp ended his season.

The radical difference since Moore broke his right ankle early last August is the incumbent in front of him: Dak Prescott, whose sensational rookie season kept 10-year starter Tony Romo on the bench when he was ready to return from a back injury and ultimately led the club's career passing leader to retire and go into broadcasting.

More inside

The NFL Players Association has appealed Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott's six-game suspension.

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The changing face of the franchise didn't alter Moore's outlook much. He's always known his job role either way.

"He's just back here healthy, irregardless of whom the starter was a year ago or who it is now," offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "He knows he's got a significant role for us. I don't think he's approaching it any different."

Linehan is the constant through the unexpected transition, and the reason Moore is going into his third season with the Cowboys. Undersized by QB standards (listed generously at 6-foot), the undrafted Moore made a connection with Linehan in Detroit out of Boise State in 2012.

Both are from eastern Washington, and Linehan likes to joke about his family's issues with his close relationship with a hated rival since Linehan went to Idaho.

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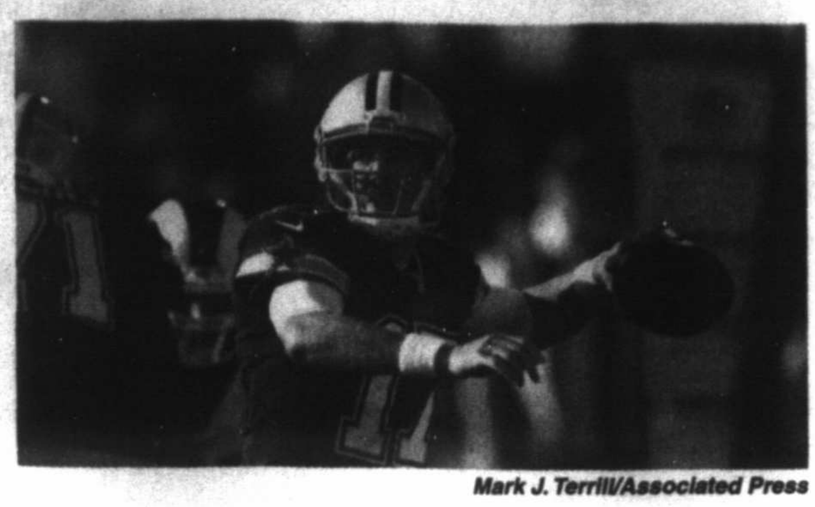

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Kellen Moore thows a pass during the first half of a preseason NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams on Saturday, in Los Angeles.

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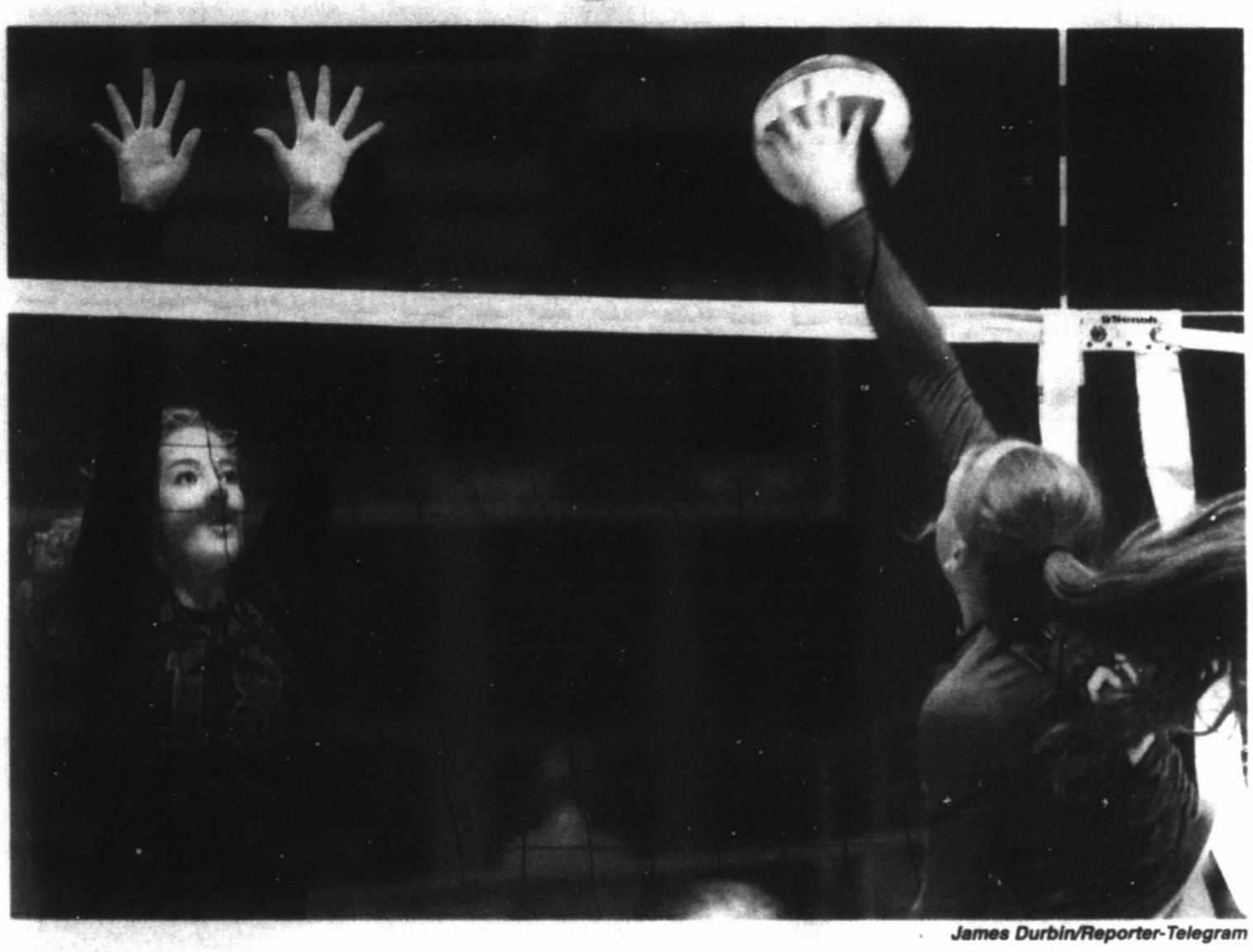

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Midland Christian's Kat O'Brien (18) blocks against Monahans' Shayli Holly (21) on Tuesday, at McGraw Event Center.

Monahans exacts revenge on MCS

By Will Korn
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Early season August volleyball was on full display Tuesday night at McGraw Event Center.

With only a handful of matches under their belts, Monahans and Midland Christian traded waves of inconsistent play marked by a variety of errors and lengthy lapses of focus.

In the end, it was the visiting Lady Loboes, who were swept by MCS last Saturday in their home tournament, that found their game late and had the final say in a 22-25, 25-22, 12-25, 25-17, 15-13 victory over the Lady Mustangs.

MCS (5-3) battled to a 2-1 match lead behind a dominant 25-12 showing in the third set. But Monahans maintained its infectious team energy and rallied to outscore the Lady Mustangs 40-27 in the final two frames.

Heather Brandenburg paced the Lady Loboes with 13 kills, while Shayla Ellison led MCS with 15 kills, five blocks, six digs and a pair of aces.

Monahans (4-4) head coach Candace Barnett said these types of a back-and-forth matches are nothing new in the team's recent history with MCS.

"It has been like that the last few years that we've come over here," Barnett said. "I think we lost that (fifth set) last year, 15-13 or something very similar. So it's nice to be on the other side of it this year, especially after losing to them at the tournament."

"Their hitters came on and then we turned it on and it was a great match with ups and downs. It's August and their mental game isn't quite as strong as it should be right now. Volleyball is already a game of momentum, but we took it there in the last game."

In the fourth set, Monahans led 10-6 and then reeled off eight of the final nine points for an emphatic 25-17 victory that sent a charge through the visiting side of the stands.

In the final frame, the Lady Loboes raced to a 5-0 advantage behind the deafening screams of the Monahans faithful. The extra support helped overcome spotty patches of play and provided the late boost the team needed to pull out the thrilling win.

"It's everything," Brandenburg said of her team's energy during the match. "You have to be hyped up from start to finish, because when you're down, everybody feeds off that. You have to have a really excited gym to help you win games. Our fans help us win. Us feeding off each other as teammates wins us game."

MCS head coach Alicia Filyukova, whose team was coming off a 25-18, 27-25 sweep of the Lady Loboes three days ago, said her young team exposed its flaws in the defeat.

"We're a really young team and just the inconsistency with our errors is what killed us," Filyukova said. "We got down 5-0 in that fifth set and five of those points were off of our errors. At that point, you're beating yourself. We're

Please see **MCS**/2C

Coleman steps down as Chaps head coach

By Oscar LeRoy
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David Coleman confirmed Tuesday night that he has stepped down from his job as Midland College head baseball coach after 11 seasons with the Chaparrals to take a local sales job.

Longtime assistant coach Hector Rodriguez is expected to be introduced as only the third coach in the program's history during a press conference this morning.

Coleman, 49, said he had been thinking about moving on from the coaching profession over the summer. And with older son, Hunter, entering his sophomore year at Texas A&M, and Ty, entering his senior year at Lee, plus retirement considerations, it was time to change careers.

"I decided that 27 years of coaching was a full career for me," Coleman said. "I wondered about doing something else and this was a legitimate opportunity. This kind of fell into place and it was a no-doubter for me and my family. As my kids get older and go farther away to play college baseball, it was just a no-brainer decision for us."

Coleman went 412-241-1 at Midland College with two JUCO World Series appearances in 2013 and 2014 (third place finish overall) and two Western Junior College Athletic Conference championships. This past season, the Chaps went 40-19 overall and finished second in the WJCAC.

Obviously, those back-to-back trips to the JUCO World Series, in Grand Junction, Colorado, stood out for the coach.

"It legitimized where the program was going," he said. "We as a staff knew things were going in the right direction, we knew that we had really good players and we felt like we could compete at the national level. And then to repeat and go back the next year with an entirely different ballclub, was special."

Coleman said he'll miss the interaction with the players the most and watching them grow and mature over time.

Considering that he's been involved in baseball since the age of 6 and his two sons play the game, he said really won't be far from the sport. He said he'll probably just fuel his competitive fire by playing a little more golf.

As for chasing that national championship, Coleman was quick to say that's not the reason he coached.

"Why we coached was to help young people," Coleman said. "We stayed true to the cause and the process. We were fortunate and blessed

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College baseball head coach David Coleman talks on the mound with pitcher Brady Moxham (31) during a game against Clarendon College on May 6, 2016, at Christensen Stadium.

Texans, Pats tune up for preseason game with joint practice

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — After missing 13 games last season after back surgery, J.J. Watt relishes any chance to compete.

So Houston's star defensive end was positively giddy on Tuesday after he and the Texans had the first of two joint practices with Tom Brady and the New England Patriots.

"It's always good to go out there and get some reps against somebody of that caliber," Watt said. "It's a lot of fun. Anytime you put two good teams together on the practice field and get great reps like we had today, you're going to get better."

The defending Super Bowl champions came to West Virginia for the week to prepare with the Texans before the teams meet in the second preseason game on Saturday night in Houston. They worked for about two hours together on Tuesday amid light to moderate rain showers.

Both teams believe these practices are a valuable tool for preparing for the season and breaking the monotony of training camp.

"That's the great thing about these practices ... that you have an opportunity to get out of training camp," New England receiver Julian

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Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle via AP

New England Patriots wide receiver Chris Hogan (15) makes a catch against Houston Texans cornerback Johnathan Joseph (24) during a joint NFL practice, on Tuesday in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 4, NW Arkansas 3
(11 innings)

TODAY'S GAME
NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 24-27
NW Arkansas 21-30

Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midland 4, NW Arkansas 3 (11 innings)	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf
US Amateurs, Round of 64, 4 p.m., FS1
EPGA: Saltire Energy Paul Lawrie Match Play, Round of 64, 5:30 a.m., GOLF

Softball
Little League Softball World Series
Championship, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Major League Baseball
LA Angels at Washington, Noon, MLB
Baltimore at Seattle, 3 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at NY Mets, 6 p.m., ESPN
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Arizona at Houston, 7 p.m., AT&T

Men's Soccer
CONCACAF U15 Championship: Jamaica vs. Mexico, 8 a.m., UDN
CONCACAF U15 Championship: Costa Rica vs. USA, 10 a.m., UDN
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: SSC Napoli vs. OGC Nice, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: Celtic FC vs. FC Astana, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: Basaksehir vs. Sevilla, 1:30 p.m., FSP, ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions Playoff, Leg 1: Olympiacos FC vs. HNK Rijeka, 1:30 p.m., FSN
Venezuelan Primera: Zulia vs. JBL Zulia, 3:30 p.m., GolTV
Spanish Super Cup, Leg 2: Real Madrid vs. FC Barcelona, 3:50 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
Uruguay Copa de Campeonas: Final, 6:30 p.m., GolTV
Copa MX: Potros UAEM vs. America, 8:30 p.m., UDN

Motorsports
Camping World Truck Series: UNOH 200, Practice, 8 a.m., FS1
Camping Word Truck Series: UNOH 200, Final Practice, 10 a.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: UNOH 200, Qualifying, 3:30 p.m., FS2
Camping World Truck Series: UNOH 200, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Rugby
NRL: Parramatta vs. Gold Coast, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

Women's National Basketball Association
Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m., NBAtv

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Arizona at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)

Texas League Baseball
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent OF Anthony Santander and SS Ryan Flaherty to Frederick (Carolina) for rehab assignments.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated RHP Dylan Covey from the 10-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent OF Lonnie Chisenhall to Columbus (IL) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Bruce Rondon to Toledo (IL). Reinstated RHP Michael Fulmer from the 10-day DL.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed C Brian McCann on the 10-day DL. Optioned LHP Rayman Quduan to Fresno (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed RHP Luis Cessa on the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Caleb Smith from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned LHP Jose Alvarado to Durham (IL). Recalled RHP Chase Whitley from Durham.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Leonel Campo to Buffalo (IL). Released RHP Taylor Cole. Assigned RHP Chris Smith outright to Buffalo. Selected the contract of LHP Tim Mayza from Buffalo.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Jake Barrett to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP Silvino Bracho from Reno.
CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned 2B Aristemendy Alcantara outright to Pensacola (SL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned LHP Zac Rosscup to Albuquerque. Reinstated LHP Kyle Freeland from the 10-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP Seth Lugo on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Reinstated RHP Robert Gsellman from the 10-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed OF Gregory Polanco on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled C Elias Diaz from Indianapolis (IL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned OF Orlando Calixte to Sacramento (PCL). Placed 1B Brandon Belt on the 10-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned C Pedro Severino to Syracuse (IL).
American Association
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released RHP Nigel Nicolaas.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed LHP Chris Cotton.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP Jesse Pryor.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed C Robert De La Hoz.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released LHP Ari Kaufman.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
INDIANA PACERS — Signed G/F Damien Wilkins and F Ben Moore.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed LB Thomas Davis to a one-year contract extension.
DETROIT LIONS — Waived/injured WR Ryan Spadola. Placed DE Kerry Hyder and RB Mike James on injured reserve. Waived G Matt Rotheram.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released DE Shanel Jenkins.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Waived/injured LB Mike Moore. Signed LB Kyle Coleman.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed DT Corbin Bryant on injured reserve. Signed LB Steven Daniels.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Waived RB Ryan Matthews.

HOCKEY
ECHL
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with D Cody Corbett.

LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Signed D Steve Priolo to a two-year contract.

OLYMPIC SPORTS
USADA — Announced American long jumper Marquise Goodwin accepted a one-year suspension for failing to properly file and maintain his whereabouts information.

COLLEGE
AUBURN — Announced WR John Franklin is transferring.
BARUCH — Announced women's volleyball coach and senior women's administrator and SAAC advisor Carrie Thomas will resign as coach and add duties of assistant director of athletics for academics, compliance and eligibility. Named Kevin Edwards women's volleyball coach in addition to his duties as men's volleyball coach.
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Promoted men's basketball video coordinator Colton Everett to director of men's basketball operations.
ETSU — Named Ross Oeder and Mike Posey assistant baseball coaches and Skyler Barnett volunteer baseball assistant.
FURMAN — Named Robby Bostain director of men's basketball player development.
SOUTH CAROLINA — Named Penny Boswell director of cross country and track and field operations.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	7	3
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
New England	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	17
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Tennessee	1	0	0	.000	3	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	24
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	12
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	20	12
Cleveland	0	1	0	.500	14	14
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	27
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	17	48

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	.500	30	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	12	20
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	9	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	23
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
New Orleans	0	0	1	.500	14	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	20	23
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	12	23
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	9
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	17	24
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	38	30

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Detroit 24, Indianapolis 10
Seattle 48, L.A. Chargers 17

Thursday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Baltimore at Miami, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

NFL CALENDAR

Sept. 2 — Cutdown to 53-man roster
Sept. 3 — Creation of 10-man practice squads allowed
Sept. 7 — Season opener: Kansas City at New England
Sept. 10 — First full day of regular-season games.
Sept. 24 — Baltimore vs. Jacksonville at London.
Oct. 1 — New Orleans vs. Miami at London.
Oct. 17-18 — Fall meetings in New York
Oct. 22 — Arizona vs. Los Angeles Rams at London.
Oct. 29 — Minnesota vs. Cleveland at London
Oct. 31 — Trade deadline
Nov. 19 — New England vs. Oakland at Mexico City.
Dec. 31 — Regular season ends

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Connecticut	18	9	.667	—
Washington	16	10	.615	1½
New York	15	12	.556	3
Chicago	11	16	.407	7
Atlanta	10	19	.345	9
Indiana	9	19	.321	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	21	4	.840	—
x-Los Angeles	19	8	.704	3
Phoenix	14	13	.519	8
Dallas	13	16	.448	10
Seattle	11	16	.407	11
San Antonio	7	22	.241	16

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Score
Connecticut 96, Atlanta 75

Today's Games
Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

MCS

From 1C

young, we're still trying to get things figured out and it's early in the season. But we need to really limit our errors."

Filyukova added that her team may have been resting on its Saturday victory over Monahans and perhaps felt a little too comfortable in its home gym.

"We played them on Saturday for third and fourth and we won in two sets," Filyukova said. "Then we come and play them at home, so in a way, maybe the girls were overlooking them in a sense. They have to find the will to fight and not overlook any team."

Kat O'Brien and Andie Sheppard each supplied nine kills for MCS, while Sheppard led the team with 19 assists. Sydney Wilson posted a team-high 20 digs for the Lady Mustangs.

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MONAHANS DEF. MCS 23-25, 25-22, 15-25, 25-17, 15-13
Monahans statistics
Kills — Heather Brandenburg 13, Taryn Griner 8, Shayli Holly 6, Estrella Porras 6, Erykah Wessels 5, Caylee Williams 5
Assists — Kamryn Collins 20, Porras 17, Mirna Cordova 1, Aaliyah Sanchez 1
Digs — Sanchez 12, Cordova 11, Porras 9, Ozzy Juarez 6, Holly 4, Griner 2, Collins 2, Wessels 1
Blocks — Griner 3, Holly 2, Brandenburg 1
Aces — Porras 3, Collins 3, Wessels 2, Cordova 1
MCS statistics
Kills — Shayla Ellison 15, Andie Sheppard 9, Kat O'Brien 9, Landry Louder 5, Lauren Bettershall 2, Lauren Danley 1, Sydney Wilson 1
Assists — Sheppard 19, Faith Truss 17, Wilson 1, Bettershall 1, Whitney Newman 1
Digs — Wilson 20, Newman 18, Skylar Espinosa 17, Truss 14, Ellison 6, Sheppard 5, O'Brien 4, Bettershall 1, Louder 1
Blocks — Ellison 5, Bettershall 3, Danley 3.5, Louder 2.5, O'Brien 2, Sheppard 0.5
Aces — Ellison 2, Espinosa 2, Sheppard 2, Wilson 1, Truss 1
Records: Monahans 4-4; MCS 5-3
Next: MCS at San Angelo Tournament, TBA, Friday

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Monahans' Kamryn Collins (3) sets the ball against Midland Christian Tuesday, at McGraw Event Center.

HS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

MHS SWEEPS LUBBOCK HIGH

LUBBOCK — Midland High swept Lubbock High, 25-11, 25-21, 26-24, in non-district action Tuesday.

Macy Bidwell had team highs with 18 assists and three aces for the Lady Bulldogs (8-5). Other MHS leaders included Gentry Foreman with eight kills, Reagan Squire with 10 digs and Kaitlyn Kennedy with four blocks.

Midland High heads to the Northwest ISD Tournament Thursday.

MHS DEF. LUBBOCK HIGH 25-11, 25-21, 26-24
MHS cumulative statistics
Kills — Gentry Foreman 8, Merrick Beach 7, Kaitlyn Kennedy 6, Alyssa Cottrell 5, Peyton Wiggins 4, Mia Rivera 2, Makaylee Carter 1, Macy Kidwell 1
Assists — Kidwell 18, Carter 11, Rivera 5, Reagan Squire 1
Digs — Squire 10, Rivera 7, Kidwell 5, Brighton Butler 5, Caroline Harper 3, Landree Dietrich 2, Beach 2, Carter 2, Cottrell 1, Foreman 1
Blocks — Kennedy 4, Wiggins 2, Cottrell 1, Beach 1
Aces — Kidwell 3, Rivera 2, Carter 2, Butler 1
Record: MHS 8-5
Next: MHS at Northwest ISD Tournament, TBA Thursday

LEE SPLITS IN ABILENE

ABILENE — Lee went 1-1 in a non-district doubleheader Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels fell to Wichita Falls Rider 23-25, 18-25, 25-20, 21-25, and beat Abilene High 25-16, 25-9, 25-9.

Emily Hillman led Lee (8-4) with 23 kills and 10 aces. The Lady Rebels' other leaders were Allie Gomez with 40 assists, Quinci Strambler with 10 blocks and Jill Tarin with 10 digs.

Lee competes in the Granbury Classic Thursday.

WICHITA FALLS RIDER DEF. LEE 23-25, 18-25, 25-20, 21-25
LEE DEF. ABILENE HIGH 25-16, 25-9, 25-9
Lee cumulative stats
Kills — Emily Hillman 23, Quinci Strambler 13, Mackenzie Gibson 7, Elizabeth Kuhn 5, Jensen Letcher 4, Blake Gibson 4, Kelsey Harrington 4, Elexa Gillette 2, Tori Stewart 1, Brianna Woods 1
Assists — Allie Gomez 40, Letcher 15, Gibson 3, Karigan Edwards 2, Kuhn 1
Digs — Jill Tarin 10, Edwards 7, Gomez 7, Harrington 7, Hillman 6, Letcher 6, Strambler 4, Kuhn 2, Stewart 1, Gibson 1, Woods 1
Blocks — Strambler 10, Gibson 4.5, Harrington 3.5, Hillman 2, Kuhn 1, Letcher 1
Aces — Hillman 10, Letcher 6, Gomez 6, Kuhn 3, Tarin 3, Harrington 2, Edwards 1, Gillette 1, Stamcler 1
Record: Lee 8-5
Next: Lee at Granbury Classic, TBA Thursday

GREENWOOD SWEEPS DUAL MATCH

Greenwood picked up two home wins on Tuesday, as it defeated Crane 25-8, 25-13, 25-9 and then Wink 25-21, 25-15, 25-10 at the Greenwood High School Gym.

Caity Payne led the Rangerettes (7-2) with 21 kills in the sweep, while Bradi Good, Payslee Sims and Kyndall Dove each added 13 kills. Hanna Flores supplied a team-high 38 assists and Kadyn Ellis led Greenwood in assists with seven.

GREENWOOD DEF. CRANE 25-8, 25-13, 25-9
GREENWOOD DEF. WINK 25-21, 25-15, 25-10
Greenwood cumulative statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 21, Payslee Sims 13, Kyndall Dove 13, Bradi Good 13, Kaley Martinez 6, Gracie Huber 6, Kadyn Ellis 2, Madi Ulcak 1, Kayleigh Kitto 1
Assists — Hanna Flores 38, Faith Duran 22, Good 6, Payne 1
Digs — Ulcak 23, Sims 12, Flores 12, Ellis 10, Duran 9, Payne 9, Good 6, Jaycie Roye 6, Dove 4, Kitto 3
Blocks — Martinez 4, Payne 2, Good 1, Dove 1, Huber 0.5, Sims 0.5
Aces — Ellis 7, Payne 5, Flores 4, Ulcak 3, Roye 2, Duran 1, Kitto 1
Record: Greenwood 7-2
Next: Greenwood at San Angelo Tournament, TBA Friday

TRINITY WINS TWO MATCHES

IMPERIAL — Trinity took both matches at a dual meet Tuesday at Buena Vista High School.

The Lady Chargers defeated Grandfalls-Royalty, 25-11, 25-9, 25-7, and then defeated host Buena Vista, 25-21, 25-12, 25-16.

Rebecca Young led Trinity with 19 total kills and 20 aces, Kinzie Roemer had 53 assists and Stockton Ashley had 22 digs on the day.

TRINITY DEF. GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY 25-11, 25-9, 25-7
TRINITY DEF. BUENA VISTA, 25-21, 25-12, 25-16
Trinity cumulative statistics
Kills — Rebecca Young 19, Kinzie Roemer 18, Claire Clifton 8, Izzy Garriga 5, Mikayla Padilla 3, Brooke Widener 3 , Hailey Marsh 1, Izzy Garriga 1, Kim Matthews 1
Digs — Stockton Ashley 22, Marsh 13, Young 10 Matthews 7, Padilla 4, Roemer 4, Widener 3, Garriga 2, Padilla 3
Assists — Roemer 53, Matthews 27, Padilla 9, Young 3, Widener 3, Garriga 2, Claire Clifton 2
Aces — Young 20, Matthews 15, Ashley 9, Roemer 5, Marsh 3, Padilla 2
Blocks — Young 2, Clifton 2, Widener 1
Next: Trinity at Lubbock All Saints, 6 p.m. Aug. 22

MOORE

From 1C

Kidding aside, Linehan simply thinks there isn't a quarterback smarter than Moore, or better-suited to carry out his game plan.

"For me it's coming up on five of my six years," the 28-year-old Moore said of his link to Linehan. "You kind of understand the way he thinks of football, his process and his way of thinking and his terminology. All of that stuff kind of adds up when you speak the same language. It's important."

Moore didn't take a regular-season snap all three years he was with the Lions, and only got into games with the Cowboys at the end of a lost 2015 season when Romo was hurt most of the season and backups Brandon Weeden and Matt Cassel failed badly.

The 28-year-old Moore lost the final two games as a starter in a 4-12 season, throwing six interceptions in three games overall.

But he did have a 400-yard passing game in the finale and four touchdowns total. And the Cowboys obviously have faith in him, because they signed him as a free agent coming off the ankle injury.

Last season, Moore was one of the voices in an interesting quarterback room for the suddenly blooming Prescott. Romo, whose back injury in a preseason game completed Prescott's ascension , was in his 14th season; Moore had several years in Linehan's system; and backup Mark Sanchez had experience as a rookie starter.

Instead of sitting in the background with Romo in control, Moore had a much more active role as a voice for Prescott.

"Kellen does such a good job just contributing," said coach Jason Garrett, who was the backup to Troy Aikman when the Cowboys were winning Super Bowls in the 1990s.

"And he can contribute a lot of different ways as a backup quarterback, just in that room, making that room feel like it is a good place for the guy that's starting and everything he goes through and then just having a positive impact on everybody on offense and throughout the team."

It's easy to forget that Moore's injury gave Prescott significantly more playing time in the first two preseason games last year. And the former Mississippi State standout impressed enough for the Cowboys to give him the job when Romo went down.

Moore isn't really the type to wonder what might have been without his ankle injury. Mostly he's just glad to be back in camp, where he has a better appreciation of the gritty daily details after so much idle time last August.

Union appeals Ezekiel Elliott's 6-game suspension

NEW YORK — The NFL Players Association has appealed Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott's six-game suspension over the league's conclusion that its 2016 rushing leader injured his former girlfriend in three separate incidents last summer.

The union said Tuesday it will represent Elliott "to ensure that the NFL is held to its obligation of adhering to principles of industrial due process under the collective bargaining agreement."

The NFL suspended Elliott last week after a yearlong investigation into an Ohio domestic violence case that prosecutors declined to pursue. Elliott's attorneys blasted Commission Roger Goodell's ruling, saying the league "cherry-picked" evidence to reach its conclusion.

A hearing with Goodell or an arbitrator will be scheduled within 10 days with a decision "as soon as practicable" after the appeal is heard, according to the labor agreement.

The Cowboys open the regular season Sept. 10 at home against the New York Giants.

Associated Press

TEXANS

From 1C

Edelman said.

"It's almost like when you're in school and you go on a field trip. You may be learning things, but it's like 10 times better than being in class."

Texans quarterback Tom Savage was excited to get some work in against another defense and also had fun being on the same field with Brady, whom he called "the greatest quarterback of all time."

"What's better than that ... even though I'm a starting quarterback in this league, I'm still a fan of this game," Savage said. "It's fun to watch."

Brady didn't speak to reporters on Tuesday, but he didn't seem to enjoy the practice quite as much as many of the players did. He barked at his teammates after some less-than-stellar plays during the practice, but the Patriots didn't seem to mind.

"When you've got a leader that wants to go out and practice at the ultimate, highest level, when something that you should do doesn't go right, there's going to be a little fire under that and that's what you need from your leader," Edelman said. "That's just Tommy being Tommy."

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
8/14-8/18 Battle of the Bowls Fundraiser at King & I
8/26 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Ulmer Park
9/07 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
9/16 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Midland's PetSmart
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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 4, NATURALS 3, 11 INNINGS
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Jorge Mateo went 2-for-4 with three stolen bases, two walks, a run scored and drove home the game-winning RBI in the 11th. ... Viosergy Rosa had two RBI and three hits for the RockHounds. ... Northwest Arkansas' Nicky Lopez led all batters with four hits.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter A.J. Puk allowed two runs and struck out nine Naturals over 5 1/3 innings. ... RockHounds reliever Carlos Navas was victorious after tossing two scoreless innings of one-hit ball with two strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: Rosa pushed Midland to a 2-0 lead with an RBI single in the first and an RBI ground out in the third. ... The Naturals tied the game at 2 following Lopez's RBI single in the fourth and Logan Moon's run-scoring single in the fifth. ... The RockHounds took a 3-2 lead after Tyler Marincov plated Tyler Ramirez with a single in the sixth. ... Moon tied the contest with a double that scored Samir Duenez in the seventh. ... Mateo's single to center plated Sheldon Neuse for the game-winning run with two-out in the 11th.

NOTES: Neuse, an infielder, joined the RockHounds from high Single-A Stockton of the California League. Neuse, 22, hit .386 with seven home runs and 22 RBI with Stockton after being acquired by the Oakland Athletics in a trade that sent relievers Sean Doolittle and Ryan Madson to Washington Nationals. Neuse was a 2016 second round pick from Oklahoma. Infielder Branden Cogswell was assigned to Stockton to make room. ... Midland took the opener of the three-game series against Northwest Arkansas. ... The RockHounds (59-62) hold a two-game lead over Corpus Christi (56-63) in the race for the South Division wild card playoff spot. Corpus Christi and Tulsa were rained out Tuesday.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Northwest Arkansas — RHP Zach Lovvorn (4-5, 4.56 ERA); Midland — RHP Grant Holmes (9-11, 4.82).

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	34	17	.667	—
Tulsa	30	20	.600	3½
Arkansas	22	28	.431	12
Northwest Arkansas	21	30	.412	13

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	39	21	.650	—
Midland	34	27	.471	6½
Corpus Christi	32	27	.440	8½
Frisco	30	31	.392	9½

Tuesday's Scores
Midland 4, Northwest Arkansas 3, 11 innings
Springfield 7, San Antonio 2
Arkansas 5, Frisco 2
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, ppd.
Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 4, NATURALS 3, 11 INNINGS

NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
N.Lopez ss	6	0	4	1	Mateo ss	4	1	2	1
J.Lopez 3b	4	0	2	0	Boyd cf	5	1	1	0
Duenez dh	5	2	3	1	Schrock 2b	5	0	0	0
O'Hearn 1b-lf	5	0	0	0	Rosa 1b	5	0	3	2
Moon rf-cf	5	0	2	2	Sportman cf	5	0	0	0
Dini c	4	1	0	0	Ramirez lf	5	1	1	0
Arteaga 2b	5	0	0	0	Neuse 3b	3	1	1	0
Miller lf-rf	5	0	0	0	Marincov dh	5	0	1	0
Jones cf	4	0	2	0	Murphy c	5	0	1	0
Ramos ph-1b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	44	3	13	3	Totals	42	4	10	4

NW Arkansas ..... 000 110 100 00 —3
Midland ..... 101 001 000 01 —4

E — Ray (2). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Northwest Arkansas 10, Midland 10. 2B — Duenez (22), Moon (11), Boyd (26). SB — Mateo 3 (9). CS — Lopez (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Northwest Arkansas						
Ray	5.2	5	3	2	2	3
Hill	1.1	2	0	0	1	0
Peterson	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
Lovelady L, 3-2	1.2	3	1	1	1	2
Midland						
Puk	5.1	8	2	2	2	9
Seddon	1.2	3	1	1	0	0
Sturdevant	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Navas W, 3-4	2.0	1	0	0	0	2

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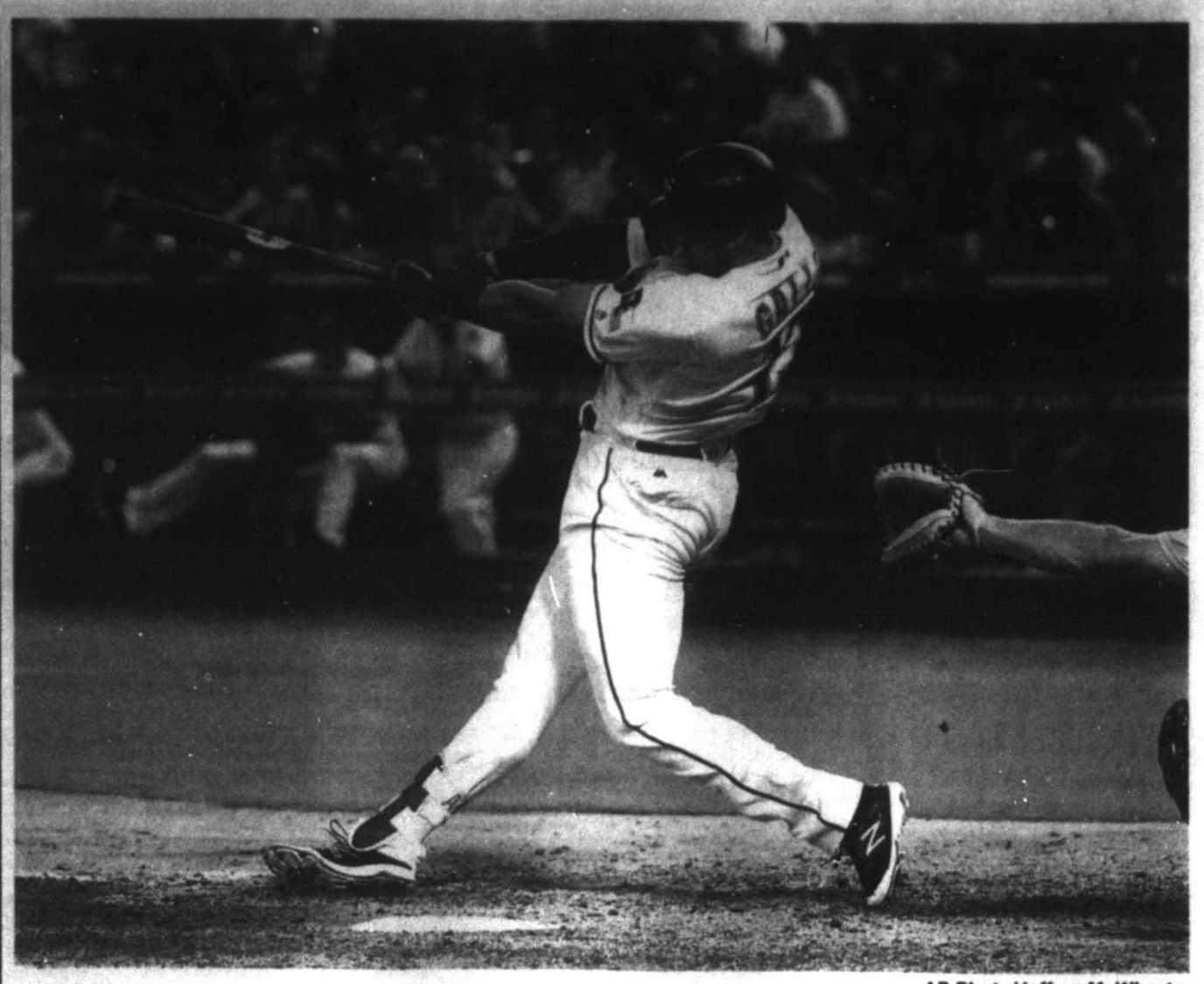

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Texas Rangers third baseman Joey Gallo (13) follows through on a two-run homer in front of Detroit Tigers catcher John Hicks (55) in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. Texas Rangers' Nomar Mazara scored on the home run.

Texas Rangers hit 3 homers off Justin Verlander in 10-4 win over Detroit Tigers

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Joey Gallo and Mike Napoli hit back-to-back homers and the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 10-4 on Tuesday night to end Justin Verlander's three-game winning streak.

The Rangers had just gone ahead 2-1 on Nomar Mazara's RBI single in the fourth inning when Gallo hit his 34th homer, a towering drive that landed in the second deck of seats in right-center above the Texas bullpen and was estimated at 459 feet.

Napoli followed with a 416-foot shot to left for his 24th homer, and added a two-run single in the Rangers' four-run eighth.

Robinson Chirinos also went deep off Verlander (8-8), who struck out eight without any walks while allowing five runs in six innings. Tigers starters have given up 19 homers and have a 7.94 ERA over the last 11 games.

A.J. Griffin (6-3) allowed one run and struck out four in five innings. The right-hander had gone 1-3 with a 10.88 ERA in his first five career starts against the Tigers.

Gallo, a 23-year-old slugger in his first full major league season, has an AL-high nine homers in 13 games this month. His 34 homers overall are the most by a Texas player since 2012 when Josh Hamilton had 43 and Adrian Beltre 36.

The only other Rangers player with as many homers in a season by age 23 was Juan Gonzalez, who did it twice — 43 homers in 1992 when he was 22, and 46 more the following season.

Detroit took its only lead when Jose Iglesias hit an RBI double to make it 1-0 in the second. Iglesias also had the second of the Tigers' consecutive RBI grounders in the seventh.

Victor Martinez led off the ninth with his ninth homer.

Rougned Odor manufactured a run for Texas in the seventh. He drew a walk, went to third on a stolen base and a throwing error by catcher John Hicks, and then scored on what would have been a steal of home before a balk was called on reliever Daniel Stumpf.

Astros strike early, cruise past Arizona Diamondbacks

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A trip that saw the Houston Astros drop six of the first seven games ended on a much-needed positive note for the AL West leaders. The Astros had six extra-base hits in the first four innings, building a big enough lead to hold off the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-4 on Tuesday. The Astros managed only four hits over the last five innings, but one was Max Stassi's solo home run in the ninth. "We've had a rough week and a rough road trip, and it's nice to end it with a win and get home and get back to sort of how we're playing," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said. "We've led the league in offense in a lot of different categories, so I think today we looked a little bit more like ourselves." The Astros had scored just five runs in their previous three games, one of those a shutout loss to the Diamondbacks and ace Zack Greinke on Monday.

But Houston jumped to an 8-0 lead in the fourth inning Tuesday. Despite the quick start on offense, starting pitcher Brad Peacock couldn't get out of the bottom of the fifth, so Francis Martes (5-2) came on and struck out all four batters he faced in 1 1/3 innings for the victory.

COLEMAN

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with a tremendous outcome. If you do what's right and do what's right repeatedly, winning is a byproduct. I know that sounds cliché, but it's what I believe in. I can honestly feel good where the program is. We left it better than the way we found it and not that it was in bad shape when we found it."

Coleman said he's grateful for Midland College after it gave him what he believes was a tremendous opportunity when he was hired in 2006 after a year as Lubbock High's head coach and a seven-year stint as a Texas A&M assistant seven years prior to that.

"It was just a wonderful experience for me," he said. "Midland College was exceptionally good to the Colemans as well as the whole baseball community. It was definitely the right time, the right place and the right thing for us.

"I'm also appreciative of the way the community and Midland College responded to some maintenance issues at (Christensen Stadium) because the facility wasn't in good shape when we took over. It was in peril. It's amazing what a coat of paint and some floor boards could do."

Coleman said he believes the program will be in great shape with Rodriguez taking over.

"He's so deserving of the opportunity," Coleman said. "We've been together 11 years as he's been a loyal, faithful assistant and great friend. I'm happy for him."

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MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 6
BLUE JAYS 4

TORONTO — Lucas Duda hit a two-run homer, Wilson Ramos added a solo shot and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 on Tuesday night, snapping a four-game skid.

Backed by Tampa Bay's biggest offensive outburst since Aug. 1, Blake Snell pitched six innings to win for the first time this season. Snell's last victory came Sept. 22, 2016, against the New York Yankees.

The Rays came in having scored 12 runs in their past 10 games. According to Elias, that is the lowest total for any AL team over a 10-game stretch since the designated hitter was introduced in 1973. The Rays suffered five shutout defeats in that span, and lead the majors with 10 scoreless losses.

Snell (1-6) allowed one run and four hits.

Steve Cishek and Tommy Hunter each worked inning before Alex Colome finished for his 35th save in 40 chances.

INDIANS 8
TWINS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Carlos Santana hit two of Cleveland's five home runs and Danny Salazar continued his strong second-half stretch in the Indians' 8-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

Santana, Jason Kipnis and Edwin Encarnacion all hit solo homers off Bartolo Colon (4-10) as Cleveland won its fifth straight overall and stayed unbeaten in eight games in Minnesota this season. Austin Jackson added a three-run shot and Santana homered from both sides of the plate for the Indians, who have outscored the Twins 56-16 at Target Field this season.

Salazar (5-5) cruised through seven innings, surrendering one run and three hits. He struck out 10 while running his mark to 2-0 with a 1.39 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 32 1/3 innings in five starts since coming off the disabled list on July 22.

Colon gave up three runs and seven hits in five innings. The 44-year-old right-hander walked four for just the second time in four seasons.

Interleague

NATIONALS 3
ANGELS 1

WASHINGTON — Gio Gonzalez allowed two hits in six scoreless innings, Howie Kendrick hit two solo home runs and the Washington Nationals snapped the Los Angeles Angels' winning streak at six with a 3-1 victory Tuesday night.

Gonzalez (11-5) struck out four and issued three walks in lowering his home ERA to 1.79, now the best in baseball. The left-hander, who was three outs from a no-hitter July 31 at Miami, allowed his first hit two hits into the fifth against the Angels.

Los Angeles, which had climbed into an AL wild-card spot during its streak, lost for the first time since Aug. 7. Tyler Skaggs (1-3) allowed the two home runs to Kendrick and five other hits while striking out six in five innings.

Kendrick has homered in three of his past four at-bats after hitting a walk-off grand slam in the 11th inning Sunday night against San Francisco.

RED SOX 10
CARDINALS 4

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts had three hits, Hanley Ramirez, Sandy Leon and Jackie Bradley Jr. all added two RBIs and the Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Cardinals 10-4 on Tuesday night.

Boston blew the game open courtesy of a wild fifth inning, tallying eight hits and eight runs against Cardinals starter Mike Leake and reliever Matt Bowman. It came an inning after the Red Sox turned their first triple play in six years .

The Red Sox have won 11 of their last 13.

Rick Porcello (7-14) was mostly able to cruise, giving up eight hits and three runs over seven innings to pick up the victory. He has won his past three starts after going winless for more than a month.

Leake (7-11) got the loss and has failed to win in his last four starts. He has yielded 28 hits and 15 earned runs in 15 1/3 innings over his last three outings.

YANKEES 5
METS 4

NEW YORK — Sonny Gray outpitched Jacob deGrom, Jacoby Ellsbury and Gary Sanchez homered, and the New York Yankees held off the Mets 5-4 Tuesday night to sweep both Subway Series games in the Bronx.

Despite another late stumble by closer Aroldis Chapman, the Yankees kept the Empire State Building lit up in pinstripes with the win. The Mets will try to change the color scheme to their shading when the rivalry now shifts to Citi Field for two games beginning Wednesday night.

Gray (7-7) earned his first win in three starts since being traded from Oakland to a playoff contender. He blanked the Mets on four singles until the seventh inning, when he issued a leadoff walk and rookie Dominic Smith followed with his first major league homer.

Making his Yankee Stadium debut for his new team, Gray left to a nice ovation as reliever Tommy Kahnle was summoned.

National League

MARLINS 9
GIANTS 4

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton homered in his sixth consecutive game to give him a major league-leading 44, but the Miami Marlins fell 9-4 to the San Francisco Giants on Tuesday night. Stanton hit a solo shot to deep left-center field off Madison Bumgarner (3-5) in the third inning, tying the game at 2. He has 11 homers in his last 12 games, and 23 in the last 35. Only Sammy Sosa (25 in 1998) and Barry Bonds (24 in 2001) have hit more in that span, according to Elias. He is two games from tying the major league record of hitting a home run in eight straight set by Dale Long (1956), Don Mattingly (1987), and Ken Griffey Jr. Igle

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	68	51	.571	—
New York	63	55	.534	4½
Tampa Bay	60	61	.496	9
Baltimore	59	60	.496	9
Toronto	57	62	.479	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	65	52	.556	—
Kansas City	60	58	.508	5½
Minnesota	59	58	.504	6
Detroit	53	66	.445	13
Chicago	45	70	.391	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	46	.613	—
Los Angeles	61	59	.508	12½
Seattle	59	61	.492	14½
Texas	58	60	.492	14½
Oakland	52	67	.437	21

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	71	46	.607	—
Miami	57	61	.483	14½
New York	53	64	.453	18
Atlanta	53	64	.453	18
Philadelphia	43	75	.371	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	62	56	.525	—
St. Louis	61	58	.513	1½
Milwaukee	62	59	.512	1½
Pittsburgh	58	61	.487	4½
Cincinnati	50	70	.417	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	63	34	.709	—
Arizona	66	53	.555	18
Colorado	66	53	.555	18
San Diego	52	66	.441	31½
San Francisco	48	73	.397	37

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores
Houston 9, Arizona 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Washington 3, L.A. Angels 1
Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4
Boston 10, St. Louis 4
Texas 10, Detroit 4
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 1
Kansas City at Oakland, late.
Baltimore at Seattle, late.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 5-12) at Washington (Roark 9-7), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 7-8) at Oakland (Blackburn 9-1), 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Jimenez 5-7) at Seattle (Gonzales 0-0), 2:40 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Paria 5-3) at Toronto (Stroman 10-6), 6:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 10-2) at Boston (Rodriguez 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Sanchez 3-3) at Texas (Harrels 7-1), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 6-6) at Houston (Morton 9-5), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 11-5) at Minnesota (Gibson 9-9), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 8-9), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores
Houston 9, Arizona 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Washington 3, L.A. Angels 1
San Francisco 9, Miami 4
Boston 10, St. Louis 4
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Atlanta 4, Colorado 3
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, late
Philadelphia at San Diego, late.

Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 5-12) at Washington (Roark 9-7), 12:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 3-9) at Miami (Urena 10-9), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 10-8) at Milwaukee (Nelson 9-6), 1:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-7) at San Diego (Richard 5-12), 2:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 10-6) at Boston (Rodriguez 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 4-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 10-9), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 6-6) at Houston (Morton 9-5), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-7) at Colorado (Gray 4-2), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 8-9), 9:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

ASTROS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Arizona	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	5	1	1	2	K.Marte ss	5	1	2	0
Bregman ss	5	1	2	1	Pollock cf	4	2	1	0
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	0	Lamb 3b	4	1	1	2
Y.Grisl 1b	5	0	2	1	Goldschm 1b	4	0	2	1
Reddick lf	5	0	1	0	J.Martin rf	4	0	0	0
J.Davis 3b	3	2	1	0	Inciarte cf	4	0	1	0
M.Stassi c	4	2	2	2	Drury 2b	2	0	0	1
Marisnick cf	4	2	1	0	Hermann lf	3	0	0	0
Peacock p	3	0	1	2	Hoover p	0	0	0	0
Martes p	0	0	0	0	Rosales ph	1	0	0	0
Beltran ph	1	0	0	0	Banda p	1	0	0	0
Devenski p	0	0	0	0	G.Blnco ph	1	0	0	0
Grgrson p	0	0	0	0	Bracho p	0	0	0	0
Liriano p	0	0	0	0	Descalso lf	1	0	1	0
Totals	39	9	13	8	Totals	34	4	8	4

Houston ..... 052 100 001—9
Arizona ..... 000 310 000—4

E—Bregman (9). DP—Houston 1, Arizona 1. LOB—Houston 8, Arizona 7. 2B—Springer (23), Altuve (35), J.Davis (2), M.Stassi (1), Peacock (1), Pollock (25), Lamb (26), Goldschmidt (28). 3B—Bregman (5), Y.Gurriel (1). HR—M.Stassi (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Peacock	42-3	7	4	4	1	9
Martes W,5-2	11-3	0	0	0	0	4
Devenski	1	1	0	0	1	1
Gregerson	1	0	0	0	0	2
Liriano	1	0	0	0	2	1
Arizona						
Banda L,1-3	4	9	8	8	3	3
Bracho	2	2	0	0	0	3
Hoover	3	2	1	1	1	2

T—3:07. A—18,935 (48,633).

RANGERS 10, TIGERS 4

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	0	2	0	DShields cf	5	0	2	0
Mahtook cf	5	0	0	0	Choo dh	5	0	1	1
Upton lf	3	0	1	0	Andrus ss	3	2	1	0
M.Cbrr 1b	3	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	4	1	2	1
Collins 3b	4	0	0	0	Mazara rf	4	1	1	1
V.Martin dh	3	2	2	1	Gallo lf	3	2	1	2
J.Hicks c	4	2	3	0	Napoli 1b	4	2	2	3
Presley rf	4	0	1	1	Odor 2b	2	1	0	0
J.Iglss ss	4	0	1	2	Chirinos c	3	1	1	1
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	33	10	11	9

Detroit ..... 010 000201— 4
Texas ..... 001 400104—10

E—J.Hicks (2). DP—Detroit 1, Texas 1. LOB—Detroit 7, Texas 4. 2B—J.Hicks 2 (10), J.Iglesias (23), Beltre (17). HR—V.Martinez (9), Gallo (34), Napoli (24), Chirinos (14). SB—Odor (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Verlander L,8-8	6	8	5	5	0	8
Jimenez	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Stumpf	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Saupold	1	3	4	4	4	2
Texas						
Griffin W,6-3	5	5	1	1	2	4
Barnette	12-3	2	2	2	1	1
Bush	11-3	0	0	0	0	1
Grilli	1	3	1	1	0	1

WP—Griffin. Saupold

Tuesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 6, BLUE JAYS 4

Tampa Bay ..... 002 220 000—6 13 1
Toronto ..... 010 030 000—4 8 2

Snell, Cishek (7), Hunter (8), Colome (9) and Ramos; Estrella, Dermody (5), Tl.Barnes (6), Tepera (8), Mayza (9) and Ohlman. W—Snell 1-6. L—Estrada 5-8. Sv—Colome (35). HRs—Tampa Bay, Ramos, Duda. Toronto, Donaldson.

INDIANS 8, TWINS 1

Cleveland ..... 000 120 302—8 11 0
Minnesota ..... 010 000 000—1 3 0

Salazar, Otero (8), McAllister (9) and Gomes. Colon, Busenitz (6), Boshers (7), Enns (8), Pressly (9) and Castro. W—Salazar 5-5. L—Colon 4-10. HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis, Santana 2. Encarnacion, Jackson.

INTERLEAGUE
NATIONALS 3, ANGELS 1

Los Angeles ..... 000 000 010—1 3 1
Washington ..... 001 011 00x—3 9 0

Skaggs, Norris (8), Paredes (7), Bailey (9) and Maldonado; Gonzalez, Albers (7), Kintzler (8), Doolittle (9) and Wieters. W—Gonzalez 11-5. L—Skaggs 1-3. Sv—Doolittle (12). HRs—Los Angeles, Pennington. Washington, Kendrick 2.

RED SOX 10, NATIONALS 4

St. Louis ..... 000 003 010—4 10 1
Boston ..... 100 081 00x—10150

Leake, Bowman (5), Cecil (6), Brebbia (7), Tuivailala (8) and Molina. C.Kelly, Porcello, J.Kelly (8), Scott (9) and Leon. W—Porcello 7-14. L—Leake 7-11.

YANKEES 5, METS 4

New York Mets ..... 000 000 202—4 7 0
New York Yankees ..... 001 201 01x—5 10 0

deGrom, Blevins (8), Bradford (8) and d'Arnaud. Gray, Kahnle (7), Betances (8), Chapman (9) and Sanchez. W—Gray 7-7. L—deGrom 13-6. Sv—Chapman (16). HRs—New York, Smith, Rosario. New York, Ellsbury, Sanchez.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
GIANTS 9, MARLINS 4

San Francisco ..... 002 010 312—9 14 1
Miami ..... 102 100 000—4 12 2

Bumgarner, Melancon (7), Strickland (8), Gearrin (9) and Posey. Straily, Despaigne (6), Tazawa (7), Steckenrider (7), Barraclough (8), Ellington (9) and Ellis, Telis. W—Bumgarner 3-5. L—Tazawa 2-3. HRs—San Francisco, Span, Jones. Miami, Ellis, Stanton.

BREWERS 3, PIRATES 1

Pittsburgh ..... 000 001 000—1 6 1
Milwaukee ..... 010 001 10x—3 7 0

Nova, Schugel (7), Benoit (8) and Stewart. Davies, Hughes (7), J.Barnes (8), Knebel (9) and Pina. W—Davies 14-8. L—Nova 10-10. Sv—Knebel (23). HRs—Milwaukee, Braxton.

REDS 2, CUBS 1

Cincinnati ..... 000 000 011—2 8 0
Chicago ..... 000 000 001—1 7 0

Castillo, Lorenzen (7), Peralta (8), Iglesias (8) and Barnhart; Hendricks, Edwards (7), Strop (8), Wilson (9) and Caratini. W—Lorenzen 7-2. L—Strop 3-3. Sv—Iglesias (21).

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	CMA Fest 2017 Performances by the top stars of country music along with back stage interviews. (N)						Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		Salvation "Seeing Red" (N)		Salvation "From Russia, With Love" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14	·	5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Baited Hook"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Vegas Deluxe and Oyster Shucks" (N)		The F Word "Episode Eleven" (SF) (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		The Essentials
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	America-Talent "Live Results 1" (N)		Marlon "Pilot" (N)	Marlon (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Rape Interrupted"		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		India: Nature's Wonderland		Nova "Emperor's Ghost Army"		Secrets of Dead "The Real Trojan Horse"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La Tierra Prometida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Agents of SHIELD		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) To Catch a...		★★★ The illusionist Edward Norton.				★★ Open Water			★★ Bad Company		
	HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Ch...				(:15) Thrones		(:05) Thrones		(:05) Hard Knocks	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:30) Popstar: N...		Bill Maher		LastWeek	Room 104	George Lopez		★ What Women Want Mel Gibson.			
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:25) Batman v Superman: Dawn of Jus...				Collateral Beauty Will Smith.			Making	Ballers	★★ The Bodyguard		
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:05) Point Break		The Divergent Series: Allegiant				(:05) Charlie's Angels II: Full Throttle				(:55) Rock Star	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:35) ★★ Constantine Keanu Reeves.				Incarnate Aaron Eckhart.			The Signal Brenton Thwaites.			(:10) Deadpool	
	PLEX			96			(5:25) Miss Pettigr...		Chicken With Plums				(:35) The Journey of August ...		(:10) ★★ Hair (75, Mus) John Savage.			
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:10) ★★★ The Hateful Eight (15, West) Samuel L. Jackson.						Donovan "Las Vegas"		★★★ Enemy at the Gates Jude Law.			
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) Beyond the...		Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind				The Free World				(:45) ★★ Cold Souls	
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Remini: Scientology "Auditing"		Remini: Scientology (SP) (N)		Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	The Lowe Files (N)	The Lowe Files	(:05) L. Remini "Ask Me Anything"		(:05) Remini: Scientology	
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★ Twister		★★★ Pulp Fiction ('94, Cri) Uma Thurman, John Travolta.						★★★ Ocean's Eleven George Clooney.			
	BET	58	·		40		(4:00) Coach Carter		★★ Soul Men ('08, Com) Bernie Mac, Samuel L. Jackson.						Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Odd Mom	Odd Mom	Watch	Real Housewives		H.Wives
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Jay Leno's Garage		Jay Leno's Garage	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush (N)		Bush People (N)		Alaskan Bush (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Andi M.	Underc.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Jessie	StuckMid	Andi M.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets Site: Citi Field (L)						30 for 30 "One and Not Done"				SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	WNBA Basketball L.A./Was. (L)				Softball Little League World Series Final (L)				E:60		NFL Live	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson		The Five	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game		Guy's Game		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Guy's Game	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 Daniel Radcliffe.							The 700 Club		★★ Tooth Fairy	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Pudge	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CBCamp (L)Focused	WPT Poker Bay 101 Shooting Star	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ The Avengers (12, Act) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr...						Snowfall (N)			Snowfall "Cracking"	The Strain	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58	·	34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Listed Sisters (N)		Buying and Selling	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers (N)		Car Country (N)				American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Car Country	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Couples Retreat "Express Yourself"		L.Women (N)	(:50) Little Women	Little Women "Don't Poke The Bear" (N)		Growing Up Supermodel (P) (N)		Project Runway "Road to the Runway"		C. Retreat	(:50) Little Women
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				Advent. Spartan Race		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.	
	NICK	55	·	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	·	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) L. Frankens...		★★ Legion ('10, Act) Paul Bettany.				Blood Drive (N)		★★★ Underworld Kate Beckinsale.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N)		The Guest	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Jailhouse ...		★★★ Elvis: That's The Way It Is				★★★ Viva Las Vegas Elvis Presley.				★★ Kid Galahad	
	TELE	20	·	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Boy in the Shroud"		★★★ The Great Gatsby Leonardo DiCaprio. A man becomes obsessed and drawn into the world and happenings of his rich neighbor.						★★ Disturbia (2007, Suspense) Sarah Roemer, Carrie-Anne Moss, Shia LaBeouf.			
	TVLAND	49	·	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	(:35) Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Amaro's One-Eighty"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Suits "Home to Roost" (N)		The Sinner "Part III" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Manhattan Vigil"		Suits "Home to Roost"	
	WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Unapologetic mother continues affair with married boyfriend

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is dating a married man, and this is not the first time. Although I love her, I don't think what she's doing is right.

This affair has been going on for years. I tried broaching the subject with her, but she said it's her business and unless I'm helping to pay her bills, I don't have the right to give my opinion. It's frustrating because she's driving all over the state with this man. She has two younger daughters at home and she's rarely home with them.

Our entire family dislikes her lover, but she insists on bringing him around "so we can get to know him." I don't want to judge her, but it's hard sometimes. Am I wrong for trying to give her my two cents, or should I mind my own business? — DISAPPOINTED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: You have already given your mother your two cents and she has discounted it. It should be apparent to you by now that she has no intention of ending this relationship, regardless of your disapproval.

Rather than mind your own business, because you want to do something helpful, be as loving and supportive of your younger sisters as you can. From your description of your mother's behavior, they need love and attention from an adult they are not receiving from her.

DEAR ABBY: I was divorced 23 years ago. Before I started dating again, I got a hairpiece and have worn one ever since. Some people are aware that I wear a hairpiece, including my current wife of 20 years. It does make me look a lot younger.

I will be turning 55 this year. I'd like to stop wearing the hairpiece and shave my head instead because I have only a fringe of my own hair left. How should I go about it without getting 50,000 questions from friends and family, and what would be a good answer when I'm asked? — HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW

DEAR H.T.G.T.: Removing your hairpiece will be a statement in itself. Afterward, do not be surprised if you receive compliments about your new look. Should anyone ask why you decided to do it, tell the truth. Many men with receding hairlines shave their heads and look terrific.

DEAR ABBY: My son died two months ago. He was 51. It happened on my daughter's birthday. She says that her birthdays have now stopped.

Next year will be a milestone for her as she will be turning 50. How in the world do we celebrate her 50th birthday when we will be thinking about the one-year anniversary of her brother's death? Some friends suggested we have her birthday celebration a few days early, which I feel is not right. Please help. — CAROLE IN ARIZONA

DEAR CAROLE: I'm sorry for the loss of your son. From now on, your daughter's birthday will likely always be bittersweet for her as well as you. That's why I think she should take your friends' suggestion and separate the two events, if possible. A small family get-together around the anniversary date of your son's death might be more appropriate for everyone, at least this time around.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Dutch defense

North-South vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ A Q 9 7 6 3
♡ Q 2
◊ Q
♣ 10 7 5 2

WEST
♠ K 8 5 2
♡ A 3
◊ K J 6 4 3 2
♣ 8

EAST
♠ 10 4
♡ K J 7
◊ 10 8 7 5
♣ J 9 6 4

SOUTH
♠ J
♡ 10 9 8 6 5 4
◊ A 9
♣ A K Q 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◊	1♠	Pass	2♡
Pass	3♡	Pass	4♡
All pass			

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

Today's deal features a lovely defense by Jan and Aida Jansma, of The Netherlands. Four hearts made at the other table after the same opening club lead.

The auction was likely a bit different, as raising hearts immediately with the North hand would not be everyone's choice.

South won the club lead, cashed the ace of diamonds, and ruffed his remaining diamond with dummy's two of hearts. When declarer next led dummy's queen of hearts, Aida made the key play of not covering the queen with the king. This might seem to be a foolish risk, as it would have blown a trick had partner started with the doubleton 10 of hearts, for example. From Aida's viewpoint, however, it was a sure thing. Partner's eight of clubs lead was likely a singleton, but it denied an honor in clubs in any event. Partner could have, at best, the king-jack of diamonds and the king-jack of spades. He had to have the ace of hearts to justify his opening bid.

Jan won this trick with the ace and exited with the king of spades! Declarer won with the ace and took his club discard on the queen, but he had to get back to his hand to play another round of trumps. South was pretty sure West had led a singleton club, so he tried to ruff a spade back to his hand. Aida ruffed this with the jack and promptly gave Jan a club ruff. She still had the king of trumps to come for down one. Well done!

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

	8	9	5				4	
7	3							8
					9			
		8		4		1	3	
		4	2		8	7		
	7	1		9		8		
			3					
2							7	1
	5				4	2	9	

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

4	1	3	6	9	7	8	5	2
5	6	8	2	4	3	1	9	7
7	2	9	1	5	8	4	6	3
2	8	5	9	6	1	7	3	4
3	4	6	8	7	5	2	1	9
9	7	1	3	2	4	5	8	6
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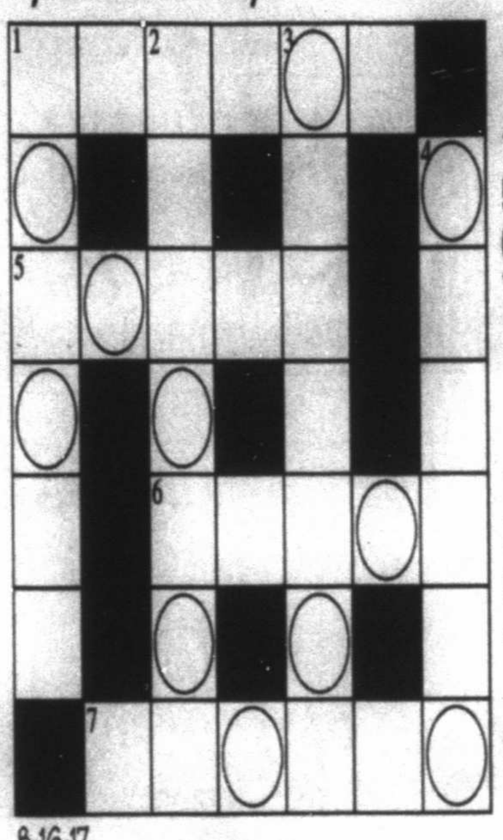
JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Middle ___	CHLSOO
5. Wheel shafts	SXAEL
6. Count on	SRTUT
7. Without restriction	LREFYE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Fashionable	PASPYN
2. Type of carrying case	STOLEHR
3. Arcane	BUSCREO
4. Bakery product	RSYPAT

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: The ___ ___ was in operation for only 19 months.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-School 5A-Axle 6A-Trust 7A-Freely 1D-Snappy 2D-Holster 3D-Obscure 4D-Pastry 5D-Thy Expense

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NALKP

AKWEA

SHOTOE

DUTBEG

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

Answer here: ___ ___ ___ ___ ' ___ " ___ ___ ___ ___ " ?

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: OPERA FACET GROUCH TIMELY

Answer: The chickens were tired of life on the farm and wanted to — FLY THE COOP

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Feathered Nile wader
5 Tropical hardwoods
10 Title of respect
14 Have a flat?
15 Barbera's partner in cartoons
16 Sea eagle
17 Designer Schiaparelli
18 Moving
19 Journalist Jacob
20 Sustained nuclear chain reaction requirement
23 Room where you may have to stoop
26 One working with dough
27 Really botch things
31 Port and claret
32 __-Magnon
33 The Cowboys of the NCAA's Big 12
34 __ one's time: waited
35 Haphazard
38 Tires (out)
40 Give in to the munchies
41 __ green
44 Emmy nominee Fischer of "The Office"
45 Edible seaweed
48 1992 Disney film featuring a magic lamp
50 Wild West brothers
51 A breeze to use, in adspeak
55 Moscow news acronym
56 Retired racehorses, often
57 Thames museum
61 35-Down house
62 "I give!"
63 Ticklish Muppet
64 Inexact figs.
65 "My heavens!"
66 Prince's "Purple __"

DOWN

1 Intense anger
2 __ Paese: Italian cheese
3 GEICO product: Abbr.
4 One of Barbie's siblings
5 Pad __
6 Right direction?
7 Opposed
8 Madison Square Garden hoopsters
9 Clear wrap
10 Mythological swimmers
11 Daughter of King Minos
12 Liqueur flavoring
13 Mr. and Mr.
21 HDTV maker
22 Explorer with Clark
23 "Preacher" network
24 Black goo
25 Ref's ruling
28 Zingers
29 That, in Tegucigalpa
30 More definite
34 Information units
35 Tegucigalpa's country
36 Tablets that can't be swallowed
37 __ tai
38 Jai alai balls
39 Observing Ramadan, say
41 __ favor
42 Sixth sense letters
43 Stubborn beast
44 Muppet who plays lead guitar in The Electric Mayhem
45 Baseball division
46 Blokes
47 Become an expert in
49 Point of contention
52 Killer whale
53 Blend
54 Doesn't allow to rust
58 Mobile's st.
59 "Enough gory details, thanks"
60 Ages and ages

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

T	E	M	P	E		W	H	A	T			G	R	E
A	D	O	R	N		R	O	B	E		S	O	I	L
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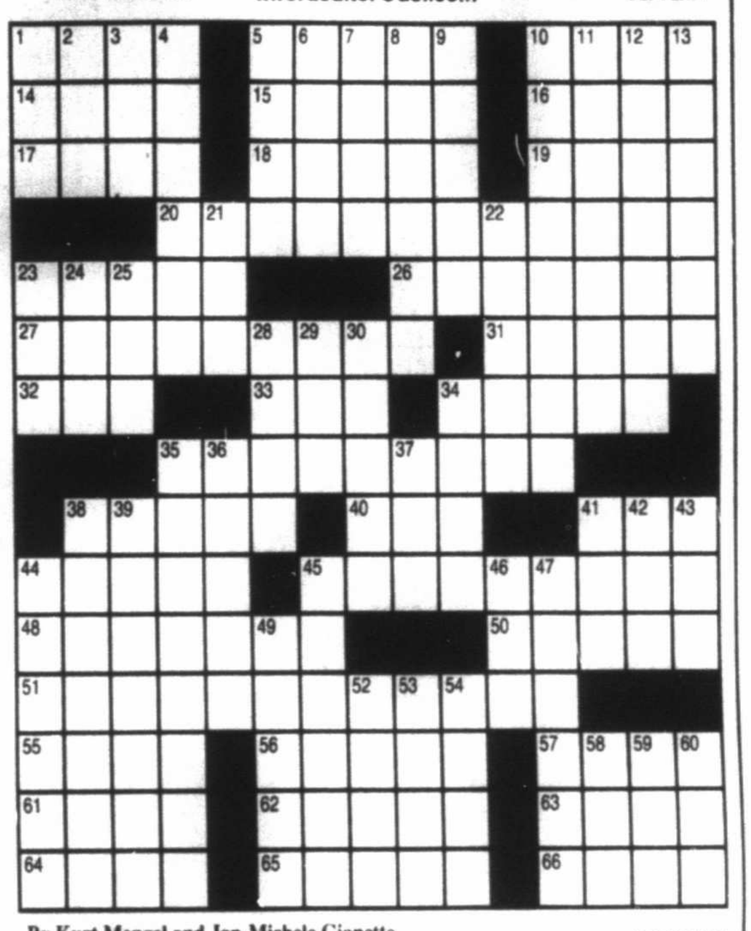

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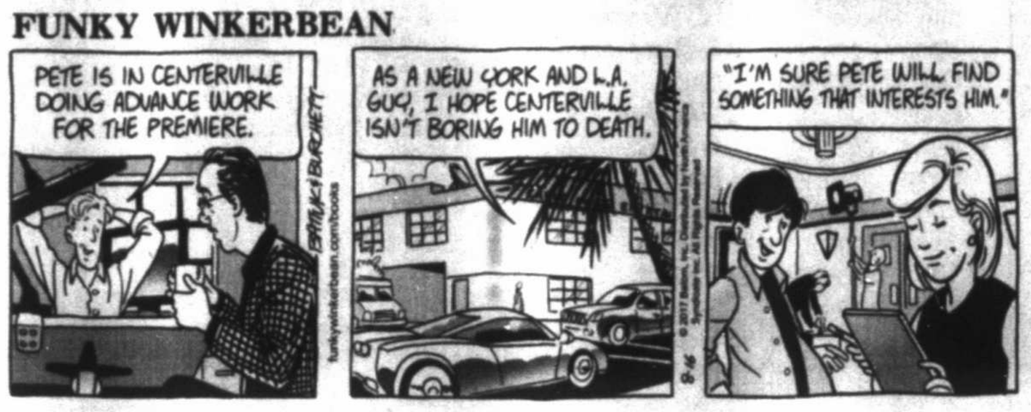

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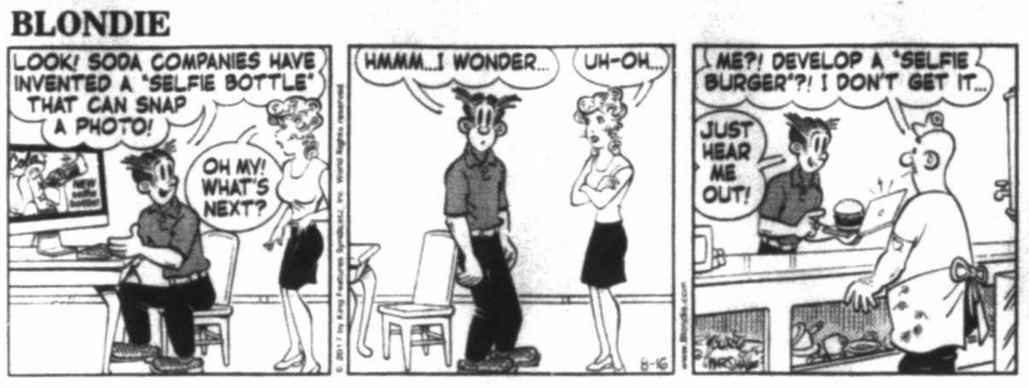

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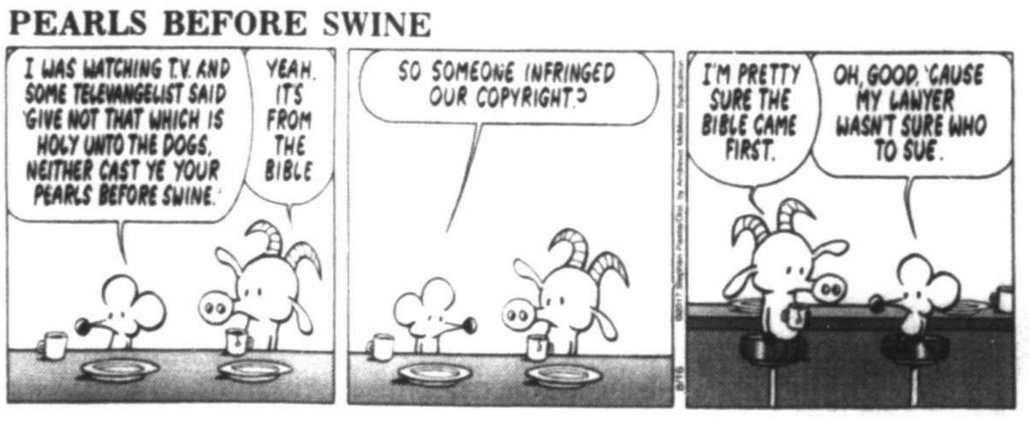
SHOE

GARFIELD

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID

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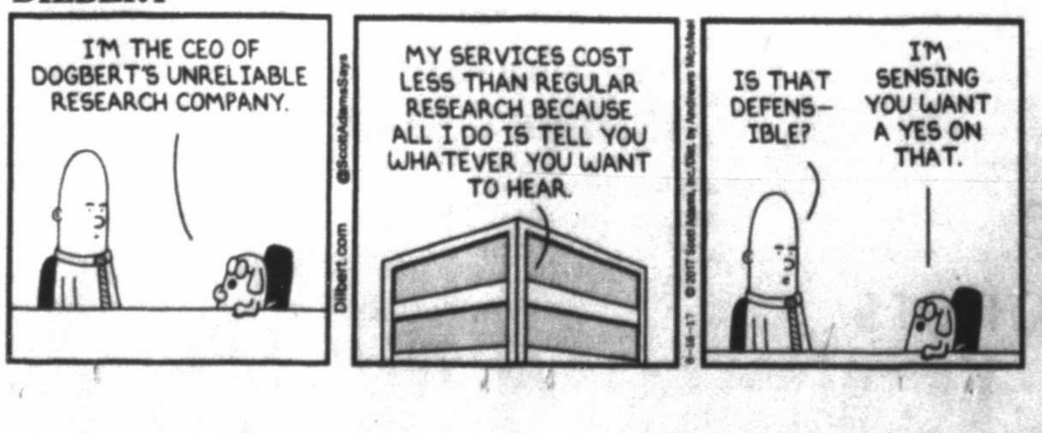

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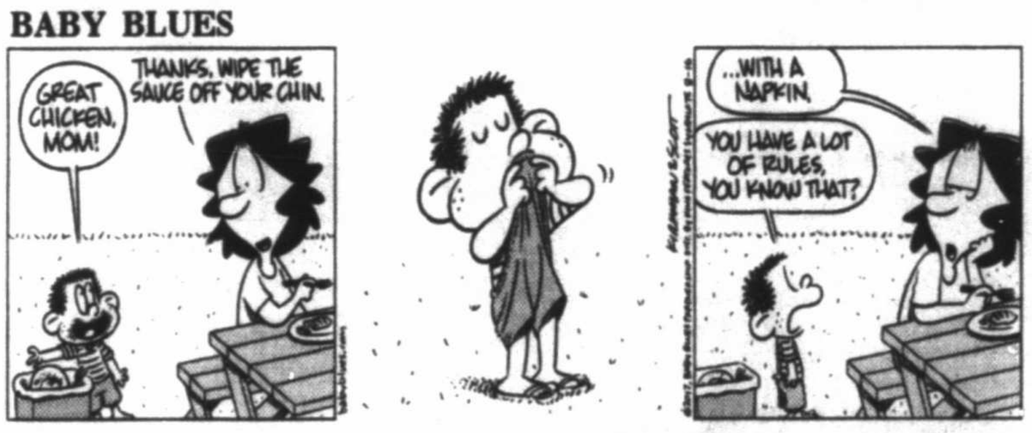

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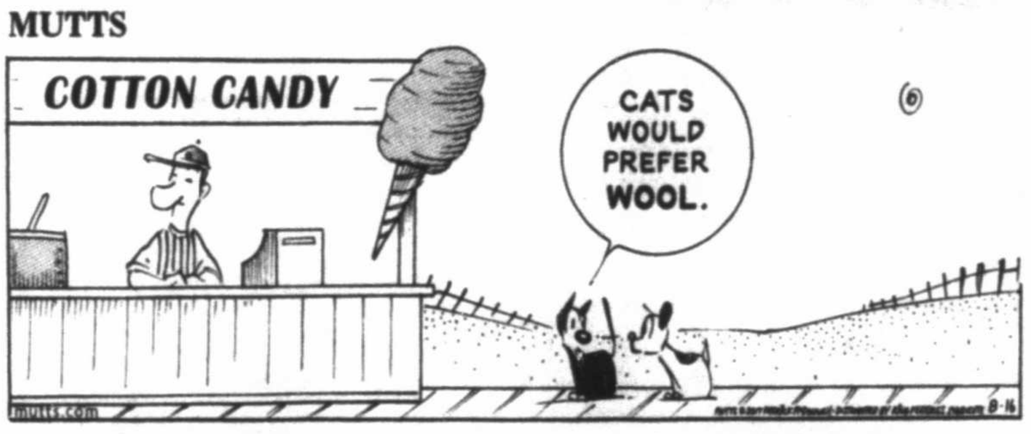
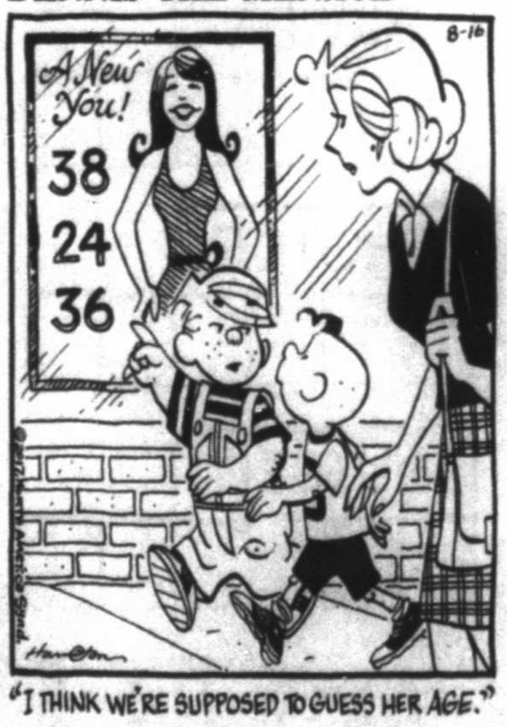


CLOSE TO HOME

The origin of "Hump Day."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I THINK WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GUESS HER AGE."

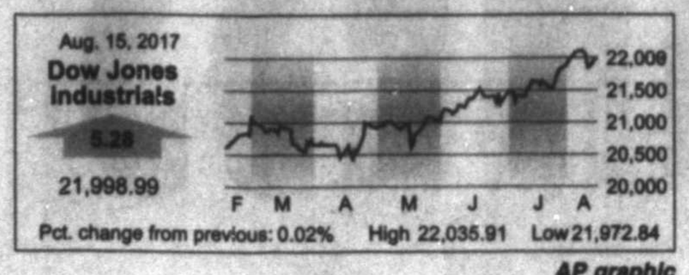
LOCKHORNS

"IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Yep, I see them. But what makes 'em so wild?"

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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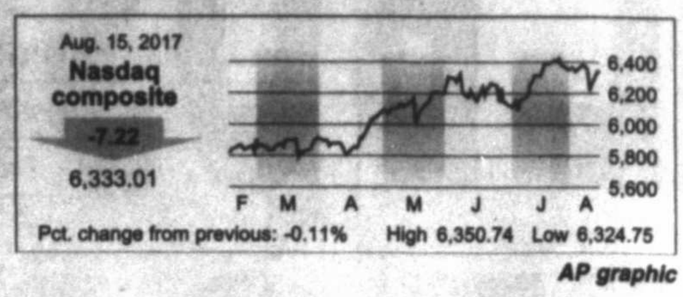

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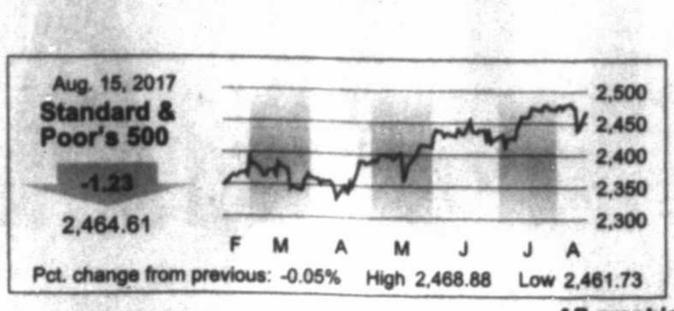

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $47.55
Previous: $47.59

POSTED

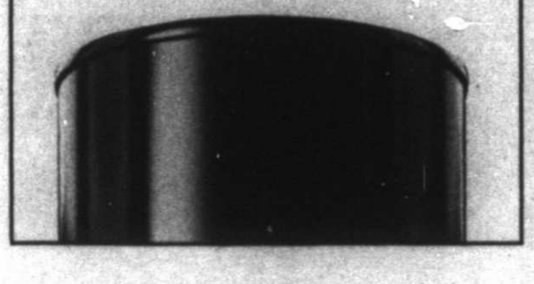
Tuesday: $44.00
Previous: $44.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $40.50
Previous: $40.75

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.935
Previous: $2.959



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
B IPVxST rs	595838	11.83	-.09	Hornbeck	2.77	+.20	+7.8
S&P500ETF	464432	246.51	-.03	FangHldg	3.40	+.21	+6.6
SPDR Fncl	461061	25.09	+.02	EmergeES	6.10	+.33	+5.7
Transocn	450962	7.91	-.48	Omnova	9.30	+.50	+5.7
BkofAm	435751	24.47	+.05	BlueApron n	5.65	+.29	+5.4

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
DicksSptg	26.87	-8.04	-23.0	Advanced	1,046
AdvAuto	87.08	-22.24	-20.3	Declined	1,864
Coach	40.64	-7.28	-15.2	Unchanged	117
Netshoes n	16.51	-2.74	-14.2	Total issues	3,027
BridgptEd	8.67	-1.39	-13.8	New Highs	62
				New Lows	116
				Volume	2,790,258,868

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NwGold g	26497	3.37	-.02	PacGE pfB	31.31	+2.27	+7.8
R2gold g	25999	2.43	-.10	Auxilio n	3.47	+.19	+5.8
22ndCentry	21901	2.18	+.04	GSE Sy	3.01	+.16	+5.5
Taseko	21365	1.53	-.09	AcmeU	28.05	+1.20	+4.5
SRC Eng	18666	8.01	+.09	Nevsun g	2.13	+.06	+3.9

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
NetwrTCh	3.90	-.40	-9.3	Advanced	102
Intellichk	2.54	-.26	-9.3	Declined	242
Zadga n	2.00	-.20	-9.1	Unchanged	15
Cel-Sci rs	2.73	-.27	-9.0	Total issues	359
Contango	4.86	-.42	-8.0	New Highs	1
				New Lows	12
				Volume	63,525,007

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc	274090	161.60	+1.75		CrossrdS rs	2.75	+.57	+26.1
Cisco	243001	32.09	+.25		DovaPh n	26.61	+4.80	+22.0
PwShs QQQ	233134	144.03	+.10		TymeTch n	5.15	+.75	+17.0
SiriusXM	210375	5.60	-.03		CoDiagn n	4.90	+.70	+16.7
MicronT	205027	29.68	+.44		Cerwco rs	4.21	+.60	+16.6

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
CancerGen	3.10	-.80	-20.5	Advanced	937
Photrin	7.85	-2.00	-20.3	Declined	1,926
TechComm	7.05	-1.85	-19.0	Unchanged	234
Hibbett	11.65	-2.30	-16.5	Total issues	3,097
SportsWrld	3.52	-.68	-16.2	New Highs	59
				New Lows	98
				Volume	1,505,237,483

Transocean's Songa offshore deal is biggest in oil downturn

Bloomberg

Transocean agreed to buy Songa Offshore in the biggest offshore drilling industry deal since oil prices collapsed three years ago.

The enterprise value is about $3.4 billion, half of which is Songa debt assumed by the combined entity, the companies said. The 47.5 kroner ($5.96) a share offer implies an equity value for Norway's Songa of about $1.2 billion. The transaction, pre-accepted by 77 percent of Songa investors, will be settled in shares, cash and a convertible bond. Transocean shares fell on the news.

Songa shares surged as much as 37 percent on a deal that will add four harsh-environment, semi-submersible rigs to Transocean's fleet. Those vessels — on long-term contracts with Norwegian oil producer Statoil — will boost the contract backlog of the world's largest offshore driller by 40 percent to $14.3 billion as the industry recovers from the worst slump in a generation.

"The acquisition will strengthen Transocean's position as the leading offshore driller with exposure to deep- and harsh-water markets," Transocean CEO Jeremy Thigpen said in a statement. "Songa Offshore is an excellent strategic fit."

Songa rose 29 percent in Oslo, while Transocean fell the most in more than a year, down 9.1 percent in New York.

The offer is "attractive" for Songa, while Transocean gets a "very strong backlog," Vidar Lyngvaer, an analyst at SpareBank 1 Markets, said in a note to clients. Yet analysts including James West at Evercore-ISI said the market believes Transocean overpaid for the rigs. Day rates would need to double to about $450,000 per harsh-environment rig "to justify the implied value paid per rig," Martin Huseby Karlsen, an analyst at DNB, wrote Tuesday in a note to investors. Transocean began exploring the possibility of acquiring Songa a number of months ago, Thigpen told analysts and investors Tuesday on a conference call.

"We actually feel pretty good about the valuation, especially given the backlog and really nice day rates for a prolonged period of time," Thigpen said.

The deal will boost sales from Transocean's backlog by 35 percent next year to $2.7 billion, and by more than half in 2019 to $2 billion.

The transaction follows Transocean's sale of its entire fleet of jack-up rigs to Borr Drilling for $1.35 billion earlier this year, and rival Ensco's proposed acquisition of Atwood Oceanics Inc. for $863 million.

Amazon turns to debt markets to back grocery conquest plans

Bloomberg

Amazon.com Inc. is turning to the debt markets to fund the acquisition of Whole Foods Market Inc. and power Jeff Bezos's planned conquest of the supermarket business.

The world's largest online retailer is selling unsecured bonds in as many as seven parts, according to a person with knowledge of the matter. The longest portion of the offering, a 40-year security, may yield 1.6 percentage points to 1.65 percentage points above Treasuries, said the person, who asked not to be identified as the deal is private.

Amazon is selling bonds for the first time since 2014 to support the $13.7 billion purchase of the organic-food chain, according to a company statement, a deal that rattled the grocery world in June. The partnership is expected to reduce prices at Whole Foods, an iconic yet struggling high-end grocery trying to lure more low- and middle-income shoppers. The deal could intensify a price war in an industry beset by razor-thin margins and persistent deflation.

The e-commerce giant is approaching the market following mega bond deals from AT&T Inc. ($22.5 billion) and British American Tobacco Plc ($17.25 billion), and Moody's Investors Service said this one could be as high as $16 billion. It also comes at a time when tech companies have been active debt issuers, including a debut offering from Tesla Inc. on Aug. 11, and Apple Inc. announced Tuesday its first Canadian-dollar debt sale. An onslaught of supply as well as rising geopolitical tensions in the Korean Peninsula has added to the extra yield that investors demand over Treasuries.

"Despite recent market volatility and indigestion, we would expect this deal to be very well-received," said Matt Brill, a money manager at Invesco Ltd.

Bezos, briefly the richest person in the world last month, has built Seattle-based Amazon into a retail giant since its 1994 founding. It introduced the Kindle book reader, adding cloud computing services, producing original television and film programming and selling the home voice recognition product Echo. A surge in the value of Bezos' stake in Amazon has allowed the company founder to personally invest in such projects as his $250 million purchase of The Washington Post in 2013.

Retailers stumble but stocks are little changed overall

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes finished Tuesday close to where they started as technology companies and household goods makers rose. But weak reports from sporting goods and auto parts retailers left a lot of smaller companies with steep losses.

Dick's Sporting Goods and Advance Auto Parts both disclosed disappointing second-quarter results and cut their annual forecasts, which affected a slew of other companies. Other retailers also dropped, including Home Depot, which posted strong results. Other groups of stocks managed modest gains.

"Especially in the month of August, when not as many investors are around, you get a lot of this group trading," said Brian Nagel, analyst who covers retailers for Oppenheimer & Co. Nagel said struggles for Dick's and Advance Auto Parts don't say anything about how retailers in other industries are doing, but if investors grow pessimistic about retail, they may sell all kinds of retailers when one part of the industry struggles. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 1.23 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,464.61. The Dow Jones industrial average picked up 5.28 points to 21,998.99.

Metal prices fall

Gold fell $10.70 to $1,279.70 an ounce. Silver lost 41 cents, or 2.4 percent, to $16.71 an ounce. Copper shed 2 cent to $2.88 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $111.08 Down 2.03

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.91 Up 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.02 Down 2.73

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.25 Down 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.29 Up 0.12

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.70 Down 0.25

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.29 Down 0.06

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.70 Up 0.09

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.37 Up 0.16

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.95 Down 0.18

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	13	5.24	+.10	-48.7
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.16	-.34	-10.3
Abraxas	...	43	1.73	+.06	-32.7
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.89	-.03	+15.6
AdvAuto	.24	14	87.08	-22.24	-48.5
AMD	...	...	13.02	+.26	+14.8
Alibaba	...	46	157.75	+3.14	+79.6
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.83	-.25	-14.0
Ambev	.06e	6	6.19	+.07	+26.1
AHm4Rent	.20	41	22.36	-.25	+6.6
Amgen	**4.60**	**15**	**170.04**	**-.13**	**+16.3**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**43.24**	**+.22**	**-38.0**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**41.54**	**-.03**	**-34.6**
Apple Inc	2.52	19	161.60	+1.75	+39.5
ApldMatl	.40	17	43.98	+.10	+36.0
Archrock	.48	...	9.35	+.20	-29.2
ATMOS	**1.80**	**25**	**87.78**	**+.04**	**+18.4**
AutoData	2.28	30	111.58	+1.89	+8.6
BP PLC	**2.38**	**26**	**34.57**	**-.11**	**-7.5**
BkofAm	.48f	15	24.47	+.05	+10.7
B IPVxST rs	...	...	11.83	-.09	-53.6
BeringsCp s	1.20	...	16.13	+.03	+4.2
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**1**	**72866795.00**	**+425.02**	**+9.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**21**	**70.09**	**-.23**	**+14.3**
BrklySq	**1.56**	**23**	**57.87**	**+.25**	**-1.0**
BrodeCm	.22	45	12.21	-.08	-2.2
BrownFA s	**...**	**31**	**51.94**	**-.24**	**+12.3**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**49.32**	**+.29**	**+9.8**
CVS Health	2.00	14	79.11	-.19	+.3
CallonPet	**...**	**32**	**10.08**	**+.10**	**-34.4**
Caterpillar	3.12	30	113.65	-.06	+22.5
Celestic g	...	8	11.50	-.10	-3.0
CntryLink	2.16	9	20.54	-1.42	-13.6
ChesEng	...	9	3.98	-.09	-43.3
Chevron	**4.32**	**62**	**108.57**	**-.14**	**-7.8**
Chicos	.33	11	7.75	-.31	-46.1
Cimarex	.32	31	96.62	+.39	-28.9
Cisco	1.16	16	32.09	+.25	+6.2
Citigroup	1.28	14	67.97	+.08	+14.4
Coach	1.35	24	40.64	-7.28	+16.0
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**46.19**	**+.39**	**+11.4**
ColgPalm	**1.80**	**24**	**71.80**	**+.35**	**+9.7**
Comcast s	.83	23	41.50	-.40	+20.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	**.85f**	**20**	**34.90**	**+.01**	**-11.8**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**111.08**	**-2.03**	**-16.2**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**36**	**44.50**	**-.04**	**-11.2**
Corning	.62	18	28.49	-.92	+17.4
CrackerB	4.80f	24	152.43	-.73	-8.7
CSVixSh rs	...	...	17.05	-.24	-82.1
CSVelIVST	...	...	84.56	+.56	+80.9
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**14.68**	**-.12**	**-18.3**
DCP Mid	3.12	16	30.44	-.66	-20.7
DTE	3.30	23	109.17	+.12	+10.8
Delcath rs	...	...	.10	+.00	-88.8
DevonE	**.24**	**94**	**30.92**	**-.15**	**-32.3**
DicksSptg	.68	9	26.87	-8.04	-49.4
DrGMBil rs	...	...	16.65	-.74	...
Disney	**1.56**	**18**	**101.81**	**+.11**	**-2.6**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.67**	**+.26**	**+11.3**
DryShips s	...	1	3.53	+.18	-100.0
EOG Resc	**.67**	**...**	**87.02**	**-.97**	**-13.9**
EnCana g	.06	19	9.47	-.06	-19.3
Endo Intl	...	5	6.14	+.52	-50.6
Energen	.08	...	48.50	-.64	-15.9
EngyTrPt	2.20	32	18.62	-1.01	-22.5
EnPro	**.88**	**48**	**71.03**	**-.99**	**+5.4**
ENSCO	.04	2	4.52	-.03	-53.5
EntProdPt	1.68f	19	25.11	-.59	-7.1
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.10	...	+4.6
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**30**	**78.04**	**-.19**	**-13.5**
FordM	.60a	12	10.84	-.07	-10.6
FrptMcM	...	...	13.97	-.18	+5.9
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**62.46**	**-.67**	**+1.4**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**9.22**	**+.04**	**+27.3**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**34.45**	**-.10**	**+10.5**
GenElec	**.96**	**23**	**28.14**	**-.22**	**-20.4**
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**31.41**	**+.09**	**+14.8**
HP Inc	.53	12	19.04	-.06	+28.3
Hallibrtn	.72	...	39.55	-.36	-26.9
HeilMAn h	...	...	2.95	+.16	-10.6
HertzGl	...	...	20.18	+.60	-6.4
HomeDp	3.56	22	150.17	-4.09	+12.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	38.44	+.39	+15.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	43.41	+.05	+24.0
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.38	-.05	+15.0
iShR2K	1.77e	...	137.40	-1.14	+1.9
Intel	**1.09**	**16**	**36.00**	**-.34**	**-.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InterDig	1.20	8	70.35	-.25	-23.0
IntrpDia rs	...	...	1.08	+.25	-75.5
JD.com	...	...	44.05	-.20	+73.2
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**133.38**	**-.10**	**+15.8**
KimbClk	**3.88**	**20**	**122.23**	**+.54**	**+7.1**
KindMorg	.50	65	18.85	-.18	-9.0
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.25	-.09	-41.0
Lowes	1.64f	18	74.30	-3.42	+4.5
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**2.86**	**+.10**	**-32.7**
MarathnO	.20	...	11.53	-.10	-33.4
McDnlds	3.76	27	157.62	+.36	+29.5
Merck	1.88	16	62.50	-.17	+6.2
MeritMed	**...**	**52**	**41.06**	**+.85**	**+54.9**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.29	+.12	+5.8
MicronT	...	11	29.68	+.44	+35.4
Microsoft	1.56	26	73.22	+.02	+17.8
Nabors	.24	...	6.60	-.04	-59.8
NOilVarco	.20	72	30.39	-.23	-18.8
NikeB s	.84	23	58.56	-1.22	+15.2
NobleCorp	.08	5	3.43	-.01	-42.1
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.77**	**+.03**	**+4.2**
NTXGI	**.65**	**...**	**14.47**	**-.06**	**+5.5**
Nvidia	.56	53	166.98	-1.42	+56.4
OasisPet	...	...	7.51	-.25	-50.4
OcciPet	**3.08f**	**...**	**60.82**	**-.82**	**-14.9**
Oracle	.76f	23	48.83	-.02	+27.5
PDC Engy	**...**	**29**	**39.72**	**+.06**	**-45.3**
Pandora	...	...	8.40	+.33	-35.6
ParTech	**...**	**23**	**9.48**	**-.14**	**+89.9**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.20**	**...**	**-53.8**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**16.25**	**-.39**	**-39.6**
Penney	...	9	3.68	-.09	-55.7
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**10.73**	**-.52**	**-43.4**
Pmian	.63e	23	8.29	-.14	+7.5
Petrobras	...	...	8.59	+.12	-15.0
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**33.38**	**+.07**	**+2.8**
PioNtrl	.08	...	133.70	+.86	-25.8
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**16**	**20.16**	**-.33**	**-37.6**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	144.03	+.10	+21.6
Praxair	**3.15**	**23**	**131.47**	**+.41**	**+12.2**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**48.25**	**...**	**-16.2**
PUVixST rs	...	...	31.23	-.46	...
PrectGam	**2.76f**	**24**	**92.20**	**+.55**	**+9.7**
RangeRs	.08	19	17.61	+.69	-48.7
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.48	+.07	+.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RiteAid	...	39	2.31	-.02	-72.0
Rowan	.40	5	9.59	-.33	-49.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	55.06	-.14	+1.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	220.16	+.19	+11.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	246.51	-.03	+10.3
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.97	+.04	+1.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.97	-.13	-27.6
SabnR	2.32e	19	39.45	+.40	+12.2
SanderFm	**.96**	**15**	**144.53**	**+2.28**	**+53.4**
Schlmbrg	2.00	57	63.44	-.51	-24.4
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.60	-.03	+25.8
Smucker	3.12f	16	122.92	-.09	-4.0
SnapInc A n	...	...	12.74	+.14	-48.0
SwstnEngy	...	48	5.33	+.15	-50.7
SpiritRltC	.72	10	8.48	+.03	-21.9
Sprint	...	...	8.30	-.11	-1.4
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.67	+.28	+7.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	63.51	-.24	-15.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	25.09	+.02	+7.9
SP Util	1.55e	...	54.35	+.30	+11.9
Staples	.48	...	10.19	-.02	+12.6
Synchrony	.60f	12	30.99	+1.35	-14.6
Target	2.48f	11	54.35	-1.44	-24.8
TeleTEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**11.02**	**-.11**	**+19.8**
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	17.97	+.81	-50.4
3M Co	4.70	24	207.18	-.19	+16.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	**.60**	**17**	**78.86**	**+.09**	**+6.9**
Transocn	...	7	7.91	-.48	-46.3
TriContl	**.98e**	**...**	**24.91**	**-.03**	**+13.0**
TylerTech	**...**	**54**	**170.46**	**-2.83**	**+19.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**17**	**33.25**	**-.10**	**-28.1**
US OilFd	...	...	9.75	+.03	-16.8
USSteel	.20	...	23.71	+.38	-28.2
UrbanOut	...	10	16.82	-.91	-40.9
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.78	+.05	+28.3
ValeantPh	...	3	13.90	+.13	-4.3
ValeroE	2.80	22	67.15	+.36	-1.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.56	-.27	+7.8
VanE JrGld	...	...	32.56	-.49	+3.2
Vereit	.55	15	8.48	-.01	+.2
VerizonCm	2.31	10	48.48	-.30	-9.2
VulcanM	**1.00**	**37**	**116.61**	**+1.44**	**-6.8**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.47	+.42	+9.9
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.13	-.40	-2.0
WeatherInt	...	...	3.90	-.10	-21.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.85	+.01	-4.1
WhitingPet	...	...	4.66	+.07	-61.2
WmsCos	1.20	43	29.97	-.14	-3.8
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**48.73**	**+.30**	**+19.7**
Xerox rs	.25p	12	32.28	+.15	+40.3
Zynga	...	...	3.62	+.04	+40.9

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,998.99	+5.28	+.02	+11.32	+18.58
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,371.07	+23.52	+.25	+3.62	+19.36
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	737.55	+3.29	+.45	+11.82	+9.53
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,843.45	-12.61	-.11	+7.11	+9.56
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,333.01	-7.22	-.11	+17.65	+21.16
2,490.87	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,464.61	-1.23	-.05	+10.08	+13.15
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,721.80	-9.11	-.53	+3.69	+10.81
25,848.33	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,510.71	-36.81	-.14	+8.90	+12.82
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,383.24	-11.06	-.79	+1.92	+12.36

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Financial Accounting Position

Oil & Gas Energy firm in Midland, TX. is looking to fill a Financial Accounting Position. This position will be responsible for all financial reporting, compliance, budgeting and all year-end audit reconciliations. Candidate must have excellent computer and communication skills. College degree in Accounting or Finance required. 401K and cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to: Financial Accountant, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX. 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

Saw Operator/ Materials Handler

Peak Completion Technologies, a Midland based oil tool company, is seeking an experienced **HEM Saw Operator / Material Handler** for our Machine Shop. Job duties include sawing steel for manufacturing operations, operating a forklift, maintaining our steel yard, and record keeping through our computerized tracking system. Peak offers an excellent benefits package and competitive pay in a drug free workplace. This is a full time position, with overtime as required. Pay is based on experience. **Apply in person between 8 AM and 5 PM on weekdays at 7710 W. Hwy 80, Midland. EOE**

PEAK COMPLETIONS

CONSTRUCTION AND FACILITIES

Inventory Clerk

Must be bilingual Spanish and have good organizational/ computer skills. Background with oilfield fittings a plus. Must pass drug screen and physical. Salary DOE. Contact Gerry at 432.631.3197 for interview.

ENERGY AND UTILITIES

CDL Drivers/ Mechanic/Laborer/ Pusher

AFFIRM OILFIELD SERVICES IS HIRING

CDL Driver- 3 years experience. Experienced in operating winch truck and loading/unloading heavy equipment with proper securement.

Heavy Equipment, Diesel and Vehicle Mechanic- 3 years minimum experience. Experience in working on CAT and John Deere equipment. Experience with Cummins and CAT engines. Be able to maintain upkeep of company fleet.

Laborer & Pusher- Oilfield experience is necessary. **Valid driver's license required.** Current certifications a **plus** but not required (PEC/Safeland, H2S, confined space).

Please apply in person at 2323 East CR 123 Midland, TX 79706 or submit resume to HR@Affirmoilfieldservices.com

AFFIRM

Dispatcher

Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) is now hiring a Dispatcher with oilfield dispatching experience located in Midland. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. Please send your resume to cyonan@purityoilfieldservices.com or call 432-699-8600 for more information.

HSE Field Supervisor

Purity Oilfield Services (EOE) in Midland, TX is now hiring an experienced HSE Field Supervisor professional to join the team. Bachelors degree (BA/BS) in HSE from four-year college or university preferred. Minimum of 3 years related HSE experience required. Demonstrated knowledge of federal, state and local health and safety, and environmental regulations is essential. Direct experience dealing with regulatory and compliance agencies is strongly preferred. Valid certifications as CSP, CIH, OHST, and/or ASP are preferred. Offering competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please submit a resume to mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com to be considered.

Openings @ West Texas Gas Processing Plant

NE of Big Spring, TX.

Backhoe Operator- Knowledge of applicable Federal, State and Local DOT vehicle ordinances are a must, Skilled in performing heavy equipment maintenance work in a safe, efficient manner; Required one year of related equipment peations experience.

Field Crew- Knowledge of poly pipeline construction, leak repair, & general roustabout practices a plus, Knowledge of tools, materials, and methods of pipeline construction to work in a safe, eificient manner.

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Please Send Resume To:
Plant Supervisor
11703 E. FM 846
Coahoma, TX 79511
Or Fax (432)399-4290
Or Email carcher@wtggas.com

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Registered Nurses, Job Posting # 348952 & 337518
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Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

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MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

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OTHER JOBS

FT Floral Designer

Flowerland

FT Designer needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Floral design & computer experience preferred. Fax resume to 432-682-6949. Apply in person at 413 Andrews Hwy Midland, TX, or Email resume to chriscollum@flowerlandmidland.com. No phone calls please.

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.
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These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
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NOW HIRING MALE RESIDENT MONITORS

We are looking for Male Resident Monitors (Full and Part time) to work at our Residential Re-entry Facility in Midland, TX. Competitive pay with Life, Health, Dental and Vision benefits offered. Must be able to pass a FBI Background Check. Apply online at Dismas.com.

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

Director of Food Services

Responsible for the kitchen and food service activities of First Baptist Church of Midland. Applicant must have food service experience and basic computer skills. Management experience and bilingual preferred. Please email idean@fbc-midland.org.

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Hourly apply at all Texas Burger locations

EOE Background Checks • Drug Screening Required

Restaurant Staff

Murray's Deli needs an assistant Manager and waitstaff. Apply in person from 8am-11am or 2pm-4pm 3211 W Wadley Ave #24, in Midland.

SALES JOBS

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Our team in growing and we are looking for a savvy, energetic Digital & Social Media Sales Representative. You will be a key member of a team focused on the execution of innovative digital advertising campaigns that drive revenue.

As a Digital Sales Rep, you will be responsible for selling digital advertising & marketing solutions to business primarily in the West Texas area. This includes local and national targeting as well as social media market strategies.

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Sunita Hydrocolloids Inc is searching for an experienced, qualified Delivery Driver and Production Technician/Chemical Operator for our Blending & warehousing facility in Midland. Call 432-276-2220 to schedule an interview.

SKILLED LABOR

Experienced Plumber/ Drain Cleaner

All service work - residential and commercial. No new construction. Must have valid drivers license and acceptable driving history. Must be able to work independently and in a team environment. This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and also includes health and dental insurance. Come Randy's Rooter & Plumbing, 309 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Apply between 8am-4pm.

SKILLED LABOR

SURVEYING

Surveying Civil Engineer, RPLS,SIT, Experienced Crew Chief, Draftsman and Rodman (will train). Email resume to employment@wpg-us.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

CDL HAUL DRIVERS

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Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 in Midland or call (325) 642-9307 for additional information. Ingram Concrete is an EOE. M/F/D/V

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Equipment Operators/ Drivers

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Hunt Oil Company, 1900 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201-2300 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas a permit to dispose fluid into a formation which is non-productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose fluid into the Ellenburger formation in the University SWD lease, Well No. 1. The proposed disposal well is located 5.22 miles southeast of Rankin, Texas in the Flat Rock (Ellenburger) Field, Upton County, Texas. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11294' to 12860'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the 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 this 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, 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792)**

Public Notice
Bid #2018-001

Midland College is accepting competitive sealed bids for contract pricing on computer supplies and equipment to be purchased throughout the year. The term of the contract will be for the period of September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019. Bid packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas. **Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2017** in the Purchasing Office, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. For bid information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)685-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

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Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale date is Thursday September 7, 2017 @ 10:20am.

Aztec A-1 Storage
1219 S Midland Dr
Midland TX 79703

#239 Daniel Deleon*
#298 Jacob Funhiro*
#328 Maria Puente*
#347 Stormy Hughes*

*Household Goods

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Aztec Storage Center
500 S Midland DR
Midland TX 79703
Time 10:00am

#114 Angela Hooper
#151 Erika Hinojos

Aztec Storage Center
1131 E 52nd St
Odessa TX 79762
Time 11:00am

O-83 Jerry Cullison
#O-102 Michelle Carrasco

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

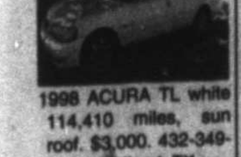
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit by RARE Hospitality International, Inc. dba LongHorn Steakhouse #5578, 3401 W Loop 250 North, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79703. William White, III, Pres/ Treas; Joseph Kern, VP/ Secretary; Colleen Hunter, Asst Secretary.

Lost and Found

FOUND: LARGE female german shepherd. Call to identify 432-694-3673.

Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars



1998 ACURA TL white 114,410 miles, sun roof. $3,000. 432-349-5144. Midland, TX.

Passenger Cars

2008 CADILLAC STS-V Supercharged, 469 hp, clean, excellent maintenance history. $14,500 OBO. 432-634-0400.

2014 Taurus SHO, 11K miles, garaged kept, adult driven, show room clean. $28,000. 432-682-6947.

2016 RED MERCEDES-BENZ SLK 350 convertible. 1,000 mi. Paid $69,000, asking $54,000. 325-473-2609, San Angelo, TX.

FORD 2005 Taurus SE, excellent maintenance and tires. A good dependable car, $4,995, cash. Call Royce Howard at 432-699-1607

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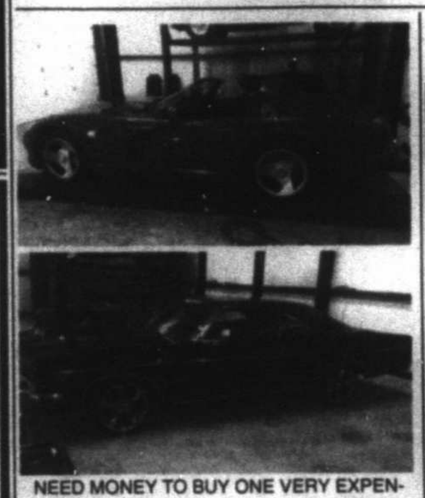

NEED MONEY TO BUY ONE VERY EXPENSIVE CAR. For sale: 95 Viper, red $32,000; 66 Impala SS 427, black $25,000; 74 Bronco, fiberglass body, yellow, 302 H/O, too many options to list $22,000. Tim 432-664-2718.

Recreation Vehicles

2005 HONDA VTX1800R, 15,000 miles, one owner, bought new in October 2007. All service records. Excellent condition. $4,900. 432-413-7618.

2014 36 FOOT FIBERGLASS Sprinter, 3 slideouts, 2 A/C's, W/D, awning, microwave & Ashley leather furniture. Four Seasons RV, all climate control, much more! $22,900. In Midland. 214-534-4937.

2017 38ft. TRAVEL TRAILER. Self contained, 2 A/Cs, 2 slideout rooms, lrg handicap door, hide-a-bed sofa & chair, electric awning, washer/dryer. Queen bed. $30,700 817-408-0378 806-205-1984.

HARLEY Davidson, 2013 Street Bob. Custom bike. Saddlebags, windshield, Lizard lights, etc. 11,500 Miles. $4,500. Call or text for pictures, 432-352-7470.

LIKE NEW 2008 Yamaha Raptor ATV. Garage kepted, only ridden 4 times. $4,500 432-349-0041.

PALOMINO 2009 travel trailer, bumper pull, 26' with slide, nice inside, fair outside. $7,500. 432-238-1819

Pickup Trucks

2012 FORD F450 Dulley. 6 speed auto transmission, flatbed with 282,000 miles for sale $12,000. Call Ken 432-349-8223.

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra, white, 4 wd Crew Max, 52 K miles. 432-556-6989

TOYOTA 2012 Tundra, white, 4 wd Crew Max, 52 K miles. 432-556-6989

4WD and SUV

2013 FORD EDGE LIMITED, 35,500 miles. See full details, additional pics, & CARFAX report at www.cars.com/vehicle/detail/detail/705177230/overview/. Call or text 832-312-7177.

FORD Expedition, 2008. Very clean, no body damage, excellent paint. Leather seats, engine is strong, no mechanical issues. Low miles and very nice car. $10,000 OBO. 432-528-1029.

Motorcycles

HARLEY Davidson, 2008, Softail custom deluxe. 18700 Miles. Asking $9,500. 432-230-1383.

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Mobile Homes Sale

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BETTER THAN NEW. 1bed/1bath mobile home to move. Lived in while new home was built. Many upgrades: insulation, fixtures, r/o, w/d, fireplace, some furniture. $25,000. Call to see. 432-559-3664.

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Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

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Merchandise

Sporting Goods

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Mobile-Modular Homes

Mobile Homes Rent

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Estate Sales

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Yard - Garage Sales

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2002 W. TENNESSEE. Friday & Saturday from 9am-5pm. No clothes, general household items.

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Residential Rentals

House for Rent-Furn

6201 DRIFTWOOD DRIVE, Single Family Home. 4 Br, 3 1/2 Ba, triple garage, fenced yard, NS, pets w/ approval. $4,300 + deposit. Credit reports plus credit scores & proof of income required. 432-528-8350.

House Rent Unfurn

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