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OPEC, shale producers discuss cooperation

Leach, Sheffield allegedly among those dining with OPEC secretary-general

By Javier Blas
Bloomberg

For the last two years, they've been locked in a battle for supremacy of the oil market. But for a couple of hours in Houston over dinner on Sunday, the head of OPEC and leaders of some of America's top shale producers shared a table for a rare off-the-record chat about the future of oil.

Mohammed Barkindo, secretary-general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, dined with 20 or so U.S. shale executives including Scott Sheffield of Pioneer Natural Resources Co., John Hess of Hess Corp., Robert Lawler of Chesapeake Energy Corp. and Tim Leach of Concho Resources Inc., according to people who attended the event and asked not to be named because it was private.

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Mark Papa, the oilman who helped create the U.S. shale industry more than a decade ago, also attended the dinner at a restaurant in downtown Houston on the eve of the annual CERAWeek conference. Halliburton Co. President Jeff Miller was among representatives of the oil-service sector.

The sides agreed in principle that the market should be better balanced and lower inventories would be beneficial to everyone, according to the people. But while the shale producers signaled they weren't ready to give up on the growth they see ahead, OPEC indicated it wants higher prices, even if it means enriching the shale companies, they said.

Spokespeople for Pioneer, Chesapeake, Hess and Concho Resources weren't immediately available to comment on the dinner when reached outside of regular business hours. Mark Papa couldn't be reached and Halliburton declined to comment.

For OPEC, U.S. shale producers are a new source of competition, able to re-

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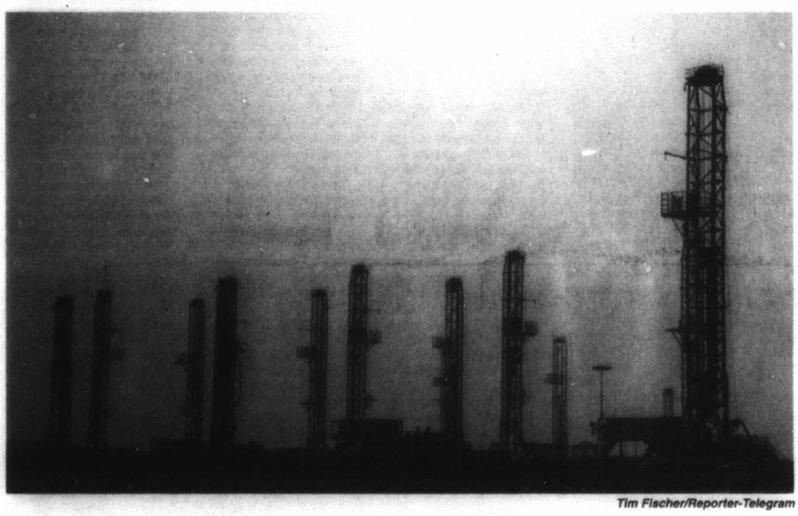

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Smoke fills the air Tuesday around drilling rigs sitting in a yard in Ector County off Faudree Road.

Tips for coping with the smoky Amarillo air

By Trevor Hawes
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It's hard to hit the famous high notes of "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" à la Tony Williams of The Platters when smoke gets in your lungs, which Midlanders coped with Tuesday.

Southward winds blew the smoke of several grassfires near Amarillo down to the Midland area, and Midland College's Respiratory Program Chairman Bob Weidmann and asthma and allergy doctor John Bray offered tips to those who might be sensitive to the air conditions.

Air quality depends on the airborne particulate. "Sometimes they can be really fine, and people who are susceptible to that stuff — including the elderly and young children — are more at risk," Weidmann said. "People with asthma and lung diseases can also be at risk. What they need to do is avoid that by staying indoors if they're having difficulty."

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Bray said his equipment, which measures pollen and particulate in the air, showed just how bad the air was today.

"At 7:30 a.m., we were at about 8 micrograms per cubic meter of air," he said. "It peaked at about 8:30 a.m., where we went from 8 micrograms to 140 micrograms — like a rocket ship. It's been slowly falling since. ... The EPA thinks anything above 50 is unhealthy; above 100 is very unhealthy. It stayed above 50 from until about 12:30 p.m."

The 140 micrograms reading, however, isn't the most he's seen.

"We have had out here particulate matter as high as 850 micrograms per cubic meter. We had a dust storm a few years ago before we started getting good rains. That's unbelievable. That's the highest I've ever seen. I've seen it in the 500s and 600s a few times in the last 35 years, but I had never seen 850. You might as well be inhaling dirt at that point."

The particulate from the smoke isn't good for anybody, Bray said. "That's all very inhalable stuff and can go straight down into

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Austin firm announces plans for Pecos County refinery

- 50,000-barrel-a-day facility would be first built in U.S. in 40 years

By Mella McEwen
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Domestic crude production continues to rebound from price-induced declines. The Energy Information Administration forecasts output will rise from 8.9 million barrels a day last year to 9.2 million barrels a day this year, rising even further to a record 9.7 million barrels a day in 2018.

About a third of that output will come from the Permian Basin, which the EIA forecasts will produce 2.5 million barrels a day next year. That production needs to find its way to market, and an Austin-based company is preparing to offer Permian producers a new route.

MMEX Resources has announced plans for a $450 million 50,000 barrel-a-day refinery to be built in Pecos County 20 miles northeast of Fort Stockton near the Sulfur Junction spur of the Texas Pacifico Railroad.

"There's not much refinery capacity given the production levels" in the Permian Basin, Jack Hanks, president and chief executive officer of MMEX Resources said in a phone interview.

Because it is considered a minor emissions facility at 50,000 barrels a day, all permits will come from state agencies such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rather than from federal agencies, according to Hanks, "which we find attractive."

Construction is expected to begin in early 2018, following receipt of the required permits, and operations are expected to begin in 2019. The Pecos County facility will be the first refinery built in the United States in 40 years.

The 250-acre site will surrounded by an additional 250 acres of buffer property, Hanks said.

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The big number
Exxon Mobil's profits have fallen by
76 percent with the downturn.
See how the energy giant plans to take a Texas focus with Permian shale plays. Page 5A

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[zoh-uh-prak-suh-skohp]
noun
1. an early type of motion picture projector, designed by Eadweard Muybridge, in which the images were drawings or photographs placed along the rim of a circular glass plate, the shutter was a rotatingopaque disk with radial slots, and a limelight source was used.

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Casey Anthony tells AP: 'I didn't do what I was accused of'

By Josh Replogle
Associated Press

Joshua Replogle/Associated Press

Casey Anthony poses for a portrait next to a photo of her daughter, Caylee, on Feb. 13 in her West Palm Beach, Fla., bedroom. In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Anthony claims the last time she saw Caylee she "believed that she was alive and that she was going to be OK."

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Casey Anthony knows that much of the world believes she killed her 2-year-old daughter, despite her acquittal. But nearly nine years later, she insists she doesn't know how the last hours of Caylee's life unfolded.

"Caylee would be 12 right now. And would be a total badass," she told The Associated Press in one of a series of exclusive interviews. "I'd like to think she'd be listening to classic rock, playing sports" and putting up with no nonsense.

But discussing Caylee's last moments, the 30-year-old Anthony spoke in halting, sober tones: "I'm still not even certain as I stand here today about what happened," she said.

"Based off what was in the media" — the story of a woman who could not account for a month in which her child was missing, whose defense involved an accidental drowning for which there was no eyewitness testimony — "I understand the reasons people feel about me. I understand why people have the opinions that they do."

This was the first time Anthony spoke to a news media outlet about her daughter's death or her years since the trial. Her responses were at turns revealing, bizarre and often contradictory, and they ultimately raised more questions than answers about the case that has captivated the nation.

It's been almost nine years since Caylee went missing, and six since the circus-like Orlando trial that ended in her mother's acquittal. The trial was carried live on cable networks and was the focus of daily commentaries by HLN's Nancy Grace, who called her "the most hated mom in America," and, derisively, "tot mom."

Anthony views herself as something of an Alice in Wonderland, with the public as the Red Queen.

"The queen is proclaiming: 'No, no, sentence first, verdict afterward,'" she says. "I sense and feel to this day that is a direct parallel to what I lived. My sentence was doled out long before there was a verdict. Sentence first, verdict afterward. People found me guilty long before I had my day in court."

The child was supposedly last seen on June 16, 2008; she was first reported missing, by Casey Anthony's mother, on July 15. A day later, Casey Anthony was arrested on charges of child neglect. She told police that Caylee had disappeared with a baby sitter.

A utility worker working in a wooded area near the Anthony home on Dec. 11 found skeletal remains that were later determined to be Caylee's. Experts would testify that air samples indicated that decaying human remains had been present in Casey Anthony's trunk.

In the end, prosecutors proved Casey Anthony was a liar, but convinced the jury of little else. The government failed to establish how Caylee died, and they couldn't find her mother's DNA on the duct tape they said was used to suffocate her. After a trial of a month and a half, the jury took less than 11 hours to find Anthony not guilty of first-degree murder, aggravated manslaughter and aggravated child abuse.

Still, the Florida Department of Children and Families concluded that Anthony was responsible for her daughter's death because her "actions or the lack of actions ... ultimately resulted or contributed in the death of the child." And just this month, former Circuit Judge Belvin Perry Jr., who presided at the trial, theorized that Anthony may have killed Caylee accidentally when she was using chloroform to calm her.

> *"I don't give a s— about what anyone thinks about me. I never will. I'm OK with myself, I sleep pretty good at night."*
>
> **Casey Anthony**

She was convicted of four counts of lying to police (though two counts were later dropped), and served about three years in prison while awaiting trial. A thousand people were there to see her released.

She admits she lied to police: about being employed at Universal Studios; about leaving Caylee with a baby sitter; about telling two people, both of them imaginary, that Caylee was missing; about receiving a phone call from Caylee the day before she was reported missing.

"Even if I would've told them everything that I told to the psychologist, I hate to say this but I firmly believe I would have been in the same place. Because cops believe other cops. Cops tend to victimize the victims. I understand now ... I see why I was treated the way I was even had I been completely truthful."

She added: "Cops lie to people every day. I'm just one of the unfortunate idiots who admitted they lied."

She paused.

"My dad was a cop, you can read into that what you want to."

At the trial, lead defense attorney Jose Baez suggested that the little girl drowned and that Casey Anthony's father, George, helped cover that up — and sexually abused his daughter. Her father has vehemently denied the accusations.

Anthony doesn't talk about her parents much, other than to say she was disappointed when they took money from television's Dr. Phil and appeared on his show. The host donated $600,000 to Caylee's Fund, a nonprofit started by Anthony's parents. At the time, he said George and Cindy Anthony would derive no income from the money. The nonprofit was later dissolved.

Asked about the drowning defense, Casey Anthony hesitated: "Everyone has their theories, I don't know. As I stand here today I can't tell you one way or another. The last time I saw my daughter I believed she was alive and was going to be OK, and that's what was told to me."

Anthony lives in the South Florida home of Patrick McKenna, a private detective who was the lead investigator on her defense team. She also works for him, doing online social media searches and other investigative work. McKenna was also the lead investigator for OJ Simpson, when he was accused of killing his wife and acquitted; Anthony said she's become fascinated with the case, and there are "a lot of parallels" to her own circumstances.

"I can empathize with his situation," she said.

An Associated Press reporter met Anthony as she protested against President Donald Trump at a Palm Beach rally.

It's unclear why Anthony agreed to speak to the AP. She later texted the reporter, asking that the AP not run the story. Among other things, she cited the bankruptcy case in which she has been embroiled since 2013: "During the course of my bankruptcy, the rights to my story were purchased by a third party company for $25k to protect my interests. Without written authorization from the controlling members of this company, I am prohibited from speaking publicly about my case at any time."

In addition, she said she had violated a confidentiality agreement with her employer, and remains under subpoena and subject to deposition in her bankruptcy case.

Yet she had participated in five on-the-record interviews over a one-week period, many of them audiotaped.

She still dreads the supermarket checkout line for fear she'll see photos of her daughter on the cover of tabloid papers. Her bedroom walls are decorated with photos of Caylee and she weeps when she shows off her daughter's colorful, finger-painted artwork.

Still, she asserts she is happy. For her 31st birthday, she plans to go skydiving. She enjoys taking photos, mostly of squirrels and other wildlife. And she loves her investigative work.

"I love the fact that I have a unique perspective and I get a chance to do for other people what so many others have done for me," she said. Someday, she said, she'd like to get a private investigator's license and work for a defense team.

She talks of working on a DUI manslaughter case where the accused took a plea deal.

"I look at him, and I think this kid almost lost his life for something they can't definitively prove that he did," she said. "I've lived it firsthand. I didn't do what I was accused of, but I fought for three years. Not just for me, but for my daughter."

Occasionally, she goes out with friends to area bars and has struck up a few short-lived romantic relationships. When she is out in public, men are attracted to her long, dark locks and petite frame, and often pay for her signature drinks: either a Fat Tire beer or a Jack Daniels and diet coke, with a lime wedge. But news that she is there spreads quickly; people whisper and snap photos, and she retreats to her newly purchased SUV so she can return home, alone.

Anthony speaks defiantly of her pariah status.

"I don't give a s— about what anyone thinks about me. I never will," she said. "I'm OK with myself, I sleep pretty good at night."

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Members of the transgender community and others who oppose Senate Bill 6 protest in the exterior rotunda at the Texas Capitol as the Senate State Affairs Committee holds hearings on the bill Tuesday in Austin. The transgender "bathroom bill" would require people to use public bathrooms and restrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate. **BELOW:** John Erler protests as the Senate State Affairs Committee begin hearings. ***Eric Gay/Associated Press***

Hundreds pack Texas Capitol for transgender bathroom debate

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Hundreds of transgender-rights supporters packed the Texas Capitol on Tuesday, seeking to speak out against a North Carolina-style "bathroom bill" that has drawn opposition from sports leagues and companies such as Facebook.

The bill would require transgender people to use public bathrooms that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate. But unlike in North Carolina, where the law known as HB2 passed a year ago with broad Republican support, the Texas bill has split conservatives and faces a tougher road.

More than 400 people who jammed the Capitol to speak on the bill created a scene that rivaled the intensity and emotion to a vote last month over a ban on so-called "sanctuary cities" that don't cooperate with federal immigration officials. But whereas that divisive proposal passed over occasional protests in the Senate gallery, lawmakers this time gathered in a small committee room that made for easier crowd control.

The sheer turnout threatened to stretch the meeting past midnight and could delay a vote until early today. But Republican House Speaker Joe Straus again made clear he has little appetite for the bill even if it does clear the Senate and, on top of that, Republican Gov. Greg Abbott hasn't given a public endorsement.

"They have their agenda, we have ours," Straus said.

Straus stopped short of declaring the bill dead on arrival with three months of lawmaking still remaining in Texas. But he has repeatedly denounced it as bad for the Texas economy while standing with corporate opponents that include Google, Amazon, American Airlines, Microsoft, Intel and Hilton.

The National Football League and National Basketball Association have also said that passing the bill could give them second thoughts about bringing big events such as the Super Bowl and All-Star game back to Texas.

The hazy future of the bill prompted Senate Republicans to launch a new campaign this week with religious leaders to drum up more conservative support. They also flew in North Carolina Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, who championed his state's bathroom bill and accused the media of creating a false picture of economic upheaval.

The NCAA canceled seven championship events in North Carolina after HB2 passed, PayPal canceled expansion plans and then-Gov. Pat McCrory lost his re-election race to a Democrat in a state otherwise controlled by Republicans. Forest told Texas lawmakers his state was on an economic rebound and claimed that North Carolina landing the 2018 World Equestrian Games will offset the NBA and NCAA pulling out.

"They don't want to tell our narrative. They want to tell the narrative of our opposition," Forest said.

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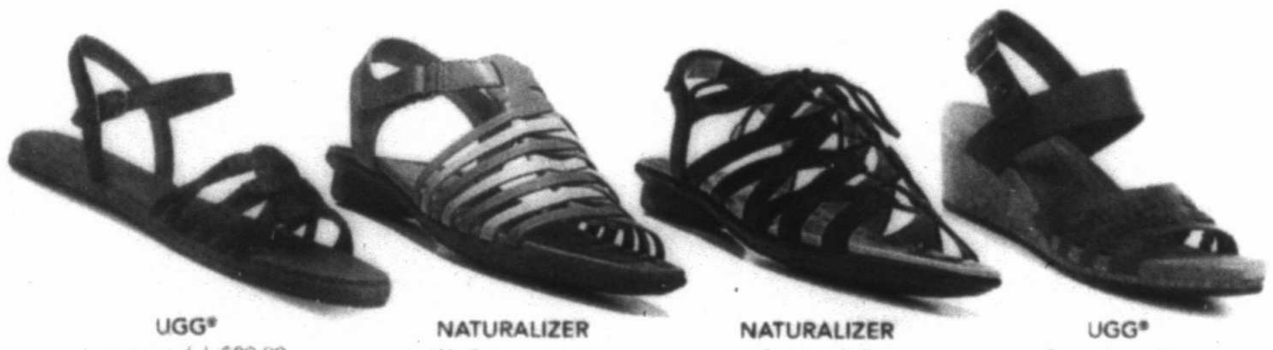
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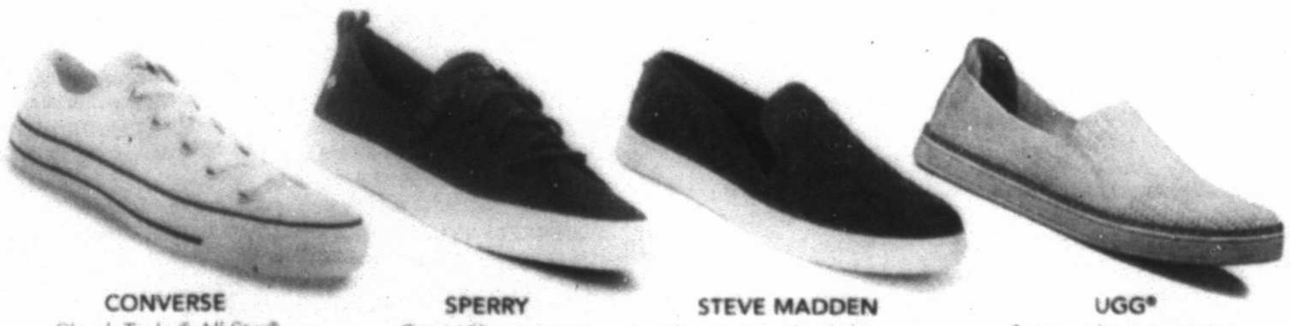
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Tickets are $20 with a reservation, and $25 without a reservation. To make a reservation, contact mcrwomen@mcrw.us.

Traffic fatalities in Midland County

(through February)

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2014	8
2015	4
2016	2
2017	6

Source: Reporter-Telegram

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ TCM Big Screen Classics: "All About Eve." 2 and 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $14.88. fathomevents.com.

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

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The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-6-1
Pick 3 day: 6-8-8
Pick 3 evening: 2-4-6
Pick 3 night: 6-5-8
Daily 4 morning: 6-0-1-0
Daily 4 day: 3-6-0-9
Daily 4 evening: 8-2-3-4
Daily 4 night: 3-3-8-0
Cash Five: 12-15-21-30-33
Texas Triple Chance: 6-13-14-15-20-23-24-32-33-46
Mega Millions: 3-30-45-53-68 MB: 11 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 2-5-11-12-13-14-15-17-18-20-21-23
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All or Nothing evening: 1-5-7-8-10-11-12-13-15-20-21-23
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Wildfires in 4 states kill 6, force thousands from homes

By Roxana Hegeman and Jim Suhr
Associated Press

Bo Rader/The Wichita Eagle via AP

Cattle graze by a wildfire near Protection, Kan., early Tuesday. Grass fires fanned by gusting winds scorched swaths of Kansas grassland Monday, forcing the evacuations of several towns and the closure of some roads.

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Crews grappling with vexing wildfires that have charred hundreds of square miles of land in four states and killed six people soon may get a bit of a break: Winds are forecast to ease from the gusts that have whipped the flames.

Bill Bunting, forecast operations chief for the Oklahoma-based Storm Prediction Center, said tuesday the powerful wind gusts that have helped the wildfires spread quickly in Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas should die down to about 10 to 20 mph today. He said temperatures should top off in the 70s, with afternoon humidity low.

"These conditions will make it somewhat easier for firefighting efforts, but far from perfect. The fires still will be moving," Bunting told The Associated Press. "The ideal situation is that it would turn cold and rain, and unfortunately that's not going to happen."

Fires raged in parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado, and warnings that conditions were ripe were issued for Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. The fire warning came after powerful thunderstorms moved through the middle of the country overnight, spawning dozens of suspected tornadoes, according to the National Weather Service.

Kansas wildfires have burned about 625 square miles of land and killed one person. The Kansas Highway Patrol said Corey Holt, of Oklahoma City, died Monday when his tractor-trailer jackknifed as he tried to back up because of poor visibility on a southern Kansas highway, and he succumbed to smoke after getting out of his vehicle. Two SUVs crashed into the truck, injuring six people who were taken to hospitals, state trooper Michael Racy said.

The vast majority of the state's burned land is in Clark County, where 30 structures were damaged, said Allison Kuhns, a spokeswoman for the county's emergency management office. About half of those structures are near the small city of Englewood, which was one of two communities evacuated. Kuhns said there also have been significant cattle losses and that entire ranches were engulfed.

That fire originated across the state border in Oklahoma, where it burned an estimated 390 square miles in Beaver County. Officials say a separate fire has scorched more than 155 square miles of land in neighboring Harper County, Oklahoma, and was a factor in the death of a woman who had a heart attack while trying to keep her farm near Buffalo from burning.

The largest evacuations elsewhere were in Reno County, Kansas, where 10,000 to 12,000 people voluntarily left their homes Monday night, said Katie Horner, a spokeswoman for the state's Department of Emergency Management. She said 66 people from the area were in shelters Tuesday in Hutchinson, 40 miles northwest of Wichita.

Among them was Shelley Wilson, who fled Monday with her disabled son and pets from a blaze that was encircling her farm outside of Hutchinson. She returned later that night with her adult daughter to retrieve her tractor.

"I don't know if I have a home to go home to," Wilson said at the shelter Tuesday as her daughter did her best to lighten her mood. "In case I needed to rebuild, I wanted to at least have my tractor."

Retiree Sheryl Stessen said she grabbed her cat and bolted from her apartment on the outskirts of Hutchinson when she saw the fire quickly go from looking like a puff of smoke to a big, orange ball.

"Most of us are generally grumpy," she said Tuesday. "I just want to go home."

Several hundred more people evacuated their homes in Russell, Ellsworth and Comanche counties, in central Kansas.

In the Texas Panhandle, three fires have burned about 500 square miles of land and killed at least four people. One of the blazes near Amarillo threatened about 150 homes, while a larger fire in the northeast corner of the Panhandle near the Oklahoma border was 50 percent contained as of late Tuesday morning, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. That larger fire was responsible for a death on Monday, authorities said Tuesday without providing further details.

A wildfire in Gray County, also in the Texas Panhandle, killed three ranch hands who were trying to usher cattle away from the flames, said Judge Richard Peet, the county's head administrator. One of the three apparently died of smoke inhalation Monday night and the other two were badly burned and died on the way to hospitals, he said.

Forest Service spokesman Phillip Truitt said as many as four firefighters were hurt battling the fires Monday. He provided no details on their conditions Tuesday morning.

In northeastern Colorado near the Nebraska border, firefighters were battling a blaze that had burned more than 45 square miles and was 50 percent contained Tuesday. Officials said the fire had destroyed at least five homes and 15 outbuildings, though no serious injuries were reported.

Dry conditions and strong winds had put the region at risk for wildfires, said Denise Gutzmer, a drought impact specialist for the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

The amount of Kansas and Oklahoma in what's classified as modified or severe drought also has intensified, with the entire eastern half of Colorado in various degrees of drought, according to the Nebraska center, which tracks U.S. drought conditions weekly.

In Kansas' case, after several years of drought, most of the state got good to great rain the last two summers, which is good for cattle but bad for firefighters, as the taller grass provides more fuel to burn.

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Lawmaker: Transparency needed on Texas voter ID spending

A state lawmaker wants to shine a light on how Texas is spending millions of taxpayer dollars to educate the public about its rigid voter ID law.

Democratic Rep. Justin Rodriguez says he will propose legislation Wednesday pushing for more transparency from the Texas Secretary of State's office.

Texas's chief elections office contracted with public relations giant Burson-Marsteller in recent years and spent $2.5 million on outreach efforts related to its voter ID law for the 2016 presidential election. But Texas has refused to publicly disclose where it placed television and radio spots as part of the publicity campaign, nor disclose the names of an estimated 1,800 community groups that partnered with the state.

Rodriguez says Texas shouldn't be allowed to hide information detailing how public money was spent.

MCALLEN

Cuban imprisoned for impersonating US border agent

Prosecutors say a Cuban man living in South Texas must serve 18 months in a U.S. prison for impersonating a Border Patrol agent to scam other immigrants.

Eugene Agustin Munoz-Canellas was sentenced Monday by a federal judge in McAllen.

Investigators say the 55-year-old man is a permanent U.S. resident who lived in Mission.

Authorities say Munoz-Canellas falsely portrayed himself as a Border Patrol agent in 2015 and 2016 to solicit bribes from people seeking legal status in the U.S. He pleaded guilty in November to impersonating a law enforcement officer.

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your lungs. Some of it is so small it can literally go across your alveolar membranes and into your blood; it can pass through your tight junction plates and into your cells."

Weidmann and Bray said that people working outdoors should wear an N95 mask, which is built to filter particulate such as dirt and dust. These masks are available at hardware stores.

Signs and symptoms of irritation can include runny nose, slight cough and itchy eyes, like you'd see with allergies, Weidmann said. Some people with heart disease might have signs of arrhythmia or palpitations in their chest.

For those with lung disease or are having more difficulty breathing, "it's always better to check with your physician to make sure you're doing OK," Weidmann said. "If there's any doubt, visit with your physician. They're the ones who are going to be able to take better care of you and give you the medications you might need to open your airways to breathe more easily."

Bray noted that people with lung disease and sensitivities might not see symptoms immediately. "A lot of times, this stuff causes inflammation in the lung and after a day or two later, especially for people with asthma, that's when they'll really flare up the worst."

To keep your respiratory system healthy when the air is clear, Weidmann said, "It's all about exercise. You want to take deep breaths. That helps you to maintain your lung volumes and capacities."

As for The Platters and matters of the heart, "When your heart's on fire / You must realize smoke gets in your eyes."

More information

Midland College respiratory care students are sharing their knowledge with area elementary school students through workshops. Since January, about 300 students in grades 2 through 5 have taken part in the workshop, according to a press release.

"The workshop focuses on asthma's anatomy and physiology, triggers and medications," Respiratory Care Program Chairman Robert Weidman said. "The purpose is to help children become more familiar with asthma in general and also with the signs and symptoms of an asthma attack and how to get help, whether the attack is happening personally to them, to a friend or to a family member."

Weidmann said is only one important role that respiratory care professionals provide. "Respiratory care offers unique challenges in the areas of prevention, diagnostics, treatment, management and rehabilitation of people with respiratory and/or cardiac abnormalities."

Professionals in respiratory care are in short supply, and their expertise is a "precious commodity."

For more information about the program, contact Katy Floyd by phone at 432-685-4600 or by email at kfloyd@midland.edu.

Call for leadership comes from public forum

■ Residents call for change in central office

By Stewart Doreen
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At the beginning of a public forum to discuss the upcoming superintendent search, Nola Wellman of the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates said "leadership matters."

Judging by the input provided by a small representation of the public, those interested in a better school district couldn't agree more.

Around 10 people showed up at the Bowie Fine Arts Auditorium for the first of two public forums taking place this week. The second is set for 9:30 a.m. today in room 101 at the MISD Central Administration Building.

Representatives from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates are collecting information about the strengths of Midland ISD, district challenges, leadership characteristics regarding the next superintendent, leadership style and things they believe candidates need to know about Midland.

Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates will take the input from the two public forums and 35 other interviews with focus groups, individuals and other meetings held this week and two weeks ago. They will use that input to create a leadership profile that will be submitted for board approval at a trustees meeting later this month.

The public forum at Bowie was the last of 16 input sessions on Tuesday, and the group, which included at least four current or former MISD teachers, didn't hold back about the lack of leadership in the superintendent's office that has contributed to the downward trend in academic performance and the district's standing as 199th among the largest 200 districts in Texas, according to Education Resource Group.

"Out of top 200 districts, we are 199; I would think we have no strengths" was a comment provided early on. A laundry list of challenges offered by the group included the lack of technology in the classrooms, particularly at the secondary level. One current teacher listed the lack of technology as a huge challenge, as were the facilities that made it difficult to house technological updates. She also cited the recruiting and retaining of teachers as a challenge for the district.

There were also comments about the disconnect from central office to respective campuses.

"It must be mandatory that they (central office staff and the superintendent) get out to the schools," said one current MISD employee. "They sit in an ivory tower and don't know anything about what it going on in classrooms and (on campuses)."

During the course of the hourlong forum, participants rated connecting central office to schools as one of the district's greatest weaknesses. Others were the lack of professional development, the need to have a superintendent with the "heart of a teacher" and the lack of innovation.

Attributes those present hoped to see in the next school district CEO included ability to turn around a district. They also hoped for a leader with a backbone to make personnel changes (including those in central office) and a person who will stand up for educators and not just do the same old thing.

The "totalitarian" style of leadership has failed and holds down progress," one person said. The next leader must have a growth mindset, which coincidentally is a superintendent attribute cited in the district's governance report recently presented to the community.

Exxon takes Texas focus with Permian shale plays, quick payoffs

By Mitchell Schnurman
The Dallas Morning News

Exxon Mobil's profits have fallen 76 percent in the past two years, largely because oil prices declined sharply. Yet, the energy giant keeps rewarding investors, even at the risk of its stellar credit rating.

Exxon paid nearly $12.5 billion in dividends last year, which was significantly more than its profits. It was the 34th consecutive year of higher dividends.

How does Exxon plan to keep the string going? It's banking on the Permian Basin in West Texas and other shale plays in the U.S.

Last week, Exxon's new top executive unveiled a plan to ramp up production and exploit recent gains in technology and productivity. Exxon has slashed development costs and expenses in the Permian, a crucial advantage in an era of low-priced oil and gas.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," Chairman and CEO Darren Woods said at the company's analyst meeting at the New York Stock Exchange. "It's a simple saying, but you can bring it to life in a lot of different ways."

Exxon, whose corporate headquarters is in Irving, is best known for tackling giant projects in difficult environments. It can take years to bring in oil fields in deep water, arctic conditions and developing nations.

In contrast, wells in U.S. shale rock can be started quickly — and stopped if prices fall. Exxon calls these "short-cycle" investments because they're expected to generate positive cash flow in less than three years.

Through the end of the decade, short-cycle plays will get over half of Exxon's capital spending on the upstream business, Woods said. That's a significant increase and Exxon has been gearing up for this.

In 2010, it bought XTO Energy of Fort Worth, a leader in shale gas, for about $31 billion plus debt. Soon after, natural gas prices declined amid a glut of U.S. production. Exxon later wrote down the value of the asset.

With XTO, Exxon deepened its knowledge of shale gas and hydraulic fracturing. Exxon also brought in skills in planning, project management and business combinations. It cited a recent joint venture with Energy Transfer Partners, a Dallas pipeline company.

In January, Exxon bought leases on about 250,000 acres in the Permian from the Bass family of Fort Worth. Exxon agreed to pay up to $6.6 billion, primarily in Exxon shares. That addition is a big reason Exxon just increased the upper end of its production forecast to 4.4 million barrels a day.

Since 2014, the company has drilled 174 horizontal wells in the Permian, and it boosted results by running longer lateral lines and making other improvements. Total development costs were reduced 72 percent and cash expenses in the field fell by almost half, Woods said.

Exxon's drilling and completion costs are 19 percent lower than the peer average, the company reported. It now has a research team working to maximize the length of the horizontal lines and transfer lessons to other fields.

While Exxon has a strong acreage position, drilling costs are important to success in the Permian, said Jack Williams, a senior vice president who led XTO Energy for three years.

"I have a lot of confidence in our ability to really out-compete our competitors there," Williams told analysts.

Exxon has over 7,000 drilling locations that provide good returns at $40 a barrel for oil and $2 per thousand cubic feet of natural gas. If those commodity prices hit $60 and $3, respectively, Exxon's inventory grows to over 24,000 good locations, Woods said.

Net production in the shale could grow over 20 percent a year through 2025, he said. And the pipeline venture with Energy Transfer will get product to Exxon refineries on the Gulf Coast, another efficiency gain.

Smaller shale operators have supply chains that can be chaotic, said Bruce Bullock, director of the Maguire Energy Institute at Southern Methodist University. Exxon brings such discipline to the process, along with its strength in refining, that it's bound to have cost advantages.

"Exxon sees synergies and value that other people aren't able to extract," Bullock said. "But others in the Permian are gonna learn from Exxon, too."

Woods started his career at Exxon in 1992 and was named CEO after Rex Tillerson agreed to become secretary of state in Donald Trump's Cabinet. The analyst meeting was Woods' first major appearance, and he was asked whether the short-cycle focus was a paradigm shift.

The corporate philosophy has always been to find the best opportunity, he said. Now the industry is in extraction mode, not discovery mode, and in shale, Exxon can "extract more value than we think our competitors can," Woods said.

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"We're not breaking down and moving in equipment from an old refinery. This is a greenfield project that will use state-of-the-art emissions technology and closed-in water and air-cooling systems that will minimize local water resources," he said.

No water resources will be moved out of the county, and Hanks estimated the refinery will use only 100 gallons a minute, which the water board told him is significantly less than that used by some agriculture operations.

Construction is expected to create 400 jobs during peak construction as well as a number of indirect jobs — from catering to housing to equipment. Once online, the refinery will create an estimated 100 permanent jobs.

Hanks said the jobs forecast has been warmly received by Pecos County and Fort Stockton officials.

"We've done pre-meetings with the Fort Stockton mayor, county judge, county commissioners, water board over the last two or three weeks to let them know this was in the works, and we've had positive response," Hanks said.

He has also had positive responses from the equity funds he's approached to help finance the project.

"I've been amazed at how fast people have said 'Yeah, we're interested,'" he said.

Noting that his company has designed, financed and built projects in Peru "in the middle of the jungle, in the middle of Shining Path," Hanks said he's confident the Pecos County project will move forward.

He observed that much of the Permian Basin's production ends up at the Texas Gulf Coast, and he thinks the new refinery will be a cost-effective alternative. The refinery will export the diesel, gasoline and jet fuels it produces, along with liquefied petroleum gas and crude to western Mexico and South America, where Hanks has extensive experience.

"We've been in the oil and gas business in the United States and Latin America for 20-plus years. We've really focused on Peru the last number of years," he said.

"I'm originally from Midland and wanted, for some time, to come back to Midland. We looked at opportunities in exploration and production and in midstream."

Seeking a site with an intersection of area and infrastructure, Hanks said his company was drawn to the Texas Pacifico Railroad. After looking at Midland County and Ector County, he followed the railroad to Pecos County and the site near the railroad spur, and near Interstate 20.

Being situated near that infrastructure will allow the refinery to accept Permian Basin crude, either by rail or pipeline or interstate, and export its refined products the same way, Hanks said.

Asked if MMEX will establish an office in Midland, he laughed, and said no decision has been made but it would make sense.

"We need a local presence near the refinery, but we also need a presence in Midland — that's the hub of the Permian Basin," he said.

Other expansions

73M acres proposed for 1st Gulf-wide oil lease sale

NEW ORLEANS — The first oil lease sale covering the entire Gulf of Mexico since 1983 would offer 73 million acres under a proposal from U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Zinke said in a news release Monday, "Opening more federal lands and waters to oil and gas drilling is a pillar of President Trump's plan to make the United States energy independent."

Former President Barack Obama's administration organized the five years of Gulf-wide sales that will begin in August.

Regional sale attendance and bids have fallen with oil prices.

The last regional sale, in March, offers 48 million acres off Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Last March, 44.3 million acres were offered there, but less than 2 percent of that area drew bids.

Sales were even slower at the August auction of 23.8 million acres off of Texas.

Number of drilling rigs in San Juan Basin sparks optimism

FARMINGTON, N.M. — A recent increase in the number of drilling rigs operating in the San Juan Basin is sparking optimism that the downturn in oil and gas production may turn around.

The Daily Times of Farmington, New Mexico, reported there currently are four active rigs in the basin — a significant jump in 16 months.

The last time a weekly rig report listed four or more active drilling rigs in the basin was November 2015. During subsequent months, that number gradually dwindled to just one rig.

New Mexico Oil and Gas Association spokesman Wally Drangmeister says each operating drilling rig creates around 50 to 75 full-time jobs.

Two of the active rigs belong to BP America. One belongs to Encana Corp. and the other to WPX Energy.

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spond faster to price signals than traditional suppliers. Since May they have almost doubled the number of active oil-drilling rigs in the country, helping lift the nation's production above 9 million barrels a day for the first time in almost a year.

Saudi energy minister keeping close eye on US oil producers

By David Koenig
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Saudi Arabia's energy minister says OPEC production cuts are working to bolster crude prices and his country will look at whether other oil-producing nations are living up to their promises to curtail pumping before deciding whether to extend the cutbacks beyond this summer.

In a nod to America's ability to offset much of the OPEC cuts by pumping oil from shale formations, Khalid al-Falih said Tuesday that he is watching the U.S. producers closely after U.S. oil production bounced back quickly as prices rose last year.

OPEC, whose members account for about one-third of global oil output, agreed to cut production beginning in January by 1.2 million barrels a day. Other countries joined in, pushing the total to nearly 1.8 million barrels. By independent accounts, those targets have mostly been met, although some producers, like non-OPEC Russia, have fallen short.

"Some have not lived up to expectations," al-Falih said, "but as a whole, if you look at the totality, the agreement is working well."

According to the Energy Department, U.S. production rose to an average of 8.8 million barrels a day in the fourth quarter after dropping below 8.7 million barrels in the third quarter. The department forecast increases to 9.2 million barrels a day this year and 9.7 million — a possible record — in 2018 in a market outlook issued Tuesday.

Oil prices have stabilized above $50 a barrel — a rebound from early 2016, when they plunged below $30 a barrel — although some analysts had expected closer to $60. The U.S. benchmark closed at $53.14 a barrel Tuesday, while the global benchmark ended at $55.92.

Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest producer and is carrying the heaviest load of production cuts. While other OPEC members such as Venezuela and Nigeria are in far worse shape economically, the Saudis too feel the pinch. The kingdom needs the money to pay for social programs, raising questions about how long and how low it will go with production cuts, which expire in July.

In deciding whether to favor extending the cuts, his country will look at global oil inventories as the midyear deadline approaches, al-Falih said.

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Someone find a safe space for reasonableness

■ Middlebury College was the site for the latest example of illiberalism, and administrators across the country should take notice

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At Middlebury College last week, Charles Murray needed a safe space — literally.

In a significant escalation of the campus speech wars, protesters hooted down the conservative scholar in a lecture hall and then roughed up a Middlebury faculty member escorting him to a car.

The Middlebury administration commendably tried to do the right thing and stand by Murray's right to be heard, but was overwhelmed by a yowling mob with all the manners and intellectual openness of a gang of British soccer hooligans.

Sometime soon, we may yearn for the days when college students were merely childish and close-minded. If campus protests of speech begin to more routinely slide into violence, Middlebury will be remembered as a watershed.

First, there was the target. Charles Murray is controversial — mainly for his book "The Bell Curve," about IQ — but he is one of the most significant social scientists of our age. He is employed by the prestigious conservative think tank the American Enterprise Institute, and his books are highly influential and widely reviewed. His latest, which was to be the topic of his Middlebury talk, is "Coming Apart," a best-selling account of the struggles of the white working class that illuminated some of the social forces behind the rise of Donald Trump.

No one is bound to accept any of Murray's ideas, but they are inarguably worth engaging. He exists in a different universe than Milo Yiannopoulos, the alt-right provocateur infamous for saying or doing anything to try to get infamous. That Middlebury protesters can't tell the difference between the two shows that their endeavor to know or understand nothing outside their comfort zone has been a smashing success.

Second, there was the venue. No one has ever mistaken Middlebury, a small Vermont liberal arts college founded by Congregationalists, for Berkeley. It doesn't have a reputation as a hotbed and training ground for rabble-rousers, and yet has given us one of the most appalling episodes of anti-speech thuggery in recent memory. If it can happen at Middlebury, it can happen anywhere (or at least at Swarthmore or Bucknell).

Finally, there was the violence. The students who brought in Charles Murray framed the evening as "an invitation to argue," and in that spirit asked professor Allison Stanger, a Democrat in good standing, to serve as Murray's interlocutor. When chanting students commandeered the lecture hall, Stanger and Murray repaired to another room for a live-streamed discussion. Protesters found the room and pounded on the windows and pulled fire alarms. When Murray and Stanger exited at the end of the live-stream and headed for their get-away car, protesters assailed them. They shoved and grabbed Stanger, who was shaken up and later went to the hospital, and pounded on the car and tried to obstruct it.

Stanger wrote afterward that she "feared for my life." And for what offense? Talking to someone who thinks differently than the average Middlebury faculty member or student.

Political correctness has been a phenomenon on campuses since the 1980s, but now has become much more feral. The root of the phenomenon is the idea that unwelcome speech is tantamount to a physical threat against offended listeners. If this is true, it follows that dissenting speech needs to be shunned (in safe spaces) and attacked (in protests). Shutting down a speaker and literally running him off campus is, from this warped perspective, an entirely justifiable defensive action.

Of course, speech doesn't threaten anyone. The appropriate response to an erroneous argument is counterargument. And the free exchange of ideas always allows for the possibility that someone will actually learn something.

If campuses aren't to sink further into their current miasma of illiberalism, administers will have to actively fight the tide of suppression. It's not enough to say the right things about free speech; they have to punish thuggish student agitators. Otherwise, college campuses may become increasingly unsafe spaces for anyone departing from a coercive orthodoxy.

OPINION EXTRA

Decent politics would avoid the five stages of a faux Trump scandal

Another week, another "nothing burger" Trump scandal. This week, President Trump took to Twitter to accuse former President Obama of ordering him to be wiretapped at Trump Tower. That accusation, of course, had no evidence to support it. But instead of merely stating that the accusation was false, the media responded with volcanic rage, declaring that it was outrageous to suggest that Obama would ever have done such a thing. To this, conservatives rightly responded saying that Obama has a long history of targeting enemies through bureaucratic surrogates, and that multiple media reports stated that the Obama Department of Justice sought FISA (Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act) warrants against Trump associates. To this, leftists responded by accusing conservatives of covering for Trump's lies. And so it goes.

This is the typical Trump scandal. It has five stages:

Stage one: A media outlet of Trump's liking reports something.

Stage two: Trump simplifies that report into an incorrect headline.

Stage three: The media jump on the incorrect headline, tacitly suggesting that there is no relationship between Trump's headline and the truth.

Stage four: The right fires by pointing out that while Trump may be getting the headline wrong, there's underlying truth to the narrative.

Stage five: The left seethes that anyone would defend Trump's falsehoods.

And then we repeat this routine over and over, further ensconcing ourselves in our partisan bubbles.

We saw this exact pattern just two weeks ago, when Trump saw a piece on Fox News' "Tucker Carlson Tonight" during which video journalist Ami Horowitz traveled to Sweden and talked about rising crime rates related to increased Muslim immigration. Trump took that in, processed it and then blurted out that something awful had happened "last night in Sweden." The media quickly declared that not only had nothing bad happened in Sweden the previous night but that there was also no evidence of a serious crime problem in Sweden due to Muslim immigration. To this, the right responded with statistics showing that Sweden did indeed have a rising crime problem, and that lack of statistics did not denote lack of crime but rather politically driven lack of reporting. The media then asked incredulously whether the right would continue to defend Trump's nonsense.

Now, note that nothing here is actually scandalous. Trump will always play fast and loose with the truth; the media will always split hairs in order to declare Trump's entire program out of bounds; and the right will generally defend Trump's larger program. But it does point out a lack of truth telling on all sides because at any stage of this process, the scandal could die. Trump could simply speak accurately. The left could point out Trump's inaccuracies while telling the whole story. The right could do the same.

But because Trump has become such a controversial litmus test, everyone's reacting to Trump rather than to the truth. That means truth becomes secondary, which actually helps Trump, since his commitment to the truth is less than strict.

It's time to get beyond this cycle of stupidity. Next time Trump tweets something silly, everybody ought to simply take a deep breath — both left and right. Instead of letting Trump's Twitter feed choose the battleground over facts, Americans on both sides ought to decipher facts and then fight over narrative. That's what decent politics would look like.

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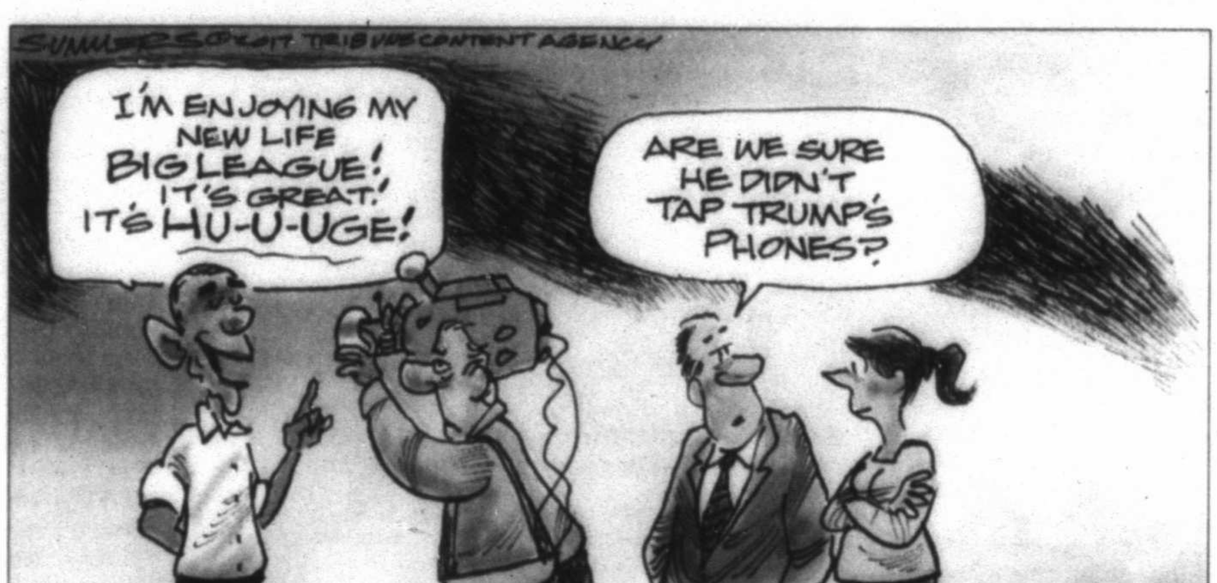

It's the truth according to Trump

■ Things aren't true because they can be proven to be so; they are true because the president believes they are true

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

President Trump has no evidence for his incendiary claim that Barack Obama ordered wiretaps on Trump Tower, and denials have come not just from the former president and his director of national intelligence but from Jim Comey — the man Trump has showered with praise and retained as his FBI director.

But Trump has something more powerful to him than any evidence, no matter how compelling: He believes. Firmly.

"The president firmly believes that the Obama administration may have tapped into the phones at Trump Tower," Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders declared on NBC's "Today" show Monday morning. But what about all the credible people saying it didn't happen? "I think the president firmly believes that it did."

ABC's George Stephanopoulos tried a more direct question on "Good Morning America" on Monday: "Does President Trump accept the FBI director's denial?"

"You know, I don't think he does," Huckabee Sanders said. "I think he firmly believes that this is a story line that has been reported pretty widely."

The reports mostly say that Trump had made a groundless claim, but never mind that. The White House defense isn't that what Trump said was true. The defense is that "I think he firmly believes" it.

The Trump White House is the ultimate faith-based initiative — and The Donald is the deity. Things aren't true because they can be proven via the scientific method or any other. They are true because Trump believes them to be true.

His advisers' contacts with the Russians? He doesn't believe it: "I saw one story recently where they said nine people have confirmed. There are no nine people. I don't believe there was one or two people."

His fabricated claim that 3 million to 5 million people voted illegally, causing him to lose the popular vote? "It was a comment that he made on a long-standing belief," White House press secretary Sean Spicer explained. An official White House statement called this "a belief he maintains."

He maintains beliefs — herbs in a garden.

Among those attempting to bestow the divine power on Trump to declare absolute truths is Ann Coulter, who last year published the book "In Trump We Trust." She tweeted after a meandering media appearance by Trump: "Trump is already head of state. After that press conference, in my eyes, he's now head of church."

Trump, in this position as head prelate, directs us to "believe" any number of things: that manufacturers are returning to the United States, there will be a massive military expansion, that he "inherited a mess" from Obama and that his Supreme Court nominee is a "great writer." Trump asked listeners to "believe me" seven times in a single speech last month, saying, "I will never, ever disappoint you. Believe me."

The Yemen raid was a success because "the president believes" it. "We are not going to let the fake news tell us what to do, how to live or what to believe," Trump told supporters at a rally last month.

Clearly. When Trump expressed his belief that news organizations weren't reporting on terrorist attacks, Spicer attempted to document this falsehood with a list of 78 terrorist attacks, most of which had been widely covered.

When Trump expressed his belief that 1.5 million people came to his inauguration, he leaned on the National Park Service to find evidence to support the falsehood and dispatched Spicer to furnish what another Trump aide, Kellyanne Conway, called "alternative facts."

It's not clear, as I've written, whether Trump knows the difference between fact and fiction as he makes up statistics about crime and jobs, alleges he never feuded with the intelligence community, and claims there was bright sunshine during his rainy inaugural address. Survivors of the Bowling Green Massacre know some Trump aides have the same problem.

But look closely and you can sometimes see Trump aides squirm when called upon to defend his beliefs.

"You said the president believes that there was voter fraud," Spicer was asked at one news briefing. "I wonder if you believe that?"

Spicer explained that saying so wasn't "my job" and that Trump "believes what he believes based on the information that he's provided."

That was quite similar to Huckabee Sanders saying on Monday that "the president firmly believes" that Obama wiretapped Trump — without saying *she* believed it.

Likewise, Huckabee Sanders, pressed by ABC's Martha Raddatz on Sunday about Trump's wiretap claims, attempted to demur. "I will let the president speak for himself," she said.

"You're his spokesperson," Raddatz reminded her.

And that could test anybody's faith.

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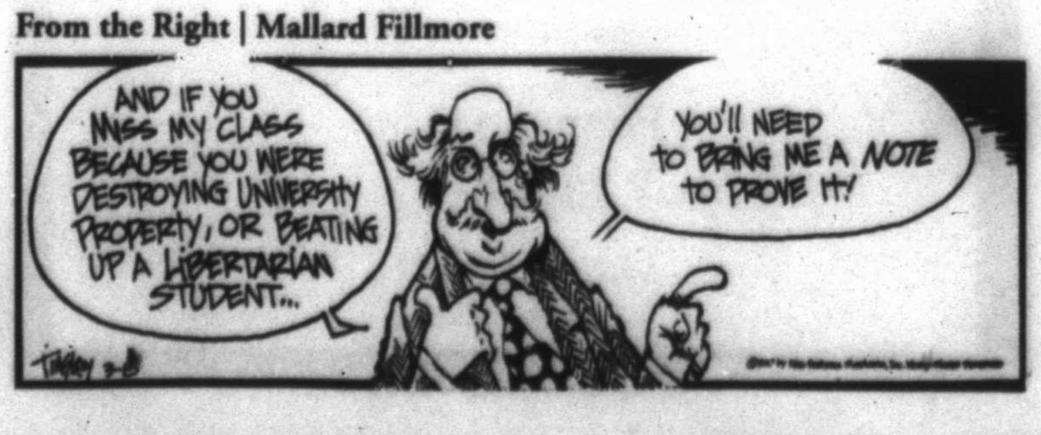

Protesters build a wall of signs Jan. 21 outside the White House in Washington for the Women's March on Washington. *AP file photo*

Women's March organizers propose 'A Day Without a Woman'

By Errin Haines Whack
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Organizers of the January Women's March are calling for women to take the day off and encouraging them not to spend money today to show their economic strength and impact on American society.

"A Day Without a Woman" is the first national action by organizers since the nationwide marches held the day after President Donald Trump's inauguration that drew millions of women into the streets in protest against misogyny, inequality and oppression.

Today's event coincides with the U.N.-designated International Women's Day, and organizers say they want to "stand with women around the globe" who supported their efforts Jan. 21 with similar protests in cities around the world.

Spokeswoman Cassady Findlay said organizers were inspired by the recent "Day Without an Immigrant" protests held last month. She said the action is aimed at highlighting the effect of women on the country's socioeconomics system and demonstrating how women's paid and unpaid work keeps households, communities and economies running.

"We do all of this and get paid less than men, get sexually harassed, get inadequate family leave," Findlay said. "We provide all this value and keep the system going, and receive unequal benefits from it."

Unlike the Women's March, today's protest focuses on the absence of women, who are being steered to local rallies and community groups and away from work or shopping in stores or online. Organizers also are asking women to wear red to signify love and sacrifice.

It is unclear how many women could participate in the action. More than a million people, mostly women, turned out nationwide for the Women's March. In New York, organizers are planning a gathering in Central Park at noon.

School districts including Alexandria City Public Schools in Virginia and Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools in North Carolina, have canceled classes in anticipation of employee participation.

Some businesses have said they will either close or give female employees the day off. The event website provides templates for "out of office" emails, and an employer letter. The site had more than a half-million visitors, and more than 60,000 had clicked on the letter template Tuesday afternoon.

Organizers pointed out that only a fourth of participants in the Women's March signed up in advance to participate.

The role of women in American society is significant. According to the U.S. Census, women make up more than 47 percent of the workforce and are dominant in such professions as registered nurses, dental assistants, cashiers, accountants and pharmacists. They make up at least a third of physicians and surgeons, as well as lawyers and judges. Women also represent 55 percent of all college students.

Still, American women continue to be paid less than men, earning 80 cents for every dollar a man makes. The median income for women was $40,742 in 2015, compared with $51,212 for men, according to census data.

Palmira Figueroa, an organizer of the Seattle women's march, said the group recognizes many women cannot take the day off.

"It's just a big ask," said Figueroa, a fundraiser for an environmental group who does not plan to go to her job.

"We also want to be in solidarity with our community, knowing that many who can't decide tomorrow they can't work," she said.

Findlay said it is important for white women to be in solidarity with minority women.

"Throughout history, the strikes that have the biggest impact are the ones when people who are already the target of oppression participate," she said. "It's when women of all backgrounds strike and stand together that we're really going to see the impact."

Online:
A Day Without A Woman: https://www.womensmarch.com/womensday

Trump set to roll back federal fuel-economy requirements

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is moving to roll back federal fuel-economy requirements that would have forced automakers to increase significantly the efficiency of new cars and trucks, a key part of former President Barack Obama's strategy to combat global warming.

The Environmental Protection Agency is close to an announcement reversing a decision made in the waning days of the Obama administration to lock in strict gas mileage requirements for cars and light trucks through 2025.

Automakers asked EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to discard a Jan. 13 decision that requires the fleet of new cars to average a real-world figure of 36 miles per gallon.

The automakers said the Obama rules could add thousands of dollars to the price of new cars and cost more than a million jobs.

Lawmakers, industry groups and environmentalists say the administration has signaled it plans to take this step. An announcement could come as early as this week, although changes in the standards could take years to fully implement.

A decision to review the Obama rule sets up a potential legal battle with California and other states that have adopted tough tailpipe standards for drivers. California has received a waiver allowing the state to enforce its standards, which have also been adopted by 12 other states, including New York and Massachusetts.

The White House and the EPA declined to comment.

"Attacking the California waiver is a recipe for chaos," said Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who has pushed for higher fuel standards. California and other states that have adopted its standard will almost certainly file a legal challenge if pushed by the EPA, Markey and other lawmakers said.

"The auto companies don't want 50 state standards," he said.

Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., called her state "a model for the country" on environmental standards and said she strongly opposes any attempt to "roll back the progress we've made. That's counterproductive and could absolutely be harmful to the health and well-being of the residents of our state and the people of our nation."

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents a dozen major car manufacturers, including General Motors, Ford and Toyota, declined to comment.

But in a Feb. 21 letter to Pruitt, the group said the EPA's Jan. 13 decision on fuel economy "may be the single most important decision that EPA has made in recent history." The alliance urged Pruitt to reconsider the plan, which it said could "depress an industry that can ill-afford spiraling regulatory costs."

The automakers estimated they would have to spend a "staggering" $200 billion between 2012 and 2025 to comply with the tailpipe emissions rule — far more than industry would spend under the Clean Power Plan, Obama's signature effort to reduce carbon pollution from coal-fired power plants. Trump is also expected to roll back the power-plant rule in coming days.

Markey and other Democratic senators criticized the EPA emissions review before it has even been issued

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GOP health bill gives big tax cut for the rich

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Republicans' health care bill adds up to big tax cuts for the rich.

The bill would cut more than 20 taxes enacted under President Barack Obama's heath law, saving taxpayers nearly $600 billion over the next decade. The bulk of the money would go to the wealthiest Americans.

Low- and moderate-income families would lose their subsidies to buy health insurance in state and federal marketplaces. The subsidies would be replaced by tax credits to help them buy insurance.

Official estimates for how these people would fare under the bill have not been made public, even as House committees move ahead with the legislation.

The new health bill was released this week as congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump try to make good on campaign promises to repeal and replace Obama's health law. House GOP leaders say they want to give consumers more access to affordable health care with less government interference.

The effort, however, has been criticized by both the left and the right. Democrats argue that fewer people will have health insurance, while some conservatives are calling the plan "Obamacare Lite."

The biggest tax cut would eliminate a 3.8 percent tax on investment income for high-income individuals and families. Eliminating the tax would save these taxpayers $158 billion over the next decade, according to the nonpartisan Committee on Taxation, the official scorekeeper for Congress.

About 90 percent of the benefit from repealing the tax would go to the top 1 percent of earners, who make $700,000 or more, according to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

Another big tax cut would repeal an extra 0.9 percent Medicare tax on wages above $200,000 for individuals and $250,000 for married couples. Repealing the tax would save higher income families $117 billion over the next decade.

Repealing the Medicare tax would also speed up the depletion of the Medicare trust fund. It would run out of money in 2025 instead of 2028, as is currently projected, said Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, the top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee.

Wyden said that "breaks a clear Trump promise not to damage Medicare."

"This bill sends a loud and clear message: Tax cuts for special interests and the wealthy matter more than your health care," Wyden said.

Rep. Kevin Brady, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said the health care taxes hurt consumers, businesses and economic growth.

"They hurt the economy. They hurt health care. They achieve nothing," the Texas Republican said at a news conference. "I don't want Americans to continue to struggle under the Obamacare taxes."

Despite the lost tax revenue, Brady said the overall bill would not add to long-term budget deficits. However, no official estimates have been released.

The bill would not repeal the health care program's "Cadillac" tax on high-cost health insurance plans. Instead, it would delay the tax until 2025. The tax has already been delayed once, until 2020.

This tax would hit many middle-income families, according to the Tax Policy Center. Delaying it by five years would save taxpayers $49 billion.

Trump's promises vs. the Republican plan on health care

By Ken Thomas and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump praised the House Republicans' proposal for replacing the Affordable Care Act as "wonderful," though he noted that he considered it the first phase of his planned health care overhaul and the beginning of a "negotiation."

It's not clear exactly how the White House would like to change the bill. Trump has never put forward a detailed health care proposal. Still, he has made plenty of promises on how he will improve the health care system.

As a candidate, Trump pledged to overhaul former President Barack Obama's signature health care law, rein in costs and help struggling Americans deal with skyrocketing premiums. But even with Republican majorities in both chambers, the issue has created divisions among GOP lawmakers and passage is not assured. Republican groups such as the Club for Growth and the Heritage Foundation criticized the bill, likening it to a modified version of Obamacare.

Here's a look at the Republican health care proposal and how it stacks up against Trump's campaign pledges:

GOP health care bill compared with Obama-era law

WASHINGTON — At first glance, the new health care bill from House Republicans appears to have similarities to the Obama-era law, like tax credits, protections for people with health problems, and the ability of parents to keep young adults on their insurance.

But in most cases, those components would work very differently under the GOP framework than is currently the case with the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare.

Key details about the Republican plan are still unknown, including cost and coverage. Here's a comparison between Obama's ACA, which is current law, and the GOP's bill:

Coverage

■ Current law: About 11 million people are covered by expanded Medicaid in the 31 states that accepted it. Nationwide another 12 million buy private health insurance through government-sponsored markets that offer plans with subsidized premiums. National uninsured rate is below 9 percent, a historic low.

■ GOP bill: Extent of coverage is unknown at this time, as well as its impact on the nation's uninsured rate.

Cost

■ Current law: Coverage costs of about $1.4 trillion from 2017-26, based on Congressional Budget Office estimates.

■ GOP bill: Unknown at this time; Republican aides say CBO numbers are coming shortly.

Medicaid

■ Current law: States that accept expanded Medicaid receive a generous federal match, gradually phasing down to 90 percent. The expansion covers people with incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line, or about $16,640 for an individual. Most new beneficiaries are low-income adults with no children living at home.

More broadly, Medicaid is now the country's largest health insurance program, covering more than 70 million people under a federal-state collaboration. It remains an open-ended entitlement, allowing states to draw down federal money for a portion of health costs incurred by low-income people, from children to nursing home residents.

■ GOP bill: Ends the higher federal match for Medicaid expansion beneficiaries, starting in 2020. States can still continue to receive some enhanced federal payments, but only for expansion enrollees who were already covered before that. States will get a lower match for new enrollees.

But more significantly, the bill would overhaul the framework of Medicaid, ending its open-ended federal financing. Starting with the 2020 fiscal year, each state would receive a limited, per-beneficiary amount based on enrollment and costs. States would gain flexibility to cap enrollment and change benefits. Federal payments would be increased according to a measure of medical inflation. Impacts are unclear.

Private coverage for individuals

■ Current law: Provides income-based tax credits for consumers buying government-regulated plans through HealthCare.gov and state insurance markets. The most generous assistance goes to people with low-to-modest incomes. Many solid middle-class households get no help despite sharp increases in premiums.

■ GOP bill: Provides tax credits primarily based on age, gradually phasing down for individuals making over $75,000, or married couples earning more than $150,000. Credits can be used to buy any state-licensed health plan. More middle-class consumers will benefit, but there's concern lower-income people would be disadvantaged.

Deductibles

■ Current law: Provides cost-sharing subsidies for low-to-moderate income people who buy a standard silver plan in the government markets.

■ GOP bill: Eliminates ACA's cost-sharing subsidies, but allows people to make much higher contributions to tax-sheltered health savings accounts, to cover deductibles and copayments. Sets up a fund that states can use for a variety of purposes, including cost-sharing assistance.

Pre-existing conditions

■ Current law: Forbids insurers from turning people down on account of medical problems, or charging them more.

■ GOP bill: Provides protection for people with health problems. But consumers who have not maintained continuous insurance coverage face a 30 percent premium penalty for a year. States can use federal funds to set up high-risk pools as insurers of last result.

Generational balance

■ Current law: Insurers can charge their oldest customers no more than 3 times what they charge young adults. That benefits older adults prone to illness but has made coverage costly for young people.

■ GOP bill: Insurers could charge older customers up to 5 times what they charge young adults. Advocates for older people complain that's unfair.

Young adults

■ Current law: Can stay on parental insurance until age 26.

■ GOP bill: Same.

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

Repeal

Repealing the Affordable Care Act was a central campaign promise from Trump, who frequently spoke about "the disaster known as Obamacare" on the campaign trail.

The plan from House Republicans repeals key parts of the law: the mandate requiring Americans to buy health insurance, and the fines imposed on those who don't carry health insurance.

The plan does not eliminate other elements. It would loosen rules that Obama's law imposed for health plans directly purchased by individuals, while also scaling back — but not eliminating — insurance subsidies. Obamacare expanded Medicaid to cover more low-income people. The Republican bill would limit future federal funding for Medicaid, rather than repeal the expansion.

Medicaid

As a candidate, Trump said he would provide states with block grants for Medicaid funds to give governors more flexibility.

The Republican plan maintains the health care law's higher federal financing for expanded Medicaid through the end of 2019. After 2019, states can only continue to receive the enhanced federal payments for beneficiaries already covered by the expansion. The government would offer a lower level of financing for newly enrolled beneficiaries after that date.

The plan aims to make Medicaid more cost-efficient but could run into opposition in states that expanded their Medicaid coverage and are wary of a larger financial burden.

Obamacare holdovers

President Trump said he wanted to maintain popular provisions of the law, including protections for people regardless of their health history and parents' ability to keep adult children on their insurance until age 26. The Republican legislation does that.

But it remains to be seen how costly that would be. Democrats contend the plan underestimates the costs of covering people with pre-existing medical conditions and lacks assurances that healthy people will also buy into the insurance pools, making the insurance premiums manageable.

Drug prices

Trump has been harshly critical of pharmaceutical companies for their pricing, saying they are "getting away with murder." During a news conference before he took office, Trump promised to take on drug companies, saying, "We're the largest buyer of drugs in the world, and yet we don't bid properly."

The health care plan from House Republicans does not address drug prices. Trump tweeted Tuesday that he was working on a new system to create competition in the drug industry and promised that prices would come down. In a letter to Republican House leaders, Health Secretary Tom Price also noted that lowering drug prices is among the president's goals.

Sale of insurance across state lines

Trump often pointed to the need to eliminate regulatory barriers so insurance could be sold across state lines. He said that would promote competition and reduce cost.

Price told lawmakers that not all of Trump's plans — including selling insurance across state borders — could be achieved through the bill because of procedural rules. But he said it was an "important first step."

Offering his own piece of assurance, Trump tweeted, "Don't worry, getting rid of state lines ... will be in phase 2 & 3 of healthcare rollout."

Cost

Trump has long held that he would replace Obamacare with something cheaper and better. But the costs remain a major question mark at this stage.

The Congressional Budget Office has not released any cost estimates for the Republican replacement plan. Republicans argue the proposal will make Medicaid more cost-effective and may push insurers to offer better products, but Democrats say the plan could shift costs to states and hospitals.

On NBC's "Today Show" on Tuesday, White House Budget Director Mick Mulvaney said the bill will bring "tremendous long-term savings" by giving states more control over Medicaid. But for individuals buying coverage, Larry Levitt, senior vice president at the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation, said: "There's nothing in this bill that would seem to lower the cost of health insurance."

Coverage

Trump has said that he wants an insurance plan that provides coverage to those who need it, and aides have emphasized the need to improve access and marketplace competition.

Just how the Republican plan will affect coverage levels is unclear. Under the current system, 11 million people are covered by expanded Medicaid in 31 states and another 12 million nationally purchase insurance through the government-run health exchanges.

Democrats argue that the plan will reduce the number of insured. Still, Mulvaney said coverage comparisons were unfair, arguing that the current law made "insurance affordable, but care impossible to actually afford."

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New fitness center supplements treatment at Springboard

1,200-square-foot facility features exercise equipment, space for classes

By Karissa Kienast
The Springboard Center

The Permian Basin region has some of the highest rates of alcohol and drug use in Texas, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, a government organization that oversees drug abuse and alcoholism numbers across the nation. From 2010 to 2012, the Permian Basin region ranked second in alcohol and illicit drug dependence and abuse in Texas.

The Springboard Center, a nonprofit substance abuse facility in Midland, is working to change those statistics by providing quality treatment for drugs and alcohol. Services include detoxification, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment and sober living.

More information

For more information on The Springboard Center's programs and services, call 620-0255 or visit www.springboardcenter.org.

"We believe in treating the mind,.body and soul," said Steve Thomason, executive director of The Springboard Center.

Programs include group therapy, education sessions and fitness.

The Springboard Center has seen a dramatic increase over the past two years in the number of clients. More than 450 people were in the residential program in 2016. This rapid growth put a strain on the current facility, as the rooms used for education groups or meetings were also being used for fitness during the winter and bad weather. To solve this issue, a two-part plan was developed to expand the backyard of The Springboard Center.

Fitness is a crucial part of substance abuse treatment. In a study, "Exercise Preferences of Patients in Substance Abuse Treatment" by Butler Hospital and the Alpert Medical School of Brown University, researchers found that if acceptable and efficacious exercise interventions can be established, substance-dependent patients will be provided with a valuable adjunct to their ongoing substance abuse treatment. The study also found that the highest rated perceived benefits of engaging in exercise for the entire sample included (beginning with the highest): a sense of accomplishment, feeling stronger, improved health, becoming physically fit and increased confidence in staying clean and sober.

To provide this important addition to treatment, the first phase of the plan began in 2015 with the expansion of the backyard. The Serenity Park project transformed the outdoor space, adding a pavilion, benches, a volleyball

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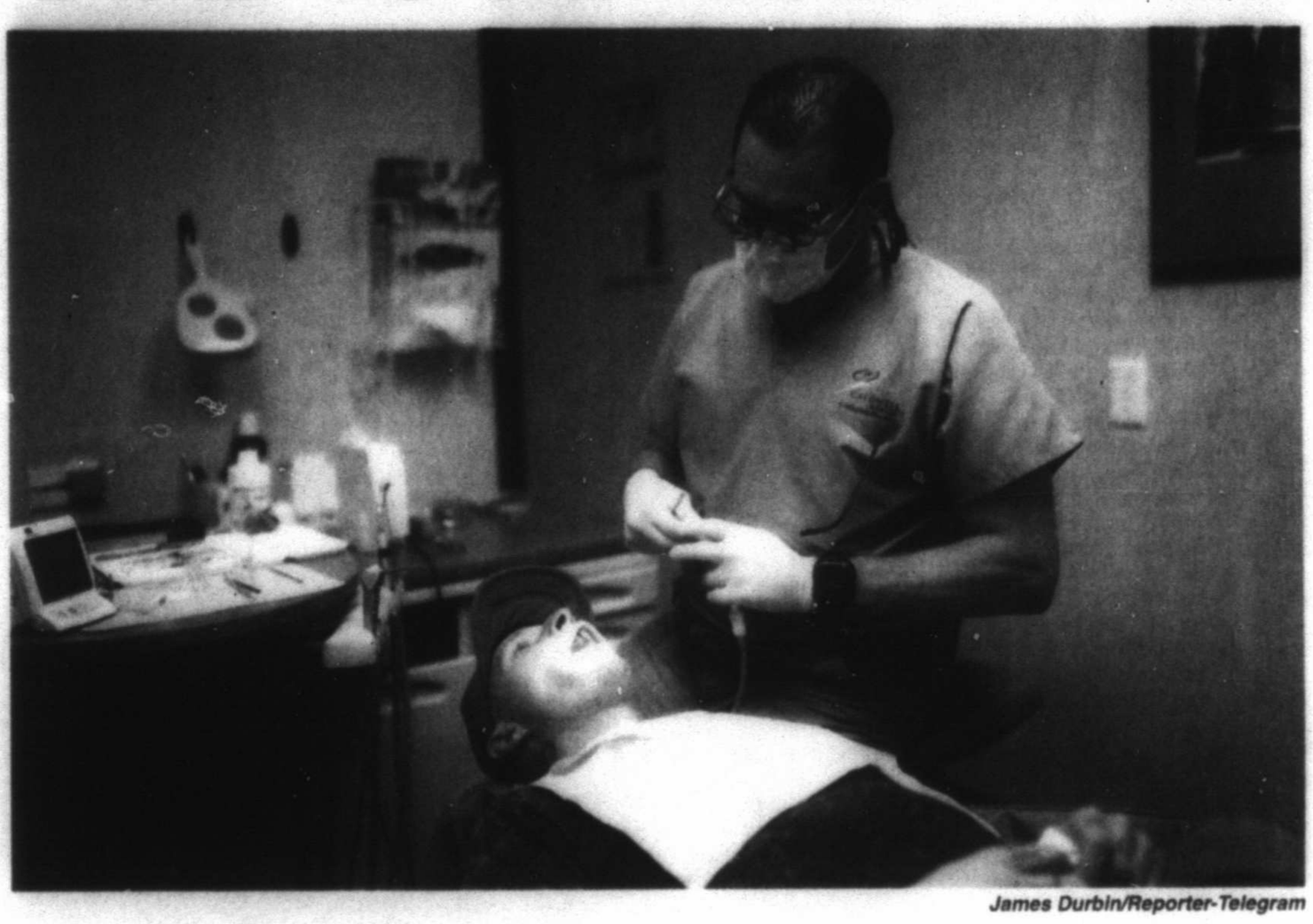

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Dr. Thomas Campagna performs a dental operation on Matthew Allgood, a U.S. Army veteran, Feb. 28 at Caldwell Dental

Dentist offers free restoration for veterans

■ Nonprofit provides reconstructive surgery, dental restoration

By Simone Jasper
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For U.S. Army veteran Matthew Allgood, regaining the opportunity to smile brings satisfaction. He's grateful for the dentist who's volunteering his services.

"He told me he was going to give me implants the best he could, no matter the time or cost," Allgood said.

Allgood is one of two people receiving free dental restoration locally from Dr. Thomas B. Campagna of Caldwell Dental. The dentist is a volunteer with Rebuilding America's Warriors (RAW), a nonprofit that provides reconstructive surgery for veterans and active military members who were wounded or disfigured in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Maggie Lockridge, RAW president, recently added dental restoration to the organization's offerings. She said returning service members with rampant tooth decay face daily challenges.

"Some just stay home," Lockridge said. "They're embarrassed because of their mouths, so they grow a beard to draw attention away. They won't smile. Their teeth break off, and it's so painful."

Some of those circumstances are familiar to Aaron Moore, a local RAW patient who served in the Army National Guard. He said ongoing dental treatments have made a difference.

"There's no comparison," Moore said. "I don't have severe toothaches anymore. Pretty soon, all my implants will be in and I will have my smile back."

The experience is rewarding for Campagna, who volunteered with the organization after a colleague introduced him to RAW. He said the experience of serving Allgood and Moore is rewarding both personally and professionally.

"Once I got into it, I had no hesitation taking the second patient or doing it a third time," Campagna said. "I feel an obligation as a private citizen to give something to people who sacrificed so much. With what I do, I help to make people healthier and build confidence."

Patients often turn to RAW after they aren't eligible for VA services, Lockridge said.

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Colonoscopy is best form of screening to detect colon cancer

By Drs. Mrunal Patel and Govind Patel
Permian Gastroenterology

March is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month. This would be a good time to talk to your doctor about getting screened for colon cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the third-leading cause of U.S. cancer deaths in both men and women.

More information

Permian Gastroenterology is located at Suite 203 of Midland Memorial West Campus. 697-1000.

Each year, nearly 137,000 people are diagnosed with colorectal cancer — often referred to as colon cancer — in the U.S. and more than 50,000 people die from it annually. On average, the lifetime risk of developing colon cancer is about 1 in 20 (5 percent). The disease, however, is largely preventable with regular screening and is treatable with early detection.

Beginning at age 50, both men and women at average risk for developing colorectal cancer should have a screening colonoscopy, and then repeat the procedure every 10 years.

What is colorectal cancer?

Colorectal cancer usually develops slowly over a period of many years. Before a cancer develops, it usually begins as a non-cancerous polyp. A polyp is an abnormal growth of tissue lining the colon or rectum. One specific type of polyp, called an adenoma, has the greatest risk of becoming a cancer.

Colorectal Cancer signs and symptoms

There are no symptoms for most early colorectal cancer. This is why screening for colorectal cancer is so important. The following signs or symptoms, however, might indicate need for further testing:

- blood in your stools
- narrower than normal stools
- unexplained abdominal pain
- unexplained change in bowel habits
- unexplained anemia
- unexplained weight loss

Who is considered high risk?

Certain people are at higher than average risk of developing colorectal cancer.

Although colorectal cancer can strike at any age, 91 percent of new cases and 94 percent of deaths occur in individuals older than 50. Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are currently highest in African American men and women.

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Let me introduce you to my daughter, Bethany. She is a spunky 27-year-old red-headed package of joy. Some people would like to call her disabled. I say that she has special abilities that others don't possess. She sees good in everything around her. And even though she doesn't speak, she has a way of bossing people around that makes them want to do what she asks.

Bethany has a rare metabolic/genetic disorder called PIGN-1. She is one of fewer than 10 individuals in the world who have been diagnosed with this condition. PIGN-1 mutation makes her process medications differently because of the way her system handles proteins. This also causes her ammonia to skyrocket and triggers her to have seizures. This was only discovered with the recent breakthroughs in total genome testing, so before this time we didn't even know what we were dealing with.

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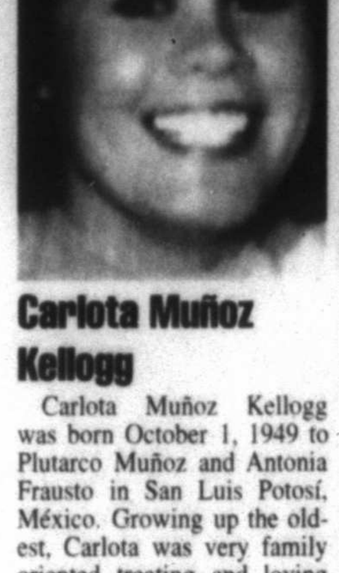

Carlota Muñoz Kellogg

Carlota Muñoz Kellogg was born October 1, 1949 to Plutarco Muñoz and Antonia Frausto in San Luis Potosí, México. Growing up the oldest, Carlota was very family oriented treating and loving all of her siblings as if they were her own.

When she was not in the water scuba diving, she was reading or designing her own clothes.

With a heart of gold, Carlota always cared for others before herself. She was a wonderful wife, sister, aunt, and animal lover.

Carlota finished her education in Midland, Texas and was employed at Midland College as a media specialist where she retired after 28 years of service. She lived a full and successful life and will be missed dearly by all the many whose lives and hearts she touched.

Carlota was preceded in death by her parents, Plutarco Muñoz and Antonia Frausto.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Kellogg; brothers, Tomas Muñoz (Flora), William Muñoz (Isabel), Henry Muñoz (Maria), Luis Muñoz (Amparo), and David Muñoz (Linda); and sisters, Imelda Swicegood, Mary Ann Vasquez (Robert), and Margarita Reyes (Carlos).

A funeral mass will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church.

Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

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

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Charles Walker Wallis "Dub"

In 1903, Charles and Hannah Edgmon gave birth in the Colgate Indian Reservation to their infant daughter, Mary Edgmon. Mary would live to be almost 100 and would give birth to Charles Walker Wallis "Dub" in Tahoka, Texas in 1923. He lived to be 93. They had a long and colorful relationship - as big as Texas itself.

Dub's life was part cowboy, part story teller, part oil man, and part hero. He was a dry man (nondrinker) in a dry place with a dry wit, but he won't leave an eye dry today. He was bigger than life at six feet tall; an outdoorsman who could not only shoot a gun but build one too. Dub was a stained leaded glass artisan and a mechanic for autos and airplanes. Although he did not pass away wealthy, he had a rich life and long life.

Dub was conquered early in life by Mollie Honeycutt with whom he spent 65 years of marriage. In 1943, they began building their future in Midland, becoming a vital part of its history by being part of its business community, the church, gun clubs, VFW, bowling leagues, and raising their family here. He was the owner of Service Glass Company until the 1960s when he retired.

Dub is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; brother, Thomas K. Wallis; sister, Mary Francis Jobe; and one grandchild, John Christian.

He is survived by his brother, C.D. Wallis; daughters, Mary Ehrlich, Beverley Hearn (J.P.), and Charlsye Cummins (Harold); eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and by 10 nieces and four nephews.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A funeral service has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Pallbearers will be J.P. Hearn, Harold Cummins, John Cottrell, Brett Lovell, Karim Sedik, John Ray, William Ray, Ish Varella, and Norvin Garcia.

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

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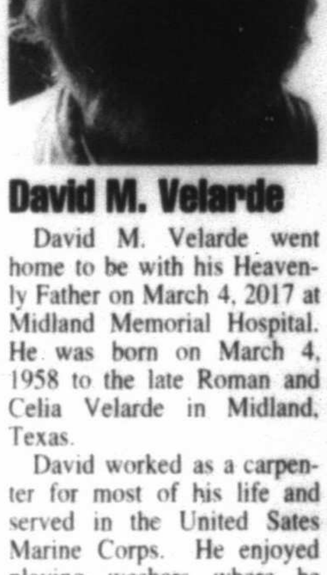

David M. Velarde

David M. Velarde went home to be with his Heavenly Father on March 4, 2017 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 4, 1958 to the late Roman and Celia Velarde in Midland, Texas.

David worked as a carpenter for most of his life and served in the United Sates Marine Corps. He enjoyed playing washers where he won numerous trophies. He loved Tejano music, dancing, and was a Dallas Cowboy fan. He also loved to barbecue and cook for family and friends.

David had a green thumb for gardening and had a crazy sense of humor which his friends loved.

David was a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend. He had a special love for his children and grandchildren and enjoyed being with them. He will be missed greatly by all his family and friends.

David was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Eddie Velarde and Sammy Velarde.

He is survived by his companion, Linda Campos Velarde; sons, Michael Campos and wife Mariela, Eric Campos and wife Cecilia, and Adrian Velarde and wife Candice; a daughter, Viola Ojeda and husband Erik, all of Midland; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

David is also survived by four brothers, Larry Velarde of Eloy, Arizona, and Roman Velarde, Jr., Teddy Velarde, and Edward Velarde, all of Midland; four sisters, MaryAnn Romero, Belinda Velarde, Sandra Gardner, and Christine Salcido, also all of Midland; and by one aunt and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Viewing will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday night at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel.

A funeral mass is set for Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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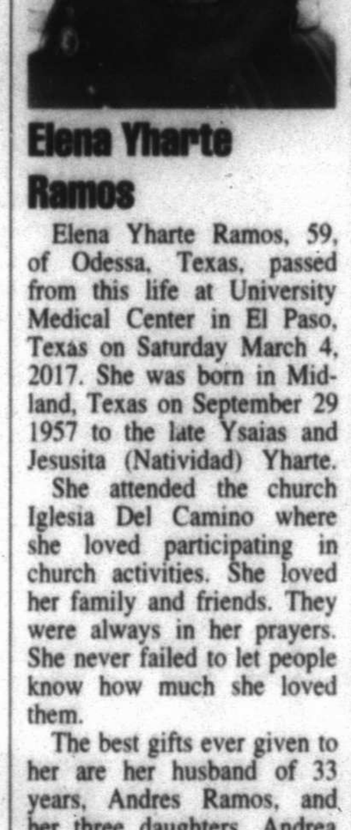


Elena Yharte Ramos

Elena Yharte Ramos, 59, of Odessa, Texas, passed from this life at University Medical Center in El Paso, Texas on Saturday March 4, 2017. She was born in Midland, Texas on September 29 1957 to the late Ysaias and Jesusita (Natividad) Yharte.

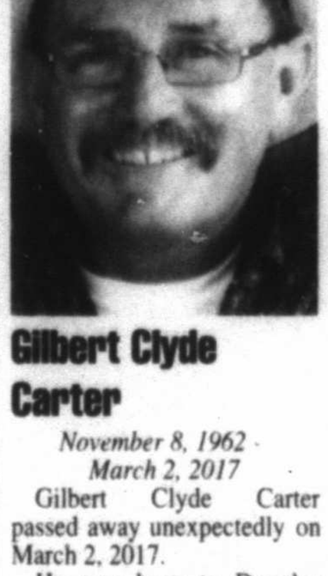
She attended the church Iglesia Del Camino where she loved participating in church activities. She loved her family and friends. They were always in her prayers. She never failed to let people know how much she loved them.

The best gifts ever given to her are her husband of 33 years, Andres Ramos, and her three daughters, Andrea Selena Dominguez and husband Eppie Dominguez, Adriana Ramos, and Audrey Varela and husband Otis Varela.

She was preceded in death by parents and one brother, Manuel Yharte.

She is survived by brothers Alfred Yharte, Lució Yharte, Ysaias Yharte, Jr., and sisters, Gloria Rodriguez, Patsy Diaz, and Hope Yharte.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Iglesia del Camino, officiated by Pastor Humberto Porras. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Gardens of Ector County Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences to the family may be sent online at *acreswestfuneral.com*.



Gilbert Clyde Carter

November 8, 1962
March 2, 2017

Gilbert Clyde Carter passed away unexpectedly on March 2, 2017.

He was born to Douglas Marion Carter and Mary Francis Knowles Carter on November 8, 1962, in El Paso, Texas. Gilbert was the loving husband of Kim, proud father of four children, and the much-loved Rah-Rah of two grandbabies.

Captain Carter retired from the Midland Fire Department in 2007 after 26 years of service. He and Kim owned and operated G&K Trucking, where they built up lasting relationships with their amazing customers. Gilbert was an avid team roper, dog trialer, and all around good ol' cowboy. He was a son, brother, husband, father, Rah-Rah, friend, and mentor.

Gilbert leaves behind his beloved wife, Kim; son, Kevin; daughter, Sarah and her fiancé Jarred; son, Derek and his wife Sadie; daughter, Amanda and her husband Alec; father, Doug; mother of his children, Linda; brother, Brian and his wife Diana; two sweet grandbabies, Hudson and Bodie; and nephew and niece, Austin and Miranda.

His dear mother, Mary, preceded him in death.

Gilbert will be greatly missed by so many friends from the various paths he walked in life, including roping, the fire department, sheepdog trials, and trucking. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

A life celebration will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the West Texas Cowboy Church at 12144 E. Highway 158 in Gardendale.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Midland Firefighters Association, MDA's Fill The Boot, or to the Region 2 Texas High School Rodeo Association.

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

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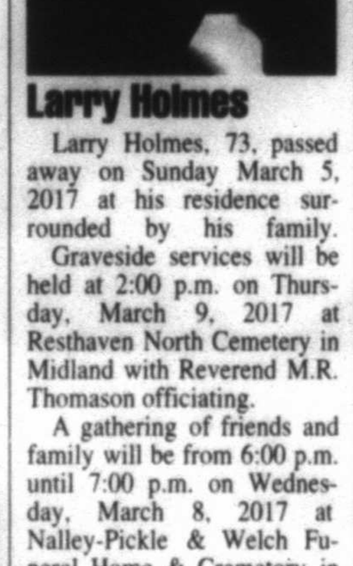
(432) 550-5800

Johnny S. Douglas Sr.

Johnny S. Douglas Sr. of Midland, Texas passed on February 28, 2017 after serving in the military, a Vietnam veteran, Then serving the balance of his career as a service tech in the oil fields. Having five children: Ester Liggins of Killeen TX, Johnny S. Douglas Jr. of Big Spring, TX., Johnny S. Douglas 111, Tikita Douglas & Candice Douglas all Midland, Texas. Numerous grandchildren, cousins and in-laws.

You may be gone from this realm but you will forever live on in heaven in the hearts of those you left behind.

Services held by Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at Fairview Cemetery Thursday March 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.



Larry Holmes

Larry Holmes, 73, passed away on Sunday March 5, 2017 at his residence surrounded by his family.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at Resthaven North Cemetery in Midland with Reverend M.R. Thomason officiating.

A gathering of friends and family will be from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Larry was born February 24, 1944 in Gorman, Texas to James Edward Holmes and Fannie Ruth Banks Holmes. After graduating high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He obtained his Associate's degree in Business from Odessa College.

Larry married the love of his life, Shirley Whittle, on July 7, 1972. He was the co-owner of Holmes Auto Supply with his brother and loved the friendships that he made through the years. In his spare time, Larry loved playing golf, where he was able to make additional friendships. Larry was a loving and caring person and brought energy to every room he entered. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 44 years, Shirley Whittle Holmes of Midland; sons, James (Jamie) Holmes and wife Charissa of Midland, and Michael Holmes and wife Kandace of Midland; grandchildren, Jackie, Lexy, Kylea, Austin, and Kadyn; brother, James (Jimmy) Holmes of Midland; sister, Belinda Pyle of Graham; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

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Marjorie Ann Davis Prigmore

Marjorie Ann Davis Prigmore was born on April 26, 1935 in Dallas, Texas and passed away on March 4, 2017.

She is survived by her children, Karen Blaha (Mrs. Joe Blaha) of Flower Mound; Jana Ferguson (Mrs. Carl Ferguson, Jr.) of Dallas, and Rick Prigmore of Rowlett. Her three grandchildren, Matthew Blaha, Michael Blaha, and Grace Ann Prigmore, also survive her.

Marjorie graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1952. After graduation, she attended Baylor University. She graduated in 1956 with a Bachelor of Art degree in Business. While at Baylor, she was a member of The Peer Club. She met her husband, Richard Prigmore, while attending Baylor. They married in 1957 and were married until his death in 1975.

After Richard completed law school at Baylor, the couple moved to Brownfield, Texas where he practiced law for 10 years. The growing family moved to Midland.

After Richard died in 1975, Marjorie and her children remained in Midland where she was active in the Republican Women's Club and served as President. She was also active in AAUW (the American Association of University Women).

As a 35-year cancer survivor, Marjorie volunteered for the Reach to Recovery Program of the American Cancer Society. After raising her family, Marjorie managed the Mid-America office building. She also worked as the office manager for Ballet Midland and later became the Southwest Regional Manager for Claydesta Communications. When the company was sold, Marjorie decided to move back to Dallas, Texas. While in Dallas, she worked for the Zale Foundation for 22 years, retiring in 2012.

Marjorie's many passions included taking vacations with her family to the Caribbean and especially Maui, Hawaii. She loved her family, animals, the Dallas Cowboys, and Baylor University.

Services will be Thursday, March 9, 207 at 10:00 a.m. at Sparkman/Hillcrest Northwest Chapel, 7405 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, TX. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the SPCA of Texas-Dallas.

Online condolences may be made at *www.Sparkman-Hillcrest.com*.

Sarah Barnes

We rejoice with our wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend moving to her eternal life with Christ. Sarah Barnes, 80, of Stanton, Texas, died Saturday, March 4, 2017 in a Stanton hospital. Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Stanton with Reverend Robert Louder and Reverend David Harp officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born December 2, 1936 in Martin County to Henry Keys and Audrey Mae Louder. She married Stanley Barnes August 6, 1955. Sarah was a giving person, always helping others. Serving as a volunteer EMT for 33 years, the only thing that stopped her was her age and the fact that she had to stop driving the ambulance at the age of 75. She taught CPR instructors how to teach CPR. She was a friend to everyone no matter who you were or what you did. She cared for people!

Survivors include her husband, Stanley Barnes of Stanton; sister, Linda Huckaby of Winters; daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Rodney Hale of Tarzan; and son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Rhonda Barnes of Odessa; four grandchildren and their spouses, Brandi and Ryan Grant of Gail, Joshua and Emily Barnes of Dallas, Heather and Jobe Christon of Stanton, and Krista Barnes of Odessa; and eight great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Cameron, Collin and Kurstyn Grant, Claire and Caroline Barnes, Jayden Christon, and Rayleigh Barnes.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 3001 N. Big Spring St., Suite 104, Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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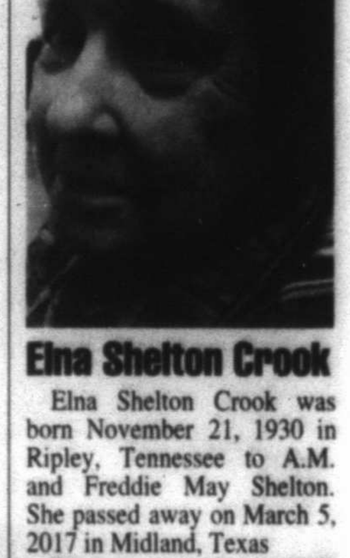

Elna Shelton Crook

Elna Shelton Crook was born November 21, 1930 in Ripley, Tennessee to A.M. and Freddie May Shelton. She passed away on March 5, 2017 in Midland, Texas

Elna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joseph R. Crook, Sr.; and brothers, Al Shelton, Billy Shelton, and Bobby Shelton.

She is survived by her daughter Jenny Klatt, husband Mike, grandsons, Ryan Michael and Jordon Randle, and great-grandson, Zaden; and son Randy Crook, wife Valerie, grandsons Josh and Collin, and granddaughter Kelly.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery. Melissa Shuler will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to St. Jude's Children Hospital, P.O. Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101.

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

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Death Notices

David W. Hayes

David W. Hayes, 47, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, March 5, 2017.

A funeral service will be held Friday, March 10, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Jean Berneathy

Jean Berneathy, longtime resident of Midland, passed away Saturday, March 4, 2017.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Marie Holloway

Marie Holloway of Midland Texas, passed on March 4, 2017. Visitation will be at 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday March 10, 2017 at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Legislature considering 2 bills aiming to protect kids from anti-vaxxers

By Richard A. Marini
San Antonio Express-News

Susana Canseco thinks getting your child vaccinated should be something to celebrate, like when he takes his first step or she loses her first tooth. So a few years ago, she started the I Got My Shots Facebook page where parents can post photos of their newly protected tykes.

It's a whimsical page about a serious subject. But as vaccine opponents increase their clout in the Texas Legislature and promote discredited studies to sow doubt among parents, Canseco, a mother of two, became alarmed.

She's now involved with a grassroots group called Immunize Texas that supports two vaccine bills recently filed in the state legislature.

The "Parent's Right to Know" legislation (House Bill 2249 and Senate Bill 1010) would require school districts to report the number of children per school who have been exempted from the requirement that they be fully vaccinated before they can attend school. Currently, only district-wide exemption information is readily available on the Texas Health and Human Services website.

"These bills will allow parents to make more informed decisions about their children's health," said Canseco, a local attorney whose children are 4- and 2 1/2-years-old. "It seems silly that this information isn't already out there."

School districts do, in fact, collect data on immunization rates at individual schools in order to report aggregate data to the state. But getting those numbers requires filing an open records request. This can cost as much as $200 in staff time and photocopying and can take weeks to fulfill, according to Anna Dragsbaek, president and CEO of The Immunization Partnership, a nonprofit group that supports the legislation.

She said having data on individual campuses will allow parents to make more informed decisions. In some school districts, for example, parents can opt to send their kids to a different school than the one to which they're assigned. Other alternatives include charter schools, magnet schools and, for those with the means, private or parochial schools.

Austin Carothers from San Antonio prepares to receive an H1N1 vaccine.

Houston Chronicle file photo

"We're not trying to disrupt those who decline to have their kids vaccinated, but we also feel parents have the right to know the immunization rate in their kid's school," she said. "You hear a lot of talk about school choice coming out of Austin. Let's give everyone a choice," she said.

Texas requires students to receive seven vaccines to attend public school. These include a single vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella, and shots for diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio and hepatitis A and B. Students or their parents can apply for exemptions for medical reasons and reasons of conscience, which can include religious beliefs.

The proposed legislation is designed to protect children — those too young to be vaccinated and those who can't get the shots because they have an immune disorder, cancer or an allergy to ingredients in the vaccine — from being exposed to preventable diseases from kids who have not been vaccinated.

Both bills have been referred to committee — the Public Health Committee in the House and the Health and Human Services Committee in the Senate — and are awaiting hearings.

Proponents say campus-level data is needed, especially for parents who live in large districts with many school campuses.

Jinny Suh is a mother of a 5-month-old and a 4-year-old. Her oldest, a boy, has had all his shots and is set to enter kindergarten in the fall. But since she lives in the Austin ISD, which has 130 campuses, district-wide immunization data affords her little comfort.

"I need to know how many kids are not vaccinated in the school he's going to go to," said Suh, the head Immunize Texas. "There are plenty of individual schools where lots of kids aren't protected."

Representative J.D. Sheffield (R, Gatesvillle), who introduced the House version of the bill, said he did so in the interest of transparency.

"Parents say they have a right not to vaccinate their child," said Sheffield, who claims to be the only rural physician in the Legislature. "But don't others also have the right to know if their kid is going to be around unvaccinated kids, putting them at a higher risk (from vaccine-preventable diseases)?"

Rebecca Hardy, director of state policy for Texans for Vaccine Choice, perhaps the most active anti-vaccine group in the state, said her organization is "100 percent" opposed to the bills.

"The bills will do nothing to protect public health and could violate student privacy," she said. "In rural schools, they'll make it easier to deduce which students are not vaccinated, and that's a recipe for discrimination, harassment and bullying."

She also noted that the bills don't address the vaccine status of others on campus, including teachers, administrators, staff and even visitors.

Dragsbaek noted that the data would not identify children or families by name and would not apply to rural schools with fewer than 65 students. Only the number of students who've received exemptions for reasons of conscience (including religious belief) and medical reasons, as well as those whose vaccinations are not up-to-date would be available on the website.

While the statewide vaccination rate remains high at more than 98 percent, the anti-vaccine movement appears ascendent. According to state figures, 45,000 students received non-medical exemptions during the 2015 school year, up from about 38,000 the year before and a 19-fold increase from 2003-04, the first year nonmedical exemptions were allowed.

A recent Washington Post article quoted Peter Hotez, director of the Sabin Vaccine Institute & Texas Children Hospital Center for Vaccine Development saying, "We're losing the battle." He added that some schools are what the article described as "dangerously close to the threshold at which measles outbreaks can be expected."

The minimum vaccination rate necessary to protect against an outbreak varies by disease, but for measles it's generally thought to be about 95 percent, according to Dragsbaek.

This situation at some private schools (where vaccination rates are readily available because they're considered to be their own district), is even worse. In fact, many parents send their kids to these schools in part because they are not subject to state vaccine laws.

Suh worries about the pricey private school located near her home where the percentage of students vaccinated for serious yet preventable diseases such as chickenpox, measles and polio is only in the high 30s.

"Sure my kid doesn't go to that school, but these kids may be in the same parks and stores and restaurants as we go to," she said. "It's a public health hazard."

Much of the modern anti-vaccine movement has sprung from a since-discredited study published in the medical journal The Lancet that claimed to find a link between vaccines. The publication eventually retracted the study and, as a result, lead author Andrew Wakefield lost his license to practice medicine in the United Kingdom.

President Donald Trump has since suggested he believes there is a vaccine/autism connection and locally, so-called anti-vaxxers were bolstered last year when Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood appeared in the controversial anti-vaccine documentary "Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe" boldly stating that childhood vaccines "can and do cause autism."

Wakefield is credited as the director of "Vaxxed."

A similar bill was filed during the last legislative session, but time ran out before it could have a Senate hearing.

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Springboard

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court, horseshoe pit and a quarter-mile walking trail with 12 fitness stations ranging from stretching to strength training. While the outdoor amenities helped, they didn't provide enough opportunities for a growing number of clients, and bad weather meant the equipment often went unused.

"When the weather was bad, fitness had to be held in our group room," said Thomason. "It wasn't designed for that purpose, and with 26 clients, space was tight."

Last year, the Springboard Center launched phase two of the plan to construct a fitness center. The goal was to provide a dedicated space where clients could supplement their treatment through a healthy exercise routine.

The Fred Westmoreland Fitness Center opened on Feb. 27; the grand opening was Tuesday. The 1,200-square-foot facility features three treadmills, three elliptical machines, three recumbent bikes, as well as dumbbells, resistance bands and other workout equipment. A 500-square-foot area provides space for yoga, meditation and fitness videos or classes. The center is named in honor of longtime board member and friend Fred Westmoreland, who unfortunately passed away in January 2016. Through the center, Fred's memory and dedication to recovery will continue for years to come.

Construction of the fitness center also meant The Springboard Center needed to hire a full-time fitness instructor. Staff turned to a former client, Marcus Jackson, who holds a degree in sports fitness and leisure and could relate to the clients.

"I appreciate seeing the growth at Springboard," he said. "And activity is important to help get out of your own head."

Marcus can truly appreciate the growth. When he was a client, the only fitness opportunities were a volleyball net or classes in the group room. Now he is able to work with each client to set a fitness goal, help them learn to use the equipment and get them out of their comfort zones. Morale has also been improved now that the clients have a dedicated space for fitness; they know they will be able to exert some energy and see progress.

"I like to see them grow. Everyone will try something new — weights or the treadmill — to get out of their comfort level," he said.

Karissa Kienast is director of development and marketing for The Springboard Center.

Screening

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A family history of colorectal cancer, multiple family members with certain other cancers (uterus, bladder, stomach, etc.), inherited forms of colorectal polyps or cancer or a history of inflammatory bowel disease (Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis) are examples of risk factors for developing colorectal cancer.

Diet

Processed meat was classified as carcinogenic, according to a recent World Health Organization report. This association was observed mainly for colorectal cancer, but associations were also seen for pancreatic cancer and prostate cancer. The experts concluded that each 50-gram portion of processed meat eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 percent.

Eating a varied diet, choosing most foods from plant sources and limiting the intake of foods high in saturated fat will help protect people from developing colorectal cancer.

How can we prevent colon cancer?

Colorectal cancer can be prevented 9 out of 10 times through early detection with proper screening. Screening helps prevent colorectal cancer by finding precancerous polyps so they can be removed before they turn into cancer. Only about 50 percent of those who should be getting colonoscopies are doing so. And, more than 60 percent of Americans 50 or older — approximately 42 million people — have not utilized any screening method for colorectal cancer.

Why is screening for colorectal cancer important?

Colorectal cancer screening saves lives in two important ways: by finding and removing polyps before they become cancerous and by detecting the cancer early when it is most treatable.

Exactly what is a "precancerous" polyp?

The term precancerous polyp can have two possible interpretations. One interpretation describes the evolution of the lining of the colon from normal colon cells to colon cancer. In this evolution, the patient first develops a polyp, and the cells on the polyp then become atypical or dysplastic. Next, the polyp degenerates into an early cancer, and finally, there is an invasive colon cancer.

What is the best colon cancer screening test?

Colonoscopy is the only method that has a high sensitivity for all polyps and presents the capability of removing them at the time of the procedure.

A colonoscopy allows for a complete evaluation of the colon and removal of potentially precancerous polyps. It is the only colorectal cancer screening tool that is both diagnostic and therapeutic. It is the only screening option that has received the Gold Standard rating from the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, American Gastroenterological Association, American College of Gastroenterology, American Cancer Society and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Drs. Mrunal Patel and Govind Patel are owners of Permian Gastroenterology.

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rare genetic condition is about 3 years of age. But thanks to the meticulous pediatric care that we have received here in Midland over close to three decades, we have exceeded that life expectancy by nine times, and she is still doing well.

Because of the acuteness of her condition, things can get bad quickly. We have been in the ER with critical situations throughout her entire life. The first episode was when she was only 1. The prompt response of ER providers and staff in communication with her previous pediatrician, Dr. Suhdi Agrawal, and current pediatrician, Dr. Sari Nabulsi, have kept these from becoming life-and-death situations. Because of the meticulous care, we can still enjoy our daughter's beautiful smile today.

One instance in 2010, my daughter was admitted to the ER and then to the pediatric critical care unit. Being unable to stop her seizures, the medical staff attempted to transfer her to a larger pediatric hospital for more intensive care. After many roadblocks in the transfer (from the other facilities), she was transferred to Midland Memorial Hospital's intensive care unit. They were more than happy to take care of her. She was intubated and stabilized. Her care was like a well-oiled machine. It was during this hospitalization that her genetic problem was discovered.

In July 2016, my daughter was having literally hundreds of seizures. From the time of our arrival in the ER, all those involved in her care knew it was in her best interest to get her to the Dallas facility where her neurologist practices. Despite obstacles — such as that facility being closed to transfers and needing to travel on a certain type of airplane to ensure I could fly with her — everything was handled smoothly. There was an incredible amount of work and persistence required to make it happen, but the staff did not rest until she was safely on her way and I was with her. I certainly empathize with anyone who has dealt with critical situations with their child. It is the scariest road a parent call walk down. I just want to commend MMH for taking such good care of my child during these frightening times.

To be perfectly honest, it frightened me a little to have her transferred away from Midland and the providers I have come to know and trust. I know my voice will be heard by the Midland Memorial staff and by her pediatrician (who continues to see her because of her complexity of care). I also know that I am part of the decision-making team for her care. This is a comfort hard to relinquish, but there are times when transferring to a more specialized hospital is the right answer.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Midland Memorial for taking such good care of my child. Everyone from the ER staff, to the pediatric staff, and if necessary, the critical care staff, do whatever is necessary to facilitate her care. We are certainly fortunate to call Midland our home.

Jenifer Dumire is a nurse navigator for Midland Health.

Dental

From 1B

The VA provides comprehensive dental care to veterans who are unemployable, were prisoners of war, have a dental disability connected to military service or have service-connected disabilities rated 100 percent disabling. Within the VA guidelines, medical professionals do what they can to help veterans with dental disabilities, according to Dr. James Buhanan, staff dentist and acting chief for the West Texas VA Health Care System.

Buhanan has worked with patients facing rampant dental decay. He said some experience the decay after drug use, but the situation also could arise from lapses in oral hygiene.

"Often these young men and women go off to Iraq or Afghanistan and have other priorities besides their dental care," Buhanan said. "The military provides fluoride toothpaste, but they don't use it. They have to be dentally sound before they go there."

Buhanan said decay happens when sugars and the bacteria that feed on them generate an acid attack on the teeth.

Lockridge hasn't pinpointed the source of tooth decay for RAW patients but said some showed signs a few months after returning to the United States. She said donors and dentists in a national network of more than 380 medical professionals have helped to provide new smiles.

"It's done a lot of good," said David Griffin, a RAW supporter in Midland. "Doctors are donating their time. We need more. There's a big need out there when they come back and have issues."

As Campagna prepares to complete dental restoration on his RAW patients, he values the chance to make a difference for service members ineligible for comprehensive VA care.

"My father was a Marine," Campagna said. "When he passed away, I noticed the military likes to take care of their own. It takes free work through charities to pick up where the government can't."

Many kinds of exercise can improve your cardiovascular health

Baylor College of Medicine

It is well known that exercise is needed for cardiovascular health, but just how much is needed and how often? Dr. Ihab Hamzeh, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, has answers to some common questions to get you started on the right foot when it comes to improving heart health.

Q: How much exercise is recommended for cardiovascular health?

At least 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise per week or at least 75 minutes of vigorous intensity exercise per week. That's according to the World Health Organization and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

■ Moderate: Walking briskly (greater than or equal to 3 miles/hour) water aerobics, bicycling (less than 10 miles/hour), general gardening, ballroom dancing

■ Vigorous: Race walking (greater than or equal to 4.5 miles/hour), jogging or running, swimming laps, tennis (singles), bicycling (greater than 10 miles/hour),jumping rope, heavy gardening such as digging, hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack.

Q: How often should a person exercise?

The American Heart Association suggests moderate exercise goals be split into 30 minutes five times per week (the 30 minutes can also be split into two exercises).

Vigorous exercise goals can be split into 25 minutes, three times per week.

Q: But what if I am too busy to exercise 3 to 5 times per week?

A recent study from the U.K. published this year (1994-2012 England and Scottish Health Survey including almost 64,000 individuals) showed that those who condensed their workouts into one or two sessions per week, "weekend warriors," derived the same health benefits as those who were regularly active for the same amount of time throughout the week.

Even those labeled insufficiently active (reporting <150 minutes per week) derived similar benefits to the regularly active and "weekend warriors" compared with inactive individuals!

Q: What are the benefits of activity?

Referencing the U.K. study published this year, the benefits of activity compared to the inactive group included an approximately 30 percent decrease in total mortality for all levels of active groups. Cardiovascular disease mortality followed suit with a 40 percent reduction and, importantly, cancer mortality risk also decreased by almost percent in all levels of the active groups.

Q: It is clear that being active is crucial to overall health, but is it all or nothing?

No, even though regular activity is the ideal option, when faced with time constraints condensing your exercise into one or two sessions (weekend warrior style) or trying to do as much exercise as your time permits (despite falling short of the time recommendation) are both associated with health benefits.

Q: What are some examples of different exercises and which is more beneficial?

Running, jogging and walking are all good examples. A study using the National Runners and Walkers' Health Study Cohorts (2013) showed that for equivalent energy expenditures, meaning when the same amount of calories are burned, walking or running had similar reduction on incidence of hypertension, cholesterol and diabetes.

Q: Can a person exercise after a heart attack?

If you have suffered a heart attack, any type of activity should be discussed with your doctor. Exercise such as running and walking has been shown to be beneficial for survival within reasonable limits. It is important to talk to your doctor about how often and how vigorous.

Q: *Are weight-based exercises also beneficial?*

Absolutely. A combination of aerobic exercise and weight-based exercise is better than either alone for controlling blood glucose in diabetic patients. The American Heart Association also recommends moderate to vigorous muscle strengthening more than two times per week in addition to the aerobic exercise.

Q: Do you have any tips to add more activity to my day?

Try the following:

■ Always use the stairs.

■ Park in the farthest spot from your destination.

■ Walk during your lunch break.

■ Trade walking for driving if you are going less than a mile away.

■ Aim for at least 7.5 miles per week

Q: What if I don't have to change locations for work and sit at my computer all day.

If your work requires you to sit more than 8 hours per day, then mortality can be increased, according to a recent study published in a top medical journal. The silver lining is that the study also found that the increased mortality can be offset if you increase leisure time moderate activity to at least 5.25 vs. 2.5 hours minimum.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Health events

■ Becoming a Mom, 6:30 p.m.Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150, hopechest@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; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 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.

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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Bacon, soda & too few nuts tied to big portion of US deaths

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gorging on bacon, skimping on nuts? These are among food habits that new research links with deaths from heart disease, strokes and diabetes.

Overeating or not eating enough of the 10 foods and nutrients contributes to nearly half of U.S. deaths from these causes, the study suggests.

"Good" foods that were under-eaten include: nuts and seeds, seafood rich in omega-3 fats including salmon and sardines; fruits and vegetables; and whole grains.

"Bad" foods or nutrients that were over-eaten include salt and salty foods; processed meats including bacon, bologna and hot dogs; red meat including steaks and hamburgers; and sugary drinks.

The research is based on U.S. government data showing there were about 700,000 deaths in 2012 from heart disease, strokes and diabetes and on an analysis of national health surveys that asked participants about their eating habits. Most didn't eat the recommended amounts of the foods studied.

The 10 ingredients combined contributed to about 45 percent of those deaths, according to the study.

It may sound like a familiar attack on the typical American diet, and the research echoes previous studies on the benefits of heart-healthy eating. But the study goes into more detail on specific foods and their risks or benefits, said lead author Renata Micha, a public health researcher and nutritionist at Tufts University.

The results were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Micha said the foods and nutrients were singled out because of research linking them with the causes of death studied. For example, studies have shown that excess salt can increase blood pressure, putting stress on arteries and the heart. Nuts contain healthy fats that can improve cholesterol levels, while bacon and other processed meats contain saturated fats that can raise levels of unhealthy LDL cholesterol.

In the study, too much salt was the biggest problem, linked with nearly 10 percent of the deaths. Overeating processed meats and undereating nuts and seeds and seafood each were linked with about 8 percent of the deaths.

The Food and Drug Administration's recent voluntary sodium reduction guidelines for makers of processed foods and taxes that some U.S. cities have imposed on sugar-sweetened beverages are steps in the right direction, Micha said.

A journal editorial said public health policies targeting unhealthy eating could potentially help prevent some deaths, while noting that the study isn't solid proof that "suboptimal" diets were deadly.

The study's recommended amounts, based on U.S. government guidelines, nutrition experts' advice, and amounts found to be beneficial or harmful in previous research.

"Good" ingredients

■ Fruits: 3 average-sized fruits daily

■ Vegetables: 2 cups cooked or 4 cups raw vegetables daily

■ Nuts/seeds: 5 1-ounce servings per week — about 20 nuts per serving

■ Whole grains: 2 1/2 daily servings

■ Polyunsaturated fats, found in many vegetable oils: 11 percent of daily calories

■ Seafood: about 8 ounces weekly

"Bad" ingredients

■ Red meat: 1 serving weekly — 1 medium steak or the equivalent

■ Processed meat: None recommended

■ Sugary drinks: None recommended

■ Salt: 2,000 milligrams daily — just under a teaspoon.

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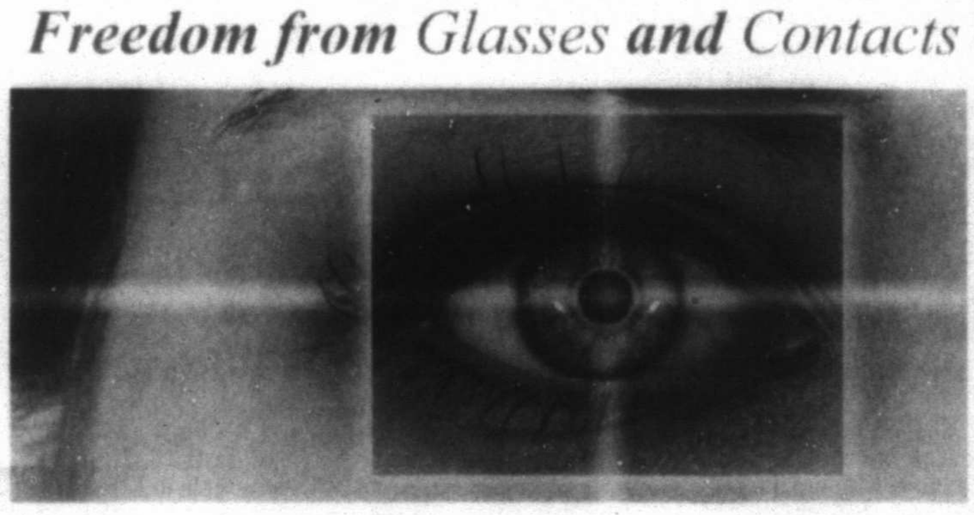
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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 73 Low: 55

THURSDAY: Partly sunny High: 81 Low: 57

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 56

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 47

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 74 Low: 52

MONDAY: Sunny High: 81 Low: 51

Local forecast

Winds should die down over the next few days, and the National Weather Service has a chance of showers in the forecast for Sunday. Otherwise expect warmer-than-average temperatures for at least the next week.

The record high for March 7 is 89 set in 1972. The record low is 12, set in 1996. On March 7 of last year, the high was 79 and the low was 58.

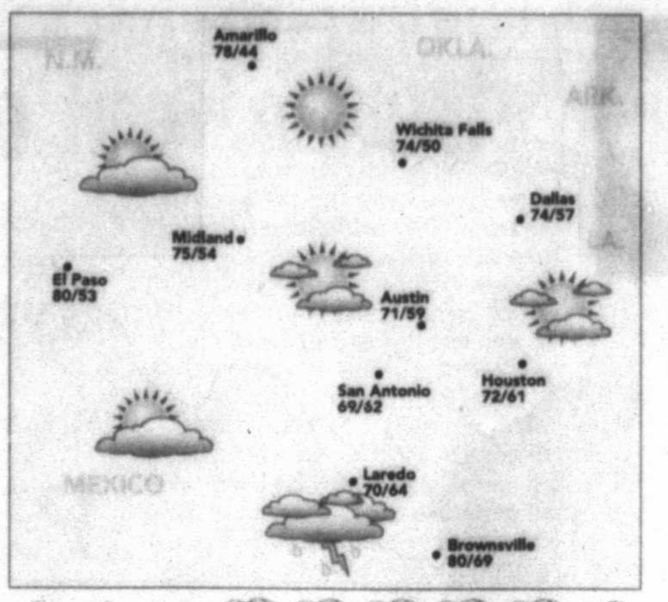
Weather brief

MINNEAPOLIS

Weather service confirms 2 tornadoes in Minnesota

The National Weather Service has confirmed that two rare March tornadoes are the earliest to ever strike Minnesota.

Forecasters say it was a tornado that damaged buildings and took down trees and power lines near Zimmerman on Monday evening. The community is about 35 miles north of Minneapolis-St. Paul. Preliminary survey results indicate it was an EF-1 tornado with peak winds estimated at 107 mph that traveled nearly 9 miles.



Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.84 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.41 in.

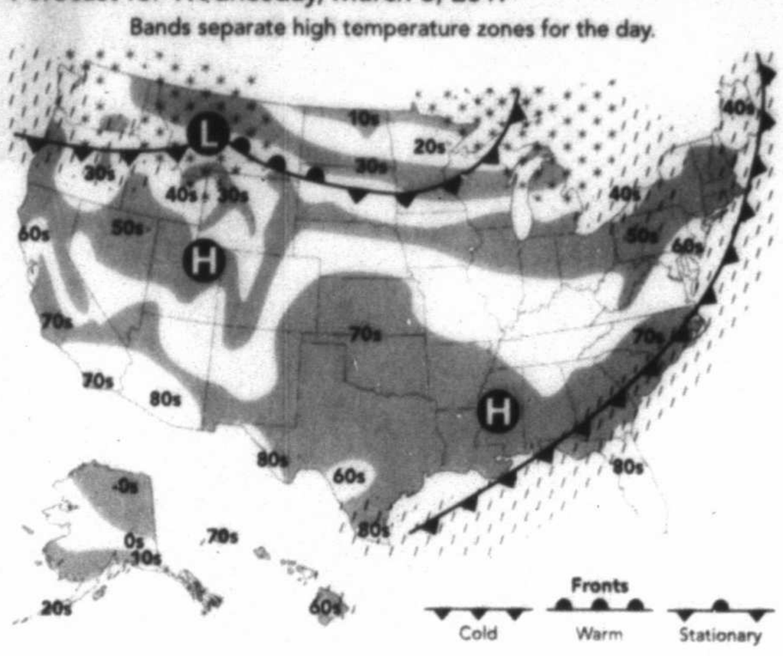
Tuesday's temperatures

High	67
Low	41
Normal high	68
Normal low	39
Sunrise	7:07 a.m.
Sunset	6:52 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Gab session with gal pal leaves wife feeling hurt

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: I read your column all the time. My husband and I have been married for 35 years. My husband has good friends who are women, and I have never objected when he stayed with them when he traveled from our home to Michigan.

One of the women he stays with called and they talked for hours. That's not right is it? My husband says she's just a good friend and it's only conversation.

Like I said, I didn't mind him staying with her because I trusted him. But now I'm leery and suspicious. I don't believe it's a sexual thing, but a long conversation hurts me more because I thought I was his best friend.

I told him, "Let's get counseling. If it doesn't work, we can divorce." He said, "You're not going to stop me from talking to my friends."

Abby, I need your opinion. — LEERY IN FLORIDA

DEAR LEERY: Whatever is going on, you and your husband are having a communication problem. Instead of raising the subject of divorce with him, it might be time for you to get marriage counseling, alone if he won't go with you.

Your husband should be able to talk to his friends — male and female — if he wishes. For you to tell him otherwise makes you look more like his jailer than his wife. Some mediation might help you feel less threatened and help you both to get back on the same page.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 39-year-old female who hasn't been able to conceive. My sister has two children and one on the way. I love being an aunt, but I do want to be a mom myself. I'm recently divorced and have a nice home, a dependable vehicle and a job that I love. The only thing missing in my life is a child.

I have the opportunity to adopt a newborn baby from a family who is unable to care for her. She will be born in the next few months. When I speak to my friends and family about it, even though they would love for me to have a child, they say they don't think this is the right path for me. Although I want a child and always have, I'm now having concerns about it, too. Any advice you could share would be greatly appreciated. — MOTHERLY INSTINCT IN GEORGIA

DEAR INSTINCT: I wish you had been clearer about why your family doesn't feel that adopting the baby would be the right path for you. However, since you w[illegible]en't, let me offer this:

Many single parents — whether single because of divorce, widowhood or by choice — successfully raise children. At 39, with a home and a good job, you appear to be financially secure enough to provide for a child. Unless you have an emotional problem you didn't mention, or lack the patience to be a good mother, I see no reason why you shouldn't become one. However, because your friends and family have created doubt, discuss this with a counselor to clarify your thinking.

DEAR ABBY: What should I say to someone who expects an invitation to a wedding but will not be receiving one and they ask why they didn't get one? — WHERE'S MY INVITATION?

DEAR WHERE'S: If someone is nervy enough to ask why he or she was not invited to the wedding, all you have to say is that for logistical reasons you had to limit your guest list.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A jewel from India

Neither vulnerable, North deals

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EAST
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♥ Q 5
♦ 6
♣ K J 10 9 8 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 5
♥ A J 10
♦ A Q 5 2
♣ A 6 5

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♣

Today's deal is from a team match played in India. The auction was the same at both tables. At one table, declarer won the opening club lead, knowing that it was a singleton, and immediately ran the jack of hearts through West, ending up down four.

At the other table, the declarer was a player known to us only as Bendre. He also knew that the lead was a singleton, but he ducked the first round anyway just to see what West would discard on the second club. That discard was a heart as South, won the second club. Bendre led the jack of hearts to the king and ran the eight of diamonds. When this held the trick, he continued with a diamond to his queen, losing to West's king. West should have exited with a diamond, just to keep declarer in the dark about the heart suit, but he knew that he could do no harm by leading a heart. West exited with a heart, perhaps hoping that South had started with ace-jack doubleton.

Bendre captured East's queen of hearts with the ace, cashed the 10 of hearts, and then cashed his two diamond winners, ending in dummy. He now led a spade to his queen and West's king. West cashed his remaining heart before leading his low spade. All that was left was for Bendre to decide which spade to play from dummy. He was up to the task, rising with dummy's 10 of spades to bring home his contract. Well done!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 8, 2017:

This year you greet the unexpected frequently and demonstrate your resilience. You find that life can be quite exciting. One-on-one relating will be an important feature of your experiences with others. If you are single, don't just stumble into the first relationship that appears. You will have the opportunity of having several different choices. If you are attached, the two of you have the capacity for genuine closeness and caring. You will note a ripple of excitement that runs through your life together. LEO embodies many of the traits you admire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Move through some intense feelings in the morning. Try not to take out your frustration or anger on the first person you see today. By the afternoon, you'll return to your loving self. Your imagination comes out in the afternoon. Tonight: Once more, let your creativity make the call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your frustration builds when dealing with a superior. You'll see events and situations arise that could upset you. You might want to pull back in the afternoon and have an intense conversation with a loved one. You have a lot more control than you realize. Tonight: At home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Make sure your calculations are correct. Balance your checkbook, and be aware of bills coming in. The pace quickens in the afternoon, and you won't want to worry about any details. You gain a new perspective, which drives your conversations. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are in your element in the afternoon. Your temper comes out when dealing with a person who is hot under the collar. You are better off saying little for now. Touch base with a loved one later in the day. Buy a card or token of affection. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might feel off in the morning, but things will look up as the day goes on. Your mood in general could change. You'll claim your power, and your personality will help melt barriers. Your creativity emerges when dealing with a difficult person. Tonight: Be with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will be in a position where you need to be more accepting of what you hear. You might become distraught by what comes down your path in the morning. As a result, you are likely to shut down and do some reflection. Tonight: Do something that centers you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds in an unusual way in the morning. A new friend could be touchy, which is likely to make a situation difficult to control. Try not to manipulate the matter; just let it go. Do not miss an important get-together in the afternoon. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Look at a situation from each person's perspective. You will gain understanding as a result, and your support will be greatly appreciated. You want to avoid a heated domestic issue that is lingering but volatile. Be sensitive to the parties involved. Tonight: A force to behold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A loved one keeps inflaming a problem beyond anything you could imagine. Eventually you will lose your cool, and the other party might become upset as a result. Perhaps you'll decide to ignore the matter altogether. Be more understanding with a partner. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to be more receptive to others who show you a lot of caring. Try not to fall back into your more controlling ways. You could find it difficult to stay neutral, but in the long run, you will be better off for it. Tonight: Respond to a loved one's invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Get your work done. You could be overwhelmed by your choices. Focus on your chosen direction. You have more energy than usual, and you can be a handful, especially in the morning. Be willing to listen to someone else's thoughts and ideas. Tonight: Be more available.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are more forthright and direct than you have been in the recent past. Help a loved one in the morning, and create a greater sense of direction as a result. Your imagination often kicks in when facing a difficult or challenging situation. Tonight: Slow down, and relax.

BORN TODAY

News anchor Lester Holt (1959), actor Aidan Quinn (1959), actor Freddie Prinze Jr. (1976)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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20 Hotel breakfast buffet offering
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25 "We're off to a strong start"
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30 Mystery man John
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36 Flapper's accessory
39 A city council is part of it
43 Typical "Blue's Clues" watcher
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45 Gossip column twosome
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60 Sole role in the play "Tru"
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66 Pointed remark?
67 Always
68 Persia, today
69 Totally filled
70 Email status
71 What a successful dieter weighs

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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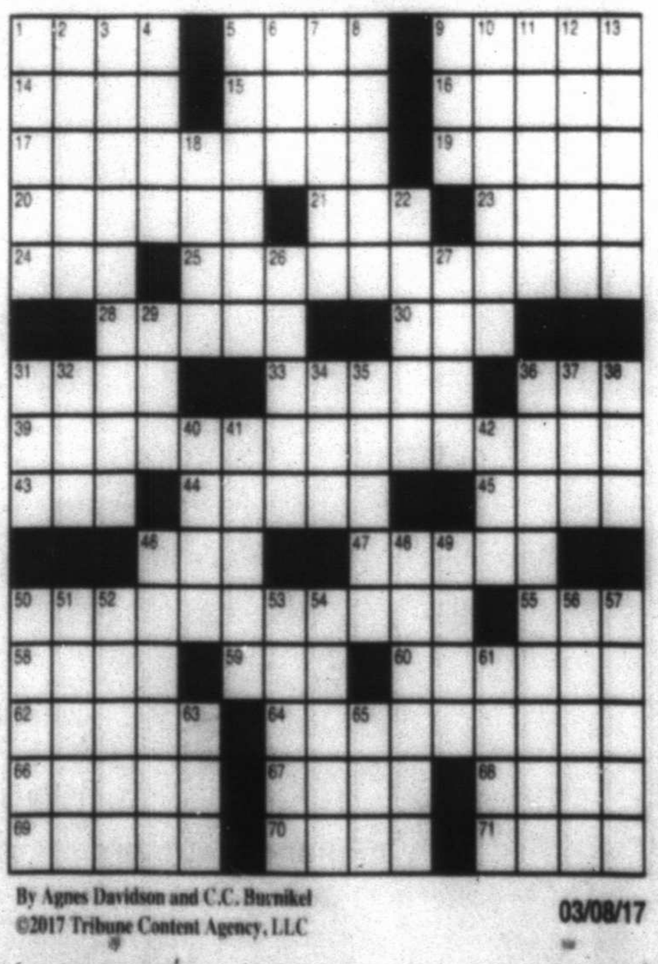

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Parents might not realize the extent to which teens are exposed to alcohol

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Moms and dads: Do you know what your teen is doing on the internet right now?

It's never easy to tell with kids always on their phones and plugged in to the newest social media platforms, but they could be tuned in to alcohol advertising.

According to a new study from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, which surveyed both over-21 adults and people younger, almost one in three youngsters said they saw alcohol-related content online in the previous month. And, chillingly, children as young as 13 were nearly twice as likely to recall seeing alcohol marketing on the internet than were adults.

This is not to say that kids aren't exposed offline as well — researchers found that kids were more likely (69 percent vs. 62 percent) than adults to recall exposure to alcohol advertising on television, on radio (25 percent of kids vs. 17 of adults) and on billboards (55 percent of youth vs. 35 percent of adults).

But when it comes to online alcohol-related content in general, the disparity in the experience of kids and adults is more pronounced.

Of those under 20 years old, 30 percent recall seeing alcoholic images or themes compared with 17 percent of adults. And they were likelier (36 percent vs. 21 percent) than adults to recall seeing advertisements and pictures of celebrities using alcohol.

Young people were also likelier than adults (28 percent vs. 16 percent) to remember seeing pictures of celebrities wearing clothing or other items with an alcohol brand's logo, and to actively respond (i.e., like, share or post) to alcohol-related content online.

These rates of interaction with alcohol-related ads, images and messages are especially worrying in the context of how drinking and screen time intersect for young people.

By some estimates, teens 13 to 18 spend almost nine hours per day — not including time spent online for school or homework — on the internet looking at entertainment media like YouTube videos and Snapchat stories, listening to music and playing video games.

This is more time than most adults get to sleep every night.

Worse, an analysis of 12 international long-term studies published since 2008 has established a link between exposure to alcohol marketing and drinking behavior in young people. The review, also by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg school, found that exposure to alcohol-related ads was even more strongly associated with the progression to binge and hazardous drinking than with just the initiation of alcohol use.

According to Dr. David H. Jernigan, the lead author on the ad-recall study, not only are alcohol companies targeting young people on less well-known (and therefore less regulated) social media networks that parents are unlikely to understand or know about, but even familiar platforms like Facebook, which offer safeguards, are risky.

"Even though Facebook pages for alcohol brands are inaccessible by people with profiles that state they are under 21, we know that young people are likelier than adults to lie about their age when they set up their account," Jernigan told me. "And these kids are getting plenty of access to content (like memes, branded and unbranded images and off-site videos) that is shared by adults and peers in their networks."

In truth, there's little to be done about what kids can see when they are on the internet, without the safety net of parental restriction software or network settings. And, Jernigan said, the alcohol industry is unlike the tobacco industry, which at least gives a nod toward respecting kids with its voluntary guidelines to keep marketing activities from reaching or appealing to young people (not that they've been so successful, anyway).

Sure, parents can (and should) contact their local legislators about putting pressure on alcohol companies to do more to stay away from kids. But, at this point, dialogue at home is probably the best line of defense.

"Parents just aren't talking to their children about drinking as much as they could — a lot of times they don't know what to say," Jernigan said. "But lots of conversations can center about how these images and advertisements don't show the whole story and let's talk about what they don't show."

For a guide to starting these conversations, visit the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (http://ow.ly/rbCu309w7yv), and dive in as soon as possible.

Texas' $15.8 billion medical construction pipeline is second in the nation, report says

By Sabriya Rice
The Dallas Morning News

A vibrant and robust economy is spurring the building and expansion of hospitals and medical office buildings in Texas.

At $15.8 billion, the Lone Star state has the second-largest pipeline for medical real estate in the nation, according to medical real estate data firm Revista, which recently released its annual healthcare construction analysis evaluating projects underway in 2017.

"There is a lot of construction and demographic growth in general in Texas, and healthcare real estate goes along with that," said author Mike Hargrave. "It's a vibrant economy."

Other researchers have come to similar conclusions.

Providers say the billions invested over the past five years in new facilities and patient towers is necessary to remain competitive, especially in areas of significant population growth, according to a separate health market review for Texas released at the end of 2016.

"The primary (strategy) is seeking to expand the geographic reach of the hospital systems into developing areas with high household incomes and rich health benefits," said that report, authored by independent analyst, Allan Baumgarten.

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Chronic pain can often lead to symptoms associated with depression

Pain is not only a physical issue but also an emotional one, according to an article in the September 2004 addition of the Harvard Health Publication. It can affect your mood, behavior and thoughts. Pain can also lead to many symptoms — such as isolating behaviors and irritability — that are usually associated with depression.

Being in constant pain or having a chronic illness can be depressing, and depression itself can lead to more intense pain. Dr. Daniel K. Hall-Flavin with the Mayo Clinic has described the long-term effects of chronic pain or illness. He reported how pain and illness can create problems sleeping, stress, self-esteem issues and problems at work or holding down a job that could lead to financial problems.

Half of people with chronic pain have depression as well, according to Robert D. Kerns, national program director of pain management for the Veterans Health Administration and director of the Pain Research, Informatics, Medical Comorbidities and Education Center at the VA Connecticut Healthcare System. He has written that people with chronic pain may experience more stress, loss of interest or ability to do things they enjoyed in the past, increased irritability and problems with functioning on a daily basis. According to Kerns, the biggest challenge for people who have pain and depression are feelings of hopeless and helplessness both of which are symptoms of depression.

Chronic pain can cause specific neurochemical changes in the brain that increase the sensitivity to pain, according to the website depressiontoolkit.org. Depression and pain also share some of the same brain chemicals. Depression can increase pain; pain can cause depression.

Treatment options for those experiencing depressive symptoms exacerbated by chronic illness or chronic pain may include antidepressant medications, talk therapy, using techniques such as meditation, journaling, muscle relaxation breathing and pain management medications. It is important to treat both conditions in a holistic way because of the strong relationship between them and the issue of co-morbidity.

The connection between depression and pain or illness does not only affect an individual but his or her family, as well. If you are living with someone with a chronic illness or chronic pain, you may be depressed as well when you see a loved one suffering. It could also be beneficial for family members and caregivers to seek help through counseling or medication in order to continue being supportive.

Take a Moment

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MIDLAND HEALTH

Tested Dixon leads Lady Chaps into regionals

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Teneshia Dixon knows the importance of experience in the postseason.

Dixon is one of six sophomores on the Midland College women's basketball team that helped the Lady Chaparrals reach the Sweet 16 of the NJCAA National Tournament last year.

She knows what it takes to make a run in the playoffs, and the No. 22 Lady Chaps are hoping for another deep postseason push when they open the Region V Tournament against McLennan Community College (17-12) at 6 p.m. today at Wolfforth Frenship High School.

"The freshmen are looking up to us sophomores, who went all the way to nationals," Dixon said. "We have sophomores who have been there, who can guide the freshmen to let them know what to expect and how we've got to perform to take it to the next level. We have already been there so we know what it takes. It's important that we remain positive and when things break down, we've got to be able to pick up and show them what it takes."

The good news for MC is that it feels that it's playing some of its best basketball of the season. After a rough patch in the middle of Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, the Lady Chaps turned things around and won five of its last six regular season games. The big one came in the regular season finale when MC went to Odessa and handed No. 1-ranked Odessa College its first loss of the season, 75-66.

"It's helps a lot. Like Coach Jones tells us, 'We're the biggest secret in the country because no one knows yet,'" Dixon said. "Everybody sees Odessa as the number one team and undefeated and then we just went in there and showed what MC does best."

Dixon, a 6-foot-1 forward from Brampton, Ontario, has been a key contributor, mainly off the bench by providing key frontcourt depth, averaging 9.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

I think she's a real physical and aggressive player," MC coach Ron Jones said. "Offensively, she can go in there and get some baskets down low. It's one of those things that every time she's in the game, we want to get her the ball down low. Her biggest things is always avoiding silly fouls. When she does that, she usually has a good game."

Dixon said her game remains a work in progress but added that her goal is to help the team in any way she can and trying to remain positive on and off the court.

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MRT file photo

Midland College's Teneshia Dixon looks to the basket as Clarendon College's Aleiyah Brantley, 11 and Lizet Sosa, 32, defend Feb. 6 at Chaparral Center.

DAWGS TAKE KEY WIN

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Brian Natividad (9) kicks the ball against Frenship's Miller Hardy (17) on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

MHS gets PK victory, remains in first place

By Will Korn
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Midland High junior defender Donte Ferguson has grown accustomed to delivering for his team when a District 2-6A match is on the line.

Ferguson

On Tuesday against visiting Wolfforth Frenship at Grande Communications Stadium, Ferguson was called upon to take another all-important penalty kick with a second point at stake. And for the third time this district season, he delivered the game-winner and two key points in a 5-4 MHS PK victory over the Tigers.

Ferguson also notched the match-winner in a 5-3 PK triumph over Odessa Permian on Feb. 3 and again in a 4-3 win over rival Lee on Feb. 7. With Tuesday's win, the Bulldogs (9-6-1, 4-3-0-1, 18 points) remained in a tie for first place with the Rebels (9-7-1, 5-0-2-1, 18 pts), who toppled third-place Odessa High 4-3 on Pks at Ratliff Stadium Tuesday.

Frenship (8-8-3, 1-0-3-4, 6 points) moved into a tie with Permian for fourth place, while earning one point.

Moments after a huge save by MHS keeper Alan Rodriguez on Frenship's third penalty attempt, Ferguson stepped into the spotlight with the tally tied 4-4.

He eased into his shot and smoothly chipped the ball down the middle past the Tigers' keeper, as the Bulldogs rushed out onto the field in celebration.

"Not to sound cocky or anything, but yeah (I feel confident in those situations)," Ferguson said. "My coach gave me great advice on how to take PKs, just be confident and know where you're

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Frenship claims 2-6A title with hot 2nd half vs. MHS

By Will Korn
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The Wolfforth Frenship girls soccer team entered Grande Communications Stadium on Tuesday with a coveted achievement in its sights: a district championship.

A contested first half against Midland High saw a pair of heart-stopping opportunities on goal for both sides. But the Lady Tigers imposed their will with three second-half goals en route to a 3-0 regulation victory over the Lady Bulldogs that clinched the District 2-6A title.

Frenship (16-3, 8-0-0-0, 24 points) remained undefeated in district play and has now outscored its eight district opponents by a 36-1 margin. MHS remained in second place at 13-3 overall and 5-0-0-3, 15 points in 2-6A action.

Lady Tigers head coach Gery Joy said his team wasn't quite locked in during the first 40 minutes, but played noticeably better in the second half to pull away.

"We had a lot better second half," Joy said. "We were a lot more focused in the second half and did what we wanted to

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Raquel Houston (26) goes after the ball against Frenship's Natalie Jones (9) on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Jayhawks favored at Big 12 tourney, but storylines abound

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas coasted its 13th straight regular-season Big 12 championship in what has become a rite of spring, running roughshod over what is touted as one of the toughest leagues in the country.

Things haven't always been so easy in the conference tournament.

The Jayhawks ended the two-year reign of Iowa State last year, but that was just their second Big 12 Tournament title in five years. Twice they haven't even made the title game. And for all its talent, coach Bill Self's group hasn't won consecutive tournaments since 2010-11.

Part of that is the strength of the league. Part of that is the crapshoot of tournament play.

"I think the culmination of games down the stretch should give our team some confidence heading into the Big 12 Tournament," said Self, whose No. 1 Jayhawks haven't lost since Feb. 4. "For the most part, guys are playing with a free mind. This time of year you want fresh bodies and free minds."

To help with that, Self gave his guys Sunday and Monday off this week. They returned to practice Tuesday and today ahead of the quarterfinals Thursday, when the top seed will play the winner of an opening-round game between No. 8 seed TCU and No. 9 seed Oklahoma.

Seventh-seeded Texas Tech plays No. 10 seed Texas in the other opener tonight. No. 2 seed West Virginia gets the winner of that game, while fourth-seeded Iowa State plays No. 5 seed Oklahoma State and third-seeded Baylor plays No. 6 seed Kansas State in the other quarterfinals.

The Jayhawks (28-3) have plenty to play for beyond a title. They're in good position to land the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament, and that would mean playing their first two games in Tulsa — a reasonable drive from Lawrence — and their next two games in nearby Kansas City, Missouri.

"Hopefully the mindset changes in this regard: 'Hey guys, the finish line is near. You can see the end of the tunnel. Now, what are you going to do?'" Self said. "To me, that needs to be the mindset."

Other teams also have plenty on the line in Kansas City. Here are some of the story lines:

Bubble watch

The Cowboys (20-11) are likely to receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, but a win at the Sprint Center would take away some of the drama. Kansas State (19-12) is the team desperately in need of a win, especially since it would be a high-profile win against the Bears.

"I'm going to leave it up to the committee," Kansas State senior Wes Iwundu said, "but you know, we're a good conversation piece. We'll be an even better conversation if we do something in the Big 12."

Coach watch

Speaking of the Wildcats, they could be playing for coach Bruce Weber's job after missing out on

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

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AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JLT Community Series: Gold Coast Suns vs. Western Bulldogs, 12:30 a.m., FSP

JLT Community Series: West Coast Eagles vs. Melbourne, 3:30 a.m., FSP

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

UTSA at Texas, 4 p.m., LHN

Tulsa at Oklahoma, 6 p.m., FCSP

GOLF

EPGA: Hero Indian Open, 1st Round, 11:30 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Hero Indian Open, 1st Round, 3 a.m., GOLF

MLB

Spring Training: Boston vs. NY Mets, Noon, MLB

Spring Training: USA vs. Minnesota, 6 p.m., MLB

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

ACC 2nd Round: Miami-FL vs. Syracuse, 11 a.m., ESPN

ACC 2nd Round: Duke vs. TBA, 1:30 p.m., ESPN

Pac-12 1st Round: Stanford vs. Arizona State, 2 p.m., P12

Big Ten 1st Round: Penn State vs. Nebraska, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2

Pac-12 1st Round: Oregon State vs. Cal, 4:30 p.m., P12

ACC 2nd Round: Virginia Tech vs. TBA, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Big 12 1st Round: Oklahoma vs. TCU, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Big East 1st Round: St. John's vs. Georgetown, 6 p.m., FS1

SEC 1st Round: Mississippi State vs. LSU, 6 p.m., SEC

Big Ten 1st Round: Rutgers vs. Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN

Patriot League Championship: Lehigh at Bucknell, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN

ACC 2nd Round: Virginia vs. TBA, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Big 12 1st Round: Texas Tech vs. Texas, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Pac-12 1st Round: Colorado vs. Washington State, 8 p.m., P12

Big East 1st Round: Xavier vs. DePaul, 8:30 p.m., FS1

SEC 1st Round: Auburn vs. Missouri, 8:30 p.m., SEC

Pac-12 1st Round: USC vs. Washington, 10:30 p.m., P12

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 2: FC Barcelona vs. Paris Saint-Germain FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions Quarterfinal, Leg 2: Borussia Dortmund vs. SL Benfica, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

PL: Manchester City FC vs. Stoke City FC, 1:50 p.m., NBCSN

Copa MX: Club Leon vs. Cruz Azul, 6:50 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: Club Tijuana vs. Club America, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP, UDN

NBA

Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m., ESPN

Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+

Boston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Ottawa at Dallas, 7 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS

ATP: BNP Paribas Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

Chinese Taipei vs. Netherlands, 7 a.m., MLB

Netherlands vs. Israel, 9 p.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

Australia vs. China, 4 a.m., MLB, ESPNDEP

ON RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas Tech vs. Texas, 8 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

NBA

Sacramento at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Midland College vs. McLennan CC, 6 p.m., NCAA Region V Tournament, Wolfforth Frenship HS

HS BASKETBALL

STANTON'S PETERSON GETS ALL-STAR INVITE

Stanton girls basketball player Alyssa Peterson has been selected to participate in the 18th Texas Roundup All-Star Game, March 18 in Maypearl.

Peterson, a senior forward, will participate in an event that invites 24 standout boys and 24 girls basketball players from Class 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A schools throughout the state.

Peterson was a first-team, All-District 5-3A selection for the Lady Buffaloes this season.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

CHICAGO CUBS — Assigned RHPs Andury Acevedo, Daniel Corcino, Fernando Rodriguez and Ryan Williams, and LHPs Gerardo Concepcion and Manny Parra to their minor league camp.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with RHPs Yency Almonte, Chad Bettis, Shane Carle, Miguel Castro, Jairo Diaz, Carlos Estevez, Rayan Gonzalez, Jon Gray, Jeff Hoffman, Zach Jemisla, German Marquez, Scott Oberg and Antonio Senzatela; LHPs Tyler Anderson, Sam Moll and Chris Rusin; Cs Dustin Garneau, Tom Murphy and Tony Wolters; INFs Cristhian Adames, Trevor Story and Pat Valaika; and OFs David Dahl, Jordan Patterson and Raimel Tapia on one-year contracts.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP Ray Black to Richmond (EL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned C Spencer Kieboom outright to Syracuse (IL).

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Traded RHP Taylor Stanton to Lincoln for OF Robbie Kuzdale.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed LHP Zak Wasserman.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHP John Brownell.

Can-Am League

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Acquired OF Jon Smith from Lincoln (AA) for future considerations.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Named Rob Pelinka general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended New York Jets WR Jalin Marshall for the first four games of the 2017 season for violating the league's policy on performance enhancers.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with TE Jermaine Gresham on a four-year contract. Re-signed QB Zac Dysert to a one-year contract. Extended a contract tender offers to G/T John Wetzel and DT Oisan Peters.

BUFFALO BILLS — Exercised its exclusive rights by tendering offers to RB Mike Gillislee and G Ryan Groy.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Re-signed WR Brenton Bersin to a one-year contract, S Colin Jones and DE Charles Johnson to two-year contracts. Extended a contract offer to restricted free agent G Andrew Norwell to retain his rights for next season. Extended contract offers to exclusive rights free agents P Michael Palardy and C Tyler Larsen.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Extended a tender offer to C TJ Johnson.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Announced the retirement of OL Joe Reitz. Re-signed TE Jack Doyle.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Released CB Brandon Flowers. G D.J. Fluker and WR Stevie Johnson.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Announced the retirement of LB Chad Greenway.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released WR Torrey Smith.

HOCKEY

USA HOCKEY — Named Robb Stauber U.S. Women's World Championship team coach.

National Hockey League

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Karl Stollery and F Kevin Rooney to Albany (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned F Paul Carey to Hershey (AHL). Signed D Kris Bindulis to a three-year, entry-level contract and F Hampus Gustafsson to a two-year, entry-level contract beginning with the 2017-18 season.

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with F Darren Nowick on a professional tryout agreement.

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Signed F Justin Danforth to an amateur tryout agreement. Released D Travis Jeke.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

US ANTI-DOPING AGENCY — Announced American track and field athlete Jessica Cosby-Tonuga accepted a six-year suspension for her second anti-doping rule violation.

COLLEGE

CLEVELAND STATE — Announced the resignation of men's basketball coach Gary Waters.

CUMBERLAND (TENN.) — Announced the resignation of tennis coach Norman Kalkhoff. Named assistant athletic director Mitch Walters interim tennis coach.

EAST CAROLINA — Named Keith Gaither wide receivers coach.

FLORIDA STATE — Named Dameyunne Crisig offensive quality control assistant.

QUINNIPIAC — Fired men's basketball coach Tom Moore.

YOUNGSTOWN STATE — Announced the retirement of men's basketball coach Jerry Slocum.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	66	37	21	8	82	183	165
Ottawa	64	36	22	6	78	170	167
Boston	66	34	26	6	74	182	174
Toronto	65	29	22	14	72	197	195
Tampa Bay	65	30	28	7	67	179	181
Florida	65	29	25	11	69	162	183
Buffalo	67	27	28	12	66	189	196
Detroit	64	25	28	11	61	160	190

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	65	44	14	7	95	212	139
Columbus	65	42	17	6	90	207	149
Pittsburgh	64	40	16	8	88	223	180
N.Y. Rangers	67	43	22	2	88	216	175
N.Y. Islanders	64	30	23	11	71	186	180
Philadelphia	65	31	26	8	70	170	193
Carolina	62	26	26	10	62	155	180
New Jersey	66	25	29	12	62	147	189

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	64	42	16	6	90	213	151
Chicago	65	42	18	5	89	198	164
Nashville	65	32	24	9	73	192	184
St. Louis	65	33	27	5	71	179	183
Winnipeg	67	30	31	6	66	200	209
Dallas	66	27	29	10	64	186	211
Colorado	64	17	44	3	37	123	214

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	65	38	19	7	85	180	152
Edmonton	65	35	22	8	78	187	170
Anaheim	65	33	22	10	76	168	165
Calgary	66	36	26	4	76	179	182
Los Angeles	65	31	28	6	68	161	164
Vancouver	65	28	30	7	63	152	186
Arizona	65	23	35	7	53	157	210

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Columbus 2, New Jersey 0
Philadelphia 6, Buffalo 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Florida 2
Toronto 3, Detroit 2
St. Louis 2, Minnesota 1
Carolina at Colorado, late
N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, late
Nashville at Anaheim, late
Montreal at Vancouver, late

Today's Games

Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Dallas, 7 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Mon 5:50 am MG machine groomed 18 - 36 base 75 of 78 trails
96% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-6p; Sat: 9a-6p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Sun Reopen 03/08 packed powder machine groomed 24 - 40 base 33 of 44 trails
75% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Red River — Operating, no details Mon-Fri: 9a-4p
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Closed for Snow Sports

Sipapu — Tue 5:37 am spring snow machine groomed 36 - 42 base 40 of 43 trails, 93% open
190 acres, 6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Fri No Recent Information MG machine groomed 36 - 37 base 49 of 55 trails, 89% open, 8 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Tue 7:54 am variable machine groomed 78 - 78 base 93 of 83 trails
100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Plenty of MCS players on all-district lists

From staff reports

Nine Midland Christian boys and girls basketball players as well as two coaches earned superlative or first-team honors on the TAPPS 1-5A All-District boys and girls basketball teams recently released.

On the boys' team, senior Bryce Waters was named the district's MVP, while sophomore Peyton Powell earned Co-Newcomer of the Year honors. For directing the program to its first district title in nine seasons, MCS head coach Chris Ryburn was named Coach of the Year, while sophomore Jordan Riley, senior Colton Snively, Powell and Waters were all named to the first team.

On the girls team, Lady Mustangs' junior Blaire Neatherlin was named MVP, senior guard Megan Ashton was named Defensive MVP and head coach Amy Daniels was named the Coach of the Year.

Making the first team were Neatherlin, Ashton, senior guards Anaiz Galindo, Shea Fender and junior Makenzie Mondragon.

TAPPS 1-5A ALL-DISTRICT BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

MVP: Bryce Waters, Sr., Midland Christian
Offensive MVP: Phillip Crowley, Sr., Fort Worth Southwest Christian
Defensive MVP: Cade Cruzen, Sr., Fort Worth Christian
Co-Newcomers of the Year: Peyton Powell, So., Midland Christian; Malik Caper, So., Grapevine Faith Christian
Coach of the Year: Chris Ryburn, Midland Christian

First Team

Bryce Waters, Sr., Midland Christian; Jay Marshall, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Bo Williams, Sr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Colton Snively, Sr., Midland Christian; Phillip Crowley, Sr., Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Justice Bowers, So., Fort Worth Christian; Mike Modisett, Sr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Jordan Riley, So., Midland Christian; Jacob Giunta, So., Fort Worth Christian; Keith Church, Sr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Peyton Powell, So., Midland Christian; Hunter Geiser, Sr., Fort Worth Southwest Christian

Second Team

Malik Caper, So., Grapevine Faith Christian; Tanner Hill, Fr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Cade Cruzen, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Silas Crews, Jr., Midland Christian; Zach Swift, So., Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Garrett Ford, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Arian Jabbar, So., Fort Worth Southwest Christian

TAPPS 1-5A ALL-DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Co-MVPs: Blaire Neatherlin, Jr., Midland Christian; Abby Leonhard, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian
Defensive MVP: Megan Ashton, Sr., Midland Christian
Newcomer of the Year: Addison Hooper, Fr., Fort Worth Christian
Coach of the Year: Amy Daniels, Midland Christian

First Team

Blaire Neatherlin, Jr., Midland Christian; Abby Leonhard, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Megan Ashton, Sr., Midland Christian; Anaiz Galindo, Sr., Midland Christian; Addison Hooper, Fr., Fort Worth Christian; Shea Fender, Sr., Midland Christian; McKinley Irwin, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Ainsley Owen, So., Fort Worth Christian; Makenzie Mondragon, Jr., Midland Christian; Kristen Fowler, Fr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Meg Goff, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Emma Severide, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian

Second Team

Kayla Ackerman, Sr., Midland Christian; Victoria Navarrete, So., Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Grace Turnham, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Grace Harrison, So., Fort Worth Christian; Peyton Pearce, Jr., Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Ella Stewart, So., Fort Worth Christian; Bailee Barrett, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Daniella Anastasio, Sr., Midland Christian; Rae Williams, Sr., Grapevine Faith Christian; Mikayla Burres, Sr., Fort Worth Christian

Honorable Mention

Avery McKinney, Sr., Midland Christian; Leel Davila, Jr., Midland Christian

MC falls to OC in non-conference slugfest

From staff reports

ODESSA — The No. 9-ranked Odessa College baseball team outlasted Midland College, 15-14, in a high-scoring non-conference game Tuesday at American Legion Field.

Trailing 15-10 through eight innings, the Chaparrals (9-5) made a valiant comeback attempt in the ninth behind a grand slam by Eric Senior, before Wranglers reliever Trevor Ripke got the final out for a save.

MC's Nolan Rattai went 3-for-4 with a double, two RBI, three runs and a walk, while teammate Alex Salcido was 3-for-3 with two doubles, three RBI, two walks and a run.

Senior finished with five RBI. Ethan Barker, Hill Alexander and Benton Rogers each contributed two hits and two runs to Midland College's offensive barrage.

Grant Jones, Kyler Castillo and Masen Hibbler, the No. 1-3 hitters for Odessa College (14-2), each scored three runs. Andrew Morales had three RBI for the Wranglers.

Eleven of the 14 pitchers that threw in the game allowed at least one run.

The Chaps open up Western Junior College Athletic Conference play when they visit Howard College for a doubleheader starting at noon Friday.

NO. 9 ODESSA COLLEGE 15, MIDLAND COLLEGE 14

MC	200	121	404	—1416	2
OC	350	010	24x	—1513	0

Aaron Wiseman, Kyle Mitchell (2), Connor Flannagan (6), Brandon Hatley (7), Logan McCrummen (7) and Cameron Melchi; Matthew Shunk, Ramon Arguelles (2), Yohn Zapata (3), Max Barrett (4), Wellington Belen (5), Charlie Shipp (6), Kegan Branum (7), Trestan Kennard (7), Trevor Ripke (9) and Cal Pequeno. W — Kennard. L — Flannagan. S — Ripke 28 — MC: Hill Alexander 2, Alex Salcido 2, Nolan Rattai; Ethan Barker. OC: Angel Torres 2, 3B — MC: Braden Hayward. OC: Grant Jones. HR — MC: Eric Senior.

Records: Midland College 9-6; Odessa College 14-2

Next: Midland College at Howard College, noon Friday (DH)

BASEBALLANDSOFTBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball

LEE'S OVERTON HONORED FOR 500TH WIN

Prior to Tuesday's home game against Lubbock Coronado, Lee softball coach Wes Overton was presented a plaque to recognize his 500th win milestone, which occurred in a 15-0 victory over Shallowater in the West Texas Classic on Feb. 25.

Overton has compiled 506 wins in 21 seasons of coaching, the first two with Big Spring and the previous 19 at Lee.

"Of course in the back of my mind, I knew it was the 500th," Overton said. "I didn't tell the girls. They don't even know. I was just trying to do what we had to do to get a win that morning."

Christopher Hadorn/Reporter-Telegram

Lee softball coach Wes Overton (center) is presented with a plaque from Midland ISD Director of Athletics Audra Hooker (left) and Lee head football coach Clint Hartman (right) to recognize his 500th victory milestone, which was achieved in a 15-0 win over Shallowater on Feb. 25.

CORONADO 11 LEE 1, 5 INNINGS

Lubbock Coronado scored eight first-inning runs en route to a run-rule win over Lee Tuesday at Gene Smith Field.

Emily Gonzalez had two hits for the Lady Rebels, while teammate Kirklynd Newsom doubled and scored.

Lee (16-3) visits Odessa Permian in its District 2-6A opener at 7 p.m. Friday.

LUBBOCK CORONADO 11, LEE 1, 5 INNINGS

Coronado	800	30	—11	1	1
Lee	000	10	—1	4	5

M. Salinas and C. Hilliard; Melanie Marin, Emily Gonzalez (5) and Baylee Leonard. W — Salinas. L — Marin. 2B — Coronado: K. Gonzales, M. Hulland; Lee: Kirklynd Newsom. HR — Coronado: Hulland.

Record: Lee 16-3

Next: Lee at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD 9 PRESIDIO 5

Karina Galindo went 3-for-4 with a double and five RBI to lead Greenwood to a win over Presidio in non-district play at Greenwood High.

Rangerettes freshman Karlie Savage was 4-for-4 with two RBI and three runs and GHS sophomore Prescilla Gonzales went 3-for-4 with an RBI, a run and three stolen bases.

GREENWOOD 9, PRESIDIO 5

Presidio	000	302	0	—5	6	1
Greenwood	014	112	x	—9	14	2

A. Armendriz and Y. Valdivia; Kyndall Dove and Paydee Sims. W — Dove. L — Armendriz. 2B — Presidio: N. Melendez, S. Arrevalo; GHS: Karina Galindo.

Record: Greenwood 10-5-1

Next: Greenwood vs. Fredericksburg and San Marcos, San Marcos Rattler Classic, Thursday

STANTON 12 KERMIT 10

STANTON — Victoria Carby picked up the win in the circle and went 3-for-5 with a home run, a double, four RBI and three runs to lead Stanton to a win over Kermit.

Jaime Saenz was 4-for-4 with a double, a triple, two RBI and two runs for the Lady Buffaloes (5-6-1).

STANTON 12, KERMIT 10

Kermit	101	123	2	—1011	3
Stanton	010	332	3	—1217	5

Acosta and Madrid; Victoria Carby and Mariella Escamilla W — Carby. L — Acosta. 2B — Kermit: Samara. Prize: Stanton: Jamie Saenz, Carby, Victoria Alvizo 2. 3B — Stanton: Saenz. HR — Stanton: Carby.

Record: Stanton 5-6-1

Baseball

SLATON JV 2 MCA 1

SLATON — Caleb Patterson, Jaxson Bayley and Grant Berridge managed Midland Classical's only three hits in a loss to Slaton JV Tuesday.

Bayley tossed two hitless innings of shutout ball for the Knights (1-2).

SLATON JV 2, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 1

MCA	010	000	0	—1	3	1
Slaton	100	010	x	—2	4	4

Caleb Patterson, Jaxson Bayley (3), Grant Berridge (5), Sam Reddell and Berridge; Patterson (5). Dr. Perales (5), Lowe (6). W — Perales. L — Berridge.

Record: Midland Classical 1-2.

Next: MCA in Reagan County Tournament, March 9-11

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	10	3	0.769
Los Angeles	7	3	0.700
Seattle	7	4	0.636
Tampa Bay	6	4	0.600
Minnesota	6	4	0.600
Chicago	6	4	0.600
Oakland	6	4	0.600
Kansas City	7	5	0.583
Baltimore	6	5	0.545
Boston	5	6	0.455
Cleveland	4	6	0.400
Houston	2	6	0.250
Toronto	2	7	0.222
Detroit	3	10	0.231
Texas	2	9	0.182

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	9	3	0.750
St. Louis	8	3	0.727
New York	7	4	0.636
Philadelphia	6	4	0.600
Colorado	7	5	0.583
Los Angeles	6	6	0.500
Arizona	6	6	0.500
Milwaukee	5	5	0.500
Washington	5	5	0.500
San Diego	5	6	0.455
Cincinnati	5	6	0.455
Chicago	4	5	0.444
San Francisco	5	8	0.385
Miami	3	7	0.300
Atlanta	2	9	0.182

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Pittsburgh 6, Atlanta 3
Boston 5, Washington 3
Baltimore 5, Dominican Republic 4
St. Louis 9, Miami 2
Philadelphia 11, Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 6, 10 innings
Canada 7, Toronto 1
Colorado 3, Texas 2
Italy 8, Chicago Cubs 7
Cincinnati 7, Kansas City 3
San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 2
San Diego 7, Mexico 3
Oakland 21, Arizona 13

Today's Games

Canada vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Dominican Republic vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Italy vs. Oakland (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Milwaukee (ss) at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Puerto Rico (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Venezuela (ss) vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Mexico (ss) vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:10 p.m.
Columbia (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 5:35 p.m.
United States (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 8:10 p.m.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

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3/11 9:00-12:00 Shot & Chip Clinic Dennis the Menace Park
3/13 6:00-8:00 Volunteer Orientation at MHC's Adoption Center
4/6 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
6/24 3rd Annual Hot Dog Run 5K and 1K

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LEESOCCERROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Boys

LEE WIN IN PKS OVER OHS

ODESSA — Luis Aranda, Leondro Aranda, Joseph Fontana and Abraham Zunniga scored penalty kick goals to lead the Lee boys soccer team to a 4-3 shootout win over Odessa High in District 2-6A play at Ratliff Stadium. The match ended in a 2-2 tie after regulation.

With the shootout victory, Lee (9-7-1 overall), at 5-1-1-1 and 18 points, remained in a first-place tie with Midland High (4-3-0-1, 18 points) in the District 2-6A standings.

Following a scoreless first half, Odessa High scored the match's first goal in the second half before Lee junior midfielder Luis Aranda tied the match at 1, on an assist from Leondro Aranda.

After the Bronchos vaulted ahead to 2-1, Rebels sophomore forward Esai Soto tied the match at 2, assisted by Leondro Aranda, with 15 minutes remaining.

In the shootout period, Lee goalkeeper Eddie Ramirez blocked Odessa High's third penalty kick, which proved to be the difference.

Girls

LEE ELIMINATED FROM PLAYOFF CONTENTION

ODESSA — The Odessa High girls soccer team scored three first-half goals and rolled to a 4-0 victory over Lee in District 2-6A play, Tuesday at Ratliff Stadium.

The fifth-place Lady Rebels (4-9-3 overall) were eliminated from playoff contention with a district mark of 1-1-0-6 and five points.

Lee goalie Jenna McEnaney had eight saves.

Lady Rebels coach Mark Hinshaw said his team was short-handed because of injuries and illness, and four freshmen started as a result.

"We came out and played hard and we made a few mistakes that cost us the match," Hinshaw said. "That's part of the growing process."

GIRLS

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District 2-6A girls soccer standings

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
xy-Wolfforth Frenship (16-0)	8	0	0	0	24
x-Midland High (13-0)	5	0	0	3	16
x-Odessa High (15-4-2)	5	0	0	3	15
x-Odessa Permian (9-9)	4	0	0	4	12
Lee (4-9-3)	1	1	0	6	5
Amarillo Tascosa (6-11-1)	0	0	1	7	2

W-9 points; PW-2 points, PL-1 point
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched district title
All matches begin at 5:30 p.m unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday's Scores
Wolfforth Frenship 3, Midland High 0; Odessa High 4, Lee 0; Odessa Permian 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Friday's Matchup
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Alexis Ramos (8) goes after the ball against Frenship's Samantha Vasquez (14) on Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.

do. (MHS) came out and played us hard, they really did. A lot of it had to do with what they did in the first half. But in the second half we kind of understood our roles and did a better job."

The Lady Bulldogs nearly struck first in the 47th minute when Claudia Fricker's header on a short cross fell just wide of the net. But four minutes later, Frenship's Maddie Hoel tallied the match's game winner, a well-placed and angled shot that found the back corner of the net from about 25 yards out for a 1-0 advantage.

In the 65th minute, Chloe Woodard doubled the Lady Tigers' lead before Frenship put the match out of reach with a third goal in the 67th minute by Natalie Jones.

Woodard said improved teamwork and offensive flow were the keys to separating from a fiery MHS side that was still fully in the district title race entering the match.

"I feel like our first half was a little slower than what it should have been," Woodard said. "But in the second half we began to spread out and work more as a team, faster and more positively. We just continue to work hard and do our best."

MHS head coach Cooper Barham, whose team also fell 3-0 to Frenship in a Feb. 14 match in Wolfforth, said his team played with plenty of intensity and believes the Lady Bulldogs can approach their final two district matches with a positive mindset.

"They came out on fire. All year Frenship has been able to score lots of goals," Barham said. "We came out and we were playing them really well, giving them a fight and it was a really great game in the first half. Frenship was able to capitalize on opportunities. Those were really good goals and I give (credit) to them. It was a fun game to watch, real competitive back and forth."

Added Barham: "(The MHS players) fought hard for 80 minutes and that's what is really important."

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TOURNEY

From 1C

the NCAA Tournament the last two years. Weber guided Kansas State to the Big 12 title game in 2014, his first season in charge, but has lost three of its last four tournament games.

"Our back is up against the wall," Kansas State's D.J. Johnson said. "We're always that way."

Other favorites

West Virginia routed the Jayhawks at home and nearly won at Allen Fieldhouse, and its frenetic style can cause nightmares. But the Mountaineers are just 2-4 in the Big 12 tourney since they joined the conference in 2012, and their road to the title could include a date with Baylor.

The Bears were ranked No. 1 earlier this season and have the ability to make a deep run. Scott Drew has never won the title, but his Bears have lost in the title game twice in the past five years.

"Theoretically, in most leagues (the 2 seed) is an easier route to the championship," Huggins said of the stout field, "but in this league I don't think it really matters."

Oh, those Cyclones

With the exception of Jayhawk fans, nobody packs the Sprint Center quite like Iowa State's legion. They paint the Power and Light District in downtown Kansas City red whenever they show up, giving their team a Hilton Coliseum-like advantage. And with tipoff against Oklahoma State at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, they should get the quarterfinals rocking right from the start.

Longshots have a shot

Baylor was the No. 9 seed when it reached the 2009 finals, and the No. 7 seed when it advanced that far a few years ago. So don't count out the quartet playing tonight, especially TCU, which beat Iowa State and Kansas State earlier in the year.

DIXON

From 1C

Dixon looks to continue playing at a four-year school but is concentrating on helping MC make another postseason run.

"I'm really confident," she said. "I feel like our team has pulled things together over the last couple of games. Mentally, we're where we need to be. Against McLennan, we just have to show up and play our game and we've got to show up and play it like we don't want it to be our last because it's do or die. We've got to go out against McLennan strong and give it everything we've got."

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NJCAA Region V Tournament capsule

NO. 22 MIDLAND COLLEGE VS. MCLENNAN CC

When/where: 6 p.m. today, The Tiger Pit, Wolfforth Frenship HS

On the web: psblive.tv

Records/seeds: Midland College 17-9, No. 3 seed out of Western Junior College Athletic Conference; McLennan Community College 17-12, No. 2 seed out of North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference

Notes & notes: Midland College coach Ron Jones said he believes his team has been in the best rhythm it's been all year over the last three weeks, and it all starts on the defensive end. "Because we're getting stops again, it has made us feel more comfortable offensively and it gets us in transition, so I think it's all related," Jones said. "I feel we're playing our best basketball of the year, which is a good time to do it. We're disappointed we didn't finish the New Mexico game (a 66-62 loss), but other than that, since our debacle at South Plains (a 91-57 loss on Feb. 2), we've played better and better." ... Jones said MCC has some good guards and it's a team that led the NTJCAC up until late in the regular season. Velma Mitchell, a 5-foot-8 freshman G leads the Highlassies with 16.4 ppg, while 5-7 sophomore G Dariel Johnson averages 9.0 ppg.

Next: Winner plays Odessa College/Hill College winner, 3 p.m. Friday

THE TOURNAMENT

NJCAA REGION V TOURNAMENT BRACKET
at The Tiger Pit, Wolfforth

Women

Today

Game 1: (W4) Western Texas College (13-12) vs. (N1) Collin County (19-10), 1 p.m.
Game 2: (W2) South Plains College (26-4) vs. (N3) Ranger College (17-13), 3 p.m.
Game 3: (W3) Midland College (17-9) vs. (N2) McLennan Community College (17-12), 6 p.m.
Game 4: (W1) Odessa College (25-1) vs. (N4) Hill College (19-11), 8 p.m.

Friday

Semifinals

Game 9: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 1 p.m.
Game 10: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 4 p.m.

Saturday
Championship

Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Men

Thursday

Game 5: (W4) Howard College (19-11) vs. (N1) McLennan CC (29-11), 1 p.m.
Game 6: (W2) Odessa College (24-5) vs. (N3) Collin County (19-9), 3 p.m.
Game 7: (W3) Western Texas College (20-9) vs. (N2) Temple College (24-6), 6 p.m.
Game 8: (W1) South Plains College (26-0) vs. (N4) Hill College, 8 p.m.

Friday

Semifinals

Game 11: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m.
Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Championship

Semifinals winners, 4:30 p.m.

Nowitzki tops 30,000 points, Mavs roll past Lakers, 122-111

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki scored the 20 points he needed for 30,000 in his career in barely more than a quarter, and the Dallas Mavericks celebrated with their second straight easy home win over the Los Angeles Lakers, a 122-111 victory Tuesday night.

The 7-foot German became the sixth NBA player and the first international one to reach the milestone, joining four Hall of Famers and a future one in Kobe Bryant. Nowitzki is one of three to score all 30,000-plus with one team. The others are Karl Malone (Utah) and Bryant (Lakers).

The 38-year-old Nowitzki matched the best first quarter in his 19 seasons by scoring 18 points, and reached the hallowed mark on a 15-foot fadeaway jumper from the baseline over Larry Nance Jr. with 10:58 remaining in the second quarter.

Nowitzki scored all of his 25 points in the first half to send the Mavericks to a 31-point lead in the third quarter. This was the Lakers' first visit to Dallas since setting a franchise record with a 49-point loss, a 122-73 blowout on Jan. 22.

"It's been a crazy ride with a lot of ups and a lot of downs but you guys stuck with me and we hung in there," Nowitzki told the crowd shortly after the final buzzer.

Dallas extended a franchise record with its 14th straight win over the Lakers, who got a triple-double from Julius Randle with 13 points, 18 rebounds and 10 assists in their eighth straight loss.

After the signature shot for 30,000, Nowitzki added a 3-pointer for 23 points in the first 14 minutes before the game was stopped as teammates mobbed the wide-smiling star near midcourt.

Nowitzki waded through the huddle to get to the bench for more hugs and hand slaps, including one from owner Mark Cuban, then returned to the court to acknowledge the standing ovation.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	24	.625	-
Toronto	37	24	.587	2½
New York	26	38	.406	14
Philadelphia	23	40	.365	16½
Brooklyn	11	51	.177	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	37	24	.607	-
Atlanta	34	29	.540	4
Miami	30	34	.469	8½
Charlotte	28	35	.444	10
Orlando	23	41	.359	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	42	20	.677	-
Indiana	32	31	.508	10½
Chicago	31	32	.492	11½
Detroit	31	32	.492	11½
Milwaukee	29	33	.468	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	49	13	.790	-
Houston	44	20	.688	6
Memphis	36	26	.581	12
Dallas	27	36	.429	22½
New Orleans	25	39	.391	25

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	40	24	.625	-
Oklahoma City	35	29	.547	5
Denver	29	34	.460	10½
Portland	27	36	.429	12½
Minnesota	25	37	.403	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	52	12	.825	-
x-L.A. Clippers	38	25	.603	14
Sacramento	28	35	.444	24
Phoenix	21	42	.333	31
x-L.A. Lakers	19	45	.297	33

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Portland 126, Oklahoma City 121
Dallas 122, L.A. Lakers 111
Washington at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Today's Games

Chicago at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Denver, 8 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Boys

From 1C

going to go at all times. That's what I always do."

But before Ferguson and the Bulldogs could taste victory, they had to endure a bit of tumble in the first portion of the first half. Frenship grabbed the lead on a shocking MHS own goal in the 21st minute which zapped stadium's energy.

MHS head coach Warren Cottle said he was proud of the way his team recovered from that setback and put itself in position to come away with points.

The Bulldogs trailed 1-0 halftime, but re-discovered their game once junior forward Brian Natividad knotted the game in the 46th minute on a nifty individual play.

"They were kind of nervous going into halftime and I said 'Don't worry about it, just play,'" Cottle said. "We've got the kids to do it and we had a great second half. They started playing and pushing, fighting and scratching. It showed what is special about our Bulldog team. They lived up to the Bulldog tradition."

Added Cottle: "We talk about character all the time. Character is coming back the next say day and training harder. Character is going down a goal on a crazy own goal and then coming back, tying it up and winning on a shootout. It's very special and I'm blessed to work with these young men."

MHS nearly took a 2-1 lead in the 53rd minute on a loose ball in front of Frenship's net and then again in the 73rd minute, when Natividad misfired a rocket just over the crossbar.

Tigers coach Eric Eugenis, whose team is still in the thick of a tight race for the district's final playoff spot, said his players' effort was inspiring even in the loss.

"We came off of a big win against Permian and the boys have gotten their feet back underneath them and they never consider themselves out of the race," Eugenis said. "We just keep playing and trying to get better."

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District 2-6A boys soccer standings

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
x-Midland High (9-6-1)	4	3	0	1	18
x-Lee (9-7-1)	5	1	1	1	18
x-Odessa High (8-7-3)	4	1	2	1	16
Amarillo Tascosa (10-5-2)	2	1	0	5	8
Wolfforth Frenship (8-8-3)	1	0	3	4	6
Odessa Permian (3-13-3)	1	1	1	6	6

W-3 points; PW-2 points, PL-1 point
x-clinched playoff spot
All matches begin at 7:30 p.m unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 1, Wolfforth Frenship 1 (MHS wins 5-4 on PKs); Lee 2, Odessa High 2 (Lee wins 4-3 on PKs; Amarillo Tascosa 2, Odessa Permian 1

Friday's Matches
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa High vs Odessa Permian

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

TUESDAY'S SCORES
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic Coast Conference
First Round
Clemson 75, NC State 61
Pittsburgh 61, Georgia Tech 59
Wake Forest 92, Boston College 79
Big Sky Conference
First Round
Portland St. 80, N. Arizona 67
Sacramento St. 91, Idaho St. 78
Horizon League
Championship
N. Kentucky 59, Milwaukee 53
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
SC State 82, Florida A&M 78, OT
Northeast Conference
Championship
Mount St. Mary's 71, St. Francis (Pa.) 61
Southwestern Athletic Conference
First Round
Alcorn St. 63, MVSU 60
Texas Southern 87, Alabama St. 72

Top 25 fared
Tuesday

1. Kansas (28-3) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Thursday.
2. Villanova (28-3) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's or Georgetown, Thursday.
3. UCLA (28-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal or Washington, Thursday.
4. Gonzaga (32-1) beat No. 19 Saint Mary's 74-58. Next: NCAA tournament.
5. Oregon (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State or Stanford, Thursday.
6. North Carolina (28-6) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse or Miami, Thursday.
7. Arizona (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado or Washington State, Thursday.
8. Kentucky (26-5) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia or Tennessee, Friday.
9. Baylor (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Thursday.
10. Louisville (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Duke or Clemson, Thursday.
11. West Virginia (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech or Texas, Thursday.
12. SMU (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Temple or East Carolina, Friday.
13. Purdue (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan or Illinois, Friday.
14. Duke (23-8) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Wednesday.
15. Cincinnati (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa or Tulane, Friday.
16. Florida State (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech or Wake Forest, Thursday.
17. Florida (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt or Texas A&M, Friday.
18. Butler (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier or DePaul, Thursday.
19. Saint Mary's (28-4) lost to No. 4 Gonzaga 74-58. Next: TBA.
20. Wichita State (30-4) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
21. Virginia (21-9) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Wednesday.
22. Notre Dame (23-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Virginia or Pittsburgh, Thursday.
23. Iowa State (20-10) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Thursday.
24. Wisconsin (23-8) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa or Indiana, Friday.
25. Maryland (24-7) did not play. Next: Big Ten quarterfinals, Friday.

Women

TOURNAMENT
Horizon League
Championship
Green Bay 64, Detroit 52
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
First Round
N.C. A&T 71, NC Central 58
Savannah St. 59, Morgan St. 51
Mountain West Conference
Quarterfinals
Boise St. 64, New Mexico 62
Colorado St. 65, San Jose St. 60
Southwestern Athletic Conference
First Round
Alabama St. 48, Ark.-Pine Bluff 46
Grambling St. 71, MVSU 61
Southern U. 73, Alcorn St. 67
Sun Belt Conference
First Round
Appalachian St. 79, Coastal Carolina 58
Louisiana-Lafayette 79, Louisiana-Monroe 72
South Alabama 49, Georgia St. 44
West Coast Conference
Championship
Gonzaga 86, Saint Mary's (Cal) 75.

Top 25 fared
Tuesday

1. UConn (32-0) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
2. Baylor (30-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
3. Notre Dame (30-3) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
4. South Carolina (27-4) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
5. Maryland (30-2) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
6. Stanford (28-5) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
7. Mississippi State (29-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
8. Oregon State (29-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
9. Duke (27-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
10. Florida State (25-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
11. Ohio State (28-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
12. Washington (27-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
13. Louisville (27-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
14. Texas (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
15. UCLA (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
16. Miami (23-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
17. DePaul (26-7) lost to Marquette 86-78. Next: TBA.
18. N.C. State (22-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
19. Kentucky (21-10) did not play. Next: TBA.
20. Drake (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana State or Illinois State, Friday.
21. Syracuse (21-10) did not play. Next: TBA.
22. Oklahoma (22-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
23. Creighton (23-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
24. Kansas State (22-10) did not play. Next: TBA.
25. Missouri (21-10) did not play. Next: TBA.

WBC matters to players, but scheduling issues won't go away

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

Victor Martinez was just starting spring training in Florida last month, and already he was feeling the pressure over the World Baseball Classic.

"I don't know, man," the veteran slugger said softly. "I think they're going to have to find a different time to do this."

The Detroit slugger is on the roster for Venezuela, which begins round-robin play in the WBC on Friday night against Puerto Rico. His concerns about the timing of the event aren't exactly unique.

Now over a decade old, this international tournament featuring some of the game's biggest stars is taking place for the fourth time, but as much as players look forward to the opportunity, it's become increasingly clear that there's no perfect time and format for this type of competition.

With so many great players from all over the world, baseball seems like an ideal sport for this type of tournament, but while the WBC receives plenty of interest in Asia and Latin America, it hasn't totally caught on in the United States, where soccer's World Cup, the Olympic basketball and hockey tournaments and even golf's Ryder Cup usually draw a decent amount of anticipation.

"I would like to get the WBC to the point where everyone views it as a premier international event," Commissioner Rob Manfred said a few weeks ago at a spring training event. "I'm going to both Korea and Japan. One of the reasons I'm making that trip is, in those countries, tremendous support and interest in this event, and we need to make sure we get the same kind of interest and support here in the United States. I think the key to that is having a competitive, successful team from the United States."

In Tokyo on Tuesday, Manfred pushed back against the idea that the WBC's future is shaky, pointing out how popular the event is around the world. Perhaps it would be taken more seriously in the U.S. if the Americans fared better — they've never finished higher than fourth.

This year's U.S. roster, managed by Jim Leyland, includes big names such as Andrew McCutchen, Giancarlo Stanton and Paul Goldschmidt. The pitching staff, however, is lacking quite a few stars.

"We're missing a lot of the best pitchers that we have," said U.S. second baseman Ian Kinsler of the Tigers. "You look at (Clayton) Kershaw and David Price and Chris Sale and Rick Porcello and (Justin) Verlander. You could go on and on."

None of those aces are on the staff, which underscores one of the event's biggest challenges — avoiding wear and tear on pitchers who have a long major league season to worry about. In this era of innings limits and heightened sensitivity to pitch counts, everyone's workload is an issue .

There are rules in place at the WBC limiting pitch counts, but while those restrictions can protect pitchers from overuse, they also contribute to the sense that the top players aren't able to compete at their highest level in this tournament — which is unfortunate, since players do seem genuinely excited about the chance to participate.

"When the guys get on their teams with their fellow countrymen, and they put on the uniforms, they want to win," said Brad Ausmus, who managed Israel's WBC team before being hired by Detroit in 2013. "It's not an exhibition. There's a lot of pride that's involved."

Ausmus and Kinsler both wondered about the possibility of playing the WBC in the middle of the season, with the major leagues taking time off the way the NHL has done for the Olympics. Max Scherzer, who was supposed to pitch in the WBC this year but had to pull out because of a knuckle injury, figures that's unlikely.

"The only way to actually make it more popular is if you were to pause the actual MLB season. That's the only way to have all the best players playing at the same time for their countries," Scherzer said. "But given the format of the season, no one is going to agree to that, because you're going to have to take 25 days off to be able to do that."

Indeed, one problem is that baseball doesn't necessarily lend itself to shorter tournaments. The major league regular season is often described as a marathon, not a sprint, and the World Series is best-of-seven, not single elimination. If the WBC was condensed too much, it might be even harder to build fan interest. Shorter tournaments can yield flukier results — that, as much as anything, might explain the U.S. team's disappointing track record.

Unheralded special teams guys often best free agent signings

By Rob Maadi
Associated Press

The best signings in free agency are usually unheralded players.

Quarterbacks and skill position players get the most money. High-profile defensive guys get plenty of attention. Special teams players fly under the radar but can make the most impact.

The Philadelphia Eagles signed safety Chris Maragos and linebacker Bryan Braman in 2014 to bolster their special teams. They did just that. The Eagles have had one of the best special teams units in the NFL the past three seasons.

"Part of the messaging to the team from my standpoint is we have three aspects of our team: You've got offense, defense, special teams. And, special teams is so important to the success of your team," Eagles coach Doug Pederson said.

Maragos was lured away from the defending Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks three years ago and signed a contract extension last fall. Braman will become an unrestricted free agent and should get a nice contract from a team looking to improve its coverage units.

Here's a look at some of the NFL's top special teams players who were signed as free agents:

JOSH MARTIN: The linebacker was signed off the Indianapolis Colts' practice squad and led the Jets with 14 special teams tackles in 2016. Martin will be an unrestricted free agent this week. He drew Bill Belichick's attention before the Jets played the Patriots. "In the kicking game, Martin is the guy to stop," Belichick said. "I mean, he's one of the top players in the league (on special teams). He's done a great job for them."

AP file photo

Miami Dolphins wide receiver Jakeem Grant (19) tries to avoid New York Jets linebacker Josh Martin (95) during the second quarter of a game, in East Rutherford, N.J., on Dec. 17, 2016. Martin was signed off the Indianapolis Colts' practice squad and led the Jets with 14 special teams tackles in 2016.

ERIC WEEMS: The Falcons signed the wide receiver to a two-year deal after a successful first stint with the team before he went to Chicago. He finished fourth with 17 special teams tackles and will be an unrestricted free agent.

BRYNDEN TRAWICK: The Raiders signed the safety away from Baltimore last March and he finished with 15 special teams tackles. Oakland has a tough decision to make on WR Andre Holmes, a core special teams guy who will be an unrestricted free agent.

DWAYNE HARRIS: The Cowboys' special teams haven't been the same since they let the wide receiver sign with division rival New York Giants in 2015. Harris had 14 special tackles last season and returned one punt and one kickoff for TDs in 2015.

MARC MARIANI: The Titans signed the wide receiver a week before the season opener last year and he stabilized Tennessee's return game.

Location matters for a World Golf Championships event

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Some of the loudest cheers from the Mexico Championship came before it even started.

The shrieks began when British Open champion Henrik Stenson finished his practice round on the 18th green and hundreds of fans, most of them children, called out his name in a way he most likely never had heard it pronounced. Next up was Jordan Spieth and Phil Mickelson, followed by Rory McIlroy, who all stopped to sign autographs for them.

Seeing them on television doesn't make them real.

Seeing them in person does.

Moments like this is why the week at Chapultepec Golf Club was such a success, and it sure didn't hurt that Dustin Johnson was at his world-class best by overcoming a frustrating week on the greens to win his fourth World Golf Championships title.

The World Golf Championships were launched in 1999 to not only bring together the best players from six tours around the world, but to showcase these players to different parts of the world. They had gotten away from that.

In a roundabout way, that might have been one of Donald Trump's most underrated contributions to golf. Because he brought so much attention to himself at Trump Doral — this was the case even before he successfully ran for president — the PGA Tour had trouble finding a corporate sponsor that wanted to pay some $15 million a year and share the stage with the owner of the golf course.

Grupo Salinas and Mexico stepped in with plans that go beyond staging a golf tournament.

"We needed to get these heroes in Mexico, and get the kids to feel it and live it," said Benjamin Salinas, chief executive of TV Azteca and the son of Grupo Salinas founder Ricardo Salinas. "Kids are our main objective here. If the kids start really liking these guys and wanting to emulate them ... this is why we had a Mexican player (Roberto Diaz), so these guys can look at him and said, 'I can be that guy.'

The last time this WGC had been played outside the United State was in 2006 at The Grove in the London suburbs. One afternoon, a young British lad pressed up against the ropes by the putting green. Stewart Cink came over to sign his program, and the boy looked up at him with wide eyes. Cink was three years away from winning the British Open, but he had played on three Ryder Cup teams. And he was close enough for the boy to touch him.

Location really is everything.

"What happened here this week was huge," Diaz said. "It's an opportunity for the kids to learn and see the way these guys play."

The Mexico Championship — for now, the only WGC without the sponsor's name in the tournament — is under contract for six more years. Its position on the schedule broke up the Florida swing, and that will be the case next year before it likely will fall between the West Coast and Florida.

It is off to a great start, especially with a leaderboard that featured Justin Thomas, Johnson, Mickelson and McIlroy going into Sunday.

The work is just starting outside the gates of Chapultepec.

Mexico has only 200 golf courses, none of them public. Salinas has a big goal of having at least one public course in each state, more in the fourth most populated city in the world. He made it clear that it would take cooperation from the government (land), private business (funding) and the PGA Tour (instruction).

Among those at the tournament Sunday was Lorena Ochoa, Mexico's greatest player, who will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame later this year.

"Any time you have the best players in any sport in your country, you should be proud and take advantage of the opportunity," Ochoa said. "For the little boys and girls, they are not afraid of dreaming. A tournament like this, you can change lives."

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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	Goldberg (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Black-ish (N)	Designated Survivor "Warriors" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Game Changers "The Stakes Have Been Raised" (SP) (N)				Crim. Minds: Borders (SP) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Eye of Osiris"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Lawful Lazarus"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal "A Problem Like Maria" (N)		Star "Saving Face" (N)		Fox 24 News	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	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D.		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Super Hummingbirds"			Nature "The Story of Cats: Asia to Africa"			Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Pequeños Gigantes USA		Vino el amor		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SHIELD "The Asset"		SHIELD "Eye Spy"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0.	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575			165	(4:00) ★ Gangs of ...		★★ 3:10 to Yuma Russell Crowe.				(:05) ★★ War ('07, Act) Jet Li.				★ Summer of Sam	
	HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★ Point Break ('15, Act) Luke Bracey.				UConn	Big Little Lies		★ The Music of Strangers: Y...		
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(4:50) ★ 42		LastWeek	Crashing	UConn: Madness		★★ Little Nicky			★★★ The Wedding Singer		
	HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:05) ★★ Fool's Gold				★ Midnight Special Michael Shannon.				Crashing	LastWeek	★★★ Joy	
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ Gone in 60...		★★ Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen					★ Our Brand is Crisis			(:20) ★ Shoot 'Em Up	
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	★★ The Strangers Liv Tyler.			★★★ American Gangster Denzel Washington.					(:40) ★★ Pitch Black		
	PLEX			96			(5:35) ★★ The Touch		★ Resurrecting the Champ				(:55) ★★ Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius				(:05) ★ Bruce Lee, ...	
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Billions "Optimal Play"		★★ What Women Want Mel Gibson.				(:10) ★★ Showgirls ('95, Dra) Elizabeth Berkley.					Billions
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) ★★★ Beyond the Sea		★ Wristcutters: A Love Story				★ Christmas Eve Patrick Stewart.			(:35) ★★★ Dressed to Kill		
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. (N)	Duck Dyn. (N)	Jep&Jessica (N)	(:05) Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ The Matrix		★★★ Inception ('10, Act) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.							★★★ Batman Begins Christian Bale.		
	BET	58	-		40		(5:00) NewEditionSt		The Quad		The Quad		The Quad (N)		KalieffBrowderSto (N)		Daily S.	Game
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Southern Charm		Southern Charm		S. Charm	S. Charm	Beverly Hills		Watch (N)	S. Charm	Housewives Atlanta	
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Deed (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	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)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Bering Sea Gold	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Indiana Pacers (L)					NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors (L)				
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)				NCAA Basketball ACC Tournament (L)					SportsC.	SportsCenter	
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped Junior		Chopped Junior (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Bakers vs. Fakers (N)		Bakers "Say Cheese"		Cooks vs. Cons	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★ A Cinderella Story		★★ The Prince and Me ('04, Com) Julia Stiles.						The 700 Club		★ I Love You, Bet...	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Game 365	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Dallas Stars Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas! (L)				Stars Live (L)		Rodeo/ (:15) BBall	Double T Insider	WFT Poker	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★★ Captain America: The Winter Soldier Chris Evans.						Legion "Chapter 5" (N)			Legion "Chapter 5"		Americn.
	HALLMARK	54	71	38		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	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "From A to T"		American Pickers		American Pickers		Six "End Game" (N)		Six "End Game"		American Pickers	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Insignificant Other"		Women "Houston, We Have a Problem" (N)		LW Atlanta "Bad Romance" (N)		Ballers "Suburban Invaders" (N)		LW Atlanta "Bad Romance"		Women "Houston, We Have a Problem"	
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43	-			NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Boston Bruins (L)					(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Sport	Sport	Sport
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	The Thundermans		Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie	★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.					KalieffBrowderSto (N)		★★★ The Mummy Brendan Fraser.			
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Zoolander Woody Harrelson.				The Magicians (N)		The Expanse (N)		★★ Snowpiercer ('14, Sci-Fi) Chris Evans.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Red Dot"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Conan Patrick Stewart		2 Broke Girls	Conan
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Rebel Witho...		★★★ Cleopatra (1963, Epic) Richard Burton, Rex Harrison, Elizabeth Taylor.								(:15) ★ The Tamin...	
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Nicole's Story" 2/2		My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story" Tanisha is desperate to survive for her kids and avoid her own mother's death at 50. (N)						My 600-lb Life "Tanisha's Story" Tanisha is desperate to survive for her kids.			
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Maggots in the Meathead"		Major Crimes "Cleared History"		Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo" (N)		Major Crimes "Quid Pro Quo"		Hawaii Five-0 "Ua Nalohia"		Hawaii Five-0 "Akanahe"	
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Party Dress"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Good Cop, Bad Cop"		★★★★ John Wick ('14, Action) Adrianne Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.				★ Kickboxer: Vengeance (2016, Sport) Alain Moussi, Gina Carano, Dave Bautista.				NCIS: Los Angeles "Resurrection"	
	WGN	19	85				Underground "Graves"		Underground "Black and Blue"		Underground "The White Whale"		Underground "Contraband" (SP) (N)		Underground "Contraband"		(:05) Underground "Contraband"	

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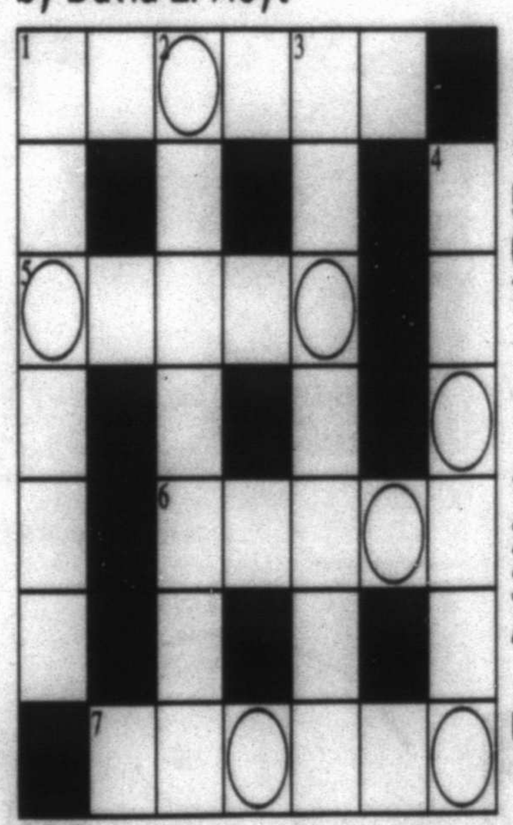
JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Humans	EOPPEL
5. The same, likewise	IDTOT
6. Pretense	EGISU
7. Ted ___	THINKG

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Bike ___	ESLADP
2. Stop sign, e.g.	NGACOTO
3. ___ glass	NOKIGOL
4. Straight	DRITEC

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.

3-8-17

CLUE: This snack product was released nationwide in 1966.

BONUS ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

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ANSWERS: 1-Hope 5A-Dress 6A-Guise 7A-Knight 1D-Fiddle 2D-Octagon 3D-Looking 4D-Direct 5-Dentos

Send comments to TMS - 435 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1400, Chicago, Il. 60611 or DLHoyt@aol.com.

JUMBLE

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

MUDHI ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

CCEKH ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

TERMKA ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

IDTULE ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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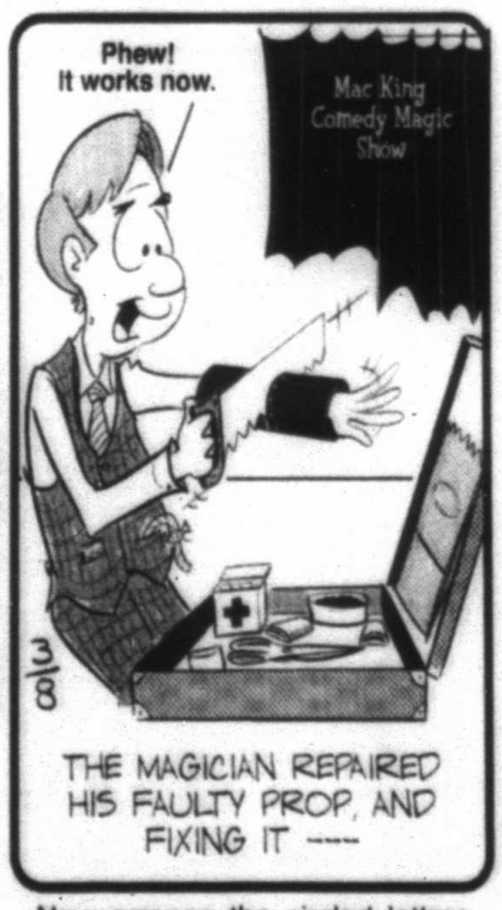

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BURST RISKY LONELY REJECT

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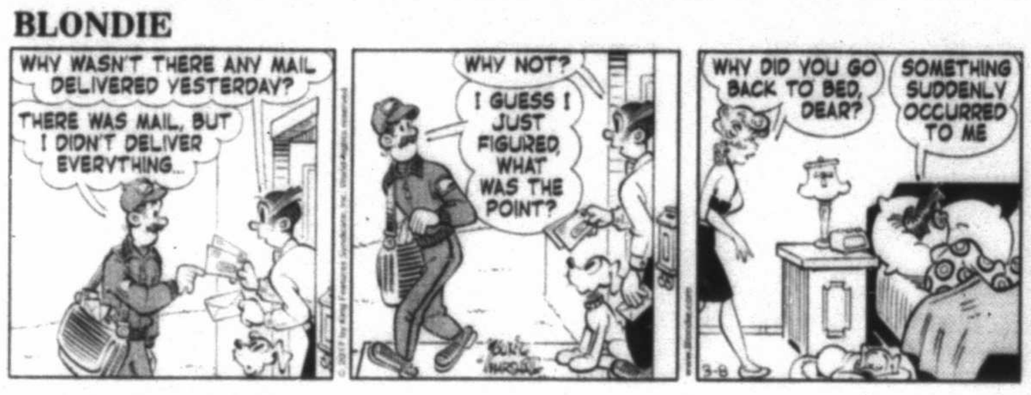

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BEETLE BAILEY

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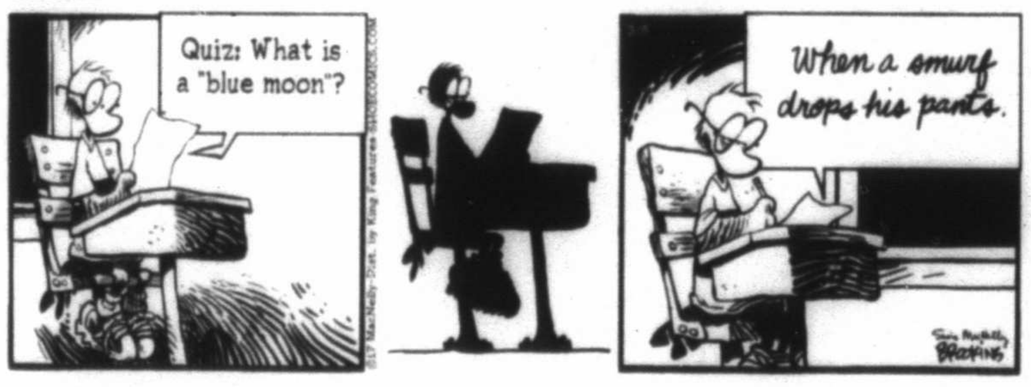
CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

SHOE



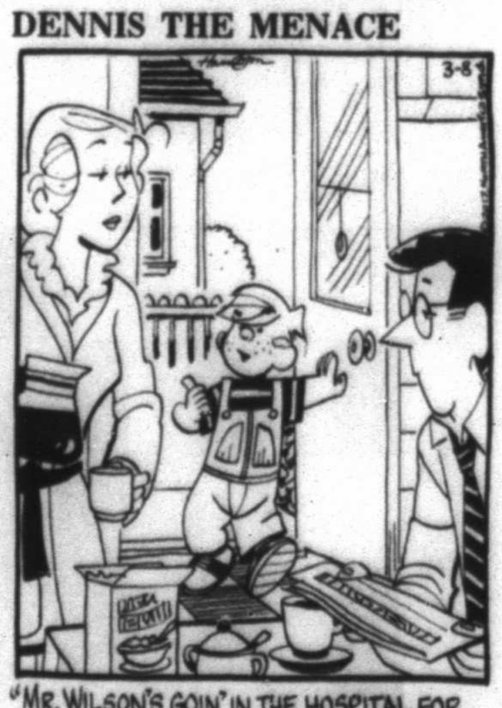
MUTTS

GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME

Having found a deer skull in the woods and wanting some extra cash, Jimmy began leaving deer teeth for the Tooth Fairy.

DENNIS THE MENACE

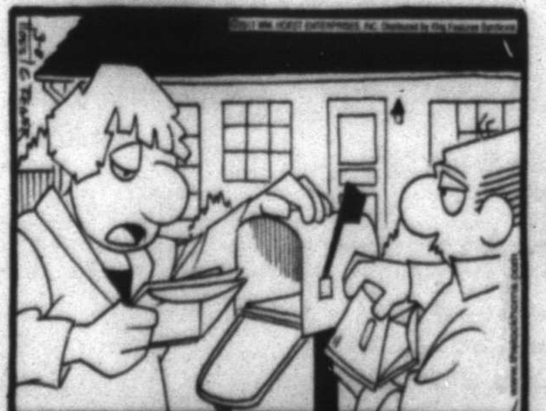


"MR. WILSON'S GOIN' IN THE HOSPITAL FOR SOME TESTS. IS HE STUDYIN' TO BE A DOCTOR?"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID

LOCKHORNS

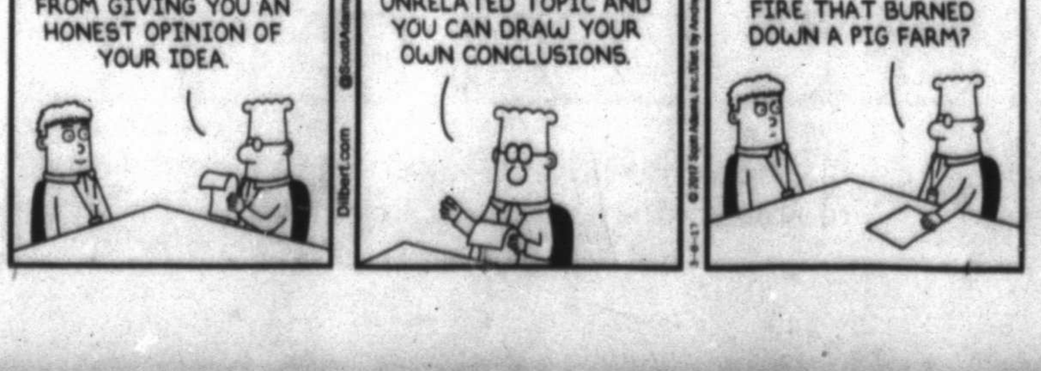


"ALL THIS JUNK MAIL ANSWERS THE QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE EXIST."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I don't think I'm as big a boy as Grandma thinks."

DILBERT



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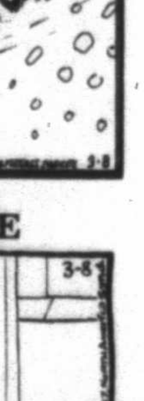

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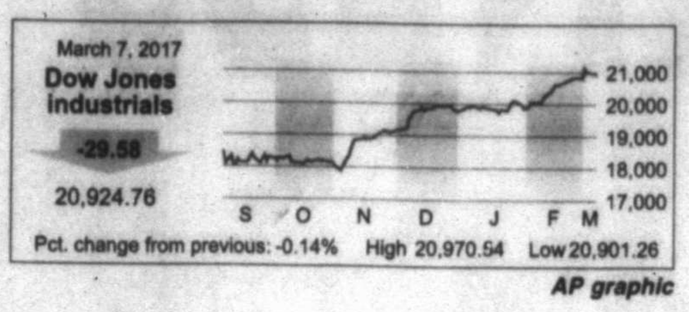

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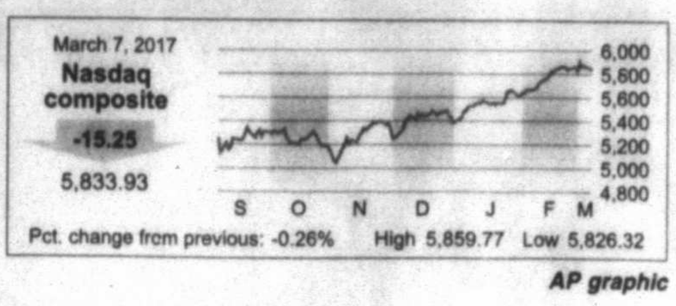

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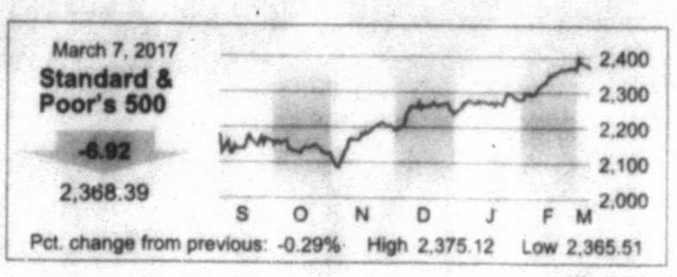

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Tuesday: $53.14
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Tuesday: $49.75
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Tuesday: $45.70
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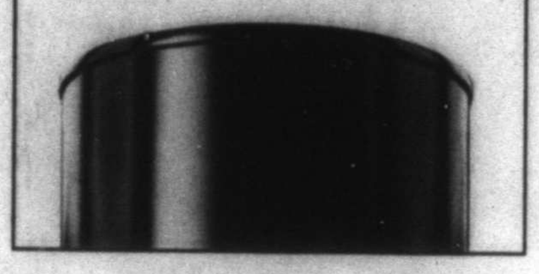
Previous: $2.901



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
WeatherInt	858591	6.63	+.74
DrGMBR s	799297	5.72	+.13
SnapInc A	n691225	21.44	-2.33
BkofAm	628913	25.21	-.04
SPDR Fncl	533329	24.71	-.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NimbleStg	12.58	+3.98	+46.3
WeatherInt	6.63	+.74	+12.6
GblBrCopp	38.05	+4.20	+12.4
AstoriaF	20.65	+2.17	+11.7
PureStrg n	10.47	+1.07	+11.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IDT Cp	15.41	-3.18	-17.1
Seadrill	2.99	-.60	-16.7
ReneSola rs	2.41	-.29	-10.7
Thor Inds	104.01	-11.41	-9.9
SnapInc A n	21.44	-2.33	-9.8

DIARY

Advanced	889
Declined	2,055
Unchanged	122
Total issues	3,066
New Highs	54
New Lows	67
Volume	3,368,972,542

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	135065	1.19	-.21
B2gold g	78065	2.83	+.02
NwGold g	70864	2.80	+.03
Globalstar	36247	1.41	...
GranTrra g	34263	2.62	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NTN Buzz rs	7.20	+1.38	+23.7
EnFuel grs	2.11	+.23	+12.2
AlphaPro	3.30	+.25	+8.2
Electmed	4.65	+.25	+5.7
Netw1Tch	4.05	+.20	+5.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CPI Aero	7.25	-1.20	-14.2
Air Inds	3.30	-.42	-11.3
AsteriasBio	3.20	-.30	-8.6
Skyline	10.98	-.93	-7.8
inspMD rs	2.32	-.18	-7.2

DIARY

Advanced	103
Declined	234
Unchanged	31
Total issues	368
New Highs	3
New Lows	8
Volume	132,345,915

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	704020	2.62	-.14
AuriniaPh	487616	7.10	+1.74
Intel	225353	35.80	+.23
Momo	206952	30.00	+3.39
MicronT	197019	25.64	-.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AuriniaPh	7.10	+1.74	+32.5
KuraOnc n	9.55	+2.25	+30.8
McStys rs	2.74	+.59	+27.4
ParkrVs rs	2.59	+.48	+22.7
NakedBr n	2.53	+.40	+18.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Avinger n	2.10	-.53	-20.0
Rennova rs	2.40	-.56	-18.9
Oncobio n	2.66	-.48	-15.3
HeliMAn h	2.76	-.48	-14.8
AkebiaTher	8.94	-1.31	-12.8

DIARY

Advanced	975
Declined	1,823
Unchanged	223
Total issues	3,021
New Highs	67
New Lows	57
Volume	1,738,131,426

After breaking out, Snap shares give way

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Anyone wanting to invest in the company that owns Snapchat now has an opportunity to do something that early investors were unable to do: buy shares for less than they cost on the first day of trading.

After tumbling 12 percent Monday, shares of Snap Inc. fell another 10 percent Tuesday, closing at $21.44.

Snap priced its initial public offering of 200 million shares at $17 each. The shares opened at $24 apiece Thursday and jumped 44 percent on their first trading day.

Industry analysts grew leery of slowing user growth numbers last year and everyone is now trying to figure out the value of a young company that is quickly catching up to Twitter in the number of people who use it.

The IPO of the Los Angeles company was the most anticipated arrival since Twitter Inc. entered the public market in 2013.

In a recent filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Snap said that it had 158 million daily users in its fourth quarter, up 48 percent from the prior-year period. But Wall Street has become skittish about future growth.

Whereas user growth expanded in each consecutive quarter of 2015, that expansion began to slip in each consecutive quarter of 2016, hitting just 5 million new users in the final quarter of the year.

That was half the user growth in the final quarter of 2015.

Snap blamed the slowing growth late in the year on technical issues, saying the launch of several products and release of multiple updates hurt the performance of its Snapchat app.

It's been a mixed bag for social media. Where Facebook has soared, Twitter has struggled to find its way.

Mark Zuckerberg's company debuted on Wall Street in 2012. It has continued to enhance its social network and its ad revenue and user base has grown fast. Twitter, since its 2013 IPO, has experienced stalling revenue growth and the company, after the return of co-founder Jack Dorsey, has been forced to cut costs and shuffle leadership.

Twitter is now valued at $11 billion, while Facebook is valued at $395 billion.

Snap, upon its IPO, became more valuable the stalwarts like American Airlines, Macy's and Xerox.

Credit card debt shrinks in January

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers pulled back on credit card debt in January, leading to the smallest increase in consumer borrowing in more than four years.

Total borrowing rose $8.8 billion in January compared to an increase of $14.8 billion in December, the Federal Reserve reported Tuesday. It was the smallest monthly gain since borrowing only went up $7.6 billion in July 2012.

The slowdown reflected a big reduction in the category that covers credit card debt, which fell $3.8 billion in January. It marked the first time credit card debt has declined since February 2016 and was the biggest reduction since October 2010.

Consumer borrowing is closely watched for signs of consumers' willingness to take on more debt to support their spending. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

Borrowing for auto loans and student loans rose $12.6 billion in January, slightly more than in December.

The $8.8 billion overall gain pushed consumer credit in the areas of auto and student loans and credit cards up to $3.77 trillion, a record high for the categories.

The Fed's monthly credit report does not cover mortgages or other debt secured by real estate such as home equity loans.

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A separate survey by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York showed that total outstanding household debt, which does cover home mortgages, rose to $12.58 trillion at the end of last year. That's about $100 billion shy of the all-time high set in the third quarter of 2008, just before a financial crisis set off by sub-prime mortgages plunged the country into the worst economic downturn since the 1930s.

Although total household debt has nearly surpassed its 2008 peak, the composition has changed. Mortgage debt has been slow to recover, while student loans are playing an increasingly bigger role in total debt.

Stocks decline again

U.S. stocks declined for the third time in four days Tuesday as health care companies took center stage.

Drugmakers fell after President Donald Trump said he wants to bring drug prices down. Insurers rose and hospital companies dropped after Republicans in Congress introduced a bill intended to replace the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies fell after Trump said in a morning tweet that he intends to bring down drug prices. The health care proposal gave big health insurers a boost, but hurt companies that do a lot of business with Medicaid.

It's not clear if the bill will pass the Senate, as several Republicans have already questioned it. Stocks turned lower at the end of the day as that criticism increased, leaving the fate of the current bill, a key part of Trump's agenda, uncertain.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 6.92 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,368.39. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 29.58 points, or 0.1 percent, to 20,924.76. The Nasdaq composite sagged 15.25 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,833.93. Two stocks fell for every one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

Metal prices drop

Gold dropped $9.40 to $1,216.10 an ounce. Silver lost 24 cents, or 1.3 percent, to $17.54 an ounce. Copper fell 3 cents, or 1.3 percent, to $2.62 a pound.

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Closing Price $6.95 Down 0.15

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $104.58 Up 0.62

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.27 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.99 Down 0.27

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.00 Unchanged

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $40.68 Down 0.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.70 Down 0.16

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.20 Down 0.02

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	27	7.77	-.40	-23.9
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.88	-.08	-1.5
Abraxas	...	...	2.04	-.08	-20.6
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.73	-.04	+8.0
AMD	...	...	13.05	+.01	+15.1
AlonUSA	.60	...	12.15	-.26	+6.8
Ambev	.06e	5	5.38	-.08	+9.6
Amgen	**4.60f**	**16**	**177.38**	**-2.08**	**+21.3**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**63.16**	**-.09**	**-9.4**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**51.28**	**-.91**	**-19.2**
Apple Inc	2.28	17	139.52	+.18	+20.5
ApidMatl	**.40**	**18**	**36.97**	**+.11**	**+14.6**
Archrock	.48	...	13.20	-.30	...
AstoriaF	.16	33	20.65	+2.17	+10.7
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**22**	**78.01**	**-.12**	**+6.2**
AuriniaPh	...	...	7.10	+1.74	+238.1
AutoData	2.28	28	104.27	-.68	+1.4
BP PLC	**2.40a**	**40**	**33.87**	**-.10**	**-9.4**
BakrHu	.68	...	59.41	-.56	-8.6
BkofAm	.30f	20	25.21	-.04	+14.1
B iPVxST rs	...	...	17.21	...	-32.5
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.01	+.02	-3.0
BarrickG	.12f	32	17.77	-.25	+11.2
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**17262860.00**	**+59.99**	**+7.7**	
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**20**	**64.70**	**+.17**	**+6.6**
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**34**	**56.33**	**-.64**	**-3.6**
BrownFA s	**...**	**30**	**48.20**	**-1.01**	**+4.2**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**46.96**	**-1.52**	**+4.5**
CSX	.72	27	48.44	-1.35	+34.8
CVS Health	2.00f	14	80.81	-.04	+2.4
Caterpillar	3.08	29	95.93	+.27	+3.4
Celestic g	...	10	13.41	+.09	+13.2
CntryLink	2.16	9	22.50	-.60	-5.4
ChesEng	...	...	5.26	-.09	-25.1
Chevron	**4.32f**	**...**	**111.81**	**-1.36**	**-5.0**
Chicos	.33f	19	13.78	-.12	-4.2
Cimarex	.32	...	124.25	-1.09	-8.6
Cisco	1.16	18	34.20	+.01	+13.2
Citigroup	.64	13	60.50	+.22	+1.8
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**134.39**	**-3.03**	**+12.7**
CliffsNRs	...	9	9.43	-.47	+12.1
CocaCola	**1.48f**	**26**	**41.99**	**-.19**	**+1.3**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**26**	**73.72**	**-.07**	**+12.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Comcast s	.93f	21	37.42	-.02	+8.4
ConAgra	**.80**	**22**	**40.75**	**-.50**	**+3.0**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**133.54**	**-.50**	**+.7**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	**...**	**47.72**	**-.60**	**-4.8**
CrackerB	4.60	25	158.74	-1.88	-4.9
CSVInvNG	...	...	5.81	+.18	+91.7
CSVixSh rs	...	...	4.22	-.01	-55.7
CroxTim	**1.07e**	**12**	**15.70**	**+.02**	**-12.6**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	39.02	-.23	+1.7
DTE	3.30f	23	101.55	-.11	+3.1
Dataram rs	...	...	1.24	+.01	-43.6
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**43.56**	**-.38**	**-4.6**
DicksSptg	.68f	17	48.06	-4.53	-9.5
DxGMBr rs	...	...	21.42	-.57	-39.0
DrGMBl s	...	...	5.72	+.13	+2.5
DxGBull s	...	...	7.80	-.14	+2.1
DishNetw h	...	31	64.00	+2.77	+10.5
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**110.06**	**+.19**	**+6.4**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.15**	**-.36**	**+10.4**
DryShp rs	...	1	1.27	-.04	-95.7
EOG Resce	**.67**	**...**	**99.53**	**-.54**	**-1.6**
Endo Intl	...	6	10.90	-.50	-33.8
Energen	.08	...	53.29	+.02	-7.6
EngyTstr	4.22	...	38.33	-.25	+7.0
EnPro	**.88f**	**55**	**64.72**	**-.94**	**-3.9**
ENSCO	.04	2	9.27	-.36	-4.6
EntProdPt	1.64	22	28.15	-.02	+4.1
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.42	+.07	+10.1
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**37**	**82.52**	**-.31**	**-6.6**
Facebook	...	32	137.30	-.12	+19.3
FordM	.60a	7	12.46	-.06	+2.7
FrptMcM	...	...	12.69	-.21	-3.8
FrontierCm	.42	...	2.62	-.14	-22.5
GATX	**1.68f**	**10**	**58.36**	**-.45**	**-5.2**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.98**	**-.03**	**+10.2**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.33**	**-.18**	**+6.9**
GenElec	**.96**	**24**	**29.86**	**-.14**	**-5.5**
GenMotors	1.52	6	37.52	-.39	+7.7
Gerdau	.02e	...	4.13	+.01	+31.5
GraphPkg	.30f	17	12.68	-.47	+1.6
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.88**	**+.01**	**+6.6**
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**...**	**52.97**	**-.83**	**-2.1**
HP Ent n	.26f	12	22.82	-.25	-1.4
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.94	-.14	+13.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.96	+.12	+9.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	38.25	+.04	+9.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	60.53	-.21	+4.9
iShBdHYB	5.09	...	87.14	-.57	+.7
iShR2K	1.77e	...	136.80	-.90	+1.4
Infosys	.62e	11	15.03	-.13	+1.3
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**35.80**	**+.23**	**-1.3**
InterDig	1.20	10	84.10	+.20	-7.9
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**123.83**	**+.12**	**+7.5**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**133.38**	**+.05**	**+16.9**
Kroger s	.48	14	28.81	-.56	-16.5
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.27	-.05	+7.1
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**3.32**	**-.04**	**-22.4**
MGM Rsts	.39p	23	25.74	-.81	-10.7
McDnlds	3.76	24	128.07	+.04	+5.2
MeetMe	...	17	5.89	+.82	+19.5
Merck	1.88	17	65.96	-.51	+12.0
MerrMed	**...**	**38**	**29.90**	**-.30**	**+12.8**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.99	-.27	-20.2
MicronT	...	...	25.64	-.07	+17.0
Microsoft	1.56f	28	64.40	+.13	+3.6
Momo	...	...	30.00	+3.39	+63.2
Nabors	.24	...	14.37	-.37	-12.4
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**59.91**	**-.09**	**+2.7**
NOilVarco	.20	30	39.30	-.57	+5.0
NimbleStg	...	...	12.58	+3.98	+58.8
NDynMn g	...	...	1.19	-.21	-42.5
NSTFB	**.55a**	**...**	**14.18**	**+.03**	**+.1**
NTXQI	**.05**	**...**	**14.06**	**-.06**	**+2.5**
Nvidia	.56	37	98.74	+1.07	-7.5
OcciPet	**3.04**	**...**	**64.70**	**-.03**	**-9.2**
Pandora	...	...	11.66	-.81	-10.6
ParTech	**...**	**19**	**6.26**	**-.11**	**+12.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.75**	**-.10**	**-32.7**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**26.81**	**-.86**	**-.4**
Penney	...	...	6.02	+.06	-27.6
PennaRE	**.84**	**11**	**15.39**	**-.18**	**-18.8**
Primsn	.44e	26	9.24	-.04	+19.8
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**33.99**	**-.36**	**+4.6**
PioNtrl	.08	...	193.94	-.07	+7.7
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**30**	**32.77**	**-.18**	**+1.5**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	130.51	-.22	+10.2
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**118.78**	**+1.06**	**+1.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**52.00**	**...**	**-3.7**
PUVixST rs	...	...	19.40	...	...

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ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**90.29**	**-.08**	**+7.4**
RangeRs	.08	...	27.91	-.56	-18.6
RegionsFn	.26	18	15.25	+.02	+6.2
RiteAid	...	46	5.01	-.22	-39.2
Rowan	.40	8	16.76	-.67	-11.3
RoyDShllA	3.76	79	52.45	-.24	-3.5
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	209.17	-.31	+5.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	237.00	-.71	+6.0
SabnR	1.92e	18	37.30	+.43	+8.1
SanderFm	**.96**	**10**	**91.62**	**-.91**	**-2.8**
Schlmbrg	2.00	70	79.95	-.77	-4.8
SeadrillLtd	...	1	1.11	-.15	-67.4
SiriusXM	.01p	39	5.12	+.03	+15.1
Smucker	3.00f	17	139.17	-.82	+8.7
SnapInc A n	...	...	21.44	-2.33	-12.4
SwstnEngy	...	...	7.81	-.33	-29.7
Sprint	...	...	8.30	-.48	-1.4
SP HthC	1.01e	...	74.98	-.53	+8.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	71.51	-.64	-5.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.71	-.07	+6.3
SP Util	1.55e	...	51.99	-.03	+5.8
SunocoLog	2.08f	26	25.66	-.12	+6.8
Target	2.40	11	55.14	-.96	-23.7
TeleItEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.88**	**...**	**+16.1**
TerraFm rf	1.10	...	4.93	+.68	+24.7
Tesoro	2.20	12	83.46	-.90	-4.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.70f	23	189.09	-.19	-5.9
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**78.03**	**+.11**	**+5.8**
Transocn	...	7	12.78	-.27	-13.3
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**23.22**	**-.10**	**+5.3**
Twitter	...	...	15.18	-.38	-6.9
TylerTech	**...**	**49**	**153.33**	**+.95**	**+7.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**22**	**44.45**	**-.60**	**-3.9**
US NGas	...	...	6.85	-.07	-26.7
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.83	-.01	+30.3
ValeantPh	...	4	11.71	-.70	-19.4
ValeroE	2.80f	18	65.62	-.82	-4.0
VanEGold	.12e	...	21.51	-.13	+2.8
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.71	+.29	+6.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	39.05	+.05	+9.1
VerizonCm	2.31	12	49.44	-.59	-7.4
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**39**	**118.37**	**-1.85**	**-5.4**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	59.29	+.15	+1.1
WalgBoots	1.50	18	85.99	+.11	+3.9
WeathInt	...	...	6.63	+.74	+32.9
WellsFargo	1.52	14	58.30	-.31	+5.8
WstnRefn	1.52	29	36.00	-.43	-4.9
WhitingPet	...	...	10.42	-.28	-13.3
WmsCos	1.20f	50	29.42	-.41	-5.5
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**20**	**43.82**	**+.20**	**+7.7**
Xerox	**.25m**	**11**	**7.36**	**-.09**	**+28.0**

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,169.11	16,821.86	Dow Jones Industrials	20,924.76	-29.58	-.14	+5.88	+23.35
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,317.04	-103.24	-1.10	+3.02	+24.59
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	695.94	-.55	-.08	+5.51	+8.27
11,688.45	9,826.52	NYSE Composite	11,506.33	-41.47	-.36	+4.06	+16.80
5,911.79	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,833.93	-15.25	-.26	+8.37	+25.49
2,400.98	1,989.25	S&P 500	2,368.39	-6.92	-.29	+5.79	+19.66
1,761.08	1,368.40	S&P Midcap	1,718.53	-9.88	-.57	+3.49	+24.56
25,008.97	20,251.30	Wilshire 5000	24,638.00	-89.57	-.36	+5.17	+20.90
1,414.82	1,054.56	Russell 2000	1,374.88	-9.37	-.68	+1.29	+28.75

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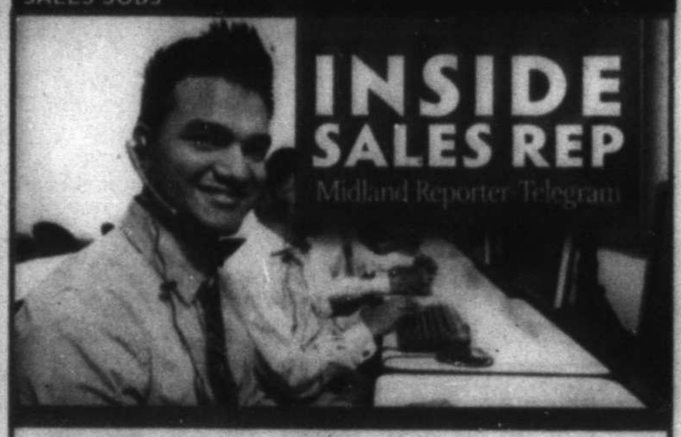

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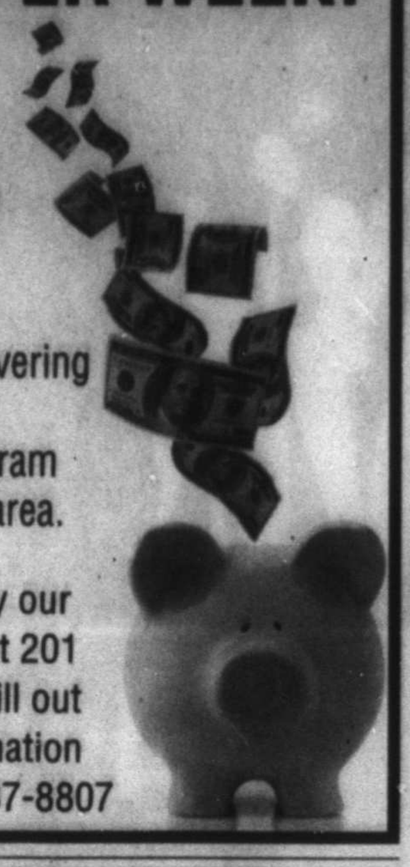

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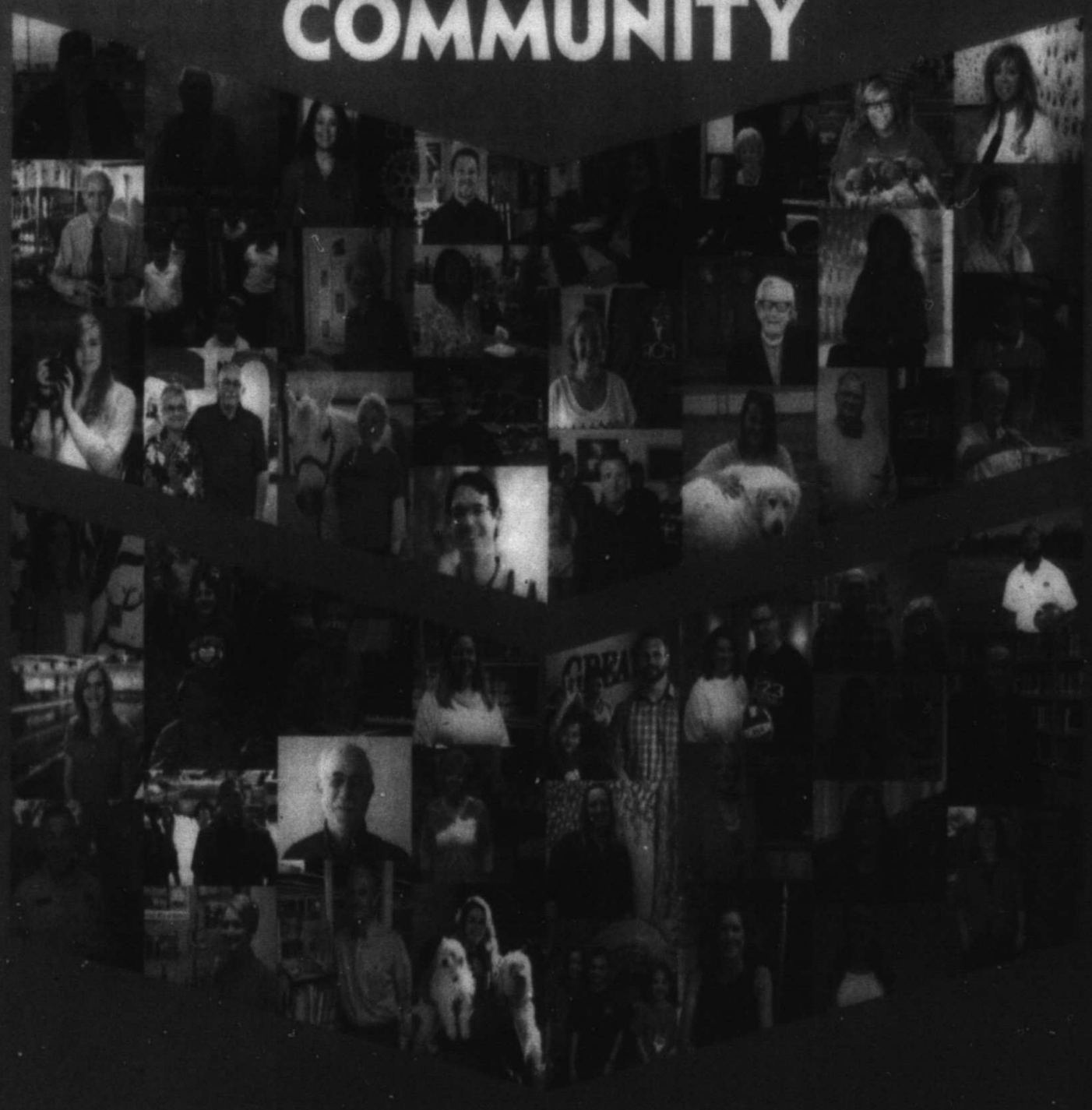

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit and Food and Beverage Permit by Francisco Gomez dba Tkilaz Mexican Bar & Grill, to be located at 200 E. Florida, Midland Texas, Texas. Officers of said corporation Francisco Gomez owner, are Francisco Gomez, owner operator.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FRANK K. WOLFE.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Frank K. Wolfe, were issued to Rachel Etheredge, Independent Executrix on February 28, 2017 in the proceeding styled "Estate of Frank K. Wolfe, Deceased", No. P-18992 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present same to said Independent Executrix, at the address given below, before suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and manner prescribed by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is: Rachel Etheredge, Independent Executrix of Estate of Frank K. Wolfe, 5705 Fenway, Midland, Texas 79707.

Rachel Etheredge, Independent Executrix
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Permian Basin Community Centers for MHMR (PBCC) is looking to engage a public accounting firm to perform the annual financial and compliance audit for fiscal year 2017. In order to be eligible to submit a proposal, firms must:

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- Have had a peer review conducted within the past 3 years and a rating of pass received
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If your firm meets the above eligibility requirements and you are interested in conducting the work, the application document can be downloaded from the following website:

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Requests for the application document by e-mail or hard copy, as well as any other questions can be directed to Chris Barnhill at purchasing@pbmhmr.com, by phone at 432-570-3369, and by mail at 401 E. Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. Completed applications will be due no later than **5:00 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2017.**

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Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

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The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres formation, Pearl Jam Lease, well number 1SW. The proposed disposal well is located 11.8 miles West of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4,800 to 6,200 feet.

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

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

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