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CONAWAY TOWN HALL

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway will hold a town hall meeting from 5-6 p.m. today at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center located at 2300 Butternut Lane.

Manor Park could benefit from drilling

Fasken Oil and Ranch to develop minerals that were received in the 1970s

By Stewart Doreen
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Drilling in west Midland, if approved next month, is an example that a production company can be a good neighbor.

During the Midland City Council meeting Tuesday, there was a public hearing at which Fasken Oil and Ranch officials and supporters of Manor Park spoke on behalf of proper drilling and the potential impact operations could have on Manor Park's

bottom line.

The drilling is planned for north of House Park near Ric Drive. Directional drilling will allow Fasken to develop minerals under land owned by Manor Park. Don Sparks told the council that the minerals were given to Manor Park around 1973 and this is the first opportunity to develop those minerals.

"We are blessed to have a great corporation citizen to take the project on," said Sparks, the father of City Councilman Jeff Sparks.

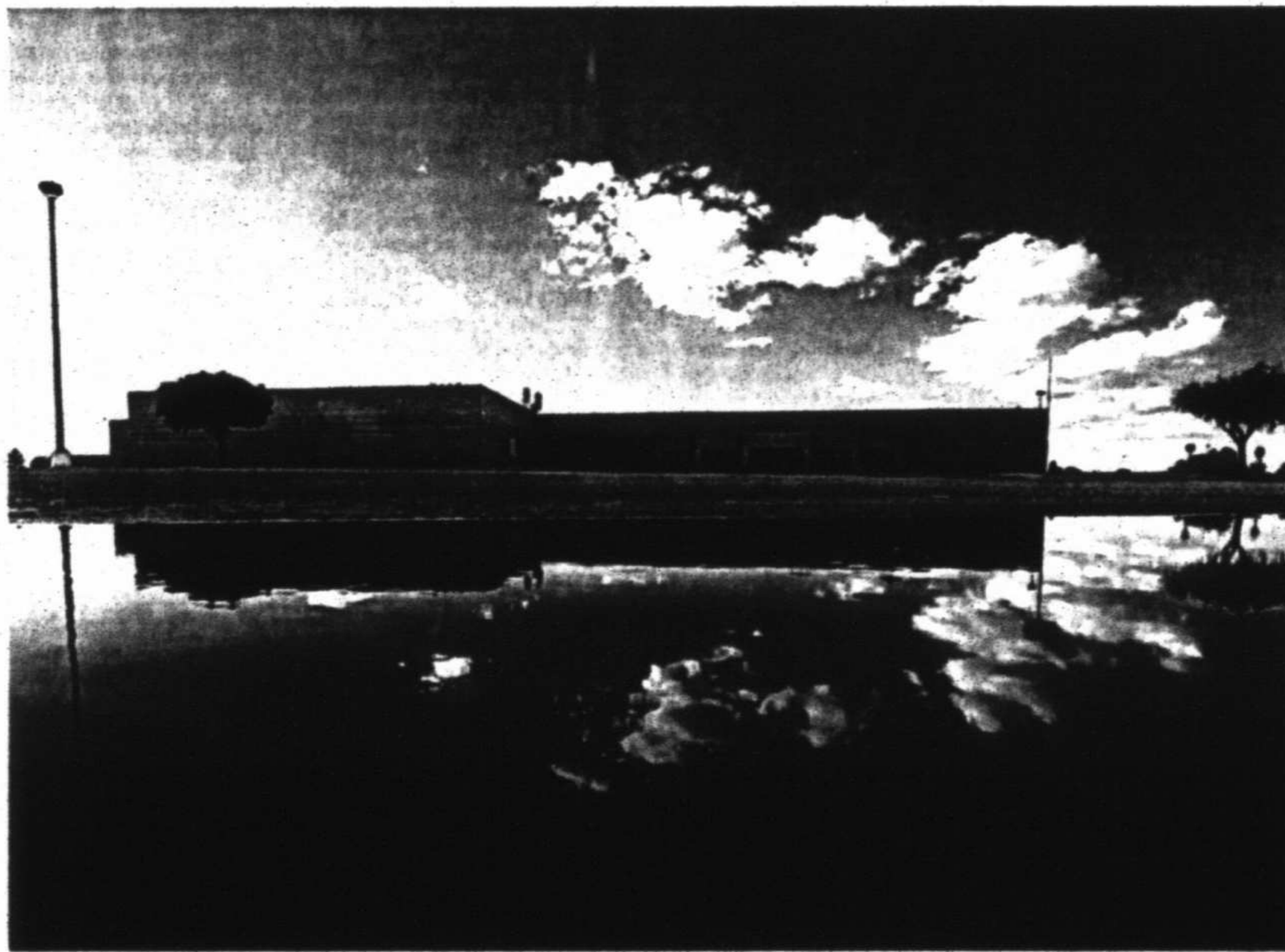
Fasken officials said Tuesday they will use 32-foot sound walls and will not have a tank battery on site. While Fasken officials said residents will hear sounds from the activity, a member of the council said it would be less noise than what residents in that area hear from traffic on Loop 250. "Everybody here will agree Manor Park is a crown jewel for senior living," said Tommy Taylor of Fasken. "Revenue from this drilling will provide a significant source of income they could use well into the future."

Mark Nicholas, vice chair of the Manor Park board, said as a resident of northwest Midland, he is familiar with operations taking place close to his home and that oil companies can be good neighbors.

The Fasken applications will be brought back to City Council on Nov. 20, according to the city. At that time, the council can vote on the six applications that are part of the permit.

There was one resident who spoke against the drilling, citing environmental concerns.

MALL MOVEMENTS



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The west end of the Midland Park Mall, last occupied by Sears, is reflected in a puddle Tuesday. Dillard's is looking to relocate to the former Sears location.

Dillard's set to relocate inside mall

City releases hold on building permit to the former Sears location after traffic study, improvements to traffic flow at the mall

By Stewart Doreen
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Simon Property Group, operators of Midland Park Mall, is working with the city of Midland to relocate Dil-

lard's to the former Sears store location on the mall's east side.

The Midland City Council decided Tuesday to authorize the city manager to execute an agreement with Midland Park Mall that would end a back-and-forth discussion between the city and mall regarding expansion inside the mall and on its outparcels and traffic circulation at the mall site.

Over the past few years, according to the city, two new restaurants were

added on "outparcels" at the mall, adding new traffic to a site that was a source of frequent complaints about traffic circulation and the mall's impact on traffic at Midkiff Road and the Loop 250 service road.

Earlier this year, according to the city, Simon proposed platting a third new outparcel at the southeast corner of the site. The city stated in an

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Ted Cruz earns fact check on accusation that Beto O'Rourke supported oil tax

By Tom Benning
Dallas Morning News

Sen. Ted Cruz and his GOP allies are looking to hold his Democratic challenger, Rep. Beto O'Rourke, over a barrel with an arcane bit of energy policy.

The Republicans have taken to bashing O'Rourke for supporting a \$10 per barrel tax on oil, with Cruz citing that charge both on the campaign trail and in a TV advertisement and an outside super PAC group making the issue the centerpiece of an expensive advertising blitz.

"For anyone in the oil and gas industry, you would have to be out of your mind to vote for Beto O'Rourke," Cruz said at a recent campaign event, seeking to drive a wedge between his opponent and one of Texas' most important industries.

O'Rourke rejects the broader attack that he's an enemy of the energy sector.

"I strongly support the oil and gas industry and the workers of Texas who have helped to make us far more energy independent and secure, who are creating significant job opportunities and economic growth for our state," he said recently.

But what about that \$10 per barrel tax on oil?

The federal government doesn't have a \$10 a barrel tax on oil, though Texas and other states do levy oil production through what are known as severance taxes. Legislation to enact a federal per-barrel oil tax hasn't even come up for a vote in the House since O'Rourke was elected in 2012.

The Democrat nevertheless did effectively vote in support of the idea. Or more specifically, he voted against a non-binding measure opposing the idea.

All of this goes back to 2016, when then-President Barack Obama floated the idea of a \$10 a barrel tax on oil, paid by energy companies, to fund infrastructure investment. The Democrat wanted to

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The big number

Officials said Tuesday 4 people

were still missing from flooding near Junction. Read more on Page 2A.

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Wednesday, October 10th

Officials: 4 remain missing in flooding

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

DALLAS Crews in swift-water boats on Tuesday patrolled a 35-mile stretch of a West Texas river for four people who went missing after a recreational vehicle park was overrun by raging floodwaters a day earlier.

"There's a lot of brush, there's a lot of tree line, so they're slowing down and hopefully if there's anybody that's hung up on a bank or in a tree, they can at least hear them," said Texas Game Warden Rachel Kellner, who added that a drone was also expected to help in the search.

Rains that brought more than 12 inches of rain to the area beginning Sunday night caused the South Llano River to rise in Junction, about 140 miles west of Austin. The floodwaters early Monday swept away people staying at the South Llano River RV Park, prompting dramatic air and water rescues.

Emergency crews looked for the four missing people on Monday, but abandoned the search as darkness fell and more rain set in. The search resumed Tuesday morning with rainy skies clearing by early afternoon.

Kellner said Tuesday that the four missing are one woman and three men. Officials on Monday said all four missing were men. Kellner said there were no other people known to be missing.

Officials on Monday were initially able to rescue dozens from the RV park by throwing them life jackets or ropes. But then the water got too



Jerry Lara/The San Antonio Express-News

A recreation vehicle is seen on its side at the South Llano River RV Park and Resort in Junction on Monday. Heavy rains in the area caused the Llano River to flood, and about 19 people were rescued. One woman swept away by floodwaters drifted about 25 miles before she was rescued, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

high and they needed helicopters and boats for the rescues. Fifteen people were rescued by boat and four by helicopter, including Kellner said, two people and a dog plucked from a tree. One woman, she said, floated about 18 miles down the river on debris before being rescued. She only sustained cuts and bruises.

Kellner said boats looking for the missing people are patrolling from the location of the RV park on the South Llano River in Junction downstream to the Mason County

line. The South Llano River connects with the North Llano River in Junction, becoming the Llano River.

Jake Goschalk, a spokesman for the Texas A&M Forest Service, said that as search efforts continue, about 50 people with the Texas Military Department — which includes national guardsmen — are on their way to walk the area by the river.

National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Decker says the next chance of rain in the area will be on Friday.

Feds to waive laws for Texas border gates

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday that it will waive environmental laws so it can build gates between sections of border barriers in South Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

The waiver posted online lists 11 locations where the government plans to install gates in existing fencing. DHS has in recent months issued similar waivers of environmental laws for other projects to construct barriers along the southwest border.

The U.S. government already has around 700 miles of fencing on the southwest border. In far South Texas, segments of fencing stop and start along the levee built next to the Rio Grande, the

river separating the U.S. and Mexico. Many parts of the fencing are built a significant distance from the river, in some cases bisecting private property.

The proposed gates would seal some of those gaps in Cameron County. U.S. Customs and Border Protection typically grants affected residents access to the gates so they can get to the other side of their land.

The government also separately plans to begin building new barriers to fulfill President Donald Trump's signature campaign pledge to build a border wall. Congress earlier this year approved \$1.6 billion for new border wall spending, which included funding for 33 miles of construction in the Rio Grande Valley.

Some of the planned construction would cut through

the National Butterfly Center and other environmentally sensitive areas. It may also leave some border town residents on the so-called "Mexican side," still on American land but cut off by a wall.

The valley is the busiest corridor for illegal border crossings, and U.S. government officials say it is targeted by human and drug traffickers.

In the waiver, DHS Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen writes that there is "an acute and immediate need to construct physical barriers and roads" along the border. Nielsen waived regulations under the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and about two dozen other laws.

The waiver "continues to chip away at crucial protections for people and wildlife in the Rio Grande Valley," said Laiken Jordahl of the

Center for Biological Diversity. "They deserve clean air, clean water and the same legal rights as everyone else in the country."

Scott Nicol, a resident of the region who co-chairs the Sierra Club's Borderlands team, said it appeared several gates would affect access to farmland on the other side of existing fencing. But he said the government had not adequately informed residents or tried to have a community dialogue.

"The fact that you have to learn about this when they're going to waive the law... is very telling about the way this administration operates," he said.

A former CBP official said in March that the agency wanted to start installing the gates in October. CBP declined Tuesday to confirm that is still the agency's plan.

Ag chief backs Confederate group's license plate

Associated Press

AUSTIN Texas' agriculture commissioner says he will back a Confederate group's latest attempt to sell specialty license plates, because "there's no profit in hiding our history."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans' Texas chapter proposed a license plate in March that features a rebel soldier carrying a Texas regiment's special flag at a Civil War battle, the Dallas Morning News reported. The specialty tag won't include the Confederate battle flag.

Commissioner Sid Miller wrote a letter of support in March that said the Department of Agriculture would sponsor the plate. On Monday, he

said he sees nothing wrong with the group's push for the specialty tag.

"The Confederate flag is one of the six flags that flew over the state," he said. "There's no profit in hiding our history and trying to rewrite history."

Democratic opponent Kim Olson, who will face Miller in the Nov. 6 election, questioned the move.

"Kids are hungry, farmers are struggling, rural communities are suffering, and this is his focus?" said Olson's campaign manager Kolby Monnig. "Kim Olson is working to reach all voters, because the Texas Department of Agriculture must represent all Texans."

The Texas chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans sought

the state's approval more than a decade ago for a different specialty license plate design that included the group's name and a square Confederate battle flag.

The board that oversees the state's Department of Motor Vehicles rejected the plan, and the issue turned into a legal battle that reached the U.S. Supreme Court. The high court upheld Texas' authority to reject the plate.

David McMahon and Gary Bray, the Sons of Confederate Veterans' current and past Texas division commanders, declined to comment.

Department of Motor Vehicles spokesman Adam Shavit said the new plate design may be considered in December.

Man charged with aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after he allegedly struck a man with a shovel, according to court documents.

Freddie Joe Ray, 55, was being held Tuesday on a \$75,000

bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched at about 10 p.m. Saturday in reference to a disturbance with weapons.

Ray and a man were arguing. The other man left the residence and dropped items he had been carrying, according to Ray's



CRIME BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

arrest affidavit. When the man tried to bend down to retrieve the items, Ray swung a shovel toward him, according to the affidavit. Ray allegedly struck the man with the shovel and attempted to hit him with a brick.

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

Man arrested on assault, injury charges

A Midland man was arrested Friday after alleged-

ly assaulting a female and injuring an elderly man, according to court documents.

Ben Ray Johnson Jr., 52, was being held Tuesday on a \$10,000 bond for a third-degree felony

charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation and a \$2,500 bond for a state jail felony charge of

injury to an elderly person — reckless bodily injury. A Midland police officer was dispatched to a residence at about 6:50 p.m. Friday in reference to a disturbance.

Johnson struck a female in the face and choked her, impeding her breathing and causing pain, according to his arrest affidavit. When an elderly man attempted to intervene, Johnson recklessly knocked him into a fence, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Johnson could face up to 10 years imprisonment for the third-degree felony charge and up to two years imprisonment for the state jail felony charge.

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agenda packet document that given plans for more expansion beyond that outparcel, Traffic Operations objected to the platting.

A meeting took place in late July with Simon and city of Midland officials, according to the city.

At the meeting, Simon agreed to a traffic impact analysis for the entire site, considering proposed expansions and recommending staged improvements to be implemented with future development phases.

Simon, according to the city, committed to complete the study in the fall and submit the study to the city no later than Nov. 15. Traffic Operations then withdrew the objection to platting the outparcel, so that Simon could proceed with the sale of the land, with the understanding that no further development would be permitted until there was an approved traffic study with agreed-upon developments.

The proposed Dillard's addition, according to the city, proposed to increase the square footage of the existing mall building, so Engineering and Traffic Operations placed a hold on that permit pending further discussions with the developer.

The following is part of the framework for development agreements moving forward:

■ Upon signature of the development agreement, the city shall release its hold on the building permit for the Dillard's expansion.

■ The development will provide to the city

a financial security in the amount of \$300,000 within 10 days of execution of a development agreement to guarantee the construction of a new traffic signal on Midkiff Road (south of the current signals) in accordance with the final Traffic Impact Assessment.

■ The developer or engineering consultant will submit to the city a Traffic Impact Analysis using traffic counts collected at the end of September. The completed study will be turned in no later than Nov. 15.

■ No additional plats or building permits shall be approved by the city allowing for any net increase in building square footage on the Midland Park Mall site, including outparcels, until such time as there is an approved final Traffic Impact Analysis, a subsequent agreement providing for the developer's construction of the improvements based on the results of that analysis and the city has received from the developer additional financial security (if required) in accordance with the subsequent agreement.

An amendment to the Chapter 380 agreement also is addressed, and the city states it will include specific off-site, traffic-related improvements and a timeline or phasing plan for such improvements. It also shall list the terms for additional financial security to be provided related to additional off-site improvements and conditions which the city shall release its hold on additional plats or building permits.

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target those dollars toward mass transit, high-speed rail and other "clean transportation."

The idea went nowhere. There is wide agreement on the need to improve the country's crumbling roads, bridges and tunnels, which have suffered partly because the 18.4-cent-per-gallon federal gasoline tax paid at the pump — has seen its purchasing power diminish after not being raised since 1993.

But GOP leaders did not see a \$10 per barrel tax on oil as the answer, pointing to analyses that said such a proposal would raise gas prices by more than 20 cents per gallon.

To hammer home their opposition and perhaps extract political pain from their Democratic rivals, House GOP leaders in June 2016 held a vote on a concurrent resolution that opposed Obama's proposal. The measure, which passed the House, lacked the force of law.

O'Rourke voted against the resolution.

The vast majority of Democrats did the same, though Texans like Rep. Henry Cuellar of Laredo, Rep. Al Green of Houston, Rep. Gene Green of Houston, Rep. Marc Veasey of Fort Worth and Rep. Filemon Vela of

Brownsville parted with their party to vote in support of the measure.

O'Rourke recently defended the vote, explaining that he just wanted to "make sure that we have options available" to fund infrastructure improvements.

"I'm open to whatever ensures we finance our infrastructure needs," he told The Dallas Morning News. "Whether that's assessed at the pump, whether it's assessed through usage, whether it's assessed at the barrel, I know there has to be some way to finance our investment in our roads."

"That's something Republicans and Democrats agree upon," he added. "The open discussion is about how best to do that."

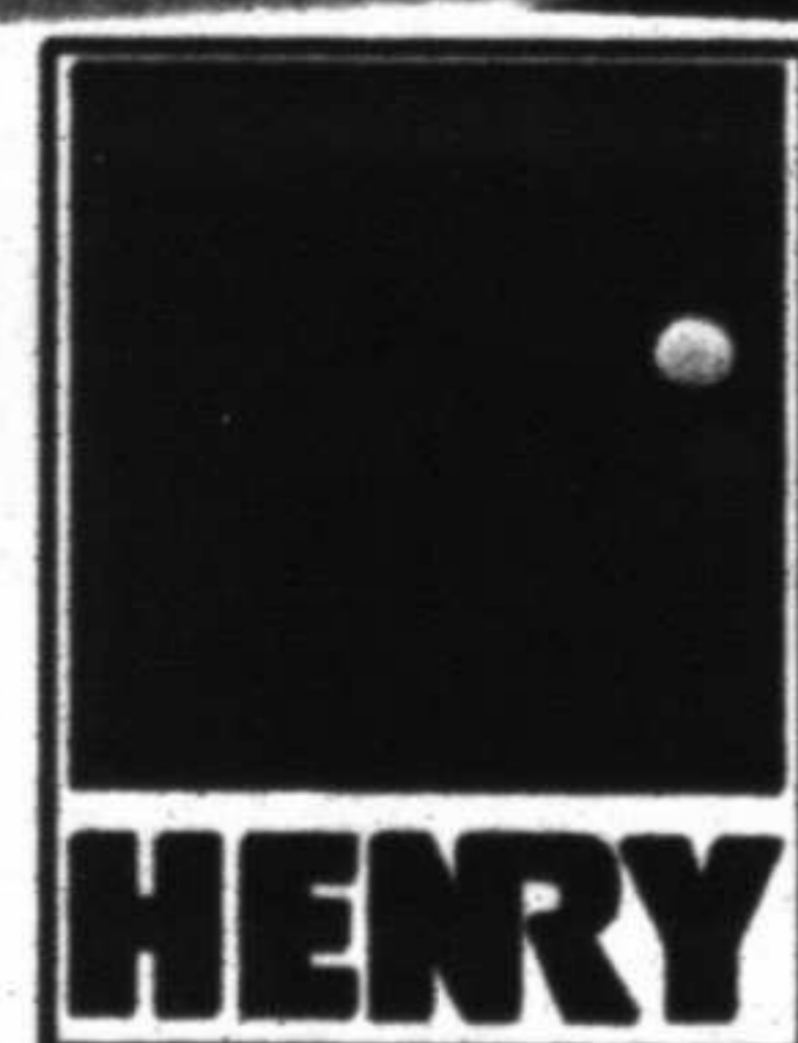
That explanation is unlikely to tamp down criticism from Cruz and his allies.

In addition to Cruz's own critiques, the conservative Ending Spending Action Fund is highlighting the vote in what Politico reported is a \$1 million advertising campaign aimed at labeling O'Rourke as a Democrat who's too liberal for Texas voters.

"Not for us," the ad says.

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At the Hanesco Society of Midland, kid volunteers combat curious children's queries by reading to them.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

City wins award



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Randel Everett, left, presented the Speak Freedom Award to the city of Midland on Monday night during the Global Impact 2:2 dinner hosted by 21 Wilberforce, a human rights organization founded by Everett, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland. The award was accepted by Mayor Jerry Morales, Councilman J. Ross Lacy and former mayor J.D. Faircloth, far right.

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 10, the 283rd day of 2018. There are 82 days left in the year.
Today's highlight: On Oct. 10, 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion and resigned his office.
On this date: In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Maryland.
In 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike.
In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, prohibiting the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.
In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill authorizing the Susan B. Anthony dollar.
In 2001, U.S. jets pounded the Afghan capital of Kabul. President George W. Bush unveiled a list of 22 most-wanted terrorists, including Osama bin Laden.
Today's birthdays: Rock singer David Lee Roth is 64. Pro Football Hall of Famer Brett Favre is 49. Retired race car driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. is 44.
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WORD OF THE DAY

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1. incapable of being evaded, inescapable.

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Conaway plans town hall

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway will hold a town hall meeting from 5-6 p.m. today at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

Things to do

- Fall Nutrition Education Classes. Start Your Day a Better Way with Breakfast. Participants will discuss the benefits of eating breakfast with recipes to be shared, 10-11 a.m., West Texas Food Bank, 1801 Westcliff Drive. Free. wtxfoodbank.org
Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com
Project Literacy: Nathan Hale author appearance, 4:30-6 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N.
Party on the Patio with live music and food trucks, 5 p.m., Shack in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80, Odessa.
Paper Crafting: Leaves. Guests 13 and older will make paper leaves to celebrate autumn. Materials provided, 5-6:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop.
Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.
Vicious Rumors, 7 p.m., Gabby-Doo Saloon, 6009 Golder Ave., Odessa.
Chinese Warriors of Peking, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. \$35-\$65. wagnernoel.com
Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com

Pumpkin Patch continues

St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch, 3100 W. Louisiana Ave., is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The patch will be open until Oct. 31 - or until organizers run out of pumpkins, according to St. Luke's United Methodist Church's website. Admission is free. Pumpkins are priced by size and begin at \$1. Payment is by cash only. Activities include story time, coloring sheets,

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-8-9-12-13-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-7-8-9-13-17-21-22-23-24
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Cash Five: 15-22-26-30-34

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Daily 4 day: 9-5-1-0
Daily 4 evening: 9-3-8-1
Daily 4 night: 1-9-4-1
Mega Millions: 20-22-39-54-80
Mega Ball: 18, Megaplier: 3
Pick 3 morning: 5-2-1
Pick 3 day: 8-7-1
Pick 3 evening: 4-0-6
Pick 3 night: 1-2-7

Weather

Yesterday's temperatures
High: 76
Low: 57
Normal high: 80
Normal low: 54

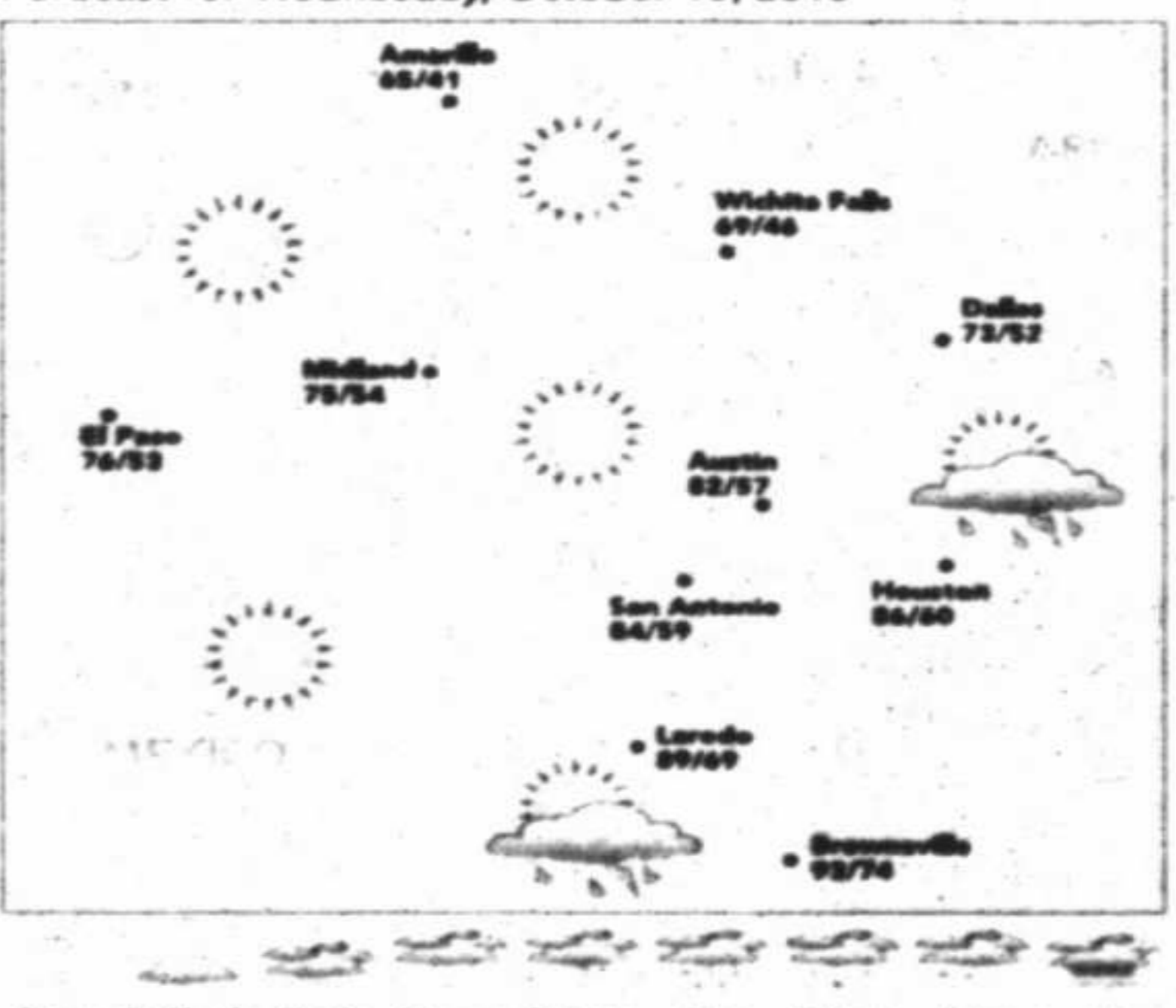
Oct. 9 records
High: 92, set in 1947, repeated in 1965 and 1972
Low: 36, set in 1970

Precipitation
Tuesday: 0.43 inch
Monday: 0.39 inch
Month total: 2.40 inches
Year total: 13.59 inches
Normal total (year to date): 12.18 inches

Winds
Wind speed: 20 mph
Gust speed: 30 mph

Today's forecast
High: 76

Forecast for Wednesday, October 10, 2018



Low: 55
Conditions: Partly sunny today/clear tonight
Winds: Northeast 5 mph today/southeast 5 mph tonight
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:49 a.m.
Sunset: 7:22 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018: This year, you tend to get past problems with ease. You will learn to keep your opinions to yourself more often than not. How you present yourself might not be as clear as others might like. You often hide your more assertive side. If you are single, you might attract someone who is unavailable. Determine what kind of relationship you want, and then proceed carefully. If you are attached, your tendency to act secretively often frustrates your partner. Learn to be more open with each other. SCORPIO intrigues you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Situations provide challenges that you might choose not to meet. Feel free to make that choice. Pressure to perform to another person's expectations could increase your tension. Walk away from negative situations and people. Do something just for you. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Others have an odd way of expressing how much they value you. Your unanticipated responses often shock people. A friend or loved one might be stunned by your behavior. Embrace your fun-loving side. Tonight: Allow someone else to make the first move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your smile greets

others and helps make a difficult situation a lot easier. A partner or dear friend could be withdrawn, but will make an attempt to warm up the atmosphere between you. Do more listening than speaking, and the results will be better. Tonight: Be mischievous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your mischievous nature emerges, allowing others to loosen up. You lighten the moment and others' moods just by being you. Your genetic efforts put a smile on a loved one's face. This person appreciates your efforts more than you are aware. Tonight: Add spice to your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Fortunately, you deal well with performance anxiety and pressure. You assume the lead, whereas others cannot. Your personality encourages you not to feel challenged. Do not make assumptions; instead, assess what is fact and what is fiction. Tonight: Head home early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You tend to say exactly what is on your mind. You could shock an older person or someone you care about. You can be sure that there is a veil of confusion around you and a key person in your life. Take a step back for now, and make no judgments. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might want to put yourself on the back, as you seem to be able to rein in your spending. It might be happening slower than you want, but you are getting there. A friend demands to have his or her way. Feel free to say "no" and walk away. Tonight: Off to a fun happening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You experience a surge of energy, but choose to say little about what you are thinking. You could change your mind in the next day or so. You gain more information, and through observation will see the situation differently. Tonight: Paint the town red with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) If you choose to be low, others will understand. They will need some private time to reflect on a recent development. You do not need to share everything with everyone. Do absolutely what you desire, but don't feel as if you must share what you are up to.

Tonight: Do your thing.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Zero in on your objectives, knowing full well that you might want to wait until a meeting to start fulfilling them. A discussion with friends presents a much different perspective. Let others know where you are coming from. Tonight: At a favorite place with favorite people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You could cause a problem when dealing with a boss or higher-up. You need to reach out to someone who could affect your life. This person has clout. You will note that passions run high at the

present moment. Try to avoid an argument at all costs. Tonight: Take the lead for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be willing to detach. Walk in someone else's shoes in order to understand him or her better. Once you are enlightened, you will be more compassionate. You will be able to interact with others in a more efficient way. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion, and you'll have a better time.

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Average rainfall for entire month of October: 1.73 inches

Five straight days of rain
Friday: 0.68 of an inch
Saturday: 0.89 of an inch
Sunday: 0.1 of an inch
Monday: 0.39 of an inch
Tuesday: 0.43 of an inch
Five-day total: 2.4 inches

Monthly rainfall this year: Feast or famine
January: 0.01 of an inch

February: 0.04 of an inch
March: 0.11 of an inch
April: Trace
May: 0.68 of an inch
June: 2.56 inches
July: 1.86 inches
August: 3.24 inches
September: 2.69 inches
October: 2.4 inches
Total this year: 13.59 inches
Normal through Oct. 9: 12.18 inches

What's to come
Thursday: 20 percent chance
Friday: 30 percent chance
Saturday: Chance
Average for an entire year: 14.6 inches
Rainfall needed to hit average: 1.01 inches.



Ducks enjoy the pond at Wadley Barron Park on Tuesday, full after recent rains.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

FLORIDA Major Hurricane Michael bearing down on Panhandle

TALLAHASSEE — A fast and furious Hurricane Michael sped toward the Florida Panhandle on Tuesday night with 120 mph winds and a potential storm surge of 13 feet, giving tens of thousands of people precious little time to get out or board up.

Drawing energy from the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, the storm strengthened rapidly into a potentially devastating Category 3 and was getting much better organized after nightfall. Forecasters said Michael could be near a very dangerous Category 4 by landfall, with further strengthening expected overnight.

It was expected to blow ashore around midday near Panama City Beach, along a lightly populated stretch of fishing villages and white-sand spring-break beaches.

While Florence took five days between the time it turned into a hurricane and the moment it rolled into the Carolinas, Michael gave Florida what amounted to two days' notice. It developed into a hurricane on Monday, and by Tuesday, more than 180,000 people were under mandatory evacuation orders.

"We don't know if it's going to wipe out our house or not," Jason McDonald, of Panama City, said as he and his wife drove north into Alabama with their two children, ages 5 and 7. "We want to get them out of the way."

As the storm closed in on the U.S., it caused havoc in the Caribbean.

In Cuba, it dropped more than 10 inches of rain in places, flooding fields, damaging roads, knocking out power and destroying some homes in the western province of Pinar del Rio. Cuban authorities said they evacuated about 400 people from low-lying areas.

Disaster agencies in El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua reported 13 deaths as roofs collapsed and

residents were carried away by swollen rivers.

NEW YORK Limo driver's family believes he was given an unsafe vehicle

SCHOHARIE — Relatives of the limousine driver involved in a crash that killed 20 people in upstate New York said Tuesday they believe he was unwittingly assigned an unsafe vehicle.

The family of Scott Lisinicchia released a statement through a lawyer shortly after another attorney representing the limousine company, Prestige Limousine, said the driver might have been unfamiliar with the rural road.

Lisinicchia was driving the limousine that ran through a stop sign Saturday at the bottom of a T-intersection on a rural road 25 miles west of Albany. Two pedestrians and all 18 people in the limo celebrating a woman's birthday died.

The statement from Lisinicchia's lawyer said he would never have "knowingly put others in harm's way" and cautioned against jumping to conclusions.

"The family believes that unbeknownst to him he was provided with a vehicle that was neither roadworthy nor safe for any of its occupants," according to the statement from Grant & Longworth.

Prestige Limousine has been criticized for maintaining vehicles rife with violations and for employing a driver lacking a commercial license. The deadly crash also has shined fresh light on the business owner, a former FBI informant.

The limousine that ran the stop sign was cited for code violations Sept. 4, including a problem with the antilock brake system malfunction indicator system. Four of the Gansvoort, New York-based company's limos were cited for 22 maintenance violations this year, though none were deemed critical.

"Those safety issues had been addressed and corrected," attorney Lee Kindlon, who represents

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Prestige, told CBS News in a segment Tuesday. "Not all infractions are major. A lot of these things are minor and were fixed."

State Department of Transportation spokesman Joseph Morrissey said a sticker was placed on the vehicle after the September inspection declaring it "unserviceable." He said Kindlon's assertion that the code violations had been corrected and the vehicle cleared for service was "categorically false."

Even if the repairs were made, the limo would have needed to be re-inspected and the owner would need approval again to transport passengers, a state transportation department spokesman said.

WASHINGTON

Court mood is jovial as Kavanaugh takes his place on bench

Brett Kavanaugh took the bench with his new Supreme Court colleagues for the first time Tuesday in a jovial atmosphere that was strikingly at odds with the tension and rancor surrounding his high-court confirmation.

The new justice dove into his new job, asking a handful of questions in the first arguments of the day following a traditional welcome from Chief Justice John Roberts, who wished Kavanaugh "a long and happy career in our common calling."

Kavanaugh took his seat at the end of the bench to Roberts' far left, a visible manifestation of a moment that Republicans have dreamed of for decades, with five solidly conservative justices on the court, and Democrats have dreaded.

His path to confirmation was turbulent — opposition to him intensified after Christine Blasey Ford accused him of sexually assaulting her decades ago, when they were teenagers. Kavanaugh denied it.

In court, Kavanaugh asked questions of both sides in arguments over increased prison sentences for repeat offenders. He jumped in with his first question after most of the other justices had spoken.

Questions from Kavanaugh and Justice Neil Gorsuch, President Donald Trump's two high-court picks, suggested they could vote against the Trump administration and side with a criminal defendant from Florida who is fighting an increase in his sentence from just over six years to possibly more than 15 years.

As Gorsuch did in his first arguments last year, Kavanaugh focused heavily on the importance of following earlier decisions of the court. Both men testified about their respect for Supreme Court precedent, though Gorsuch already has been in the majority to overrule four high-court rulings.

Referring to a 2010 decision known as *Curtis Johnson*, Kavanaugh asked Justice Department lawyer Frederick Liu what the court should do "if we're trying to follow *Curtis Johnson* strictly?"

There were no disruptions in the courtroom, and the justices laughed at one another's jokes. Justice Sonia Sotomayor even appeared to playfully pinch Gorsuch's arm as she asked a question about the kind of physical force necessary to have a crime be treated as violent under a federal enhanced sentencing law.

When the session came to an end, Kavanaugh shook hands with his new seatmate, Justice Elena Kagan. They also chatted privately before the arguments began. From time to time, Kavanaugh put on reading glasses to glance at papers in front of him.

Kavanaugh's wife and two daughters were in seats reserved for justices' guests, along with retired Justice Anthony Kennedy. Kavanaugh replaced Kennedy on the bench.

NEW YORK Fox News draws a big audience for final Kavanaugh vote

The Senate's vote confirming Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh sent viewers flocking to Fox News Channel, which recorded its biggest Saturday audience in more than a decade.

Fox's daytime audience was bigger than any for the network since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, while its Saturday prime-time lineup eclipsed anything since the Iraq War in 2003, the Nielsen company said.

Kavanaugh's victory after a lengthy confirmation battle benefited the network that's a favorite of people friendly to his cause.

Fox reached 4.34 million viewers for the Senate vote. Rivals CNN and MSNBC combined had less than half of that audience, as many of Kavanaugh's opponents clearly couldn't stomach watching the vote.

It was closer on Friday for what proved the decisive moment when Maine Sen. Susan Collins announced her choice, insuring that Kavanaugh's nomination would succeed. At that hour, Fox had 3.27 million viewers, CNN had 1.37 million and MSNBC had 1.36 million, Nielsen said.

LOS ANGELES Post #MeToo, opportunity still mixed bag for women in film

In the year after the downfall of Harvey Weinstein and the rise of #MeToo awareness, women in Hollywood are still processing and evaluating what, if anything, has fundamentally changed in their business — from the nature of scripts to an increase in basic opportunity.

Some say that things have absolutely changed, while others struggle to see any discernible difference that can be attributed to the cultural awakenings and discourse of the past year.

In other words, if there are more female-directed and written projects or #MeToo-adjacent story lines, it's likely not because of #MeToo, but a byproduct of other factors.

"I do think overall there's been a change, but I don't think a year is enough to see the real effect of this movement," said Juliet Berman, who heads up development for Treehouse Pictures, which produced the Netflix rom-com "Set It Up."

It's not hard to find films that seem to be speaking directly to the #MeToo moment. This summer saw the all-female "Oceans 8" do well at the box office. The indie "Eighth Grade" has a disquieting scene between a 13-year-old girl and an older boy in a car. While both are fitting of the moment, both were also in the works before The New York Times wrote that first Weinstein piece last October.

Financiers have, generally, sought out more submissions of female-driven projects in recent years, not because of #MeToo, but because it has been proven to be good business with the undeniable success of films like "Wonder Woman," which also came out months before Weinstein's downfall. Hollywood goes where the money is.

Kristen Stewart has noticed a greater interest in more female-focused stories in the past year, although notes that there is a certain amount of hypocrisy to it.

"I think that a lot of scripts that have probably existed for a long time are now being looked at again," said Stewart, who is working on her feature directorial debut. "It's kind of something that I'm totally willing to take advantage of, but you have to be aware of it so you can make fun of it a little bit and then use it to your advantage. There are people now who five years ago would be like, 'no, no, no,' now being like 'actually that's a beautiful, fully empowered female story and I think you'd be great in it.' Like, 'Cool! Give me the money for it.'"

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Students from Yarbrough meet Barbara Yarbrough, the school's namesake, in front of the Wells Fargo stagecoach as they prepare to get a ride with Barnett.

PROJECT LITERACY

The Wells Fargo stagecoach rolled into Midland Tuesday, carrying author Mary Barnett and a few students to Yarbrough Elementary for Project Literacy.

Barnett, a Caldecott Honor award-winning author, signed copies of his book at the library's Centennial branch Tuesday afternoon.

Other children's authors participating in Project Literacy 2018 are Nathan Hale and Katherine Applegate.

Hale, a Bluebonnet Award winner and author of "Hazardous Tales: Alamo All-Stars," will be speaking at Bowe Elementary School today and will sign books at Centennial beginning at 4:30 p.m. Applegate, author of 2013 Newbery Medal winner "The One and Only Train," will be signing books at Centennial at 4:30 p.m. Thursday and will be speaking to students at Bowe on Friday.

Project Literacy is a partnership between Wells Fargo, the Midland Reporter-Telegram and Midland County Public Library.



Barnett reads his book, "Extra Yarn," to first graders at Yarbrough Elementary.



Barnett reads to first graders.



Katrina Reid with Wells Fargo presents principal Jill Arthur with a keepsake.



LEFT: Anita Gamertshäfer, with Midland County Library, a Barnett and Yarbrough present books representing a \$5,000 donation to Yarbrough Elementary. LIBRARIAN Sara Thomas and principal Jill Arthur for the school. ABOVE: Students pose with Yarbrough.

OPINION

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Justice Kavanaugh is owed another apology

Senate Democrats should apologize for being dishonest, hypocritical, devious and hostile in an attempt to short-circuit his testimony

Brett Kavanaugh is owed an apology. Another one. He already got one this week from President Trump because of how badly the judge was treated during his Supreme Court confirmation process.

"On behalf of our nation, I want to apologize to Brett and the entire Kavanaugh family for the terrible pain and suffering you have been forced to endure," Trump said at Kavanaugh's swearing-in ceremony.

Senate Democrats should follow Trump's lead.

Don't misunderstand. Democratic members of the Senate Judiciary Committee don't have to apologize for being tough, partisan and critical. That's their job, and much of this fits into the definition of advice and consent. Besides a degree of friction and even acrimony is to be expected when someone is nominated for a high post by a president of the opposing party.

But Democrats went far beyond that. They should apologize to Kavanaugh for being dishonest, hypocritical, devious and hostile as they attempted to short-circuit his testimony. Go back and look

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at the tape, and you'll see that Democrats didn't fight fair. They cut off the nominee, wouldn't let him fully answer questions, didn't allow him to give context, twisted his words, badgered him with the same questions over and over — like the ones about his drinking. If they made the hearings all about themselves, and they showed scant interest in figuring out what happened to Christine Blasey Ford more than 30 years ago.

For the Democrats, the confirmation hearings were simply a massive game of "gotcha." Most of the questions seemed designed to trip up Kavanaugh. If they succeeded, at the very least, Democrats would have embarrassing video to use in their fundraising commercials for the midterm elections. And if they were really lucky, they might get the judge to contradict himself.

Most of all, Democrats need to apologize to Kavanaugh for unfairly holding him to a higher standard than they

have previously held Democratic Senate colleagues. At various times during the proceedings, as I heard veteran Democratic senators — Dianne Feinstein, Dick Durbin, Patrick Leahy and Sheldon Whitehouse — rise to defend the honor of every woman in America, I had to remind myself that all four of them served alongside the late Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, whose reported serial womanizing would be unacceptable today.

And how surreal was it that Kavanaugh's persecutors would include Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., who, while attending graduate school at Stanford in 1992, wrote an op-ed for the university newspaper in which he revealed that — eight years earlier, when he was 15 — he had sexually assaulted a female friend by grabbing her breast without her permission? For what it's worth — and it's probably worth more to Democrats than to Republicans — Booker claims that he wrote the op-ed in order to draw attention to the problem of sexual assault and to call for greater respect toward women.

Democrats also need to apologize to Kavanaugh for their poor social skills and conversational rapport. They were repeatedly combative, insulting, condescending, accusatory and dismissive of the nominee.

But when he gave them a small taste of his own medicine, they immediately took offense.

As the anti-Trump media became the anti-Kavanaugh media, the narrative emerged that Kavanaugh was way out of line when he, with a smile and a gentle tone, engaged in a banter with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., on whether she had ever blacked out from drinking.

Klobuchar responded that she doesn't have a drinking problem. Kavanaugh said he didn't, either.

This was the whole point of the exchange. People have a right to ask:

If Democrats can drink an occasional beer without it being assumed that they have a drinking problem, why don't we afford the same benefit of the doubt to Republicans?

Kavanaugh eventually apologized to Klobuchar. Case closed.

But here's what was left unresolved. Senators of both parties have to decide whether they're royalty or regular folks. When they're in Washington, they act like monarchs who are above reproach by commoners. But when they're back home — glad-handing at the fish fry or chili contest or menudo cook-off — why, they're just like you and me.

During his interrogation, I think Brett Kavanaugh showed a lot of class, patience and self-control. He also proved that he has the ability to suffer fools.

Now the fools should do the right thing and suffer through an apology.

GUEST VIEW

Congress finally finds something on which to agree

In this age of partisan bickering in Washington, we're pleased to spotlight rays of bipartisan congressional cooperation on a national crisis: opioid abuse.

After months of hard work, much of it led by U.S. Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, and Texas GOP Sen. John Cornyn, a comprehensive bill to address the medical and social scourge of opioid addiction lacks only Donald Trump's signature to become law. The president, who declared opioid addiction a national emergency, is expected to sign the bill, providing new weapons to curtail an epidemic that has shattered families and communities.

The measure, which passed the House and Senate by overwhelming bipartisan margins, would make it easier for first responders to obtain naloxone, an anti-overdose treatment, and would increase research into non-opioid pain treatment as an alternative to legally prescribed but addictive opioids. The bill also offers greater support for treatment programs and drug courts, and steps up law enforcement resources to prevent fentanyl and other deadly synthetic drugs from coming into the United States.

Opioid addiction is such a widespread problem that congressional action is a strong first step but, unfortunately, not a complete solution. Opioid deaths are higher than the peak yearly death totals from car crashes or gun violence. Nationally, opioid-related overdoses occurred at 116 per day in 2016 — five times the rate in 1999, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Opioid abuse is a problem in our backyard, too. In Dallas County, at least 1,928 people have died of opioid or heroin overdoses since 2011, according to a Dallas Morning News review of autopsy records earlier this year. Federal law enforcement officials in North Texas have a nine-agency strike force, one of just a handful across the country, to focus on violent gangs that traffic in heroin and synthetic opioids from Mexico and China.

Congress needs to stay on top of opioid abuse and be prepared to tweak or expand strategies as the crisis evolves and to provide additional dollars in other budget cycles. The Congressional Budget Office estimates the bill could cost \$8 billion over five years, a fraction of the tens of billions that addiction experts say is needed for treatment and other intervention. A landmark report from the surgeon general two years ago concluded that only about 28 percent of people with an opioid problem receive specialty treatment.

The good news is that Democrats and Republicans found common ground on many issues and didn't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. For now, we'll call that a big win.

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Left foolishly attacks the Senate

Democrats' problem is that they don't have much appeal to the middle of the nation anymore

RICH LOWRY

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Democrats suffered a stinging loss in the fight over Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation, and have concluded that the constitutional system is to blame.

You see, if only the Founders hadn't forged the Great Compromise between large states and small states at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, giving each state equal representation in the U.S. Senate, they would have defeated Brett Kavanaugh handily. It's only because smaller red states have two senators just like larger blue states that the judge got confirmed.

For the left, the U.S. Senate is now looming, together with the Electoral College and the Supreme Court, as an institution of villainy in American life. In the words of Vox, the Senate is "a grotesquely unrepresentative body." ThinkProgress deems it "an immoral, anti-democratic institution." One reason Washington Post columnist E.J. Dionne calls the ascension of Kavanaugh to the high court "a coup" is that he was "confirmed by senators representing 44 percent of the population."

Democrats have gone from bragging about their permanent majority a few years ago to complaining it's impossible for them to win under the governing regime that we've had for more than 200 years, since it's so tilted toward "minority rule."

It's certainly true that the Senate is not fully democratic and gives an outsized role to small states, since this was the price they exacted for signing on to the Constitution. This arrangement isn't a conspiracy against the left.

Yes, Wyoming, population 560,000 in the 2010 census, cancels out California, population 37 million, with two Republican senators to the Golden State's two Democrats. But Vermont, population 630,000, cancels out the two Republicans from Texas, population 25 million, with a Democrat and a socialist.

Gross population disparities aren't anything new. In 1790, shortly after the ratification of the Constitution, Virginia had 747,160 people, Delaware 59,096. The gap between the largest and smallest state got bigger. In 1900, New York had 7,268,894 people, and Nevada all of 42,335. The republic survived.

The design of the Senate recognizes the status

of the states as real governing entities with their own prerogatives under the Constitution. Like the equally hated Electoral College, the Senate ensures that flyover country isn't ignored. It reflects the dizzying geographic diversity of a continental nation and promotes national cohesion by giving every corner of it a voice.

The Senate also is meant to be a check on the unbridled popular will. Its members are elected in staggered six-year terms, and, originally, they were selected by state legislatures, not in a direct vote. The House is the more democratic body. California has 53 representatives; Wyoming has one. Yet Democrats don't control the House, either.

The root of the problem is that Democrats, who threw all in with an urban-oriented "coalition of the ascendant" beginning in 2008, don't have much appeal to the middle of the country anymore. As recently as 2010, both senators from North Dakota were Democrats, and back in 2004, both senators from South Dakota were Democrats.

The disenchantment with the Senate is a function of the left's preference for coastal rule. It wants California to have the whip hand in our national life. But why should Los Angeles and San Francisco have an outsized role in governing distant, rural parts of the country, with which they have no sympathy?

Fundamentally remaking the Senate is a fantasy, regardless. The Constitution says the arrangement is unamendable, stipulating in Article 5 setting out the amendment process that "no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate." Even if this language can be struck by amendment anyway, it would require the assent of some smaller states that wouldn't be enamored with reducing their own relative power so California can have more.

Rather than cursing the design of the Senate, Democrats would be better-served simply winning Senate elections, a cause they materially harmed with their fevered attack on Brett Kavanaugh.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Looking for stocks? Unfortunately, technical difficulties have prevented the MRT from including them on today's edition.

Google brings camera twists, bigger screens to Pixel phones

By Anick Jesdanun and Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Google's new Pixel phones mirror an industry trend toward lusher, bigger screens and add twists on the camera for better pictures.

The third generation of Pixel phones unveiled Tuesday at an event in New York features screens that span from one edge to another. It's the first time Google has embraced the format, which Samsung has had for a few years and Apple adopted last year.

But Google is undercutting Apple on price. The Pixel 3 will be available Oct. 18 starting at \$799 — \$200 below the least expensive iPhone XS. A larger version, the Pixel 3 XL, costs \$100 more.

Google is also hiring photographer Annie Leibovitz to take pictures with the new Pixel in an effort to persuade consumers that its camera is superior.

The camera, for instance, promises better low-light and close-up shots by using artificial-intelligence software to combine multiple shots taken in succession. It will also warn you if someone blinked or if the shot is otherwise poor. The camera automatically takes about three seconds of shots, at lower resolution, and will recommend an alternative.

The Pixel joins LG's V40 in sporting a second front lens to fit more people into selfies. But it lacks a zoom lens on either side, something available on some iPhones and Samsung phones. Instead, Google uses software to mimic

that effect.

Beyond the camera, Google is using artificial intelligence to help screen calls. Just tap on a button for Google's voice assistant to ask the caller about the purpose of the call. You see a transcript of the response on the screen. You can choose to pick up or ignore the call. Callers are warned that they are talking to a robot and that a transcript would be made.

Although the Pixels have barely made a dent in the market since their debut two years ago, Google uses them to highlight what it considers to be the best features of its Android operating system. A previously announced feature in which software will call businesses to make appointments and restaurant reservations for you will debut on the Pixel first, for instance — initially in New York, Atlanta, Phoenix, Arizona, and the San Francisco Bay Area.

IDC analyst Ramon Llamas said the Pixel 3 doesn't break new ground on hardware, but "software is a different story. It's mostly about convenience here."

As usual, the Pixel phones focus heavily on Google's search engine, maps, digital assistant and YouTube video service.

Google has sold an estimated 7 million Pixels over the past two years, almost imperceptible next to the 3.6 billion phones shipped during that time, according to IDC. Apple alone sold 388 million iPhones during the same period.

Tuesday's announcements come a day after Google disclosed a flaw that could have exposed personal information of up to 500,000 users of

its Plus social network. Google declined to address that further Tuesday, though executives emphasized privacy and security throughout the event in New York.

For instance, the camera's features for better shots will take advantage of software on the device itself, so that nothing gets sent to Google's servers — unless you enable a backup feature with Google Photos. The Pixel 3 will have a new chip, called Titan, to store keys to the most sensitive information, including those needed to unlock the phone and descramble stored data. Many other phones already have similar hardware for security.

Google also rolled out Home Hub, which couples a small display screen with an internet-connected speaker. That's similar to Amazon's Echo Show and a new Facebook device called Portal. In another apparent nod to privacy concerns, Google didn't put a camera on its Home Hub like Amazon and Facebook did with their respective devices to enable video calls.

Again, Google is attacking its rivals on price. The Home Hub will sell for \$149 when it comes to stores Oct. 22. The new version Echo Show starts at \$229, while the least expensive Facebook Portal sells for \$199.

There's also an upcoming tablet featuring Google's home-grown Chrome OS system. It will run Android apps, but offer functionality that's closer to a desktop. The Pixel Slate starts at \$599; a keyboard costs \$199 more and a stylus another \$99.

US stock indexes mixed as interest rates take a pause

Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes ended Tuesday nearly where they began, as interest rates let off the accelerator following their sharp rise last week. But the modest moves for indexes masked some roiling underneath.

Raw-material producers plunged on worries that inflation and weaker demand are eating into their profits. On the opposite end were technology stocks and other sectors, which recovered some of the sharp losses caused by last week's rapid rise in interest rates.

Altogether, the crosscurrents left the S&P 500 down 4.09 points, or 0.1 percent, at 2,880.34. It had waffled between small gains and losses for most of the day, and roughly three stocks fell in the index for every two that rose.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 56.21, or 0.2 percent, to 26,430.57, and the Nasdaq composite added 2.07, or less than 0.1 percent, to 7,738.02.

At the center of the movements were interest rates, which sway how quickly the economy grows, how expensive it is for companies and households to borrow and how high a price investors are willing to pay for stocks. The yield on the 10-year Treasury dipped to 3.20 percent from 3.22 percent Friday in the first day of trading after bond markets were closed for a holiday on Monday.

The pause came after bond yields surged last week following several encouraging reports on the economy. The 10-year Treasury yield was just 3.05 percent last Tuesday, and the speed of the recent rise

has been more concerning to investors than the level. If rates go high enough, they can hurt profits for companies and drive investors away from stocks and into bonds.

Tuesday's ease in rates helped technology stocks, which have been leading the market, both on the way up for most of the past year and on the way down over the last week. Technology companies are producing some of the biggest profit growth in the market, but their stocks are also trading at relatively high prices relative to those earnings.

Tech stocks in the S&P 500 are down 3 percent so far this month, versus a 1.2 percent loss for the overall index. But the group rose 0.4 percent Tuesday as interest rates dropped.

Energy stocks did even better, benefiting from another rise in the price of oil. Energy stocks in the S&P 500 climbed 1 percent, led by a 3.3 percent rise for Pioneer Natural Resources and a 2.7 percent climb for Apache.

"We like energy right now, and we think prices aren't likely to come down anytime soon," said Barry James, president and portfolio manager of James Advantage Funds. "The explorers have been left behind a little bit by the refiners, and now's their time to catch up."

On the losing end were raw-material producers, which tumbled 3.4 percent for the sharpest loss among the 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500.

PPG, which sells paints and coatings, sank 10.1 percent to \$98.56 for the biggest loss in the S&P 500 after it warned that higher costs for oil and other materials will weigh on its third-quarter results.

Mexico's Pemex: 2 new wells have 180 million barrels 3P oil

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's state-owned oil company says two wells in shallow Gulf of Mexico waters have found about 180 million barrels of proven, probable and possible oil and gas reserves. The Manik well is about 52 miles offshore, and the

Mulach is about 11 miles offshore.

In April, Manik found two separate reserves, and Mulach found five oil pockets.

The Pemex oil company said Tuesday four other shallow-water fields discovered between 2011 and 2016 will enter production soon.

The Kinbe and Koban fields hold about 325 million barrels of 3P reserves, and the Xikin and Esah fields hold 360 million barrels.

Pemex's production dropped to 1.88 million barrels per day in the first half of 2018, down from 3.4 million barrels per day in 2005.

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Abbreviated MRI recommended for women at risk for breast cancer

Most women have heard the mantra that 1 in 8 women will develop breast cancer sometime in their lifetime, but few know that their individual risk may be more than this. Individual risk is based primarily on age, family history and to a lesser extent, on certain factors such as whether they smoke, their weight and exposure to chemicals.

Age is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer. Breast cancer is most common in women over 60 and that continues to progress with age. The problem is that even though breast cancer is more common in mature women, it still occurs in younger women and it tends to be much more aggressive in younger women than the slower-growing breast cancers of later years.

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This means that you are much more likely to die of breast cancer when you contract it at a younger age. Although the risk of breast cancer is less in younger years, a good 35 to 40 percent of all breast cancers form before age 60. Therefore, we can't just start screening women in their 60s and beyond. The ramp up of breast cancer begins at about age

40, and the risk of radiation damage to the breasts is almost completely diminished by age 40; therefore, we recommend starting annual screening mammography at age 40.

If you don't have a family history of breast cancer, you might be tempted to forgo screening all together or at least postpone it until you are older. This is not a good idea. Only 25 percent of all breast cancers occur in women with family history or genetic mutations that lead to breast cancer at an earlier age. That means 75 percent of all women who develop breast cancer have absolutely no family history or genetic risk for developing breast cancer. That is a scary fact that most women don't know.

The good news is that there has never been a better time to survive and thrive after

a breast cancer diagnosis. Breast cancer is no longer the death sentence it used to be. We are getting increasingly better at diagnosing breast cancer at an early stage and treating it with life-saving, curative treatments. Breast cancer has become a speed bump in life instead of a life-ending event.

To maximize the benefits of these advances, however, we need your help. You need to get screened for breast cancer every year after the age of 40 to catch the cancer at its earliest stage before it spreads and gets harder to treat and cure. Cure rates for early detection approaches 100 percent. Cure rates for late-stage detection are 20 percent or lower. Early detection is the key to

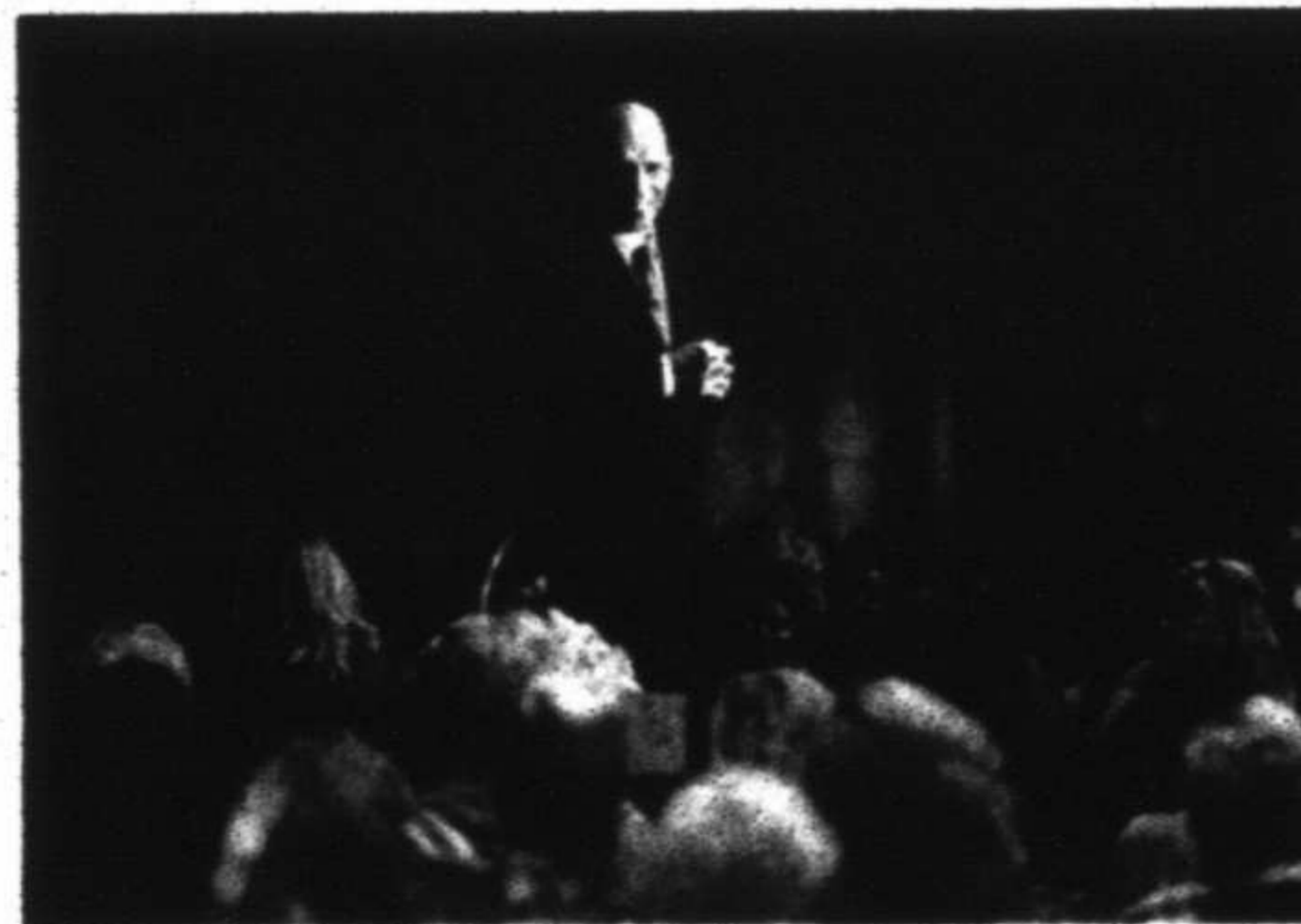
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GREAT TURNOUT



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ABOVE: Annual Pink The Basin luncheon featuring guest speaker Olympic gold medal ice skater and cancer fighter Scott Hamilton on Oct. 2 at Horseshoe Pavilion. **RIGHT:** Hamilton speaks during the luncheon.



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Food can be likened to chemotherapy

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, physicians continue to emphasize educating women about signs and symptoms of breast cancer, detection by self-breast examination and getting mammograms. These are all great measures of early detection.

Unfortunately, what we define as early

Eat to Beat Cancer

detection is in reality a late detection. Breast cancer does not occur overnight. You may feel for the first time a

lump that began forming many years ago. One or two cancer cells never hurt anyone, but by the time a tumor is detected by a mammogram, it may have 1 billion cancer cells. It may take 25 days to 1,000 days or more for a lump to form one cancer cell to 1 billion cancer cells. Where you fall on that time scale may depend in part on what you eat.

Breast cancer screening, by definition, does not prevent breast cancer. About 1 in 8 American women will develop invasive breast cancer. Fortunately, the incidence rates have been declining since 2000 because of reduced use of hormone replacement therapy.

About 40,920 women are expected to die in 2018. There are 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer. About 25 percent of cases can be linked to genetic mutations, whereas, about 75 percent of cases occur in those with no family history of breast cancer.

According to American Institute of Cancer Research, 38 percent of breast cancer cases in the United States are preventable through improved diet and physical activity patterns and by controlling weight.

Based on autopsy studies, as many as 39 percent of women in their 40s already had breast cancers growing that were simply too small to be picked up by mammograms.

One way to change the course of those mutated abnormal cells that could potentially turn into cancer is to think about foods that can fight cancer.

The institute provides a list of food that can help fight cancer: apples, blueberries, broccoli and other cruciferous vegetables, carrots, cherries, cranberries, flaxseed, grapefruit, legumes (dry beans, peas and lentils), soy, squash,

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Take-back receptacle is safe way to dispose of medications

Midland Health now offers a convenient, safe, and secure way for our community to dispose of unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications. A medication take-back receptacle has been installed at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Storing unwanted and expired medications in the home increases the risk of misuse and places children, seniors and pets at risk for accidental poisoning. More than \$1 billion worth of leftover drugs are thrown in the trash, flushed or left in medicine cabinets each year. When drugs are disposed of in the garbage, poured down the drain or flushed, they end up in the environment. Even if they enter the sewage system first, pharmaceutical compounds can reach wastewater treatment plants that are not designed to

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remove them. Unused medications in the home are a source of drug abuse in millions of homes; the opioid crisis in the United States is fueled in part by that availability. More than 70 percent of young people abusing prescription pain relievers get them through friends or family, including raiding the family medicine cabinet. Overall, 22,000 people die each year

from misuse of prescription drugs.

Our drug disposal receptacle, which is easily accessible at Midland Memorial Hospital, is a great answer to these problems. The big green drop box is located just inside the Red Emergency Entrance, next to the security window. Drugs can be dropped off with no questions asked, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please note there are some items we cannot accept, such as aerosols and inhalers, needles, liquids and creams or lotions.

Properly disposing of unwanted meds is your chance to take part in stemming the opioid crisis and improving our water supply. Won't you join us in making Midland the healthiest community in Texas?

Tim Warpula is director of pharmacy for Midland Health.



"I felt the care I was given at The Breast Center was top notch. I don't want to travel and have care somewhere else when I can get fantastic care here"

Janey Lasley had little reason to worry when she went in for her routine mammogram. She had never had any problems before and breast cancer did not run in her family. However, on October 29th 2016, Janey got the phone call that would change her life.

Call (432) 221-3627 to schedule your mammogram today!

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Obituaries



Austin James Neiman

Austin James Neiman, age 26, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on October 4, 2018, in Odessa. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Don Norris of First Baptist Church Odessa, officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Austin was born December 28, 1991 to Michael and Leslie Neiman in Odessa, TX. He attended the Bynum School in Midland, TX. He attended Sunday School at First Baptist Church Odessa and was cared for there by Renee Taylor, Kim Chancellor, Donella Oliver, Nelda Clark, Roxann Beaty, Judy Wilhite, and Valerie Hammit, all of Odessa, TX. Austin is survived by his brother, Samuel; parents, Michael and Leslie Neiman; grandmothers, Betty Neiman and Quanah Austin, of Odessa, TX; uncle and aunt, Jim and Vera Neiman of Horace, North Dakota; great uncle and aunt, Clyde and Pat Wright of Alice, TX; adopted parents, Cruz and Oscar Sanchez of Midland, TX, and

his adopted aunt Betty Gray of Odessa, TX.

In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial donation to the Bynum School, P.O. Box 80175, Midland, TX, 79708.

The family of Austin wishes to extend our sincere thanks to his dearest friends and the doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, TX, who worked so very hard to try and help him get well.

The Lord give's and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the LORD. Thank you, LORD Jesus, for the gift of Austin.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign his guestbook at www.sunsetodessa.com.



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Dr. Richard Gordon Klemppauer

Dr. Richard Gordon Klemppauer was born on Wednesday December 3, 1930 and was called home to Heaven by his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday October 7, 2018. He was 87 years old.

Dr. Klemppauer was a graduate from the University of Kansas and Kansas University Medical School. Upon graduation, he served in the United States Navy for three years stationed in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Following his service time, he and his wife, Beverly, moved to Midland, Texas in 1958. At that time he opened his family practice.

Also an Eagle Scout, for many years he volunteered serving and facilitating physicals for Scouts attending summer camp with Troop 232 of First Baptist Church in Midland. He also continued his service in the Naval Reserves at the Midland Naval Station for approximately 22 years.

Richard and Beverly were also active members at the First Baptist Church of Midland, having become mem-

bers in 1958. Dr. Klemppauer served as a Deacon there for approximately four decades.

He also served as a physician on medical mission trips for the church on numerous occasions. From the mountains of New Mexico to working cattle in Central Texas, Dr. Klemppauer loved traveling and the outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his parents G.R. and Jessie Klemppauer, his first wife of 44 years, Beverly Jean and his second wife of 18 years Francis.

He is survived by his eldest son Dr. Craig Stephen Klemppauer and wife Christi, his daughter Linda Susan Pearce and Husband Clellan, youngest son Barry James Klemppauer and wife Libby. Six Grandchildren, Seven Great-grandchildren.

The Klemppauer Family would personally like to thank Dr. Watkins and Dr. Best and the Medical Team Members of Midland Memorial Hospital and those team members of Home Hospice of Midland, as well as a heartfelt thank you and appreciation to the person care provider Josie Carrera.

The family offers a special thank you to First Baptist Church of Midland for your many calls, visits, meals and cards.

And finally Dr. Klemppauer and his family are especially thankful and blessed to the Lord for all of his patients and generations thereof who sought and entrusted their medical care to Dr. Richard G. Klemppauer. God Bless You!

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to FBC of Midland Missions Ministries.

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Robert "Bobby" Phillips

Robert "Bobby" Phillips, 68, Bakersfield, California, passed away Wednesday, October 3, 2018. A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 11, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Bobby was born on September 15, 1950 in Ashdown, Arkansas to Dorothy and Clyde Phillips. He was married to the love of his life Nancy Storm Phillips. He began his career in the oil and gas industry when he was 19 following the footsteps of his father and uncles. He was a mud engineer for Profco for many years and then started his own company prior to retirement. He had a childhood dream of living in California and was able to fulfill that and lived there most of his adult life. He was also an art enthusiast and a happy at heart. He enjoyed sitting and visiting with people, traveling to new places, listening to music and watching movies.

He is survived by his sister

Sharon Pierson and her husband Ray, sister Sandy Miles and her husband George; Greg and Alice Hardy; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his wife Nancy Phillips; parents Clyde and Dorothy Phillips; and sister, Bonita Phillips.

Pallbearers will be Tyler Miles, George Miles, Ray Pierson, Chad Carson, Eric Neatherlin, Caden Carson, Justin Bostic, and Hunter Gilbert.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue Dallas, Texas 75231, or the American Cancer Society, Atlanta, Georgia.

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

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Death Notices

Deloris "Dee"

June Myers

Rhodes

DeLoris "Dee" June Myers Rhodes, 83, of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, October 8, 2018.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, October 12, 2018 at the Branch at NPW in Midland. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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maximizing your chances of survival.

Although annual screening mammography has been the mainstay of early detection and has been proven to save lives, there is another test that detects breast cancers even better than mammography. MRI of the breast. 3D mammography will detect around seven breast cancers per 1,000 women screened. MRI detects 14 breast cancers per 1,000 women screened, so it detects twice as many cancers as mammography. So why not screen all women with MRI instead of mammography? The answer is cost and availability of MRI. Until now, screening breast MRI has been too expensive to offer all women as a routine annual screening test.

To address this cost, Midland Memorial Hospital will soon be offering abbreviated screening MRI of the breast to those who qualify at a much-reduced cost. This study is much shorter than a standard diagnostic breast MRI but does require intravenous injection of gadolinium (MRI contrast media). The American Cancer Society recommends MR for all women with a lifetime risk of greater than 20 percent and for those patients who were diagnosed with breast cancer before the age of 50. The Breast Center offers a free lifetime risk assessment called a "Gail Score" to all women who receive screening mammograms at the center. This score will determine if you qualify for abbreviated screening MRI of the breast. Currently, screening breast MRI is covered by insurance and Medicare for women at high risk for breast cancer but not for those who are at average risk. Abbreviated screening MRI of the breast may also benefit women with dense breasts; it can replace breast ultrasound as a supplement to mammography.

Together with monthly self-breast examination, screening imaging studies such as mammography, ultrasound and MRI that detect breast cancer before you can feel it as a lump should be a part of every woman's health care strategy after age 40. If you don't take care of yourself, who will?

Dr. Jess Dalehite is a diagnostic radiologist at The Breast Center.

Focusing on personal strengths can arm kids with self-esteem

Some of the brightest and most creative kids I had the pleasure of working with over the last year struggled with self-esteem issues. As a result, these same kiddos struggled with depression, low motivation, and test anxiety. They made passive comments wishing they were never born. Issues with self-esteem were also tied to bullying and disruptive behavior in the classroom. The threat of self-harm, suicide and substance uses rises significantly when youth have low self-esteem.

While teenage years have always been a time of change and challenge, social media has taken things to another level. Imagine getting daily polling data on your level of attractiveness. What would it be like if your self-worth hinged on the number of likes your picture received? It is not uncommon for kids to spend hours each day sorting through pictures, agonizing over which ones to post online. Though parental controls can be created to combat against the internal messages kids give themselves.

My goal over the last year has been to arm kids with self-esteem. Here are a few things you can do at home to promote healthy growth and development.

■ **Encourage your kids to try new things and develop hobbies**

When children are exposed to new opportunities, not only are they given the chance to conquer tasks that are scary or different, they are given the opportunity to develop new passions and identify things they're good at.

■ **Focus on personal strengths**

No one is good at everything, but everyone is good at something.

Maybe Joe isn't very good at math, but he is really good at keeping things organized. How can he use that strength to help overcome his challenge? Maybe Sally is shy, but

is really good at art. How can she use her creativity to help build positive relationships?

■ **Be authoritative, but not too forceful or strict**

When someone is always hovering telling you what to do, why learn to think for yourself?

■ **Promote problem-solving**

Teach basic problem-solving skills: identify the problem and break down the issue into manageable parts. Help your kids recognize things that have been helpful in the past by asking questions. (Is there anything that was difficult that is now easier for you? What helped you?)

■ **Model the difference between confidence and arrogance**

Those with confidence have positive, optimistic attitudes and are easy to be around. They encourage others and strive for the greater good. Genuinely confident people feel great about themselves without feeling the need to compare themselves others.

■ **Normalize mistakes**

Everyone makes mistakes. Normalize day-to-day mishaps and model the ability to bounce back.

■ **Provide unconditional love**

Last, but certainly not least, show your kids that they are loved and accepted even when they mess up. Unconditional love is vital for the emotional health and positive well-being of our children.

Sometimes the best defense is a good offense. Be proactive; arm your kiddos with self-esteem.

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tea, walnuts, whole grains, berries, dark green leafy vegetables, garlic, tomatoes and grapes and grape juice.

■ **Risk factors for breast cancer**

■ **Alcohol**
In 2014, The World Health Organization clarified its position by stating that regarding breast cancer, no amount of alcohol is safe.

■ **Lower melatonin levels**
The pineal gland in our brain is activated as the sky darkens in the evening, and secretes melatonin, which makes us tired and less alert. Women with higher melatonin secretion have been found to have lower rates of breast cancer. Minimizing nighttime exposure to light would keep up with the production of melatonin and lower breast cancer risk.

■ **Lack of exercise**
Physical activity is considered a promising measure against breast cancer, not only because it helps with weight control but because exercise tends to lower circulating estrogen levels.

■ **Heterocyclic amines (HCAs)**
HCAs are described by the National Cancer Institute as chemicals formed when muscle meat, including beef, pork, fish and poultry, is cooked using high-temperature methods such as roasting, pan frying, grilling and baking. HCAs appear to initiate and promote cancer growth by potent estrogen-like effects, fueling human breast cancer cell growth almost as powerfully as pure estrogen.

■ **Cholesterol**
Cancer appears to feed on cholesterol. Breast tumors may take advantage of high-circulating cholesterol levels to fuel and accelerate their growth.

■ **Angiogenesis**
Angiogenesis is the growth of new capillary blood vessels in the body. It is an important natural process for healing and reproduction. Abnormal blood vessel growth is now recognized as a cause for many deadly conditions, including cancer. Angiogenesis-based medicine has brought a new class of cancer drugs that are quite promising.

■ **Apoptosis**
The process of programmed cell death, or apoptosis, is considered a vital component of various processes including normal

cell turnover. Inappropriate apoptosis (either too little or too much) is a factor in many human conditions, including neurodegenerative diseases, ischemic damage, autoimmune disorders and many types of cancer.

Remarkably, eating a plant-based diet and walking everyday can improve our cancer defenses within just two weeks. Researchers dipped blood of women onto breast cancer cells growing in petri dishes before and after 14 days of healthy living. The blood taken after they started eating healthier suppressed cancer growth significantly and killed 20 to 30 percent more cancer cells than the blood taken from the same women just two weeks before.

Dr. Michael Greger, in his book, "How Not to Die," asks this question: "What kind of blood do you want in your body— what kind of immune system? The kind of blood that just rolls over when new cancer cells pop up, or blood that circulates to every nook and cranny in your body with the power to slow down and stop cancer cells in their tracks?"

■ **Epigenetics**
Epigenetics means any process that alters gene activity without changing the DNA sequence in the body. While genetic code remains the same throughout our life, epigenetic markers can change based on life experiences. Diet and lifestyle greatly affect gene expression; it influences our health and the health of our children and grandchildren. In one of his studies, Dr. Dean Ornish showed that 500 genes were positively affected with lifestyle changes. In just three months, disease-preventing genes were turned on and cancer-causing genes were turned off.

■ **How sustainable discoveries**

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Get the best energy news from around the Permian Basin in the

OIL REPORT

Look for it in Sunday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MMH accepts unwanted medications

Midland Memorial Hospital recently has implemented a drug take-back program for residents to safely dispose of their unwanted and expired medications. They may be dropped into the green receptacle inside the emergency department entrance. For more information, call 221-1111 and ask for the pharmacy.

Club to walk at Monahans park

The Midland Walk-about Volksports Club's monthly walk is Oct. 13 at Monahans State Park. Those who are participating can meet 7 a.m. at the parking lot of JumBurrito near Midland Park Mall and car pool to Monahans. For more details visit www.midland-walkabout.org.

Midland Health events

- Lifestyle Medicine Center's weekly class: Macronutrients 101, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.
- Breastfeeding Support Group, 11 a.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org.
- Babycare/Infant CPR, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; \$10 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.
- Becoming a Mom Class, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-1150; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines (subject to change)

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.
- Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church 553-1031.
- Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wcmhmr.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 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

- Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C, noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.
- 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, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-4490.

- La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

Hope Chest

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

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born.

mothers continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "6R-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 6R-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room... or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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More people are signing up for Medicare Advantage plans

Now's the time for Texans with Medicare to check their health and drug coverage for 2019.

Medicare's open enrollment period begins Monday and continues through Dec. 7.

Open enrollment is the best time to make sure your health and drug plans still meet your individual needs, especially if you've had any changes in your health.

By now, insurers should have notified you of any adjustments in your health or drug plan coverage or any changes in your out-of-pocket costs for next year.

Even if you've been satisfied with your health and drug coverage, you may benefit from reviewing all your options. Shopping around may save you money or improve your coverage.

Medicare Advantage remains a strong alternative for people who prefer to receive care through a private insurer rather than through Medicare's original fee-for-service program. Most plans include drug coverage.

The number of people buying Medicare Advantage plans is expected to grow by 11.5 percent to 22.6 million nationwide in 2019. Thirty-five percent of Texans with Medicare now opt to get their health care benefits this way.

Many Advantage plans charge a separate premium on top of the Part B premium you'll pay for Medicare's medical insurance. Nationally, the average monthly cost for that separate Medicare Advantage premium will be \$28 in 2019 — \$1.81 less than this year. Texans in Medicare's traditional fee-for-service program who want to add prescription drug coverage can choose from 27 drug plans with monthly premiums ranging from \$10.40 to \$140.10 — about the same premium range as a year ago. Nationally, the average premium for a basic drug plan in 2019 will drop by

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\$1.09 to \$32.50 per month. Look beyond premiums, though. The only way to determine the true cost of your drug coverage is to consider other factors such as deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance.

Medicare's website -- www.medicare.gov -- has the best tool for helping you narrow your search for a new health or drug plan. Just click on "Find Health and Drug Plans."

After entering your ZIP code and the list of your prescriptions, you can use the "Medicare Plan Finder" tool to compare your coverage and out-of-pocket costs under different plans.

The quality of a health or drug plan's customer service should be considered, too. To help you identify the best and worst, the Plan Finder provides star ratings for each plan. The ratings range from five stars (excellent) to one star (poor); three stars are average.

Higher-rated plans deliver a higher level of care, such as managing chronic conditions efficiently, screening for and preventing illnesses and making sure people get much-needed prescriptions. Higher-rated plans also have fewer complaints or long waits for care.

Besides using Medicare.gov, you can call Medicare's toll-free help line at 800-633-4227 or consult your "Medicare & You 2019 Handbook," which you should have received in the mail in the last few weeks.

One-on-one benefits counseling is also available through your State Health Insurance Assistance Program. In Texas, you can call 800-252-9240.

Medicare's drug benefit continues to improve. You'll enjoy more savings on your prescriptions. The "doughnut hole," or coverage gap, will go away for brand-name drugs in 2019, which means you'll receive a 75 percent break on those drugs after you pay your annual deductible and until you reach the threshold for catastrophic coverage, when you'll pay substantially less.

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If you're having difficulty affording your medications, you may qualify for extra help with your drug coverage premiums, deductibles and co-payments.

The amount of help depends on your income and resources. But generally, you'll pay no more than \$3.40 for each generic drug and \$8.50 for each brand-name drug in 2019.

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To learn more about whether you qualify for extra help, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp or call Social Security at 800-772-1213.

Any changes you make to your Medicare health and drug coverage will take effect on Jan. 1.

Bob Moos is Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Midland Health labels entrances, parking lots for visitors

From staff reports

A local health care provider has introduced new measures to help patients reach their appointments. Midland Health adopted a wayfinding system that includes color-coded parking areas and entrances.

Midland Health launched the plan to make the patient experience as seamless as possible amid recent growth, according to information provided to the Reporter-Telegram. Signage is now available throughout the provider's main campus to help with navigation.


For example, a person going to Midland Memorial Hospital's emergency department — which is marked with red — can park in the facility's red lot and use the entrance of the same color. Other doors and their corresponding colors include: green at the main entrance to access the chapel, admissions, endoscopy, gift shop, information desk, radiology, Testing Center, The Market and Scharbauer Tower; blue and purple at the Craddock Medi-

cal Office Building to access Texas Oncology — Midland Allison Cancer Center, Diagnostic Imaging Associates and physician suites 110 to 240;

gold on the southeast side of the hospital to access administration, human resources, Medical Staff Services and Midland Community Healthcare Services women's clinic;

blue on the West Illinois Avenue side of the hospital to access the conference center, endoscopy, Heart Institute, human resources, Midland Community Healthcare Services women's clinic, medical records, Outpatient Treatment Center, same-day surgery, surgical center and Wound Management Center;

and pear at the Abell-Hanger Medical Pavilion to access the business office. The emergency entrance is open 24 hours, and others are accessible from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. To download a facility map or find additional details related to the navigation plan, visit midlandhealth.org/directions.



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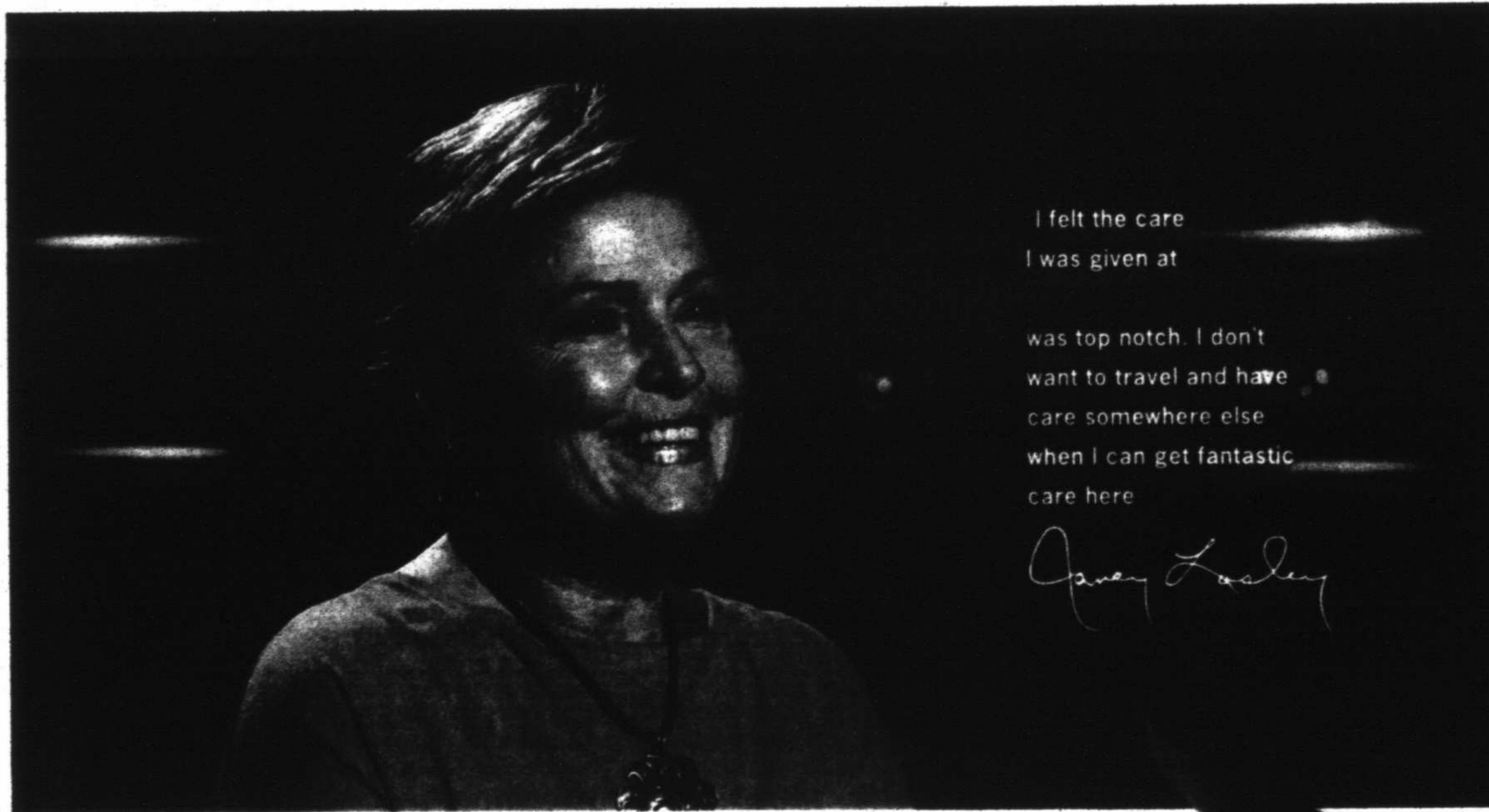
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK



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The Midland Victims Coalition held its fourth annual Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness on Friday at Wadley Barron Park. Participants included Diana Gomez, from left, Rogelio Salazar, Sara Basaldua, Randy Prude, Nilvia Rodriguez, Laura Nodolf and Tom Cooper.



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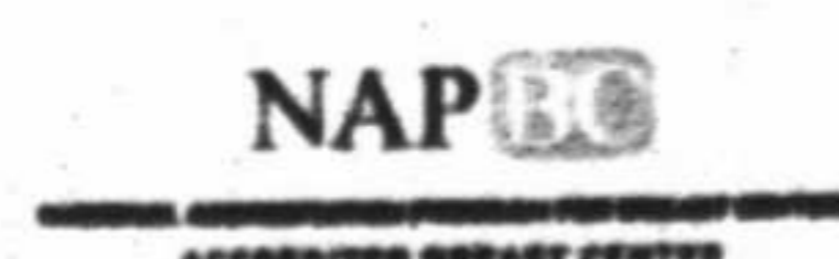
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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Unbeaten MCS striving to play complete game

By Oscar LeRoy
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The good news for Midland Christian is that the Mustangs are undefeated but have yet to play their best game this season.

While the Mustangs had lulls at times on Friday, they were able to find a way to come from behind once again to beat a talented San Antonio Cornerstone team, 28-24, to improve to 6-0 on the season.

"That was about as talented of a team that we've played all year and I'm happy to come out of there with a win," Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said. "I'd still would like us to see us play a solid game through four quarters. We had lulls on offense in the second and third quarters and we had a lull on defense in the fourth quarter, but we were able to come from behind and

win the game, which is a good characteristic to have."

Another good characteristic winning teams have is the ability to win in a variety of ways. On Friday, with the running game unable to get much going against the Cornerstone defensive front, the passing game, behind quarterback Riggs McDonald and wide receiver Kage Gilbreath, stepped up. McDonald completed 12 of 24 passes for 228 yards, while Gilbreath caught five passes for 141 yards and two touchdowns.

"I was proud that we didn't turn the ball over, and while I would like to see the completion percentage a little higher, the passing game was what brought us back. Riggs, the receivers and Kage came through and gave us a chance to win," McClendon said.

McClendon added that the passing game continues to be a work

in progress but he can see that it's been getting better week by week as McDonald gets more comfortable in the offense.

One thing that can't be said about the Mustangs is that they haven't been tested. The Mustangs have had a competitive schedule and none of the wins have come easy, which makes them believe that they're as ready as they're going to be to begin TAPPS Division I District I play this Friday at Addison Trinity Christian Academy (1-5). TCA is coached by former Baylor All-American line-backer and former NFL player and coach Mike Singletary.

"Going in, we feel battle-tested and ready for district," McClendon said. "We still have things to work on and get better, but I love this team and love where we are headed."

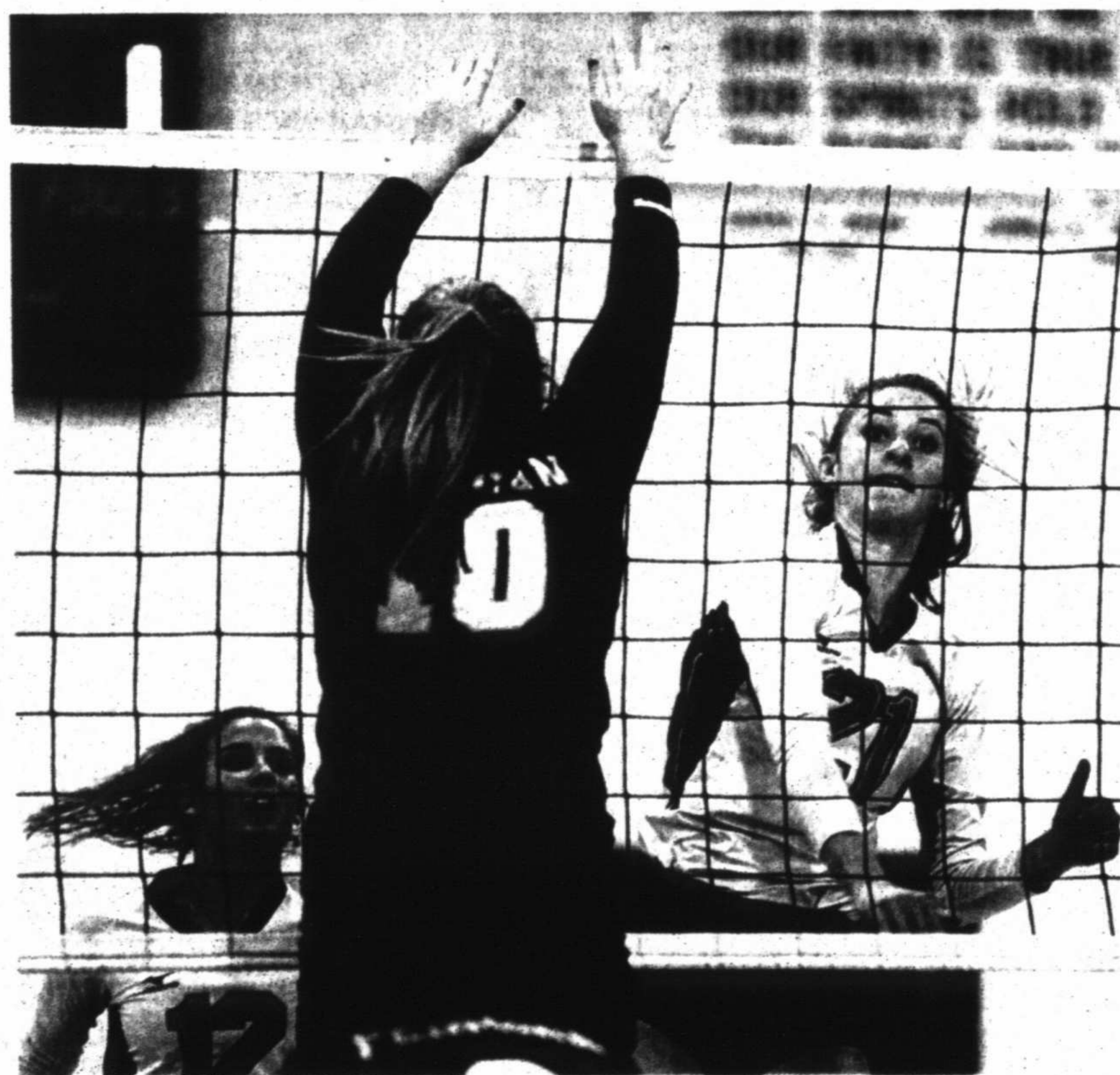


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Midland Christian's J.T. McCollum (18) runs past a San Antonio Cornerstone player Friday night at Gordon Awtry Field.

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BACK ON TRACK



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Madelyn Kennedy (21) hits past Permian's Caitlyn Meise (10) on Tuesday at MHS.

MHS bounces back, beats Permian

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland High volleyball team was eager to get back on the court Tuesday night, three days after suffering a gut-wrenching loss to district leader Lee.

Lady Bulldogs head coach Amanda Lopez said her team wanted to play with energy, make plays, be in sync and recover from Friday with a positive showing.

Midland High started the second half of District 2-6A play on a high note by upending Odessa Permian, 25-15, 19-25, 25-16, 25-16, at the MHS gymnasium.

Senior Hayley Branco spearheaded the effort, leading the Lady Bulldogs (25-12, 4-2 in District 2-6A) in three stat categories with 13 kills, 17 digs and

three blocks. In addition to Branco's heroics, MHS got a surprise performance from 6-foot-1 freshman Aniya Clinton, who tallied 12 kills and two blocks in only her second career varsity match.

Clinton, who made her debut against Lee, looked poised and comfortable around the net, and not indicative of someone who was suiting up for the JV team last week.

With the match tied 1-1, Clinton went on a roll with her attacking and net play in the third and fourth sets to help MHS separate from the Lady Panthers (21-16, 1-5).

"For being 14, she's pretty straight faced and doesn't look like she gets intimidated or pressured," Lopez said of Clinton. "She is just a competitor, so we're excited what else she can bring to

the table."

Clinton said it was an eye-opening experience to make her debut in a raucous, packed gym against Lee.

"It's very scary," Clinton said. "I had a lot of nerves."

Fortunately for Clinton, she said her teammates have been very supportive in her transition and mentioned Branco as someone that has helped her along. Additionally, Clinton has left an impression on her teammates too.

"She is a game changer," Lopez said. "The girls like her. She works hard of what we know of her. It's neat to build momentum off the plays that she makes. It's exciting to see her."

The Lady Bulldogs were in control for

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Greenwood experienced, clicking at the right time

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Greenwood football team is starting to click at just the right time and that could mean bad news for its opponents.

The Rangers are coming off their second straight blowout win in District 1-4A Division II play with a 56-14 victory at Lamesa.

While it was a rout, it could be classified as a comeback after the Rangers fell behind 14-7 in the first quarter. It was all Greenwood (4-2, 2-0) after that as it used a power running game to roll past the Golden Tornadoes for 49 unanswered points.

"(Lamesa) had a good pass play on us and scored, and then we fumbled the kickoff and they scored again," said Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson about the early deficit. "The kids fought back and played well. They executed and did a good job. After that (second Lamesa score), the kids adjusted well."



Sanderson

Sanderson said the adjustments the team are making are a byproduct of the players understanding what the objectives are on both sides of the ball.

"They are understanding the schemes better and we're growing as far as our knowledge of the game," he said. "The experience helps that."

"There are a lot of things we need to work on, but as far as confidence goes, we're confident in what we're doing. They have confidence in the scheme and they feel pretty good about what they're putting on the field right now."



Justin

Sanderson added that because of the injuries the team had to deal with early on, the team has developed tremendous depth.

That is especially true on the offensive line and running back positions and both of those units shined last week as they led the Rangers to 371 yards on the ground. Trey Cross once again had a big game with 171 yards and three touchdowns, while Ryan Snodgrass returned from a knee injury and added 141 yards and two TDs.

"Our guys up front blocked really well and our backs ran hard," Sanderson said.

The offensive line is still dealing with some injuries as guard Tyson Thompson (lower leg) and center Connor McDonald

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

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WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Volleyball Midland College at Frank Phillips College, 7 p.m.

LOCAL TENNIS BRIEF

LEE'S CASTRO HONORED BY WTTA Lee senior tennis player Maci Castro was presented the West Texas Tennis Association Junior Athlete of the Season award Tuesday by the WTTA. Castro was selected by her coach Jane Kauffman to receive this award due to her outstanding work as a motivational team member to fellow Lee athletes. "It is a joy and pleasure to have worked with Maci for four years," Kauffman said. "Maci daily exhibits good sportsmanship, integrity and leadership on the Rebel tennis team. On and off the court, Maci is a true example of why I love to coach."

2018 WJAC VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Overall. Includes Midland College, Permian, Lee, etc.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League TAMPA BAY RAYS - Extended the contract of manager Kevin Cash through the 2024 season. NATIONAL LEAGUE SAN DIEGO PADRES - First hitting coach Matt Stairs. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association ATLANTA HORNETS - Released FC Isaac Humphries. FOOTBALL BUFFALO BILLS - Released CB Deon McMillan. CLEVELAND BROWNS - Released QB Jeremiah McManis. GREEN BAY PACKERS - Released RB Jarrett Ross. HOUSTON TEXANS - Released CB Landon Collins. JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS - Signed RB James Charles to a one-year contract. NEW YORK GIANTS - Released OT Evan Thomas. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS - Released DB DeSean McCort. WASHINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB - Released RB Matt Jones. TENNESSEE TITANS - Released RB Nick Williams and CB Austin Davis. NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE WASHINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB - Released RB Matt Jones. COLLEGE TEMPLE - Released Mike Clay assistant director of men's basketball operations.

NBA PRESEASON GLANCE

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference (New York, Philadelphia, Toronto, Brooklyn, Boston) and Western Conference (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Memphis, New Orleans).

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 19 At Entertainment Center, Zach Tate vs. Michael Alayan, 12, for the vacant IBF junior flyweight title. Oct. 20 At Fantasy Sports Center, Mike Call (ESPN), Jason Gault vs. Freddy Hernandez, 12, for the vacant WBO super flyweight title. Oct. 21 At Midland Arena, Mike Alayan vs. Randy Robinson, 12, for the vacant IBF junior flyweight title. Oct. 27 At Midland Arena, Mike Alayan vs. Randy Robinson, 12, for the vacant IBF junior flyweight title. Oct. 28 At Midland Arena, Mike Alayan vs. Randy Robinson, 12, for the vacant IBF junior flyweight title.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

LEE SWEEPS TASCOSA, TAKES OVER FIRST AMARILLO - The Lee volleyball team jumped into sole possession of first place in District 2-6A with a 25-17, 25-18, 25-20 victory over Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday night. Lee and Tascosa both came into the match tied for first but it was the Lady Rebels (24-10, 5-1) who moved ahead with their second straight sweep in key matches. Emily Hillman led the Lady Rebels with nine kills, Allie Gomez had 15 assists, Jensen Letcher added 13 assists, Lily Porras added nine digs and two aces, and Kelsey Harrington had a team-high five blocks. Lee next heads to Wolfforth Frenship on Friday.

MCA DEFEATS LUBBOCK TITANS IN 3 No. 1-ranked Midland Classical Academy swept Lubbock Titans, 25-11, 25-17, 25-12 in a non-district match at the MCA gym. Jenny Coco had 13 kills and 11 digs, Grace Coco had 22 assists, Jenna Bayley added 12 digs and 17 assists and Leia Beattie had four aces for the Lady Knights (26-3-2 overall).

ANDREWS BEATS PECOS IN FOUR SETS ANDREWS - Andrews defeated Pecos in four sets, 25-23, 13-25, 25-22, 25-20, in District 2-4A action. Jazz Johnson led Andrews (30-8, 3-2) with 17 kills, Tom Gray had 57 assists, Savannah Infante had 22 digs and Alivia Mayfield had 12 kills and five blocks.

COAHOMA FALLS TO JIM NED TUSCOLA - Jim Ned defeated Coahoma, 25-27, 25-10, 25-10, 25-10 in District 5-3A action. Paige Atkins led Coahoma with 10 kills, Julia Masburn had 13 assists and MacKynlee Overton added three aces.

VOLLEYBALL

From IC the most part against Permian Tuesday night with the exception of the second set. The Lady Panthers soared to a 12-6 lead in the second set and never relinquished their advantage from that point forward. "We just talked about (how) it's so much easier to play ahead when you get ahead," Permian head coach Gillian Herrera said. "You can play aggressive instead of when you get behind a few points, you can't be aggressive and you're constantly trying to play catch up. It's definitely not as easy." For the Lady Panthers, Hanna Hetherington had a match-high 17 kills, libero Natalia Abila tallied 17 digs and setter Chloe Rivera notched 35 assists. But Permian couldn't match MHS with its sheer number of hitters, as 10 different girls recorded kills. "I thought we were consistent," Lopez said. "I thought we went through a couple of times where we



Midland High volleyball players celebrate a point scored against Permian on Tuesday at MHS. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram gave up a couple points in a row, but I felt like we got back into it. Our offense was strong tonight." The Lady Bulldogs kept pace with fellow second-place teams Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship, and stayed within one match of first-place Lee (21-9, 5-1). MHS hosts Tascosa at 5 p.m. Friday. "We just wanted to come back," Clinton said of Tuesday's win. "One game down, there's still four more matches. We just had to bounce back."

District 2-6A Volleyball Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Overall. Includes Lee, Permian, Midland High, Tascosa, etc.

Koepka motivated by pair of daily messages

Brooks Koepka had two sets of daily reminders for a season that PGA Tour players voted as the best. One was his annual list of goals that he writes every Jan. 1 during quiet time on the beach, some of them golf specific, some of them about life. He tacks the list in the middle of his closet so he can't miss it when he's getting dressed, packing for a trip or getting his watch and wallet. "I'm definitely ahead of schedule on certain things," Koepka said Tuesday. No doubt he was referring to winning two majors, which made him the obvious choice as PGA Tour player of the year. His second straight U.S. Open title made him the first back-to-back winner since Curtis Strange in 1988-89. His two-shot victory in the PGA Championship made him only the fifth player in 100 years to win in the same season the two U.S. majors held on different courses. And he missed on a few goals. One was to not miss a cut, which ended in Canada with a 77 in the opening round that led to a weekend off. Another was to finish in the top 10 in half of his events. And then there was one that made him laugh just to say it. "Stay healthy," Koepka said.



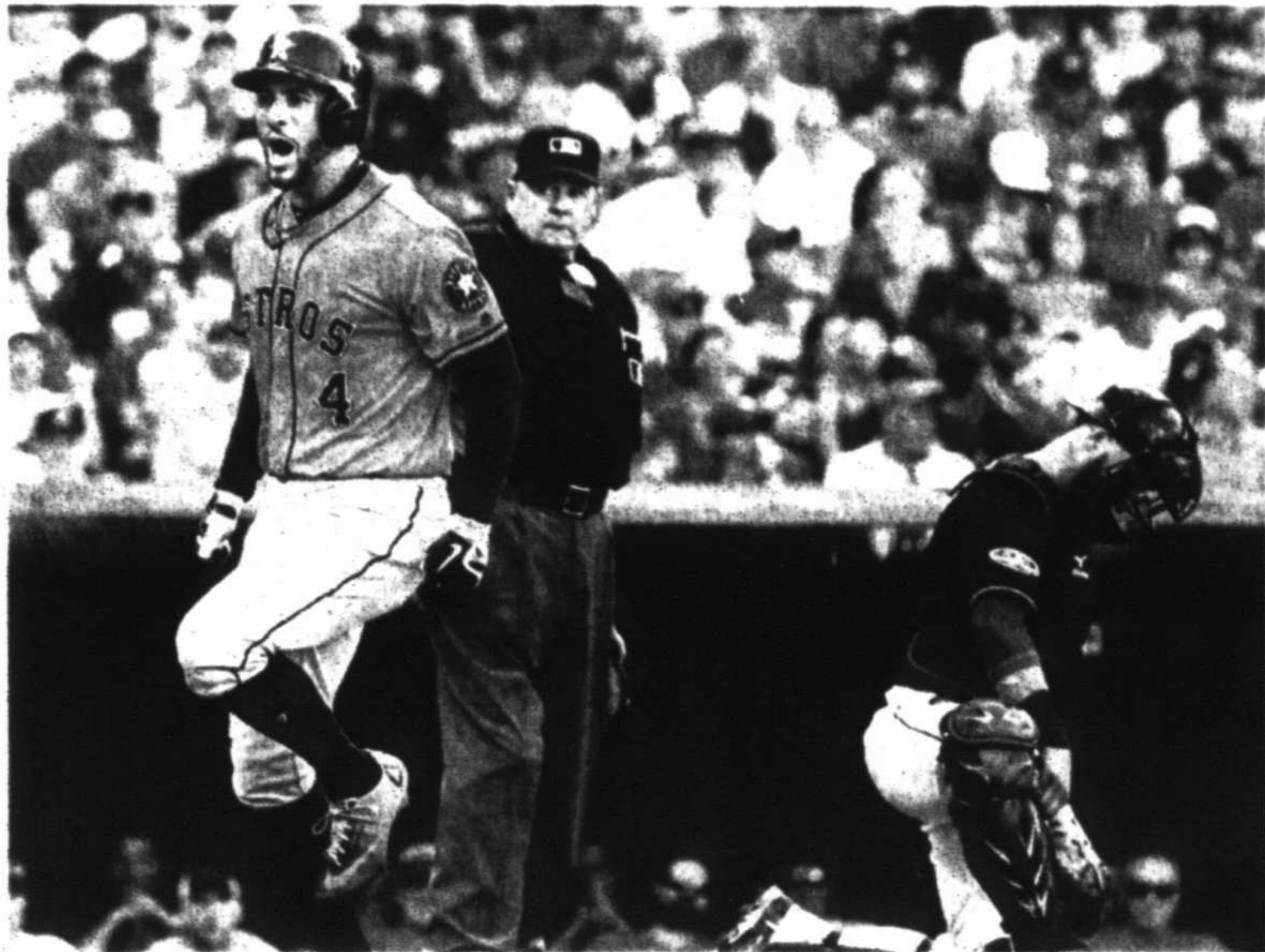
DOUG FERGUSON Associated Press

His left wrist was bothering him last December in the Bahamas, where he finished last in an 18-man field, 21 shots out of the lead. A month of rest didn't help. He started the new year at Kapalua and finished last in a 34-man field, 37 shots behind. Only then did he discover a partially torn tendon that kept him out of the Masters during his four months away from golf. That led to the second reminder. It was a quote from Kobe Bryant after the Los Angeles Lakers great ruptured his Achilles tendon. Koepka set the quote as wallpaper eight months ago so that he would see it every time he activated his phone. "It was too long for me to quote it exactly, but it was to wake up every day and find the positive because you were one step closer to being you, and to enjoy the moments of frustration because with each step you get better and better, and to embrace those moments," Koepka said. "I just changed it the other day."

separated during a skirmish at a Ryder Cup party. Koepka says they didn't fight and that he and Johnson found the report to be "funny." Johnson was at The Bear's Club when Koepka won the Jack Nicklaus Award, and they made a short video poking fun at the fight before Johnson congratulated him on winning player of the year. "I've got one of these, too," Johnson said. "Well, this had boy's mine," Koepka replied. Getting another one will be no small feat if Koepka chooses to put that on next year's list. He is the sixth winner in the last six years, the longest streak since players began voting on the award in 1990. The most recent winners were Justin Thomas, Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods. Thomas and Johnson won three times and took turns at No. 1. That doesn't trump two majors by a guy who spotted the field some four months. "So many guys can take over the top spot," Koepka said. "It's probably the best group of guys that I've ever seen, and they keep coming. And you throw Tiger into the mix now. You never know what's going to happen." Koepka never saw a year like this coming, at least not the way it started.

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Houston Astros outfielder George Springer celebrates as he crosses the plate past Cleveland Indians catcher Yan Gomes after hitting a solo home run against the Cleveland Indians during the eighth inning of Game 3 of the American League Division Series at Progressive Field on Monday in Cleveland.

Easy as 1-2-3: Astros put on spectacular show in ALDS sweep

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — When the challenge arose in August, the Houston Astros responded like champions. They're doing it again in October.

Two months ago, last year's World Series winners hit one of those predictable lulls that every team encounters during the dog days of a season.

Maybe feeling a bit overconfident and invincible, the Astros were caught atop the AL West by the Oakland Athletics, a scrappy squad that sneaked up on everyone in 2018.

But just when it appeared the Astros might be in some trouble, they switched on their afterburners.

After Aug. 18, Houston went 29-10 to finish with 103 wins.

"There is an extra gear that our guys have," explained manager A.J. Hinch. "And once we hit the postseason, it looks like, as of right now, our guys really, really turned it on."

Showing no weaknesses while exposing Cleveland's flaws at every opportunity, the Astros took another step toward defending their crown Monday by finishing off a surprisingly easy three-game AL Division Series sweep with an 11-3 blowout of the Indians, who were overmatched on the mound, at the plate and in the field.

Houston outscored Cleveland 21-6. The Astros outhit the Indians .327 to

144 and banged out eight homers with making an error.

"They beat us in every area of the game," said Indians reliever Trevor Bauer, whose two throwing errors in the seventh inning of Game 3 propelled Houston's convincing clincher.

"They're tough, man. They keep coming. We didn't play our best. I'm not sure if they played their best either, but they played much better than we did. And so, the better team won."

The Astros, who have some time to relax and get ready for the Boston-New York series survivor in the ALCS, can win in so many different ways.

They have one of baseball's best rotations, anchored by Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole, a devastating 1-2 pitching punch that staggered the Indians in Houston.

The Astros can play long ball, small ball and any kind of ball needed with a balanced lineup loaded with contact hitters.

Sure, they've got All-Stars in Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman, but the Astros are a selfless group that plays as one.

"We have the most complete team in baseball," Verlander said between puffs on a cigar as his teammates showered each other with champagne in the clubhouse. "I've been part of really special teams, but the drive to win here trumps everything else. Everybody is OK with whoever is the hero."

It was Verlander in Game 1, Marwin Gonzalez in Game 2, and George

Springer was among a number of deserving candidates with two homers in Game 3.

Springer has found his groove at just the right time. The 2017 World Series MVP was sidelined by a sprained left thumb that landed him on the disabled list in August.

He struggled after returning and connected on just three homers over the final six weeks of the regular season.

The postseason is his playground. Springer hit three homers in the final two ALDS games, giving him a franchise record 10 postseason homers.

"I said this to our team in there — special teams do special things in October," Hinch said. "And I believe that about players. George is one of them. We've seen him come up as an uber-prospect, produce at an uncanny level, hit the lowest of the lows in the World Series and then be the World Series MVP."

"I don't think this should surprise anyone. He's a really special player."

On a really special team. Before his team was pushed aside by the Astros, Indians manager Terry Francona sat at his office desk and described what makes them so good.

"Well, besides the talent, because they are obviously really talented, I do think they do a really good job of playing until the game's over," he said. "Like it's been noticeable for a while. You know some

times, like I think I said this the other day, when you beat them, sometimes they just run out of time."

"You gotta have talent, but when you have talent and you play the game the right way, so that's why they have a lot of ways to come at you."

Oddly, the Astros seem to get overlooked, lost deep in the heart of Texas amid the endless debate about whether the Yankees or Red Sox are the league's best.

Houston makes its case on the field. "That's a big-time rivalry and I understand that," Springer said, adding the Astros aren't craving publicity. "But it's all about us and our task at hand. That's all we focus on. We're going to sit back and watch and see what happens."

While he watched his young teammates party after another postseason triumph, Verlander looked like a proud father.

He arrived last season to help the Astros get over the hump, and now that they have, there's no going backward.

"At no point this season was there any complacency with this team," he said. "If I had been traded here after they won the World Series, instead of before last year, I would have assumed this was a young and hungry team when I walked in the clubhouse."

"No one takes anything for granted here. That's the DNA of the guys in this clubhouse. This team has a propensity to do big things in big spots."



Frank Franklin/WAP

Boston Red Sox Eduardo Nunez dodges an inside pitch during the eighth inning of Game 4 of the American League Division Series against the New York Yankees on Tuesday in New York.

Red Sox survive Yankees' rally, advance to ALCS

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — It was too little, too late. The Yankees got to the American League Division Series by beating up teams with their bats, but in this best-of-five game series against the Red Sox, the offense went quiet.

Tuesday night, the Yankees again were defeated despite a rally in the ninth inning. The Red Sox beat them, 4-3, clinching the best-of-five series 3-1 and advancing to the AL Championship Series where they will face the Astros.

For the second time in a month, the Red Sox celebrated in the Bronx. The Red Sox won the ALDS for the first time since 2013, when they won the World Series.

Red Sox closer Craig Kimbrel hit Neil Walker with a pitch with the bases loaded and gave up a long sacrifice fly ball to Gary Sanchez, letting the Yankees pull within a run.

Aaron Judge worked a leadoff walk to begin the ninth and Didi Gregorius singled to bring the tying run to the plate. Giancarlo Stanton struck out swinging and Luke Voit worked a walk to load the bases.

The game ended on Gleyber Torres' groundout to third, which was delayed by a review.

But after a few seconds, on an unseasonably warm night in the Bronx, the Yankees fell well short of their 2018 expectations — and their 2017 run to the final game of the ALCS.

That season ended with change: the Yankees let long-time manager Joe Girardi go after the season. There will be changes after this loss too, but not as dramatic. First-year manager Aaron Boone had his missteps — including staying with Sabathia too long on Tuesday night — but he did lead this team to a 100-win season and into the playoffs.

It was very likely CC

Sabathia's last appearance in the Bronx wearing pinstripes. The 38-year-old lefty went out quietly, having allowed three runs on five hits over three innings.

For all the talk about the Yankees pitching and Boone's bullpen management, it was the offense that failed the Yankees in this series. Their lineup was quieted by dominating starters in Chris Sale, Nathan Eovaldi and Tuesday night, it was Rick Porcello who kept the Yankees in check. Porcello allowed one run on four hits over five innings work.

Even the Red Sox bullpen, which is one of the shakiest in the game, was able to keep the Yankees from doing the damage they are built to do.

The team that crushed the single-season record for home runs in a season, and scored over 50 percent of their runs via the long ball, hit just .227 coming into Tuesday night's game with three home runs. They did score six of their 12 runs in the series via the home run.

Tuesday night, Sanchez hit a one-out double and scored on Brett Gardner's sacrifice fly. The Yankees left Torres stranded after Aaron Hicks' nine-pitch battle against Porcello ended with a harmless pop up to second base.

The Yankees came into Tuesday night hitting .143 (3-for-21) with runners in scoring position during this series. They struggled in those situations all year, hitting .253 with RISP, sixth in the American League and 12th in the majors.

The Red Sox, who finished with the best offense in the majors, were the best at producing with runners in scoring position this season — and even better in this series. In the first three games, the Red Sox hit .429 with RISP, 12-for-28.

That dangerous lineup forced Sabathia to work hard early.

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MLB PLAYOFFS GLANCE

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Matthews, Tavares score, Maple Leafs beat Stars

Associated Press

DALLAS — Auston Matthews and John Tavares each had two goals, and the high-scoring Toronto Maple Leafs beat the Dallas Stars 7-4 on Tuesday night.

Toronto defenseman Morgan Rielly had a career-high four assists after he scored the winning goal in Sunday night's 7-6 overtime win at Chicago.

Mitchell Marner had a goal and three assists as the Maple Leafs improved to 2-0 on a four-game trip.

Led by Matthews and Tavares, Toronto has won three of its first four games. Matthews has seven goals and three assists already.

Tavares, who signed a blockbuster deal with his hometown Maple Leafs this summer, has scored five of his six goals in the past two games.

Tyler Seguin had a goal and three assists for Dallas, and Alexander Radulov finished with a goal and two assists.

Ben Bishop, who had stopped 62 of 63 shots to help the Stars to a 2-0 start, made 23 saves.

Frederik Andersen had

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Matthews broke the tie with a slap shot at 18:58 for a 2-1 lead after one period.

The Stars tied it again at 9:04 of the second. Esa Lindell sent a long pass to Seguin in the neutral zone. He outmaneuvered Hainsey and skated in alone on Andersen for a wrist shot inside the right goalpost.

Matthews put Toronto in the lead to stay 39 seconds into the game's first power play, at 11:39.

Stars defenseman John Klingberg scored 2:39 into the third, but Tavares converted a wraparound at 4:55 to restore the two-goal margin. Connor Brown added an empty-net goal at 16:40.

Matthews has scored two goals in three games this season. The power-play goal was his second.

... RW Valeri Nichushkin (lower-body injury) made his season debut. He was playing for the Stars for the first time since 2015-16 after playing the last two years in Russia. ... Toronto C Frederik Gauthier played in his first game this season.

George Taliaferro, 1st black drafted by NFL team, dies

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — George Taliaferro, the star Indiana running back who in 1949 became the first black player drafted in the NFL when George Halas and the Chicago Bears took him in the 13th round, has died. He was 91.

The university spoke with Taliaferro's family about his death in Mason, Ohio, senior associate athletic director Jeremy Gray said Tuesday. Other details were not disclosed.

Taliaferro was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1981. In the NFL, he played seven positions and earned Pro Bowl honors in 1951-53.

He was the leading rusher on Indiana's 1945 Big Ten championship team that went 9-0-1, the only undefeated team in school history. During his four years in Bloomington he led the Hoosiers in rushing twice and passing once.

It wasn't an easy transition — the segregation in Bloomington was jarring — and Taliaferro told the Indianapolis Star he once called his father in Gary, Indiana, and suggested he might come home and work together in one of the U.S. Steel plants. His dad wouldn't hear of it.

"I lay awake all night trying to figure ... out ... why ... he wouldn't help me," Taliaferro told the Star. "And it came to me: That for the first 18 years of my life, every day I left my father and mother's house to go to school, they told me two things: 'We love you; you must be educated.' It came to me that the other reason for my being at Indiana University ... on the campus at Bloomington ... Indiana ... was to be educated."

Indiana said university President Herman Wells once intervened with a local restaurant to make sure he and Taliaferro would be able to eat there. When the manager balked, Wells said he would make the restaurant off limits to the student body and the manager relented.

The Bears selected Taliaferro with the 129th overall pick — a potential dream come true for the Gary native who grew up following the Bears. The problem was that Taliaferro had signed a week before the draft with the Los Angeles Dons of the rival All America Football



AP file photo

New York Yanks football player George Taliaferro (20) poses Nov. 2, 1950, in New York.

Conference, which had welcomed black players since its debut in 1946.

Taliaferro told the Dayton Daily News last year he thought about returning his \$4,000 signing bonus to the Dons in hopes it would clear the way for an NFL career, but then spoke with his mother.

"She said, 'What did you promise your father?'" Taliaferro told the Dayton Daily News. "I knew right away. I had to be a man of my word, so I never even bothered getting back to George Halas and the Bears."

Taliaferro rushed for 472 yards and five touchdowns and passed for another 790 yards and four scores in his rookie season with the Dons in 1949. The AAFC merged with the NFL the following season and Taliaferro ended up with the New York Yanks for the 1950 season. Taliaferro rushed for 411

yards and four touchdowns and caught another 21 passes for 299 yards and five scores for the Yanks, leading the team in touchdowns and helping them to a 7-5 record.

Taliaferro spent five more years in the NFL. He totaled 2,266 rushing yards, 1,300 receiving yards and accounted for 37 touchdowns while playing for franchises in New York, Dallas, Baltimore and Philadelphia. He lined up at quarterback, running back, wide receiver, punter, kick returner, punt returner and defensive back.

Taliaferro later earned a master's degree at Howard University, taught at Maryland and served as dean of students at Morgan State. At Indiana, he also spent two decades serving his alma mater in a number of capacities, including as a special assistant to the president, IU/PUI chancel-

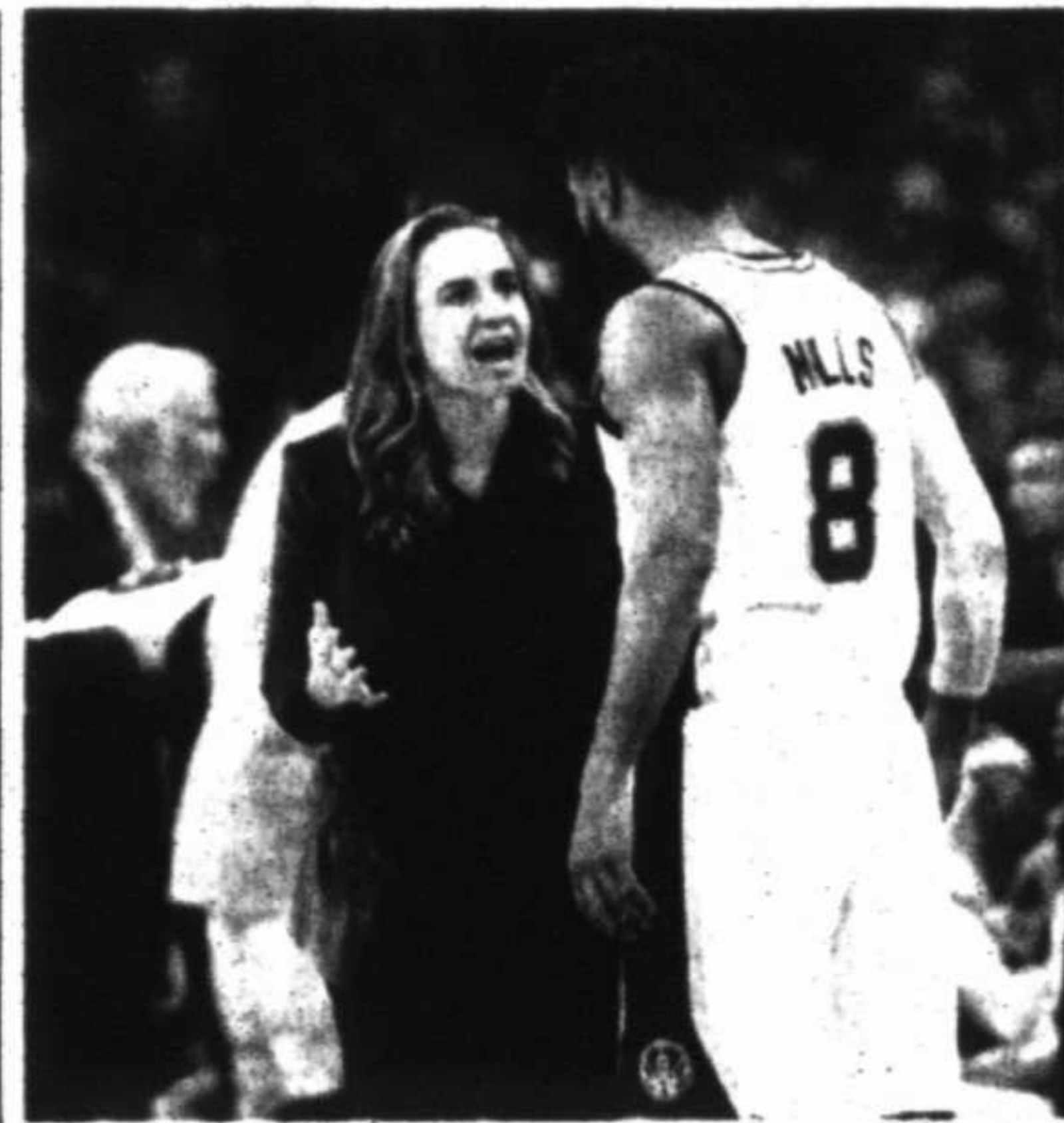
lor and dean of School of Social Work. He was also active in helping the Children's Organ Transplant Association.

Flags on the Bloomington campus were lowered to half-staff through this weekend's homecoming game against Iowa. Taliaferro's No. 44 will replace the traditional logo on Indiana players' helmets for the game and there will be a moment of silence before kickoff.

"He was a mentor to me, and, like all great mentors, was often one who was appropriately challenging me," athletic director Fred Glass said. "Simply put, he was a great man and will be greatly missed."

Indiana said Taliaferro is survived by his wife of 67 years, Viola, and two daughters.

Funeral arrangements were pending.



AP file photo

San Antonio Spurs assistant coach Becky Hammon, left, talks with guard Patty Mills (8) Dec. 26, 2017, during the second half of a game against the Brooklyn Nets, in San Antonio.

NBA coaches get a little more diverse during offseason

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

The NBA coaching box is looking far more diverse these days.

When the season starts next week, there will be the league's first head coach born and raised outside North America and the first Hispanic-American full-time head coach. And there's a real chance that before long, someone like Becky Hammon could become the first woman to lead a NBA club.

In a league where minorities make up the overwhelming majority of stars on the floor, there's still a movement to make those same diverse strides in who is calling the shots on the sideline.

"The league is starting to move in a direction with the coaches of being more diverse," said Memphis coach J.B. Bickerstaff, whose father also was a head coach in the NBA. "And it's just about opportunity and everybody wants an equal playing field. And I think when you get an equal playing field you know people from all backgrounds can rise to the occasion."

That's what the Suns believed when they hired Igor Kokoskov, a native of Serbia, and the Charlotte Hornets did when they tabbed James Borrego — the league's first full-time Hispanic coach. Borrego's whose seat on the front row of the Spurs' bench was inherited by Hammon after she was promoted by San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich — after a summer where Hammon was a candidate to take over in Milwaukee.

Popovich's team has long been at the forefront of finding talented players in places far outside the U.S. and it's no surprise he's thought outside the box to grow his coaching tree. Besides employing Borrego and Hammon last season, his top assistant is Italian Enore Messina, and Brett Brown had been coaching for nearly two decades in Australia before Popovich hired the current Philadelphia head coach for his staff.

"It's got nothing to do with quotas or anything like that, just people who are qualified for jobs and getting the opportunity," Popovich said. "So, there are no ceilings for anybody based on race or religion or gender or anything like that."

Nearly a third of the league changed coaches, providing opportunities for successful head coaches to quickly land with new teams (Mike Budenholzer, Milwaukee; Dwane Casey, Detroit; David Fizdale, New York; Steve Clifford, Orlando), assistants a shot at finally running their own clubs (Kokoskov, Phoenix; Nick Nurse, Toronto; Lloyd Pierce, Atlanta), and second chances to coaches who only had brief stints at the top (Bickerstaff and Borrego).

Though they come from such varying backgrounds, they are family. Coaches

support each other even while sometimes competing with each other for the same jobs. Fizdale received calls from coaches around the league when he was fired early last season in Memphis, and he made a similar call to Jeff Hornacek when he was let go by the Knicks.

"Because we're a fraternity," Fizdale said. "We really do take pride in that in the NBA, that we look out for each other and stay connected with each other and when I got fired they all reached out to me the same way. And it's heartfelt because there's only 30 of these."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver asked teams to review their hiring practices in the front office following the workplace harassment investigation of the Dallas Mavericks, with the hope of more women being hired at the senior levels.

He doesn't have the same concerns at the coaching level, in part because of Hammon's success. When she coached the Spurs to the Summer League title in 2015, Silver said he had "no doubt" that a woman would someday coach an NBA team.

"I just think like we've seen enormous change in our society, just in the last decade, I think that's another ceiling, another barrier that will be broken," Silver said at the time.

He credited women such as Hammon and players willing to follow them for his belief. But Popovich and other coaches say the credit goes to Silver for making diversity and inclusion such important themes in the NBA.

"I think our league is probably the most diverse league, whether it's nationality, race, gender, whatever it is," Casey said. "I know we have issues as far as things are going on just like corporations in the world, but it starts with Adam's outlook. He really promotes that from a leadership standpoint of diversity, inclusion, the whole nine yards, but it starts with him."

But it started before Silver became commissioner. There were 16 coaches of color — more than half the league — in 2012, with 14 African-Americans, a Filipino-American in Miami's Erik Spoelstra, and Kaleb Canales, who became the league's first Mexican-American coach when he replaced the fired Nate McMillan in Portland on an interim basis. He's now an assistant to Fizdale in New York.

Kokoskov was well respected in the coaching ranks by then, having won a title in Detroit during six seasons as an assistant and helping the Suns reach the Western Conference finals in 2010.

Perhaps the league wasn't ready then for a European head coach, just as Bickerstaff can remember a time before his father Bernie got his first shot at running a team in the mid-1980s that there wasn't such of an acceptance of black coaches.

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(leg) are questionable for this week's home game against Pecos (1-5, 0-2).

The Eagles are coming a 61-0 loss at Monahans and have also had deal with several injuries.

Coahoma ready for district

Coahoma will look to put aside its three-game losing streak when it begins District 2-3A Division II play at always-tough Idalou on Friday.

Cochris Joslin said the Bulldogs (2-3, 0-0) used their off week to work on the fundamentals and some of the basics for the first time since two-a-days. He added that he believes the team improved each week and the tough schedule helped the team get ready for district.

"We still need to put a whole game together for four quarters," Joslin said. "We were in every non-district game until the end. District is going to be a dogfight every week. We feel that if we do what we're capable of, we should have success."

It will be a tough game to begin district as Idalou (4-1, 0-0) is consistently one of the better programs in the region.

"Since I've been back to the area and listening to some folks, Idalou is doing the same things they've done for years and the same system and they do them really well," Joslin said. "On offense, we need to get off to a good start and we need to continue

to run the football well. Defensively, we need to get their offense off the field."

Andrews' explosiveness key to streak

Andrews has shown that once it gets rolling on offense, it can be tough to stop.

Thanks to a 22-point third quarter on Friday, the Mustangs came from behind to defeat Hereford at home, 28-21, as the game was shortened after three quarters because of inclement weather.

That 22-point outburst followed a 40-point third quarter the week before in a 72-11 win at Clint Mountain View.

"We played about as well as we have in a long time there in the third quarter," said Andrews coach Ralph Mason, whose team has won five in a row. "The defense stepped up their play and the offense got hot. (Quarterback) Brett (Leach) and Markeese (Lawrence) hooked up for a couple of touchdowns and we also got one to Mark Solarzano. The offense just started clicking."

Mason added that with his team relying heavily on tempo, the Mustangs can get on a roll at any time.

"We sometimes find things in their defenses we can exploit and it kind of takes off," he said.

The Mustangs (5-1) will look to have another tough test when they travel to face Canyon (6-0) on Friday.

Both teams received votes in the latest Associated Press Class 4A poll as Canyon received three votes, while Andrews got one vote.

Grady keeps rolling

Behind a 318-yard, seven-touchdown game from Jordan Rodriguez, Grady won its fifth straight game with a 62-52 victory over Robert Lee.

The Wildcats (5-1) had to hold off a late Robert Lee rally after Grady had as much as a 56-22 lead midway through the third quarter.

"We were close to (getting a mercy-rule) win at one point but then we ended up fumbling the ball and it changed the whole momentum of the ballgame," Grady coach Brent Lucas said. "But being in a close game was a good thing for us because district won't be easy."

The Wildcats will have this week off before starting District 6-1A Division I play by hosting O'Donnell next Friday.

Lucas said the break will help his team heal up some injuries. He added that the team will also look to keep its focus.

"We want to make the playoffs so we've got to win when it counts and keep it going as best as we can. We just need to keep it going," Lucas said.

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The Mustangs also should be as healthy as they've been all season and get a boost this week with the return of senior offensive lineman and team captain Daniel Gower, who's been out since Week

2 with a broken arm.

Trinity begins district

After having last week off, the Trinity football team will be back in action on Friday when it hosts Lubbock Trinity in the TAPPS Division III

District 1 opener.

The Chargers (2-2) are coming off a 40-0 loss at Dallas First Baptist on Sept. 28 in which the team struggled on both sides of the ball.

They look for a fresh start this week and they hope to continue to im-

prove as a program. Lubbock Trinity (2-2) was scheduled to play state-ranked New Deal last week but the game was cancelled because of inclement weather.

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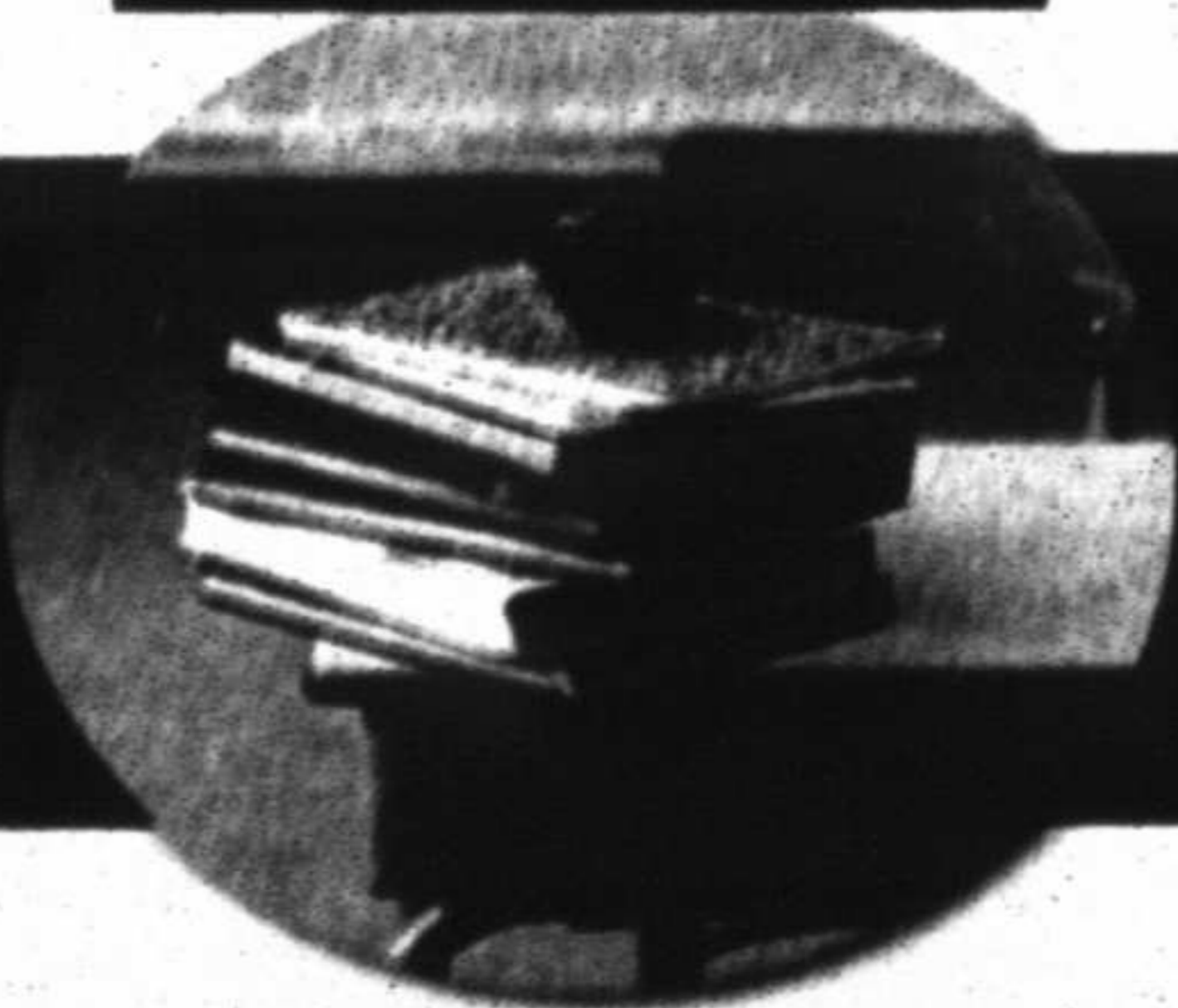
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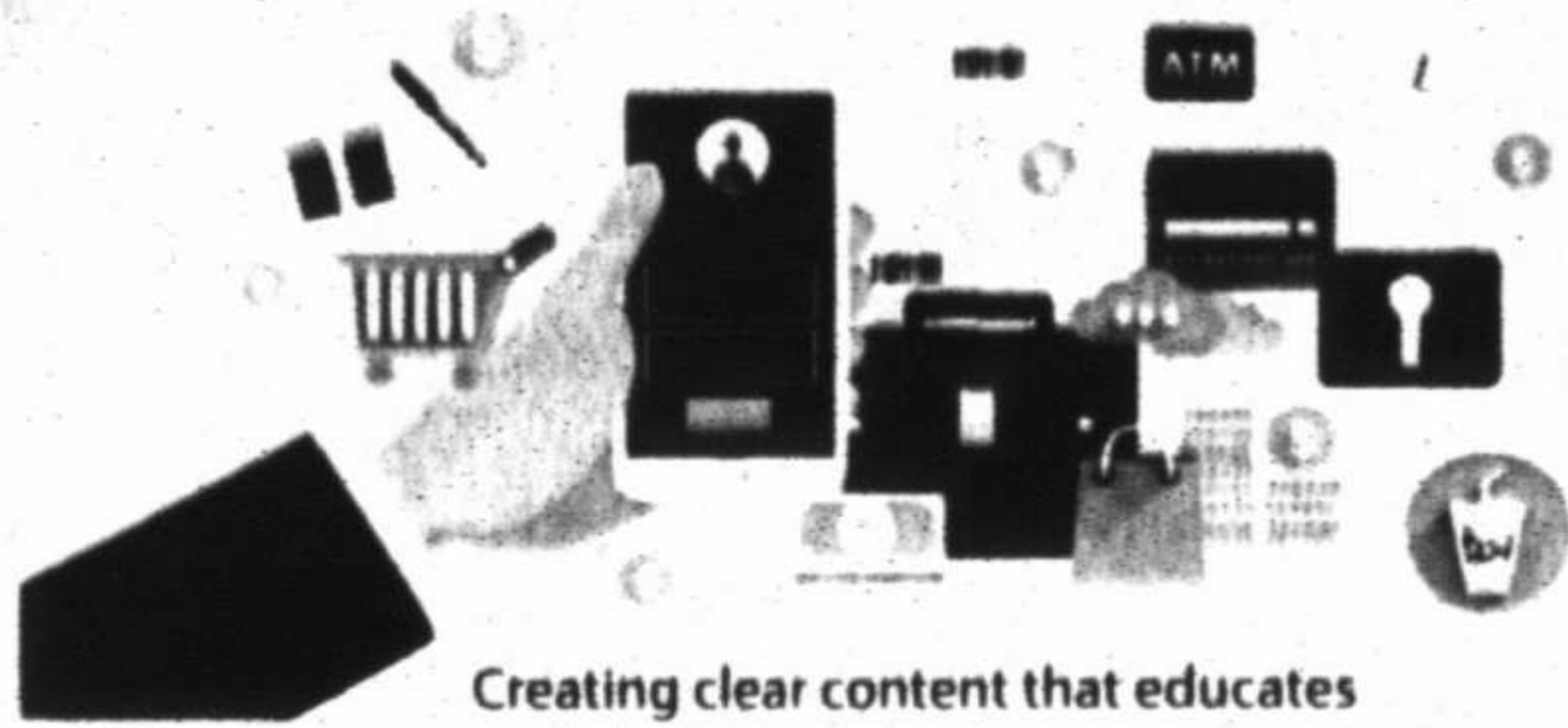
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