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Council: Time to pay off the sports complex

Expectation is that the debt will be completely retired by the May 6 vote

By Stewart Doreen
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An election to dedicate a quarter-cent of sales tax toward the improvement of parks, the building of tournament facilities and the creation of new and expanded roads will take place May 6.

The Midland City Council had no problem approving the election date and ballot language during Tuesday's meeting.

What changed was that the current sports complex board and City Council will push for the debt associated with the building of the Scharbauer Sports Complex to be paid off before Election Day. Council members want there to be no doubt that the debt created to build the dual-stadium facility will not continue into the future.

Councilman Jeff Sparks, during a discussion about the ballot language, said he wanted guarantees that sports complex debt would be paid off. This created a dialogue by other council members that the retirement of the debt wouldn't be an issue.

Councilman J.Ross Lacy had promised to bring the issue up for a vote at the May 9 council meeting. Councilman Scott Dufford, who also chairs the Midland football/soccer and baseball complex development board, said he wanted to see the balance paid off in April but then added "let's pay it off" before people begin voting on continuing the sales tax addition.

City Finance Director Pam Simecka said there is $13.62 million in principal to pay off. She said the payment in March — $2.335 million is mostly principal (around $250,000 in interest). Generally, she said the city makes two payments a

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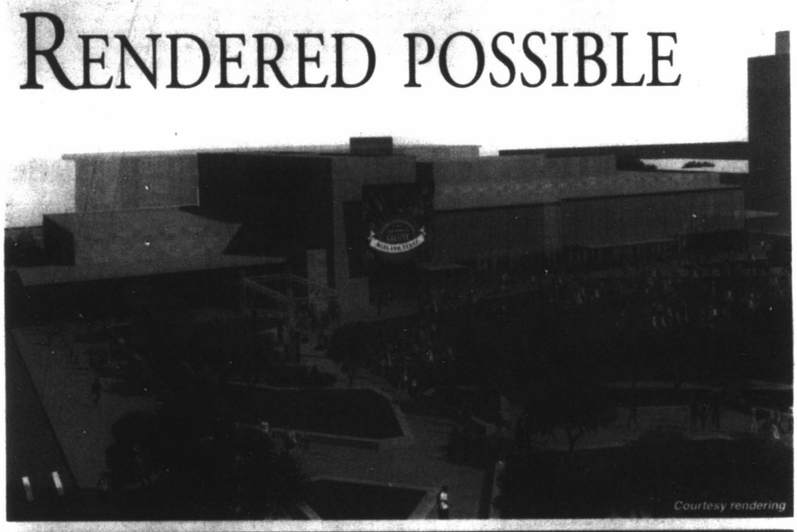

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Midland's new convention center

The Midland City Council approved a guaranteed maximum price of $33.132 million and total project cost of $42.839 million for the Midland Convention Center.

Construction is expected to start this summer, and officials hope the project will be completed by summer 2019.

The downtown convention center includes:

- 76,949 square feet,
- three levels,
- a 20,000-square-foot exhibit Hall,
- a 6,000-square-foot ground level meeting space,
- 3,400-square-foot basement meeting space,
- 9,000 square foot of lobby space.

The guaranteed maximum price does not include a $295,000 pump room for the adjacent park and a $799,672 media mesh board.

Officials are hoping for sponsorship money and other sources of revenue to be used for the additional items.

"Our desire is that we don't have to come back and say we need more money," said Brad Barnett, executive vice president of Tourism & Facilities at VisitMidland.

Hotel Santa Rita extension

The City Council approved another extension for HSR Realty No. 1, the group looking to build a hotel in the former Midland County Courthouse location.

The City Council approved moving the proof of financing from Jan. 31 to March 28. The council offered a similar extension for 50 percent of construction drawings.

Council approves date for 4B tax election

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council will put Mayor Jerry Morales' vision of a Midland that spends more time enjoying the West Texas skies up for voter approval on May 6.

Here are take-a-ways from the meeting and what Midlanders will be voting for

- **This is about the mayor's vision**

There was one person from the community who spoke about the ballot language. He wanted golf to be represented in the language and money to be used for Hogan Park. It was during his exchange with the council that Morales threw out the "V" word and about showing Midlanders the opportunities that another $8 million to $11 million a year (or around $150 million over 15 years) can bring to the community.

- **Technically, the next tax isn't much different than the previous tax**

During the discussion, city officials said the previous 4B tax approved by voters in 1999 would have ended in 2030. However, the debt was refinanced

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Word for word

The measure as it will appear on the ballot:

The extension of the sales and use tax imposed within the city of Midland at the rate of one-quarter of one percent pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapter 505 ("Chapter 505"), with the proceeds, including those previously collected, to be used only for the following projects and costs as authorized by Chapter 505: (1) land, buildings, facilities, and improvements for use for professional, amateur, and youth sports, athletic, entertainment, and public park purposes, including stadiums, ball parks, parks, open space improvements, museums, and parking facilities, and related roads, streets, and utility facilities; (2) the Scharbauer Sports Complex football/soccer stadium and baseball stadium, and facilities and improvements related to said complex; (3) streets, roads, and drainage improvements; and (4) the maintenance and operating costs of said projects; with the proceeds not to be used to issue any debt obligation and with said tax to terminate on September 30, 2032.

Rebuking Obama, Trump boosts Keystone XL, Dakota pipelines

By Matthew Daly and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump moved swiftly Tuesday to advance the controversial Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines, signing executive actions to aggressively overhaul America's energy policy and deal a sharp blow to Barack Obama's legacy on climate change.

Obama had personally halted the Keystone XL project, which was to bring oil from Canada to the U.S., and major protest demonstrations have frozen work on the Dakota pipeline.

Trump, in his continuing effort to undo the past eight years of a Democratic president, invited the Keystone builder, TransCanada, to resubmit its application to the State Department for a presidential permit to construct and operate the pipeline. The company said it would reapply.

Obama halted the proposed pipeline in late 2015, declaring it would undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal that was a centerpiece of his environmental agenda.

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WTI Posted	$49.75	▲ $0.75
WTS Posted	$45.30	▲ $0.75
Natural Gas	$3.279	▲ $0.036
Gasoline	$2.146	▲ $0.009

The big number
According to a new financial analysis,
6 states
that are major energy producers have slipped into recession. More on Page 3A.

Word of the Day: avalanche
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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avalanche
[av-uh-lanch, -lahnch]
noun
1. a large mass of snow, ice, etc., detached from a mountain slope and sliding or falling suddenly downward.
2. anything like an avalanche in suddenness and overwhelming quantity

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Oscars change their tune with 'La La Land'

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

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This image released by Lionsgate shows Ryan Gosling, right, and Emma Stone in a scene from, "La La Land." The film was nominated for an Oscar for best picture on Tuesday. The 89th Academy Awards will take place on Feb. 26.

History, both recent and ancient, was made across Tuesday's 89th annual Academy Awards nominations, where the retro musical "La La Land" reaped a record-tying 14 nominations and a wave of African-American films, led by the luminous coming-of-age portrait "Moonlight," resoundingly toppled two straight years of "so white" Oscars.

The twin forces — Damien Chazelle's candy-colored love letter to musicals and a broad group of diverse films that also included Denzel Washington's fiery August Wilson adaption "Fences" and the uplifting African-American mathematician tale "Hidden Figures" — dominated the nominations.

The 14 nods for "La La Land," including best picture, best actress for Emma Stone, best actor for Ryan Gosling and best director for Chazelle, matched the record hauls of 1997's "Titanic" and 1950's "All About Eve." A disoriented Chazelle, speaking by phone from Beijing, said, "All that I have in my head is 'thank you' a million times over."

Also a record: the six black actors nominated, including "Fences" stars Washington and Viola Davis, Mahershala Ali and Naomie Harris of "Moonlight," Ruth Negga of "Loving" and Octavia Spencer of "Hidden Figures." Dev Patel, the British-Indian star of "Lion," was also nominated, making it seven actors of color nominated out of 20.

It made for a stark contrast to the last two years of all-white acting nominees, a disparity that prompted widespread outrage throughout the film industry and led academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs to revamp the academy's membership.

Jenkins, who was nominated for directing and adapted screenplay, said the eight nominations for "Moonlight" and those for other films showed that people were eager to put themselves in the shoes of others. "Moonlight," "Fences" and "Hidden Figures" were each nominated for best picture.

"I love the American film industry and to see it this year, I feel, really reflect the world that we all live and work in, it gives me hope," Jenkins said by phone from Amsterdam. "It heartens me. There's a lot of work being done to make this year not be an anomaly."

Nine films out of a possible ten were nominated for best picture. The others were: Denis Villeneuve's cerebral alien thriller "Arrival," Kenneth Lonergan's New England family drama "Manchester by the Sea," the West Texas heist thriller "Hell or High Water," the "Lion," and Mel Gibson's World War II drama "Hacksaw Ridge."

Redemption was everywhere: for a previously diversity-deficient Oscars, for the old-fashioned musical and even for the long-shunned Gibson. Days after the birth of his ninth child, the "Hacksaw Ridge" director was also unexpectedly nominated for best director over the likes of Martin Scorsese ("Silence") and Clint Eastwood ("Sully"). The nods seemed to restore his stature in Hollywood since an anti-Semitic tirade while being arrested for drunk driving in 2006 and a 2011 conviction for domestic violence.

"Arrival" tied "Moonlight" for the second most nominees with eight nods. Yet its five-time nominated star, Amy Adams, was left out of the competitive best actress category.

Instead, Meryl Streep, whom President Donald Trump recently derided as "overrated," landed her 20th nomination. Her performance in "Florence Foster Jenkins" was among the best actress nominees that included Stone, Natalie Portman ("Jackie"), Ruth Negga ("Loving") and Isabelle Huppert ("Elle"). Also left out was Annette Bening for "20th Century Women."

Best-actor favorite Casey Affleck ("Manchester by the Sea") was joined by Washington, Gosling, Garfield and Viggo Mortensen ("Captain Fantastic"). Along with Ali and Patel, the best supporting actor nominees were Lucas Hedges ("Manchester by the Sea"), Michael Shannon ("Nocturnal Animals") and Jeff Bridges ("Hell or High Water").

Viola Davis, the supporting-actress front-runner for her performance in "Fences," notched her third Oscar nod. Also nominated were Harris, Spencer, Nicole Kidman ("Lion") and Michelle Williams ("Manchester by the Sea").

Whether fairly or not, the nominations were taken as a test for the overhauled film academy. The inclusion influx, though, wasn't driven by any kind of response to the last two Oscars; most of the nominated films have been in development for years. And the awards still left many unrepresented. No female filmmakers were nominated for best director and outside of the EGOT-approaching Lin-Manuel Miranda (up for his song to "Moana"), Latinos were nearly absent.

Still, change was seen all through the Oscar categories, nowhere more so than in best documentary. Four black directors led nominees: Ava DuVernay ("The 13th"), Raoul Peck ("I Am Not Your Negro"), Ezra Edelman (the seven-plus hours "O.J.: Made in America") and Roger Ross Williams ("Life, Animated"). (The other nominee was the European migrant documentary "Fire at Sea.")

"Now more than ever it is important to educate ourselves, explore our shared history and elevate our awareness about matters of human dignity," DuVernay, whose film is about historical connections between slavery and mass incarceration, said in a statement.

NOMINEESLIST

FROM WIRE REPORTS

List of nominees for the 89th annual Academy Awards presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

■ **Best Picture:** "Arrival," "Fences," "Hacksaw Ridge," "Hell or High Water," "Hidden Figures," "La La Land," "Lion," "Manchester by the Sea", "Moonlight."

■ **Actor:** Casey Affleck, "Manchester by the Sea"; Denzel Washington, "Fences"; Ryan Gosling, "La La Land;" Viggo Mortensen, "Captain Fantastic"; Andrew Garfield, "Hacksaw Ridge."

■ **Actress:** Isabelle Huppert, "Elle"; Ruth Negga, "Loving"; Natalie Portman, "Jackie"; Emma Stone, "La La Land"; Meryl Streep, "Florence Foster Jenkins."

■ **Supporting Actor:** Jeff Bridges, "Hell or High Water"; Mahershala Ali, "Moonlight"; Dev Patel, "Lion"; Michael Shannon, "Nocturnal Animals;" Lucas Hedges, "Manchester by the Sea."

■ **Supporting Actress:** Viola Davis, "Fences"; Naomie Harris, "Moonlight"; Nicole Kidman, "Lion"; Octavia Spencer, "Hidden Figures"; Michelle Williams, "Manchester by the Sea."

■ **Directing:** "Arrival," Denis Villeneuve; "Hacksaw Ridge" Mel Gibson; "La La Land," Damien Chazelle; "Manchester by the Sea," Kenneth Lonergan; "Moonlight," Barry Jenkins.

■ **Foreign Language Film:** "Land of Mine," Denmark; "A Man Called Ove," Sweden; "The Salesman," Iran; "Tanna," Australia; "Toni Erdmann," Germany.

■ **Adapted Screenplay:** "Moonlight," screenplay by Barry Jenkins, story by Tarell Alvin McCraney; "Lion," screenplay by Luke Davies; "Arrival," screenplay by Eric Heisserer; "Fences," screenplay by August Wilson; "Hidden Figures," screenplay by Allison Schroeder and Theodore Melfi."

■ **Original Screenplay:** "Hell or High Water," written by Taylor Sheridan; "La La Land," written by Damian Chazelle; "The Lobster," written by Yorgos Lanthimos, Efthimis Filippou; "Manchester by the Sea," written by Kenneth Lonergan; "20th Century Women," written by Mike Mills.

■ **Animated Feature Film:** "Kubo and the Two Strings," Travis Knight and Arianne Sutner; "Moana," John Musker, Ron Clements and Osnat Shurer; "My Life as a Zucchini," Claude Barras and Max Karli; "The Red Turtle," Michael Dudok de Wit and Toshio Suzuki; "Zootopia," Byron Howard, Rich Moore and Clark Spencer.

■ **Production Design:** "Arrival," Production Deaign: Patrice Vermette; Set Decoration: Paul Hotte; "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," Production Design: Stuart Craig; Set Decoration: Anna Pinnock; "Hail, Caesar!" Production Design: Jess Gonchor; Set Decoration: Nancy Haigh; "La La Land," Production Design: David Wasco; Set Decoration: Sandy Reynolds-Wasco; "Passengers," Production Design: Guy Hendrix Dyas; Set Decoration: Gene Serdena.

■ **Cinematography:** "Arrival," Bradford Young; "La La Land," Linus Sandgren; "Lion," Greig Fraser; "Moonlight," James Laxton; "Silence," Rodrigo Prieto.

■ **Sound Mixing:** "Arrival," Bernard Gariepy Strobl and Claude La Haye; "Hacksaw Ridge," Kevin O'Connell, Andy Wright, Robert Mackenzie and Peter Grace; "La La Land," Andy Nelson, Ai-Ling Lee and Steve A. Morrow; "Rogue One," David Parker, Christopher Scarabosio and Stuart Wilson; "13 Hours," Greg P. Russell, Gary Summers, Jeffrey J. Haboush and Mac Ruth.

■ **Sound Editing:** "Arrival," Sylvain Bellemare; "Deepwater Horizon," Wylie Stateman and Renee Tondelli; "Hacksaw Ridge" Robert Mackenzie and Andy Wright; "La La Land," Ai-Ling Lee and Mildred Iatrou Morgan; "Sully," Alan Robert Murray and Bub Asman.

■ **Original Score:** "Jackie," Mica Levi; "La La Land," Justin Hurwitz; "Lion," Dustin O'Halloran and Hauschka; "Moonlight," Nicholas Britell; "Passengers," Thomas Newman.

■ **Original Song:** "Audition (The Fools Who Dream)," from "La La Land," music by Justin Hurwitz, lyric by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul; "Can't Stop the Feeling!" from "Trolls," music and lyric by Justin Timberlake, Max Martin and Karl Johan Schuster; "City of Stars" from "La La Land," music by Justin Hurwitz, lyric by Ben Pasek and Justin Paul; "The Empty Chair" from "Jim: The James Foley Story," music and lyric by J. Ralph and Sting; "How Far I'll Go" from "Moana," music and lyric by Lin-Manuel Miranda.

■ **Costume Design:** "Allied," Joanna Johnston; "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," Colleen Atwood; "Florence Foster Jenkins," Consolata Boyle; "Jackie," Madeline Fontaine; "La La Land," Mary Zophres.

■ **Documentary Feature:** "Fire at Sea," Gianfranco Rosi and Donatella Palermo; "I am Not Your Negro," Raoul Peck, Remi Grellety and Hebert Peck; "Life, Animated," Roger Ross Williams and Julie Goldman; "O.J.: Made in America," Ezra Edelman and Caroline Waterlow; "13th," Ava DuVernay, Spencer Averick and Howard Barish.

■ **Documentary (short subject):** "Extremis," Dan Krauss; "4.1 Miles" Daphne Matziaraki; "Joe's Violin," Kahane Cooperman and Raphaela Neihausen; "Watani: My Homeland," Marcel Mettelsiefen and Stephen Ellis; "The White Helmets," Orlando von Einsiedel and Joanna Natasegara.

■ **Film Editing:** "Arrival," Joe Walker; "Hacksaw Ridge," John Gilbert; "Hell or High Water," Jake Roberts; "La La Land," Tom Cross; "Moonlight," Nat Sanders and Joi McMillon.

■ **Makeup and Hairstyling:** "A Man Called One," Eva von Bahr and Love Larson; "Star Trek Beyond," Joel Harlow and Richard Alonzo; "Suicide Squad," Alessandro Bertolazzi, Giorgio Gregorini and Christopher Nelson.

■ **Animated Short Film:** "Blind Vaysha," Theodore Ushev; "Borrowed Time," Andrew Coats and Lou Hamou-Lhadj; "Pear Cider and Cigarettes," Robert Valley and Cara Speller; "Pearl," Patrick Osborne; "Piper," Alan Barillaro and Marc Sondheimer.

■ **Live Action Short Film:** "Ennemis Interieurs," Selim Azzazi; "La Femme et le TGV," Timo von Gunten and Giacun Caduff; "Silent Nights," Aske Bang and Kim Magnusson; "Sing," Kristof Deak and Anna Udvardy; "Timecode," Juanjo Gimenez.

■ **Visual Effects:** "Deepwater Horizon," Craig Hammack, Jason Snell, Jason Billington and Burt Dalton; "Doctor Strange," Stephane Ceretti, Richard Bluff, Vincent Cirelli and Paul Corbould; "The Jungle Book," Robert Legato, Adam Valdez, Andrew R. Jones and Dan Lemmon; "Kubo and the Two Strings," Steve Emerson, Oliver Jones, Brian McLean and Brad Schiff; "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," John Knoll, Mohen Leo, Hal Hickel and Neil Corbould.

SURPRISESANDMORE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LOS ANGELES — Sometimes, the biggest surprise on Oscar nomination morning is when there's no surprise at all. This year many of the exclusions just came down to the fact that some of the categories, like best actress, were too competitive. And no matter how deserving, there were always be a few who have been in the conversation from the start who miss the final cut.

A few notable Oscar nominations, or lack thereof, that will have people talking:

NEGLECTED ANNETTE

Just a few months ago, Annette Bening was considered a shoo-in for what was supposed to be a two-woman race between her for playing the matriarch in "20th Century Women" and Natalie Portman for "Jackie" — a redux of their "Black Swan" and "The Kids are All Right" showdown. And then good movies kept coming out and Bening's subtle, humanistic performance was the casualty. It was pretty much decided that she was out of the Oscar race when the Screen Actors Guild passed her over, but there was still the smallest of chances that it wouldn't matter in the end. Alas, for another year, Bening remains a four time Oscar nominee. It could have been that it was also just an incredibly strong year for leading female roles. Taraji P. Henson ("Hidden Figures") and five-time nominee Amy Adams ("Arrival" and "Nocturnal Animals") were also overlooked.

NO SNARKY SUPERHEROS HERE

There was a lurking suspicion that after its two Golden Globe nominations, a Producers Guild nod and Writers Guild nomination, "Deadpool" might have also edged its way into the Oscar nominations. Yet as charming as Ryan Reynolds is, the foul-mouthed superhero couldn't snark his way into the hearts of academy voters — even in the technical categories.

LOBSTER LOVE

Don't think the academy can't appreciate a healthy serving of pitch-black humor. In the original screenplay category, alongside more traditional fare like "Hell or High Water" and "Manchester by the Sea," Yorgos Lanthimos and Efthimis Filippou's "The Lobster" somehow managed to claw its way in there, too. The dark relationship satire starring Colin Farrell has been a favorite among critics' circles, so it's no wonder the whip-smart script has infiltrated the ranks. Farrell's David explaining why he'll choose to turn into a lobster if he doesn't find a partner is proof enough: "Because lobsters live for over one hundred years, are blue-blooded like aristocrats, and stay fertile all their lives."

VIGGO'S FEELING FANTASTIC

"Captain Fantastic" is the scrappy underdog of awards season that just won't quit. Matt Ross's crowd-pleaser about a hippie family forced back into society isn't one of the year's heavyweights, but it keeps sneaking in for all the right groups, including the coveted SAG ensemble award. Viggo Mortensen's lead-actor nomination (his second following 2007's "Eastern Promises") for playing the unconventional patriarch in the film solidifies that.

ALMOST COMPLETE SILENCE FOR SCORCESE

Martin Scorsese's epic "Silence" was nominated only for best cinematography for Rodrigo Prieto. An eight-time directing nominee and two-time writing nominee, Scorsese has only ever won once, for "The Departed" in 2007, but the well-reviewed "Silence" was expected to at least get some love for one of Hollywood's greatest living directors. Its star, Andrew Garfield, was actually singled out for his other film, "Hacksaw Ridge."

WELCOME BACK MEL

What scandal? Mel Gibson is officially back in Hollywood's good graces with a best director nomination for "Hacksaw Ridge," not to mention the fact that it has grossed over $157.9 million worldwide on a reported $40 million production budget.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman arrested on aggravated assault charge

A Midland woman was arrested Thursday after she allegedly shot into a door, according to court documents.

Ivonne Hernandez, 23, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Hernandez

Midland police were dispatched to a residence on Thursday in reference to shots fired.

Hernandez used a firearm to shoot a round into the door of the residence, according to her arrest affidavit.

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

Midlanders arrested for burglary of habitation

Two Midlanders were arrested Sunday after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owners, according to court documents.

Francisca Carrillo Frausto, 47, and Christopher David Stone, 41, were being held Tuesday on $15,000 bonds for second-degree felony charges of burglary of a habitation.

Midland County sheriff's deputies were dispatched on Sunday in reference to checking a residence.

Frausto

Stone

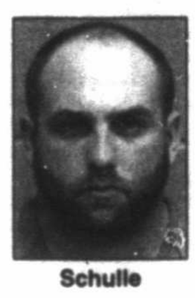
Frausto and Stone were living in the residence without consent of the owners, according to their arrest affidavit.

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

Man charged with sexual assault

An Abilene man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly sexually assaulted a woman, according to court documents.

Jarrett Eugene Schulle, 28, was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault.



Schulle

Midland police were dispatched to Midland Memorial Hospital at about 4 a.m. Sunday in reference to a reported sexual assault.

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

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

OKLAHOMA CITY

Report: Oklahoma tribes paid state $1.123 billion since 2006

A report on the financial impact of tribal gambling in Oklahoma says tribes have paid the state more than $1.123 billion in exclusivity fees since 2006.

The Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association released the report publicly on Tuesday at the state Capitol. It outlines the impact that tribal gambling and related industries have had on Oklahoma communities.

Among other things, the report says tribal gambling output in the state was $4.75 billion in 2015, representing 3 percent of private production in the Oklahoma economy.

A total of 31 tribes operate nearly 130 gambling operations in the state with 72,850 electronic games and almost 5,300 bingo seats.

The report says tribal gambling had a total economic impact of $7.2 billion from operations and construction, of which 60 percent was in rural areas.

NEW MEXICO

City councilor under fire for comment about slapping women

CARLSBAD — A Carlsbad City Council member is under fire for posting on social media that women have the "right to get slapped."

J.R. Doporto said he was only joking on his personal Facebook page when he commented that women have many rights, including the right to cook, clean and get slapped, just one day after millions of women gathered in communities around the world to march for women's rights, KOB-TV reported Tuesday.

Doporto said people who know him know he was joking. He said he is sorry if he offended anyone.

"I like to joke around a lot. It's my personal page, you know?" Doporto said. "It was taken out of context. It was a joke by saying you know a woman should be slapped."

Many members of the Carlsbad community said Doporto should be held accountable for his words regardless of his intention.

ALBUQUERQUE

Bills to reinstate New Mexico's solar tax credit move ahead

Bipartisan efforts are making headway in the New Mexico House and Senate to reinstate a tax credit that spurred nearly a quarter billion dollars of investment in roof-top solar and related jobs before expiring last year.

A Senate panel Tuesday endorsed one of three identical bills that call for renewing the credit for an additional eight years. A House committee took similar action Monday.

The credit expired in 2016 despite attempts during the previous legislative session to extend the program. The chief concern last year was the $5 million it would cost the state annually to continue the program.

While lawmakers are still grappling with a budget crisis, supporters say the return on investment outweighs the cost and that the legislation should be seen as an economic development bill.

S&P: Downturn in energy production hits budgets in 6 states

By Christina A. Cassidy
Associated Press

Six of the country's major energy-producing states have slipped into recession after a sharp decline in production and exploration over the last 18 months caused their tax revenue to plummet and job growth to stagnate, according to a financial analysis released Tuesday.

Alaska, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Wyoming each saw negative growth during the most recent fiscal year, according to the report from S&P Global Ratings.

"Initially, the dowuturn was felt in state finances," S&P analyst Gabe Petek said. "Now, this has really spread throughout their economies and highlights the risk of a concentrated economic base."

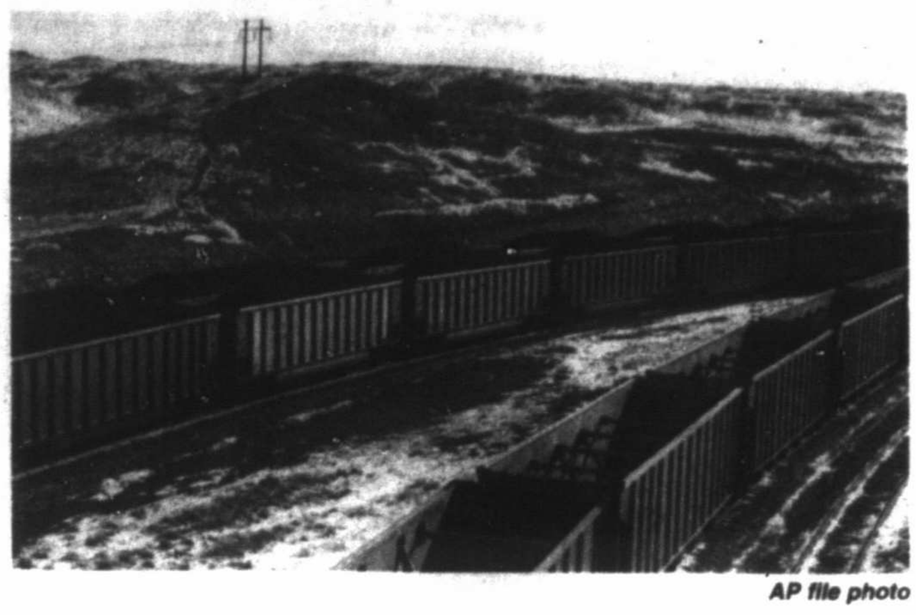
Alaska, which has relied heavily over the years on oil revenue to fund state government, has burned through nearly $13 billion in savings over the last four years to deal with the price declines in the energy sector.

The state has closed job and public health centers, inspections of restaurants in rural areas have been done only as time permits, state prosecutors have been focused on only the most serious offenses and the state transportation department has cut back on equipment operators. The state has cut jobs, furloughed workers and is selling search-and-rescue aircraft and ferries.

The budget trouble is not limited to just energy-producing states, although they are among the hardest hit. A recent survey by The Associated Press of the state budget picture in all 50 states found that two-thirds of them are currently dealing with a shortfall or expect to confront one in the coming fiscal year.

Experts say state economic growth has been slower than expected, with tax revenue in some places failing to meet projections or keep pace with rising costs for health care, education, public employee pensions and other areas.

At the same time, states are facing budget uncertainty tied to policies advocated by President Donald Trump and the Republican-led Congress. These include a possible overhaul of Medicaid, which could result in less federal money for the state-federal program that provides health coverage for lower-income Americans.



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In this Jan. 9, 2014, file photo, rail cars are filled with coal and sprayed with a topper agent to suppress dust at Cloud Peak Energy's Antelope Mine north of Douglas, Wyo.

"Right now, we are dealing with a crisis situation. We have a lot at stake here. Are we writing bad checks? Are we lowering our bonding capacity? That really hurts local governments."

Democratic New Mexico Rep. Patricia Lundstrom

It remains to be seen what effect Tuesday's decision by Trump to revive plans for the Keystone XL and Dakota Access oil pipelines will have on state economies. Supporters say construction of the pipelines will create jobs, although it's unknown how many or for how long.

The falloff in oil and gas drilling has dragged down the nation's economy as a whole for the past two years. Fewer drilling rigs have meant less demand for steel pipe and for the rail cars that ship oil and gas. Those cutbacks contributed to sluggish growth in the first half of 2016.

Yet, there are few signs the struggles of the six states singled out by S&P will drag down the broader U.S. economy. Growth nationwide rebounded to an annual pace of 3.5 percent in the July-September quarter, and those states combined account for just a small share of U.S. economic output.

Oil prices have stabilized after members of OPEC agreed to cut production, limiting supply. Petek said that likely will keep prices where they are now, but they are unlikely to return anytime soon to the highs seen before the current energy slump.

In Oklahoma, where nearly one in five residents is employed either directly or indirectly by the oil and gas sector, lagging energy prices have triggered declines in income, sales and motor vehicle tax collections. A $1.3 billion budget shortfall last year led to major cuts to programs and services. Lawmakers are facing another hole estimated at nearly $870 million, or about 12 percent of state spending, for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

In New Mexico, the lower prices for oil and natural gas have sent shock waves through the state's economy and government finances. The state relies on oil and natural gas revenue to fund about one-third of its budget and has depleted a reserve fund that once stood at more than $700 million, or about 11 percent of annual spending.

An emergency legislative package to address an $80 million budget shortfall would cut funding to local school districts, postpone construction projects and limit economic development incentives.

"Right now, we are dealing with a crisis situation," Democratic state Rep. Patricia Lundstrom said recently. "We have a lot at stake here. Are we writing bad checks? Are we lowering our bonding capacity? That really hurts local governments."

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Things to do

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

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

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

Airport numbers

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)
December 2016 42,531
December 2015 42,009
Percent difference 1.2
Year to date: 124,372 (0.9 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Total passengers
December 2016 82,455
December 2015 82,052
Year to date: 247,210 (1.2 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Fuel sales
(in gallons)
December 2016 494,616
December 2015 594,209
Percent difference ..... -16.8
Year to date: 1,285,256 (27.1 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Parking revenues
December 2016 ..... $252,700
December 2015 ..... $276,997
Percent difference ..... -8.8
Year to date: $816,648 (7.0 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Commercial landings
December 2016 696
December 2015 674
Year to date: 2,087 (3.0 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Source: City of Midland

MISD parent meetings

■ MISD junior high campuses will host eighth-grade parent meetings that concern ninth-grade registration for 2017-18 school year. They will take place at:

■ Alamo Junior High, 6:30 p.m. Thursday

■ Abell Junior High, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13

■ San Jacinto Junior High, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 16

■ Goodard Junior High, 6:30 p.m., Feb. 21

All eighth-grade parents are invited to attend.

Source: Midland ISD

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■ 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
■ 432-742-7400

Downtown branch
■ 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday
■ 301 W. Missouri Ave.
■ 432-688-4320

Midland Municipal Court
■ 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (M, T, W, F)
■ 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday
■ 201 E. Texas

Watering schedule

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

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

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

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

The ban washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Contact your representative

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Pick 3 morning: 7-2-6
Pick 3 day: 5-1-1
Pick 3 evening: 1-2-4
Pick 3 night: 1-3-7
Daily 4 morning: 5-9-9-4
Daily 4 day: 0-4-9-7
Daily 4 evening: 0-8-2-1
Daily 4 night: 7-5-0-7
Cash Five: 13-18-25-27-35
Texas Triple Chance: 9-13-18-23-38-43-44-45-47-53
Mega Millions: 8-42-54-63-67 MB: 11 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-6-11-12-13-15-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-6-7-10-16-17-18-19-20-22
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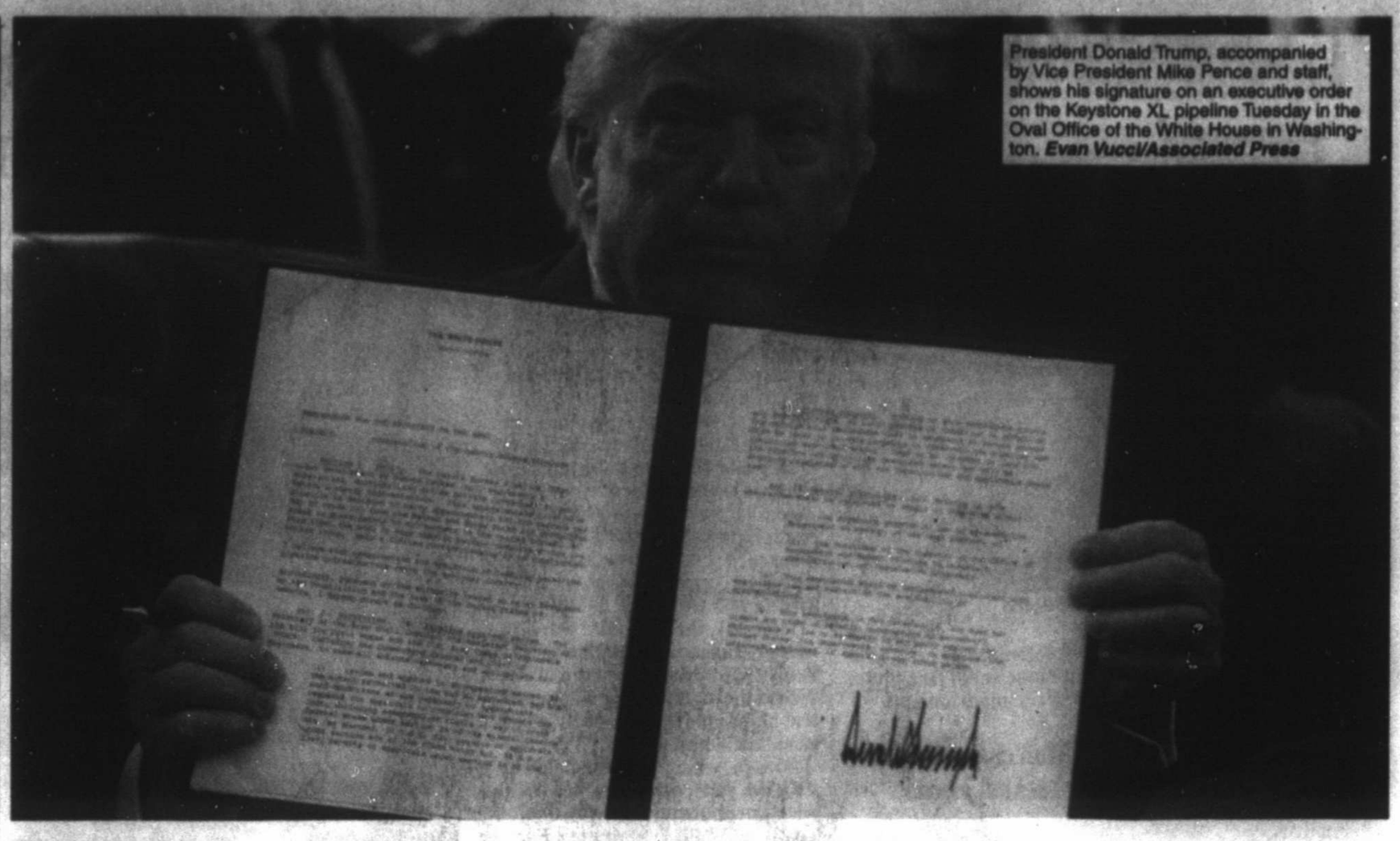

President Donald Trump, accompanied by Vice President Mike Pence and staff, shows his signature on an executive order on the Keystone XL pipeline Tuesday in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. *Evan Vucci/Associated Press*

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Trump also ordered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to quickly review and approve construction and easement requests for the Dakota Access pipeline, a project that has led to major protests by American Indian groups and their supporters.

"From now on, we are going to start making pipelines in the United States," Trump said from the Oval Office, where he also vowed to require the actual pipe for Keystone to be manufactured in America.

Trump's actions four days after he took office came on the heels of his decision to withdraw from a major trade agreement as he upends Obama's policies, winning praise from congressional Republicans. Democrats in energy-producing state also hailed Trump's actions on the pipelines as long-awaited steps to boost jobs and move the country toward energy independence.

But environmental groups and Native American tribes who have fought both projects for years pledged to defy Trump.

"President Trump will live to regret his actions today," said Michael Brune, executive director of the Sierra Club. "Unwittingly he is beginning to build a wall — a wall of resistance. This fight is far from over."

The 1,179-mile Keystone XL pipeline would run from Canada to Nebraska, where it would join other lines already leading to refineries along the Gulf Coast.

Trump directed the State Department and other agencies to make a decision within 60 days of a final application and declared that a 2014 State Department environmental study satisfies required reviews under environmental and endangered species laws. Environmental groups promised a legal challenge, arguing a new application requires a new review.

State Department approval is needed because the pipeline would cross the northern U.S border.

As a practical matter, the Dakota Access project is likely to be completed first. The company building it says it is complete except for a section that would pass under the Missouri River near a camp in North Dakota where pipeline opponents are demonstrating.

The 1,200-mile pipeline would carry North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Illinois. The proposed route skirts the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's reservation and crosses under Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir in North Dakota that serves as the tribe's drinking water source.

The tribe's chairman accused Trump of breaking the law, citing treaty rights with the United States, and promised to fight the action in court.

"Americans know this pipeline was unfairly rerouted toward our nation and without our consent," Dave Archambault said.

The Army decided last year to explore alternate routes for the Dakota pipeline after the tribe and its supporters said it threatened drinking water and Native American cultural sites. The company developing the pipeline, Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, says it will be safe.

"Today's news is a breath of fresh air, and proof that President Trump won't let radical special-interest groups stand in the way of doing what's best for American workers," said Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the second-ranking Republican in the Senate.

In July, the Army Corps of Engineers granted the company needed permits, but in September the agency said further analysis was needed. On Dec. 4, the assistant Army secretary for civil works, Jo-Ellen Darcy, said alternate routes needed to be considered.

About 600 pipeline opponents have been arrested in North Dakota since last year. An encampment on Corps land along the pipeline route that once hosted thousands of protesters has dwindled to fewer than 300 after the Tribal Council recently urged people to leave due to harsh winter weather. Much of the camp is buried in two feet of snow and many of the teepee tarps have been taken down, leaving only the frames. Law enforcement continues a presence on nearby bluffs.

Trump's action could re-ignite large-scale protests, said Dallas Goldtooth of the Indigenous Environmental Network, one of the main camp organizers.

"Standing Rock has ignited a fire in all of us," Goldtooth said. "We hope to see those fires continue to burn."

Trump hailed the Keystone project during a late October campaign swing through Florida, saying, "We're going to approve energy infrastructure projects like the Keystone pipeline and many more." He said it could provide "a lot of jobs, a lot of good things."

Until last year, Trump owned a small amount of stock in Energy Transfer Partners and at least $100,000 in Phillips 66, an energy company that owns one-quarter of the Dakota pipeline. Trump sold the shares last year as part of a wide-ranging stock divestment, a spokesman said.

Trump to move on border security, immigration enforcement

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump will begin rolling out executive actions on immigration today, beginning with steps to tighten border security — including his proposed wall along the U.S.-Mexico border — and other domestic immigration enforcement measures, according to two administration officials.

Later in the week, the president is expected to restrict the flow of refugees to the United States. The proposed plans include at least a four-month halt on all refugee admissions, as well as temporary ban on people coming from some Muslim majority countries, according to a representative of a public policy organization that monitors refugee issues. The person was briefed on the details of that proposed action by a government official and outlined the expected steps for The Associated Press.

The officials and the public policy organization's representative insisted on anonymity in order to outline the plans ahead of Trump's official announcements. The president is expected to sign the first actions today during a trip to the Department of Homeland Security, with additional actions being rolled out over the next few days, according to one official.

It appeared as though the refugee restrictions were still to be finalized. The person briefed on the proposals said they included a ban on entry to the U.S. for at least 30 days from countries including Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen, though the person cautioned the details could still change.

There is also likely to be an exception in the refugee stoppage for those fleeing religious persecution if their religion is a minority in their country. That exception could cover Christians fleeing Muslim-majority nations.

Trump campaigned on pledges to tighten U.S. immigration policies, including beefing up border security and stemming the flow of refugees. He also called for halting entry to the U.S. from Muslim countries, but later shifted the policy to a focus on what he called "extreme vetting" for those coming from countries with terrorism ties.

As president, Trump can use an executive order to halt refugee processing. President George W. Bush used that same power in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Refugee security vetting was reviewed and the process was restarted several months later.

While the specific of Trump's orders were unclear, both administration officials said Wednesday's actions would focus in part on the president's plans to construct a wall along the southern border with Mexico. Trump's insistence that Mexico would pay for the wall was among his most popular proposals on the campaign trail, sparking enthusiastic cheers at his raucous rallies.

Mexico has repeatedly said it will not pay for any border wall. Earlier this month, Trump said the building project would initially be paid for with a congressionally approved spending bill and Mexico will eventually reimburse the U.S., though he has not specified how he would guarantee payments.

Trump will meet with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto at the White House next week.

In claiming authority to build a wall, Trump may rely on a 2006 law that authorized several hundred miles of fencing along the 2,000-mile frontier. That bill led to the construction of about 700 miles of various kinds of fencing designed to block both vehicles and pedestrians.

The Secure Fence Act was signed by then-President George W. Bush and the majority of the fencing in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California was built before he left office. The last remnants were completed after President Barack Obama took office in 2009.

The Trump administration also must adhere to a decades-old border treaty with Mexico that limits where and how structures can be built along the border. The 1970 treaty requires that structures cannot disrupt the flow of the rivers, which define the U.S.-Mexican border along Texas and 24 miles in Arizona, according to The International Boundary and Water Commission, a joint U.S.-Mexican agency that administers the treaty.

Other executive actions expected Wednesday include bolstering border patrol agents and ending what Republicans have argued is a catch-and-release system at the border. Currently, some immigrants caught crossing the border illegally are given notices to report back to immigration officials at a later date.

If Trump's actions would result in those caught being immediately jailed, the administration would have to grapple with how to pay for jail space to detain everyone and what to do with children caught crossing the border with their parents.

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(saving the taxpayers around $12 million, according to city leaders) and an earlier end date (2022) was established.

Councilman Jeff Sparks pointed out that this 15-year sales tax addition would continue through 2032, meaning it would end not long after the current tax was supposed to end when voters approved it 17 years ago.

■ **Tournament fields or parks**

Tournament fields are nice and could bring people to Midland, but there is something about a parent taking a child to a park for a game of catch or to practice sports. That was the notion some council members had, echoing Sparks' sentiment that there needs to be a balance in spending on parks development and creation of tournament fields.

Morales said the city has updated about 21 parks in the past few years, and the 4B would help with the other 16 or so.

"We want people to be outside enjoying themselves," Morales said.

■ **Other council tidbits**

J.Ross Lacy sought a portion of potential funds to be reserved for new roads, specifically to help with congestion issues in west and northwest Midland (the 4B statute prevents funds to be spent on repairing existing roads except when it is beneficial to economic development). ... Spencer Robnett said an important part of another 15 years of the 4B tax is being able to take care of what has been built. The ballot language calls for the city to use 4B funds for maintenance and operations for the sports complex, tournament fields and other park infrastructure.

4B facts

Election date
■ May 6
■ 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voting locations
■ Midland County Annex courtroom, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ Centennial Library, 2503 W. Loop 250
■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
■ Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
■ Golf Course Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course
■ Manor Park, 5212 Sinclair Ave.
■ MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
■ Palmer Drug Abuse Program, 1208 W. Wall St.
■ St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive.

Early voting
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 24-28; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 1-2 at the Midland County Elections Office, 2110 N. "A" St.

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■ Mayor: Jerry Morales 685-7204
■ City Council — At-large: Scott Dufford and Spencer Robnett, District 1: Jeff Sparks, District 2: John Love III, District 3: Sharla Hotchkiss, District 4: J.Ross Lacy

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year. The March payment is the larger payment, and the September payment is all interest. This year, interest payments will total $571,603.

City officials said even if the debt is retired in April that the tax would be collected for another fiscal quarter, meaning the vote in May still technically would extend a tax currently in place and not create a new one.

"I think as a 4B board we will recommend to the City Council paying it off before the election starts," Dufford said afterward. "That way there is no question that the City Council or the 4B board wants to continue with the (current) sales tax."

City officials have said there should be between $28 million and $29 million in the 4B fund if the complex is paid off this spring. City leaders have said if voters choose to extend the tax for another 15 years — as defined by the language of the May ballot — then the city will have cash to start parks and roads projects. The ballot is specific that debt can't be created for 4B projects.

"This council will use it for operations, maintenance and capital expenditures at the sports complex. But that doesn't ensure that it will always be used for that because councils change."

Councilman Scott Dufford

If the 4B tax effort fails, the tens of millions will go to the general fund, where it can be earmarked for future sports complex maintenance and operations or be used for other purposes.

"This council will use it for operations, maintenance and capital expenditures at the sports complex," Dufford said. "But that doesn't ensure that it will always be used for that because councils change."

Texas GOP stars push school choice, but will it be enough?

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The governor of Texas and the Bush family's rising star added political muscle Tuesday to a rally supporting school vouchers, which have stalled repeatedly in the country's largest Republican state despite steadfast support from top conservatives.

Marching bands with thundering drumlines and hundreds of students and teachers — many in yellow-and-black "National School Choice Week" scarfs — converged outside the Texas Capitol. Gov. Greg Abbott made a relatively rare appearance with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a tea party favorite who has long been Texas' leading advocate for vouchers where families get state money to remove children from public schools and send them to private and religious alternatives.

"This is not a Republican issue, it's not a Democrat issue," Abbott said. "This is a civil rights issue."

Thirteen states and the District of Columbia offer some form of vouchers, according to the National Conference of State Legislators, and academic studies show mixed classroom results that can be similar to those of traditional public schools. The issue may also soon take center stage nationally with Donald Trump's selection of Michigan billionaire and vocal advocate of taxpayer-funded school vouchers Betsy DeVos as his new administration's education secretary.

Texas' rally coincided with similar "National School Choice Week" gatherings in other states. Though most lawmakers expect DeVos to have little direct influence on Texas policy, state Senate budget writers have already begun discussing how much funding will be needed to educate the state's 5.3 million public school students. Texas currently spends about $2,700 per-pupil under the national average, ranking 38th in funding nationwide, according to the Texas State Teachers Association.

Kathy Miller, president of the education watchdog group Texas Freedom Network said Tuesday that vouchers "are a scheme that strips critical funds from public schools and gives a discount to individuals who can already afford private school."

Associated Press

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick speaks during a rally in support of school choice on the steps of the Texas Capitol on Tuesday in Austin.

In 2013, Texas dramatically expanded its number of public charter schools. Still, advocates say waitlists of children hoping to attend them continues to exceed 100,000 — and suggest that vouchers could fill that void. Many of the students participating in the Capitol rally were visiting from charter schools around the state.

"This is not a war on public education," Patrick said. He said vouchers don't "take money from the education system" because public schools will cut costs by no longer having to educate students who transfer to private alternatives.

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush also is a longtime school choice supporter. The grandson of one former president, nephew of another and son of failed 2016 White House hopeful Jeb Bush, George P. once served on the board of one of Texas' largest charter school operators. He applauded other speakers but didn't address the crowd himself Tuesday — unlike during past rallies.

Last session, a sweeping voucher plan passed the Texas Senate, but died in the House, where Democrats have long teamed with rural Republicans wary of hurting schools that are the lifeblood of their small communities to keep public money in public schools. The Senate this year is promoting "educational savings accounts" letting families use public money for private schooling, as well as tax breaks for businesses that sponsor private school scholarships.

So far, though, there is little indication such plans will be any better received in Texas' lower chamber than in the past.

"Traditionally, the members of the House have not supported spending taxpayer dollars at private schools," Jason Embry, a spokesman for Republican Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, said Tuesday "and there are many questions to be answered on this issue in the months ahead."

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Bush recovering from pneumonia, doing physical therapy

Former President George H.W. Bush is increasing his activity as he recovers from pneumonia at a Houston hospital.

Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said Tuesday that the 92-year-old Bush is sitting up, talking with physicians, staff and visitors, and returning phone calls. The nation's 41st president also is working with physical therapists to help him regain strength.

Bush was admitted to Houston Methodist Hospital on Jan. 14 for breathing difficulties blamed on pneumonia. He later was moved to intensive care when doctors inserted a breathing tube. He was moved from the ICU on Monday afternoon.

Former first lady Barbara Bush was discharged from the same hospital Monday after five days for treatment of bronchitis. McGrath says she returned as a visitor Tuesday to be with her husband of 72 years.

PLANO

Chief: Slain Dallas-area detective connected with people

A suburban Dallas police chief told law enforcement officers from across Texas that a slain detective knew how to connect with people "when they were in their darkest hour."

Little Elm police Chief Rodney Harrison said at the funeral Tuesday of Detective Jerry Walker that the father of four understood the compassion of policing.

Harrison told mourners who gathered at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano that Walker epitomized the prized officer who can successfully resolve virtually any conflict or confrontation, no matter how volatile.

Walker, an 18-year veteran of the Little Elm department, was fatally shot Jan. 17 after responding to a report of a man outside a home armed with a long gun.

FORT WORTH

Plan would not allow giving money to panhandlers

Officials in Fort Worth want to crack down on what they say are increasing cases of aggressive panhandling and one proposal under consideration is to make it illegal to give money to panhandlers.

The city council is scheduled to vote Tuesday evening on adopting stricter language that curtails panhandling. For instance, a person couldn't beg near ATM machines.

Councilman Cary Moon tells the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that city attorneys have informed him they're still drafting a provision making it illegal to give to panhandlers. That proposal will be heard later by the council.

HOUSTON

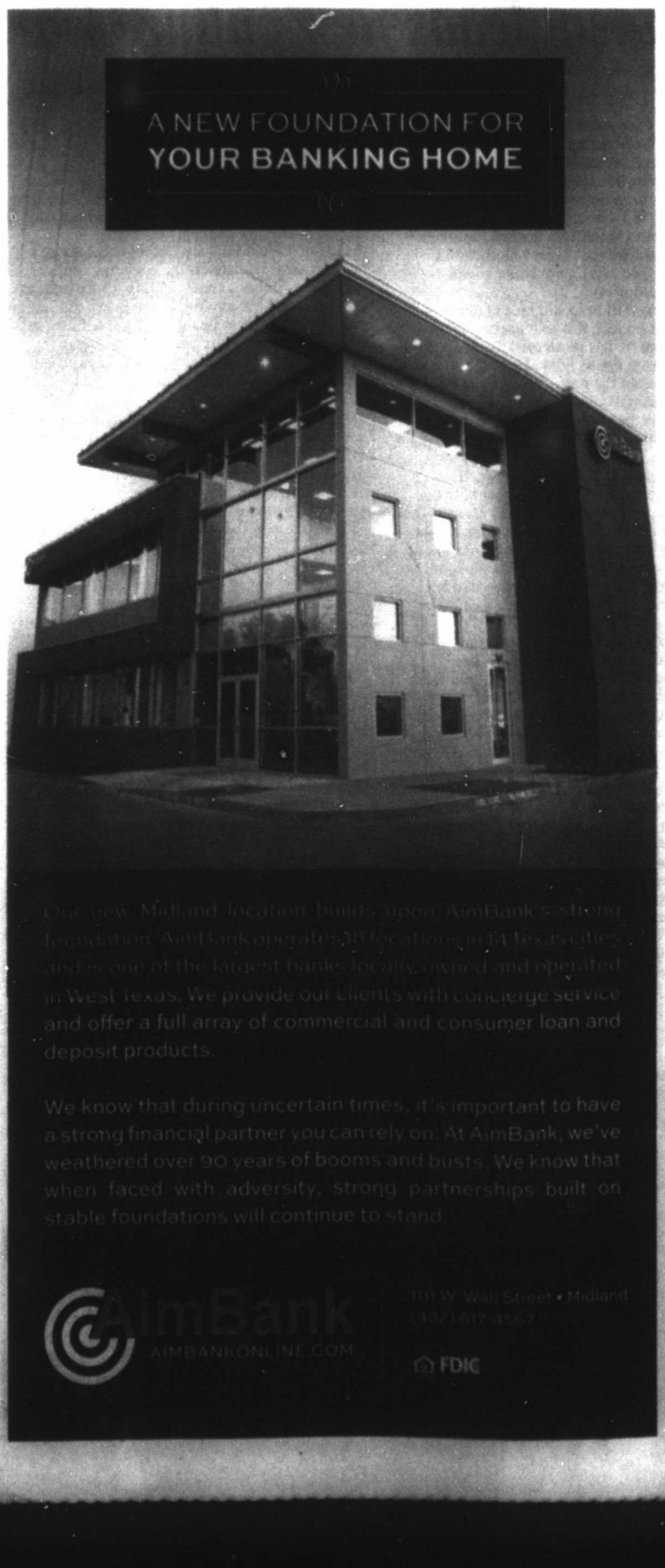
City looks to speed up funding for flood-control measures

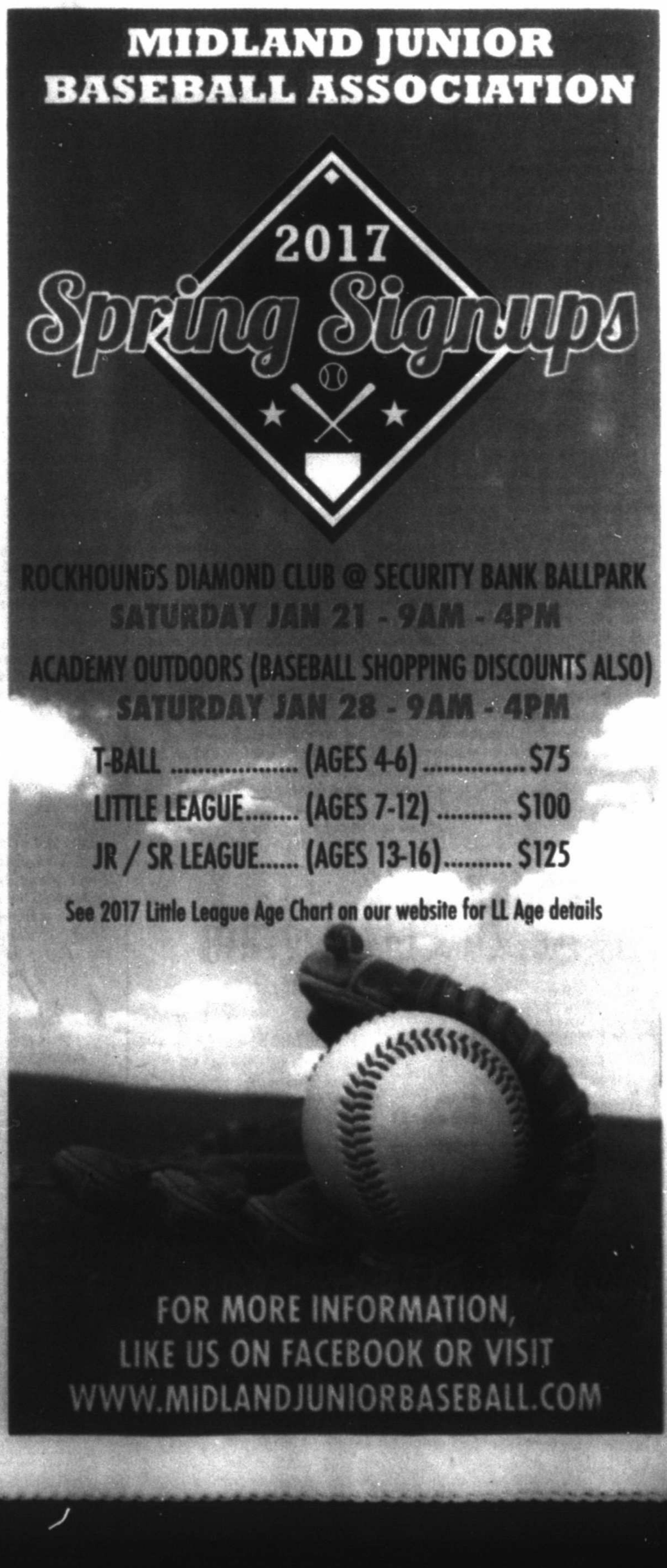
Officials intend to introduce an innovative plan to speed up funding for flood-control measures along Houston bayous.

The Houston Chronicle reports the city council on Wednesday will consider a payment plan that would have the state give the city a $46 million loan.

That amount would then be forwarded to the Harris County Flood Control District to expedite work along Brays Bayou. Federal authorities would then reimburse the county once the work is done.

City officials would then repeat the funding process for two other bayous, ultimately forwarding the county about $130 million.





OPINION

Trump is the Rocky Balboa of American politics

■ He's a flawed man who can take a punch, and Americans like that

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As the grandson of a Mexican immigrant — the cadre that Donald Trump labeled criminals and rapists — I was "Never Trump" from the start. As the father of two daughters, I was disgusted by the vulgar way Trump spoke about women. And, as a fan of George W. Bush, I was outraged when Trump blamed the former president for the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

But the election is over, and I'm giving our new president a chance.

Which is more than I can say for those anti-Trumpers — including protesters — who make a lot of noise, but don't always make much sense. For instance, Trump's critics want us to believe he had an easy life. But they also insist that he has failed at nearly everything he's tried. Those are conflicting narratives. They need to pick one.

Otherwise, reasonable people might conclude that the loyal opposition is going to spend the next four years criticizing everything Trump does. And who wants to watch a reality show with such a predictable plot?

The anti-Trump resistance might get more of us to tune into their message if they tried giving credit where it's due and acknowledge that our new president has at least one personal attribute that the American people admire: resilience.

Time and again, Trump has been able to pull himself up off the mat, bruised and bloodied, and get ready for another round. He refuses to give up no matter how many punches life hurls at him.

This guy is in the right place. America is the land of second chances. Our country's tale is all about people from other countries who are out of options coming here for redemption.

That's one of the first things that Trump got wrong when he ran for president. In announcing his candidacy, he insisted: "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best."

Of course they are. No matter what country we're talking about — Mexico, India, China, etc. — the folks who come here had the optimism, drive and energy to get off their rear ends and seek opportunity. These *are* the best people. In some cases, the slackers are the ones who stayed behind to live off the motherland.

Americans love a good comeback story. We don't mind imperfection, because we're not hung up on the perfect. We don't trust it or even recognize it. Grandpa and Grandma were not perfect, but they were among the wisest people we've ever known. We accept that Aeschylus was right, and that suffering brings wisdom "through the awful grace of God." We understand that we must fail — and bounce back from failure — to learn and to grow. And we know that those who don't fail at anything probably aren't aiming high enough to begin with.

It's why three ex-presidents who served two terms each — Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama — all lost their first campaigns for Congress but clawed their way back. And it's why Mitt Romney — with his good looks, photogenic family, gold-plated resume and $250 million fortune — was twice rejected by voters. When it comes to president, the perfect need not apply.

It's also why Hollywood keeps making movies about a struggling and under-respected boxer who came up in hardscrabble Philadelphia. Rocky Balboa understands that life isn't about how hard you hit, but how hard you can get hit and still get up.

Say what you want about Trump, this is a person who knows what it's like to get hit — hard. Our new president is someone who had a cold and domineering father whom he could never please, who buried too young a brother he loved, who grew up in the outer borough of Queens and was looked down upon and dismissed by Manhattanites, who lost all his money in Atlantic City and was hundreds of millions of dollars in debt to the banks, and who failed at a dozen business ventures and two marriages. This is also someone who — when he ran for president — was mocked by late-night comics, attacked by the media, dismissed by more politically savvy opponents and not given half a chance by more than half the country. And now that he has been elected, the attacks are more ferocious than ever. And yet guess what? He's still standing.

My fellow Americans, meet our new president, Donald J. Trump. The Rocky Balboa of politics.

OUR VIEW

It's time to weigh in on plan to improve MISD schools

A search firm couldn't be blamed for having expectations that Midland ISD wouldn't have done its proverbial homework leading up to this superintendent search.

By most academic metrics, this district has struggled mightily. Coming in, it was going to be interesting to hear the firms' opinions. Sure, even the five community members in attendance Monday knew search firm officials were making a pitch, but even the most hardened critic had to be taken back by the unanimous praise delivered for a district working its way out of one of the state's deepest holes.

Midland ISD leaders — board and staff — worked the previous 10 days putting the final touches on a governance plan with goals, goal progress measures, superintendent and board constraints and theories of action for the district and its campuses. The plan for the next three to five years is on paper. Theories of action for the next decade also have been completed and await the next superintendent ready to be challenged.

"MISD is in a unique situation because of proactive work that has taken place," said one of the officials with McPherson & Jacobson, an Omaha, Nebraska, firm. "You have outlined things you expect of the next superintendent. It will facilitate a very positive relationship with the board and superintendent. ... You have done the legwork most new superintendents would be expected to do. The superintendent you will hire will be able to hit the ground running knowing what you expect of them."

A presenter with Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates said, "It is unusual to see a board this focused, particularly the specificity of what you have done."

The hours of training sessions and workshops appear to be paying off for district leaders. The draft of the work has been seen by the search firms. The community is expected to get its turn to comment in the coming weeks. Midland ISD is planning a roll-out of this action plan in the coming weeks, probably as early as February. Teachers, parents and others interested in the academic rebirth of a community with nowhere to look but up will be able to provide input and ask questions.

The hope is people will turn out. Up to this point, board members and executive staff have been the main voices in the conversation. During the weekend workshop earlier this month, only one or two teachers/campus staff and fewer than 10 community members were on hand.

Teachers, in our view, have been missing in action during the last year, one of the more critical years for our school district in the last two or three decades. Whether one is talking about the budget workshop, the tax ratification election (TRE) campaign and vote or the workshop, it appears teachers have struggled to connect with its district.

Maybe it's because of a perceived lack of leadership from the superintendent's office or the disconnect they had from the board. Maybe they feel like the community has turned its back on them. Whatever the reason, teachers didn't show for October's TRE, thereby handing a no-confidence vote for leadership.

Well, Midland ISD leaders want to give them a chance to make a pitch about the future, and in short time we will learn whether teachers are going to be partners in this reform effort.

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President leads new culture war

■ Much like Donald Trump's presidency, it is not what you'd expect

RICH LOWRY
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The nation's foremost culture warrior is President Donald J. Trump.

He wouldn't, at first blush, seem well-suited to the part. Trump once appeared on the cover of Playboy. He has been married three times. He ran beauty pageants and was a frequent guest on the Howard Stern radio show. His "locker-room talk" captured on the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape didn't, shall we say, demonstrate a well-honed sense of propriety.

There is no way Trump could be a credible combatant in the culture war as it existed for the past 40 years. But he has reoriented the main lines of battle away from issues related to religion and sexual morality onto the grounds of populism and nationalism. Trump's culture war is fundamentally the people versus the elite, national sovereignty versus cosmopolitanism and patriotism versus multiculturalism.

It's the difference, in a nutshell, between fighting over gay rights or immigration, over the breakdown in marriage or Black Lives Matter. The new war is just as emotionally charged as the old one. It, too, involves fundamental questions about who we are as a people, which are always more fraught than the debate over the appropriate tax rate or whether or not we should have a defense sequester.

The participants are, by and large, the same as well. The old culture war featured Middle America on one side, and coastal elites, academia and Hollywood on the other. So does the new war. And while Trump has no interest in fighting over gay marriage or engaging in the bathroom wars, his staunch pro-life position is a notable holdover from the old war.

Yet any of his detractors who is warning, out of reflex more than anything else, of an attempt to control women's bodies or establish a theocracy is badly out of date. Donald Trump has many ambitions, but imposing his morality on anyone clearly isn't one of them.

Instead, he wants to topple a corrupt establishment that he believes has put both its selfish interests and a misbegotten, fuzzy-headed altruism above the well-being of the American people. This isn't just a governing program, but a culture crusade that includes a significant regional and class element. It channels the concerns of the Jacksonian America that is Trump's base and, as Walter Russell Mead writes in an essay in Foreign Affairs, "felt itself to be under siege, with its values under attack and its future under threat."

The revolt of the Jacksonians as exemplified in Trump's presidency sets up a cultural conflict as embittered as any we've experience in the post-Roe v. Wade era. "If the cosmopolitans see Jacksonians as backward and chauvinistic," Mead writes, "Jacksonians return the favor by seeing the cosmopolitan elite as near treasonous — people who think it is morally questionable to put their own country, and its citizens, first."

This backdrop will add intensity to almost every fight in the Trump years. Consider the president's war with the media. Almost all Republicans have testy relationships with the press. For Trump, though, the media are something more than a collection of biased outlets; they are a particularly noxious, high-profile expression of exactly the Northeastern elite that he seeks to dethrone.

On the other side of the ledger, it's nothing new for those occupying the commanding heights of our culture to accuse of Republicans of being narrow-minded and bigoted, but the level of vitriol will be elevated to meet Trump's frontal challenge.

His emphasis on borders, cultural coherence, law and order and national pride will engender a particular fear and loathing. It is an article of faith among the cultural elite that these priorities — despite what they consider the aberration of November's election — are the relics of a rapidly disappearing America that can't possibly represent the country's future. Trump and his supporters beg to differ.

The culture war is dead; long live the culture war.

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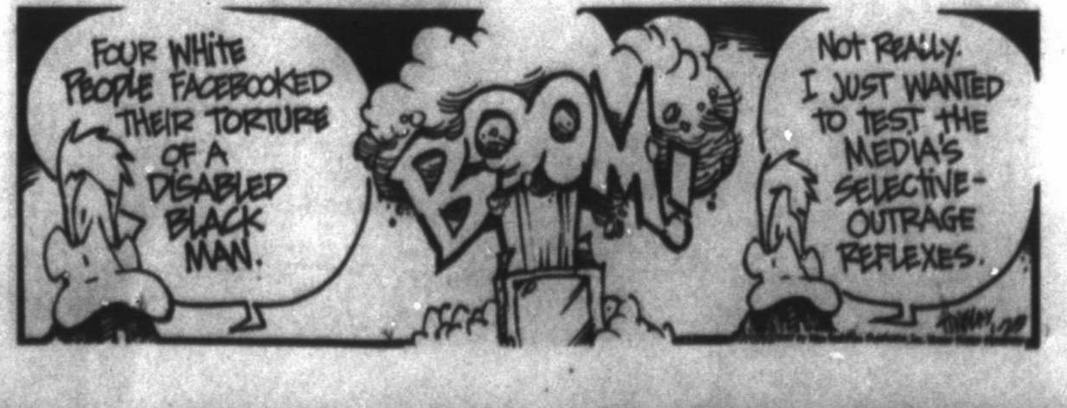

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WASHINGTON

Energy panel postpones votes on Energy, Interior nominees

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has postponed a meeting that had been scheduled for Tuesday to vote on the nominations of Ryan Zinke and Rick Perry to head the departments of Interior and Energy.

No reason was given for the delay, although the Senate has a shortened work-week because of a Republican retreat in Philadelphia later this week.

Only three of President Donald Trump's Cabinet nominees have been confirmed so far, although secretary of state-designate Rex Tillerson has been approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

No mention of the postponement of a vote appeared on the committee's website.

There have been no particular controversies through the pair's hearings so far, although Perry did retract his campaign statement saying that he wanted to abolish the Energy Department.

WASHINGTON

Trump narrows down Supreme Court nominee list to 3

President Donald Trump has narrowed his choice to fill the Supreme Court vacancy to three judges and said he expects to make his decision in the coming days.

A person familiar with the selection process said the three judges, all white men who sit on federal appeals courts, were on the list of 21 potential high court picks Trump announced during the presidential campaign.

The leading contenders — who all have met with Trump — are William Pryor, Neil Gorsuch and Thomas Hardiman, the person said, speaking anonymously because he was not authorized to speak publicly about internal decisions.

Pryor, 54, is an Alabama-based judge on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Gorsuch, 49, is on the Denver-based 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Hardiman, 51, is based in Pittsburgh for the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. All three were nominated by President George W. Bush for their current posts.

Trump has promised to seek someone in the mold of conservative icon Antonin Scalia, who died nearly a year ago after serving on the Supreme Court for more than 29 years. Senate Republicans prevented President Barack Obama from filling the seat, a political gamble that paid off when Trump was elected.

Trump said he plans to announce his choice next week.

McConnell led the Senate in refusing to even to consider Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to take Scalia's seat, announcing on the night that Scalia died that the vacancy should be filled not by Obama, but by the next president.

Daniel Goldberg, legal director of the liberal Alliance for Justice, said his group almost certainly would oppose anyone from Trump's list. "President Trump has made clear what kind of justice he intends to nominate. He said he intends to nominate a reactionary who doesn't share the constitutional values of the American people and who will undermine fundamental constitutional protections," Goldberg said.

Conservatives said the contenders all share Scalia's commitment to the text and meaning of the Constitution. "These are not stealth candidates. Their records are there for everyone to see and to understand. Their judicial philosophy is well within the mainstream of American legal thought," said Leonard Leo, a conservative lawyer who has been advising Trump on the filling the vacancy.

AP file photo

Neb. state Sen. Bill Kintner of Papillion works on his laptop Jan. 4 in the legislative Chamber on the first day of the 2017 legislative session, in Lincoln, Neb. Sen. Kintner could face expulsion from the Legislature for retweeting a talk show host's joke implying that Women's March demonstrators are too unattractive to sexually assault.

Sexist posts on women's marches rebound on officials

By Brian Slodysko
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A school board member in Hillary Clinton's hometown resigned after making a derogatory reference on Twitter to the female anatomy in describing women marching against President Donald Trump. An Illinois teacher was pulled from the classroom for tweets deemed sexist. And a freshman Indiana lawmaker was inundated with criticism over a Facebook post mocking "fat women."

These are a handful of examples from across the U.S. of mostly male public officials who have been reprimanded, called out or disciplined over social media postings about the women's marches around the globe last weekend.

The rash of incidents, which range from boorish to downright vulgar, highlight how nasty political discourse has become since the divisive presidential election. But in an era when Trump made lashing out against "political correctness" central to his appeal, the consequences these officials face for unfiltered use of social media once again demonstrates that what you say on the Internet still can hurt you.

"Very few people in public life, even today, get away with what Trump was able to get away with," said Michael Cornfield, a George Washington University professor who studies politics in the Internet age. "I wonder what these gentlemen were thinking."

It's not the first time rantings on social media have sparked backlash. Public officials for years have found themselves in trouble, and even resigned from office, over comments that were impolitic, distasteful and sometimes even racist. It's also not strictly a partisan issue. A writer for Saturday Night Live was suspended this week after writing an offensive tweet about Trump's 10-year-old son Barron. The writer, Katie Rich, deleted the tweet, briefly deactivated her account and then apologized after a social media outcry led to calls for a boycott of the show.

Still, the number of incidents following the women's marches, which packed public squares in blue states and some red, has put a few elected officials and supervisors in an awkward spot. And it's not clear where to draw the line.

In Indiana, Republican House Speaker Brian Bosma says he's conducting social media tutorials after posts from at least two state lawmakers.

A Facebook post by Indiana state Rep. Jim Lucas, a Republican, showed a photo of a woman sprayed in the face with pepper spray with a caption that read: "PARTICIPATION TROPHIES. NOW IN LIQUID FORM."

Another post by newly elected Indiana state Sen. Jack Sandlin, also a Republican, credited Donald Trump with getting "more fat women out walking than (former First Lady) Michelle Obama did in 8 years."

Sandlin, who says he didn't knowingly make the since-deleted post, was inundated with criticism on his Facebook page and has apologized. He says the incident was a powerful lesson on the "unintended consequences" of opening up "your social media to try to get it out as broadly as you can."

Bosma partially blamed "the Twitter storm created by our president" which he said "makes people feel this is an appropriate vehicle to communicate." He added: "We're elected officials, we're held to a higher standard."

Dathan Paterno, A school board member In Park Ridge, Illinois, where Hillary Clinton grew up, abruptly resigned after he called the protests a "farce" by "vagina screechers" on Twitter.

Paterno, who did not respond to a request for comment, later deleted his social media accounts, said district Superintendent Laurie Heinz. He wrote in his letter of resignation that the tweets were "understandably misinterpreted."

In the Quad Cities, along Illinois' western border, a teacher was "removed from the classroom" for posting a view of women that "does not reflect the values" of the school, district officials said in a statement.

The teacher, Mark Kaczmarek, tweeted a photo of a 1950s housewife, and commented that the protesters "all went home to make dinner."

One online petition called his tweet "unacceptable" while a rival petition said there is "no proof" that he "ever engaged in any kind of sexist, racist or even homophobic hate speeches in his classroom."

A person who answered the phone at a number listed to Kaczmarek declined to comment.

Trump's talk of taking the oil sparks questions in US, Iraq

By Vivian Salama
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one knows how seriously to take President Donald Trump's threat to seize Iraq's oil.

Doing so would involve extraordinary costs and risk confrontation with America's best ground partner against the Islamic State group, but the president told the CIA this weekend, "Maybe you'll have another chance."

The recycled campaign comment is raising concerns about Trump's understanding of the delicate Middle East politics involved in the U.S.-led effort against extremist groups. Trump has said he was opposed to the 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein's dictatorship. But on the campaign trail and again Saturday, the day after his inauguration, he suggested the costly and deadly occupation of the country might have been offset somewhat if the United States had taken the country's rich petroleum reserves.

"To the victor belong the spoils," Trump told members of the intelligence community, saying he first argued this case for "economic reasons." He said it made sense as a counterterrorism approach to defeating the IS group "because that's where they made their money in the first place."

"So we should have kept the oil," he said. "But, OK, maybe you'll have another chance."

The statement ignores the precedent of hundreds of years of American history and presidents who have tended to pour money and aid back into countries the United States has fought in major wars. The U.S. still has troops in Germany and Japan, with the permission of those nations, but did not take possession of their natural resources. And taking Iraq's reserves, the world's fifth largest, would require an immense investment of resources and manpower in a country that the United States couldn't quell after spending more than $2 trillion and deploying at one point more than 170,000 troops.

U.S. enemies and friends would oppose the move. Although Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi has accepted U.S. help to retake IS-held territory in his country, he has repeatedly asserted Iraqi sovereignty. He said of Trump's oil vow in November, "I am going to judge him by what he does later."

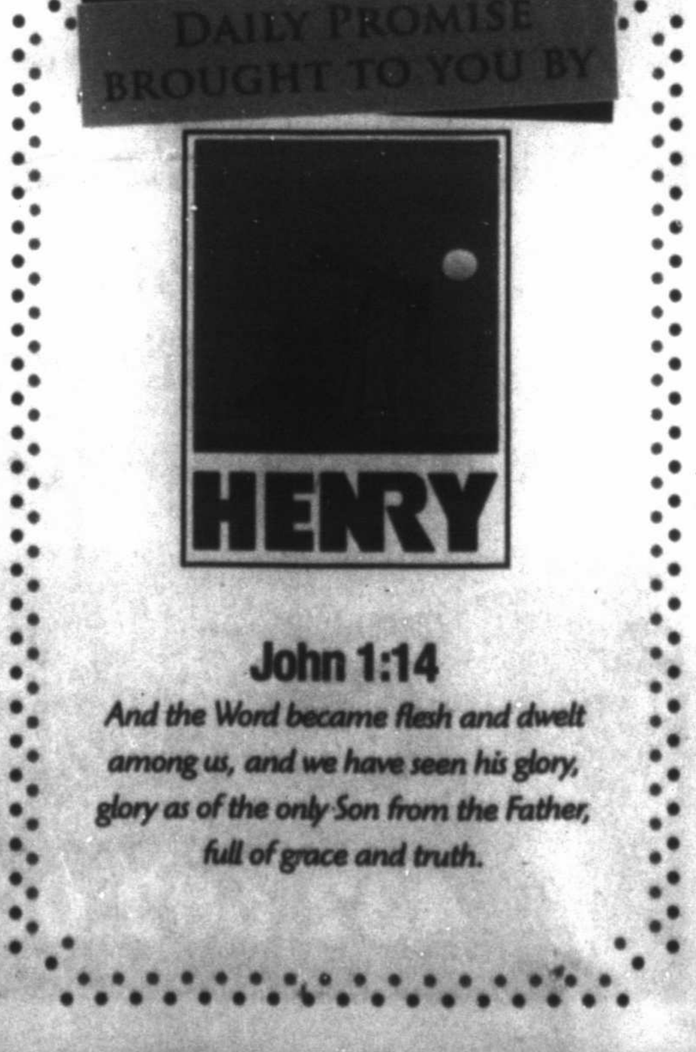
Asked about the matter Monday, White House press secretary Sean Spicer stressed Trump's economic argument.

There is uncertainty as to where Trump's idea derives from, though the president has noted that taking the oil is something "I have long said." Hints of this notion existed in some of the pre-2003 rhetoric from the Bush administration about the Iraq war "paying for itself." But top advisers to President George W. Bush have stressed how the future of Iraq's resources were pointedly left out of decision-making related to the invasion so as not to fuel a perception that the war was driven by oil concerns.

Bush "almost bent over backwards not to make a special effort to gain access for us to the oil resources," John Negroponte, who was Bush's director of national intelligence, told CNN.

Regarding Trump, former CIA Director and Defense Secretary Robert Gates told NBC, "I have no clue what he's talking about."

Taking the oil would require a permanent U.S. occupation, or at least until Iraq's 140 billion barrels of crude run out, and a large presence of American soldiers to guard sometimes isolated oil fields and infrastructure. Such a mission would be highly unpopular with Iraqis, whose hearts and minds the U.S. is still try to win to defeat groups such as IS and al-Qaida.



UK government loses Brexit case, must consult Parliament

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's government warned lawmakers not to try to "thwart the will of the people" after the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that Prime Minister Theresa May must seek the approval of Parliament before starting the formal process of leaving the European Union.

The 8-3 decision forces the government to put a bill before Parliament, giving members of the House of Commons and the unelected House of Lords the chance to debate and potentially offer amendments that could soften the terms of Britain's exit from the EU, known as Brexit.

Although the government insisted its timetable of starting the talks by the end of March remained on track, some analysts warned that a defeat in the House of Lords, where May does not have a majority, could delay the process by a year or more.

"Parliament will rightly scrutinize and debate this legislation," David Davis, the government's Brexit secretary, told the House of Commons after the ruling. "But I trust no one will seek to make it a vehicle for attempts to thwart the will of the people, or frustrate or delay the process of our exit from the European Union."

Although the ruling won't scuttle Britain's departure, mandated by voters in a June 23 referendum, it once again highlights the uncertainties in negotiating the country's future relationship with the bloc of 500 million people, which is central to trade, immigration and security. The pound has fallen about 20 percent against the dollar since the vote on concern about slower economic growth and reduced investment.

May's government fought hard to avoid putting the matter before Parliament, in part because amendments to the legislation could delay her timetable and force her into complicated concessions with her own lawmakers before she even sat across the table before the other 27 members of the EU.

"Unfortunately for businesses and other institutions, Brexit still means uncertainty," said Phillip Souta, head of UK public policy at the law firm Clifford Chance. "Parliament remains divided and the outcome of the negotiations remain unknown."

Associated Press

Britain's Prime Minister, Theresa May, leaves Downing Street in London on Tuesday. Britain's government must get parliamentary approval before starting the process of leaving the European Union, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, potentially delaying Prime Minister Theresa May's plans to trigger exit negotiations by the end of March.

Putting the issue before Parliament is not a simple matter. Though May holds sway in the House of Commons, the House of Lords have in recent years stalled dozens of pieces of legislation with which they disagreed, including an attempt by May's predecessor to impose welfare cuts on the vulnerable. The government backed down after the delay.

"Defeat in the House of Lords would not stop Brexit from happening, but it could delay it until mid-2020," Souta said.

The lawsuit was considered the most important constitutional case in a generation because it centered on the question of who ultimately wields power in Britain's system of government: the prime minister and her Cabinet, or Parliament.

May had said she would use centuriesold powers known as royal prerogative to invoke Article 50 of the EU treaty and launch two years of exit talks. The powers — traditionally held by the monarch — permit decisions about treaties and other specific issues to be made without a vote of Parliament.

The prime minister argued that the referendum gave her a mandate to take Britain out of the 28-nation bloc and that discussing the details of her strategy with Parliament would weaken the government's negotiating position.

Financial entrepreneur Gina Miller sued to force the government to seek parliamentary approval. Leaving the EU, she said, would change the fundamental rights of citizens and this can't be done without a vote of lawmakers. The Supreme Court agreed.

"The referendum is of great political significance, but the act of Parliament which established it did not say what should happen as a result, so any change in the law to give effect to the referendum must be made in the only way permitted by the U.K. constitution, namely by an act of Parliament," Supreme Court President David Neuberger said in reading the decision.

"To proceed otherwise would be a breach of settled constitutional principles stretching back many centuries," he said.

Significantly, the government did win one argument Tuesday, with the ruling that the legislatures of the nations that are a part of the United Kingdom — Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland — do not need to be consulted on Brexit. Such consultation would likely have led to a significant delay as lawmakers from the regions piled in with their concerns.

Although the U.K. government has ceded authority over many local issues to these bodies, responsibility for international relations still rests with the government in Westminster. "Relations with the EU are a matter for the UK government," Neuberger said.

The government of Scotland, where voters overwhelmingly supported continued EU membership, has been an outspoken opponent of the prime minister's plans for Brexit, and opposition to Tuesday's ruling was immediately evident. The Scottish National Party, the third-largest party in the House of Commons, pledged to put forward 50 amendments.

The government might be forced to listen: Any sign that its voice is being ignored will feed into the case of those arguing Scotland should be an independent country.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said his party wouldn't frustrate the process but would seek to amend the legislation to make sure the government is held "accountable."

Miller, co-founder of SCM Direct, an online investment manager, had argued the case wasn't about blocking Brexit but about "democracy" and the "dangerous precedent" that a government can overrule Parliament.

For Miller, who brought the case along with hairdresser Deir Dos Santos, the court's decision meant vindication after months of threats to her security that followed her involvement in the case.

The case revolved around an argument that dates back almost 400 years as to whether power ultimately rests in the executive or Parliament.

Constitutional expert Andrew Blick, an expert on the Magna Carta at King's College London, said that advocates of withdrawal had long argued that leaving the EU would protect parliamentary sovereignty.

"They claimed that leaving would promote the principle that the U.K. Parliament is the ultimate source of constitutional authority in the UK," said Blick, who advised the Welsh government on the case. "That principle has now come back to bite them."

Underscoring the importance of the case, May put Attorney General Jeremy Wright in charge of the legal team fighting the suit. Wright had argued the suit was an attempt to put a legal obstacle in the way of enacting the referendum result.

The decision is a bad defeat for May and means that the government "still does not have control of the Brexit timetable," said David Allen Green, a lawyer at the London legal firm Preiskel & Co.

"The appeal decision is, however, a victory for the doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty and a vindication of an independent judiciary," Green said. "The Supreme Court has told the government to get back into its box: A proper process has to be followed."

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Vaccination is important to prevent whooping cough

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The New Mexico Department of Health confirmed last month four cases of pertussis (also known as whooping cough) in infants under 6 months old. Although no cases have been confirmed in Midland, it is very important to make sure you know what pertussis is and how to prevent it.

Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial disease. Initially, symptoms are similar to those of the common cold: runny nose, fever and mild cough. This is followed by weeks of severe coughing fits. Following a fit of coughing, a high-pitched "whoop" sound or gasp may occur as the person breathes in. The coughing may last for 10 or more weeks, hence the phrase "100-day cough."

A person may cough so hard that they vomit. Children younger than 1 may have little or no cough, but instead have periods where they do not breathe.

The time between infection and the onset of symptoms is usually seven to 10 days.

Pertussis is caused by the bacterium Bordetella pertussis. It is an airborne disease that spreads easily through the coughs and sneezes of an infected person. People are infectious to others from the start of symptoms until about three weeks into the coughing fits. Those treated with antibiotics are no longer infectious after five days. Diagnosis is by collecting a sample from the back of the nose and throat.

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Fast facts

- Pertussis is known as "whooping cough" because of the "whooping" sound that a person makes as when gasping for air after a fit of coughing.
- Coughing fits can last for 10 weeks or more. The disease is sometimes known as the "100-day cough."
- Pertussis can be life-threatening, especially in babies.
- The most effective way to prevent pertussis is through vaccination with DTaP for babies and young children and with Tdap for preteens, teens and adults.
- Vaccination of pregnant women can help protect their babies. Additionally, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that all health care workers, immediate family members and grandparents receive Tdap before having contact with newborns.
- Pertussis is generally treated with antibiotics, which are used to control the symptoms and to prevent infected people from spreading the disease.
- In 2012, the most recent peak year, 48,277 cases of pertussis were reported in the United States. This is the largest number of reported cases since 1955. Many more cases go undiagnosed and unreported.

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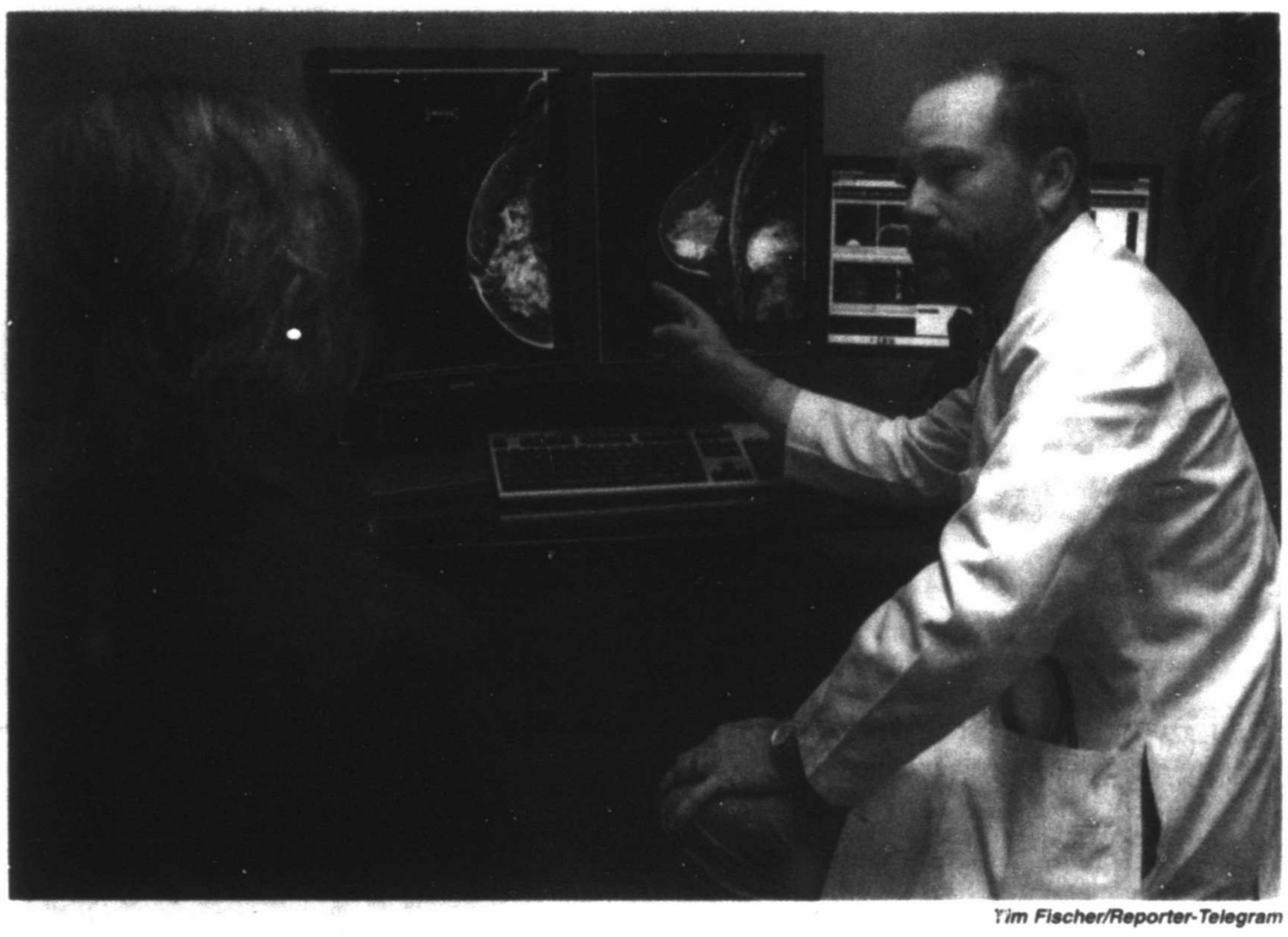

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Dr. Noah Wempe, director of Allison Women's Imaging Center — now the Breast Center — talks with nurse Charliss Rodgers about a patient's MRI scan in September 2016. Despite better screening and treatment, Americans in some parts of the country are dying from cancer at rising rates

Poorer, secluded areas of the US seeing higher cancer death rates

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Americans in certain struggling parts of the country are dying from cancer at rising rates, even as the cancer death rate nationwide continues to fall, an exhaustive new analysis has found.

In parts of the country that are relatively poor, and have higher rates of obesity and smoking, cancer death rates rose nearly 50 percent, while wealthier pockets of the country saw death rates fall by nearly half.

Better screening and treatment have contributed to the improvement in the nation as a whole — but the study underscores that not all Americans have benefited from these advances.

"We are going in the wrong direction," said Ali Mokdad, the study's lead author and a professor at the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. "We should be going forward, not backward."

Stark differences in regional cancer death rates have been found in previous research, but this one stands out for providing detailed estimates for deaths from nearly 30 types of cancer in all 3,100 U.S. counties over 35 years.

From 1980 to 2014, the U.S. death rate per 100,000 people for all cancers combined dropped from about 240 to 192 — a 20 percent decline. More than 19 million Americans died from cancer

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Squeeze from robotic sleeve keeps heart pumping

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scientists are developing a robotic sleeve that can encase a flabby diseased heart and gently squeeze to keep it pumping.

So far it's been tested only in animals, improving blood flow in pigs. But this "soft robotic" device mimics the natural movements of a beating heart, a strategy for next-generation treatments of deadly heart failure.

The key: A team from Harvard University and Boston Children's Hospital wound artificial muscles into the thin silicone sleeve, so that it alternately compresses, twists and relaxes in synchrony with the heart tissue underneath.

It's a dramatically different approach than today's therapies and, if it eventually is proven in people, it might offer a new alternative to heart transplants or maybe even aid in recovery.

"You can customize the function of the assist device to meet the individual needs of that heart," said Dr. Frank Pigula, a cardiac surgeon who, while at Boston Children's, took the idea to Harvard colleagues developing soft robotics.

More than 5 million Americans, and 41 million people worldwide, suffer heart

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DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA

Life is too short to react with anger

Why are we so angry? We are seeing it more regularly and perhaps even dealing with it daily. You may become angry before you leave the house. It could begin with a remark from someone early in the morning. Next, you get in your car to drive to work. Even if you aren't the angry driver, you inevitably shift into defense mode. As you make your way through the traffic, there's a driver who cuts you off and then ends up beside you at the very next light.

You make it to work, and share your story of what the "crazy driver" did to you this morning. Your friend may even have a similar story to share. After you vent, you go to your office. Why do we let little things get us upset or angry? Are our fuses really that short? Are we angry or just quick to get upset?

Anger can take an alarming toll on our bodies. If you are angry about issues, and it persists for a long time, it's bad for your heart. You get increased blood pressure and increased blood rate, which means your heart must work harder. It also increases the stress and energy on the lining of your arteries. Perhaps you have experienced this — a little rage and the heart pounds. I have seen people shake and turn purple when they become angry. Their heart is overworking.

I noticed many angry shoppers at Christmas. There were quite a few "number ones" being waved to other drivers and car horns being honked. You could hear the long sighs while standing in the checkout lines. A friend even witnessed a man get out of his car to yell at another car at a traffic light.

Perhaps I noticed the anger this year because I did all my shopping on Black Friday wrapped in a soft blanket, with my laptop and coffee. Yes, I cheated the holiday madness and anger by clicking away and preordering with the Amazon Elves. I must tell you, it was delightful when a few days later, packages arrived every day for a week like it was ... Christmas.

When you go shopping and know you must stand in line, you should try approaching it with a better attitude. Think about the cashiers who see unhappy customers throughout the day. Isn't it easier to smile at them? If one angry customer can ruin a day, maybe one friendly customer can brighten a day.

Shouldn't we follow the rule that says "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. Sometimes I am quiet, and now you know why. While that may be rare, I'm inclined to say what is on my mind. I hope

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Take a Moment

Nothing is more important than time spent with family. It only takes one moment today to save you many precious moments tomorrow. Ensure these times are spent in good health. Schedule your mammogram today at **The Breast Center** at **432.682.XRAY(9729)**. Visit **midlandhealth.org** to learn more.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Plant-based diet: Free health insurance

With Republican Congress bent on depriving 22 million Americans of medical insurance, this is a great time to provide our own, totally free and totally effective health insurance — a plant-based diet.

A study with 131,000 participants, in last year's Journal of the American Medical Association's Internal Medicine, found that consumption of animal protein is associated with higher risk of death. A couple dozen other massive studies in the past four decades had similar findings. None reached opposite conclusions.

According to National Institutes of Health, 1.4 million, or 68 percent, of identified U.S. deaths are attributed to heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes, linked conclusively with consumption of animal products, according to JAMA.

Cost of medical care was estimated by National Institutes of Health at $3 trillion in 2014, or $24,000 per household, and rising at 6.5 percent annually — nearly four times the rate of inflation. Incredibly, this amount rivals our national budget and represents 17.5 percent of our gross domestic product. Even so, it does not include the costs of lost productivity, disability and premature death.

We have little control over the national cost of medical care. But, each of us has a great deal of control over our household's $24,000 share every time we visit the grocery store.

— *Marcus Rigotti*

LEARY

From 1B

that people do that with me. That doesn't mean we can be cruel or rude. Talk to others as you would like them to speak to you.

Remember that your smile may be the little something that lifts up someone's spirits from across the room or while passing in the hall. The next time someone lets you know you are "number one," you should smile and wave back at them. They may think you are crazy, but they may also stop and wonder why they did that to you. Would they be so rude to you if you were outside walking? Well, some might, so be careful.

When someone is rude to you, there might be something else going on in their life. While they may seem to be looking for an argument, I will not engage them. They often find this to be more frustrating. Listen and speak with them calmly if that is what they want, answer any concerns they may have and try to make the situation better for them. Sometimes, all they need is someone to listen to them.

The recent presidential election brought out a lot of angry Americans. Some people believe the only way anyone will listen to them is to be loud and angry. As I watched the protesters marching, I couldn't help but wonder if these people work, or if they have a lot of vacation time and nothing planned yet. It could be that their favorite movie star is leading this protest and they will join for that reason alone. You never see the famous people up at the front of the pack throwing rocks through windows or getting arrested. I wonder if some feel they missed the protesting many years ago — like it was the trendy thing to do and now see this as their opportunity. I don't think their actions are making our country great again.

With technology in use to make lives easier and our work faster, we seem unable to handle the stress of such demands to do so. When we get stressed, we tend to get angry. We do need to take a time out and regroup for the betterment and decency of each other. There used to be a commercial that said instead of yelling or hitting, stop and count to 10 before picking up a crying child. Perhaps we should count to 10 before we react to a situation in which we might normally blurt out an obscenity. We need to think before we speak or act.

Let's hit the pause button on our instant reactions to situations and take a deep breath. Try to look at the situation from two different perspectives. Focus on how your actions will affect not only you, but the other person. I am asking you to be self-less and consider others. If nothing good will happen from your knee-jerk angry remark or reaction, perhaps you should not go through with that decision.

Being angry doesn't help anyone. Anger hurts the person who is angry. It gives us a false sense of power, only to leave us feeling terrible later. Anger is energy-draining. When you look back on a situation in which you were angry, you may realize there wasn't anything to be angry about, and odds are you overacted. So, pause, take a deep breath and if necessary count to 10. Now, try to handle the situation with respect both for you and the other person. Life is too short to live with anger.

Denessa Leary is Health & Wellness coordinator at Midland YMCA

Obituaries

Carl S. Friday, Sr.

Former Midlander Carl S. Friday, Sr., 72, of Canyon Lake, Texas, went to be with the Lord Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in New Braunfels, Texas.

There will be a cremation with a memorial service to honor Carl in Celebration of Life held at the VFW Post # 8573, 14625 River Road, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133, on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

He was born March 13, 1944 in Odessa, Texas. He was a Baptist and was a self employed carpenter and cabinet maker.

Survivors include his son, Carl Stanley Friday, Jr. of Texas; three sisters, Stella Dixon and Nettie Wright of Midland, Texas, and Fay Nell Wilson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Jurome and Minnie Lee Friday; his three brothers, D.J., Delbert and Freddy Friday; and by his six sisters, Sybel Clark, Artie Ditton, Joyce Smith, Lily and Lillian Friday (twins), and Vicki Hale Ratliff.

The family would like to thank all the organizations, friends, and Hope Hospice, Inc. of New Braunfels for all their loving care.

Elbert Lynn Jones

Elbert Lynn Jones, 63, of Midland, Texas, passed away on January 21, 2017 in Midland.

A memorial service will be at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Greg Underwood officiating.

Lynn was born January 6, 1954 to Elbert Lee and Ila May Jones in Sweetwater, Texas. He was raised in McCamey, Texas then moved to Snyder, Texas. He moved to Midland 35 years ago in 1982. He married Cynthia Jones January 30, 1997 in Big Spring, Texas. He worked as a Hotshot in the oilfield, working for G&W Trucking since 1982.

Lynn is preceded in death by his parents, Ila May and Elbert Lee Jones, and his brother, Alpha Jones.

Lynn is survived by his loving wife, Cynthia Jones; his children, Tiffany, Elbert Leon, and Christy; stepchildren, Abraham Poland IV, Grace Poland, andAmanda Powell; granddaughter, Angel Nyla Poland "Worm;" his sister, Vivian and her husband, Gary Norwood, their children, Shea Norwood and his wife Briana and their child, Kaeden Norwood; Tatum Mercer and her husband, Cameron and their son, Brody Mercer; sister, Maxine Nolen of Borger, Texas, nephews, Stacy Nolen, Cory Nolen, and Cody Nolen and families of Borger; his deceased brother Alpha Jones' children, Casey Jones and Alpha Jones, Jr., currently of Midland; mother-in-law, Patricia Lizon; and sisters-in-law, Helen Ann Walker and Kelly Jamras.

Lynn had many names - Dad, Pops, Bro, and Sticker.

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

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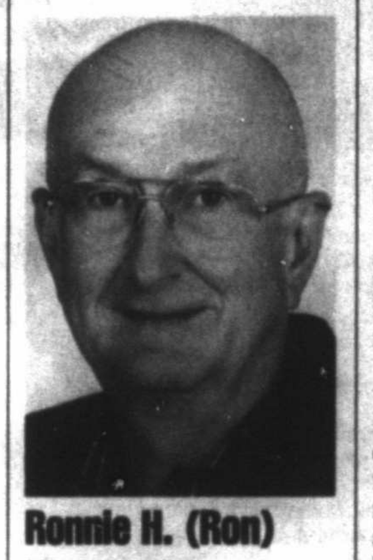
Mack Maxcey

Mack Maxcey of Brownwood, Texas passed away on January 21, 2017. He was born on November 30, 1940.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Richland Springs Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Heartland Funeral Home in Early, Texas.



Ronnie H. (Ron) Westbrook

Ronnie H. (Ron) Westbrook passed away on January 21, 2017 in Midland at his home peacefully with family at his bedside.

Ron was born on Mother's Day, May 12, 1940 in Odessa, Texas. After the age of five, he spent his early years in Oil Center, New Mexico and in a Conoco Lease House 3½ miles south of Eunice, New Mexico. His family finally moved to Eunice in 1954. Ron was proud to have gone all 12 years to Eunice Schools, graduating from high school in 1958. He then attended and graduated from New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology in 1962 with a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering. Immediately after graduation he went to work for the Continental Oil Company in June 1962.

In October 1963, his country called and he went. After serving his two years, he returned to Conoco in Odessa in October 1965. Transferring to Midland in August 1967, Ron left Conoco in April 1977 to join Mabee Petroleum Corporation. After it was determined that this Mabee Petroleum was going to be sold, Ron joined John H. Hendrix Corporation in 1980 and was employed until September 2, 2014.

Ron married the love of his life, Merlyn Westbrook, on January 27, 2000. He was always in constant awe of her many talents and love for family.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Merlyn Westbrook. He is also survived by his sons, Jim Westbrook of Salt Lake City, Utah, Derek Westbrook and wife Marla of Burleson, Texas, and Don Westbrook of Dallas, Texas; two stepdaughters, Laci and husband Jorge Cruz of Clovis, New Mexico and Lindsey and husband Ty Stark of Tahoka, Texas; and eight grandchildren, Jakob, Jacey, Jaden, Jack, Paige, Eric, Braxton, and Brantley.

Ron spent most of his early years working with youth and sports related activities. His greatest thrill was working with the Ben Milan boys' sixth grade basketball program at the Old Park Center YMCA. He always said he thought the boys taught him more than he taught them. He also gave time to the junior achievements.

Ron would want you to know how truly blessed he was with a wonderful wife, great kids, and wonderful people to work with. He truly felt he was the luckiest man on the face of earth.

As you may know, Ron was a really private person. His wishes are for family, coworkers, and personal friends to be invited to the memorial services at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel, followed by a visitation at The Branch at NPW.

Ron was a selfless, gentle, loving man. He loved his family, life, work and sports, especially The Texas Rangers. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Down Syndrome Partnership of North Texas at *dspnt.org* .

The family would like to express their gratitude toward the incredibly caring staff of Hospice Midland.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
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& Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Death Notices

David Williams

David Williams, 59, of Midland, passed away January 21, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 28, 2017 at West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors include wife, Sheila; parents, Ray and Jackie Williams; children, Jeremy Williams, Matt Williams, Valarhea Williams, and Kinsey Scott Williams; and two siblings.

Margarita Quiroz

Margarita Quiroz, 80, of Midland, passed away Monday, January 23, 2017.

Viewing will be Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a rosary on Thursday night starting at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel.

A funeral mass is set for Friday, January 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her children; daughters, Naomi Z. Torres, Sandra (Sandy) Kell, and Mary Ann Galindo; sons, Juan (Johnny) Zarate, Ricardo Zarate, Samuel (Sam) Zarate, Erby Zarate, and Wally Zarate; and by three brothers and three sisters.

Ramon Villarreal

Ramon Villarreal, 41, passed away Monday, January 23, 2017.

Viewing will be Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with prayer services both nights starting at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for Friday, January 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., also at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his son, Evan F. Bradshaw; his mother, Esther Villarreal; and by one brother and four sisters.

Ray Davis

Ray Davis, 61, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on January 23, 2017.

Funeral Services will be at 4:00 p.m., January 27, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Adults need to be role models for grieving children

ELIZABETH BUCHANAN
Centers for Children and Families

Grief is a natural part of life. Some losses that children are dealing with include when parents divorce, when a best friend moves away, physical health issues of disease or disability, moving to a new city and the loss of friends, death of a family member, pet, friend or someone else close to them. Children do not naturally know how to respond to losses and need to have healthy guidance and role modeling from adults around them.

■ **How children grieve:** Young children grieve in increments; that is, they may show grief for a few minutes and then be happily playing afterward. Young children do not have the vocabulary to express their grief.

■ **Regressive behaviors:** Regressive behaviors can occur when children are grieving. Some examples of these behaviors are wetting the bed, baby talk, needing to be rocked or held more, difficulty separating from significant others and needing to sleep in a parent's bed.

■ **Developmental stages and grief:** Children 2-4 are self-centered and lack an understanding cognitively of death or loss. They may ask the same questions over and over. Their response to being told that someone has died may be to ask when that person is coming back over to their house. They respond to grief intensely, but have a more brief experience. They do not see death as permanent.

Children 4-7 are learning more about the world around them and developing more of a sense of independence. They are learning more vocabulary and enjoy fantasy play. They may still see death as reversible. They may have a feeling of responsibility because of wishes or thoughts (for example, being angry with a parent, wishing not to be around the parent and now the parent is gone). At this age, children will also ask a lot of questions as if nothing has happened.

Children 7-11 are concrete thinkers and see things as black and white. They may view death or loss as punishment. They begin to see death as final. At this age they will ask more questions and want more detail. They have more of an ability to understand grief and be able to mourn their loss and may withdraw from friends.

Children of all ages may have changes in their eating and sleeping patterns, day-care/school problems and display irritability/angry play.

■ **Adults' response:** Adults should do active listening, be present with their children and keep consistent routines.

Play is the outlet for grief of children ages 2-7 and it's helpful to have special books to read with them.

Play can include use of drawings and stories for ages 4-7. Tell the child that nothing they thought or did caused the loss.

For children 2-4, give short answers to questions. With children 4-7, talk about the loss and give them permission to ask questions. With children 7-11, encourage them to talk about the loss, explain options and allow for choices and alone time.

Allow for physical outlets for all ages. Reassurance and nurturing are important for all age groups.

It is OK for older children to see adults grieve alongside them; however, it is important for adults to get any adult support they need and not put children in that role.

Children need adults to help them grieve with understanding, acknowledgment and validating the child. Sharing the loss and talking about good memories is part of healthy role modeling.

RATES

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during that time, the study found.

The picture was rosiest the Colorado ski country, where cancer deaths per 100,000 residents dropped from 130 in 1980 to just 70 in 2014; and bleakest in some eastern Kentucky counties, where they soared by up to 45 percent.

"We all know this is unacceptable ... in a country that spends more than anybody else on health," Mokdad said.

The Affordable Care Act took effect in the study's final years and emphasized prevention services including no-cost screenings for breast, colorectal and cervical cancers. Any resulting benefits wouldn't be evident in the latest results, since cancer takes years to develop. It's unknown whether similar coverage will be part of the replacement system the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans are seeking.

An editorial published with the study by Stephanie Wheeler, a University of North Carolina health policy specialist and Dr. Ethan Basch, a University of North Carolina cancer specialist, notes that many areas with the highest cancer death rates also strongly supported Donald Trump, "raising hopes that future policies developed by the incoming administration will provide resources" for these communities.

Researchers estimated county death rates using U.S. government death records and U.S. Census Bureau data. Results were published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Ahmedin Jemal, an American Cancer Society researcher, said better understanding variations in cancer death rates will help target cancer prevention and control.

Among the more striking disparities:

■ In counties with the highest 2014 cancer death rates, six of the top 10 were in eastern Kentucky. Six of the 10 lowest rates were in the Colorado Rockies.

■ For lung cancer deaths, four of the five counties with the highest 2014 rates were in eastern Kentucky, with rates up to 80 percent higher than in 1980. Three of the five counties with the lowest 2014 rates were in the Colorado Rockies, where rates dropped by up to 60 percent.

■ Death rates for breast and colorectal cancers increased in Madison County, Mississippi and in 2014 were at least five times higher there than in Summit County, Colorado, where the rates fell. These are among cancers that can be successfully treated if detected early.

Smoking, obesity, physical activity and income explain many of the disparities, said study co-author Dr. Christopher Murray, also at the University of Washington.

But the study also raises questions. For example, relatively high rates of testicular cancer were found in parts of Southern California and far southern Texas for reasons that are unclear. Since treatments for this rare cancer are extremely effective, "almost nobody should die of testicular cancer," Murray said.

The poor showing for eastern Kentucky contrasts with wealthier parts of the state and "is tremendously troubling," said Ben Chandler, president of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, a nonpartisan group that funds health policy research and advocacy.

Chandler cited poor access to health care and high smoking rates and said the disparities highlight a need for statewide smoke-free laws. The foundation funded a study that found that Kentucky's 2014 Medicaid expansion under the ACA covered costs for many cancer-related preventive health measures including mammograms and colon cancer screenings.

How that expanded access will fare under with the health care law's expected repeal "has been of great concern to us," Chandler said.

Self-insuring can lower companies' health costs

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

The only thing we can be certain about when it comes to health insurance next year is that it will be more expensive.

Health care costs will rise 6.5 percent in 2017, the same rate as last year, according to the consulting and accounting firm PwC. That's almost four times higher than the consumer price inflation rate of 1.7 percent.

While the Affordable Care Act has brought medical inflation down to the lowest levels in a decade, employers are faced with the challenging math of premiums rising faster than businesses can raise the prices for goods and services. Something has to give, or should I say, be taken away.

Employees have borne the brunt of higher health care costs, paying higher premiums, copays and deductibles as health costs soar. Many have seen their insurance companies shrink provider networks and limit coverage. Both executives and workers are deeply frustrated with America's runaway for-profit health care system.

There are ways, though, for companies to lower costs without lowering benefits. Like any supply chain, cutting out the middleman can bring down costs, and in health care, that means to self-insure. Instead of paying the insurance company a premium to take the annual risk on health costs, the company assumes the risk and pays the bills directly. A third-party administrator collects a flat fee for managing the health plan.

The proportion of self-insured companies has increased from 28.5 percent in 1996 to 39 percent in 2015, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute. The biggest increase has been among small- to medium-sized companies with between 25 and 999 employees.

A self-funded plan allows employers to cut out the insurance company's markup and better manage costs by encouraging wiser health spending by its employees, explained Mike Ferguson, CEO of the Self-Insurance Institute of America.

"Cost and flexibility are the two primary drivers," he said. "If your self-insured plan is set up correctly, and it's managed effectively, you will typically save money over a multiyear period. From an actuarial standpoint, the numbers tend to true up that way."

An insurance company's premium is based on the estimated cost of claims, administration, marketing, fees, taxes and profits. A self-funded plan doesn't have to pay health care taxes, market its plan or cover the insurance company's 15 percent profit margin.

The company does need to hire a third-party administrator and buy stop-loss insurance to protect against catastrophic care costs. To get the most savings, though, executives will also need to look at the aggregated spending patterns of employees and see if a wellness program will bring down claims or if the company can encourage smarter use of health care dollars.

"One company noted they had a lot of employees going to the emergency room for non-emergency services," Ferguson said. "The company changed the plan design and said: 'You can still go to the emergency room, regardless, but if you go to an urgent care center, we will eliminate any co-pay or deductible requirements so there would be no cost to the employees.'"

"Even with stop-loss insurance, you need to be able to pay the hospital or doctor when the bill comes in, so if you are a company living month to month to make payroll, no matter how big you are, self-insurance is not for you. A stable workforce is also important, from an actuarial point of view, when you are trying to predict coverage costs over time."

Mike Ferguson, CEO of the Self-Insurance Institute of America

As a result, the company saw fewer employees go to the emergency room, saving both the company and the employees money. Other companies used similar incentives to encourage employees to choose less expensive hospitals for routine maternity care.

"Employers who want to actively manage their self-funded plan can find ways to save money without compromising the care of employees," Ferguson said.

Self-funding, though, is not for every company. Remember, by dropping a traditional group health insurance plan and choosing self-insurance, the employer is assuming a lot of risk.

"Even with stop-loss insurance, you need to be able to pay the hospital or doctor when the bill comes in, so if you are a company living month to month to make payroll, no matter how big you are, self-insurance is not for you," Ferguson said. "A stable workforce is also important, from an actuarial point of view, when you are trying to predict coverage costs over time."

Most big companies already self-insure, as do many countries. In the rest of the industrialized world, health care is paid for via taxation, and the government pays providers directly. Maybe that's why they paid on average $3,620 per person for health care in 2015, while the U.S. spent $9,024, according to the U.N. Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

The fight is on between President Donald Trump and the Republican majority in Congress over how to replace the Affordable Care Act, with both sides staking out very different positions. But we know employers will continue to provide health care to 60 percent of Americans, no matter which direction they choose. Smart companies are thinking about how to get the most care for their buck.

Self-insurance is a good way to cut out the middleman, if a company's balance sheet allows.

SPARKS

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Prevention is mainly by vaccination with the pertussis vaccine. Initial immunization is recommended between 6 and 8 weeks of age. The vaccine becomes less effective over time, with additional doses often recommended for older children and adults. Vaccinating during pregnancy may protect the baby. The vaccine is estimated to have saved over half a million lives in 2002.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends all children be vaccinated for pertussis and that it be included in routine vaccinations. It is recommended that children receive three doses starting at 6 weeks of age. The vaccine is available only in combination with other vaccines.

The CDC recommended in 2006 that adults receive pertussis vaccination along with the tetanus and diphtheria toxoid booster. The agency recommended in 2011 that women receive boosters during each pregnancy. The pertussis booster for adults is combined with a tetanus vaccine and diphtheria vaccine booster (Tdap). Adults should request the Tdap instead of just a tetanus vaccination in order to receive the multi-vaccine

Val Sparks is an infection preventionist for Midland Health.

SLEEVE

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failure, a number growing as the population ages. A heart left damaged by a heart attack, high blood pressure or other conditions becomes progressively weaker and unable to pump properly.

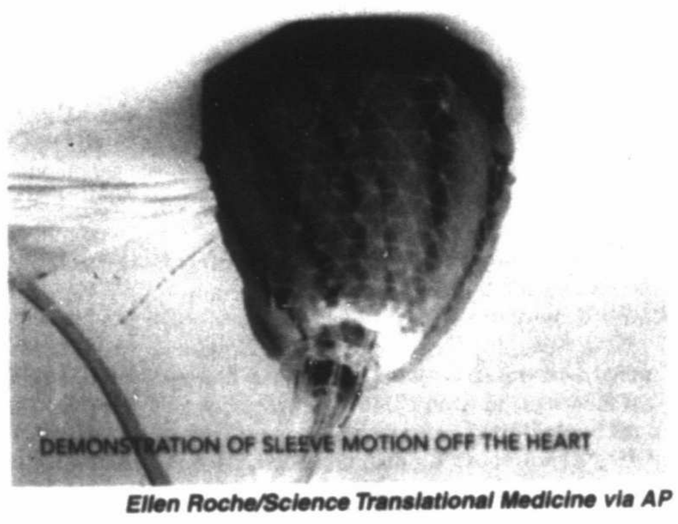
For severe cases, the only options are a scarce heart transplant or battery-powered mechanical pumps that are implanted into the chest to take over the job of pumping blood. These VADs, ventricular assist devices, prolong life, but running blood through the machinery can leave patients at risk of blood clots, strokes and bleeding.

That shouldn't be a risk with the robotic sleeve.

"The nice thing about this is it can go on the outside of the heart, so it doesn't have to contact blood at all," said Harvard associate engineering professor Conor Walsh, senior author of the research published Wednesday.

Unlike with traditional rigid medical devices, the soft robotics approach allowed design of a sleeve that could fit snugly over a heart's irregular surfaces. It moves thanks to artificial muscles, a concept developed in the polio era that's now being used in robotics. They're powered by pressurized air that would have to be carried in a pump in a backpack or fanny pack much like the batteries that power today's VADs.

The researchers programmed the robotic sleeve to move in the same pattern as the weakened heart muscle it surrounds while strengthening and optimizing each heartbeat.



Ellen Roche/Science Translational Medicine via AP

In this image from video, provided by Harvard University, a robotic sleeve designed to encase a diseased heart and gently squeeze it to help it better pump blood. Researchers at Harvard and Boston Children's Hospital developed the experimental device in hopes of improving treatment of heart failure, when the heart becomes too weak to pump.

The device can be tailored to compress different sections of the heart.

And importantly, as the sleeve relaxes, it helps the damaged heart better expand and refill with blood ready to be pumped out with the next heartbeat, said Pigula, who is now with the University of Louisville.

The big test: The sleeve restored normal blood flow in six pigs that had been put into heart failure, Walsh's team reported in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

The experiments were short, lasting only a few hours, and more research to test how long animals could live safely with the implanted sleeve is crucial before it ever could be studied in people, Walsh cautioned. He'd also like to study if physically moving damaged heart muscle — essentially exercising it — might spur it to heal and require less assistance from the sleeve over time.

"I'm quite impressed with where this research is going," said Dr. Christopher O'Connor, chief executive of the Inova Heart and Vascular Institute in suburban Washington, who wasn't involved with the sleeve's development.

Researchers have previously tried "socks" and other ways to encase or compress the heart with little success.

Unlike those prior attempts, the new sleeve is "smart, it's robotic," said O'Connor, who edits an American College of Cardiology heart failure journal. "They really worked on developing a device that can mimic the contraction of the weakened heart muscle and augment it so there is improved heart function without the theoretical clot risk."

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On December 30, 2016, as required by order of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT" or "Commission") in Docket No. 45414, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("SDTS") (collectively "Applicants"), regulated electric utility companies, filed an application with the PUCT titled Amended Application of Sharyland Utilities, L.P. and Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C., Statement of Intent to Change Rates, and Request for Grant of a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Transfer of Certificate Rights ("Amended Application"). The Amended Application requests: (1) the setting of new wholesale and retail rates that Sharyland will charge its customers; (2) the establishment of rates that SDTS will charge its only customer, Sharyland; and (3) the grant of a certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") and transfer of CCN rights to SDTS. This proceeding is the first in which Sharyland's rates will be set on a system-wide basis.

The Amended Application is based on a twelve-month test year ending December 31, 2015. The Amended Application supports an increase in Sharyland's adjusted test-year retail base rate revenues of approximately $1.4 million or 1.4 percent, exclusive of riders. Sharyland's system-wide cost-based retail base rate revenue requirement is $101.2 million, plus an additional $2.23 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders. This includes a proposal to recover $30 million for deferred costs associated with construction of the electric system in the McAllen division during its initial years of operation. As proposed, monthly delivery rates for an average residential customer consuming 1,333 kWh in the Stanton, Brady, and Celeste divisions will decrease by approximately $3.14 per month, exclusive of riders, but in McAllen and Mission they will increase by approximately $35.69 per month, exclusive of riders. The Amended Application also supports a total wholesale transmission cost of service of $147.6 million, plus an additional $3.7 million that Sharyland is seeking to recover on an annual basis through certain riders.

The Amended Application also supports a total revenue requirement for SDTS of approximately $170 million. SDTS' proposed rates are lease payments that SDTS will charge only to Sharyland for leasing its transmission and distribution assets. In a new tariff for SDTS, separate rates will be provided for the leasing of transmission assets and for the leasing of distribution assets.

The Amended Application also requests that the PUCT grant a CCN to SDTS and transfer rights under Sharyland's CCNs to SDTS authorizing SDTS to own transmission and distribution assets and lease those assets to Sharyland for the provision of electric service, along with any other rights as necessary. No new facilities are being sought in the Amended Application.

The Amended Application potentially affects all customers and classes of customers in Sharyland's Stanton, Brady, Celeste, and McAllen divisions. The Amended Application also affects all customers taking service under Sharyland's Tariff for Wholesale Transmission Service. In addition, the result could be a change in Sharyland's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The Applicants have proposed that the requested rates be made effective February 3, 2017.

A complete copy of the Amended Application is available for inspection at the following locations:

- Sharyland
  1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 400
  Midland, Texas 79701
  -or-
  1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460
  Dallas, Texas 75201
- Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
  600 Congress Avenue, Suite 2000
  Austin, Texas 78701

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission through Relay Texas by dialing 7-1-1. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is February 13, 2017.

Tackling patients' social problems can cut health costs

By Sarah Varney
Kaiser Health News

HOUSTON — Donning a protective gown, rubber gloves and a face mask, Dayna Gurley looks like she's heading into surgery. But Gurley is a medical social worker charged with figuring out why her client, a man who uses more health care services than almost anyone else in Houston, has been in three different hospitals in the last month.

The patient, who asked not to be identified, has chronic massive ulcers, AIDS and auditory hallucinations. He rents a cot in another person's home but is more often homeless, with no family to help him.

"It's almost like self-sabotage," Gurley said about her many attempts to steady her client's life. "We get really close to an important doctor's appointment or getting him connected with stable housing, and his impulsiveness gets in the way of that."

Patients like the Houston man are health care's so-called "super-utilizers" — people with complex problems who frequent emergency rooms for ailments more aptly handled by primary care doctors and social workers. They cost public and private insurers dearly — making up just 5 percent of the U.S. population, but accounting for 50 percent of health care spending.

As health care costs continue to rise, hospitals and doctors are trying to figure out how to find these patients and get to the root of their problems.

An effort to do just that started in New Jersey's poorest city, Camden, more than a decade ago. Inspired by the way police departments mapped crime data to detect "hot spots," family physician Dr. Jeffrey Brenner dug into ambulance records and emergency department data to show how high-cost patients were shuttling between city hospitals.

"In America, we're medicalizing social problems and we're criminalizing social problems, and we're wasting huge amounts of public resources," Brenner said. "We have the wrong tools to solve the wrong problem."

To steer patients away from expensive emergency care and push health systems to change the way they do business, the Affordable Care Act funds programs called Accountable Care Organizations. These are networks of hospitals, physicians and others who team up to improve care, lower costs and reap the savings.

Brenner's team at the Camden Coalition includes Latonya Oliver and Bill Nice, social workers who seek out patients like Peter Bowser in local neighborhoods. Bowser was once homeless and went to the emergency department nearly 30 times in one year.

But after Oliver and Nice helped get a permanent roof over his head, Bowser's trips to the ER all but stopped.

"I think you'd prefer to spend your time here than in the hospital any day of the week," Nice said to Bowser on a recent afternoon, gathered at the kitchen table in his tidy apartment.

This high touch, data-driven approach has yielded big savings. ER visits for the first group of patients dropped by 40 percent, cutting monthly hospital bills from $1.2 million dollars to $500,000.

Since then, Brenner has sought to spread the model around the country. One example is the Patient Care Intervention Center in Houston, a sprawling city desperate to aid its sickest and most isolated patients.

While the more than 100 hospitals here typically know their own super-utilizers, they had no way of knowing the top users across the entire city.

Tackling that problem took unprecedented planning among typically disjointed city and county agencies, hospitals and nonprofits. Now, many of the hospitals in Houston and the fire department pool their data and send it to Kalol Mahata, a former oil industry IT engineer with the patient care intervention center who combines it into one database.

Mahata and Dr. David Buck, the group's founder, help to identify patients at the top of the list — the outliers of the outliers.

Teams are dispatched to parks and neighborhoods to find the patients.

Firefighters and paramedics like Thomas Pierrel often know these residents from 911 calls. But this time, their mission is different: to encourage them to enroll in the volunteer program.

Inside one super-utilizer's threadbare home, Pierrel makes his pitch. "We go with you to your doctors, we make appointments, we find specialists. We try to maximize the resources that you have," he tells the prospective client.

The results of these intensive interventions can be stunning.

Timmy Williams was dying when Dayna Gurley found him.

He was holed up at home and reeling from untreated HIV that had progressed to AIDS. He couldn't take care of his young son and cycled through Houston's hospitals.

"When we first met Timmy, he was very hard to engage," Gurley recalled. "We knew that he probably was not taking any of his medication, and he was very skinny."

She arranged for a home aide to care for Williams seven days a week, got his apartment cleaned and the lights turned back on.

Now, Williams' HIV is undetectable and his health — and life — have been steadied.

In the two years since Houston's Patient Care Intervention Center has been up and running, costs for those in the program have gone down 83 percent and hospital visits by 70 percent.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

USA Fit Midland registration starts

Registration is now open for USA Fit Midland, a 14-week program for individuals of all fitness levels to run or walk their way to a healthier lifestyle.

Participants train together to prepare for a 5K/10K race planned for May 6.

Over the course of 14 weeks, USA Fit coaches work with participants to build their mileage, fitness, and confidence until they reach their goal. Members follow their training schedules independently during the week and gather on Saturdays for their long group runs and educational seminars.

Registration is available online at www.usafitmidland.com or in person at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane. Registration costs $60 for returning runners and city, county, and Midland ISD employees and $70 for all other participants. City, county, and MISD employees who are returning members can sign up for $50. Online registration continues through Feb. 17; in-person registratiin through Feb. 18.

Orientation is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. Group training sessions will take place at 8 a.m. Saturdays starting Feb. 4.

For more information, email info@usafitmidland.com or call Andy Cedillo at 685-7381.

MMH receives recognition

Midland Memorial Hospital is one of 48 hospitals recognized by The Texas Health and Human Services Commission for outstanding performance in the Hospital Quality-Based PPR and PPC Program. This refers to "potentially preventable readmissions" and "potential complications" during a hospital stay.

Source: Midland Health

Heart institute to sponsor seminar

Midland Memorial Hospital Heart Institute is sponsoring the thirrd annual Radiology & Cardiovascular Imaging Seminar Feb. 4. The seminar provides five Continuing Education Credits for nurses and radiological technologists.

The course is 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Registration starts at 7 a.m., and breakfast will be provided.

For more information, contact Tonya Dawson at 221-1626 or tonya.dawson@midland-memorial.com.

Midland Health events

■ Babycare/Infant CPR, 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital; $10; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com.

■ Grocery tour with a registered dietitian, 6 p.m. Thursday at Market Street, 4706 N. Midkiff Road; free, but registraiton is required; to register go to midlandhealth.org, click on classes & events.

For more information and to view other events, visit midlandhealth.org.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

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

PDAP meetings

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

■ Xodus Group, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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House committee set to take up first health care replacement bill

By Mike Debonis
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — In a sign that Republican lawmakers are set to move swiftly on plans to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, key House committees are scheduling hearings and drafting legislation to unravel former president Barack Obama's major domestic achievement.

On Tuesday, the House Budget Committee is holding a hearing titled "The Failures of Obamacare: Harmful Effects and Broken Promises," while the Ways and Means Committee is set to examine the "effectiveness" of the individual mandate to buy insurance, a linchpin of the ACA's model to expand insurance and make it more affordable.

Next week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee — which is playing a central role in drafting an Obamacare replacement — will hold a pair of hearings on key policy topics: lowering insurance costs and reforming Medicaid, according to a person familiar with the plans. Crucially, the person said, legislation sponsored by committee leaders will be introduced proposing specific reforms in those areas, in what can be considered the first pieces of the GOP health care replacement plan.

Those hearings, chaired by Health subcommittee chairman Rep. Michael Burgess, R-Texas, could set the tone and tempo for the House GOP health care efforts to follow. They will come days after Republican lawmakers meet in Philadelphia to hear from President Trump about his legislative agenda and to discuss policy plans among themselves.

Republican leaders have indicated that they intend to replace the ACA is a piecemeal manner rather than in one fell swoop, and the Energy and Commerce hearings — and bills that will be introduced to accompany them — appear to focus on smaller-bore policy issues.

Zach Hunter, an Energy and Commerce spokesman, confirmed hearings are planned but did not specify details." Next week, the Committee will begin taking action on legislation to help rebuild our health care system with thoughtful, step by step reforms in order to bring badly needed relief to patients and families across the country," he said.

Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., the Energy and Commerce chairman, said last week in a Politico interview that he would embark on a swift but careful mission to overhaul the ACA: "We need to work aggressively on the repairs to the individual market, to Obamacare. Some might call that replacement. I call that a rebuild. I call it repair."

One hearing, the person familiar with the committee's plans said, would focus on how to get more younger and healthier people to buy insurance by allowing insurers more flexibility in setting "rating bands" — that is, the difference between the rates that insurers charge younger people and older people in the individual insurance market.

The ACA limited that differential, restricting premiums for older buyers to three times what younger buyers pay. That made insurance more affordable for older and sicker Americans, but increased premiums for younger and healthier folks — many of whom have chosen to forgo insurance and instead pay a tax penalty. Republicans are looking at expanding flexibility to a 5-to-1 ratio and giving states more freedom to adjust those differentials.

That hearing, the person said, will also look at loosening federal rules that allow individual insurance buyers to "game the system" by taking advantage of regulations that provide for a 90-day "grace period" of coverage even if an individual fails to pay his or her premiums. Planned legislation would reduce that period to 30 days, and it would also crack down on "special enrollment periods" that make it easier for individuals to wait until they get sick before buying insurance by toughening eligibility checks.

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Local forecast

Average to slightly-above average temperatures are expected this week, according to the National Weather Service. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The record high for Jan. 24 is 82 set in 1950. The record low is 9, set in 1963. On Jan. 24 of last year, the high was 76 and the low was 36.

Nature brief

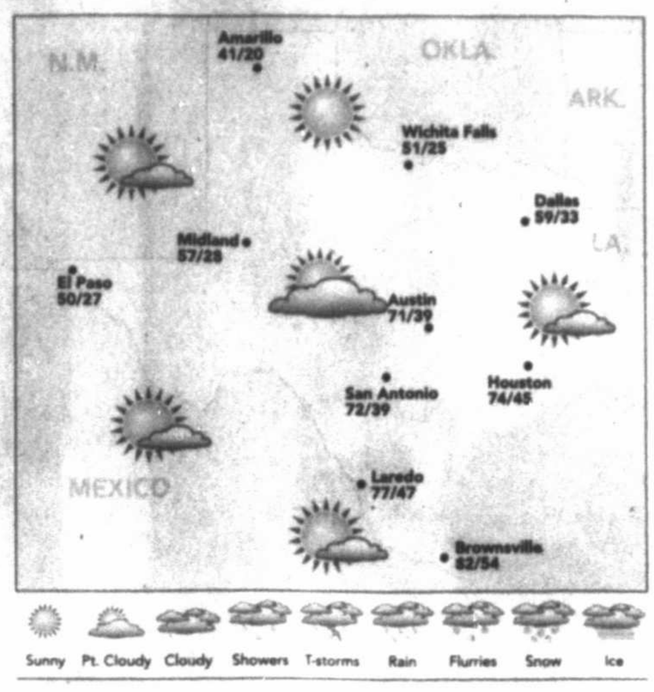
HONOLULU

Endangered Hawaiian monk seal population rises to 1,400

The population of Hawaiian monk seals, one world's most critically endangered marine mammals, has been increasing 3 percent a year for the past three years, federal wildlife officials said Tuesday.

There are now about 1,400 Hawaiian monk seals in the wild, said Charles Littnan, the lead scientist of the Hawaiian Monk Seal Research Program at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The population has experienced increases in the past, including the mid-2000s, but he characterized those as minor blips.



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Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.12 in.
Year total	1.12 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.40 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	73
Low	49
Normal high	58
Normal low	31
Sunrise	7:46 a.m.
Sunset	6:17 p.m.

National weather

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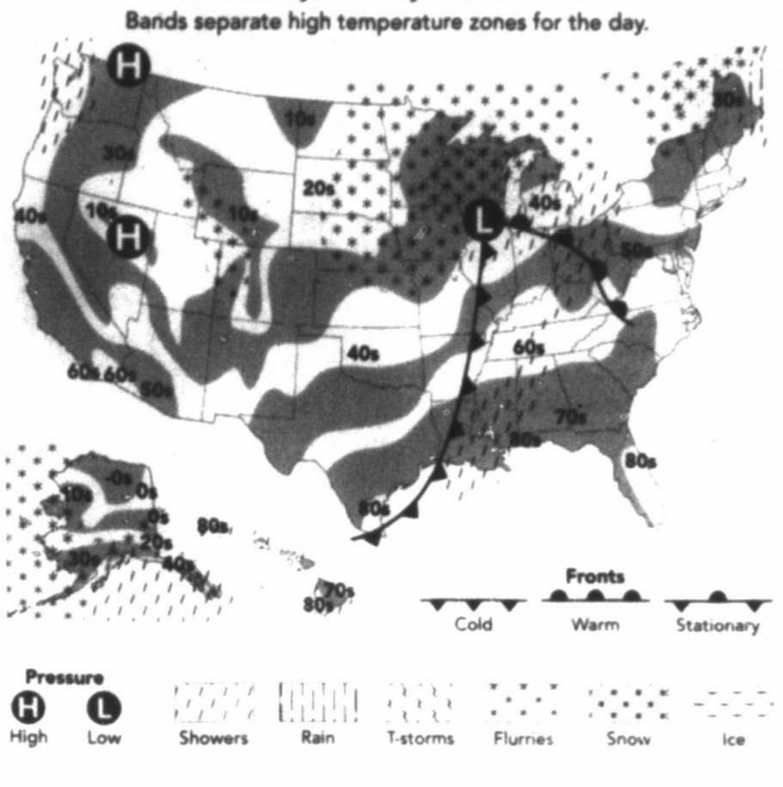
Forecast for Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Wife wonders if counseling will help husband mature

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a hard time deciding if I should forgive my husband or tell him enough is enough. In the year since our wedding, he became infatuated with one of my bridesmaids to the point of telling her — and me — that he loved her. He also flirted with women online, lied to my face about it, and asked for and received nude pictures from a "friend" and an ex.

We have been in counseling for about a month now, but we're moving soon, and I'm not sure I want to move with him, even though he now says he wants to fix things. We have a small child together, which affects my decision. What should I do? — NOT SURE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NOT SURE: It appears that the man you married was not mature enough to make that commitment. That the two of you are now in counseling and he wants to make things work is hopeful. However, considering what has been going on for the past year, I can understand your serious doubts. Because you already have a counselor helping you to work on your marriage, I think you should take your question to — and your cues from — the person with whom you are working.

DEAR ABBY: I am going to be a great-grandmother soon, and I'm very excited about it. I didn't think I would live to experience this great joy. My beautiful granddaughter is not married to the baby's father, but is a mature and loving person.

Although her immediate family is supportive, the extended family is not and refuses to acknowledge it. My sisters will call me and talk about anything and everything except my granddaughter and the baby that is coming. I don't know what to make of their conduct. I feel like hanging up on them, or telling them off and being done with them.

They are never going to experience being great-grandmothers themselves. Could they be jealous or angry that this happened? Please tell me how to handle it. Their health isn't good, so if I cut them off, it could be forever. — PERPLEXED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: Your sisters could be jealous or angry, as you suspect. They could also be judgmental and trying to "punish" your granddaughter for being pregnant and unwed by ignoring her.

I don't blame you for feeling angry, and possibly hurt, for the way they are behaving. You're entitled. But the question you must answer for yourself is, would you be better off with or without those "sweethearts" in your life? Only you can answer that one.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Light opening roadmap

East-West vulnerable. West deals

NORTH
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 7
♦ A Q 3
♣ A Q 7 3 2

WEST
♠ K 9 4
♥ Q 10 9 3 2
♦ K 10
♣ K 6 4

EAST
♠ 6 5 3
♥ K J 4
♦ 8 7 4 2
♣ 10 9 5

SOUTH
♠ A 7 2
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ J 9 6 5
♣ J 8

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1	Dbl	Pass	1NT
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Opening lead: Ten of ♥

North's two no-trump bid was very aggressive. Perhaps he felt that the hand would play well with his ace-queens sitting over the opening bidder. South was left with a challenging hand to play.

South allowed East's king of hearts and the jack of hearts continuation to both hold the trick. He won the third round of hearts with the ace, dummy having discarded a club and a spade, and stopped to think. West had to hold all of the missing high cards for his feather-light opening bid. South needed four diamond tricks to have a chance, so he led a diamond to the queen and cashed the ace. The fall of the king gave him hope, and he quickly cashed two more diamond tricks. West shed a club and a spade and dummy another spade.

South now led the eight of clubs. Had West covered with the king, declarer would have won with the ace, come back to his hand with the jack, and end-played West with a heart. West could cash a long heart but would have to lead away from his king of spades in the end. When West held back his king, South let the eight of clubs run into East. South won the ace of spades shift and had three club tricks to bring his total to nine. Well played!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017:

This year you see life from a very different perspective than in the past. You feel that if you can conjure up a dream or goal, you can make it happen. You communicate your feelings with precision when you choose to. If you are single, you might blur the line between reality and a romantic fantasy. Be aware of your choices, and be a cynic if need be. If you are attached, the two of you spend a lot of time pursuing your mutual long-term desires. This behavior creates a stronger foundation between you. CAPRICORN tends to play devil's advocate for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You would love to throw yourself into a group project or a brainstorming session. You probably will, yet there is a nagging responsibility that beckons you. You might not even be aware of your feelings here, but know that you will in time. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating requires your attention and caring. You are able to say more, but at times you might feel as if you need to hold back until you get a better lay of the land. You will come out fine, even if you do not pull back so much. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Look to the long term, and tighten up a project. You might even choose go back to school to take a brush-up course in your field. Count on viable feedback from a close friend. Your instincts come through with an older person. Tonight: Opt for an important conversation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Defer to a partner or loved one. Understand that this person is determined to take over and run the show. Look at your long-term desires. Detach, and you will see many possibilities. This path proves to be the right one for you. Tonight: Say "yes" to a loved one's suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Pace yourself. Know that you are human and can do only so much. Remember that nobody's perfect, not even you. A loved one makes a considerable difference in your plans. You could be surprised by how good his or her advice is. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might be up for fun and games, but someone else is not. You can use every play in your book, but it probably won't make a difference or change his or her mind. Respect this person and his or her dedication. Tonight: Have a long-overdue conversation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ A personal issue keeps floating through your thoughts. Don't you think it would be better to handle the situation now and free yourself up to focus on what you must? You are likely to see this matter differently once it is resolved. Tonight: Head home and indulge yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be less than pleased with a loved one's comment. You also might have misunderstood or misinterpreted what he or she was trying to say. You have a way and style about you that draws in those who often say off-the-wall stuff. Tonight: Hang out at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You are aware of what you need to do, but the other party involved might not see eye to eye with you. Listen to your inner voice when handling a financial matter that could have implications regarding your home. Tonight: Swap ideas and solutions with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Decide what you want from a situation, and initiate a conversation. You might be delighted that you see eye to eye with a friend over the same issue, but how you arrive at your conclusions could differ. Reach out to a trusted adviser for some feedback. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Listen to news, and stay centered. You might have a great moneymaking idea, but be sure to test it out before taking any risks. You will want to speak to someone in the know who understands you, your lifestyle and how you think. Tonight: Share ideas with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You know what you want and where you are heading. You have been working on a plan that you have held near and dear for years. You might want to test out some of your game plan on a trusted friend, as you know you will get honest feedback from him or her. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

BORN TODAY

Writer Virginia Woolf (1882), singer/songwriter Alicia Keys (1981), football player Patrick Willis (1985)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Put a spell on
4 Organizes from best to worst, say
9 Arizona landforms
14 Wrath
15 Longtime "At the Movies" co-host
16 One bit
17 Shake up
18 "'C'mon, loosen up!"
20 Do penance
22 Certain string musician's need
23 *Place for lefts and rights
26 "Star Wars" extras
27 Word of passione
28 Cheek
31 "Alas!"
34 Elementary bit
37 Water nymph
40 *Compromise
43 Orchard trees
44 "Ready are you? What know you of ready?" speaker
45 Low in fat
46 Supermodel Banks
48 Gross
50 PD alert
52 *Market measure
58 French president Hollande
61 Sees red
62 *General principle
65 Bygone muscle car
66 Holiday visitor
67 "Science of Logic" author Georg
68 Shy person's note?
69 Branch quarters
70 Philadelphia pro
71 "Major Crimes" network

DOWN

1 Muslim veil
2 Sister of Calliope
3 Maker of ColorQube printers
4 One-named singer portrayed by Jennifer Lopez in a 1997 film
5 Japanese sash
6 Gun, as a V8
7 Roman fountain
8 Spot
9 Pony Express concern
10 Vocalist James
11 Plopped down next to
12 Apportion
13 Boatloads
19 Stack under a tarp
21 "Close, but no cigar"
24 Family nickname
25 Threadbare
29 Boy in "Star Wars" prequel films
30 "I wish I could"
31 Bit of band gear
32 Small snicker
33 Sub filler
35 "So THAT's what's going on here!"
36 First responder
38 It borders the Fla. panhandle
39 Hideout
41 Medit. country
42 Big name in bigwigs
47 Dating from
49 Cat dish tidbit
50 Nasal spray brand
51 Danish fruit
53 Parishioner's pledge
54 Milo of "Barbarella"
55 "Pay attention, man!" ... and, in a different way, what the end of each answer to a starred clue refers to
56 John of The Red Piano Tour
57 Strikes through
59 "Far out!"
60 Stockholder's assets?
63 Trendy boot brand
64 Blanc heard but not seen

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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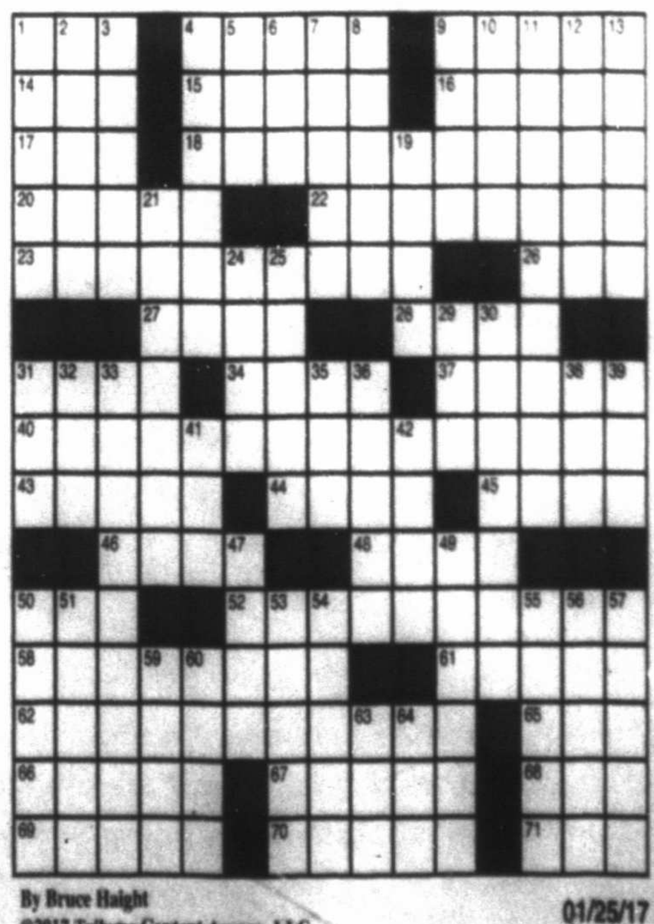

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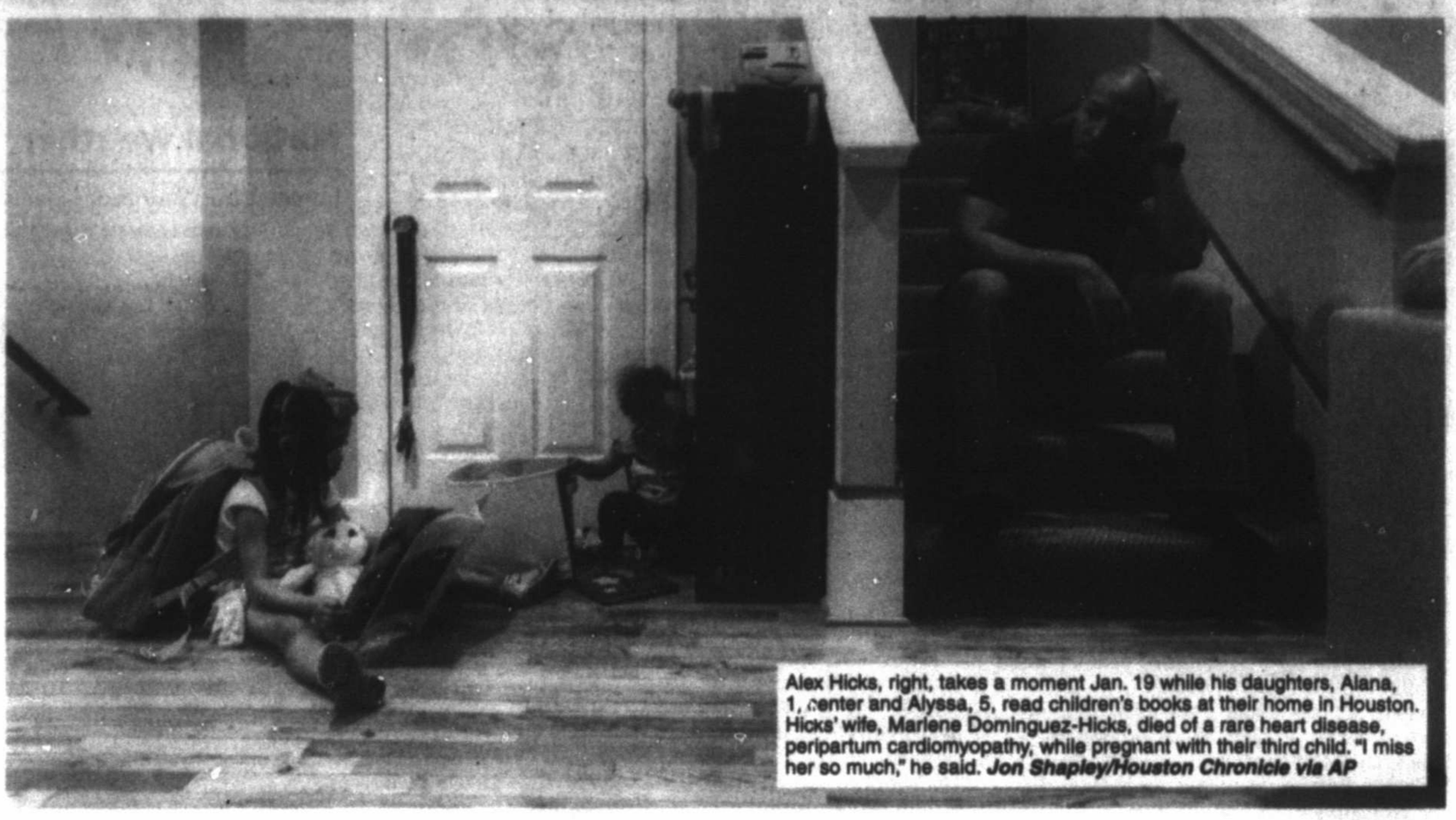
Death of pregnant doctor draws scrutiny to heart issue

By Susan Carroll
Houston Chronicle



Alex Hicks, right, takes a moment Jan. 19 while his daughters, Alana, 1, center and Alyssa, 5, read children's books at their home in Houston. Hicks' wife, Marlene Dominguez-Hicks, died of a rare heart disease, peripartum cardiomyopathy, while pregnant with their third child. "I miss her so much," he said. *Jon Shapley/Houston Chronicle via AP*

HOUSTON — Alexander Hicks sprang from the couch and sprinted up the stairs as soon as he heard the thump. It sounded like a stack of heavy books falling off a shelf. Maybe Alyssa, their 5-year-old, had jumped out of bed? She'd been cuddled up in the master bed with her baby sister and his wife, who was nine months pregnant.

Hicks reached the bedroom and saw the girls sleeping peacefully. In the light of the master bathroom, he found his wife, Marlene Dominguez-Hicks, unconscious on the floor. She was 33 and nearly finished with her radiology fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

He pulled her into his arms. Her eyes were vacant. She was making a hissing noise. You're the doctor, Hicks thought. What am I supposed to do?

"Alyssa! Alyssa! Go tell Grandma to call 911!"

The dispatcher said to tilt her up and put her on her left side. Hicks did, but her teeth clenched, and her jaw locked up. Blood started pouring from her nose.

"Stay with me, Mar! Stay with me!"

Peripartum cardiomyopathy, or PPCM, is an uncommon form of heart failure during the last month of pregnancy or up to five months after giving birth, according to the American Heart Association. It weakens and enlarges the heart chambers until, in the most serious cases, the left ventricle can no longer pump enough blood to vital organs.

Doctors are trying to figure out what causes it.

"It happens in women who are young and healthy during what is supposed to be a happy time in their lives," said Dr. Lili Ayala Barouch, an associate professor of medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Texas leads the nation with its maternal mortality rate, which spiked from 18.6 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2010 to 35.8 deaths per 100,000 in 2014, according to a recent study in the medical journal Obstetrics and Gynecology.

The state convened a task force in 2013 to investigate why the rates are so high and what can be done to address it.

The task force reported in July that heart diseases were the top killer of pregnant women and new moms in 2011 through 2012, though its latest report did not break down what percentage of those were caused by PPCM.

PPCM is relatively rare in the United States, with an estimated rate of 1 per 3,000 to 4,000 live births. Most mothers with the disease fully recover, but it kills about 6 to 10 percent.

One of its biggest dangers, physicians said, is that its symptoms are deceptively similar to ordinary third-trimester problems: fatigue, swollen ankles and shortness of breath.

If Dominguez-Hicks felt any symptoms, she never mentioned them. A few days before she collapsed, she stole a cookie from her husband and ran up the town home stairs with it.

"Girl, you just ran up the stairs!" Hicks said, impressed.

"Yeah," she said. "I feel great."

Dominguez-Hicks had health insurance through her employer. She loved her OB-GYN, who was one of her former teachers. She went to all of her prenatal appointments.

She didn't meet many of the American Heart Association's risk factors for PPCM. She was not obese. She did not have a history of heart problems or preeclampsia. She didn't take medication or smoke or drink. She was not malnourished. She was not African-American.

She did meet one of the risk factors. She'd had two prior births, both healthy baby girls.

Alyssa was born while Dominguez-Hicks was in her fourth year of medical school.

It was a rough pregnancy, with bouts of first-trimester nausea and a long labor with a late epidural. She had little nausea and an early epidural the second time around. Moments after Alana was born, Dominguez-Hicks looked at her husband and said: "Let's do this again!"

"Are you crazy?" said Hicks, a mechanical engineer. "We got another girl. I'm done. I'm good."

But she was determined to have a boy.

After they moved to Houston for her fellowship, they found out she was pregnant again.

She was 38 weeks and four days into her pregnancy on Sept. 6. That night, she'd helped Alyssa with her homework. They'd put both girls into pajamas and watched cartoons on the laptop until they realized it was already 9 p.m.

We trust you to know when it's your bedtime, Hicks said to Alyssa.

Alyssa's reply caught him off-guard. She said she knew about trust. "My teacher says, 'Alyssa, when I leave the room and come back, I'm going to ask you who was talking because I trust you.'"

For Hicks, it was one of those moments. They were doing something right as parents, he said, instilling good values.

"I'm just so thankful for you," he told his wife. "I love you so much."

She grinned up at him.

Barouch, with Johns Hopkins, said there is no single test to screen for PPCM, which requires an echocardiogram for diagnosis.

The main symptoms to watch out for, she said, are rapidly worsening swelling in the feet or an unusual amount of shortness of breath, particularly when lying down.

"It's beyond just uncomfortable," she added. "You can't perform normal functions."

When it is diagnosed early, the recovery rate is pretty good. At least 50 percent of patients have a complete recovery, she said. Another 20 percent to 30 percent will have a partial recovery. The remainder need heart transplants or don't make it.

Hicks said his wife was always diagnosing herself.

"Ask anybody in medicine — doctors are the worst patients," Hicks said. "She probably felt something and just brushed it off."

After he found his wife on the bathroom floor, the paramedics did everything they could for her, he said. They did CPR upstairs, then downstairs, in the ambulance and at the hospital. He broke down and had to be taken into a separate room.

The baby was delivered by emergency C-section. Alexander Hicks Jr. weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. But he'd been without oxygen too long. There was no brainstem activity.

They were buried together, mother and son, in one coffin.

Hicks misses his wife's positivity, her relentless energy. He misses how she looked at the girls.

He's moving back to Michigan to be closer to family in about a month, but before he goes, he plans to sit down with his wife's OB-GYN and a copy of the autopsy report. Researchers are trying to figure out if there is a genetic component to PPCM. And Hicks wants to better understand what killed her and their son, he said, so he can prevent this from happening to his daughters.

"I need to know," he said, "for them."

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Crews preparing stadium for Super Bowl

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A crew of four men worked on the painstaking process of painting the New England Patriots logo on one end zone Tuesday afternoon at NRG Stadium for the Super Bowl.

The group provided a small glimpse into the hundreds of hours of preparation that will go into getting the home of the Houston Texans ready for the Patriots to meet the Atlanta Falcons in the Feb. 5 game.

Exactly how much time and how many workers it takes to get things in tip-top shape for such an event is impossible to estimate.

"It's more than I can even count," NFL director of events Eric Finkelstein said. "It's a very long process. The amount of prep and time it takes to get the Super Bowl ready in general is something that takes years. It's not something that happens overnight."

Finkelstein said there aren't any special challenges to preparing the stadium this season and the location of NRG actually made things a bit easier.

"Every year is going to be different, and you're going to have different challenges and different opportunities that you're dealing with," he said.

"Here the space is very flexible. It gives us an opportunity to do a lot of different things. There's a lot of room here, a lot of parking, lots of areas to build things that you don't necessarily have in other markets. So it gives us a great opportunity to put together a great Super Bowl."

Of the countless tasks that must be handled before kickoff, perhaps none is more important than getting the field into perfect condition.

The game will be played on the artificial turf that the Texans played on all season. The only pieces that have been replaced are the two end zones and the section where the 50-yard line is.

Those changes were made so the NFL could replace the Texans logos with those of the Falcons, Patriots and the Super Bowl.

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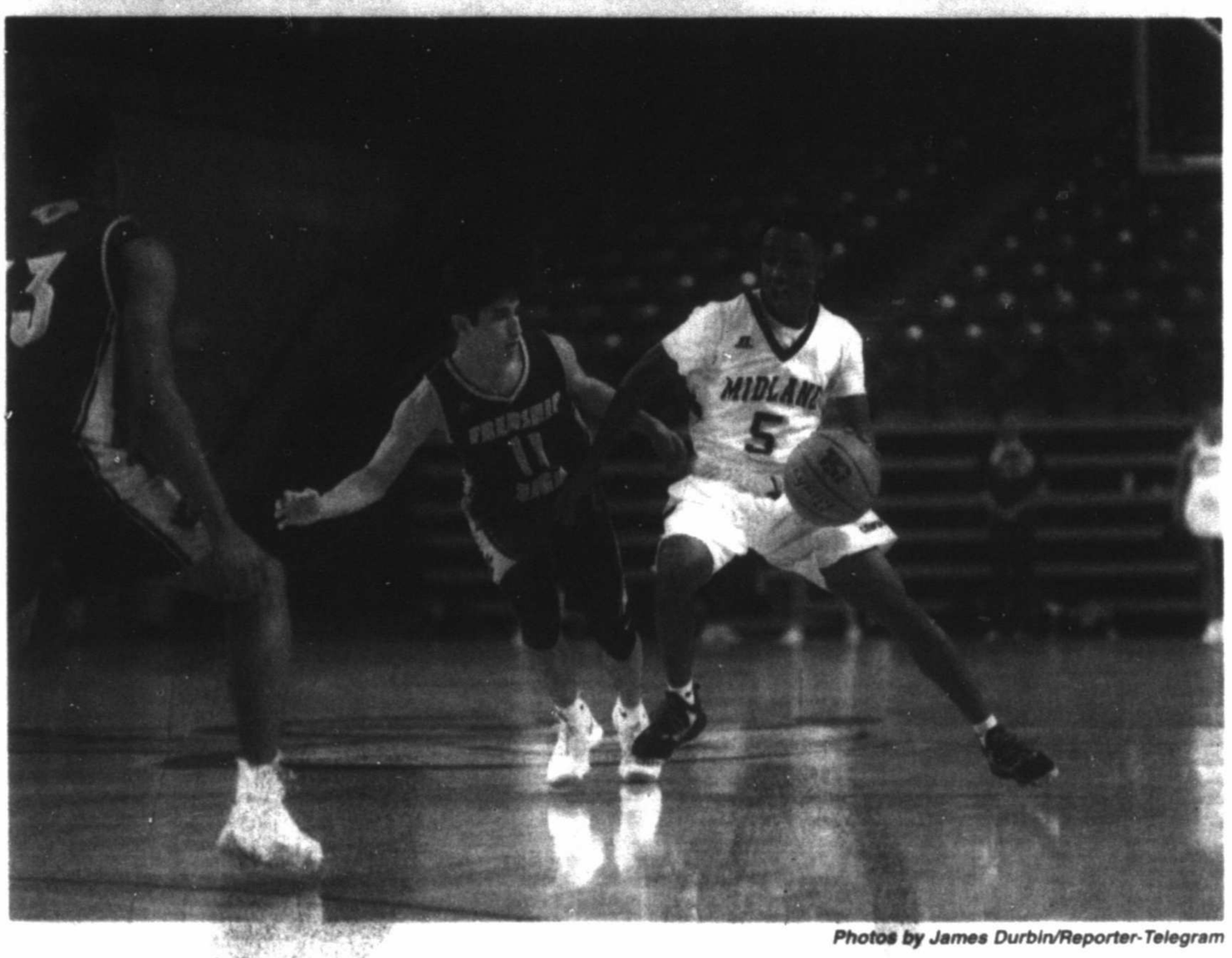
Veteran groundskeeper George Toma walks on the football field at NRG Stadium on Tuesday in Houston.

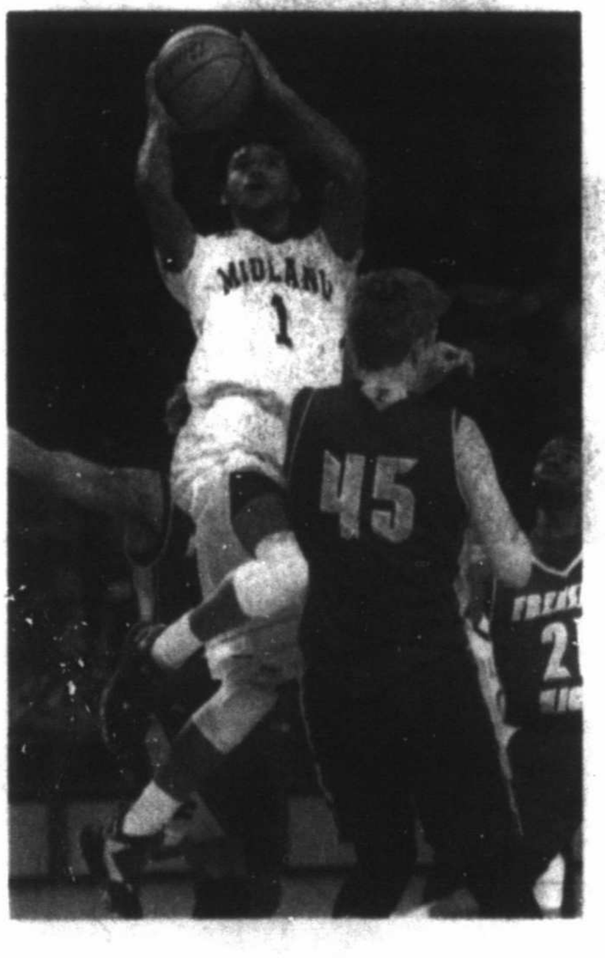
TIGERS TAME DAWGS



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Midland High's Ty Kendrick (5) dribbles the ball against Frenship's Isaac Rodriguez (11) on Tuesday at Chaparral Center. BELOW: Midland High's Courtney McMarylon (1) shoots over Frenship's Jack Kirkpatrick (45).

Frenship powers inside for victory over MHS



By Will Korn
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During its last visit to Chaparral Center last Friday, the Wolfforth Frenship boys basketball team took a while to make use of its size advantage in the post.

But the Tigers learned from their experience on Tuesday night. In their return to Chap Center, Frenship got the ball inside early and often en route to a 57-46 District 2-6A win against Midland High.

Senior forward Jack Kirkpatrick set the tone with 10 points and five rebounds in the first half for Frenship (16-8, 3-1 in District 2-6A). Guard Bradley Brooks led the Tigers with 18 points in the win and was matched by Courtney McMaryion's 18 for MHS (10-14, 1-3).

"Our plan all the time was to get the ball deep," said Frenship coach Paul Page. "We were able to do that early and it really created momentum for us."

Added Kirkpatrick: "Throughout practice, coach has really been emphasizing getting the ball inside and getting easy points early so we can run."

The Tigers, who didn't make one 3-pointer in the game, stuck with their methodical game plan and searched for the best possible shot. Meanwhile the Bulldogs, often playing with a quick-trigger mindset offensively, fired 33 shots from behind the arc and made only seven.

"Obviously, they had the advantage there on the inside and they took advantage of it," said MHS coach Shan Hooker. "They didn't hit one single three the whole game. We've got to do a better job on our help defense instead of just leaving our big man on an island with their big guy like that. They came in, and they executed and did what they wanted to do."

After a contested first half, Frenship took a 26-24 lead into the locker room. But it wasn't long before the Tigers began laying the finishing touches on the victory.

MHS quickly fell into foul trouble in the third quarter and Frenship started to make a living at the free-throw line. Slowly but surely,

Please see DAWGS/3C

MHS comeback falls short against Frenship

By Christopher Hadorn
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After being down by as many as 18 points, it seemed inconceivable that the Midland High girls basketball team held a fourth-quarter lead Tuesday night with a chance to win.

In the middle of the contest, the Lady Bulldogs were on the wrong end of a 23-0 run by visiting Wolfforth Frenship, District 2-6A's lone unbeaten team, at Chaparral Center.

Undeterred by the lopsided run, MHS made things interesting with a spirited fourth quarter comeback attempt, but it wasn't enough.

The Lady Tigers made two key baskets down the stretch to escape the Tall City with a 46-42 victory over Midland High.

Trailing 41-39 with less than two minutes remaining, Frenship took the lead for good when Margaret Gaydon sunk a go ahead 3. On the ensuing in-bounds pass by MHS, the Lady Tigers forced a steal and Avery Dear added an easy layup off the turnover, pushing Frenship to a 44-41 advantage with 1:26 to play.

The Lady Tigers' quick surge spoiled a remarkable Lady Dawgs' rally, in which they overcame a 31-13 deficit in the second half.

Brittney Garza and Taysha Rushton each sank two 3s to lead MHS.

Please see LADY DAWGS/3C

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Taysha Rushton (14) dribbles the ball against Frenship on Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

Venus Williams, Federer back in the thick of a Grand Slam

Associated Press

Venus Williams celebrates after defeating Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova during their quarterfinal at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, on Tuesday.

By Dennis Passa
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — For all their Grand Slam successes, Venus Williams and Roger Federer still find themselves surprised to be in the semifinals at the Australian Open.

Injuries, illness and advancing age can do that to the best of athletes, even 17-time major champion Federer and seven-time Grand Slam singles winner Williams, who has overcome an energy-sapping illness and is playing some of her best tennis since being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome in 2011.

"I have a lot to give, I have a lot to give to the game. I feel like I have a lot of great tennis in me," Williams said when asked why she didn't retire when diagnosed with the illness that also causes joint pain.

"So anytime you feel that way, you continue. It's just the excitement of having the opportunity to compete at my best level."

The 36-year-old Williams beat Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Tuesday, becoming the oldest player to reach the semifinals at Melbourne Park in the Open era. She'll next play CoCo Vandeweghe, an American who beat French Open champion Garbine Muguruza 6-4, 6-0 in Tuesday's other quarterfinal match.

It was a long time coming for Williams, who reached her 21st Grand Slam semifinal but her first at the Australian Open in 14 years.

The 35-year-old Federer, meanwhile, is back from a six-month injury layoff due to left knee surgery. On Tuesday, he had a 6-1, 7-5, 6-2 win over Mischa Zverev, the player who eliminated top-seeded Andy Murray from the tournament two nights earlier.

Federer's semifinal opponent will be Stan Wawrinka, who had his major breakthrough in Australia in 2014. Wawrinka beat Jo-Wilfried

Please see WILLIAMS/5C

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Reese's Senior Bowl, Practice, Noon, ESPNU

Reese's Senior Bowl, Practice, 3 p.m., ESPNU

CRICKET

Big Bash Semifinal: Brisbane Heat vs. Sydney Sixers, 3 p.m., NBCSN

FIGURE SKATING

ISU European Championships: Ostrava Ladies, Short Program, 11 a.m., NBCSN

ISU European Championships: Ostrava Pairs, Short Program, 1 p.m., NBCSN

GOLF

PGA: The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic, Final Round, 2 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, 1st Round, 12:30 a.m., GOLF

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

SMU at UCF, 5 p.m., ESPNews

Memphis at Temple, 5 p.m., CBSSN

St. John's at Providence, 5:30 p.m., FS1

Connecticut at USF, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Missouri at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC

Creighton at Georgetown, 6 p.m., FSSW+

Minnesota at Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN

George Washington at George Mason, 6 p.m., SNY

Bryant at Central Connecticut State, 6 p.m., FCSP

Texas Tech at Baylor, 7 p.m., ESPNews

Rhode Island at Richmond, 7 p.m., CBSSN

Butler at Seton Hall, 7:30 p.m., FS1

Alabama at Georgia, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Florida at LSU, 8 p.m., SEC

Iowa at Illinois, 8 p.m., BTN

San Jose State at Colorado State, 8 p.m., ROOT+

Nevada at Boise State, 9 p.m., CBSSN

Washington at Arizona State, 10 p.m., ESPNU

UCLA at USC, 10 p.m., FS1

MEN'S SOCCER

Copa del Rey, Quarterfinal: Elbar vs. Atletico Madrid, 12:10 p.m., beIN2

Copa Italia: Juventus vs. AC Milan, 1:30 p.m., GolTV

EFL Cup Semifinal, Leg 2: Liverpool FC vs. Southampton FC, 1:40 p.m., beIN

Copa del Rey, Quarterfinal: Celta vs. Real Madrid, 2:10 p.m., beIN2

Copa MX: Jaguares de Chiapas vs. Club Necaxa, 6:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: FC Juarez vs. Monterrey, 8:20 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: Puebla vs. Atlas, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

NBA

Golden State at Charlotte, 7 p.m., ESPN

New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

LA Lakers at Portland, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL

Philadelphia at NY Rangers, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

Australian Open, Women's Semifinals, 6 p.m., TENNIS

Australian Open, Women's Semifinals, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Australian Open, Men's Semifinals, 2:30 a.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kansas at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., FCSA

Iowa State at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSC

Texas at TCU, 8 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP

ON RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas Tech at Baylor, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

NBA

New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Lee falls to Abilene Cooper, 2-1

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Abilene Cooper girls soccer team scored on a counter attack with three minutes remaining to squeak past Lee, 2-1, on Tuesday in a non-district match.

The Lady Rebels (2-2-3) scored the equalizer in the 76th minute on a goal by senior forward Jessy Luna.

Lee freshman goalkeeper Jenna McEnaney recorded nine saves. Lady Rebels coach Mark Hinshaw said McEnaney helped keep his team in the match during the first half.

Despite the loss, Hinshaw said his Lee girls dominated the second half. Neither team scored in the first half.

Lee next travel to San Angelo Lake View at 6 p.m. Monday.

Wild cough up two-goal lead but beat Stars

By Michael Russo
Minneapolis Star Tribune

DALLAS — The Wild may need to start trying to win hockey games 1-0.

For the fifth time in seven games, the Wild coughed up at least a two-goal lead Tuesday night.

But in the end, the Wild was able to snag two points anyway after Chris Stewart scored to cap a five-round shootout and 3-2 Wild victory over the Dallas Stars at American Airlines Center.

After the Wild somehow survived a 3-on-0 in overtime after Cody Eakin fired over the net, Jason Pominville and Mikko Koivu each scored in the shootout — Koivu to extend things to the fifth round with his 40th career shootout goal — before Stewart's ninth career shootout goal.

The Wild, who avoid consecutive regulation losses for the second time this season, improved to 11-0-2 in its past 13 on the road.

Pominville's first-period goal and Koivu's second-period, power-play goal gave the Wild a 2-0 lead the 4:38 mark of the middle period.

But with all going well, defenseman Ryan Suter committed a turnover that led to the Stars jumping right back into the game. Jason Spezza pressured Suter in the giveaway, and moments later, Antoine Roussel made a great pass to tee up Tyler Seguin, who was barely noticeable up to the 9:38 juncture of the second.

Roussel, the instigator who often has eventful games against Minnesota, took a cross-checking penalty 39 seconds later. But the Wild didn't register a shot on the power play, and from that point on, the Stars gained momentum.

Still, the Wild were 49 seconds away from getting out of the period with a one-goal lead when Jared Spurgeon was called for an interference penalty. Eight seconds later, Eric Staal took a penalty off a faceoff.

That gave Dallas a 5-on-3 for 1:52 with 40.8 seconds left in the period. With defenseman Marco Scandella down on one knee trying to prevent a cross-slot pass, Jamie Benn's attempted pass deflected off Scandella and right to Patrick Eaves in front. He beat Devan Dubnyk for the tying goal.

It was the seventh consecutive Wild game either the Wild or their opponent saw at least a two-goal lead disappear.

Jason Pominville, who did have the turnover that led to Nashville's winning goal, has been heating up of late.

He continued the good looks right from the opening shift in Dallas. His line, with Zach Parise and Erik Haula, spent the most time in the offensive zone and it was Pominville who gave Minnesota a 1-0 lead.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	48	28	13	7	63	144	121
Ottawa	45	25	15	5	55	122	120
Toronto	45	22	14	9	53	140	131
Boston	50	23	21	6	52	128	129
Florida	48	20	19	9	49	112	133
Detroit	47	20	19	8	48	120	136
Buffalo	48	19	18	9	47	110	128
Tampa Bay	48	21	22	5	47	130	142

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	47	32	9	6	70	155	101
Columbus	46	32	10	4	68	155	106
Pittsburgh	46	30	11	5	65	169	134
N.Y. Rangers	48	31	16	1	63	167	127
Philadelphia	48	23	19	6	52	136	154
Carolina	47	21	19	7	49	126	137
New Jersey	48	20	19	9	49	110	136
N.Y. Islanders	45	19	17	9	47	129	133

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	46	30	11	5	65	152	106
Chicago	49	30	14	5	65	137	122
Nashville	47	23	17	7	53	130	122
St. Louis	47	23	19	5	51	134	147
Winnipeg	50	22	24	4	48	142	154
Dallas	48	19	20	9	47	129	151
Colorado	44	13	29	2	28	89	148

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	50	27	14	9	63	133	125
San Jose	47	29	16	2	60	125	107
Edmonton	49	26	15	8	60	144	131
Calgary	50	24	23	3	51	130	142
Vancouver	48	22	20	6	50	116	135
Los Angeles	47	22	21	4	48	117	120
Arizona	46	14	26	6	34	102	150

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

St. Louis 3, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Islanders 4, Columbus 2
Los Angeles 3, New Jersey 1
Boston 4, Detroit 3, OT
Montreal 5, Calgary 1
Ottawa 3, Washington 0
Buffalo 5, Nashville 4, OT
San Jose 4, Winnipeg 3
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago 2
Minnesota 3, Dallas 2, SO

Today's Games

Toronto at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NJCAA POLLS

NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball Poll
First place votes in parentheses

Rank	College	Record	Pts.	Pvs.
1	South Plains (14)	18-0	348	1
2	Hutchinson CC	19-0	334	2
3	Georgia Highlands	19-0	317	4
4	San Jacinto-Central	19-0	309	5
5	Mineral Area	21-0	298	6
6	McLennan CC	21-0	273	8
7	Moberly Area	19-1	249	4
8	Northwest Florida State	18-2	246	11
9	Vincennes	18-1	223	15
10	Tyler JC	16-1	220	14
11	Tallahassee CC	20-2	217	1
12	Jones County	17-1	180	9
13	North Dakota SCS	19-1	164	16
14	Gillette	18-2	155	17
15	Eastern Florida State	18-3	137	10
16	Marion Military	14-1	131	18
17	Odessa College	15-3	105	19
18	Walters State	17-2	103	13
19	Lamar CC	18-3	99	12
20	Salt Lake CC	17-3	96	22
21	Daytona State	19-4	55	25
22	Spartanburg Methodist	18-2	53	RV
23	Trinity Valley CC	16-4	46	RV
24	Snow College	17-3	37	21
25	Mottow State TN	17-3	31	RV

NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball Poll

Rank	College	Record	Pts.
1	Odessa College	16-0	1
2	Gulf Coast State	20-1	2
3	Chipola College	19-1	3
4	Hutchinson CC	18-1	5
5	New Mexico JC	14-4	6
6	Salt Lake CC	18-2	7
7	Seward County	18-1	4
8	South Plains	18-3	8
9	Trinity Valley CC	17-2	9
10	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	15-1	10
11	Tallahassee CC	17-3	11
12	Shelton State	18-2	13
13	Palm Beach State	15-2	14
14	Pensacola State	16-4	12
15	Hartford	17-2	17
16	Cochise College	17-1	19
17	Wabash Valley	17-1	20
18	Northwest Florida State	14-5	15
19	Midland College	12-4	22
20	Mottow State	16-3	16
21	Jones County	12-1	RV
22	Cowley County	15-4	18
23	Iowa Western	14-4	RV
24	South Georgia Tech	18-3	NR
25	Three Rivers MO	18-2	RV

JACKALOPES NEWS

JACKS ADD SCORER TO LINEUP

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes announced that they made a trade this past weekend for the Topeka Roadrunners leading scorer, Peyton Frantti.

Frantti did not play this last weekend, and traveled to Odessa to practice with the team this whole week. The deal included the Jackalopes sending assets to the Roadrunners in return for Frantti.

The 6-foot-3, 205-pound rookie from Spring Grove, Illinois, has 26 points (11-15-26) through the first 35 games of the season for Topeka. Making the preseason roster for the Omaha Lancers of the USHL. Frantti only saw one game before heading to Topeka.

Frantti played the last three seasons at Culver Academy. Last year, Frantti played with fellow Jackalopes teammate, Rune Kirby, where he accumulated 39 points (21-18-39) in only 37 games played.

The move comes at a perfect time for the Jacks, as Chris Donaldson was placed on injured reserve, retroactive to the Jan. 6 game against the Amarillo Bulls.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Promoted Billy Bean to vice president and special assistant to the commissioner, Renee Tirado to vice president of talent acquisition and diversity & inclusion, and Melanie LeGrande to vice president of social responsibility.

American League

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with INF Luis Valbuena on a two-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with 1B James Loney on a minor league contract.

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Acquired RHP Severino Gonzalez from Philadelphia for a player to be named or cash.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jobe Chamberlain on a minor-league contract with an invitation to the spring training.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Agreed to terms with C Nick Hundley on a one-year contract. Designated INF Efrire Adrianza for assignment.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed OF Colin Willis and OF Cameron Newell.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Jake Gohlke.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Jesso Grider.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed LHP Pat Peterson.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed OF Connor Crane.

Frontier League

LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Traded RHP Josh Lester to Lincoln (AA) for RHP Diego Ibarra.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed RHP Payton Lobdell.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Announced the team acquired the right to own and operate an NBA D-League expansion team that will begin play for the 2017-18 season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Named David Culley quarterbacks coach.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LB Bryson Albright to a reserve/future contract.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed C Jacob Flores, LB Reggie Gilbert, WR Antwan Goodley, LB Derrick Mathews, G Lucas Patrick, DT Brian Price, TE Beau Sandland and S Jermaine Whitehead.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed DT Caushaud Lyons to a reserve/future contract.

Canadian Football League

OTTAWA REDBLACKS — Announced the retirement of QB Henry Burris.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Arizona F Peter Holland $3,611.11, for punching an unsuspecting opponent, Tampa Bay F Ondrej Palat, during a Jan 21 game.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Activated F Marcus Kruger from injured reserve.

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled F Jim O'Brien from San Antonio (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled LW Drew Miller from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Activated D Kohanni Auvinen from injured reserve and assigned him to Albany (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Traded F Tommy Wingels to Ottawa Senators for Fs Buddy Robinson and Zack Stortini and assigned them to San Jose (AHL).

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Chandler Stephenson from Hershey (AHL).

ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS — Acquired D Jacob Poe and the rights to Miles Koules from Tulsa for F Tyson Fawcett.

READING ROYALS — Announced G Mark Dekanich was loaned to the team by Lehigh Valley (AHL).

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Announced D Joey Leach was reassigned to the team by Hershey (AHL) and G Parker Milner was recalled by Hershey.

LACROSSE

United Women's Lacrosse League

UWLX — Named Gary Gait interim commissioner.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed D Tyrone Mears.

COLUMBUS CREW — Acquired M Mohammed Abu as a special discovery player.

D.C. UNITED — Signed F Sébastien Le Toux to a one-year contract.

FC DALLAS — Terminated the contracts of D Moses Hernandez and D Jose Salvatierra.

MINNESOTA UNITED — Signed M Bernardo Anor, D Jermaine Taylor and M Rasmus Schuller.

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed G Rafael Diaz and M Arun Basubjeet.

ORLANDO CITY SC — Signed D Jonathan Spector.

North American Soccer League

NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed M Andres Flores.

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Named Denise Reddy assistant coach.

COLLEGE

HEART OF AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Lynn Meredith assistant commissioner, effective March 1.

CINCINNATI — Named Ron Crook offensive line coach, Al Washington's defensive line coach and Kevin Carroll to assistant volleyball coach. Promoted Phillip White to associate head volleyball coach.

CLEMSON — Named Todd Bates defensive line coach and Mickey Conn safeties coach.

COASTAL CAROLINA — Named Willy Korn wide receivers coach.

HAMILTON — Named Miriam Merrill associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator.

IOWA — Announced senior WR Jonathan Parker will transfer.

NOTRE DAME — Named QB Tommy Rees quarterbacks coach.

RICE — Named Curtis Canty director of compliance services.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI — Named Jon Gilbert athletic director.

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NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SPURS 108
RAPTORS 106

TORONTO — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points, Patty Mills added 18 off the bench and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Toronto Raptors 108-106 on Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Without Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker and Pau Gasol, the Spurs completed a season sweep of the Raptors following a 110-82 home victory earlier this month.

Kyle Lowry had 30 points and reserve Terrence Ross added 21 for the Raptors, who have lost four in a row for the first time since March 4-10, 2015.

In a back-and-forth fourth quarter that saw eight lead changes — after just two in the preceding 36 minutes — the Spurs finally took control on a floating jump shot from rookie Dejounte Murray with 1:29 to play.

Ross shot an airball on a 3-pointer on the Raptors' next possession, and after four consecutive scoreless possessions between the teams, Aldridge had a chance to establish a four-point lead with 1:1.3 seconds left on a pair of free throws, but he missed his second shot.

Norman Powell cut the lead to one with a dunk with 6.2 seconds remaining, and after Aldridge split another pair of free throws with 5.1 seconds to go, Powell missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

BULLS 100
MAGIC 92

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwyane Wade trusts his natural feel for the game when it's time to defer and allow Jimmy Butler to take over down the stretch.

The 14-year veteran guard also knows when his new team needs more of him late in the games. He sensed it Tuesday night, scoring seven of his 21 points in the fourth quarter to propel the Chicago Bulls to 100-92 road win over the struggling Orlando Magic.

It was the second straight game that Wade took over in the fourth quarter to lead Chicago to victory.

"Each game is different and it calls for something different," Wade said of how he and Butler play off each other. "Like I said earlier in the year, I think we are both more dynamic when we are both able to score."

Both took turns in the fourth as the Bulls pulled away in otherwise close game. Butler scored six of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as they took turns pulling up for jumpers and driving to the basket against a Magic team that was playing without three of its top four guards.

But Wade just seemed to have a little more energy as he played the role of scorer and facilitator in setting up his teammates for easy baskets throughout the fourth quarter.

76ERS 121
CLIPPERS 110

PHILADELPHIA — M. Night Shyamalan could not have scripted a twist ending from his courtside seat as implausible as this one: The 76ers pulled off a stunner over the 30-win Clippers without injured center Joel Embiid.

Nerlens Noel scored 19 points, Richaun Holmes had 18 and Philadelphia beat Los Angeles 121-110 on Tuesday night.

The Sixers rallied from 19 points down and proved yet again they are now a team trying to win games instead of tank seasons.

"We come here, put in the work every day and it's starting to show for us on the floor," Holmes said.

Embiid, out with a left knee contusion, waved his arms from the bench as the crowd shouted "Trust the Process" in the waning minutes.

Noel had three blocked shots in Embiid's spot and the Sixers hit 10 3-pointers to spur the second-half rally.

The Sixers are 3-10 without Embiid this season.

Blake Griffin, a five-time All-Star, scored 12 points on 3-of-11 shooting in his first game since Dec. 18. He averaged 21.2 points, 8.8 rebounds and 4.7 assists this season, and played in 26 of the Clippers' first 28 games.

Jamal Crawford hit six 3s and scored 27 points for the Clippers. J.J. Redick had 22.

WIZARDS 123
CELTICS 108

WASHINGTON — Bradley Beal scored 13 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter and the Washington Wizards extended their home winning streak to 14 games with a 123-108 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday night.

John Wall added 27 points, and Markieff Morris had 19 points and 11 rebounds as the Wizards never trailed while scoring their most points this season.

It came in a game they openly labeled a grudge match, even arriving at the Verizon Center in funeral-themed black clothing.

Isaiah Thomas scored 25 points and had 13 assists, but shot 1 of 7 in the fourth quarter in Boston's third straight loss.

Al Horford added 22 points and Jae Crowder had 17 for Celtics. Boston allowed the Wizards to shoot 57.8 percent from the floor, its worst field goal percentage defense of the season.

Upset at perceived dirty play by the Celtics in the teams' first two meetings, the Wizards arrived at the Verizon Center in an array of black attire.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	28	17	.622	—
Boston	26	18	.591	1½
New York	20	26	.435	8½
Philadelphia	16	27	.372	11
Brooklyn	9	35	.205	18½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	26	19	.578	—
Washington	25	20	.556	1
Charlotte	23	22	.511	3
Orlando	18	29	.383	9
Miami	15	30	.333	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	30	13	.698	—
Indiana	22	22	.500	8½
Chicago	23	23	.500	8½
Milwaukee	21	23	.477	9½
Detroit	21	25	.457	10½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	36	9	.800	—
Houston	34	14	.708	3½
Memphis	26	20	.565	10½
New Orleans	18	27	.400	18
Dallas	15	29	.341	20½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	29	17	.630	—
Oklahoma City	26	19	.578	2½
Denver	18	25	.419	9½
Portland	19	27	.413	10
Minnesota	16	28	.364	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	36	7	.844	—
L.A. Clippers	30	17	.638	9
Sacramento	17	27	.386	20½
Phoenix	15	29	.341	22½
L.A. Lakers	16	32	.333	23½

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Chicago 100, Orlando 92
Philadelphia 121, L.A. Clippers 110
San Antonio 108, Toronto 106
Washington 123, Boston 108
Minnesota at Phoenix, late
Utah at Denver, late

Today's Games

Sacramento at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

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HIGHSCHOOLBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

GREENWOOD 60 PECOS 30

The Greenwood girls basketball team had no trouble against Pecos in District 4-4A action at Greenwood High School.

Cally Payne had a game-high 20 points, Natalee Karcher had 18, Cylie Mebane added 11 and Sidney Jordan chipped in with 10 for the Rangerettes (19-12, 5-0).

GREENWOOD 60, PECOS 30

Pecos (2-3) — Mabel Velasquez 2, America Jasso 5, Arianna Reyes 7, Aubre Terry 3, Jaylin Burleson 12, Angela Melchor 1

Greenwood (19-12, 5-0) — Cally Payne 20, Natalee Karcher 18, Blaike Thompson 2, Kaitlan Keel 6, Sidney Jordan 10, Ariana Leyva 5, Cylie Mebane 11, Kayleigh Kitto 4, Brady Good 4.

Pecos	7	9	11	3 —30
Greenwood	17	12	24	07 —60

Free throws — Pecos 4-11, Greenwood 17-28. 3-point goals — Pecos 4 (Burleson 2, Reyes, Jasso), Greenwood 7 (Payne 4, Keel 2, Mebane) Total fouls — Pecos 17, Greenwood 16. Fouled out — None.

Next: Greenwood at Monahans, 6:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 4 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 80 BUENA VISTA 20

No. 4-ranked Midland Christian blew out Imperial Buena Vista in a non-district game at McGraw Event Center.

Blaire Neatherlin had a game-high 21 points to lead MCS (24-4), Analiz Galindo added 12 and Makenzie Mondragon had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

MCS returns to district play at 6 p.m. Friday against Fort Worth Christian.

NO. 4 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 80, BUENA VISTA 20

Buena Vista — Lozano 4, Rodriguez 3, Garlich 7, Sheehan 6

Midland Christian (24-4) — Faith Truex 8, Shea Fender 8, Makenzie Mondragon 10, Analiz Galindo 12, Kayla Ackerman 5, Blaire Neatherlin 21, Lexi Davilla 5, Avery McKinney 7, Allin Crews 4.

Buena Vista	2	0	4	14 —20
MCS	16	24	24	16 —80

Free throws — BVHS 3-9, MCS 7-14. 3-point goals — BVHS 3 (Rodriguez, Garlich, Sheehan), MCS 3 (Truex 2, McKinney) Total fouls — BVHS 14, MCS 10. Fouled out — None.

Next: Fort Worth Christian at Midland Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

NO. 2 MCA 88 ABILENE CHRISTIAN 29

ABILENE — No. 2 ranked Midland Classical sailed to a lopsided 59-point victory over host Abilene Christian in its TAPPS 1-3A opener Tuesday.

Three Lady Knights (19-6, 1-0) scored in double figures, led by 27 points from Leia Beattie, 20 points from Delanie Griffin and 14 from Elleri Haest.

MCAwent into the fourth quarter with a commanding 73-23 lead.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 88, ABILENE CHRISTIAN 29

Midland Classical (19-6, 1-0) — Kori Kirk 2, Laura Kate Sparks 2, Leia Beattie 27, Bekah Jones 8, Delanie Griffin 20, Elleri Haest 14, Jenny Cozzi 4, Lily Marshall 2, Andie Sheppard 4, Makenna Beattie 5

Abilene Christian (1-1 in TAPPS 1-3A) — Terry 4, Houston 12, McNeill 3, Strickland 2, Straughn 2, Evans 6

Midland Classical	29	22	22	15 —88
Abilene Christian	8	6	6	9 —29

Free throws — MCA 6-10, Abilene Christian 1-4. 3-point goals — MCA 7 (L. Beattie 3, Jones 2, Griffin 2), Abilene Christian 4 (Houston, McNeill, Evans 2). Total fouls — MCA 8, Abilene Christian 9. Fouled out — None.

Next: Amarillo Ascension at MCA, 5 p.m. Friday

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 38 TRINITY 24

Trinity fell to 0-3 in TAPPS 1-4A play after a loss to Lubbock Christian at Beal Gymnasium.

Rebecca Young had 11 points to lead Trinity (7-14, 0-3).

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN 38, TRINITY 24

Lubbock Christian — Lindsey Blackwood 2, Preslea Hull 17, Macey Crow 8, Preston Lee 2, Alex Kitten 4, Maddie Crockett 3, Carlee Combest 4

Trinity (7-14, 0-3) — Reagan Long 9, Rebecca Young 11, Karoline Watson 4.

LCHS	10	8	9	11 —38
Trinity	9	11	6	7 —24

Free throws — LCHS 4-14, Trinity 3-9. 3-point goals — LCHS 4 (Hall 2, Crow 2), Trinity 3 (Long, Young, Watson) Total fouls — LCHS 11, Trinity 16. Fouled out — Trinity: Megan Spotts. Technical — LCHS

Next game: Trinity at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6 p.m.

NO. 5 GARDEN CITY 39 ROBERT LEE 35

ROBERT LEE — A strong start helped No. 5-ranked Garden City defeat Robert Lee in a close District 14-1A game.

The Lady Kats (20-4, 9-0) jumped out to an 18-4 lead after the first quarter and had a 27-15 halftime lead before Robert Lee outscored them 20-12 in the second half.

Madison Hastings led Garden City with 12 points

NO. 5 GARDEN CITY 39, ROBERT LEE 35

Garden City (20-4, 9-0) — Madison Hastings 12, Kortney Hallmann 9, Bethany Matschek 7, Allison Hallmann 6, Lyndee Walker 4, Payton Hastings 1

Robert Lee — Puentez 14, Munoz 9, Mendoza 8, Clawson 4

Garden City	18	9	10	2 —39
Robert Lee	4	11	10	10 —35

Free throws — GCHS 3-4, RLHS 1-1. 3-point goals — GCHS 4 (A. Hallmann 2, K. Hallmann, Matschek), RLHS 4 (Puentez 4) Total fouls — GCHS 8, RLHS 9. Fouled out — None

Next: Bronte at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Friday

COLORADO CITY 50 STANTON 42

STANTON — A 12-4 run in the third quarter by Colorado City helped the Lady Wolves defeat Stanton in a District 5-3A contest.

Payge Grable had a game-high 23 points for Stanton (19-6, 4-2), while Alyssa Peterson added 11

COLORADO CITY 50, STANTON 42

Colorado City (20-6, 3-3) — Niblett 17, Kimble 14, Epperson 10, Roach 4, White 2, Rivera 2, Garza 1

Stanton (19-6, 4-2) — Payge Grable 23, Alyssa Peterson 11, Skylee Cargile 4, Katie Harris 2, Kirsten Church 2

Colorado City	11	14	12	13 —50
Stanton	11	10	4	17 —42

Free throws — CCHS 11-14, Stanton 10-11. 3-point goals — CCHS 1 (Kimble), Stanton 2 (Grable 2) Total fouls — CCHS 13, Stanton 13. Fouled out — None

Next: Stanton at Merkel, 6:30 p.m. Friday

FORSAN 45 MILES 39

FORSAN — Forsan improved to 7-2 in District 7-2A with a win over Miles.

Macey Evans scored a game-high 17 points to lead Forsan (20-7 overall).

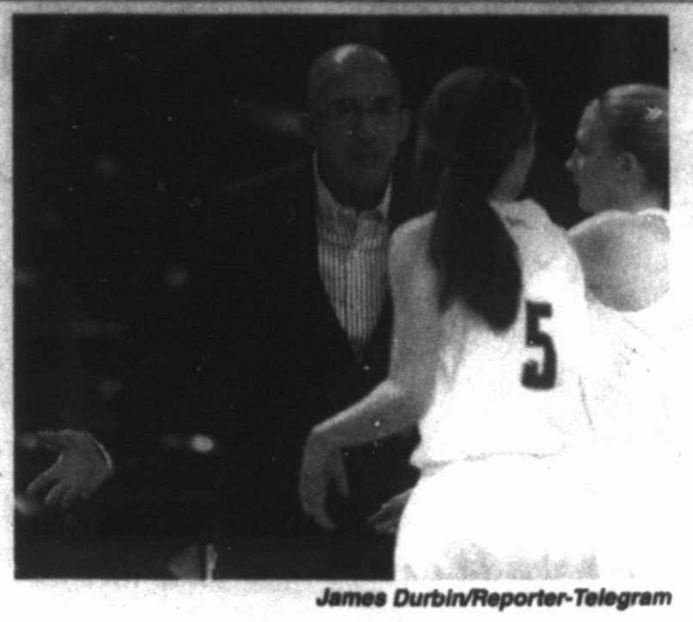
FORSAN 45, MILES 39

Miles — Brooks 14, Gomez 11, Crocker 8, Meza 3, Hudson 2, Lange 1

Forsan (20-7, 7-2) — Macey Evans 17, Chanedy Grantham 9, Kendall Phillips 6, Jenna Evans 4, Emily Garcia 4, Mikaheala Willard 3, Rhian Cunningham 2

Score by quarters not available

Free throws — Miles 9-14, Forsan 10-17 3-point goals — Forsan 5 (Evans 3, Phillips, Ward), Miles 6 (Crocker 2, Gomez 2, Brooks, Meza)



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Midland High girls basketball head coach Wes Torres talks to his team during a time-out in the game against Frenship on Tuesday, at Chaparral Center.

MCS 82, Fouled out — Sp. Weilert, Echols Next: Amarillo Ascencion at MCA, 6:30 p.m.

STANTON 57 COLORADO CITY 37

STANTON — Tristan Graves scored a game-high 29 points to lead Stanton to a much-needed District 5-3A win over rival Colorado City.

All nine players scored for the Buffaloes (15-8, 2-2), who took command of the game by outscoring the Wolves, 17-4, in the second quarter and went into halftime with a 23-10 lead.

STANTON 57, COLORADO CITY 37

Colorado City (2-2 in District 5-3A) — Mahesun G. Monroe 16, James A. Barrera 9

Stanton (15-8, 2-2) — Tristan Graves 29, Reed Thomas 1, Austin Luna 2, Colby Gordon 4, Blake Snellgrove 4, Justin Rife 2, Austin Pryor 3, Wes Ulmer 6, Sebastian Escamilla 6

Colorado City	6	4	11	16 —37
Stanton	6	17	18	16 —57

Free throws — Colorado City 8-19, Stanton 9-16. 3-point goals — Colorado City 3 (Monroe 3), Stanton 6 (Graves 5, Gordon). Total fouls — Colorado City 17, Stanton 18. Fouled out — Rice

Next: Stanton at Merkel, 6 p.m. Friday

GRADY 106 LOOP 39

LENORAH — Grady improved to 5-0 in District 11-1A play with a impressive win over Loop.

Jaylen Short scored a game-high 31 points, Jordan Rodriguez had 29 and Charles Cassell added 11 for the Wildcats (14-4 overall), who scored at least 30 points in each of the first three quarters.

Also, every Grady player scored and the Wildcats hit 12 3-pointers, including six by Short.

GRADY 106, LOOP 39

Loop (0-5 in District 11-1A) — Aranda 5, Scott 5, Williams 6, Nelson 2, Bodey 10, Bleker 9, Harms 2

Grady (14-4, 5-0) — Devynn Smith 7, Charles Cassell 11, Sergio Reyes 8, Jaylen Short 31, TJ Shands 2, Marshall Cox 9, Edsel Trejo 3, Jordan Rodriguez 29, Luke Stover 8

Loop	8	10	8	12 —39
Grady	34	34	30	8—106

Free throws — Loop 2-6, Grady 14-20. 3-point goals — Loop 1 (Scott), Grady 12 (Short 6, Rodriguez 2, Smith, Cassell, Reyes, Trejo)

LAMESA 80 BROWNFIELD 55

LAMESA — Jaleel Edwards scored a game-high 33 points to lead Lamesa past Brownfield in District 2-4A action.

Tyquail Maxwell added 18 points for the Golden Tornadoes (22-3, 3-1).

LAMESA 80, BROWNFIELD 55

Brownfield (11-15, 2-2 in District 2-4A — Hood 4, Ramirez 15, Delacruz 3, Reed 3, Griffin 6, Quintanilla 6, Fires 8, Kile 10, Oliver 7

Lamesa (22-3, 3-1) — Dre Smiley 6, Buddy Williams 9, Jaleel Edwards 33, Tyquail Maxwell 18, Josh Enriquez 7, Nathan Cunningham 7

Brownfield	16	21	8	20 —55
Lamesa	8	22	22	28 —80

Free throws — BHS 13-23, Lamesa 20-34. 3-point goals — BHS 6 (Ramirez 3, Reed, Fires 2), Lamesa 8 (Williams, Edwards 3, Maxwell, Cunningham) Total fouls — BHS 22, Lamesa 19. Fouled out — Smiley, Maxwell

Next: Lamesa at Denver City, 8 p.m. Friday

IRAAN 49 FORT HANCOCK 42

IRAAN — Austin Onofre scored 17 points to lead Iraan to its first District 11-2A win of the season over Fort Hancock.

Jordan Rhyne added 13 and Danny Lopez had 10 for the Braves.

IRAAN 49, FORT HANCOCK 42

Fort Hancock (2-2 in 11-2A) — Ortega 12, Hernandez 9, Estrada 8, Prescher 4, Avalos 4, Hernandez 2, Ramirez 3

Iraan (1-3 in district) — Austin Onofre 17, Jordan Rhyne 13, Danny Lopez 10, Jermaine Bernal 7, Brody Myers 2

Fort Hancock	15	11	8	8 —42
Iraan	8	11	15	15 —49

Free throws — FH 2-4, Iraan 8-17. 3-point goals — FH 6 (Ortega 3, Hernandez 2, Ramirez) Total fouls — FH 17, Iraan 13. Fouled out — None

Next: Iraan at Wink, 8 p.m. Friday

Boys

GREENWOOD 63 PECOS 54, OT

Greenwood outscored Pecos, 12-3, in the overtime period to prevail in Tuesday's matchup of winless District 4-4A teams.

Blake Elliott led the Rangers (9-15, 1-2) with 19 points, followed by 11 points from Ben Brockman and 10 points from Logan Jarvis.

Trailing 36-29, the Eagles tied the game at 51-51 by outscoring the Rangers, 22-15 in the fourth quarter.

GREENWOOD 63, PECOS 54, OT

Pecos (0-3 in District 4-4A) — Bubba Henson 11, Zachary Padilla 8, Julian Nichols 5, Kaleb Valenzuela 13, Zuniga 2, DeAndis 8, Barron 4

Greenwood (9-15, 1-2) — Ben Brockman 11, Colton Moore 8, Tyler Ellison 6, Ryan Snodgrass 9, Logan Jarvis 10, Blake Elliott 19

Pecos	11	10	8	22	3—54
Greenwood	14	9	13	15	12—63

Free throws — Pecos 12-17, Greenwood 20-31. 3-point goals — Pecos 6 (Henson 3, Nicholas, Valenzuela 2), Greenwood 1 (Moore) Total fouls — Pecos 21, Greenwood 17. Fouled out — None

Next: Greenwood at Monahans, 7:30 p.m. Friday

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 66 MCA 62

Abilene Christian held on to a non-district victory over Midland Classical Academy at the MCA gym on Tuesday night.

Cole Miller scored a game-high 35 points for MCA (7-19), while Jared Adkins added 16 for the Knights.

MCA begins TAPPS 1-3A play at 6:30 p.m. Friday against Amarillo Ascencion.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN 66, MCA 62

Abilene Christian —E. Murray 19, Sterling Weilert 13, Spencer Weilert 15, Snodgrass 11, J. Murray 6, Massey 2

MCA (7-19) — Conrey Echols 5, Jared Adkins 16, Cole Miller 35, Jason Bayley 1, Cade Miller 2, Kevin Griffin 3

ACHS	11	23	13	19	—66
MCA	12	18	15	17	—62

Free throws — ACHS 15-22, MCA 13-22. 3-point goals — ACHS 8 (E. Murray 5, Sterling Weilert 2, Spencer Weilert) MCA 7 (Echols, Adkins 3, Cole Miller 3) Total fouls — ACHS 19, MCA 22. Fouled out — Sp. Weilert, Echols Next: Amarillo Ascencion at MCA, 6:30 p.m.

Lady Rebels roll past Permian

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Lee girls basketball team kicked off the second half of District 2-6A play with a 54-28 victory over host Odessa Permian Tuesday.

With the victory, the Lady Rebels (15-7, 3-3) moved into a third-place tie with the Lady Panthers (12-12, 3-3) in the District 2-6A standings.

Lee had three players score in double figures, led by 16 points from freshman Paige Low and 12 points apiece from Karysa Edwards and Braydyn Hill.

Leading 39-28, the Lady Rebels closed strong by outscoring Permian, 15-0, in the fourth quarter.

Lee hosts second-place Amarillo Tascosa (16-9, 5-1) at 6 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center.

LEE 54, ODESSA PERMIAN 28

Lee (15-7, 3-3) — Deserea Stanford 5, Karysa Edwards 12, Braydyn Hill 12, Quinci Stremler 3, Kerigan Edwards 3, Hannah Gloden 3, Paige Low 16

Permian (12-12, 3-3) — Allison Kirk 6, Klarissa Cruz 2, Artashia Armendariz 1, Alena Madero 2, Jessica Nguyen 7, Alexis Contee 8, Alexi Mayweir 2

Lee	9	15	15	15 —54
Permian	7	10	11	0 —28

Free throws — Lee 14-28, Permian 3-12. 3-point goals — Midland Lee 4 (Karysa Edwards 2, Kerigan Edwards 1, Stanford 1), Permian 3 (Kirk 2, Contee 1). Total fouls — Midland Lee 18, Permian 21. Fouled out — Cruz

Amarillo Tascosa vs. Lee at Chaparral Center 6 p.m. Friday, Midland High at Odessa Permian 6 p.m. Friday

Permian's defense keys rout over Rebels

From staff reports

ODESSA — The Odessa Permian boys basketball team put on a stifling defensive effort in a 64-23 win over visiting Lee in District 2-6A play on Tuesday.

The Rebels (8-17, 1-3) scored only six second-half points, including one point in the fourth quarter. In addition, Lee had only seven points in the second quarter.

Luis Gonzales scored a team-high 12 points for the Panthers (16-10, 3-1), who moved into a three-way tie for first with Amarillo Tascosa and Wolfforth Frenship.

Sema'J Davis led the Rebels (8-17, 2-3) with eight points. Lee sits in a three-way tie for fourth with Midland High and Odessa High.

The Rebels host Amarillo Tascosa at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Chaparral Center.

ODESSA PERMIAN 64, LEE 23

Lee (8-17, 1-3) — Sema'J Davis 8, Patrick Okamu 2, James Lydia 4, Juwon Packer 6, Isaac Nunez 2, Anthony Ford 1

Permian (16-10, 3-1) — Elijah White 8, Nakaveon White 2, Demick Wright 6, Anthony Thomas 11, Luis Gonzales 12, Deante Hubert 2, Keshawn Jones 5, Justin Hammond 6, Ozzy Terrazas 1, Frederick Henderson 5

Lee	10	7	5	1 —23
Permian	15	15	19	15 —64

Free throws — Lee 8-13, Permian 5-10. 3-Point goals — Lee 3 (Packer 2, Davis 1), Permian 7 (E.White 2, Hammond 2, Thomas 1, Gonzales 1, Henderson 1) Total fouls — Lee 13, Permian 15.

Next: Midland High at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday

No. 18 West Virginia beats No. 2 Kansas 85-69

By John Raby

Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Esa Ahmad broke out of a shooting slump with a career-high 27 points to lead No 18 West Virginia to an 85-69 victory over No. 2 Kansas on Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers (16-4, 5-3 Big 12) beat Kansas (18-2, 7-1) for the fourth straight time in Morgantown and snapped the Jayhawks' 18-game winning streak.

Ahmad led West Virginia in scoring over the first two months of the season but entered Tuesday's game with four straight games in single digits. He scored West Virginia's first eight points against Kansas and finished 10 of 17 from the field.

West Virginia blew a double-digit lead after halftime for the third straight game. Svi Mykhailiuk's 3-pointer put the Jayhawks ahead 59-58 midway through the second half. But that was their last lead.

Kansas then went nearly 3 minutes between field goals. Ahmad started and finished a 12-1 run with baskets to put the Mountaineers ahead 70-61 with 4:55 left.

Coach Bob Huggins had two stipulations for success for the Mountaineers: making free throws and not piling up turnovers.

Lady Dawgs

From 1C

(11-15, 1-5) back from a 13-point deficit to start the fourth quarter to a 39-39 tie with 3:31 to play.

Midland High took a brief 41-39 lead when Jayci Streun hit a pair of free throws with 2:29 remaining. It was a stunning turn of events considering the Lady Bulldogs failed to score in the second quarter and went over 12 minutes without registering a point during Frenship's 23-0 run.

"It really was nothing more than effort," MHS head coach Wes Torres said of the fourth-quarter comeback attempt. "They were playing with a sense of urgency. They were playing to win as opposed to playing not to lose. When they play like that, they play a little more free, they're able to get through passing lanes, they were able to get deflections, they were able to get steals."

Garza spearheaded Midland High's scoring efforts, accounting for 23 of her team's points.

District 2-6A girls basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Wolfforth Frenship	6	0	22	7
Amarillo Tascosa	5	1	16	9
Lee	3	3	15	8
Odessa Permian	3	3	12	12
Midland High	1	5	10	16
Odessa High	0	6	17	10

All games tip-off at 6 p.m. unless noted

Tuesday's Scores

Wolfforth Frenship 46, Midland High 42; Lee 54, Odessa Permian 28; Amarillo Tascosa 76, Odessa High 45

Friday's games

Amarillo Tascosa vs. Lee at Chaparral Center; Midland High at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship

Garza was accurate from long range by making three 3s and she made a lot of tough baskets in the paint against a gritty Lady Tigers' defense that boxed out well for rebounds.

"We were so excited and we played with great energy," Garza said. "Ugh! We couldn't pull through at the end, but we had it. We had it and that makes us so excited to play the rest of the district. I had a great feeling about it."

Frenship (21-7, 6-0) utilized an aggressive full-court press and man defense that nabbed 10 steals compared to five by MHS.

In the final minute and a half, Lady Tigers head coach Trent Hillard said the 3-point cushion permitted him to take risks and use his guards aggressively on the outside against Midland High's torrid shooter Rushton.

"We wanted to make sure that Rushton didn't get off a shot down there because she was hot," Hillard said. "Margaret did a really good job of containing her, not giving her a good look and making her having to drive to the basket instead of settling for that 3-point shot that she was hitting."

Frenship clinched a playoff berth with the victory.

Gaydon led the Lady Tigers with 13 points, followed by 11 points from Dear. Gaydon also added seven rebounds, three steals and a blocked shot.

Midland High visits Odessa Permian (12-12, 3-3) at 6 p.m. Friday in a contest that will be critical for its playoff hopes.

"I couldn't be more proud of how this team battled tonight," Torres said. "We're going to win some games from this point forward after the way they played tonight."

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WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 46, MIDLAND HIGH 42

Frenship (22-7, 6-0) — Maci Maddox 5, Alex Barringue 2, Margaret Gaydon 13, Abbi Braddock 3, Brynne Barker 4, Addison Foster 6, Avery Dear 11, Haleigh Elliott 2

Midland High (11-15, 1-5) — Jayci Streun 3, Maya Duarte 4, Teysha Rushton 8, Kaylyn Evans 2, Brittney Garza 23, Racey Hale 2

Frenship	9	11	15	11 —46
Midland	13	0	9	20 —42

Free throws — Frenship 8-11, MHS 7-9. 3-point goals — Frenship 4 (Maddox, Gaydon, Braddock, Dear), MHS 5 (Garza 3, Rushton 2). Total fouls — Frenship 14, MHS 16. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m. Friday, Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship, 6 p.m. Friday

Dawgs

From 1C

and aided by a 2-for-17 third quarter cold streak by MHS, the Tigers extended their lead.

Frenship attempted 29 of its 35 free throws in the second half — 25 of them coming in the fourth quarter.

With a brief but late rally, the Bulldogs came within 51-44 with just under a minute to play. But Frenship's 17 made free throws in the period were too much to overcome.

Camran Rock added 14 points for MHS. Cooper Howell pitched in with nine for Frenship.

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WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 57, MIDLAND HIGH 46

Frenship (16-8, 3-1) — Isaac Rodriguez 6, Freddy Hall 7, Ryan Bennett 2, Zack Jaklanski 4, Bradley Brooks 18, Cooper Howell 9, Jack Kirkpatrick 11

MHS (10-14, 1-3) — Courtnes McMahon 8, Darius Patterson 4, Ty Kendrick 3, Camran Rock 14, Raheem Peterson 5, Joseph Barron 2

Frenship	14	12	10	21 —57
MHS	12	12	7	15 —46

Free throws — Frenship 23-31, MHS 5-13. 3-point goals — MHS 1 (McMahon 1), Rock 2, Raheem Peterson). Total fouls — Frenship 13, MHS 24. Fouled out — Kendrick

Next: MHS at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Friday

District 2-6A boys basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Amarillo Tascosa	3	1	15	5
Wolfforth Frenship	3	1	16	6
Odessa Permian	3	1	16	10
Midland High	1	3	10	14
Odessa High	1	3	10	16
Lee	1	3	8	17

Tuesday's Scores

Wolfforth Frenship 57, Midland High 46; Odessa Permian 64, Lee 23; Amarillo Tascosa 66, Odessa High 57

Friday's games

Midland High at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lee; Odessa High at Wolfforth Frenship. All games at 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

SOUTH

Arkansas 71, Vanderbilt 70
Davidson 74, Duquesne 60
Drake 72, Missouri St. 71, OT
Lindsey Wilson 93, Fisk 85, OT
Maryland 67, Rutgers 55
South Carolina 98, Auburn 69

MIDWEST

Akron 90, W. Michigan 80
Cent. Michigan 82, Bowling Green 76
Kent St. 73, N. Illinois 66
Marquette 74, Villanova 72
Miami (Ohio) 75, Buffalo 74
Purdue 84, Michigan St. 79
Toledo 79, Ohio 76
Virginia 71, Notre Dame 54
Wichita St. 87, S. Illinois 45

EAST

Dominican (NY) 96, Concordia (N.Y.) 67
Hobart 90, RIT 74
Louisville 106, Pittsburgh 91
Pine Manor at Castleton, cncl.
St. Bonaventure 87, Saint Joseph's 83
Syracuse 81, Wake Forest 76
West Virginia 85, Kansas 69

Top 25 fared Tuesday

1. Villanova (19-2) lost to Marquette 74-72. Next: vs. No 12 Virginia, Sunday.
2. Kansas (18-2) lost to No. 18 West Virginia 85-69. Next: at No. 4 Kentucky, Saturday.
3. Gonzaga (20-0) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
4. Kentucky (17-2) at Tennessee. Next: vs. No. 2 Kansas, Saturday.
5. Baylor (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
6. Florida State (18-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
7. Arizona (18-2) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.
8. UCLA (19-2) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Wednesday.
9. North Carolina (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Thursday.
10. Oregon (18-2) did not play. Next: at Utah, Thursday.
11. Butler (17-3) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
12. Virginia (16-3) beat No. 14 Notre Dame 71-54. Next: at No. 1 Villanova, Saturday.
13. Louisville (17-4) beat Pittsburgh 108-51. Next: vs. N.C. State, Sunday.
14. Notre Dame (17-4) lost to No. 12 Virginia 71-54. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.
15. Wisconsin (17-3) beat Penn State 82-55. Next: vs. Rutgers, Saturday.
16. Creighton (19-2) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
17. Duke (15-5) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Saturday.
18. West Virginia (16-4) beat No. 2 Kansas 85-69. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Saturday.
19. Cincinnati (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Xavier, Thursday.
20. Purdue (17-4) beat Michigan State 84-73. Next: at Nebraska, Sunday.
21. Saint Mary's (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
22. Maryland (18-2) beat Rutgers 67-55. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
23. South Carolina (16-4) beat Auburn 98-69. Next: at Missouri, Saturday.
24. Xavier (14-5) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Cincinnati, Thursday.
25. Florida (14-5) did not play. Next: at LSU, Wednesday.

Women

SOUTH

Campbell 58, High Point 53
Charleston Southern 64, Gardner-Webb 57
Dayton 60, George Mason 48
Lindsey Wilson 74, Fisk 51
Radford 76, Liberty 68
Samford 72, Auburn-Montgomery 50
Towson 70, Kentucky St. 57
UCF 64, Cincinnati 44
UConn 91, East Carolina 44
UNC Asheville 67, Presbyterian 60
Winthrop 78, Longwood 72

MIDWEST

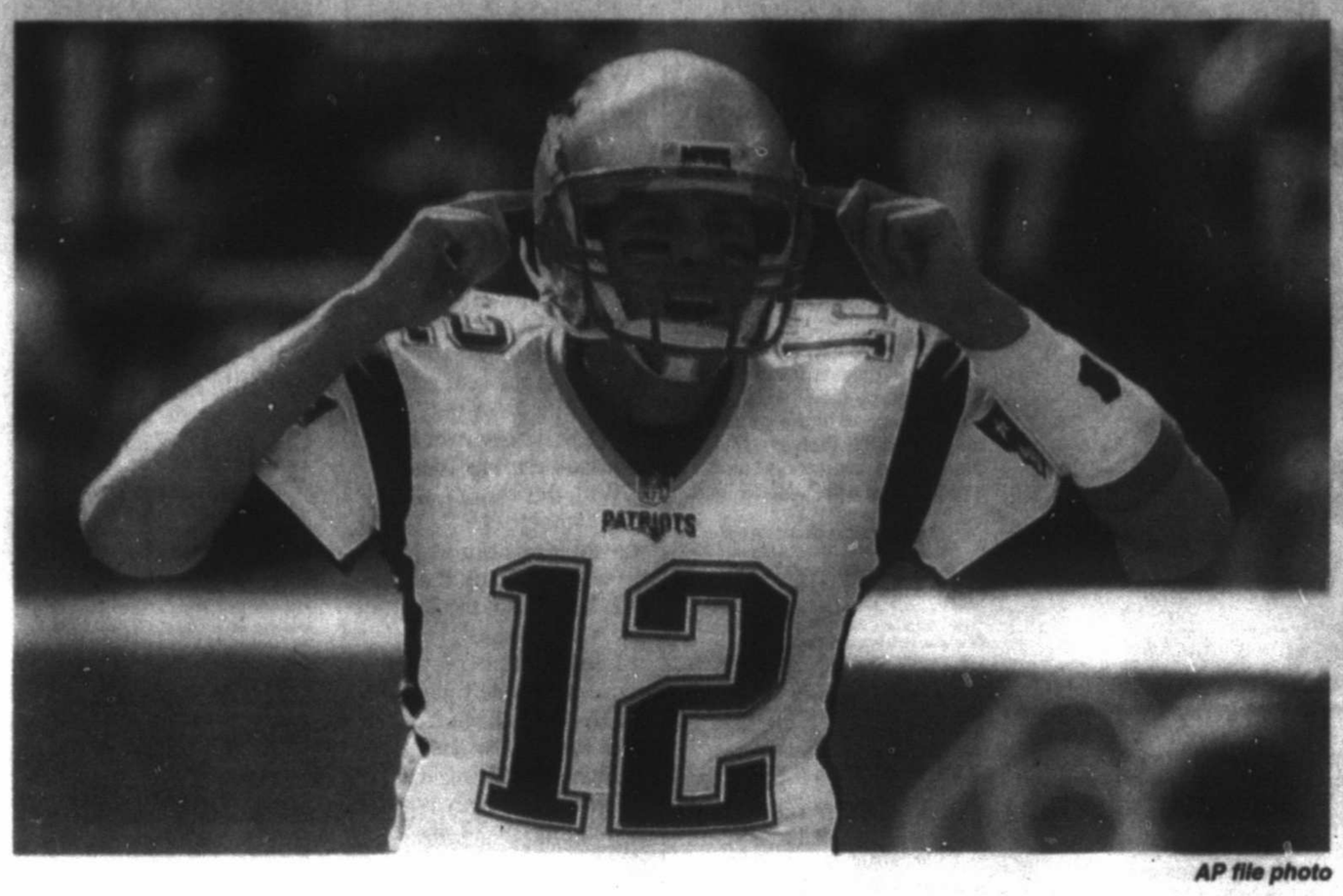
Alverno 68, Ap/Gb 37
Concordia (Wis.) 83, Milwaukee Engineering 80
Lakeland 102, Marian (Wis.) 54

EAST

Chestnut Hill 75, Philadelphia 69
Dominican (NY) 70, Concordia (NY) 53
McDaniel 59, Washington (Md.) 37
RIT 71, William Smith 59
Valley Forge Christian 84, Penn St.-Brandywine 61

Top 25 fared Tuesday

1. UConn (19-0) beat East Carolina 91-44. Next: vs. Houston, Saturday.
2. Baylor (19-1) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Kansas State, Wednesday.
3. Maryland (19-1) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
4. Mississippi State (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Sunday.
5. South Carolina (17-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Thursday.
6. Florida State (19-2) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.
7. Washington (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
8. Notre Dame (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Duke, Thursday.
9. Louisville (18-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Thursday.
10. Stanford (17-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.
11. Oregon State (18-2) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Friday.
12. Texas (14-4) did not play. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
13. UCLA (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Arizona State, Friday.
14. Duke (17-3) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Notre Dame, Thursday.
15. Ohio State (17-5) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Thursday.
16. Arizona State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 UCLA, Friday.
17. Miami (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Thursday.
18. N.C. State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Thursday.
19. Virginia Tech (16-3) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Thursday.
20. Oklahoma (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
21. DePaul (18-5) did not play. Next: at Creighton, Friday.
22. West Virginia (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
24. Green Bay (17-2) did not play. Next: at Youngstown State, Thursday.
25. Kansas State (15-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Baylor, Wednesday.



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In this Oct. 9, 2016, file photo, New England Patriots' Tom Brady (12) gestures during a game against the Cleveland Browns in Cleveland. The Patriots and Atlanta Falcons will play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 5 in Houston.

Rest over as Patriots begin Super Bowl prep for Falcons

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Bill Belichick is on to the Atlanta Falcons.

After taking a day to review and recharge following his team's AFC championship game win over Pittsburgh, the New England coach said Tuesday that the coaching staff's preparations are fully underway for the Super Bowl.

The Patriots are preparing to make their seventh Super Bowl berth during the Belichick era, making them veterans at this point in handling the various logistics involved with the big game. Belichick said it's helped them turn the page "about as quickly as we could."

"We're on to Atlanta now as a coaching staff. We're deep in the middle of them," he said.

New England has fond memories of the Super Bowl played in Houston, having won in 2004 on Adam Vinatieri's field goal in the closing seconds to beat the Carolina Panthers.

"There was a big matchup against our kind of 'no-name' offensive line and a very good defensive front that the Panthers had," Belichick recalled.

But Belichick says that's the furthest thing from his mind as his team prepares for a Falcons team it hasn't seen much on film this season with just five common opponents (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Arizona and Denver).

The Patriots do have some familiarity with Falcons coach Dan Quinn, who was defensive coordinator of the Seattle Seahawks when the teams met in the Super Bowl two years ago.

One of the key differences, he said, is that the Falcons seem to bring a little more pressure than Seattle ran.

Belichick also sees similarities in the schemes, which rely on players of similar skillsets such as Seattle's Kam Chancellor and Atlanta's Keanu Neal.

"Go right down the line — they're similar," Belichick said.

This will also be the second straight game that the Patriots defense will have to contend with a dynamic receiver.

Julio Jones had nine receptions for 180 yards and two scores in Atlanta's NFC championship game win over Green Bay, but will be challenged by a New England secondary that has given up just two passing touchdowns in the playoffs.

"He's probably just one of the most dynamic players in the league," Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia said. "I usually don't wind up comparing him to other people; I wind up comparing other people to him just because of his skill set and his ability."

NFL playoffs glance

Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 7
Houston 27, Oakland 14
Seattle 26, Detroit 6
Sunday, Jan. 8
Pittsburgh 30, Miami 12
Green Bay 38, N.Y. Giants 13
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
Atlanta 36, Seattle 20
New England 34, Houston 16
Sunday, Jan. 15
Green Bay 34, Dallas 31
Pittsburgh 18, Kansas City 16
Conference Championships
Sunday
NFC
Atlanta 44, Green Bay 21
AFC
New England 36, Pittsburgh 17
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Houston
Atlanta vs. New England, 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

SUPER BOWL

From 1C

It's not simply about things looking nice — getting everything on the field just right is a major undertaking.

"It's got an in-field system in it which is sand and rubber," NFL field director Ed Mangan said.

"Making sure that those two are coordinated in the proper amounts, the proper softness, working with concussion statistics and getting the field ... to sound at the right numbers. Low numbers obviously, so that if you fall on it and hit your head things rebound.

"Those are the perfect numbers that we're looking for. Making sure the seams are right, no trip hazards and of course making sure the artwork looks good."

Mangan, who is working his 27th Super Bowl, is known as a perfectionist and personally inspects every step of the field preparations to make sure they're up to his high standards.

"He definitely takes extra special care," Finkelstein said. "This is the biggest game of the year, so we need the field to be perfect in every way shape and form to make sure that it contributes to a tremendous matchup."

Mangan is not only tasked with preparing the playing surface for the game, but also must get the practice fields at Rice University and the University of Houston ready for the teams to practice on during the week leading up to the Super Bowl.

Finkelstein said that preparations are on schedule, but that they'll still be putting on the final touches right up to game day.

Mangan aims to have the first coat on everything by this weekend, but said that his crew will be finishing little things as late as the day before the game.

The NFL won't make a final determination if the retractable roof of the stadium will be open or closed for the game until a day before, so the crew has been alternating whether it's open or closed daily.

It was closed on Tuesday afternoon as temperatures in Houston soared into the low 80s. But it's unlikely that it will be closed on game day.

"If the weather cooperates with us — which we hope it does — the roof will be open," Finkelstein said.

Tech hires former Red Raider as OL coach

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech head coach Kliff Kingsbury announced the hiring of Brandon Jones as offensive line coach Tuesday, returning the former Red Raider to his alma mater after a two-year stint at the University of California.

Jones boasts 10 years of experience coaching the offensive line during a career that began as an offensive assistant at Texas Tech from 2007-08. Jones later embarked on full-time positions at Sam Houston State (2009), East Carolina (2010-14) and Cal (2015-16).

During that time, Jones, a native of Dallas, has been a member of coaching staffs that have advanced to a bowl game seven times over his career, five of which have come in the past six seasons.

"We're excited to welcome Coach Jones to our staff," Kingsbury said. "He's regarded as one of the top offensive line coaches in the country, and our program will benefit from his leadership. We're looking forward to our offensive line continuing to develop under him."

Jones arrives at Tech after helping build Cal's offensive line into one of the top units in the country last season. Jones, who served as run game coordinator and offensive line coach, boosted a unit that ranked 82nd in sacks allowed the year prior to his arrival to 22nd nationally and second in the Pac-12 Conference at the end of the 2016 campaign.

"I'm looking forward to joining Coach Kingsbury and his staff," Jones said. "Texas Tech has been known to produce one of the top offenses in the country each and every season, and I'm fortunate to be able to work with a great group of young men to continue to build on that tradition."

Drivers love new NASCAR format, fans get a look in a month

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — At a crossroads with its core audience and eager to attract younger fans, NASCAR took a huge swing at shaking up its model with a progressive new format.

The drivers seem thrilled with the changes.

Ultimately, though, the only thing that matters is whether fans embrace the new model.

Beginning with the season-opening Daytona 500, all races will be split into three stages designed to make every lap matter. Points will be awarded to the top 10 in the standings at the end of stages 1 and 2, and the third stage will decide the race winner. An overall victory is now worth five more points than second-place, and all the point collecting can be used as bonuses at the start of the playoffs.

With breaks between the stages, the system has been radicalized from NASCAR's origins. The gritty, blue-collar days of the sport were built on drivers simply trying to make it to the finish line, often with parts and pieces hanging off their battered cars.

With so many different layers , the system seems complicated on paper and difficult to explain. But it boils down to essentially a pair of heat races, followed by the main event. The first two stages will be equal distance and comprise approximately the first half of the race in terms of distance, while the final stage will be about 50 percent of the race.

By awarding in-race points, NASCAR has forced teams to study strategy, take risks and not lay back at any point of an event.

It will put a heavy emphasis on pit crews and make mistakes very costly.

The new rules began to evolve after NASCAR met with NBC Sports officials last summer.

NASCAR was intrigued enough to study the idea, and through a collaboration with television partners, team executives, track presidents and the driver council, the current format was hammered out over nearly seven months of discusssions. There were many tweaks along the way, with Denny Hamlin noting to NASCAR that the drivers had no real incentive to win the segments. That's how the idea of awarding points during stages evolved, and industry-wide, the belief that chasing those points has led many to believe that racing throughout the pack will improve dramatically.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speechless	Modern Family	Black-ish	Match Game		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Hunted "Snitches Get Stitches" The Hunters are challenged by the ingenuity of teams. (N)				Code Black "Vertigo" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Early Retirement"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Mystified Miner"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "The Seal Is Broken" (N)		Star "New Voices" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Blindspot		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Imposter"		Chicago P.D. "200,000 Likes"		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "A Sloth Named Velcro"		Nova "Sunken Ship Rescue"		Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts (N)		Charlie Rose (N)	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Noticias Telemundo	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SHIELD "One of Us"		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(5:30) ★★ Hot Rod		★★ The Ladykillers Tom Hanks.				★ Down & Out in Beverly Hills		(:40) ★ Born on the Fourth of ...			
HBO	*	300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★★ Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.				(:10) The Young Pope		(:10) The Young Pope	(:10) ★ Fool's Gold		
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) ★ Criminal		The Young Pope		★ Redemption Jason Statham.		(:45) ★ Keanu ('16, Com) Keegan-Michael Key.			Movie		
HBOS		304	552	16	102		(:55) ★ Steve Jobs Michael Fassbender.				★ Hail, Caesar! ('16, Com/Dra) Josh Brolin.		★ Demolition Jake Gyllenhaal.			Movie		
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(:55) ★ We Are Your Friends				(:45) ★★ The Sweetest Thing		★ Search Party			(:35) ★ Harold & Kumar Esca...		
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:15) ★★ Shaft ('00, Act) Samuel L. Jackson.				★★ Phone Booth				(:25) ★★ Eagle Eye ('08, Act) Shia LaBeouf.	Movie		
PLEX				96			(5:20) ★ Austin Po...		★★★ Mad Money				(:45) ★★ The Medallion		(:15) ★★ The Cave ('05, Hor) Cole Hauser.			
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(:15) ★★★ The Forbidden Kingdom Jet Li.		Homeland						★★ Showgirls ('95, Dra) Elizabeth Berkley.	(:15) Inside the NFL		
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(4:30) ★ Southpaw		★★★★ The Royal Tenenbaums						★★★★ St. Vincent ('14, Com) Bill Murray.	★★ Big Eyes		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ True Grit		★★★ Gladiator (2000, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Connie Nielsen, Russell Crowe.							★★★ Saving Private Ryan		
BET		58	-		40		New Edition Pt. 1 of 3 cont'd next				New Edition Pt. 2 of 3 cont'd Jan 26 (N)				New Edition Pt. 2 of 3 cont'd Jan 26			
BRAVO		65	76		41		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Beverly Hills		Girlfriends' Guide (N)		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Guide
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Blue	Blue Collar	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Blue (N)	Blue	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		The Messy Truth (L)		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		The Messy Truth	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Bush "Bear With Us"		Alaskan Bush (N)		Bush People (N)		The Book of Matt (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Bush "Breaking Free"	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	LivMad	LivMad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Golden State vs Charlotte (L)						NBA Basketball L.A. Lakers vs Portland (L)			
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	SportsC.	NCAA Basketball (L)					ITF Tennis Australian Open Women's Semifinal Site: Melbourne Park (L)					
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	(5:00) Special Report		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Bakers vs. Fakers (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Hitch Will Smith.				★★ Save the Last Dance ('00, Dra) Julia Stiles.				The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Inside the Big East	Cowboys Legends	Mavs Pre (L)		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Maverick-ks Live (L)	The Beat Tex A&M	Double T Insider	Basket-ball
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Captain A...		★★★ Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise.							★★★ Jack Reacher ('12, Act) Tom Cruise.		
HALLMRK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "Beer Factor"		Vikings "Revenge"		Vikings (N)		Six (N)		Six		(:05) Vikings	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Vivica's Black Magic "Luenell's Private Party"		Women "Masquerade Ballers" (N)		LW Atlanta "Just a Friend" (N)		Magic "Everyone's Replaceable" (N)		Magic "Luenell's Private Party"		Little Women ATL "Masquerade Ballers"	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at New York Rangers (L)				(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Sport (N)	Sport	Sport	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	★ Rufus 2		Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(4:30) ★ Ghost Rider		★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.						★★★ Walking Tall			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Maleficent ('14, Adv) Angelina Jolie.				The Magicians (N)		Incorporated (N)			(:40) The Magicians		Expanse
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Maestro"	The Seinfeld "The Wink"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Conan Jess Ross.	Foxygen (N)	2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(3:30) ★ Doctor Zhi...		★★★ Rome Adventure Troy Donahue.						(:15) ★★ To Have and Have Not		(:15) ★ The Getaway	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:25) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	(5:00) My 600-lb Life: Supersized (N)		My 600-lb Life "Kirsten's Story" (N)				Too Close Home "A Happy Invasion" (N)		My 600-lb Life "Kirsten's Story"			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Life in the Light"		★★★ Shrek (2001, Animated) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers.						★★★ Shrek 2 (2004, Animated) Voices of Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers.		★★★ Shrek the Third Mike Myers.	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Griffith	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Tissues"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Incognito"		NCIS "Double Trouble"		NCIS "Lockdown"		Suits "She's Gone" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Integrity"
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Tsonga 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-3.

Federer won the first five games in 12 minutes, setting up a straightforward win to reach his 41st Grand Slam semifinal and his 13th at Melbourne Park.

Only he didn't expect to be anywhere near the semifinals.

"Winning back-to-back matches in best-of-five sets against quality, great players, that's been for me the big question mark, if I could do that so early in my comeback," Federer said. "I felt I was always going to be dangerous on any given day in a match situation. But obviously as the tournament would progress, maybe I would fade away with energy.

"I think now that I'm in the semis, feeling as good as I am, playing as good as I am, that's a huge surprise to me."

Another tournament surprise has been the No. 35-ranked Vandeweghe. She beat top-ranked Angelique Kerber, who won the Australian and U.S. Open titles last year, in the fourth round. Vandeweghe followed it up with an upset win over Muguruza.

Vandeweghe saved the only break point she faced in the first set with an ace, and only conceded 10 points in the 28-minute second set.

Williams has advanced through the tournament without dropping a set, and isn't ready to stop in the semifinals in the latest installment of her career revival.

"It's wonderful to start the year out with this appearance," said Williams, who hadn't reached the semifinals in Australia since 2003, the year she lost the final to sister Serena. "I want to go further."

Williams didn't reach the quarterfinals at any of the Grand Slams from 2011 until the 2015 Australian Open. She lost in the first round in Melbourne last year.

Tuesday
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Singles
Men
Quarterfinals
Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (12), France, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-3.
Roger Federer (17), Switzerland, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 6-1, 7-5, 6-2.
Women
Quarterfinals
Venus Williams (13), United States, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (24), Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Garbine Muguruza (7), Spain, 6-4, 6-0.
Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (3), United States, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcel Granollers (9), Spain, 7-6 (5), 5-7, 6-4.
Pablo Carreno Busta and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Alex Bolt and Bradley Mousley, Australia, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.
Women
Quarterfinals
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (2), Czech Republic, def. Raquel Atawo, United States, and Xu Yifan (11), China, 6-1, 6-1.
Eri Hozumi and Miyu Kato, Japan, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, and Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Peng Shuai (12), China, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (3), Russia, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (1), France, def. Ashleigh Barty and Casey Dellacqua, Australia, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Mixed
Second Round
Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, and Rohan Bopanna, India, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and Lukasz Kubot (5), Poland, 6-4, 5-7, 10-3.
Sam Stosur and Sam Groth, Australia, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, 7-6 (6), 7-6.
Sania Mirza, India, and Ivan Dodig (2), Croatia, def. Zheng Saisai, China, and Alexander Peya, Austria, 2-6, 6-3, 10-6.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Xu Yifan, China, and Fabrice Martin, France, 6-3, 6-2.
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, and Raven Klaasen, South Africa, def. Raquel Atawo, United States, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, 6-4, 6[illegible].

Tiger and Torrey, and a bag of memories

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods was quick to set the record straight, with a smile.

As he gets ready to embark on his 21st season on the PGA Tour, a reporter mentioned to Woods that he had won at Torrey Pines "seven or eight times" and asked how much his comfort level was a factor in deciding where to start his year.

"Eight times," Woods replied. "And one as a junior, so it's technically nine. So I like that place."

Woods first dipped his toes in the water eight weeks ago in the Bahamas at an unofficial event with an 18-man field and no cut. Expectations were low, and so was the stress. Still, it was his first competition since a pair of back surgeries kept out of golf for 15 months. It was an important first step.

Torrey Pines is sure to invite greater inspection.

There is no other golf course on the PGA Tour that Woods knows better or is more comfortable playing.

Yes, he also won eight times at Bay Hill and Firestone. Bay Hill was always feast or famine for Woods; even during his peak years, he failed to finish inside the top 20 on five occasions. What gives Torrey Pines the edge over Firestone is that during an 11-year stretch, Woods never finished more than four shots behind the winner against a 156-man field. And one of those was a U.S. Open on a left knee that was surgically rebuilt a week later.

But while positive memories are powerful in golf, they can be a double-edged sword for a 41-year-old golfer on the mend, especially when the most recent memories are a reminder of how he began a rapid slide from the top of the world ranking.

The 18th hole at Torrey Pines will forever be remembered for Woods making a 12-foot birdie to force a playoff in the 2008 U.S. Open, which he won the next day for his 14th major. The last time Woods played it in competition was in 2014. He came up well short from 254 yards and into the water, took a drop, flew the green into a plugged lie in the bunker and made double bogey on his way to missing the 54-hole cut.

AP file photo

Tiger Woods watches his tee shot from the fourth hole during the Pro-Am at the Hero World Challenge golf tournament Nov. 30, 2016, in Nassau, Bahamas.

Woods didn't play the South Course in 2015 because he withdrew after 11 holes of the opening round on the North Course when his back tightened on him during fog delays and he couldn't get his glutes activated.

Those are his two most recent trips to the Farmers Insurance Open.

Woods undoubtedly will lean more on his body of work at Torrey, which is unparalleled.

His first victory as a professional was in 1999, when he made the cut with two shots to spare and shot 62-65 on the weekend for a two-shot victory.

He won five straight times at Torrey in four years, twice in 2008. At the PGA Tour event that year, Woods opened with a 67 on the South Course and a caddie who stayed behind to watch him finish on the 18th said, "He just won two tournaments with one round." Sure enough, Woods won by eight shots that week, then returned in June and won the U.S. Open despite not having walked 18 holes from the Masters until the opening round at Torrey.

Here's another way to look at his record: His performance at Torrey Pines alone is better than the PGA Tour careers of every player in the field except for Phil Mickelson, Dustin Johnson, Jason Day and Padraig Harrington (six victories, but three majors).

But what does it all matter?

This is a different day for Woods, a time when hopes are higher than expectations.

Woods is so enthusiastic about being healthy enough to compete that he has scheduled four tournaments over the next five weeks, which will take him from San Diego to Dubai to Los Angeles to South Florida. Not even he knows how he will hold up, though he's willing to find out. That alone is progress.

He is at No. 663 in the world, a product of having played just 12 times in the last 24 months.

"I think he's excited," Jason Day said. "Who wouldn't be excited to play after 17 months off?"

On a soft golf course that still had puddles in the fairway on Tuesday because of the rain, Woods is playing the opening two rounds with Day and Dustin Johnson, two of the best in the world. Day has been at No. 1 since March. Johnson is the U.S. Open champion with one of the most powerful swings in golf.

Woods said if his back feels good, then he can prepare. And if he can prepare, he says he can compete.

That's where he is.

Even at Torrey Pines, it figures to take more than a week to figure out how far he has to go.

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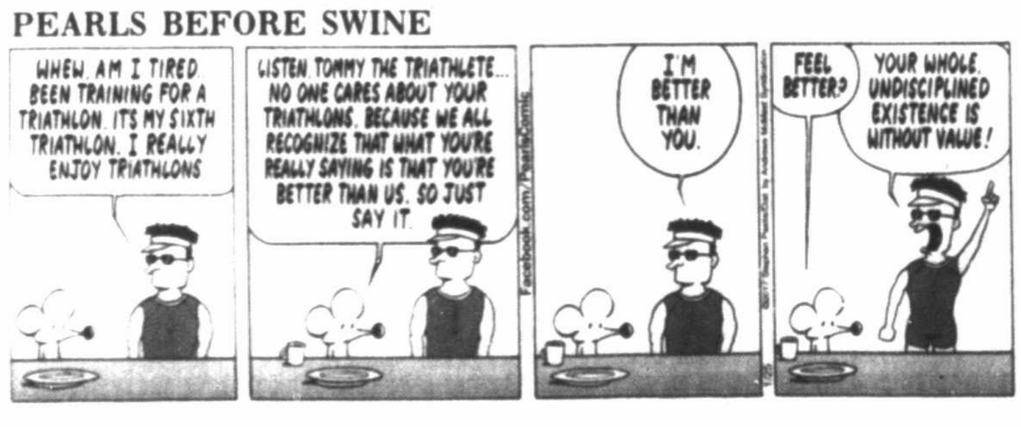

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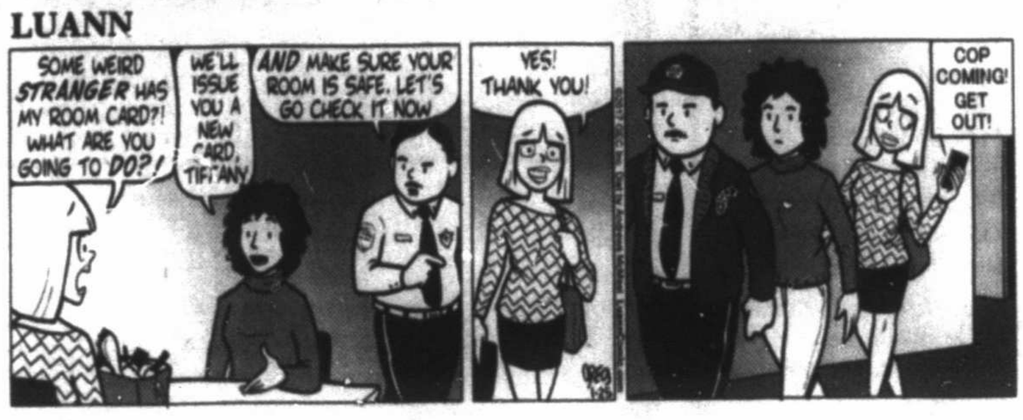

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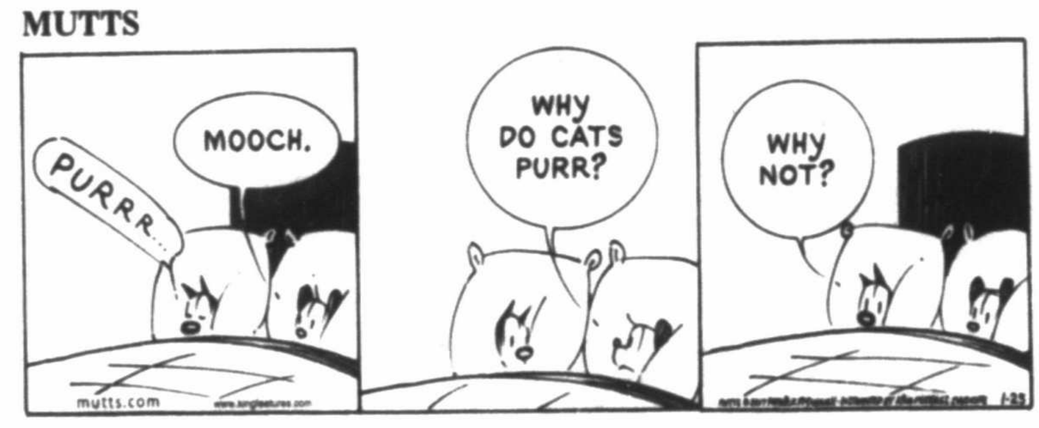

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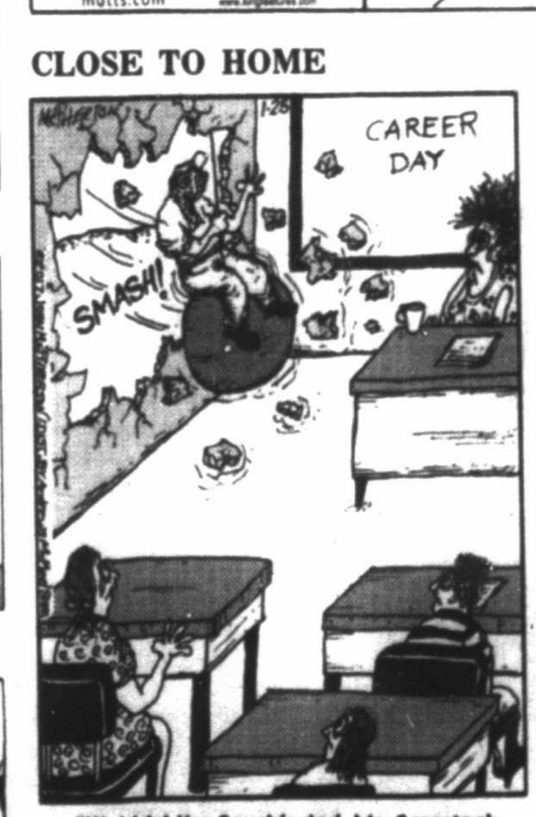

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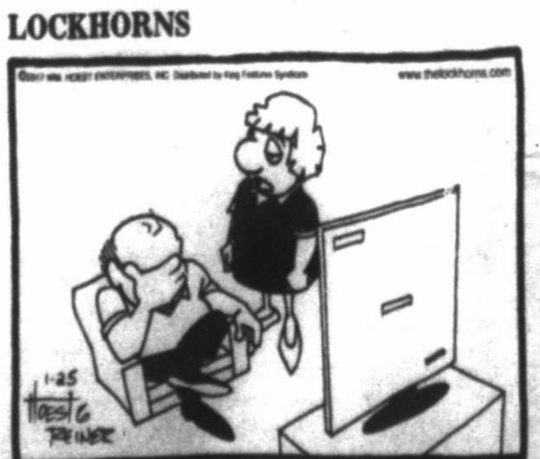

"I WONDER IF ANYONE ELSE CRIES AT THE END OF AN OVERTIME."

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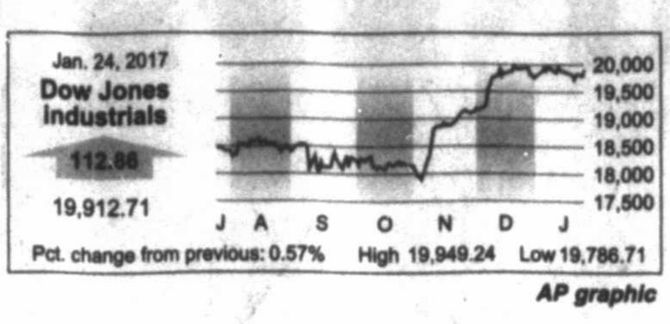

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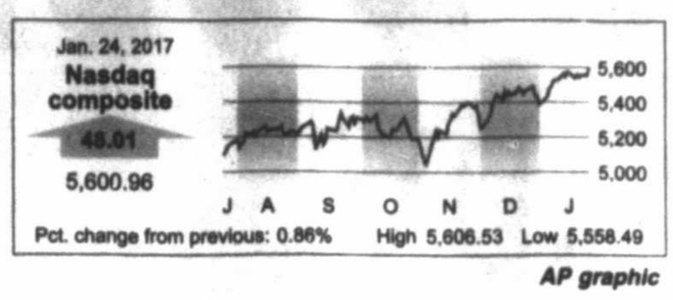

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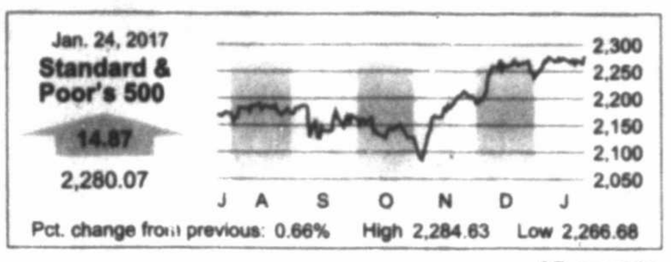

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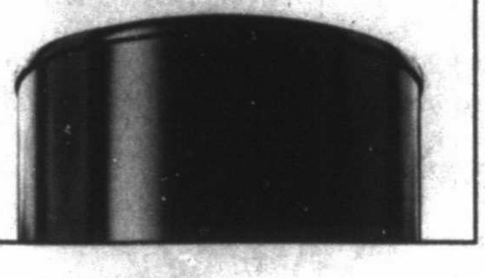

Aramco said to seek advisers for world's biggest share sale

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Saudi Arabian Oil Co. is asking banks including Goldman Sachs and HSBC Holdings to pitch for an advisory role on its initial public offering as it pushes ahead with plans for the world's largest share sale, three people with knowledge of the matter said.

The company has also sent out the so-called request for proposals to lenders including Credit Suisse Group and Morgan Stanley, the people said, asking not to be identified as the process is private. Aramco, as it's known, is targeting the second or third quarter of 2018 for the IPO and expects to select banks later this year, two of the people said.

Aramco has also shortlisted New York-based boutique investment bank Moelis & Co. and Evercore Partners Inc. as potential financial advisers for the IPO, people with knowledge of the matter said. Aramco had been seeking a boutique to help it select banks to underwrite the offering, decide on venues for the listing and ensure the IPO's smooth execution, people familiar with the plans had said in September.

Saudi Arabia plans to sell less than 5 percent of the company as part of plans by Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to set up the world's biggest sovereign wealth fund and reduce the economy's reliance on hydrocarbons. The sale's estimated size of $100 billion would make it the largest ever, dwarfing the $25 billion raised by Chinese internet retailer Alibaba in 2014.

JPMorgan Chase and Michael Klein, the former Citigroup investment banker who runs his own advisory firm, have already been selected to advise on the IPO, people familiar with the matter said in April. Klein is providing strategic advice to the government, while JPMorgan is working on preparations for the IPO and may be among the banks that underwrite the listing, the people said.

Aramco Chief Executive Officer Amin Nasser said the company may list on two or three exchanges and, to make the sale more attractive to investors, Saudi Arabia will reduce the company's overall tax rate.

Prince Mohammed's plan envisions the Aramco IPO as the centerpiece of Saudi Arabia's biggest economic shakeup since the founding of the country in 1932. Although details of what exactly will be sold remain unclear, Nasser has said the IPO will be based on the company maintaining the so-called concession, which gives it the right to exploit the kingdom's oil and gas reserves.

Saudi Aramco and Evercore didn't immediately return calls seeking comment. Representatives for Morgan Stanley, HSBC, Credit Suisse and Moelis declined to comment, while Goldman Sachs wasn't immediately available for comment.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	973990	22.85	+.39
S&P500ETF	805213	227.60	+1.45
AK Steel	729108	8.68	-.61
VanEGold	642278	23.83	+.02
DxGBull s	626086	11.07	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AllegTch	22.28	+5.29	+31.1
MultiPlg n	17.79	+3.40	+23.6
GranaMon	5.29	+.79	+17.6
Textainer	13.60	+1.95	+16.7
IntPotash	2.06	+.27	+15.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BT Grp s	19.38	-5.05	-20.7
BioAmber	4.39	-.87	-16.5
DxHrtbBear	26.50	-3.10	-10.5
FortunaSlv	6.15	-.70	-10.2
PUVlxST rs	25.34	-2.61	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	2,218
Declined	781
Unchanged	86
Total issues	3,085
New Highs	209
New Lows	11
Volume	3,718,424,104

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	302186	3.32	+.36
Globalstar	143205	1.48	+.04
NwGold g	76086	4.11	-.20
UraniumEn	73753	1.80	+.21
B2gold g	45862	2.94	...

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImunoCll rs	2.67	+.37	+16.0
SwGA Fn	21.38	+2.48	+13.1
OrchidsPP	28.94	+3.28	+12.8
NDynMn g	3.32	+.36	+12.2
GldFld	6.85	+.55	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RivVmsWk	6.09	-.48	-7.2
Majesco n	5.35	-.40	-7.0
StrPathCm	36.46	-2.13	-5.5
NwGold g	4.11	-.20	-4.6
Aerocntry	10.50	-.50	-4.5

DIARY

Advanced	210
Declined	129
Unchanged	29
Total issues	368
New Highs	16
New Lows	6
Volume	167,649,219

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Qualcom	409470	55.00	+.12
Intel	341462	37.62	+.85
MicronT	286741	22.85	+.96
Cisco	240220	30.80	+.33
Microsoft	233139	63.52	+.56

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GenVec rs	6.57	+2.03	+44.7
AmtechSys	5.83	+1.72	+41.8
AviatNet rs	12.34	+1.99	+19.2
MaraPatnt	2.12	+.34	+19.1
AuriniePh	3.13	+.50	+19.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AquaB Tc n	15.18	-5.16	-25.4
DryShp rs	4.48	-.92	-17.0
Workhrs rs	3.76	-.75	-16.6
Energous	15.25	-2.46	-13.9
GlobusM rs	9.49	-1.28	-11.9

DIARY

Advanced	2,026
Declined	789
Unchanged	212
Total issues	3,027
New Highs	163
New Lows	31
Volume	1,742,882,619

Wells Fargo reviews policy of alerting managers to branch visits

Bloomberg

Wells Fargo, the lender struggling to recover from a scandal involving bogus customer accounts, is reviewing its policy of giving retail bankers a day's notice before internal inspectors visit a branch.

One option is to eliminate the practice, Mary Eshet, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco-based firm, said Tuesday. The bank unit that monitors risk began on-site exams for misconduct and stepped up a mystery shopper program last year after Wells Fargo was fined $185 million by U.S. regulators for opening accounts without customers' knowledge.

Tim Sloan, who took over as chief executive officer in October after John Stumpf quit, said he's working to rid the bank of practices that contributed to the accounts scandal and last week announced the creation of an ethics office responsible for rooting out bad behavior. Community bank head Mary Mack unveiled a compensation plan for retail-bank employees this month that favors customer-service scores over sales goals.

Branch employees in the retail bank used notice periods of 24 hours to 72 hours to falsify records and forge customer signatures, the Wall Street Journal reported earlier Tuesday, citing current and former workers it didn't identify.

"We continue to make improvements and take a hard look at all our processes, and if the 24-hour notice is an issue, we will eliminate it," Eshet said.

The bank has "invested millions in staffing and other resources" to improve retail-branch monitoring and increased branch inspections by the internal audit team, she said.

Retail customers opened 40 percent fewer checking accounts in December from a year earlier and submitted 43 percent fewer credit-card applications. Community bank profit fell 15 percent to $2.7 billion in the fourth quarter from the preceding three-month period as Wells Fargo took in less from mortgage banking and fees it charges on deposit accounts.

Stocks post solid gains

U.S. stocks posted solid gains Tuesday, propelling the Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite to all-time highs.

Mining and other materials sector companies rose more than the rest of the market. The sector could benefit from initiatives by the White House to streamline the permitting process for manufacturing and clear the way for pipeline construction.

Financial stocks also rose sharply. Energy companies climbed as crude oil prices closed higher. The rally also swept up stocks in U.S. homebuilders.

Health care, phone companies and other high-dividend stocks were among the biggest laggards as bond yields rose.

While several big companies reported quarterly earnings, investors focused on the latest batch of executive actions from President Donald Trump.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 112.86 points, or 0.6 percent, to 19,912.71. The S&P 500 index gained 14.87 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,280.07. That's the highest close for the index since Jan. 6.

Metal prices end mixed

Among metals, the price of gold slid $4.80, or 0.4 percent, to $1,210.80 an ounce. Silver was little changed at $17.19 an ounce. Copper rose 6 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $2.71 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $146.41 Up 0.95

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $139.04 Up 3.05

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.12 Up 0.17

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $103.74 Up 1.55

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.35 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.23 Up 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $29.95 Up 1.15

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.60 Up 0.35

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.59 Up 0.46

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.92 Up 0.41

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	26	8.68	-.61	-15.0
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.36	-.64	-2.8
Abraxas	...	...	2.49	-.00	-3.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.06	+.06	+2.8
AMD	...	...	10.44	+.53	-7.9
Alibaba	...	46	101.43	+3.02	+15.5
AllegTch	.24j	...	22.28	+5.29	+39.9
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.97	+.22	+5.2
Ambev	.06e	...	5.43	-.03	+10.6
Amgen	**4.60f**	**14**	**191.86**	**-.67**	**+8.9**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**71.10**	**+1.32**	**+2.1**
Apache	1.00	...	60.96	+.19	-4.0
Apple Inc	2.28	15	119.97	-.11	+3.6
ApldMatl	**.40**	**21**	**34.03**	**+.28**	**+5.5**
ArcelorMit	...	30	8.30	+.07	+13.7
Archrock	.48	...	15.10	+.45	+14.4
ATMOS	**1.88**	**22**	**75.14**	**+.76**	**+1.3**
AutoData	2.28	29	103.24	+1.04	+.4
BP PLC	**2.40e**	**...**	**36.91**	**+.29**	**-1.3**
BakrHu	.68	...	62.68	+1.26	-3.5
BcoBrad s	.43e	...	10.14	-.11	+16.6
BkofAm	.30f	18	22.95	+.39	+3.8
B IPVxST rs	...	...	19.56	-.94	-23.3
BarrickGd s	1.20j	...	15.36	+.13	-.8
BarrickG	.08	41	18.13	+.31	+13.5
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**182409**	**40.05**	**+284.00**	**-1.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.88**	**22**	**61.87**	**+.16**	**+.9**
BrklySq	**1.56f**	**34**	**46.96**	**-1.04**	**-16.2**
BrownPA s	...	29	47.12	+.41	+1.9
BrownPB s	...	...	46.86	+.41	+2.1
CSX	.72	26	46.89	+.70	+29.9
CVS Health	1.70f	14	81.78	+.53	+3.6
Caterpillar	3.08	26	96.24	+1.78	+3.8
Celestic g	...	10	12.15	+.04	+2.5
Cellestar rs	...	...	1.55	+.17	+27.0
Cemex	.29t	...	9.15	+.32	+13.9
CntryLink	2.16	10	25.57	-.24	+7.5
ChesEng	...	...	6.91	+.23	-1.6
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**116.37**	**+.98**	**-1.1**
Chicos	.32	29	13.50	+.35	-6.2
Cimarex	.32	...	136.30	+1.12	+1.8
Cisco	1.04	15	30.80	+.33	+1.3
Citigroup	.64	12	58.74	+1.06	-4.5
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**146.41**	**+.95**	**+22.8**
CliffsNRs	...	21	9.29	+.51	+10.5
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**41.90**	**+.47**	**+1.1**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**24**	**68.26**	**+.71**	**+4.3**
ConAgra	**.80**	**21**	**39.21**	**+.32**	**-.9**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**139.04**	**+3.05**	**+4.9**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	**...**	**50.27**	**+.33**	**+.3**
Corning	.54	19	26.18	+1.41	+7.9
CrackerB	4.60	21	158.84	+1.01	-5.0
CSVInvNG	...	...	3.78	-.13	+24.8
CSVIxSh rs	...	...	5.52	-.58	-42.0
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**13**	**18.06**	**-.17**	**+.5**
CypSemi	.44	25	12.04	+.68	+5.2
DCP Mid	3.12	17	37.67	+.75	-1.8
DTE	2.92	22	97.96	-.07	-.6
Dataram rs	...	...	1.41	+.05	-36.9
Delcath rs	...	...	.46	+.17	-48.2
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**66.59**	**+.96**	**+2.0**
DxGlMBr rs	...	...	18.70	+.47	-46.7
DrGMBll s	...	...	6.90	-.27	+59.5
DxGBull s	...	...	11.07	+.09	+44.9
Disney	**1.88f**	**19**	**107.99**	**+.78**	**+3.5**
DowChm	**1.84**	**19**	**59.84**	**+2.50**	**+4.2**
DryShp rs	...	1	4.48	-.92	-84.8
eBay s	...	17	29.99	-.26	+1.0
EOG Resce	**.67**	**...**	**103.68**	**+.22**	**+2.6**
Energen	.08	...	54.69	+.14	-5.2
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	37.00	+1.25	+3.3
EnPro	**.84**	**51**	**66.77**	**+1.80**	**-.9**
EntProdPt	1.64	22	28.52	+.68	+5.5
Ericsson	.40e	...	5.91	+.10	+1.4
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**34**	**86.09**	**+.12**	**-5.7**
Facebook	...	36	129.37	+.44	+12.4
FlatChrys	...	...	10.86	+.60	+19.3
FordM	.60a	6	12.61	+.30	+4.0
FrptMcM	...	...	17.02	+1.30	+29.0
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.47	-.07	+2.7
GATX	**1.60**	**10**	**59.86**	**+.66**	**-2.8**
GabMulTT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.81**	**+.02**	**+5.1**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**32.18**	**+.16**	**+3.2**
GenElec	**.96f**	**29**	**30.00**	**+.25**	**-5.1**
Genworth	...	...	3.44	-.33	-9.7
Globalstar	...	13	1.48	+.04	-5.3
Goldcrp g	.24	...	16.04	+.28	+17.9
GtPlainEn	**1.10f**	**16**	**26.87**	**-.05**	**-1.8**
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**...**	**56.62**	**+1.82**	**+4.7**
HuntBncsh	.32	18	13.25	+.19	+.2
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.39	-.28	+12.1
iShEMkts	.84e	...	37.19	+.23	+6.2
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	59.69	+.15	+3.4
iShR2K	1.77e	...	135.93	+2.05	+.8
Intel	**1.04**	**17**	**37.62**	**+.85**	**+3.7**
InterDig	1.20	16	91.95	+2.90	+.7
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	11.90	-.10	+15.9
JD.com	...	...	28.54	+.36	+12.2
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	84.72	+1.01	-1.8
JohnJn	**3.20**	**17**	**111.76**	**-2.15**	**-3.0**
Keycorp	.34	18	18.05	+.38	-1.2
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**29**	**121.79**	**+4.81**	**+6.7**
Kinross g	...	...	3.84	+.09	+23.5
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.35	-.05	+10.8
Lubys	...	...	4.01	+.10	-8.3
McDnlds	3.76f	22	121.05	-.33	-.6
Merck	1.88f	16	61.21	-.80	+4.0
MetrMed	**...**	**33**	**25.00**	**-.40**	**-5.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	5.23	+.19	+4.7
MicronT	...	...	22.85	+.96	+4.2
Microsoft	1.56f	26	63.52	+.56	+2.2
MultiPlg n	...	...	17.79	+3.40	+24.8
Nabors	.24	...	17.14	+.13	+4.5
NatGrid	**3.55e**	**...**	**58.53**	**-.19**	**+.3**
NOilVarco	.20	21	39.04	+.61	+4.3
NokiaCp	.30e	...	4.87	-.01	-2.9
NDynMn g	...	...	3.32	+.36	+60.4
NSTPtl	**.85e**	**...**	**14.28**	**...**	**+.8**
NTXQI	**.85**	**...**	**13.89**	**-.06**	**+1.2**
OcciPet	**3.04f**	**...**	**67.87**	**-.12**	**-4.7**
PerTech	...	18	6.07	+.06	+8.8
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**2.60**	**-.05**	**...**
PetBTI	**.88**	**9**	**27.00**	**+.58**	**+.3**
Penney	...	...	8.95	+.10	-16.4
PennaRE	**.84**	**75**	**18.11**	**-.09**	**-4.6**
Pmian	.44e	24	8.75	+.45	+13.5
Petrobras	...	...	11.10	+.25	+9.8
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**13**	**31.15**	**+.31**	**-4.1**
PicoNet	.08	...	180.75	-2.15	+.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**32.15**	**+.98**	**+.4**
Potash	.40	16	19.87	+.98	+9.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	124.18	+.53	+4.8
Praxair	**3.00**	**23**	**117.89**	**+1.01**	**+.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**56.50**	**...**	**+4.6**
PUVlxST rs	...	...	25.34	-2.61	...
ProctGam	**2.58**	**23**	**87.86**	**+.90**	**+4.5**
Qualcom	2.12	14	55.00	+.12	-15.6
RangeRs	.08	...	34.06	-.08	-.9
RegionsFn	.26f	16	14.24	+.33	-.8
RennovaH	...	...	.08	-.01	...
RiteAid	...	63	6.95	+.05	-15.7
Rowan	.40	6	19.40	+.12	+2.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.36	+.60	+1.8
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	198.84	+1.06	+.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	227.60	+1.45	+1.8
SabnR	1.86e	18	37.65	-.15	+7.1
SanderPm	**.96**	**11**	**90.81**	**-.12**	**-3.6**
Schlmbrg	2.00	74	84.58	+.31	+.8
SiriusXM	.01p	39	4.63	+.04	+4.0
Smucker	3.00f	17	134.51	+1.02	+5.0
SwstnEngy	...	...	9.50	+.31	-12.2
Sprint	...	...	9.19	+.01	+9.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.29	+.29	+.2
SunocoLog	2.04f	53	24.87	+.90	+3.5
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**9.72**	**+.09**	**+8.7**
Tesoro	2.20	10	81.98	+1.55	-6.3
3M Co	4.44	22	175.97	-2.54	-1.5
Torchmark	**.56**	**17**	**74.26**	**+.67**	**+.7**
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**22.47**	**+.13**	**+1.9**
Twitter	...	...	16.52	-.09	+1.3
TylerTech	**...**	**52**	**147.48**	**+.16**	**+3.3**
UBSI	**1.32**	**23**	**44.70**	**+1.00**	**-3.4**
US OilFd	...	...	11.37	+.05	-3.0
USSteel	.20	...	33.22	+.42	+.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.76	+.25	+41.2
Vale SA pf	.29e	...	10.16	+.23	+47.5
ValeantPh	...	15	13.58	-.41	-6.5
ValeroE	2.40	14	67.86	+1.61	-.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.83	+.02	+13.9
VanE JrGld	...	...	37.56	-.38	+19.0
VerizonCm	2.31f	14	50.12	-2.29	-6.1
VulcanM	**.80**	**45**	**132.35**	**+2.82**	**+5.8**
WEC Engy	2.08	20	58.43	+.04	-.4
WalgBoots	1.50	17	81.23	-.32	-1.8
WealthInvt	...	...	5.26	-.01	+5.8
WellsFargo	1.52	14	54.70	+.45	-.7
WstnRefin	1.52	24	35.48	+.65	-6.3
WhtHrsPwt	...	...	12.12	+.20	+.8
WmsCos	.80	66	28.48	+.27	-8.5
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**19**	**40.79**	**-.02**	**+.2**
Xerox	**.31**	**9**	**6.94**	**+.05**	**+20.7**
Yahoo	...	...	43.90	+1.50	+13.5
Zynga	...	...	2.55	-.05	-.8

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19,999.63	15,503.01	Dow Jones Industrials	19,912.71	+112.86	+.57	+.76	+23.17
9,490.29	6,643.71	Dow Jones Transportation	9,288.59	+150.40	+1.65	+2.71	+36.28
723.83	582.11	Dow Jones Utilities	655.21	+.23	+.04	-.57	+11.34
11,588.45	8,944.05	NYSE Composite	11,249.29	+78.67	+.70	+1.74	+19.30
5,594.26	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,600.96	+48.01	+.86	+4.05	+22.62
2,282.10	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,280.07	+14.87	+.66	+1.84	+19.77
1,598.70	1,229.10	S&P Midcap	1,597.16	+25.34	+1.52	+2.20	+31.59
23,875.45	18,462.45	Wilshire 5000	23,879.29	+186.29	+.79	+1.94	+22.06
1,392.71	943.08	Russell 2000	1,369.21	+21.37	+1.59	+.89	+34.50

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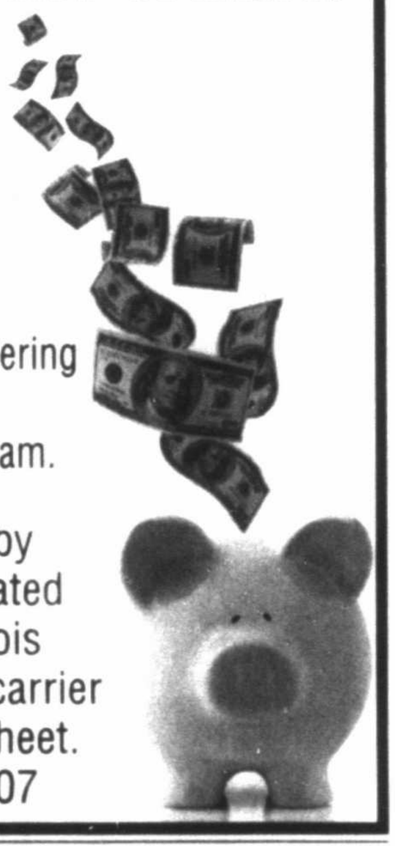

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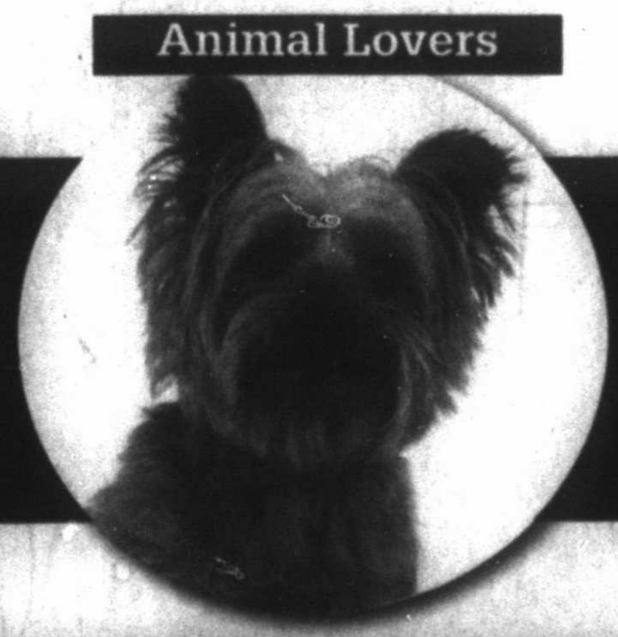

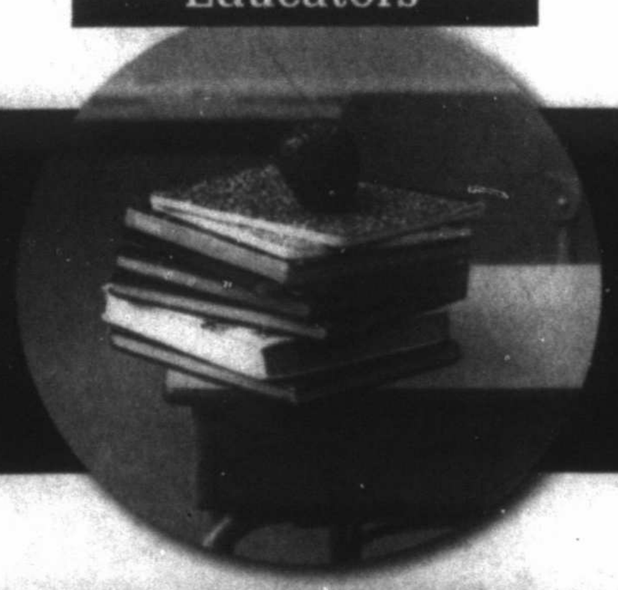

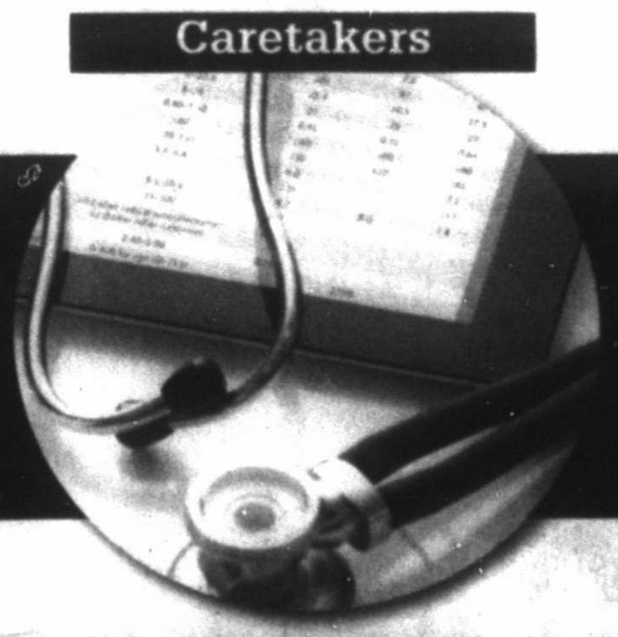

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All proposals must be sealed and labeled **RFP # 1205-012517".**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

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Proposals shall be addressed to:
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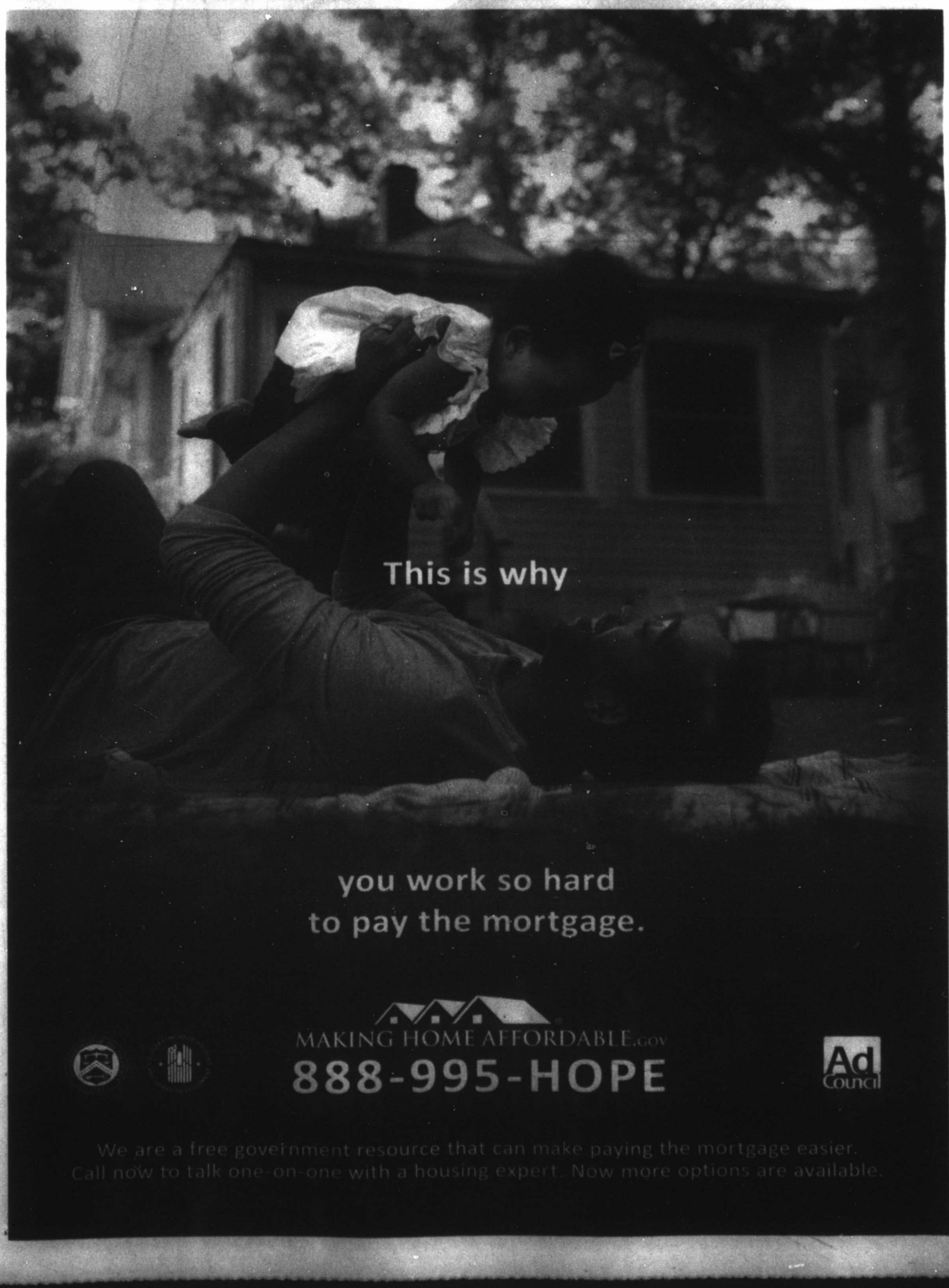

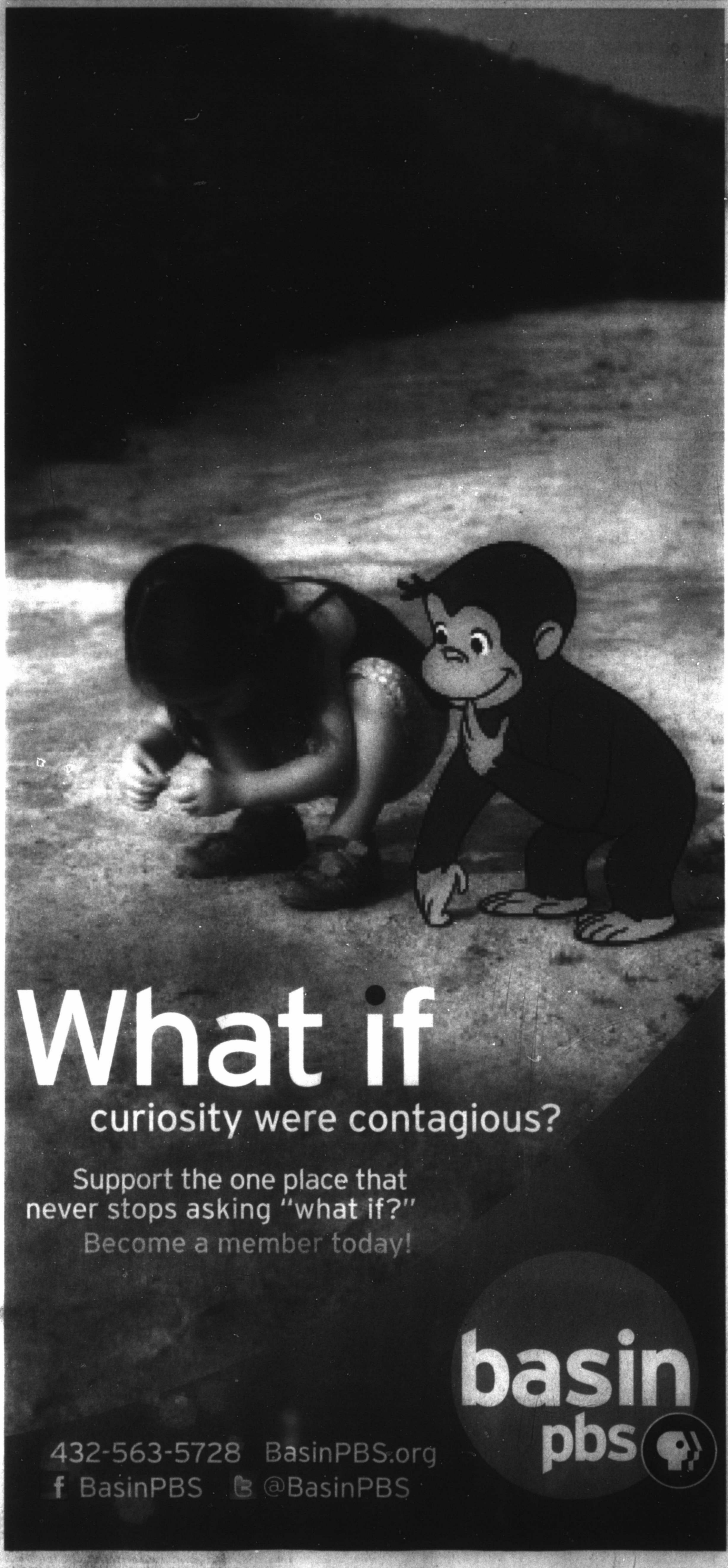
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