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Student population closer to 25,500 will impact MISD

■ Riddick: Growth speaks to the outlook the community has in its public school system

By Stewart Doreen
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The increase in the number of students inside Midland ISD compared to the start of the previous school year will top 1,000.

Superintendent Orlando Riddick said Tuesday the district's student population appears to not only have eclipsed 25,000 but will end up closer to 25,500.

Riddick said student population is around 25,418. He also said the number of students after the second day of class (previously reported at 25,092) was more than 1,000 greater than the second day of the 2016-17 school year.

The new superintendent said there are no current plans to close campuses to additional students but that some grade levels at certain campuses might be closed to growth. He also said that at this point the district isn't planning to bring in portables. Last year, Fasken Elementary's population spiked to the point that the district needed portables for a school the district opened for the 2015-16 academic year. Riddick said there are no schools facing the same type of growth spike that Fasken experienced last year.

The increased numbers of students will impact class size. MISD's school finance payments — which are expected to top $42 million this year — impacted the district's total payroll (down around $6 million from 2015-16). Midland ISD has learned over the past 12 months it would have to do more with less.

More students but not additional teachers means the possibility of more

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MISD student population

				Also	
2017-18 (so far):	25,418	2011-12:	22,501	2004-05:	20,621
2016-17:	24,692	2010-11:	21,614	1999-2000:	21,215
2015-16:	24,518	2009-10:	21,287	1994-95:	23,074
2014-15:	24,300	2008-09:	21,334		
2013-14:	23,491	2007-08:	20,969		
2012-13:	23,249	2006-07:	20,827		

Source: Texas Education Agency

GUIDING GROWTH

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of the Junior League of Midland Inc. on Tuesday discussed managing stress and anxiety with female students at Midland Freshman High School. The session launched the mentoring program IMPACT (Inspiring Mindful Progress in Academics and Community Together), a partnership between the Junior League and Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin. Junior League members will meet Midland Freshman students from each lunch period monthly and speak to them about various topics, including safe dating and boundaries, bullying, attire, cyber safety and etiquette, according to a press release. The goal of IMPACT is to empower female students as they adjust to the campus, organization members said. Read more about the program in a future edition

MISD: At least 10 evacuees enroll

From staff reports

Hurricane Harvey evacuees have already enrolled at Midland ISD

The district reports 10 to 12 children from the Gulf Coast area are attending MISD schools. Teresa Moore, the district's executive director of Student Services, said it appears the energy industry connection is the main reason for the moves as one parent was already working in Midland when the hurricane struck and then flooded the region

"Everyone I have spoken to, they had a connection to Midland," Moore said. "We have had families planning to move here anyway. With everything that happened, that sped up their plans."

Moore said she knew of families from Houston, Katy and Rockport. She said counties represented include Aransas and Refugio, but most evacuees are from Harris County (the greater Houston metropolitan area).

Moore said mechanisms are in place to provide needed services (free lunch programs, vouchers for uniforms, Title I funding) for students making the move

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES FOR DISPLACED STUDENTS

Parents or guardians of displaced students affected by Hurricane Harvey who need to enroll in Midland ISD should come to the Student Services Office located on the fourth floor of the MISD Central Administration Building, 615 W. Missouri Ave.

■ If the family is staying with relatives or friends, we are requesting a statement from the relative/friend confirming that the family is living with them and a current water/gas/electric bill or apartment lease with the host family's name and address of service.

■ If the family is residing in a hotel, we request that they provide the hotel receipt confirming the stay. We are also requesting that the parent/guardian provide a photo ID and the name of the county from which they have evacuated.

The parent/guardian must also complete a Student Residency Questionnaire to

Please see **ENROLL**/2A

P&Z approves apartment complex, homestead tweaks

From staff reports

Planning and Zoning Commissioners met Tuesday and unanimously approved all items on the public hearings agenda by a 5-0 vote. Commissioners typically meet the first and third Mondays of the month, but Monday was Labor Day.

The following are details of the commission's approvals. All decisions must be approved by City Council.

■ Stonehawk Capital Partners received a zone change from planned district (PD) for a housing development to an amended planned district for its Pavilion Park II apartment complex, located at Mockingbird Lane and Stonebridge Drive.

The company is looking to adjust its fire lane and make room for more amenities, such as additional parking for the clubhouse, increasing the size of the pool footprint and installing a putting green space.

The additional parking was not part of the plan presented to the commission, but commissioners approved the request on the condition that city engineering staff and City Council approve the changes.

Pavilion Park II will have 362 apartment units.

■ Parkhill, Smith & Cooper received approval for a replat at 6104 and 6106 Turtle Creek Road in Heritage Oaks Addition. Construction of a home's foundation required an additional 9 inches as part of the final replat.

Zoning for the sites is one-family dwelling district (1F3) for future development

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The big number
1 woman was shot and killed by a deputy after a chase and gunfire in a case involving federal marshals. Page 5A

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with sexual assault

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after he allegedly sexually assaulted a child, according to court documents.

Alejandro Ramirez, 21, was being held Tuesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child.

Ramirez

A Midland police detective was contacted on Aug. 28 in reference to a sexual assault of a child.

The department had received a report of a sexual encounter involving a man, later identified as Ramirez, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

Man charged with aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly assaulting a man, according to court documents.

Xavier L. Burns, 22, was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury and a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sex offender duty to register.

Burns

Burns was at a residence when he attacked a man, according to his arrest affidavit. The man lost consciousness and a portion of his lip as a result of the assault, according to the affidavit.

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

Woman arrested on burglary charge

A Midland woman was arrested Thursday after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owner, according to court documents.

Erica Cortez, 34, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

A Midland police officer was dispatched Aug. 2 in reference to a disturbance.

Cortez

Cortez and another woman, Michelle Gonzales Vera, allegedly forced their way into a residence. Cortez then grabbed a female by the hair and tore out a portion of her hair, according to her arrest affidavit.

Vera was arrested Aug. 8 and released Aug. 10 on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

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

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf, speaking Tuesday at the Midland County Courthouse, announced a clothing and toiletries drive for Hurricane Harvey victims.

District Attorney's Office hosts drive for Harvey victims

By Karis Johnson
Midland Reporter-Telegram

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey's destruction in southeast Texas, the Midland County District Attorney's Office, with the support of the Midland County judge and commissioners, will be hosting a clothing, toiletries and baby item drive to aid flood victims.

"We recognize that the people in the south Texas area have been hit beyond measure with tremendous loss," District Attorney Laura Nodolf said Tuesday afternoon. "So, whatever we can do on our part, as a county, to be able to help those down there, we are willing to do and we want to reach out."

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Get more Hurricane Harvey coverage.
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There are bins in the lobby of Midland County Courthouse and the Midland County Annex for residents to bring their donations, which will be accepted through Friday.

Items that are needed are new and gently used clothing, diapers, baby wipes and toiletries, Nodolf said.

While some people have been concerned about donated items reaching the Gulf Coast and the amount of unneeded, over-donated items — such as clothes — Nodolf said this drive is different.

"We really have coordinated with nonprofits to ensure that the items get to those people," Nodolf said. "We've worked with the Red Cross, and we specifically coordinated this with them to make sure that the items get down there and that they are needed and necessary items."

All donations will be sorted and packaged to be sent directly to the coast. Nodolf said that after they ensure there are enough quality items, it should take no longer than a week for the necessary supplies to reach the victims.

"Of course, we're all devastated. We're all Texans, we stand behind each other and support each other," Nodolf said. "As Midland County, as much as we can do to help support our fellow citizens, that's what we're going to do."

STATE&LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

LUBBOCK

Man dies in motorcycle wreck near Stanton

A Lubbock man died and a Midland woman is in the hospital with "incapacitating injuries" after a motorcycle wreck Saturday on Interstate 20 in Martin County.

Stephen D. Gibson, 26, died at Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Gibson was driving a 2003 Kawasaki VN1500 motorcycle west on I-20 when the vehicle had a blowout on the rear tire, according to a press release from DPS.

Gibson lost control of the motorcycle and it left the roadway. Neither Gibson nor his 21-year-old passenger were wearing helmets, according to the DPS.

The accident took place 1 mile west of Stanton at about 5:30 p.m.

MC raising funds for Harvey relief

Midland College Student Government Association is raising funds for the American Red Cross for relief of Hurricane Harvey victims. Fundraising efforts will continue through Friday, and activities at today's fall semester Club Fair will focus on relief efforts.

The fair is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beal Plaza.

Lunch is available to all students. The event is an opportunity for students to receive information about various student clubs, activities and nonprofit organizations.

AUSTIN

Texas seeks swift reversal of blocked 'sanctuary cities' law

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is asking a federal appeals court for an emergency order blocking a lower ruling that kept Texas' new anti-"sanctuary cities" law from taking effect.

In a filing Tuesday, Paxton requested expedited consideration and a ruling from the U.S. 5th Circuit Court within two days.

A San Antonio-based federal judge last week temporarily suspended Texas' new law amid a lawsuit questioning its constitutionality.

The law had been set to kick in Sept. 1.

It allows police to inquire about people's immigration status during routine interactions like traffic stops.

Police chiefs also could face removal from office and even criminal charges for not complying with federal requests to hold people jailed on non-immigration offenses longer for possible deportation.

Opponents call it a "show your papers" law.

MISD

From 1A

class-size waivers, and Riddick said he may ask the board to request as many as 80 class-size waivers from the Texas Education Agency.

Last year, the district approved asking the TEA for 72 class-size waivers, which was an increase of 31 compared to 2015-16 and four times the number of waivers submitted to the Texas Education Agency in 2014-15.

State law mandates a 22-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fourth grade. Riddick said many classes will have closer to 24 students.

The higher student count continues a growth trend going back to 2007, when MISD reported a student population of 20,827 to the Texas Education Agency. Should the student population reach 25,500, Midland ISD will have experienced at least a 22.4 percent increase in its student population in the past 10 years.

"This (growth) speaks to the outlook the community has in its public school system," Riddick said. "More community members want to take on MISD as the school of choice."

Riddick said the staff and teaching-and-learning community inside the district continue to benefit from the foundation then-interim Superintendent Rod Schroder laid last year.

He said despite having more kids, the readiness of the staff and teachers allows MISD to maximize what it can do for students.

He said teacher availability for the 32 current vacant positions isn't what the district needs it to be, and that even with the extra revenue from having more students, the district likely will have to wait until the Christmas break before hiring.

However, he said the district benefits from making sure those teachers hired are qualified to do the job.

When asked what reaching 25,000 students and 20 percent growth over a decade means to the district long term, Riddick said district leaders need to be aware of quality of the buildings and teachers, professional development opportunities, the community's confidence in the district and forecast where students are moving within the city.

"We are excited about the confidence this community has (in the district), and it will only grow," Riddick said.

ENROLL

From 1A

determine eligibility for McKinney-Vento services, such as automatic free school lunches.

We will enroll all students who are coming in under these circumstances even if the parent/guardian cannot provide the usual enrollment documents (birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records) as we know that these documents, as well as school records such as transcripts, may not be available. When we are able to request those records from the previous school district, we will do so and then make adjustments to course/grade level placements at that time.

There may be exceptions to our document requests and we will work with each family to ensure that the students are enrolled in school as quickly as possible. Please call 240-1523 for more information.

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adjective
1. giving form or shape; forming; shaping; fashioning; molding.
2. pertaining to formation or development.

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6. MISD First Day of School 17: 22,524
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Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway, is opening Thursday for its 33rd season. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. A visit to the locally owned business is a holiday tradition for many families.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-4-9
Pick 3 day: 2-4-5
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-8
Pick 3 night: 8-9-9
Daily 4 morning: 2-1-9-9
Daily 4 day: 9-2-2-6
Daily 4 evening: 8-0-4-6
Daily 4 night: 3-1-7-2
Cash Five: 2-10-27-32-37
Triple Chance: 15-20-25-26-28-34-36-40-50-54

Mega Millions: 11-17-59-70-72 BB: 1 MP: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-8-9-13-16-17-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing day: 3-5-6-7-10-15-16-17-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-5-7-11-14-16-18-19-20-21-22
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Weather

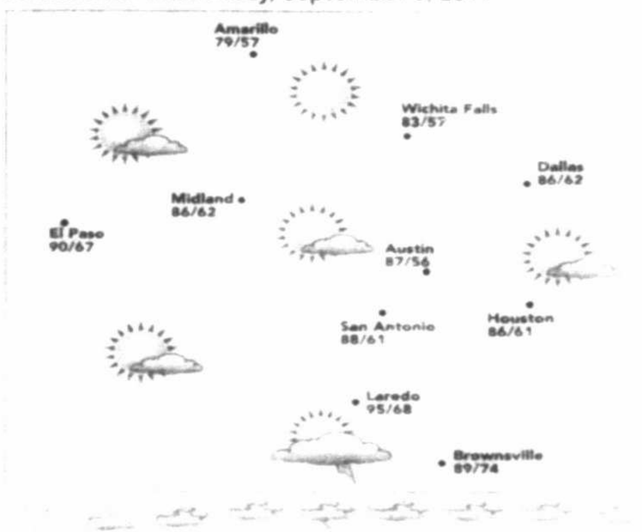
Tuesday's temperatures
High 91
Low 65
Normal high 90
Normal low 65

Sept. 5's records
Record high: 104 set in 1948
Record low: 53 set in 1984 and 1988

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in
Monday ..... 0.00 in
Month total ..... Trace
Year total ..... 12.74 in
Normal total (year to date) ..... 10.05 in

Winds
Average: 8.1 mph
Highest sustained: 22 mph
Highest gust: 27 mph

Forecast for Wednesday, September 6, 2017



Today's forecast
High: 83
Low: 62
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:27 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:06 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017:

This year you often juggle different interests. In fact, some of your friends could be taken aback by your ability to espouse different, opposing views with ease. You feel comfortable with opposing views, as you look past the obvious and see the same bottom-line issue in both perspectives. If you are single, you often could feel as if you are in perpetual arguments and controversies with whomever you are dating. Come fall 2017, you will learn how to politely disagree or point out similarities. Your ability to communicate soars. If you are attached, passions increase. You often work through problems by kissing and making up. PISCES adds many wild ideas to your already imaginative choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might wake up feeling that you have had a walk on the wild side. As a result, you might want to update your plans since you don't feel up to snuff. News coming from a distance could be sobering; however, it might not be as negative as you might think. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might have a premonition about a friend. Rather than overthink the issue, you might want to make a phone call and check in with that person. A partner suddenly could want to have a stronger sense of control. Think before you leap. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A partner could be touchy. You want to find out what is happening with this person. You could have difficulty getting him or her to open up. Have a strong conversation about your feelings and boundaries. Examine your potential options. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to kick back and listen to your intuition. You could be heading in a new direction after some reflection. Adjust to a change of plans or a new attitude from someone. Routine could be breeding fatigue. A simple schedule adjustment could make all the difference. **Tonight:** Pace yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to mellow out some before responding to someone's controlling ways; it could prevent a lot of grief. The only way to win a power play is not to play. The other party might get more controlling for a while, attempting to get a response. Eventually the behavior will pass. **Tonight:** Go along with a dear friend's or loved one's request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might need to understand what is happening with others. Pace yourself; knowing when to stop pressuring yourself to squeeze one more item or errand in. Your creativity bubbles up when dealing with a difficult scenario. A family member is restrictive or distant in some manner. **Tonight:** Know when to say no.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Defer if need be. Have you taken on too much work or a project that you need more help with? You could be up for changing your routine, especially on the home front. You don't need to do a major upheaval. Your words and tone convey an element of coldness. **Tonight:** Know when to call it a night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could be unusually versatile and creative right now. Others notice your innate ability to flex and work through problems. Don't hesitate to check in on a loved one. He or she appreciates the extra attention. Tonight: Paint the town red!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You feel as if you don't know the whole story, which is quite likely. Continue to put your best foot forward. Use caution around a changeable money matter. You easily could be on the wrong side of an issue or debate. **Tonight:** Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You discover the value of moving forward before a situation becomes too hot of a topic. You have gone over an issue in your mind, only to come up with the same answer: You don't want to hear other opinions. You might be more negative than you realize. **Tonight:** Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your sense of direction might be off when dealing with a money matter, but otherwise you could be on target. Don't allow a close associate or loved one to get the best of you. Understand what your choices are. Opt for the most positive path. **Tonight:** Be willing to take a risk if you feel you can handle a loss.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to continue down a certain path. However, you might not feel secure enough to head down a new trail. Take your time and discuss the matter with several friends who are likely to hold different views. Don't allow yourself to feel rushed. **Tonight:** All smiles, feeling rejuvenated with friends.

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CRIME BRIEFS

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Man charged with sexual assault

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after he allegedly sexually assaulted a child, according to court documents.

Alejandro Ramirez, 21, was being held Tuesday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sexual assault of a child.

Ramirez

A Midland police detective was contacted on Aug. 28 in reference to a sexual assault of a child.

The department had received a report of a sexual encounter involving a man, later identified as Ramirez, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

Man charged with aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly assaulting a man, according to court documents.

Xavier L. Burns, 22, was being held Tuesday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury and a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of sex offender duty to register.

Burns

Burns was at a residence when he attacked a man, according to his arrest affidavit. The man lost consciousness and a portion of his lip as a result of the assault, according to the affidavit.

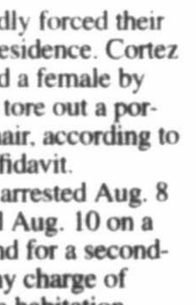
If convicted of a second-degree felony charge, Burns could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Woman arrested on burglary charge

A Midland woman was arrested Thursday after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owner, according to court documents.

Erica Cortez, 34, was being held Tuesday on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

A Midland police officer was dispatched Aug. 2 in reference to a disturbance.



Cortez

Cortez and another woman, Michelle Gonzales Vera, allegedly forced their way into a residence. Cortez then grabbed a female by the hair and tore out a portion of her hair, according to her arrest affidavit.

Vera was arrested Aug. 8 and released Aug. 10 on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

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

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County District Attorney Laura Nodolf, speaking Tuesday at the Midland County Courthouse, announced a clothing and toiletries drive for Hurricane Harvey victims.

District Attorney's Office hosts drive for Harvey victims

By Karis Johnson
Midland Reporter-Telegram

In the wake of Hurricane Harvey's destruction in southeast Texas, the Midland County District Attorney's Office, with the support of the Midland County judge and commissioners, will be hosting a clothing, toiletries and baby item drive to aid flood victims.

"We recognize that the people in the south Texas area have been hit beyond measure with tremendous loss," District Attorney Laura Nodolf said Tuesday afternoon. "So, whatever we can do on our part, as a county, to be able to help those down there, we are willing to do and we want to reach out."

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There are bins in the lobby of Midland County Courthouse and the Midland County Annex for residents to bring their donations, which will be accepted through Friday.

Items that are needed are new and gently used clothing, diapers, baby wipes and toiletries, Nodolf said.

While some people have been concerned about donated items reaching the Gulf Coast and the amount of unneeded, over-donated items — such as clothes — Nodolf said this drive is different.

"We really have coordinated with nonprofits to ensure that the items get to those people," Nodolf said. "We've worked with the Red Cross, and we specifically coordinated this with them to make sure that the items get down there and that they are needed and necessary items."

All donations will be sorted and packaged to be sent directly to the coast. Nodolf said that after they ensure there are enough quality items, it should take no longer than a week for the necessary supplies to reach the victims.

"Of course, we're all devastated. We're all Texans, we stand behind each other and support each other," Nodolf said. "As Midland County, as much as we can do to help support our fellow citizens, that's what we're going to do."

STATE&LOCALBRIEFS

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LUBBOCK

Man dies in motorcycle wreck near Stanton

A Lubbock man died and a Midland woman is in the hospital with "incapacitating injuries" after a motorcycle wreck Saturday on Interstate 20 in Martin County.

Stephen D. Gibson, 26, died at Midland Memorial Hospital, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Gibson was driving a 2003 Kawasaki VN1500 motorcycle west on I-20 when the vehicle had a blowout on the rear tire, according to a press release from DPS.

Gibson lost control of the motorcycle and it left the roadway. Neither Gibson nor his 21-year-old passenger were wearing helmets, according to the DPS.

The accident took place 1 mile west of Stanton at about 5:30 p.m.

MC raising funds for Harvey relief

Midland College Student Government Association is raising funds for the American Red Cross for relief of Hurricane Harvey victims. Fundraising efforts will continue through Friday, and activities at today's fall semester Club Fair will focus on relief efforts.

The fair is 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beal Plaza.

Lunch is available to all students. The event is an opportunity for students to receive information about various student clubs, activities and nonprofit organizations.

AUSTIN

Texas seeks swift reversal of blocked 'sanctuary cities' law

Republican Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is asking a federal appeals court for an emergency order blocking a lower ruling that kept Texas' new anti-"sanctuary cities" law from taking effect.

In a filing Tuesday, Paxton requested expedited consideration and a ruling from the U.S. 5th Circuit Court within two days.

A San Antonio-based federal judge last week temporarily suspended Texas' new law amid a lawsuit questioning its constitutionality.

The law had been set to kick in Sept. 1.

It allows police to inquire about people's immigration status during routine interactions like traffic stops.

Police chiefs also could face removal from office and even criminal charges for not complying with federal requests to hold people jailed on non-immigration offenses longer for possible deportation.

Opponents call it a "show your papers" law.

MISD

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class-size waivers, and Riddick said he may ask the board to request as many as 80 class-size waivers from the Texas Education Agency.

Last year, the district approved asking the TEA for 72 class-size waivers, which was an increase of 31 compared to 2015-16 and four times the number of waivers submitted to the Texas Education Agency in 2014-15.

State law mandates a 22-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fourth grade. Riddick said many classes will have closer to 24 students.

The higher student count continues a growth trend going back to 2007, when MISD reported a student population of 20,827 to the Texas Education Agency. Should the student population reach 25,500, Midland ISD will have experienced at least a 22.4 percent increase in its student population in the past 10 years.

"This (growth) speaks to the outlook the community has in its public school system," Riddick said. "More community members want to take on MISD as the school of choice."

Riddick said the staff and teaching-and-learning community inside the district continue to benefit from the foundation then-interim Superintendent Rod Schroder laid last year.

He said despite having more kids, the readiness of the staff and teachers allows MISD to maximize what it can do for students.

He said teacher availability for the 32 current vacant positions isn't what the district needs it to be, and that even with the extra revenue from having more students, the district likely will have to wait until the Christmas break before hiring.

However, he said the district benefits from making sure those teachers hired are qualified to do the job.

When asked what reaching 25,000 students and 20 percent growth over a decade means to the district long term, Riddick said district leaders need to be aware of quality of the buildings and teachers, professional development opportunities, the community's confidence in the district and forecast where students are moving within the city.

"We are excited about the confidence this community has (in the district), and it will only grow," Riddick said.

ENROLL

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determine eligibility for McKinney-Vento services, such as automatic free school lunches.

We will enroll all students who are coming in under these circumstances even if the parent/guardian cannot provide the usual enrollment documents (birth certificate, Social Security card, immunization records) as we know that these documents, as well as school records such as transcripts, may not be available. When we are able to request those records from the previous school district, we will do so and then make adjustments to course/grade level placements at that time.

There may be exceptions to our document requests and we will work with each family to ensure that the students are enrolled in school as quickly as possible. Please call 240-1523 for more information.

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2. pertaining to formation or development.

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9. Video: Girl in diaper, clutching sippy cup wanders alone in Harvey floodwaters in Pearland: 17,390
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Miss Cayce's Christmas Store, 1012 Andrews Highway, is opening Thursday for its 33rd season. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. A visit to the locally owned business is a holiday tradition for many families.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-4-9
Pick 3 day: 2-4-5
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-8
Pick 3 night: 8-9-9
Daily 4 morning: 2-1-9-9
Daily 4 day: 9-2-2-6
Daily 4 evening: 8-0-4-6
Daily 4 night: 3-1-7-2
Cash Five: 2-10-27-32-37
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High ... 91
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Normal high ... 90
Normal low ... 65

Sept. 5's records
Record high: 104 set in 1948
Record low: 53 set in 1984 and 1988

Precipitation
Tuesday ... 0.00 in.
Monday ... 0.00 in.
Month total ... Trace
Year total ... 12.74 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 10.05 in.

Winds
Average: 8.1 mph
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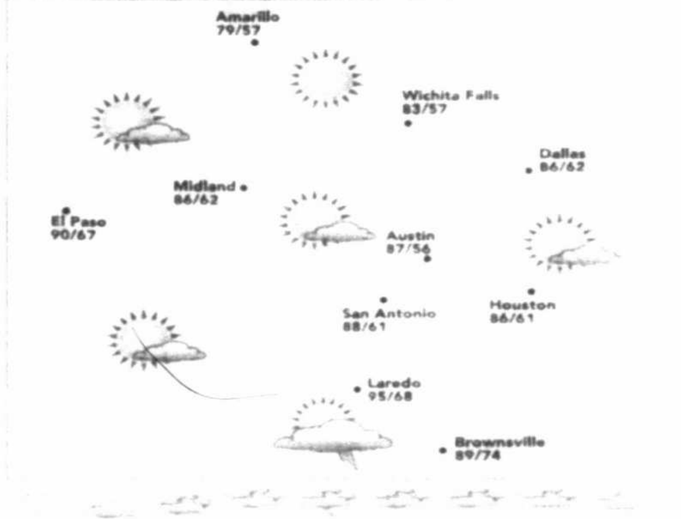
Highest gust: 27 mph

Forecast for Wednesday, September 6, 2017



Today's forecast
High: 83
Low: 62
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ... 7:27 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:06 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017:

This year you often juggle different interests. In fact, some of your friends could be taken aback by your ability to espouse different, opposing views with ease. You feel comfortable with opposing views, as you look past the obvious and see the same bottom-line issue in both perspectives. If you are single, you often could feel as if you are in perpetual arguments and controversies with whomever you are dating. Come fall 2017, you will learn how to politely disagree or point out similarities. Your ability to communicate soars. If you are attached, passions increase. You often work through problems by kissing and making up. PISCES adds many wild ideas to your already imaginative choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might wake up feeling that you have had a walk on the wild side. As a result, you might want to update your plans since you don't feel up to snuff. News coming from a distance could be sobering; however, it might not be as negative as you might think. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might have a premonition about a friend. Rather than overthink the issue, you might want to make a phone call and check in with that person. A partner suddenly could want to have a stronger sense of control. Think before you leap. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A partner could be touchy. You want to find out what is happening with this person. You could have difficulty getting him or her to open up. Have a strong conversation about your feelings and boundaries. Examine your potential options. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to kick back and listen to your intuition. You could be heading in a new direction after some reflection. Adjust to a change of plans or a new attitude from someone. Routine could be breeding fatigue. A simple schedule adjustment could make all the difference. **Tonight:** Pace yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to mellow out some before responding to someone's controlling ways; it could prevent a lot of grief. The only way to win a power play is not to play. The other party might get more controlling for a while, attempting to get a response. Eventually the behavior will pass. **Tonight:** Go along with a dear friend's or loved one's request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might need to understand what is happening with others. Pace yourself; knowing when to stop pressuring yourself to squeeze one more item or errand in. Your creativity bubbles up when dealing with a difficult scenario. A family member is restrictive or distant in some manner. **Tonight:** Know when to say no.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Defer if need be. Have you taken on too much work or a project that you need more help with? You could be up for changing your routine, especially on the home front. You don't need to do a major upheaval. Your words and tone convey an element of coldness. **Tonight:** Know when to call it a night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could be unusually versatile and creative right now. Others notice your innate ability to flex and work through problems. Don't hesitate to check in on a loved one. He or she appreciates the extra attention. Tonight: Paint the town red!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You feel as if you don't know the whole story, which is quite likely. Continue to put your best foot forward. Use caution around a changeable money matter. You easily could be on the wrong side of an issue or debate. **Tonight:** Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You discover the value of moving forward before a situation becomes too hot of a topic. You have gone over an issue in your mind, only to come up with the same answer: You don't want to hear other opinions. You might be more negative than you realize. **Tonight:** Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your sense of direction might be off when dealing with a money matter, but otherwise you could be on target. Don't allow a close associate or loved one to get the best of you. Understand what your choices are. Opt for the most positive path. **Tonight:** Be willing to take a risk if you feel you can handle a loss.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to continue down a certain path. However, you might not feel secure enough to head down a new trail. Take your time and discuss the matter with several friends who are likely to hold different views. Don't allow yourself to feel rushed. **Tonight:** All smiles, feeling rejuvenated with friends.

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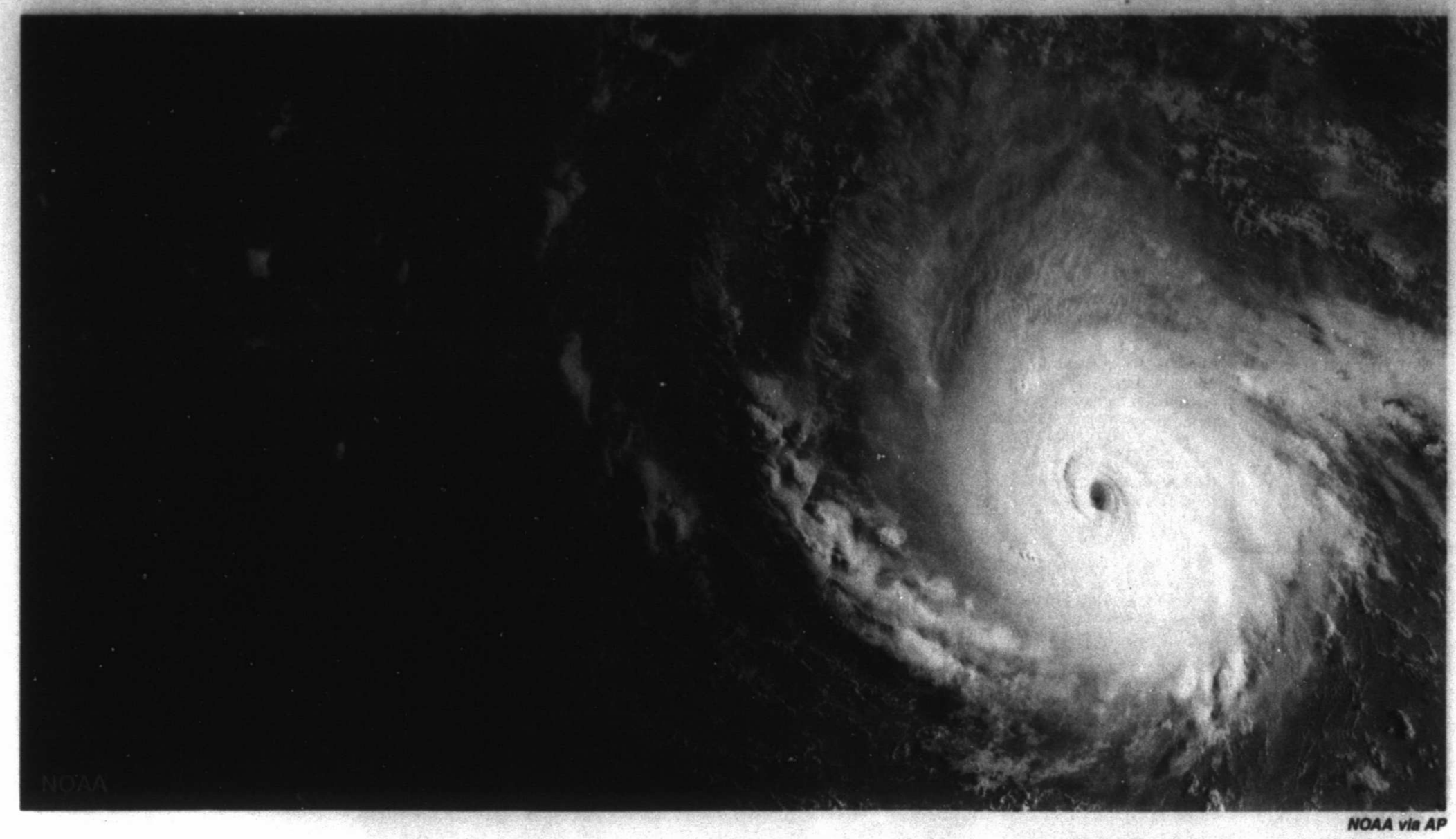
Socialite Pippa Middleton (1983), business leader, diplomat Joseph Kennedy (1888), Gov. Chris Christie (1962)



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In this geocolor image captured by GOES-16 and released by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Hurricane Irma, a potentially catastrophic category 5 hurricane, moves westward Tuesday morning in the Atlantic Ocean toward the Leeward Islands. This image was captured as daylight moves into the area, right, with nighttime features on the left side of the image. Hurricane Irma grew into a dangerous Category 5 storm, the most powerful seen in the Atlantic in over a decade, and roared toward islands in the northeast Caribbean Tuesday on a path that could eventually take it to the United States.

Powerful Hurricane Irma bears down on Caribbean islands

By Anika Kentish and Danica Coto
Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua — The most powerful Atlantic Ocean hurricane in recorded history bore down on the islands of the northeast Caribbean on Tuesday night, following a path predicted to then rake Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba before possibly heading for Florida over the weekend.

At the far northeastern edge of the Caribbean, authorities on the Leeward Islands of Antigua and Barbuda cut power and urged residents to shelter indoors as they braced for Hurricane Irma's first contact with land early Wednesday. Officials warned people to seek protection from Irma's "onslaught" in a statement that closed with: "May God protect us all."

The Category 5 storm had maximum sustained winds of 185 mph (295 kph) by early Tuesday evening, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"I hear it's a Cat 5 now and I'm terrified," Antigua resident Carol Joseph said as she finished her last trip to the supermarket before seeking shelter. "I had to come back for more batteries because I don't know how long the current will be off."

Other islands in the path of the storm included the U.S. and British Virgin Islands and Anguilla, a small, low-lying British island territory of about 15,000 people.

U.S. President Donald Trump declared emergencies in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Warm water is fuel for hurricanes and Irma is over water that is 1.8 degrees (1 degree Celsius) warmer than normal. The 79 degree (26 Celsius) water that hurricanes need goes about 250 feet deep (80 meters), said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of the private forecasting service Weather Underground

Four other storms have had winds as strong in the overall Atlantic region but they were in the Caribbean Sea or the Gulf of Mexico, which are usually home to warmer waters that fuel cyclones.

Hurricane Allen hit 190 mph in 1980, while 2005's Wilma, 1988's Gilbert and a 1935 great Florida Key storm all had 185 mph winds.

The storm's eye was expected to pass about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Puerto Rico late today. Hurricane-force winds extended outward up to 60 miles (95 kilometers) from Irma's center and tropical storm-force winds extended outward up to 175 miles (280 kilometers).

The Northern Leeward Islands were expected to see waves as high as 11 feet, while the Turks and Caicos Islands and southeastern Bahamas could see towering 20-foot waves later in the week, forecasters said.

"This is not an opportunity to go outside and try to have fun with a hurricane," U.S. Virgin Islands Gov. Kenneth Mapp warned. "It's not time to get on a surfboard."

The National Weather Service said Puerto Rico had not seen a hurricane of Irma's magnitude since Hurricane San Felipe in 1928, which killed a total of 2,748 people in Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico and Florida.

"The dangerousness of this event is like nothing we've ever seen," Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello said. "A lot of infrastructure won't be able to withstand this kind of force."

The director of the island's power company has warned that storm damage could leave some areas without electricity for about a week and other, unspecified areas for four to six months. The utility's infrastructure has deteriorated greatly during a decade-long recession, and Puerto Ricans experienced an island-wide outage last year.

Government officials began evacuations and urged people to finalize all preparations as store shelves emptied out around Puerto Rico.

"The decisions that we make in the next couple of hours can make the difference between life and death," Rossello said. "This is an extremely dangerous storm."

No directly storm-related deaths were reported by Tuesday evening but a 75-year-old man died in the central Puerto Rico mountain town of Orocovis after he fell from a ladder while preparing for the hurricane, police said.

Drivers whose cars were flooded by Harvey can't find rentals

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

BEAUMONT — His three vehicles flooded by Hurricane Harvey, Jason Bell checked at one car-rental office only to find about 2,500 people ahead of him on the waiting list. When he tried a more out-of-the-way location, the reservations still numbered about 300.

Many other storm victims have the same problem. Tens of thousands of personal vehicles were inundated by floodwaters or smashed by wind-tossed objects, creating a huge demand for rentals that has put the cars in painfully short supply in the Houston area and across eastern Texas.

Rental companies say they are bringing in more vehicles from areas including the Southeast, but the logistics problems left by Harvey could get worse as Hurricane Irma threatens Florida.

Cesar Garcia of Port Arthur doesn't know when he will be driving again.

"I tried renting a car and none of those places said there was availability from here to Houston," Garcia, 28, said Monday. "I was told 'good luck.' Nothing."

Auto industry experts estimate as many as 1 million vehicles were damaged by Harvey, with most being total losses. State Farm, one of the largest U.S. auto insurers, said it has already received nearly 20,000 claims from the Houston area alone.

The scope of the problem is evident in a field that has become a massive parking lot for storm-damaged vehicles at Royal Purple Raceway, a dragstrip located on 500 acres in Baytown, about 35 miles east of Houston.

Tow trucks pulling or carrying flooded cars enter the parking area every few minutes, dropping them off so insurance adjusters can assess the damage. Water lines are evident on many of the vehicles, which workers say are mostly from the area east of Houston.

Dealership advertisements are visible on some of the cars, but many appear to be private vehicles. The owners may now be among those in lines at car rental counters.

Enterprise Holdings — which includes the Enterprise, National and Alamo car rental brands — said it has already moved more than 4,000 vehicles to southeast Texas and plans to bring in at least 17,000 more in coming weeks.

'Build the wall' takes back seat to rebuilding after Harvey

By Nomaan Merchant and Will Weissert
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The U.S. government carefully designed a path of least resistance to building a border wall in Texas, picking a wildlife refuge and other places it already owns or controls to quickly begin construction. All it needed was Congress to approve the money.

Then came Harvey.

President Donald Trump's administration must now grapple with a storm that devastated the Texas Gulf Coast, with some areas still underwater and tens of thousands of people forced from their homes. Rebuilding will require billions of dollars to start — and may come at the expense of what is perhaps Trump's best-known policy priority.

The White House wanted $1.6 billion for 74 miles (120 kilometers) of initial wall, including 60 miles (95 kilometers) in Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

While a fraction of what the overall Harvey recovery effort will cost, funding for the wall already faced strong opposition from Senate Democrats. Three days before the storm made landfall, Trump threatened a government shutdown unless Congress provides funding. That threat now appears to be off the table, as is any potential maneuver to tie the wall to providing disaster relief.

"If Trump is saying, 'Listen, you're only going to get your disaster funding if I get my wall,' that is a total political loser," said Matt Mackowiak, a Texas-based Republican consultant. "That's just not tenable."

Another potential way to get the wall started would be tying initial funding to the program shielding young immigrants from deportation, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, which the Trump administration announced Tuesday it would seek to phase out.

The White House and Republican congressional leadership are discussing a larger package of legislation to address DACA, money for the border wall and other elements. Democrats have ruled out any trade off of DACA legislation with the border wall, though, casting doubt on such an approach.

Before the storm hit, the U.S. government had spent months quietly preparing to begin new construction in Texas. The first construction site would be the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, a verdant forest with butterflies and rare bird species next to the Rio Grande — that wasn't affected by Harvey.

Those preparations are still underway. At Santa Ana, crews were seen as recently as Friday drilling holes for testing the soil on the river levee built to withhold high waters from the Rio Grande. The head of the National Butterfly Center, also next to the border, recently caught workers chopping trees and mowing vegetation on her property without her permission. And contractors have been spotted at a courthouse in a neighboring county examining land ownership records.

The government wants to build on the 3 miles (5 kilometers) of river levee cutting through the northern edge of the refuge, separating the visitor center from the rest of the park. A gate in the wall would open and close for visitors. Vegetation in front of the wall would be cleared for an access road and open land to give agents better visibility.

Under current plans, another 25 miles (40 kilometers) would go on other parts of the levee, where government agencies are believed to control land rights and have previously built sections of fencing. The remaining construction would go through river towns further west, taking a route the government examined the last time it built a border barrier, under the 2006 Secure Fence Act.

Scott Nicol, co-chair of the Sierra Club's Borderlands campaign and a longtime opponent of the plan, said that the storm "should stop them from trying to build a wall."

"If we had an administration that was acting responsibly, that was acting in the best interest of the United States, they would say, 'We have a much more important thing to do right now,'" Nicol said.

Beyonce, Streisand to headline Harvey relief telethon

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Beyonce, Blake Shelton, Barbra Streisand and Oprah Winfrey will headline a one-hour telethon to benefit Hurricane Harvey victims that will be simulcast next week on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and CMT.

The event will be telecast live at 8 p.m. Eastern on Sept. 12, and on tape delay at 8 p.m. on the West Coast, and streamed live on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter. Houston rap artist Bun B and Scooter Braun, a Hollywood talent manager and founder of SB Projects, are the organizers.

Bun B, a Houston native and lecturer at Rice University, said he was trying to organize a local event through his contacts and recognized that Harvey was a broader tragedy.

"One morning it just hit me — this is a national disaster," he said. "It's personal for me because it's home to me, it's in my city, but it's a national disaster."

He enlisted the help of Braun, who has worked with Usher, Ariana Grande, Kanye West, Justin Bieber and others, to tap into his Hollywood contacts. Within 48 hours of trying, they reached agreements with the television networks to carry the event.

Braun said he hoped the telethon could be a unifying event for a country that has seen so much division. The organizers said they were inspired by television reports of volunteers who formed a human chain to help rescue one Houston victim from the flood.

"People want a sense of unity," Braun said.

George Clooney, Drake, Matthew McConaughey, Dennis Quaid, Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, Ryan Seacrest, Michael Strahan, Kelly Rowland, George Strait, Reese Witherspoon and others will also participate with taped or live messages or staffing phone banks. Journalists Matt Lauer and Norah O'Donnell will also participate. More celebrities are expected.

Several organizations will benefit, including United Way of Greater Houston, Habitat for Humanity, Save the Children, Direct Relief, Feeding Texas and The Mayor's Fund for Hurricane Harvey Relief.

Other entertainment figures have already stepped up to help flood victims in the past week. The ABC networks held a "day of giving" that has raised more than $15 million, and singers Paul Simon and Edie Brickell pledged $1 million.

While the telethon will be helping Harvey's victims, "by Tuesday we might be helping more than them," Braun said, a reference to powerful Hurricane Irma in the Atlantic Ocean, which may threaten Florida and the southern U.S. this weekend.

The telethon will air from Los Angeles, but there will be stages in New York and Nashville, Tennessee. A performance from George Strait's San Antonio benefit concert for Harvey will also be shown.

"The telethon is going to be good," Braun said. "We're going to put on a great show. The reason we want people to tune is because we want people to show who we are. That's our goal — to bring the idea that people care about each other back."

Baylor settles suit that alleged rape 'culture of violence'

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Baylor University has settled a federal lawsuit filed by a former student who said she was gang raped by two football players and alleged the program at the nation's largest Baptist school fostered a "culture of violence."

The settlement is one of several in recent weeks as Baylor moves to close out lawsuits filed in the aftermath of an investigation into how the school handled reports of sexual and physical assaults for years. The probe led to the firing of former football coach Art Briles and the departure of former school President Ken Starr.

Settling with "Elizabeth Doe" disposes of a case brought by a woman who alleged knowledge of at least 52 acts of rape by more than 30 football players over several years. The case was explosive when it was first filed in January, as it challenged Baylor's previous acknowledgement of 17 reports of sexual and physical attacks involving 19 players.

The lawsuit didn't detail all of the alleged attacks but said some were recorded by players and shared with their friends.

Details of the settlement announced Tuesday were not disclosed. The woman's attorney, John Clune, said the deal was reached within the last week.

"She feels really grateful to resolve the case, grateful to Baylor. We've had really a productive dialogue with the university, not just about the settlement, but about what happened to her and how to move forward," Clune said.

Clune credited new Baylor President Linda Livingstone with pushing Baylor to address the lawsuits and how it can improve its response to sexual assault in the future.

"Baylor University has been focused on seeking the appropriate restorative remedies for survivors who have experienced past events of sexual violence within our campus community. While we can never erase the reprehensible acts of the past, we hope that today's agreement will allow Elizabeth Doe to move forward in a supportive manner," Baylor officials said in a statement.

Elizabeth Doe alleged being raped in 2013 by two players. Neither player was charged until March 2017, and both are now awaiting trial. Clune said his client will testify in the criminal cases.

Her lawsuit alleged the football program operated under a "show'em a good time" policy that "used sex to sell" Baylor to high school recruits.

The woman was a member of a campus group called the Baylor Bruins that would host prospective athletes during visits. The lawsuit alleges Baylor encouraged making Baylor Bruins available for sex with recruits, as well as taking recruits to strip clubs, implied promises of sex and using alcohol and drugs in the recruiting process.

An internal investigation last year found that the football program operated as if it was "above the rules" and that assistant coaches and staff interfered or sifted investigations into alleged assaults by players.

Since July, Baylor has settled lawsuits from three women who said the school ignored their rape claims. The school previously settled with three others who didn't sue.

Congress to speed up Harvey aid, tackle debt limit

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers returned to Washington Tuesday facing a daunting to-do list and three months left in the year to show that Republicans can actually get things done. President Donald Trump immediately added a huge complication by rescinding immigration protections for younger immigrants and ordering Congress to come up with a fix.

The immigration issue has defeated Congress' best efforts in the past and proven enormously divisive for the GOP. But for now there's not even room for it on the front burner as lawmakers, just back from a five-week summer recess, face a series of more immediate tasks.

First up: Speeding relief aid to Texas and Louisiana in the wake of the Harvey storm. A first $7.9 billion installment was set for House passage on Wednesday, with leaders hoping for a big bipartisan vote to demonstrate Congress' support for Harvey's victims.

That will be the easy part.

GOP leaders are also wrestling with how to raise the government's $19.9 trillion debt limit, something that must happen by month's end, at the latest, to avoid a first-ever default on U.S. payments. The administration and GOP leaders were making plans to add the debt limit increase to the Harvey relief bill in the Senate and send it back to the House, a plan that quickly provoked conservative ire and a familiar intramural GOP dispute.

"We're $20 trillion in debt, our brand, the Republican brand, is fiscal responsibility, so we got to show it," said Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va., a member of the House Freedom Caucus that has been arguing for spending cuts to be included with any debt ceiling increase.

Despite the conservative outrage, leaders were pressing forward with the plan as a way to sweeten the perennially unpopular debt limit vote. As usual they planned to rely on Democratic votes to get it over the finish line without conservative support, though Democrats were withholding judgment.

And, Congress must also approve new spending by Sept. 30 to stave off a government shutdown. The plan for dispensing with that issue was a short-term extension of existing spending levels, which would kick the funding fight into December. At that point lawmakers could add more money for Texas and Louisiana and fight it out over Trump's call for money for a wall along on the U.S.-Mexico border.

"We have three critically important things before us right now that we need to do quickly," Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said as he opened the Senate session. "Pass disaster relief. Prevent a default so that those emergency resources can actually get to Americans who need them. And keep the government funded."

There is no time to waste. Federal disaster funds run out on Friday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is warning lawmakers. FEMA has just $1 billion remaining in its disaster accounts.

In addition to the tasks Congress must do, McConnell also made a pitch for the big issue GOP lawmakers want to do in the remainder of the year: overhaul the U.S. tax code to lower rates for businesses and individuals. After failing to make good on promises to repeal and replace Barack Obama's health care law, Republicans feel a real sense of urgency to accomplish a tax rewrite so that they can have something to show to voters ahead of midterm elections next year where the House majority is at stake.

Top GOP House and Senate leaders met with Trump and key administration officials on the issue Tuesday afternoon at the White House.

"If we're going to keep momentum going and allow the economy to truly take off as it should, it is vital that we reduce crushing tax burden on our companies and on our workers," Trump said as McConnell, House Speaker Paul Ryan and others gathered with him for the meeting.

"This is more than just tax reform. This is tax cutting," said Trump "We're going to cut taxes, we're going to reduce taxes, for people, for individuals, for middle income families. We're going to reduce taxes for companies."

Despite feuding with Trump over the summer as the president attacked him for the Senate's failure on health care, McConnell earlier praised Trump as "very engaged on this issue."

The White House meeting on taxes drew sniping from Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who complained about the GOP's plans to try to write a tax bill on a partisan basis and leave Democrats out.

And then there's the consequential decision announced Tuesday by Attorney General Jeff Sessions to phase out former President Barack Obama's program that protected some 800,000 immigrants brought illegally to the country as kids. The phase-out will happen in six months' time, a period meant to give Congress a chance to come up with a solution.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders made clear the administration is not looking for a fix just for the young immigrants, known as Dreamers to advocates, but also for other aspects of the immigration system including visa programs and Trump's border wall.

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HOUSTON

One shot dead, 4 in custody after Harris County police chase

Harris County sheriff's officials say one woman has been shot and killed by a deputy and four people are in custody after a chase and gunfire that also involved federal marshals.

Sheriff's officials tell Houston TV station KTRK the shooting appears to be a road rage incident where people in a pickup truck directly drove into U.S. marshals as they attempted to stop at a hotel in north Harris County.

The deputy and marshals opened fire as the people in the truck fled, then chased the truck into an apartment complex where the driver tried again to slam into the officers.

Deputies shot again and the woman was hit. The truck finally stopped at the back of the complex and the four people were taken into custody.

HOUSTON

Bystander among 3 women shot at end of police chase

Three women have been shot and wounded by Houston police as a miles-long chase ended with the driver of a car hitting a tree and fire hydrant on a dead-end street and then backing up to ram a patrol car.

Authorities say one woman shot was a bystander in the neighborhood where the chase ended as officers opened fire.

Police Chief Art Acevedo says the chase began as officers tried to pull over an SUV that made an illegal U-turn.

As the SUV sped along Interstate 69, the driver and her passenger tossed out the window large bags of what's believed to be marijuana.

The three women wounded are hospitalized in good condition.

Acevedo says the driver and passenger likely will be charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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OPINION

Deporting Dreamers won't fix America's problem

■ Rather than admit the truth, we make up excuses to avoid competing for high-tech jobs we can't do and low-skilled jobs we don't want to do

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This Labor Day, I skipped the barbecue and instead forced myself to digest a morsel of truth that is unappetizing but undeniable: Americans are facing a work crisis.

By this, I mean that — for all the complaints about globalization, corporate greed, closed factories, lost jobs, immigrants and falling wages — the fact of the matter is that many Americans just don't want to work anymore.

Or maybe, it's more accurate to say that a lot of Americans have — in the era of the welfare state and unionized labor — become comfortable with the idea of not working. The romantic notion — so prevalent in the 20th century — of putting in a good day's work for a good day's wage is passe.

Today, when people negotiate contracts with employers, their goal is to get as much money and vacation time as possible. That is, to reap the maximum amount of benefit from the minimum amount of effort.

Of course, most of us have to work. But while our grandparents lived to work, many of us now work to live. While immigrants might open a restaurant and then make plans to launch 10 more, the native-born increasingly define success as being able to sell the restaurant and retire at 40.

Still, Americans are a proud people. And so it's not easy for us to admit that — when it comes to drive, determination and work ethic — we can't hold a candle to our grandparents. Many of us have soft hands, and we spend our days in air-conditioned offices looking at spreadsheets and pecking at keyboards.

Thus, rather than admit the truth, we make up excuses to avoid competing for high-tech jobs we can't do and low-skilled jobs we don't want to do.

We insist that foreign workers get jobs that we think should go to Americans not because there is anything wrong with us but because there is something wrong with foreign workers. Namely, that they'll work cheap and they're easier to exploit.

That's what a caller told me recently during a radio show I was hosting. Identifying himself as a Republican and a supporter of the notion of a global economy, he nonetheless claimed that Americans couldn't be expected to compete with legal immigrants for jobs in the technology sector because "the playing field isn't level." After all, he said, programmers from India and China will work for lower salaries.

I thought he was kidding. Tech companies like Google, Facebook, and Intel are not exactly known for underpaying their workers. In fact, many of their employees go on to become millionaires. It's no wonder that there are long lines of applicants vying for the chance to be exploited by the titans of Silicon Valley.

That call was running through my mind Tuesday as Attorney General Jeff Sessions stepped to the podium and announced a major policy change regarding undocumented youth that will, among other things, supposedly help save the beleaguered American worker.

According to Sessions, the program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) — which included giving recipients a temporary work permit — "denied jobs to hundreds of thousands of Americans by allowing those same jobs to go to illegal aliens."

What a dumb thing to say. As if those "hundreds of thousands of Americans" — many of whom had every advantage in life — weren't free to compete with the undocumented for these jobs, and as if they didn't have a huge leg up in that competition because they were born on third base.

Given that most DACA recipients are Latino, what a nice touch by the White House to have Sessions swing the ax on the program. He is no friend to immigrants. Sessions opposed DACA while serving in the Senate, wants to cut legal immigration and plans to crack down on so-called sanctuary cities because he thinks local police should enforce federal immigration law.

If Sessions and the White House want to champion American workers, they can find other ways to do it besides trying to kick out of the country undocumented young people who are working, producing and going to college.

If folks like that threaten and frighten American workers, then we have bigger problems than DACA. Our spirit is broken — and our country along with it.

OUR VIEW

Are you ready to re-engage with your community?

With the Labor Day weekend behind us, it's time for Midlanders to re-engage with our community.

The start of the school year means life gets more hectic for many people. Parents are pulled different ways to make sure children meet their school and extracurricular obligations. There are also work obligations that must be met. We hope Midlanders are able to find a balance and keep their routine going.

We think that in recent years, Midlanders have lost touch with what's taking place in our community. Collectively, we have stopped paying attention while organizations and entities work overtime to meet the needs of a growing community.

Today, we call for change.

We ask Midlanders to reassess their priorities beyond family, work and church. We hope they are able to pencil in a little time for our community — perhaps a little time for their favorite nonprofit.

Don't have an organization near and dear to your heart? For volunteer opportunities and current needs of area nonprofits, visit the website of Midland Volunteer Connections: midlandvolunteer-connections.com.

If you are concerned about education and want to play a part in the academic rebirth of the 25,000-plus students inside Midland ISD, give the officials at Educate Midland a call. See if there is a place for you as they bring a collective impact approach to improving education for all students. If you want something more direct, contact a campus and ask how you can help. MISD will appreciate the offer.

As has been the case for decades, the Reporter-Telegram is a place where you can learn about what's happening in the community. We created the Faith & Philanthropy section — which is published in Friday's edition — to put more nonprofit news front and center.

The Reporter-Telegram also has been the place to read about Midland's education comeback. What we have learned during this past year is that district leadership certainly is key, but so is the willingness for the community to be more involved.

We have always believed our community operates more within a school year than the calendar year. Having said that, we challenge Midlanders to become more involved in the community during the next nine to 10 months. Follow the news taking place in the community, be more informed about things taking place, provide your time or resources and be an advocate for what you believe will make Midland a better place.

In our view, this could be a difference-making year. Making that view a reality requires your help.

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President Trump gets DACA right

■ Congress is the appropriate body for considering the matter, not the executive branch

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Even in our divided politics, it should be a matter of consensus that the president of the United States can't write laws on his own.

That's what President Barack Obama did twice when he unilaterally granted amnesties to swaths of the illegal immigrant population. The courts blocked one of these measures, known as DAPA, and President Donald Trump has now begun the process of ending the other, DACA, on a delayed, rolling basis.

In a country with a firmer commitment to its Constitution and the rule of law, there'd be robust argument over how to deal with the DACA recipients — so-called DREAMers who were brought here by their illegal-immigrant parents as children — but no question that Congress is the appropriate body for considering the matter, not the executive branch.

Instead, President Trump is getting roundly denounced by all his usual critics for inviting Congress to work its will. Obama came out of his brief retirement to join the pile-on. In a Facebook post, the former president said it's wrong "to target these young people," and called Trump's act "cruel" and "contrary to our spirit, and to common sense."

This is a lot of hyperventilating, even for a former president of the United States who must loathe his successor. Trump's decision is a relatively modest way to roll back what is clearly an extralegal act.

The president goes out of his way to minimize disruption for current DACA recipients. The administration will stop accepting new applications for the program but will continue to consider two-year renewals for recipients whose status is expiring between now and March 5. This gives Congress a six-month window for its own solution before anyone's status changes.

The proximate cause of the Trump decision was a threat by the attorney general of Texas and other states to bring a suit challenging the legality of DACA. Attention had to be paid, because Texas and other states successfully got the other Obama unilateral amnesty, DAPA, enjoined by the courts.

In his post, Obama waves off the legal challenge. He says DACA is based "on the well-established legal principle of prosecutorial discretion." He maintained the exact same thing about DAPA, and that didn't save it in the courts, including the Supreme Court.

True prosecutorial discretion involves a case-by-case determination by authorities. Obama's executive amnesties were sweeping new dispensations designed to apply to broad categories of illegal immigrants. They didn't involve simply deciding not to prioritize the deportation of the affected illegal immigrants, but the conferral of various positive benefits on them, most importantly work permits.

This is clearly a new legal system for these immigrants, and in fact, President Obama once slipped and told an audience, "I just took action to change the law." Prior to DACA, Obama repeatedly said that he didn't have the authority to implement his own amnesty absent congressional action — before doing just that.

Now, Trump is giving Congress another chance. It has gotten out of the practice of legislating, but it isn't hard to see the parameters of a deal: a codification of DACA, putting it on firm legal footing, in exchange for enforcement measures. Whatever Congress arrives at, it will have more legitimacy than the jerry-rigged legislating of a president wielding a pen and a phone.

President Obama's executive amnesties rendered the left's warnings about Trump during the campaign a little tinny. What was the worst a President Trump could do? Push for legislation, and when it failed, impose it on his own? Obama had already done it, and neither the former president nor his supporters have second thoughts, yet warn hourly of Trump's threats to our constitutional system.

President Trump has exercised his powers foolishly at times, but he's never exceeded them. What Obama calls, pejoratively, the White House shifting "its responsibility for these young people to Congress" is really just basic civics. Congress writes the laws, even when it's not to Barack Obama's liking.

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Tania Chavez, left, reacts as she listens to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announce the end of the program that protects immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children, known as DACA, during a gathering in support of the program Tuesday in front to the Texas Attorney General's office in Pharr. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton had given the Trump administration until Tuesday to decide if DACA would end or face a legal battle.

Trump's traveled from fiery to conflicted on dreamers

By Jonathan Lemire and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The calls began in the hours before Donald Trump took the oath of office.

The president-elect was attending a morning prayer service and many in the party were celebrating a long-awaited return to power. But incoming chief of staff Reince Priebus was in a van, parked outside St. John's Episcopal Church, fielding phone calls from anxious Republicans all asking the same question:

What was the new president going to do about DACA?

The Inauguration Day worries about Trump's campaign promise to "immediately terminate" the program that protects some young immigrants from deportation would soon turn into a quiet lobbying push from powerful Trump advisers, public pressure from business groups, a deadline from Republican state officials and a tug-of-war within the West Wing. After months of wrestling with a decision, Trump on Tuesday declared he would slowly unwind the program — while he hoped Congress would do "something."

Trump's compromise was a public recognition of the political perils involved in scraping the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which had been instituted by outgoing President Barack Obama and protects nearly 800,000 young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. While the tough talk of abolishing an "amnesty" program may have fired up parts of the GOP base, the reality of potentially deporting young people proved deeply uncomfortable for a new president who has repeatedly insisted he wanted to show "heart."

That political pain was part of what led lawmakers to dial Priebus on January 20. They wanted to know if Trump would address the program in his inaugural address. Some asked for Trump to re-evaluate, or at least delay, his decision, according to two people familiar with the contents of the calls.

Priebus didn't make a firm commitment that day. But Trump would ultimately bow to the request.

The president's second thoughts on DACA were surprising.

Since his inflammatory campaign kickoff speech at Trump Tower in June 2015, Trump had repeatedly vowed to eliminate the "illegal" program. It became a favorite talking point at his rallies, at times paired with his pledge to build an impenetrable border wall. And last August, he laid out his full immigration plan with a fiery speech in Phoenix in which he denounced DACA again.

Trump's promise was backed firmly by chief strategist Steve Bannon and powerful policy guru Stephen Miller. And it was cheered by some conservatives and hard right news outlets such as Breitbart News.

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Trump orders end to program protecting immigrant 'dreamers'

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday began dismantling Barack Obama's program protecting hundreds of thousands of young immigrants who were brought into the country illegally as children, declaring he loves the "dreamers" who could face deportation but insisting it's up to Congress, not him, to address their plight.

Trump didn't specify what he wanted done, essentially sending a six-month time bomb to his fellow Republicans in Congress who have no consensus on how to defuse it.

The president tried to have it both ways with his compromise plan: fulfilling his campaign promise to eliminate the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, while at the same time showing compassion for those who would lose deportation protection and the ability to work legally in the U.S. New applications will be rejected and the program will be formally rescinded, but the administration will continue to renew existing two-year work permits for the next six months, giving Congress time to act.

"I have a love for these people and hopefully now Congress will be able to help them and do it properly," Trump told reporters.

Yet at the same time, the White House distributed talking points to members of Congress that included a dark warning: "The Department of Homeland Security

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urges DACA recipients to use the time remaining on their work authorizations to prepare for and arrange their departure from the United States."

Although Trump's announcement had been anticipated in recent days, it still left young people covered by the DACA program reeling.

"You just feel like you are empty," said a sobbing Paola Martinez, 23, who came to the U.S. from Colombia and recently graduated with a civil engineering degree from Florida International University

"I honestly can't even process it right now," said Karen Marin, an immigrant from Mexico, who was in a physics class at Bronx Community College when the news broke. "I'm still trying to get myself together."

Their predicament now shifts to Congress, which has repeatedly tried — and failed — to pass immigration legislation.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the president would look to Congress to pass a "responsible immigration reform package" with money to control the border with Mexico and better protect American workers' jobs — along with protecting "dreamers."

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Senate Republican, said if Trump truly wants a comprehensive immigration reform package, including a solution for the 11 million immigrants in the country illegally, he's certain to be disappointed. Congress tried that and failed in 2013, and GOP leaders immediately ruled it out Tuesday.

"Guaranteed failure," Cornyn said.

If the goal is a more incremental package that combines a solution for the "dreamers" with steps such as visa reforms and enhanced border security, "there may be a deal to be had," Cornyn said.

Sanders' blunt warning to lawmakers skeptical they can come up with a plan: "If they can't, then they should get out of the way and let somebody else take their job that can actually get something done."

The DACA program was created by former President Obama by executive action in 2012, when it became clear Congress would not act to address the young immigrants' plight in legislation that was dubbed the "Dream Act." Trump ran his campaign as an immigration-hard liner, labeling DACA as illegal "amnesty" and pledging to repeal it immediately. But he shifted his approach after the election, expressing sympathy for the "dreamers," many of whom were brought to the U.S. by their parents when they were very young and have no memories of the counties where they were born.

Trump's aides painted his move to gradually phase out the program as the best of bad options: State officials had threatened a lawsuit if he did not act by Tuesday to repeal the program, which has given nearly 800,000 young immigrants a reprieve from deportation and the ability to work legally in the U.S. in the form of two-year, renewable work permits.

"In effect, I am not going to just cut DACA off, but rather provide a window of opportunity for Congress to finally act," Trump said. He said he was not in favor of punishing children for the actions of their parents, but he added, "Young Americans have dreams, too."

Lawmakers were trickling back to the Capitol Tuesday from a summer recess and already are confronting a daunting to-do list including a relief package for Hurricane Harvey victims and a pressing need to raise the federal borrowing limit. Some GOP lawmakers and aides are discussing the possibility of a bipartisan immigration package, including a solution for the dreamers, money for border security and enforcement, and perhaps other items like changes to some visa programs.

A stand-alone bill addressing just the "dreamers" seems unlikely to pass the House, given the firm stance of many conservatives. And it's unclear whether Trump would sign it anyway.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said he hoped the "House and Senate, with the president's leadership, will be able to find consensus on a permanent legislative solution that includes ensuring that those who have done nothing wrong can still contribute as a valued part of this great country."

Under the phase-out plan announced by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the Department of Homeland Security was halting acceptance of new applications under DACA as of Tuesday. People with permits set to expire between now and March 5, 2018, will be able to re-apply as long as their applications are submitted by Oct. 5. Existing permits will remain in effect, and applications already in the pipeline will be processed.

That means the earliest that dreamers would begin to lose protections under the program would be next March.

Trump's action nonetheless drew swift criticism from immigration advocates, Democratic lawmakers and business and religious leaders who had urged Trump to spare the program.

Obama slammed the decision as "wrong," "self-defeating" and "cruel."

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi called it "a deeply shameful act of political cowardice and a despicable assault on innocent young people in communities across America."

Some Republicans objected, too.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona said Trump was taking "the wrong approach," and he added: "The federal government has a responsibility to defend and secure our borders, but we must do so in a way that upholds all that is decent and exceptional about our nation."

What is DACA? A look at immigrant program Trump is ending

By Astrid Galvan
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The program that protects young immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally as children or came with families who overstayed visas has been rescinded. But many questions remain about what will happen to the program's beneficiaries.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the program, known as the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or DACA, will end in six months to give Congress time to find a legislative solution for the immigrants.

Here's a look at the program and what happens next for the nearly 800,000 people in it who are allowed to work in the U.S. and receive protection from deportation.

WHAT IS DACA?

DACA was created by President Barack Obama in 2012 after intense pressure from immigrant advocates who wanted protections for the young immigrants who were mostly raised in the U.S. but lacked legal status.

The program protects them from deportation — granting them a two-year reprieve that can be extended and by issuing them a work permit and a social security number.

DACA recipients must have no criminal record, proof they were brought to the U.S. before age 16 and be under 31 when the program was launched but at least 15 years old when applying.

The application cost is nearly $500 and permits must be renewed every two years. The application and renewal process take several weeks.

DACA does not give beneficiaries legal U.S. residency. Recipients get temporary reprieves from deportation and permission to temporarily work.

WHY DACA?

Frustration grew during the Obama administration over repeated failures to pass the "Dream Act," which would have provided a path to legal U.S. citizenship for the young immigrants who ended up becoming DACA beneficiaries and became known as "dreamers."

The last major attempt to pass the legislation was in 2011.

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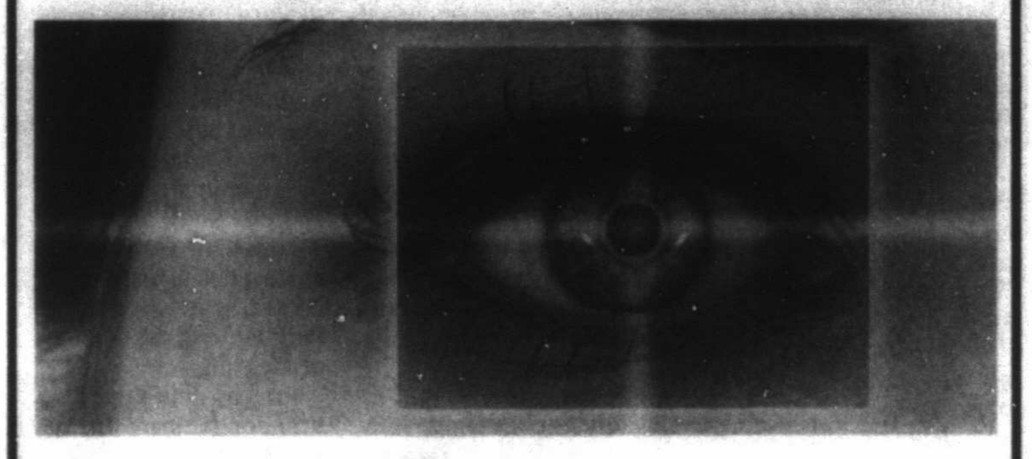

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When Ricky and Tina Hickey opened up Old Miner Maze on the outskirts of Midland two years ago, they had no idea they would become one of the Permian Basin's premier event centers as well as the first amusement park to ever be opened in West Texas. With their dedication to serving the community with family fun, thrills and entertainment, it's no wonder that Old Miner Maze finds itself at the top of the Reader's Choice Awards.

"The number one thing that set us apart is that we are the only amusement park in West Texas," Hickey said.

"When I was building it, I didn't even think about that at first, but people started telling me how excited they were that an amusement park was coming to the area."

The fully operational amusement park is home to a ferris wheel, a rock-climbing wall, a bungee jump, mechanical bull, amazing maze and lots more. Hickey also said they're adding a colossal outdoor laser tag field in September.

"It's going to have the room to hold sixteen people in the game at a time," Hickey said. "I tell people that there is such a wide variety for people everywhere, and that there's such a huge amount of things to do here."

Despite only being open on the weekends and for special occasions and private events, he said they've seen over 400,000 people come through their doors over the last two years, and that there are groups of all ages who enjoy coming to spend the day at Old Miner Maze.

"We have a bunch of schools from all around the Permian Basin and even New Mexico that will come out for field days here," Hickey said. "We've had 800 people out here at one time who were all a part of an oil company."

Old Miner Maze offers group discounts and special pricing for groups of 30 or more people, making it an ideal place to plan your next school event or company outing. Hickey said there is no age limit on fun, and Old Miner Maze makes it a point to have enjoyable activities for everyone.

"I'm 55, and I tell people that we're for ages three to me," Hickey said. "There's a kid in all of us."

Several of their upcoming events include a Fall Festival and a Pumpkin Patch in October that will feature over one thousand pumpkins. Old Miner Maze is a premier playground for West Texas and the surrounding community, and Hickey said he is excited to see how it continues to grow.

"It amazes me every day to see how many people come out," Hickey said. "The sky's the limit."

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Doctor plans diets around patients' lifestyle

To help patients lose weight, obesity expert focuses on their sleep habits, stress levels

By Janice Neumann
Special to Washington Post

Over the years, Robert Kushner has seen many obese patients get "tripped up" trying to keep pounds off because they rely on fast food, juggle too many tasks and dislike exercise.

So Kushner, an obesity expert, began helping patients plan diet and physical activity around their lifestyles and habits.

"We don't necessarily put people on any specific diet; it really gets to what is their life, what are their struggles," he said. "We believe obesity care can't be inconsistent with culture, family or how you lead your life."

He recently suggested that a patient split meals with his wife when they dined out, rather than each having large portions or avoiding restaurants entirely. When the man said he was uncomfortable sharing a meal with his wife when the couple was out with friends, Kushner said to do it anyway.

"I said, 'It's a strategy that works whether you're with other people or not. Be assertive,'" said Kushner. "I think people don't think about it because they just aren't raised to share."

The patient kept track of the foods he was eating, learning to avoid larger portions and fattening dishes. He has lost 15 pounds in six months, cutting about 500 to 700 calories per day.

More than a third of U.S. adults are obese, according to a 2015 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Kushner, who directs the Center for Lifestyle Medicine at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, said he realized in the 1980s that obesity was a looming problem. He started combining diet, nutrition, exercise and behavioral changes into a plan for patients.

Since then, "what's changed is the maturity of the area, understanding more about the effects of stress and sleep on body weight, and some of the behavioral-change techniques have expanded," he said.

In addition to promoting good sleep habits and stress management techniques such as meditation, Kushner and his colleagues suggest bariatric surgery for patients with a body mass index of 40 or more and for some who are less obese but who have medical problems such as Type 2 diabetes, sleep apnea and heart disease. They also recommend medication for patients with BMIs as low as 30 who have additional medical problems or have failed to lose weight despite lifestyle changes.

While studies haven't generally proved

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MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT

Courtesy photo

Midlander Chad Chalker, right, served in the Peace Corps in Nepal after he graduated from Texas A&M University. The Lee High School graduate will be serving with the United Nations World Food Programme

Midlander to work as nutritionist in South Sudan

■ Lee High graduate has position with UN World Food Programme

By Simone Jasper
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Public health work has taken Chad Chalker all over the globe. Now, the Midlander is preparing to start a position in South Sudan with the United Nations World Food Programme.

Chalker's passion for public health took root while working with a team in the Gambia in 2011. Educating people and providing clinics to rural areas in the West African country drew Chalker away from pursuing a clinical job.

"I kind of realized doing public health is population-based," Chalker said. "You can have more of an impact on a population."

Chalker expressed a willingness to help others early on. Locally, he volunteered at Midland Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Lee High School Student Council. As a senior, Chalker received a Fasken Foundation Scholarship and said the program's philanthropic mission was inspirational.

International work formed many of Chalker's experiences after he graduated from Lee High in 2008. Chalker was a food distribution manager for refugee camps in South Sudan and participated in health-related volunteering in Costa Rica and humanitarian work in Nepal.

Over the years, Chalker's parents offered support. He said his past public health ventures gave family members some insight into his upcoming role.

"Each year, I'm doing something like this has kind of prepared them," Chalker said. "I'm not going back to school, so they know this is my career."

Of all his experiences, Chalker said spending more than two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal influenced his life course, including his decision to complete a graduate program at Emory University.

"It confirmed I wanted to continue working internationally," he said. "I knew I wanted a master's degree. It also showed I wanted to do more humanitarian work than development."

His parents, Andy and Lynne Chalker, also said the Peace Corps was a turning point. Andy Chalker is proud his son was able to implement projects in a country with a different language and

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DENESSA LEARY
Midland YMCA Health and Wellness coordinator

Pink paper gowns have got to go

At a recent doctor's visit, the nurse handed me a little something to wear. It was a classy little pink number with a white sash to tie around my waist. It also came with what she called a large white sheet.

For those of you who have worn the pink paper gown, you understand how easy it can tear. I was careful not to tear the gown as I unfolded it. (Previously, I threw open the white sheet and I tore it in half.)

As I change, I wonder why they chose pink. Because we are women, or perhaps the head nurse liked pink? Simple enough, I suppose. I would guess that a male is designing these gowns. Random thought: Does the male population have to wear disposable paper clothes when they go to the doctor? Aren't there better color choices? Why not patterns that resemble suits, tuxedos, Hawaiian tourist shirts or jeweled evening gowns? Even a gown with funny jokes to lighten the mood a little. This is already uncomfortable.

I grab the white sash and begin to tie it around my waist. I can still tie it in a bow. I smooth out the bottom of the gown. I move to the full-length mirror. I am not sure why. Am I going to like this look and buy a pink, paper gown for later use at home? No. I think this is what women do when we try on clothes. It is in our DNA. We must analyze ourselves in a full-length mirror. I examine the pink, paper gown look from head to toes. I stand on my toes like it makes the gown more glamorous, and then I laugh. I thought this could be a quick Halloween costume. Quick, cheap and only in case of an emergency.

I turn side to side, then back and forth. I laugh again. Why must the arm holes go all the way down to your hip bones? I tuck the bottom of the sleeves under my arms at my side; I am ready. Then, I notice my necklace; I pull it from underneath the gown to the outside as if I am wearing this pink gown out for the evening. Yes, I am

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'I'm beating my smartphone addiction'

■ Reporter assumes control of his digital life

Most of the research on phone addiction and deprivation is done on students. It's not just the "kids these days," though. At 45, I'm a recovering addict. It's been four months since I uninstalled social networking apps, three months since I last posted on Facebook, and two months since I turned off all notifications on my smartphone. Before I started the detox program, I checked my phone about five times an hour. That's about half as often as the average millennial but about three times as often as most people of my generation in the U.S. Now, I'm down to once an hour.

LEONID BERSHIDSKY
Bloomberg

I think I got hooked because of my job. When I started out as a reporter in the late 1980s, you used your legs to get a story and teletype or dictation to file it from a remote location. It got progressively easier with email, the internet, search engines, social networks and mobile communication. I could follow developments in several countries through a network of Facebook friends; in Ukraine, politicians became so addicted to Facebook that it became almost pointless to talk to them. In the U.S., much of the high-level political debate occurs on Twitter thanks in no small part to its tweeter in chief. I told myself that

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Obituaries

Elva Cheatum Stoltenberg

Elva Cheatum Stoltenberg, 99, wife of the late Harold Waite Stoltenberg of Midland, passed away peacefully at her home on Saturday, September 2, 2017.

Elva was born in Kingman, Kansas, on October 24, 1917, to Noah and Lola Cheatum. She was the daughter of a Kansas cattleman and one of seven children. Elva spent her youth in Kingman and graduated from Kingman High School in 1936. She continued her education at Kansas University, where she met and married her college sweetheart, Harold Stoltenberg, of Kinsley, Kansas on December 8, 1938 in Stanford, Texas. Harold worked as a Geologist for Phillips Petroleum Company which resulted in their transfer to Midland in 1943, where she has remained for the last 74 years.

Elva and Harold raised two daughters in Midland, Sue Anne and Lynne. She loved to cook and will be remembered for her wonderful pies. She enjoyed spending her time volunteering as a Candy Striper for the Midland Memorial Hospital, a Sunday school teacher at First Presbyterian Church, and as a stay at home Mom. She loved people and enjoyed life.

Elva is preceded in death by her beloved spouse, Harold; infant son, Stephen Stoltenberg; her parents, Noah and Lola Cheatum, and her siblings, Wilma Cheatum Biggs, Francis Cheatum, Lawrence Cheatum, James Cheatum, Bonnie Cheatum Kreibel, and Noah Cheatum, Jr.

She is survived by daughters, Sue Anne Stoltenberg Campbell and her husband, Richard W. Campbell, of Midland and Lynne Stoltenberg Ray and her husband, Charles Davis Ray, of Midland; grandson, Craig Campbell, and his wife, Kari Campbell of Boerne; granddaughter, Lisa Campbell Kidwell, and her husband Scott Kidwell of Midland; granddaughter, Debi Sport Moore and husband, Sean Moore of Midland; granddaughter, Sheri Sport Gilbert, and her husband, Michael Gilbert of New Orleans, Louisiana; granddaughter Cheryl Campbell Haggar and husband, Marc Haggar of Dallas; grandson, Ross Waite Sport, and wife, Tasha, of Greenwood; granddaughter, Anna-Margaret Ray Morris of Austin; 12 great grandsons, 10 great granddaughters, and the family members of her siblings.

Living almost a century, Elva was able to bless many hearts. She was beloved by all, and will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. There will be a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park on Friday, September 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. with David Johnson officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to Hospice of Midland at 911 West Texas Avenue, Midland Texas 79701 or the charity of your choice.

The family of Elva Stoltenberg wishes to thank her caregivers who loved and cared for her for many years, and we loved them as part of our family: Teresa Zermeno, Diana Baeza, Eugenia Palazio, and Elisa Moreno; Dr. Shylesh Ganta; David Johnson, Associate Minister of First Baptist Church; and Hospice of Midland.

We honor her life and will miss her terribly.

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Harriett Higgins

Harriett was born to R.S. and Esther Higgins on July 9, 1934 in El Paso, Texas.

The family moved to Martin County in 1945. She graduated from Stanton High School in 1952. Harriett attended the Hotel Dieu Hospital School of Nursing in 1955, received her bachelor's degree in nursing from the Marillac College in 1960, and was a part of the first class of Family Nurse Practitioners at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Harriett was a member of the Daughters of Charity from 1955 to 1983 and served in their hospitals and clinics in Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, and in Japan for six years. She returned to Midland in 1983 where she worked as an FNP for the Midland Family Physicians and at Midland Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 2001.

She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Betty Marie, brother, R.S. Higgins, Jr. and two nephews.

She is survived by her goddaughter and family, LeAnn and Bob Weidner and their children Matthew, Susan, Bobby and Michael; her "adopted family" Karen and Bill Childers, Jr. and daughters Hailey and Ali, and by three nieces and two nephews.

Harriett requested that her Catholic friends pray a rosary for her intention at their convenience.

A Rosary will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a funeral mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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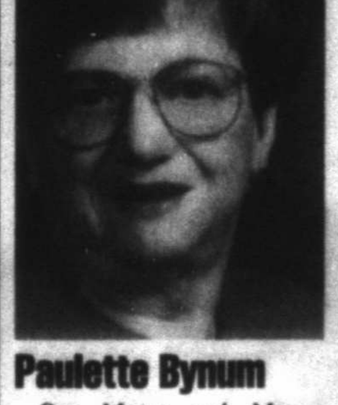

Paulette Bynum

Our Meme and Mama, Paulette "Polly" Bynum, 83, of Midland, was surrounded by her family on Saturday, September 2, 2017 as she passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Crestview Baptist Church. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at Andrews West Cemetery in Andrews, Texas.

Polly was born on October 18, 1933 to Lulie Parilee and Paul Elias Anderson in Sherman, Texas. She graduated from Point, Texas as Valedictorian in 1951. Polly met Bill on a blind date January 17, 1951 when he first noticed her petiteness and long red hair. A few days later, as Bill walked in to the gym to attend her basketball game she said "I'm going to marry that man". What began as a blind date, led to almost 66 years of a faithful, loving marriage. They were married on October 20, 1951. In 1953, Bill finished the military service and they settled in Midland, Texas where they began a family and she devoted herself to raising their daughters. They joined Crestview Baptist Church in 1953 where she served faithfully in the choir and other ministries. Later in life, Polly began working for various companies. Work was important to Polly and after years of working diligently and loyally, she retired from Arco Oil and Gas. After retirement, Polly enjoyed researching her family's history and creating genealogy books for each of her family members.

She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Billy Bynum and daughters Paula Bynum and Denese Truitt of Midland, Texas; grandchildren and great grandchildren, Shana and her husband Mike Sawyer and their children, Aylah, Grace, Caleb and Brinley of Kokomo, Indiana, Ashley and her husband Johnny Gray and son, Isaiah Mathews of Midland, Texas, and Lauren Truitt and Antwon Washington and their children Alijah Truitt and Zahkius Washington of Midland, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Lulie and Paul Anderson, sister, Mary Rabb, and brother, Walter Paul Anderson.

Polly loved her family dearly and selflessly made every effort to make each moment special. "I love you little, I love you big. I love you like a little pig".

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to Crestview Baptist Church Building Fund, 301 Loop 250 Frontage Rd, Midland, TX 79703, in memory of Polly.

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

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Sharon Ann Courtney

Sharon Ann Courtney, 57, of Midland, Texas, went to be with our Lord on Monday, September 4, 2017.

Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 7, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2017 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Clydel Chapman officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Sharon was born on December 15, 1959 to Fain and Frances Giles in Portland, Oregon. Shortly after her birth, her parents moved to West Texas. Sharon was a bright light to anyone who had the good fortune to know her. She graduated from Odessa High School in 1977, she also married Danny Ellis on May 20, 1977. Sharon gave birth to Miranda Ray Ellis (the apple of her eye) on July 24, 1982. Danny and her divorced in 1987.

Sharon went to work for the Todd Law Firm. In 1989, Sharon went to work for Jim Bobo Attorney At Law. In 1991, Jim Bobo was elected to County Judge and Sharon moved to the Ector County Court House where she was his Court Coordinator.

Sharon loved her family, her friends and her flowers.

On April 30, 1992, Sharon married Michael Courtney and they resided in Odessa, TX and attended First Baptist Church. In 2008 Sharon was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and the battle began. In 2010, Sharon and Michael moved to Midland, TX. On February 23, 2013, Sharon opted to retire from her position as Court Coordinator at Law where she was loved by all.

After nine hard fought years the cancer took her life on September 4, 2017. Sharon is now in Heaven with no more pain, but will live forever in the hearts and memories of her friends and family.

Sharon is survived by her mother, Frances Pollinger; her husband Michael Courtney; daughter Miranda Blaschke and her husband Charles; stepdaughters, Michelle Allen and her husband Jorry Don and Mindy Courtney; stepsons, Michael Courtney and his wife Stephanie and Matthew Courtney; grandchildren, Camille Creamer, Chelsea Montgomery, Ashlea Humphrieys, Courtney Gragson, Cody Creamer, Dustin Courtney, Slade Allen, William Blaschke; sisters, Nita Cranfill and her husband Jerome, Glenda Petors and her husband Drew and Anna Parker and her husband Michael; nieces and nephews, Madison Parker, Olivia Peters, Josh Cranfill and Caleb Cranfill; her best friends, Karen Freeman, Nancy Halfacre, Kayla Zeigenbein, Brenda Ashley, Jeanie Bartley, Alisa Goats, Becky Wilson, Bennie Bledsoe and Susan Parker.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Turner, Keith Little, Jimmy Goats, David Adams, Bob Bledsoe, Phil Parker and Judge Jim Bobo

Our thanks go out to all the kind folks at Midland Hospice. Last but not least, our thank you to Dr. Nathan Fowler and Haleigh Mistry at MD Anderson for their unwavering kindness and care.

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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Brandon Gene Gutierrez

Baby Brandon Gene Gutierrez of Odessa, Texas passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2017. Services celebrating Brandon will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 7, 2017 at American Heritage Cemetery. Floral offerings may be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

Brandon is survived by his loving parents, Shawn and Sara (Glenn) Gutierrez; brother, Shawn Isaac; sisters, Alexandria and Yolanda; paternal grandparents, Luz Divina Gutierrez and George Gutierrez of Odessa; maternal grandparents, Mike & Charlotte Glenn of Midland; aunt, Rosie Dominguez and daughter Vivian; uncle, George Gutierrez, Jr of Odessa; Aunt Becky (Brian) Williams and their children, Chris and Alexis; uncle, Jeremy Glenn, all of Midland.

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

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Death Notices

Lois McElreath

Lois McElreath, 73 of Big Spring, Texas passed Friday, September 1, 2017.

Services will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Trinity Memorial Park, Peace Chapel, Big Spring, Texas. Visitation will be Tuesday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nalley Pickel & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Survivors are son, Mike and wife; and three grandchildren.

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that lifestyle changes are effective for weight loss, Kushner said patients often have trouble shedding pounds unless problems like stress are managed.

Kushner's approach proposes gentler, moderate changes. Rather than tell patients to cut out every unhealthy food they love, Kushner suggests focusing on alternatives with higher fiber and water content but fewer calories. (Think beans, vegetables, salads, fruits, broth-based soups and whole grains such as oatmeal.)

For the couch potato who finds exercise overwhelming, Kushner advises walking for short periods, building up to three 10-minute brisk walks daily to "boost your energy level and mood while you also burn calories."

He also suggests that dog owners walk their pet for 30 minutes daily rather than leave Fido in the back yard. Kushner found in a study that dog-walking helped overweight and obese people lose weight, and he wrote a book about it — "Fitness Unleashed!: A Dog and Owner's Guide to Losing Weight and Gaining Health Together" — with veterinarian Marty Becker.

"I call it an exercise machine on a leash," Kushner said. "It is a way for people to think about moving their body around in a fun way."

Most of his patients lose about 10 percent of their body weight (some more than 20 percent) after six months and keep it off during the program, Kushner said.

"Patients say they feel understood and more motivated as they are given personalized direction to make positive changes in their lifestyle," he said.

Kushner created a questionnaire to screen patients for traits that prevent weight loss — such as eating what's convenient rather than planning healthy meals or having an all-or-nothing mentality — traits that Kushner and colleagues found in a study to be strongly linked with obesity.

"Once you take the quiz and know your factor type, I can personalize a plan to help you lose weight and keep it off," Kushner said.

Another way Kushner hopes to help patients tackle obesity is by teaching medical students about treating and preventing it. He found in a recent study that the U.S. Medical Licensing Examination was focusing much more on diagnosing and treating obesity-related illnesses, such as Type 2 diabetes and sleep apnea, than on how to counsel patients on diet, physical activity, behavior changes, the use of medications and bariatric surgery.

BERSHIDSKY

From 1B

maintaining accounts on every social network was necessary for work, but that was absurd: most of these posts and videos were useless to me as a journalist.

I was submerged in the cozy haze of smartphone addiction, and it's hard to say how it differed from substance abuse. "Comfort kills, discomfort creates," wrote Jean Cocteau in his personal account of opium detoxication.

So, like someone trying to wean himself off a substance, I started experimenting with discomfort. That's when I lost the Facebook and Twitter apps, which were eating up most of my screen time. I figured that out from battery-use statistics. At first, I felt such acute deprivation that I had to open Facebook and Twitter in a browser. That was less convenient, and my phone use dropped a little, but I wasn't able to completely swear off Facebook for a few more weeks. FOMO — the fear of missing out — ruined several mornings; I reverted to peeking for a couple of days, then forced myself to stop.

As Cocteau wrote, "I am not a detoxicated person proud of his effort. I am ashamed of having been chased out of this supernatural world after which health resembled a bad movie in which ministers inaugurate a statue." After having kicked opium, Cocteau still had alcohol and cocaine. I kept updating and reading Twitter, although I gradually cut down on arguing with people on it — that had been time-consuming and sometimes emotionally draining. Now, I'm down to 30 minutes of Twitter a day: That's enough for work.

"We touch our smartphones — tap, click, swipe — more than 2,500 times a day. That's probably 100 times more often than we touch our partner. The reason we do it is that the phone constantly demands attention by sending us notifications."

We touch our smartphones — tap, click, swipe — more than 2,500 times a day. That's probably 100 times more often than we touch our partner. The reason we do it is that the phone constantly demands attention by sending us notifications. It does so every time someone wants to connect with us, every time something changes in an app, every time an artificially intelligent entity decides we need information. Notifications have a barely veiled commercial purpose: Once we start playing with the phone, we're likely to open more apps, see more ads, buy more stuff.

It's relatively easy to retake control; I went into my phone's settings and banned every one of the 112 apps from sending notifications. Now, I only check my personal and corporate email accounts, as well as two messenger apps, when I want to, not when my device wants me to. That means my friends must wait longer than they used to for a response. They haven't noticed — or at least they haven't commented on it. We overestimate the need for immediacy in communication; perhaps our kids don't because they live their addiction to a greater extent than we do, but an adult finds it easy to wait for a response.

Recovering addicts know it's impossible to be perfectly clean: Even if you don't use your favorite substance, you miss it. At the end of his opium essay, Cocteau wrote wistfully that perhaps "the young" might someday discover "a regime that would allow one to keep the benefits of the poppy" without getting addicted. That remains impossible for drugs but maybe not for smartphones.

After reasserting control over my digital life, I'm nearly ready to take further steps. My next goal is to be able to use it as an electronic book reader without ever switching from the Kindle app to the browser or the email and messenger apps. I expect a boost in reading speed, another way to battle my FOMO. A forced experiment during a two-week holiday in the south of France without high-speed internet produced hopeful results.

As I stood in a chapel Cocteau designed in the hills above Frejus, I felt healthier, able to breathe easier, almost capable of relearning how to lose myself in the company of my beloved wife and children, who are, of course, fighting their own battles with gadget addiction. Perhaps our lives can be a little more like their pre-iPhone versions. If Cocteau could kick his habit, so can we.

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MMH, MC to sponsor youth program

Midland Memorial Hospital and Permian Basin Area Health Education Center/Midland College are sponsoring Youth Health Service Corp. for high school students in Midland County. Students interested in pursuing health careers are encouraged to apply.

Students must be between 16 and 18. Applications are being accepted through Sept. 15. The first meeting is Oct. 3 and will continue through May 1. Parents or guardians are required to attend the first meeting.

For more information, call 685-4794 or email phaddock@midland.edu.

Event to focus on special-needs kids

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

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

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

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

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

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

Veterans' mental health summit planned

West Texas VA Health Care System and its community partners are planning a mental health summit 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday at the Cactus Room at Howard College. The goal of the fifth annual event is to raise awareness of the importance of community partners in veterans' care, according to a press release from the VA.

Midland Health events

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

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com.

■ Birth Place Tour, 5 p.m and 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

■ PDAP meetings:
7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church
11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

How sick are you?

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

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

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 staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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Midlander Chad Chalker, right, served in the Peace Corps in Nepal after he graduated from Texas A&M Univerity. The Lee High School graduate now will be serving with the United Nations World Food Programme in South Sudan.

CHALKER

From 1B

cultural traditions.

"I think it opened his eyes to the huge need to help other folks," he said. "I think he was always in that mode. The Peace Corps really had an effect on him."

Voranan Mongkolpumirat of San Antonio, who was in the Peace Corps at the same time as Chad Chalker, said he inspired her to complete projects for people in her village.

"Chad was very determined, very motivated," Mongkolpumirat said in a phone interview. "He has this natural leader persona about him. People want to listen to what he has to say."

Mongkolpumirat worked alongside Chalker as he helped to organize programming for a girls' camp. She was also impressed with his health-related projects. In one, Chalker coordinated efforts to introduce an alternative cooking method to people who cooked with fires in their homes, Mongkolpumirat said.

"You don't want to breathe that [in] all the time," she said. "The way the improved cook stoves were built brings the smoke outside."

Chalker, who earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition from Texas A&M University, also worked with people in his Nepali community to introduce new crops. Mongkolpumirat noticed her fellow volunteer's interest in nutrition.

"It stems from the fact there are malnutrition problems all over the world," Mongkolpumirat said. "In Nepal, we saw it first-hand."

Chalker will also use his knowledge in his new role as a roving nutritionist with the World Food Programme. He will be based in South Sudan's capital and travel to remote areas to offer support to people with acute nutrition needs.

For Chalker, each previous international experience led him to this point.

"I see things [people are] facing in the world," Chalker said. "It keeps me going."

LEARY

From 1B

working my little, pink, paper gown. My silver necklace dresses up the gown. It gives it a little sparkle. I laugh again. Does everyone laugh this much when they visit the doctor?

After the examination, I remove the gown, crumble it up and place it in the wastebasket as directed by the nurse. It is as if the little pink gown never existed. I then dress and take a quick glance in the mirror. Yes, again.

I have an idea. Why not let patients bring in their own robe to wear for the examinations? If we forget our robe, the punishment is that we must wear the little pink, paper gown. There would be rules, of course — no zippers, the robes must tie in front, must be clean and knee-length at a minimum and no silk because we might slip right off the examination table and nothing too thin or see-through.

I think this would be fun. I can see all the colors on display now. Robes would brighten up the offices. Wearing our robe would help the patients feel more at ease. It would save the doctor's office money because they would be buying fewer paper gowns. It would reduce the amount of trash they are tossing each day. It would be a win for patients and doctors.

Attention doctors and nurses who are reading this. Please do something about those pink, paper gowns.

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Life's struggles can't be faced alone

Coping with life can be a difficult concept, though in theory, it seems easy.

Something bad happens; you get over it and move on. Unfortunately, life is not that simple. Regardless of how well you think you are prepared for the future and what life may hold, you will never be completely sure of what is around the corner.

People encounter different obstacles, and no one completely understands what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes. However, the common factor is the ability for everyone to get help.

The growth of social media and the idealization of what life should be like or is for others causes a sense of envy and even a void your own life. It is easy to look at social media and ask, "Why can't I have that?" or "Why is their life so easy?"

Nevertheless, it needs to be recognized that this is not reality. It is a false portrayal of their world. It is easier to make life seem perfect through a screen; however, what is really being faced day to day may be the complete opposite.

For those who struggle or who are unable or unwilling to continue hiding behind a false persona, it is vital to find a support system. Do not allow the fear of being judged or pitied hinder you from the steps you need to take to have a better, more enjoyable life.

The question is not how can you avoid difficult situations, but what are you going to choose to do about it. Seek out some sort of support, whether formal therapy or talking with a family member or friend.

It is crucial to find ways to cope with the issues you are facing. Trying to avoid difficulties or cope with issues alone will work for only a while before the inevitable breaking point is reached.

Ohio lab techs drop everything to help colleagues in Houston

By JoAnne Viviano
The Columbus Dispatch (Ohio)

Nine OhioHealth lab technicians are being hailed as experts in their field, "Harvey Techs" and even angels after dropping everything to fly from Columbus to Houston on Monday.

The group was needed to stand in for techs at the MD Anderson Cancer Center who were victims of Hurricane Harvey.

"It's just amazing to see the community pull together," said Caroline Lerner, an OhioHealth technical scientist for chemistry who is part of the Harvey group. "It's amazing. It's overwhelming. It's humbling."

She and her Ohio colleagues were training on Tuesday, with plans to start performing lab work on Wednesday.

Their work will allow MD Anderson techs to have some time off to handle hurricane disasters at home.

"The OhioHealth staff is giving the heart of my laboratory a chance to breathe," said Dr. Elizabeth Wagar, professor and chairwoman of the MD Anderson department of laboratory medicine. "That's incredibly important at this stage."

As much as 40 percent of the staff has been negatively impacted by the hurricane and are trying to put homes back together, said Joyceann Musel-Winn, executive director for the division of pathology and laboratory medicine at MD Anderson.

Many technicians have been coming to work, some in flood waters that were chest deep, she said. Others have been so devoted they haven't seen their homes since before Harvey hit more than a week ago.

Every year, the lab handles about 11 million tests and transfuses more than 190,000 units of blood and blood products, Wagar said. On a daily basis, it goes through 400 units of platelets.

The technicians perform tests in many specialty areas and help keep healthy cancer patients with low counts of white blood cells, who might need daily transfusions to avoid life-threatening infections.

"The OhioHealth technologists are allowing us to provide a safe environment for our patients and a safe environment for our staff," Musel-Winn said.

Hospitals in Texas offered help, but they didn't have technicians with the required expertise, Wagar said.

Along with the OhioHealth team, two employees of Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center — a nurse and an emergency medicine physician — also responded to Harvey. Information was not available about the nurse, but Dr. Nicholas Kman has been posting details of his work on Twitter since Aug. 25.

As part of Ohio Task Force 1, he is helping to keep rescuers healthy. He also helped out with the evacuation of a nursing home, said hospital spokeswoman Alexis Shaw.

At MD Anderson, things were back to normal on Tuesday for the first time since the hurricane hit. In the early days, staff and patients were in a "ride-out period," when about 15 percent to 20 percent of the staff worked, staying at the hospital 24/7. Next came a recovery phase, when 30 percent of the staff came to work.

OhioHealth is a member of the MD Anderson Cancer Network, and the center had called the health system to ask for nine techs. When Sandy Hood, OhioHealth's senior director of lab operations, put out the call, 33 people volunteered. In less than 24 hours, the nine selected were in Houston.

Lab techs are generally behind the scenes but always step up when needed, she said.

"We're a group of people who always want to do what's needed when we see patients whose lives depend on timely and accurate values," Hood said. "To give of yourself and your team is an incredible gift and something I think my team will learn from."

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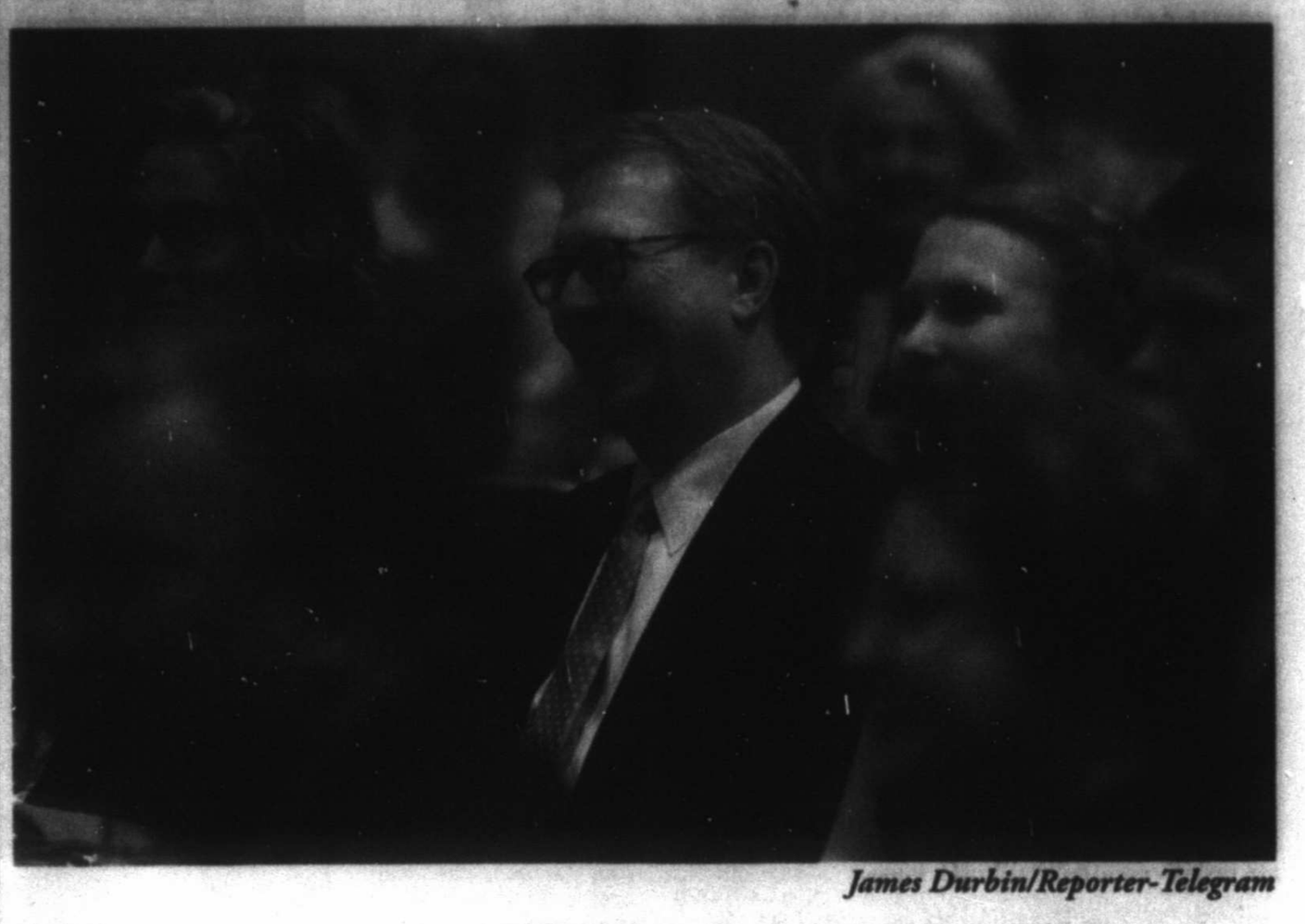

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Russell Meyers, president and CEO of Midland Health, was the honoree for the 2017 Dinner of Champions — a fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society — April 27 at the Petroleum Club. Midland Health is the presenting sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting, which is today at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Many American rural counties lack hospitals with maternity services

By Carolyn Y. Johnson
Washington Post

At Meadows Regional Medical Center in rural Vidalia, Georgia, the number of babies born each year has more than doubled over the last 15 years — increasing from about 400 births in 2000 to more than 800 in recent years, according to the hospital's chief executive, Alan Kent.

It might sound like a significant baby boom for the community of nearly 11,000 people. Instead, Kent says the uptick is a symptom of a phenomenon that is playing out in rural areas nationwide: The hospitals around Meadows Regional have either winked out of existence or canceled their obstetrics services over the years. The medical center now keeps a strategy map of its primary service area, which extends in each direction about 30 to 40 miles, Kent said.

"Most of the rural hospitals around us, at one time or another delivered babies over the last eight to nine years. Two hospitals have closed. The three remaining hospitals that had maternity wards ceased their women's services and stopped delivering babies," Kent said. "We're seeing an increase in women who deliver with no prenatal care."

A new study in the journal Health Affairs quantifies the trend. In 2004, 45 percent of rural counties lacked a hospital with obstetrics services. About 1 in 10 rural counties lost those services over the next decade, and by 2014, 54 percent of communities lacked those services. That leaves 2.4 million women of child-bearing age living in counties without hospitals that deliver babies.

There are already a slew of well-known health disparities between rural women and those who live in urban settings. Women from rural areas are more likely to report having fair or poor health, be obese, smoke cigarettes, commit suicide and have cervical cancer than their urban counterparts. But the recent trend could exacerbate disparities in reproductive health, too. One recent study found that rural areas had made far fewer gains in improving infant mortality compared with the rest of the country.

"A lot of discussion has been focusing on the closures of rural hospitals entirely," said Peiyin Hung, a postdoctoral associate at Yale School of Public Health, who led the study. "We found that even among surviving hospitals in rural communities, a lot of obstetric services in these ares are disappearing."

What troubled Hung was that the most geographically isolated communities were more likely not to have had obstetrics services to begin with — and were more likely to lose them over the decade they studied. There were also patterns of inequality: Rural counties that had lower median incomes and higher percentages of African American women of reproductive age were also more likely to not have hospitals with maternity wards.

The reduction in obstetrics services stems from many factors. When hospitals are struggling financially, as many rural hospitals are, obstetrics services are often first on the chopping board, because they generally don't generate a lot of money, Kent said. In some communities, there may be such a low volume of births that there is simply not enough care to support an obstetrician. The lifestyle of an obstetrician in a remote area might also be a hard one, if the doctor is permanently on call as the only doctor who delivers babies.

Megan Evans, an obstetrician and gynecologist at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, has been working with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists to push forward a solution to some of the workforce issues. Through a federal program called the National Health Service Corps, medical students can have their school paid for as long as they commit to practicing in an underserved community for a given period of time.

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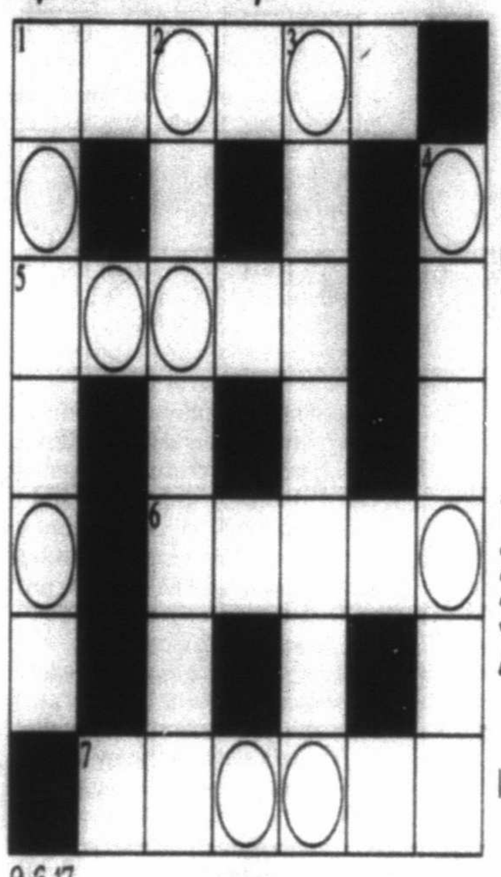

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11 Game show hosts
14 Camped in a trailer, for short
15 Sort of
16 Spoil
17 Tennessee whiskey cocktail
19 MLB's Indians, on scoreboards
20 __ Alamos
21 Groundbreaking tool
22 Aquatic plant
23 Fruity dessert
28 "My package has arrived!"
29 "Darn it!"
30 Fun time, in slang
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55 Yale alum
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61 President pro __
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3 Course that makes you sweat, briefly?
4 "How'm I doing?" New York mayor
5 Hr. segment
6 Swing voter: Abbr.
7 Actor __ Baron Cohen
8 Faint
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10 Pupil's place
11 Magic Eraser spokesman
12 Palmolive's corporate partner
13 Cooks, as broccoli
18 Tennis legend who wrote "Days of Grace"
22 Traffic light symbol
23 Sty dweller
24 LAX posting
25 Lindros in the Hockey Hall of Fame
26 Blackens, as tuna
27 Former Labor secretary Elaine
32 Prefix with caching
33 Uses too much
35 Jockey's wear
36 Alter ego of 7-Down
37 Wood measure
38 Screen writer?
39 Con targets
41 Sugar-free soft drink
42 Summer Games org.
43 Tattoo, in slang
44 __ Field: Brooklyn Dodgers' home
45 Colorful songbird
47 Height: Pref.
48 Where Springsteen was born?
50 Tug __
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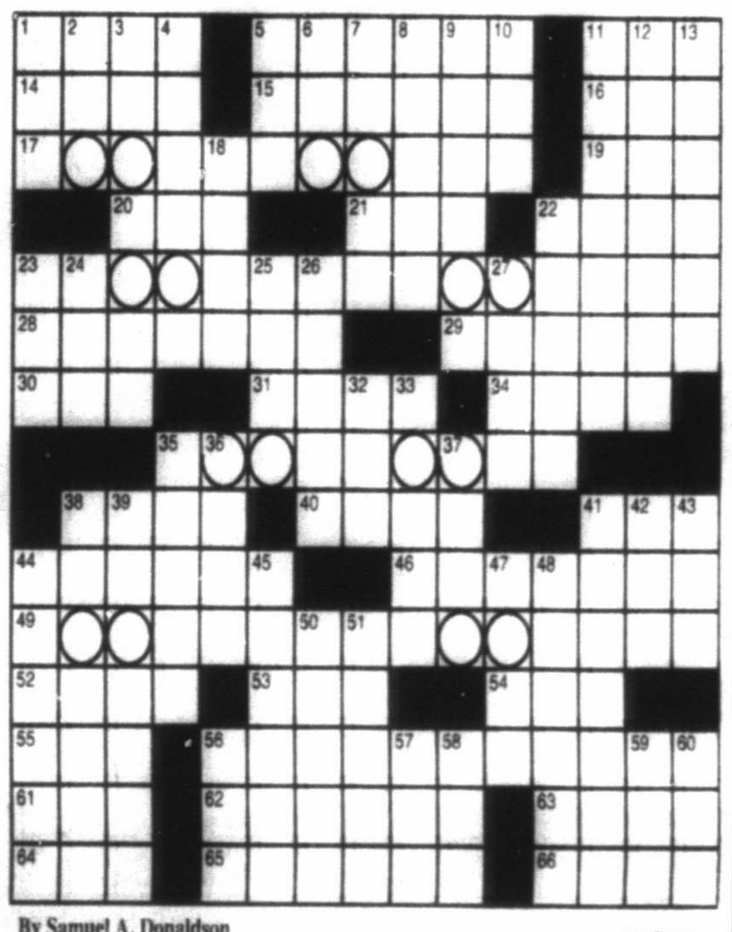

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Outside-the-box ideas could fix individual insurance market

By Julie Rovner
Kaiser Health News

With Republican efforts to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act stalled, tentative bipartisan initiatives are in the works to shore up the fragile individual insurance market that serves about 17 million Americans.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee launches hearings the week Congress returns in September on "stabilizing premiums in the individual insurance market" that will feature state governors and insurance commissioners. A bipartisan group in the House is also working to come up with compromise proposals.

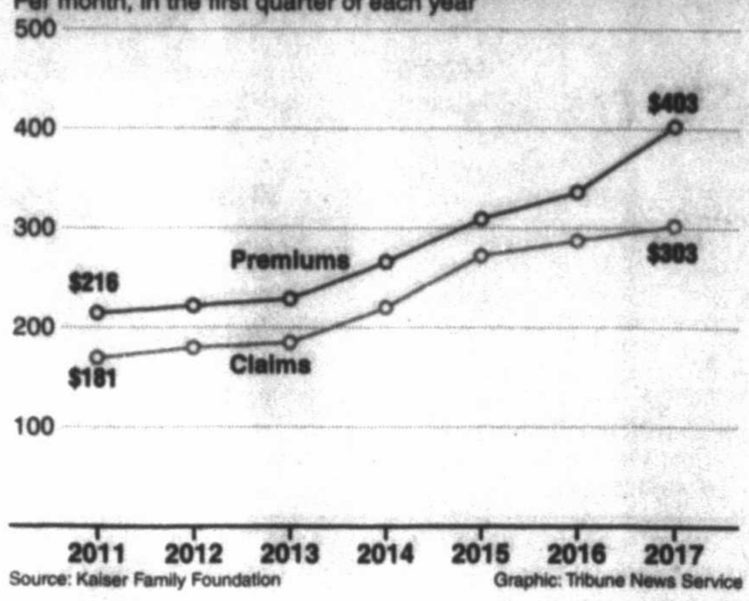
Both before and after implementation of the federal health law, this market — serving people who don't get coverage through work or the government — has proved problematic. Before the law, many people with preexisting health conditions could not get insurance at any price. Now, consumers in the individual market often face higher out-of-pocket costs and fewer choices of health care providers and insurers than in past years. More than 12 million people buy that insurance through the ACA's marketplaces, while another 5 million buy it outside of the exchanges.

Policymakers generally agree on what immediate efforts to stabilize the market might include. At the top of most lists is ensuring federal payment of subsidies to insurers to pay the out-of-pocket expenses — such as deductibles and copayments — to protect customers with the lowest incomes. Insurers also want the federal government to continue enforcing the requirement that most Americans either have insurance or pay a tax penalty, and continuing efforts to get uninsured people to sign up for coverage during the upcoming open enrollment period, from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Those efforts are essential, insurers say, to help keep healthy customers in their risk pools to defray the costs of beneficiaries with medical needs.

But what about ideas that go beyond the oft-repeated ones? Here are five proposals that are more controversial but generating buzz.

■ Allow people into Medicare starting at age 55

Average individual health insurance premiums and claims
Per month, in the first quarter of each year



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Getting slightly younger people into Medicare, the federal program for the disabled and Americans 65 and older, is a longtime goal of Democrats. It dates at least to the Clinton administration and was nearly included in the Affordable Care Act in 2010. A Medicare buy-in is not exactly the same as a "public option," which many Democrats, including former President Barack Obama, have embraced. A true public option would offer government coverage to those of any age.

Lowering the age for Medicare eligibility (whether by allowing people to purchase coverage early or letting them join on the same terms as those aged 65) is controversial. Some Democrats support it as a first step toward a single-payer, Medicare-for-All system. Most Republicans oppose it on those same grounds — as a step toward government-run health care.

But proponents argue it would help the current individual market by excluding the oldest people, thereby lowering the average age of the risk pool. Since older patients, on average, cost more to insure, the change could lower premiums for everyone left in the ACA market. That's the stated goal of a Medicare buy-in bill introduced earlier this month by Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and seven other Democratic senators. That bill would allow Obamacare market customers ages 55-64 to purchase Medicare coverage instead, but would also let them use ACA tax credits if they are eligible for those. The cost of such policies, however, has not been worked out.

"The way we've structured it actually both helps Medicare by having younger people in that pool, and it helps private insurance by taking higher-cost individuals out of their pool," Stabenow told The Detroit News.

Conservative health analysts don't buy that, though. "This is just a way of saying we're going to take these people out of the exchanges and put them where there are bigger subsidies," said Joseph Antos at the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute.

■ Allow people to "buy in" to Medicaid

An alternative to letting people buy in to Medicare is letting them buy in to Medicaid, the joint federal-state program for those with low incomes.

Medicaid buy-ins already exist — for example, in 2005 Congress passed the Family Opportunity Act, which allows families earning up to three times the poverty level to purchase Medicaid coverage for their disabled children who aren't otherwise eligible. Medicaid has typically provided richer benefits for those with disabilities than private health insurance.

Earlier this year, Gov. Brian Sandoval, R-Nev., vetoed a bill that would have allowed Nevada residents to buy Medicaid coverage through the state's insurance exchange.

Now Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, is pushing a federal Medicaid buy-in plan, which he described to Vox.com recently. It would give states the option to allow people with incomes over current Medicaid eligibility thresholds to pay a premium to join the program. Like the Medicare buy-in bill, it would allow those who qualify for federal tax credits to use them to pay the premiums.

The proposal would also raise the amounts Medicaid pays to doctors, hospitals and other health care providers to the same level as it pays for Medicare patients. Traditionally, low Medicaid payment rates have kept many doctors, particularly specialists, from taking Medicaid.

■ Get younger adults off their parents' insurance and back into the individual market

Allowing young adults up to age 26 to stay on their parents' health plans is unquestionably one of the most popular ACA provisions. Democrats have touted it proudly while Republicans have dared not touch it in almost any of their overhaul proposals.

Yet what has been a boon to 3 million young adults (and a relief to their parents) has come at a cost to the individual marketplace itself, where only an estimated 28 percent of those buying coverage in state exchanges were ages 18-34 in 2016. That is well below the 40 percent most analysts said was necessary to keep the market stable.

■ Require insurers who participate in other government programs to offer marketplace coverage.

One clear shortcoming of the individual marketplace is a lack of insurer competition, particularly in rural areas. While there appear to be no counties left with no company offering coverage for the coming year, the percentage of counties with only one insurer seems certain to rise from 2017's 33 percent.

In an effort to more strongly encourage private companies to step up and offer coverage, several analysts have suggested tying access to participation in other government programs to a willingness to offer individual ACA policies as well.

For example, some have suggested insurers be required to provide policies in the marketplaces as a condition of being able to offer coverage to federal workers. Others have suggested that private insurers who offer profitable Medicare Advantage plans could also be required to offer individual exchange coverage, although the same rural areas with a lack of private individual market insurers also tend to lack Medicare Advantage coverage.

■ Let people use HSA contributions to pay health insurance premiums

A little-noticed provision in one of the versions of the Senate GOP health bill that failed to pass in July would have allowed people to use money from tax-preferred health savings accounts (HSAs) to pay their insurance premiums. A little-noticed proposal from a group of ideologically diverse health care experts included a similar idea.

HSAs are linked to high-deductible insurance plans, and consumers use the money in the account to pay their out-of-pocket expenses. The money put into the account and the earnings are not taxable.

With a few exceptions, people with HSAs have not been allowed to use those funds to pay monthly premiums. But the change would be one way to provide relief to people who buy their own insurance, earn too much to get federal premium subsidies and cannot deduct premiums from their taxes because they are not technically self-employed. Such people, though likely small in number, have been disproportionately hurt by rising premiums in the individual market since the ACA took full effect.

Still, the change would involve some trade-offs.

Roy Ramthun, who helped design HSAs as a Senate staffer in the early 2000s and helped implement them while at the Treasury Department during the George W. Bush administration, said that, generally, "Republicans have preferred to subsidize insurance premiums through tax deductions and credits and leave the HSA for out-of-pocket expenses." Allowing premiums to be paid from HSA funds, he said, "could eat up the entire balance of the account and leave nothing for out-of-pocket expenses." There are limits to how much money can be put into an HSA. For 2017, the maximum is $3,400 for an individual and $6,750 for a family.

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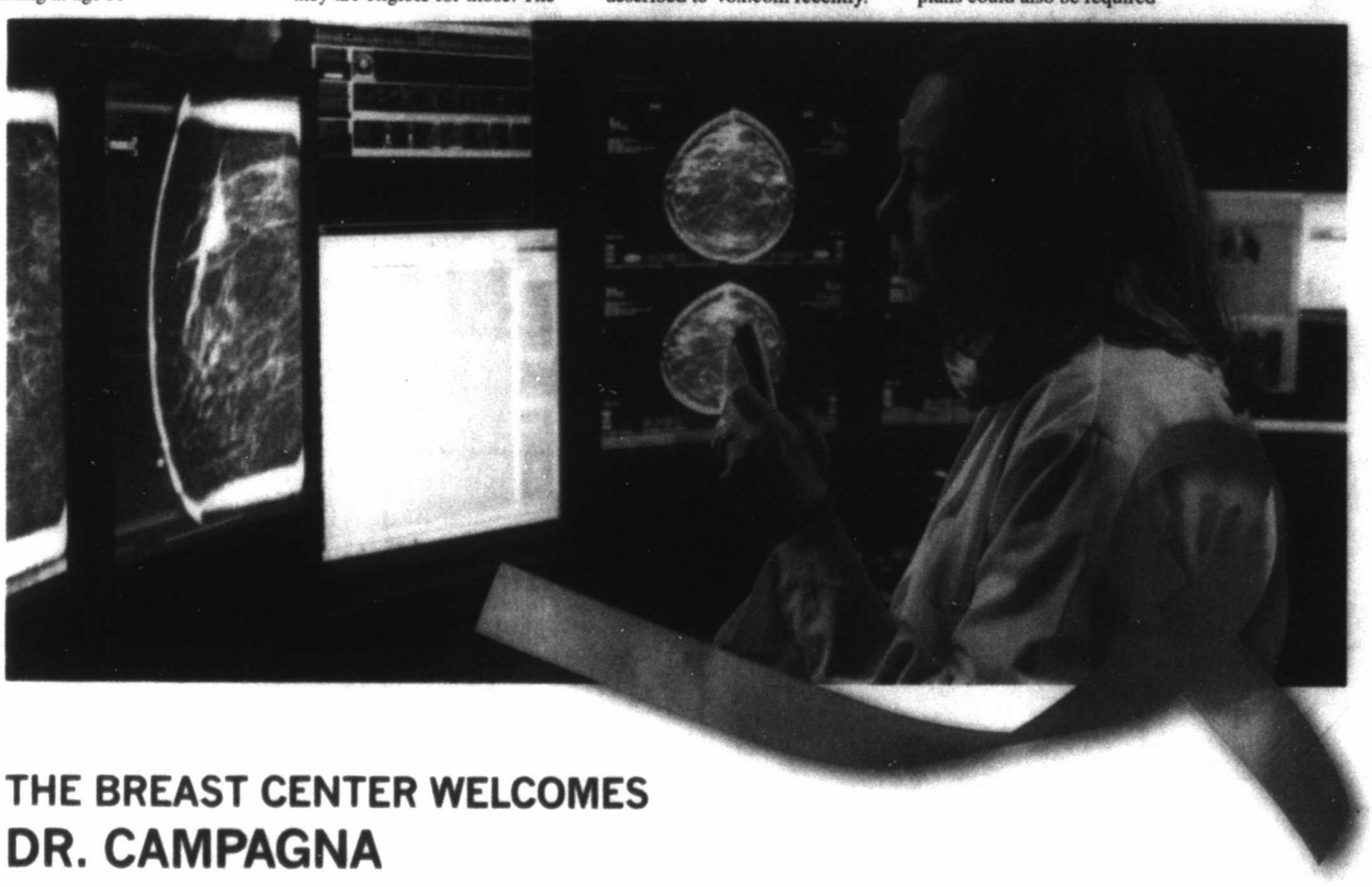

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Young MHS players look to step up with Thornton out

By Christopher Hadorn
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■ MHS REPORT

For many Midland High football players, last Friday's 48-22 road loss to El Paso Franklin was their first exposure to playing "under the lights."

Not surprisingly, the green Bulldogs (0-1) were plagued by miscues in their opening loss, and now the football club will have to press on without its senior leader Jacoby Thornton, who said Tuesday at Memorial Stadium that he has an ACL tear in one of his knees that will keep him out for the season.

Thornton, who was a 2016 first-team All-District 2-6A cornerback with four interceptions and two TDs, did not suit up against Franklin and was expected to help the Bulldogs as an iron man on offense at wide receiver.

MHS head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz didn't comment on Thornton.

In Thornton's absence at Franklin Stadium, a young MHS squad gave up 14 easy points via a lost fumble returned for a touchdown and on a Hail Mary.

But Anuszkiewicz was encouraged that Bulldogs' mistakes were fixable after watching game film.

Although he said the Cougars out-executed MHS, he didn't think the loss had anything to do with Bulldogs being outmatched in athleticism, toughness, physicality or sure effort.

Anuszkiewicz is optimistic that his MHS team will become more comfortable with high-profile varsity games as it goes deeper into the schedule. The Dawgs host El Paso Montwood (1-0) in Thursday's 7 p.m. home opener at Grande Communications Stadium.

"I'm sure that every Friday night that the newness is going to kind of wear off," Anuszkiewicz said. "That's what I am counting on. It's kind of funny just to see them when they run through the Bulldog (inflatable tunnel) at the start of the game, you can tell that they hadn't run through that Bulldog very many times.

"They will get better every

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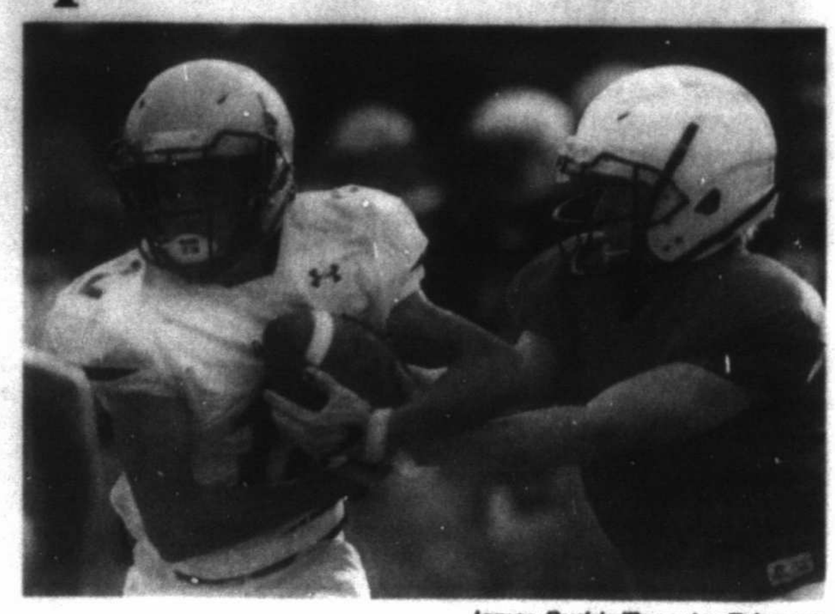

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Riggs McDonald hands off to Nick Gonzales during the Midland High spring game on May 25 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Fighting their way back

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High volleyball players celebrate after winning a second match against Seminole on Tuesday, at MHS.

MHS battles back to beat Seminole

By Will Korn
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Visiting Seminole didn't hesitate to play aggressively and make things uncomfortable for Midland High on Tuesday.

The Maidens brought ferocity in their attack, played scrappy defense and forced nearly too many mistakes for MHS to recover from.

But through the frenzy of 17 lead changes, the Lady Bulldogs buckled down and battled back for a 23-25, 25-20, 25-23, 25-11 victory over Seminole at the MHS gym, in their final tune-up before the start of District 2-6A play on Friday.

Seminole's Taylor Roberts posted a match-high 17 kills. Junior outside hitter Hayley Branco paced the Lady Bulldogs with 12 kills, while Merrick Beach and Gentry Foreman each added 11.

MHS head coach Amanda Lopez said the Maidens (20-6), who were playing their 25th road match of the season, put together a valiant effort all-around.

"They were scrappy defensively, they made us work for our points and there were times when we just gave up too many points in a row and got ourselves into a situation," Lopez said. "But they are a good team."

Seminole head coach Traci Pierce said her team's game plan was to force the issue on serves and put MHS (18-12) in a poor position to mount an attack after a receive.

"Our goal was to make them make a bad first pass," Pierce said. "If you make them make a bad first pass, good things can happen for you. We were trying to serve aggressive and cause bad passes. In the first three games, we accomplished our goal and after that, (MHS) started to pass better."

The Maidens won a see-saw battle in the first set, boosted by a pair of aces midway through and two costly MHS net violations to end the frame.

Seminole stuck to its game plan in the second set and traded points to an 18-16 lead. But it was junior Kaitlyn Kennedy that helped key a 5-0 run that kept the Lady Bulldogs out of a 2-0 match deficit.

Kennedy had a hand in all five of those

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■ GREENWOOD REPORT

Rangers win physical, low-scoring affair

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood and first-year Rangers head coach Jared Sanderson are not used to playing slug-it-out, low-scoring football games, but that's what got the job done on Friday night in Snyder.

The Rangers stuck to the running game and played stellar defense in a 14-7 win over the Tigers to open the season.

Sanderson

Of the 339 total yards for Greenwood, 286 came on the ground as quarterback Jake Somers (155 yards) and running back Ryan Snodgrass (90 yards) led the way.

"We came out in a two-back formation and just tried to run it at them," said Sanderson, who had been in some shootouts in his time as Levelland's head coach. "Their defensive line was running stunts so we tried to control the ball with the run game. They had the same game plan going in. (The Tigers) were getting everybody in the box and we knew that Ryan, just through scrimmages and practices, that he had great vision and that he can cut on a dime. And Jake really showed up and ran the ball well. We hadn't run him as much in practice or in the scrimmages, but he had a really good night running the football."

The Greenwood defense also held the Tigers to just 185 total yards.

"It was a good team win," Sanderson said. "I felt defensively, we played really well and had a big goal line stand to keep them out of the end zone. We got behind the chains some with penalties that killed our drives, but when it came down to it we moved the ball when we needed to. I was also pleased with special teams in the way they performed. Overall, it was a good night for us."

The win also marked the first for Sanderson as head coach of the Rangers. Sanderson said getting the win is something a team always tries to do but admitted the first one at a new place is always special.

"Getting that first one is something you will always remember," he said. "I was proud of the kids and the effort they gave to go out and get it done."

Sanderson added that the offense is getting better learning the scheme and there are some penalties the Ranger need to get cleaned up.

"We had a few holding penalties, so we've got to fix our hands and feet," he said. "It's not like we can't get that fixed. We've got the kids to do it. And most of our penalties were hustle penalties and so there are things we can get better technique-wise. Offensively, we're working on trying to go out and execute the scheme. We just need to have everybody on the same page."

The Rangers (1-0) will play their home opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Brownfield (0-1), which is led by Oklahoma State commit and senior quarterback Jaelyn Nolan.

Brownfield is coming off a 49-32 loss to Clyde.

AROUND THE DISTRICT: District 2-4A Division II went 4-3 in the first week of high school football action with Sweetwater, Pecos and Lamesa joining Greenwood as winning teams.

Lamesa, under first-year coach Rodney Sims — a Lee grad and former

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Elliott has suspension upheld, but will play Week 1

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

SHERMAN — An arbitrator denied Dallas running back Ezekiel Elliott's appeal of a six-game suspension in a domestic violence case Tuesday, but the 2016 NFL rushing champion will play in the opener because of the timing of the decision.

Elliott attorney Jeffrey Kessler told the judge near the end of a nearly 2 1/2-hour hearing in federal court that Elliott's suspension was sustained by arbitrator Harold Henderson.

At the start of the hearing, NFL attorney Daniel Nash told the judge it was "his understanding" that Elliott could play Sunday night against the New York Giants because the league didn't want to rush the judge.

U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant said he would rule on Elliott's request for a temporary restraining order by Friday. If the request is denied and no further legal action taken, Elliott's suspension would start in Week 2 at Denver. He would be eligible to return Nov. 5 against Kansas City.

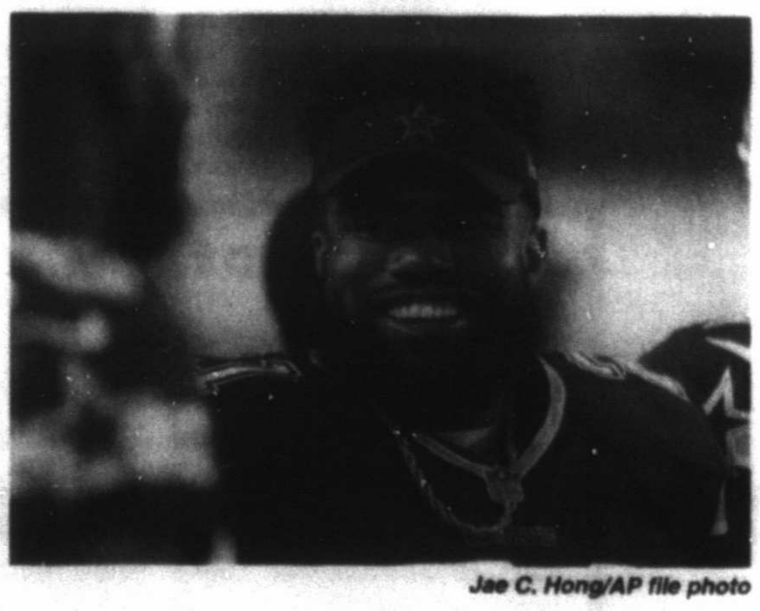
"We are extremely disappointed with Mr. Henderson's inability to navigate through league politics, and follow the evidence, and, most importantly, his (sic) conscience," attorneys Frank Salzano and Scott Rosenblum said in a statement released after the hearing.

Elliott was suspended by Commissioner Roger Goodell after the league concluded he had several physical confrontations last summer with Tiffany Thompson, a former girlfriend. Prosecutors in Ohio didn't pursue the case, citing conflicting evidence.

The 22-year-old Elliott denied the allegations in sworn testimony during an appeal hearing last week. He attended Tuesday's hearing in Sherman, about 65 miles north of Dallas, sitting quietly in a suit and tie and facing away from the audience and mostly toward the judge.

The NFL Players' Association sued in federal court on behalf of Elliott last week before Henderson even ruled, saying the appeal hearing was "fundamentally unfair" because the running back was prevented from confronting his accuser in the Ohio case.

Kessler reiterated most of the NFLPA's arguments before



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Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott looking on from the sidelines during the second half of a preseason game against the Los Angeles Rams on Aug. 12 in Los Angeles. Elliott's attorneys say his six-game suspension over a domestic violence case has been upheld, but he will play the opener because of the timing of the arbitrator's decision. Elliott attorney Jeffrey Kessler told the judge near the end of a more than two-hour hearing in federal court on Tuesday that his suspension was sustained by arbitrator Harold Henderson.

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Golf
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EPGA: Omega European Masters, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
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Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m., ATTSW
Arizona at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer
NASL: Miami FC vs. New York Cosmos, 7 p.m., beIN, beIN2

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WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Volleyball
Midland College at Western Texas College, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned RHPs Tyler Wilson and Logan Verrett outright to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated RHP Carson Smith from the 60-day DL. Designated RHP Kyle Martin for assignment. Portland (EL) manager Carlos Febles, Pawtucket (IL) manager Kevin Boles and Pawtucket hitting coach Rich Gedman will join the major league staff. Febles through Sept. 14, Boles from Sept. 15-24, Gedman from Sept. 25-Oct. 1.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Requested waivers on LHP Derek Holland for the purpose of granting his unconditional release. Reinstated INF Yoan Moncada from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of LHP Jace Fry from Birmingham (SL).
HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent C Evan Gattis to Quad Cities (MWL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated RHP Daniel Wright for assignment. Claimed RHP Devan Diaz off waivers from Houston.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reinstated RHP J.T. Chargois from Rochester (IL) and placed him on the 60-day DL. Reinstated LHP Dietrich Enns from the 10-day DL and optioned him to Chattanooga (SL). Reinstated OF Robbie Grossman from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Michael Tonkin from Rochester.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled IB Tyler Austin from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Transferred RHP Paul Blackburn to the 60-day DL. Recalled RHP Daniel Mengden. INF Joey Wendle and OF Renato Nunez from Nashville (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Raul Alcantara from Nashville.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Placed RHP Evan Scribner on waivers for the purpose of granting him his unconditional release. Recalled INF Damier Pogelbach from Tacoma (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned LHP Adam Kolarek outright to Durham. Selected the contract of 1B Trevor Plouffe from Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned RHP Jhan Marinez outright to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled 2B Phil Gosselin from Round Rock and OF Jared Hoying and LHP Yohander Mendez from Frisco (TL).

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated 3B Adonis Garcia from the 10-day DL. Recalled INF Micah Johnson from Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contract of Taylor Davis from Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled RHP Rhaine Carle from Albuquerque (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Transferred RHP Brandon McCarthy to the 60-day DL. Sent LHP Scott Kazmir to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for rehab assignment. Recalled OF Joc Pederson and Trayce Thompson from Oklahoma City (PCL).
MIAMI MARLINS — Reinstated LHP Wei-Yin Chen from the 10-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated RHP Aaron Brooks for assignment. Selected the contract of OF Quintin Berry from Colorado Springs (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed OF Pedro Florimon on the 60-day DL. Recalled 2B Aaron Altherr from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of SS J.P. Crawford from Lehigh Valley (IL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Extended the contracts of executive vice president/general manager Neal Huntington and manager Clint Hurdle for four years.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled INF Breyvic Valera from Memphis (PCL).

American Association
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Traded RHP Patrick Mincey and RHP Alberto Rodriguez to Sugar Land (Atlantic) for two players to be named.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Richie Tarts.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released INF Nate Hanson and RHPs Brandon Peterson, Ivan Velitez and Ryan Zimmerman.

BASKETBALL
Women's National Basketball Association
ATLANTA DREAM — Fired coach Michael Cooper.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Named James Trapp executive director of the NFL Legends Community.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with G Alex Boone on a one-year contract.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed LB Jordan Tripp. Signed G Jamil Douglas to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed QB TJ Yates on injured reserve. Released DT Deandre Coleman.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Rashard Higgins and DRs Darius Hillary and Kai Nacua to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released WR Brian Brown from the practice squad. Signed OB Kellen Moore. Signed LB Mark Nzeocha to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Waived/injured DB Tramain Jacobs.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed DT Quinton Dial. Released DT Christian Ringo.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed G Willie Beavers to the practice squad. Released LB Trevor Bates from the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Jeremy Kerley to a one-year contract. Waived FB Julian Howsare.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Placed OL Denver Kirkland and S Obi Melfonyiei on injured reserve. Signed S Erik Harnsand LB Xavier Woodson-Luster.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed CB Kenneth Durden to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived/injured WR Levern Jacobs. Signed RB Chris Thompson to a contract extension.

Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released LB Frank Renaud from the practice roster.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed D Tyler Wotherspoon to a one-year, two-way contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Named Brian Leetch and Brad Richards hockey operations advisers.

ECHL
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Traded the rights to F Eric Neiley to Adirondack for F Phil Lane.

COLLEGE
NCAA — Named Kanoe Albert executive vice president of inclusion and human resources.
FORDHAM — Named Scott Merriken assistant rowing coach.
FURMAN — Named Erin Wissing senior associate athletics director for external affairs.
GONZAGA — Announced junior men's basketball F Brandon Clarke is transferring from San Jose State.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1 Alabama (60)	1-0	1524	1
2 Ohio St (1)	1-0	1445	2
3 Clemson	1-0	1317	5
4 Penn St	1-0	1303	6
5 Oklahoma	1-0	1253	7
6 Southern Cal	1-0	1224	4
7 Washington	1-0	1083	8
8 Michigan	1-0	1051	11
9 Wisconsin	1-0	979	9
10 Florida St	0-1	976	3
11 Oklahoma St	1-0	950	10
12 LSU	1-0	898	13
13 Auburn	1-0	873	12
14 Stanford	1-0	772	14
15 Georgia	1-0	685	15
16 Miami	1-0	537	18
17 Louisville	1-0	529	16
18 Virginia Tech	1-0	490	21
19 Kansas St	1-0	398	20
20 Washington St	1-0	218	24
21 South Florida	2-0	207	19
22 Florida	0-1	164	17
23 TCU	1-0	154	-
24 Notre Dame	1-0	114	-
25 Tennessee	1-0	124	25

Others receiving votes: Utah 98, UCLA 82, West Virginia 70, Colorado 65, Maryland 45, Oregon 44, South Carolina 44, Boise St. 22, Northwestern 20, Houston 14, San Diego St. 11, Texas Tech 4, Kentucky 4, Iowa 3, California 2, Navy 1, Vanderbilt 1, Pittsburgh 1, Mississippi St. 1, Nebraska 1, Michigan St. 1

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Scores and schedules

Thursday's Games
Kansas City at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay at Miami, 12 p.m.
Oakland at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
Arizona at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 12 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 12 p.m.
Indianapolis at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Carolina at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
New Orleans at Minnesota, 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 6:30 p.m.

Better than ever, Sloane Stephens into 1st US Open semifinal

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sloane Stephens is convinced that her run to the U.S. Open semifinals is not proof that she is back to being as good a player as she was before foot surgery took her off the tour for nearly a year.

Instead, it's a result of being better than ever.

Able to summon big strokes when it mattered most, Stephens reached the final four at Flushing Meadows for the first time by edging 16th-seeded Anastasija Sevastova of Latvia 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4) for her deepest run at any major since 2013.

"My head is a little clearer, if that makes any sense," Stephens said. "Before, obviously, I was playing well. I had won a couple tournaments and was playing well, obviously. But being injured gave me a whole new perspective on tennis, on life, and just in general."

The 83rd-ranked American has won 13 of her past 15 matches, all on hard courts, reaching the semifinals at three consecutive tournaments for the only time in her career.

She was one of four U.S. women in the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows, the most since five made it that far 15 years ago. Stephens could face one of the others next: Her opponent Thursday will be No. 9 Venus Williams or No. 13 Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, whose match was Tuesday night.

In the top half of the draw's quarterfinals Wednesday, No. 1 Karolina Pliskova of the Czech Republic meets No. 20 CoCo Vandeweghe of the U.S., and No. 15 Madison Keys of the U.S. faces 418th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi of Estonia.

Stephens went 11 months between tournaments because of problems with her left foot.

She had an operation in January, and while forced to stay away from her sport, she found a new appreciation for it. The time off also allowed her to enjoy other aspects of life.

"I couldn't walk. I couldn't do all the things that I wanted to do. But I did get to hang out with my family and see my little cousin's soccer games and go to weddings and baby showers and stuff. All the things that I thought before I was missing out on, (now) I really wasn't," said Stephens, whose late father, John Stephens, was the 1988 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year for the New England Patriots, and whose mother, Sybil Smith, was Boston University's first All-American in women's swimming. "It was just kind of, like, eye-opening," Stephens added. "When I wasn't playing, like, of course I loved my time off, but when I got back to playing tennis, it was, like, this is where I want to be. This is what I love doing."

Stephens returned to competition at Wimbledon in July. She lost her first match back, and then her second, too, at a tournament in Washington.

"I just stayed positive," said the 24-year-old Stephens, who lost in the Australian Open semifinals four years ago. "And then, yeah, look, there, semifinal, semifinal, semifinal. I couldn't really ask for a better way to come back."

Tuesday's Results
Men's Singles
Quarterfinal
Pablo Carreno-Busta (12), Spain, def. Diego Sebastian Schwartzman (29), Argentina, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.
Women's Singles
Quarterfinal
Venus Williams (9), United States, def. Petra Kvitova (13), Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (2).
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Anastasija Sevastova (16), Latvia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).
Men's Doubles
Quarterfinal
Henri Kontinen, Finland and John Peers (1), Australia, def. Nicholas Monroe, United States and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.
Horia Tecau, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (12), Netherlands, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Jamie Murray (4), Britain, 6-1, 6-2.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain and Marc Lopez (11), Spain, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands and Matwe Middelkoop, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.
Bob Bryan, United States and Mike Bryan (5), United States, def. Julien Benneteau, France and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-3, 7-6.
Women's Doubles
Quarterfinal
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (7), Czech Republic, def. Andreja Klepac, Slovenia and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (14), Spain, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Mixed Doubles
Quarterfinal
Martina Hingis, Switzerland and Jamie Murray (1), Britain, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia and Abigail Spears, United States, 6-3, 2-6, 10-8.
Horia Tecau, Romania and CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Bruno Soares, Brazil and Timea Babos (4), Hungary, 4-6, 6-1, 10-8.
Oliver Marach, Austria and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, def. Marcin Matkowski, Poland and Lucie Hradecka (8), Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-4, 10-8.

PREVIEW CAPSULE FOR MC VOLLEYBALL

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

When/where: 7 p.m., WTC Gymnasium, Snyder

Records: Midland College 7-1 overall, 0-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Western Texas College, 2-7, 0-0

Notes & quotes: This is the start of WJCAC play for both teams. ... Midland College is coming off a 4-0 showing at the Blinn College Tournament over the weekend. Two of the wins were five-set matches against Missouri State-West Plains and Laredo Community College. MC coach Tammie Jimenez said her team did a good job of "making the effort." She added: "We're just giving ourselves second and third chances to play the ball. We also improved with our ball control." Jimenez said her team is still battling through lulls and going through roller coaster rides and those five-set matches were examples of that. "We need to be a team that can be balanced and more even keel and less of a roller coaster team," Jimenez said. ... MC swept WTC in a non-conference match during its Kick-Off Volleyball Classic on Sept. 26 and Jimenez expects the Lady Westerners to be different team going into this match. "I think (the Lady Westerners) are going to be excited to play and motivated to win," she said. "I expect them to hold their own and be pretty scrappy and relentless and we need to have the same mentality. If we go in with discipline and play fundamental volleyball, things will work out in our favor."

Next: Midland College at Wrangler Volleyball Classic, Odessa, Friday; Western Texas at Wrangler Volleyball Classic, Odessa, Friday

2017 WJCAC volleyball standings

	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	0	0	7	1
New Mexico Military	0	0	6	1
Odessa College	0	0	5	2
Frank Phillips	0	0	4	4
Western Texas	0	0	2	7
Clarendon College	0	0	1	7

Today's matches
Midland College at Western Texas College, Odessa College at Frank Phillips College, New Mexico Military Institute at Clarendon College

- Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

LUBBOCK COOPER EDGES LEE

Lubbock Cooper squeaked by Lee in five sets, 25-27, 25-22, 22-25, 25-22, 15-11, on Tuesday in non-district play at the Lee gym.

Emily Hillman led the Lady Rebels (18-12) with 14 kills and 11 digs, while Elizabeth Kuhn added nine kills, 14 digs, five aces and a block.

Quinci Strambler totaled nine kills, five blocks, seven digs and three aces for Lee, which next opens District 2-6A play by hosting Wolfforth Frenship at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

LUBBOCK COOPER DEF. LEE 25-27, 25-22, 22-25, 25-22, 15-11
Lee statistics
Kills — Emily Hillman 14. Quinci Strambler 9. Elizabeth Kuhn 9. Jensen Letcher 8. Mckenzie Gibson 3
Assists —Allie Gomez 25. Letcher 11. M. Gibson 9. Kanigan Edwards 3
Digs — Edwards 19, Kuhn 14, Hillman 11. Strambler 7. Letcher 7. Gomez 7. Jill Tarin 3. Kelsey Harrington 2. M. Gibson 1
Blocks — Strambler 5. M. Gibson 2. Harrington 2. Kuhn 1
Aces — Kuhn 5. Strambler 3. Letcher 3. Gomez 1
Record: Lee 18-12

Next: Wolfforth Frenship at Lee, 6 p.m. Tuesday

GREENWOOD SWEEPS TRINITY AT HOME

Greenwood upended Trinity, 25-15, 25-15, 25-14, in non-district play Tuesday at Greenwood High.

Caity Payne led the Rangerettes (16-8) with 11 kills and 1 1/2 blocks, while teammate Hanna Flores posted team highs with 12 assists and four aces.

Madi Ulcak had a team-high 11 digs for Greenwood.

Kinzie Roemer shined as a well-rounded player for the Lady Chargers (7-9-1), leading her team with five assists and three aces and tying teammate Rebecca Young with five kills. Claire Clifton had three blocks for Trinity.

GREENWOOD DEF. TRINITY 25-15, 25-15, 25-14
Greenwood statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 11. Paydee Sims 9. Bradi Good 4. Gracie Huber 3. Kailey Martinez 3. Kyndall Dove 1
Assists — Hanna Flores 12. Faith Duran 11. Good 3. Madi Ulcak 1. Jacie Royse 1
Digs — Ulcak 11. Kaylyn Ellis 7. Royse 5. Payne 4. Sims 3. Flores 2. Duran 2. Good 1
Blocks — Payne 1.5. Kaylee Cheek 0.5
Aces — Flores 4. Ellis 2. Royse 2. Kayleigh Kitto 2
Trinity statistics
Kills — Rebecca Young 5. Kinzie Roemer 5. Brooke Widener 3. Hailey Marsh 1. Claire Clifton 1
Assists — Roemer 5. Young 3
Digs — Marsh 3. Stockton Ashley 3. Mikayla Padilla 1. Young 1. Roemer 1
Blocks — Clifton 3. Young 0.5. Padilla 0.5
Aces — Roemer 3. Clifton 2. Ashley 1. Young 1
Records: Greenwood 16-8; Trinity 7-9-1
Next: Greenwood at Lubbock Monterey/Sweetwater, 10 a.m. Saturday; Trinity at Abilene Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

MCA OUTLASTS MCS IN FIVE SETS

Midland Classical held off Midland Christian, 25-17, 18-25, 25-18, 22-25, 17-15, in a hotly contested five-set match Tuesday at MCA gymnasium.

MCA's Jenny Coco spearheaded the victorious effort with a team-best 27 kills and 22 digs.

Lela Beattie led the Lady Knights (12-4) with two blocks and two aces, while Micaela McDougall tallied 29 assists for MCA.

Kat O'Brien paced MCS (13-9) with 11 kills, while Andie Sheppard added nine kills, 15 digs and a team-best 3 1/2 blocks.

MCA DEF. MCS 25-17, 18-25, 25-18, 22-25, 17-15
Midland Classical statistics
Kills — Jenny Coco 27. Lizabelle Russell 18. Lela Beattie 4. Cammie Stokes 3. Kenna Bayley 2. Marin Casey 1. Makenna Beattie 1
Assists — Micaela McDougall 29. Coco 18. Allison Shelby 2. Bayley 2
Digs — Coco 22. L. Beattie 21. McDougall 20. M. Beattie 17. Shelby 16. Russell 9. Bayley 5. Casey 3. Stokes 1
Blocks — L. Beattie 2. Stokes 2. Russell 1
Aces — L. Beattie 2. Russell 1. M. Beattie 1. McDougall 1
MCS statistics
Kills — Kat O'Brien 11. Andie Sheppard 9. Landry Louder 8. Lauren Dentley 7. Lauren Battershell 4. Sydney Wilson 2. Faith Truex 1. Avery Jauz 1
Assists — Truex 17. Sheppard 15. Wilson 5. Rachel Ramos 1
Digs — Wilson 32. Sheppard 21. Whitney Newman 18. Truex 15. Skyler Espinosa 7. Ramos 6. Dentley 3. Jauz 2. Louder 2. O'Brien 2. Battershell 2. Kyzer 1
Blocks — Sheppard 3.5. Battershell 2.5. Kyzer 1.5. O'Brien 1. Dentley 0.5
Aces — Espinosa 2. Wilson 1
Records: MCA 12-4 ; MCS 13-9
Next: Lubbock All-Saints at MCA, 6 p.m. Friday; MCS at Grapevine Faith Christian, 5 p.m. Friday

BULLDOGS

From 1C

clinching points, including two blocks and a kill. She said her team began playing with more energy and it showed in that final sequence.

"Once we realized we needed to pick it up, we stepped up," said Kennedy, who accounted for nine kills and two blocks. "We got our energy picked up, that really helped a lot. The crowd too — once their energy picked up, that helped us a lot."

It took a few minutes, but MHS' newfound momentum manifested itself when the team needed it most. In the third set, the Lady Bulldogs rallied from an improbable 19-11 deficit on the back of a 9-1 run to take a 2-1 match lead.

Foreman said the comeback was more of a mental test than anything else. By and large, her team had struggled to that point with a number of unforced errors. But the rally marked a breakthrough.

"In the huddle (after the win), we talked about mind over matter. (It's about) really putting yourself above your mistakes. We all know we're capable players. I think it's about making things happen and bouncing back from our mistakes." Added Lopez: "We're obviously proud of their efforts to battle. (The key) was to calm down, do what we do, go back to the basics and do what we're successful at."

Makaylee Carter finished the match with 26 assists and 13 digs, while Sarah Mata had seven digs and a team-high four aces.

For Seminole, Jodie Vaughn collected eight kills, 22 assists, six digs and an ace.

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MIDLAND HIGH DEF. SEMINOLE
25-20, 25-20, 25-23, 25-11
Seminole statistics
Kills — Taylor Roberts 17. Jodie Vaughn 6. Chloe Gonzalez 6. Abby Bandy 3. Mikenzie Stokes 2
Assists —Vaughn 22. Roberts 11. Stokes 1
Digs — Roberts 14. Alyssa Wade 10. Stokes 9. Vaughn 6. Lexy Hernandez 5. Kassey Gallardo 4. Haryn Perez 3
Blocks — Bandy 1.5. Roberts 0.5. Vaughn 0.5. Gonzalez 0.5
Aces — Stokes 3. Roberts 2. Wade 2. Vaughn 1. Hernandez 1. Bandy 1
MHS statistics
Kills — Hayley Branco 12. Merrick Beach 11. Gentry Foreman 11. Kaitlyn Kennedy 8. Bailey Goodrum 3. Sarah Nelson 3. Caroline Harper 2. Reagan Squire 2. Makaylee Carter 1
Assists — Carter 26. Sarah Mata 19. Macy Kidwell 6. Squire 1
Digs — Carter 13. Squire 13. Mata 7. Butler 6. Nelson 4. Erica Rivera 4. Foreman 3. Beach 1
Blocks — Kennedy 2. Beach 2. Goodrum 1
Aces — Mata 4. Kidwell 1. Carter 1. Branco 1
Records: Seminole 20-6; MHS 18-12

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9/06 6:00-9:00 Microchipping at Beer Garden
9/07 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
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9/16 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Midland's PetSmart
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MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 2
TWINS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jake Odorizzi took a no-hitter into the seventh inning in front of a tiny home crowd, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Minnesota Twins 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Lucas Duda homered and drove in both runs for the Rays, who improved to .500 on the season and got within two games of Minnesota for the second AL wild card.

Joe Mauer got the Twins' first hit — and extended his hitting streak to 14 games — with a grounder that caromed off second base with one out in the seventh. Odorizzi (8-7) was lifted for reliever Dan Jennings after striking out the next batter, Jorge Polanco.

The only other batter to reach base against Odorizzi was Eddie Rosario, who walked leading off the fifth.

The game was played before a crowd of 6,509, the smallest-ever announced attendance for a Rays home game. Nearly 400 fewer fans attended last Wednesday's relocated game between the Astros and Rangers at Tropicana Field.

TIGERS 13
ROYALS 2

DETROIT — JaCoby Jones and John Hicks hit two home runs and the Detroit Tigers had six homers in all in a 13-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Tigers starting pitcher Anibal Sanchez threw only five pitches and was knocked out of the game in the first inning after getting hit by Whit Merrifield's single in the right leg. Sanchez, who was charged with one earned run when Merrifield later scored, left the game with a calf injury.

Reliever Myles Jaye (1-0) replaced Sanchez and pitched 2 1/3 innings. He allowed one hit, two walks and a wild pitch, leaving in the third inning with the Tigers holding a 7-1 lead.

Jason Vargas (14-10) took the loss, allowing seven earned runs and six hits, a walk and a hit batter in two innings of work.

National League

PIRATES 4
CUBS 3

PITTSBURGH — Max Moroff and David Freese delivered RBI singles off Carl Edwards Jr. in the eighth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates rallied past the Chicago Cubs 4-3 on Tuesday night.

John Jaso led off the eighth with a pinch-hit walk then later scored when Moroff hit a bloop single to left off Edwards (3-4) to tie the game. Freese drove home Moroff three batters later after the Cubs intentionally walked Pirates rookie Josh Bell.

Jordan Luplow hit the second home run of his career for Pittsburgh. Wade LeBlanc (5-2) earned the win in relief. Felipe Rivero worked a perfect ninth for his 18th save. The Pirates ran their winning streak to four on the same day the club announced contract extensions for manager Clint Hurdle and general manager Neal Huntington.

Ian Happ had a two-run single for Chicago. Alberto Almora Jr. and Kris Bryant had two hits apiece but the Cubs left eight men on base to drop their third consecutive game.

NATIONALS 2
MARLINS 1

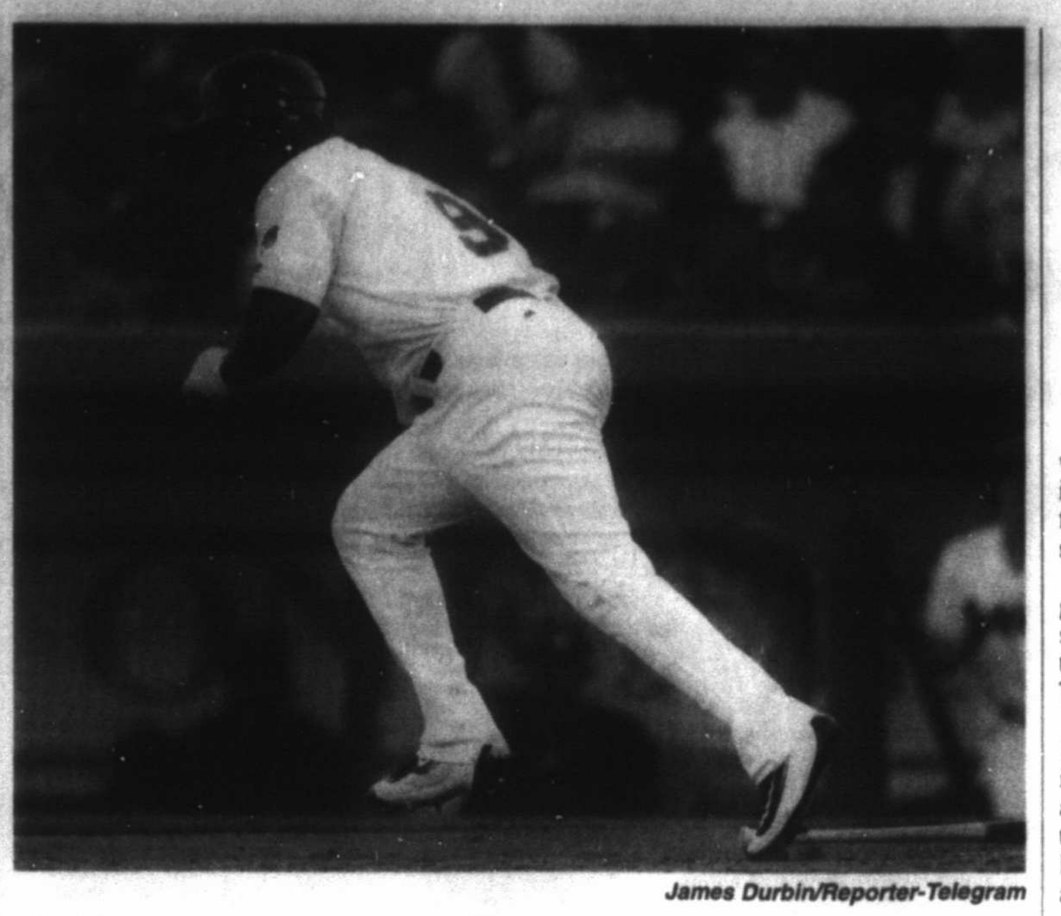
MIAMI — Stephen Strasburg pitched six innings to help the Washington Nationals to a 2-1 victory over the Miami Marlins on Tuesday night.

Daniel Murphy hit his 22nd home run and Pedro Severino also drove in a run for the Nationals, who have won seven straight against the Marlins.

Sean Doolittle pitched the ninth for his 18th save in 19 chances. Doolittle allowed a lead-off bloop single to Marcell Ozuna, who eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Derek Dietrich, but got Brian Anderson to line out to end the game.

Strasburg (12-4) allowed a single in each of his six innings, but was able to keep the Marlins from getting into scoring position. He struck out eight and did not walk a batter lowering his ERA to 2.78.

Miami's Giancarlo Stanton went 0 for 4 with two strikeouts and did not add to his home run total of 53, but did take a home run away from Murphy when he leaped above the right-center field wall to make a catch in the third.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

RockHounds' B.J. Boyd hits against Corpus Christi on July 3, at Security Bank Ballpark.

RockHounds face Missions to begin quest for 4th straight title

By Will Korn
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It was a typical first half and a roller coaster second half of the Texas League season for the Midland RockHounds.

But with a little luck added, they navigated their way back into the playoffs and are ready to begin their quest for a fourth consecutive league title.

Midland will face the league's first and second half champion San Antonio Missions in the best-of-five TL South Divisional Series. Game 1 is slated for 7:05 p.m. today at Nelson Wolff Stadium in San Antonio, with Game 2 set for 7:05 p.m. Thursday in San Antonio.

The two teams will then head west to play Game 3 at 7 p.m. Friday at Security Bank Ballpark. If necessary, a game 4 is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday in Midland and a game 5 would be back in San Antonio at 6:05 p.m. Sunday.

Oakland Athletics' No. 2 prospect and left-handed pitcher A.J. Puk (2-5, 4.36) is scheduled to start for Midland today against San Antonio's Enyel de los Santos (10-6, 3.78).

Right-hander James Naile (2-3, 3.21) will take the mound Thursday for the RockHounds against the Missions' Brett Kennedy (13-7, 3.70).

After finishing second in the season's first half at 35-35, Midland dropped 13 of its first 17 contests to open the second half. They responded to win 13 of their next 20, but with the Hooks at their heels the team couldn't create a commanding grip on the wild card spot.

Meanwhile, Corpus Christi won eight of its first 17 second half games and seized as a large as a three-game lead on Midland before dropping 11 of their next 20 to fall back even.

The RockHounds and Hooks entered the final day of the season tied for the wild card spot at 66-71 overall. Corpus Christi applied pressure with a 2-0 win over the Missions, forcing Midland to win its final game at the Frisco RoughRiders to make the postseason.

But led by a pair of home runs from A's No. 4 prospect Jorge Mateo — acquired by the organization in the Sonny Gray trade to the New York Yankees in July — the RockHounds topped Frisco, 9-3, to punch their postseason ticket.

Midland (67-71) held the head-to-head tiebreaker over the Hooks (67-71) by winning 15 of the season's 28 meetings. The two clubs had a pair of scheduled games at Whataburger Field in Corpus Christi wiped out due to Hurricane Harvey, which helped to solidify the upper hand for Midland.

The RockHounds, who won three of their final four games, went 14-18 versus the Missions during the regular season. Of the eight series between the two clubs, Midland won just one, split four and lost three.

The Missions won six of their final eight games against the RockHounds and were 9-7 versus Midland both at Nelson Wolff Stadium and Security Bank Ballpark.

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Mazzant, who pressed Nash for answers on the claim from Elliott's legal team that a co-lead investigator who questioned Thompson's credibility was left out of a key meeting with Goodell during the yearlong probe.

According to the letter Elliott received informing him of the suspension last month, the NFL believed he used "physical force" three times in a span of five days in a Columbus, Ohio, apartment last July resulting in injuries to Thompson's face, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, wrists, hips and knees.

Prosecutors in Columbus decided about a year ago not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, but the NFL kept the investigation open. The league said its conclusions were based on photographs, text messages and other electronic evidence.

Kessler again questioned why Henderson didn't allow Thompson or Goodell to testify at the appeal hearing, as did Mazzant. The judge seemed sympathetic to Kessler's claim that investigator Kia Roberts was kept out of the loop while believing that Elliott shouldn't be suspended.

The NFLPA has blamed the exclusion of Roberts on NFL special counsel Lisa Friel, who was hired as a result of changes three years ago in the personal conduct policy that stiffened penalties in domestic cases.

The changes came after the league was sharply criticized for its handling of the case involving former Baltimore running back Ray Rice.

Nash countered that procedures with the league's investigation and the appeal were "grounded in policy" through the labor deal with the players.

"You can't second-guess that," Nash told Mazzant.

Henderson has heard dozens of appeals, including New Orleans running back Adrian Peterson's in a child abuse case out of Texas when Peterson was with Minnesota. Henderson denied Peterson's appeal of a suspension, but a federal judge overturned Henderson's ruling.

Last year, Elliott missed a large portion of the preseason because of a hamstring injury before rushing for 1,631 yards and helping the Cowboys to a 13-3 record. Dallas didn't use Elliott in the first three preseason games but he had eight touches in 10 plays in his only series in the finale against Oakland as the appeal case played out.

Coach Jason Garrett said Elliott returned to team activities Saturday after attending the appeal hearing, which stretched over three days. Garrett said he was anticipating Elliott being at team meetings before Tuesday's hearing.

Owner and general manager Jerry Jones has said the club was preparing as if Elliott would be available Week 1.

NOTES: QB Kellen Moore was re-signed Tuesday after getting released on the original cut to the 53-man roster. Garrett hasn't indicated whether the sixth-year veteran or undrafted rookie Cooper Rush will be the backup. The Cowboys didn't want to expose Rush to waivers. ... LB Mark Nzeocha was signed to the practice squad, replacing WR Brian Brown.

Rangers-Braves rained out, doubleheader set for today

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The weather has been a stormy issue in the Atlanta Braves' first season at their new suburban stadium.

Rain claimed another game Tuesday night — the second postponement in the brief history of SunTrust Park.

After waiting nearly 2 1/2 hours in hopes of starting an interleague contest against the playoff-contending Texas Rangers, the Braves finally called it off around 10 p.m. EDT.

By then, most fans had already headed for home, leaving only a few hundred people in the 41,000-seat stadium.

A day-night doubleheader will be held Wednesday, with the first game beginning at 1:35 p.m. ahead of the regularly scheduled contest at 7:35 p.m.

The pitching matchups will remain the same: Braves rookie Luiz Gohara making his big league debut against Texas newcomer Miguel Gonzalez (7-10) in the opener, followed by Cole Hamels (9-2) of the Rangers vs. Atlanta's Julio Teheran (9-11) in the nightcap.

This was the 12th game affected by inclement weather in Atlanta's 67 home games. The first postponement came during a May 4 game against the New York Mets, leading to a doubleheader the following month.

Another game against the Pittsburgh Pirates ended at nearly 2 a.m. following a stoppage of more than three hours.

By comparison, the first rainout at Turner Field — the Braves' former home about 12 miles away near downtown Atlanta — did not occur until the sixth of 20 seasons in that ballpark.

The Braves called up Gohara, a 21-year-old Brazilian who began the season in Class A, to pitch the second game of the series.

Now, the heralded left-hander will have to wait a few hours longer — part of a six-man rotation that gives the Braves, long out of playoff contention, a chance to get a look at several of their top prospects heading into 2019.

Another youngster, Lucas Sims, was shifted to the bullpen to make room for Gohara in the expanded rotation.

"Going forward next year, we don't know where these guys might fit," manager Brian Snitker said. "We look at them all as starters, but it's a situation where if we can better our team by having one of the young guys in the bullpen pitching out of there and getting experience, then that's the way we're going to go."

The hard-throwing Gohara started the year in the Florida State League but quickly moved up the ranks, also pitching at Double-A Mississippi and Triple-A Gwinnett before getting the call to the big leagues. Overall, he was 7-4 with a 2.62 ERA in the minors.

Although the Braves are looking ahead, the Rangers are focused firmly on this season.

Without playing, they climbed within 1 1/2 games of an AL wild-card spot when Minnesota lost 2-1 at Tampa Bay.

Gonzales will be making his first start for the Rangers since being acquired from the White Sox in a trade last week for infielder Ti'Quan Forbes.

The right-hander had 22 starts for Chicago, winning three of his last four decisions before the deal.

A line of severe storms moved over SunTrust Park about the time of the scheduled first pitch. Officials knew all along it would be a lengthy delay under the best of circumstances, given the massive line of storms moving in from the northwest, but held out hope the system would clear out in time to get the game in.

This is the Rangers' only appearance in Atlanta and both teams wanted to avoid a doubleheader on the final day of the series — essentially the only option for making the game up.

The tarp never came off the field, however.

So, let's play two.

Miami Marlins leave ahead of Irma, Red Sox-Yanks flap, Quintana faces Cubs

Associated Press

A look at what's happening all around the majors Wednesday:

Storm plan

With Hurricane Irma bearing down on South Florida, the Miami Marlins are allowing families of players and staff to travel with the team on its upcoming road trip. After hosting Washington, the Marlins leave on a seven-game swing to Atlanta and Philadelphia.

"If you had your kids here and you're leaving on a trip, it's not the best feeling to leave your family somewhere," manager Don Mattingly said.

Penalty pending?

Major League Baseball is looking into allegations levied by the New York Yankees that Boston used a high-tech scheme to steal signs from their catchers. Commissioner Rob Manfred says he wants to get the matter resolved quickly. In the meantime, there's sure to be plenty of debate over what the penalty should be if the first-place Red Sox are found guilty — a fine, a draft pick, forfeiture of wins?

You guys again

Cubs lefty Jose Quintana tries to beat Pittsburgh for the second time in a week when he starts at PNC Park. He pitched six innings last Wednesday as the NL Central leaders topped the Pirates at Wrigley Field. Quintana is 5-3 with a 4.50 ERA since being acquired from the White Sox.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	77	61	.558	—
New York	74	63	.540	2½
Baltimore	70	68	.507	7
Tampa Bay	70	70	.500	8
Toronto	64	74	.464	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	81	55	.591	—
Minnesota	71	67	.514	10½
Kansas City	68	69	.496	13
Detroit	59	79	.428	22½
Chicago	54	82	.397	26½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	84	53	.613	—
Los Angeles	71	67	.514	13½
Texas	69	68	.504	15
Seattle	69	69	.500	15½
Oakland	58	79	.423	26

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	84	54	.609	—
Miami	67	71	.486	17
Atlanta	60	76	.441	23
New York	59	79	.428	25
Philadelphia	53	85	.384	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	75	63	.543	—
Milwaukee	72	67	.518	3½
St. Louis	70	67	.511	4½
Pittsburgh	67	72	.482	8½
Cincinnati	60	79	.432	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	92	45	.672	—
Arizona	80	58	.580	12½
Colorado	73	64	.533	19
San Diego	62	76	.449	30½
San Francisco	54	86	.386	39½

Wild Card standings

American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	63	.540	—
Minnesota	71	67	.514	—
Los Angeles	71	67	.514	—
Baltimore	70	68	.507	1
Texas	69	68	.504	1½
Tampa Bay	70	70	.500	2
Seattle	69	69	.500	2
Kansas City	68	69	.496	2½
Toronto	64	74	.464	7
Detroit	59	79	.428	12
Oakland	58	79	.423	12½
Chicago	54	82	.397	16

National League

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	80	58	.580	—
Colorado	73	64	.533	7
Milwaukee	72	67	.518	8
St. Louis	70	67	.511	9
Miami	67	71	.486	12½
Pittsburgh	67	72	.482	13
San Diego	62	76	.449	17½
Atlanta	60	76	.441	18½
Cincinnati	60	79	.432	20
New York	59	79	.428	20½
Philadelphia	53	85	.384	27
San Francisco	54	86	.386	27½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores

Texas at Atlanta, ppd.
Detroit 13, Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 2, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, late
Toronto at Boston, late
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, late
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late
Houston at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Minnesota (Gibson 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-8), 12:10 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 9-2) at Atlanta (Newcomb 2-8), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-4) at Oakland (Manaea 3-9), 2:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gray 8-9) at Baltimore (Gausman 10-8), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 7-10) at Detroit (Boyd 5-8), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Biagini 3-9) at Boston (Fister 4-7), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (TBD) at Atlanta (TBD), 6:35 p.m. 2nd game
Cleveland (Carrasco 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 7-3) at Seattle (Leake 8-12), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores

Texas at Atlanta, ppd.
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 3
Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 1
Washington 2, Miami 1
San Francisco at Colorado, late
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late
St. Louis at San Diego, late

Today's Games

Milwaukee (Garza 6-8) at Cincinnati (Castillo 2-7), 12:35 p.m.
Texas (Hamels 9-2) at Atlanta (Newcomb 2-8), 12:35 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 9-11) at Pittsburgh (Cole 11-8), 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Pivetta 5-9) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-4), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 13-8) at Miami (Peters 3-5), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (TBD) at Atlanta (TBD), 6:35 p.m. 2nd game
San Francisco (Cueto 6-7) at Colorado (Freeland 11-9), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 8-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 12-6), 9:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 3-0) at San Diego (Lamet 7-6), 9:10 p.m.

Tuesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 2, TWINS 1

Minnesota .....000 000 001—1 4 1
Tampa Bay .....000 101 00x—2 6 0
Colon, Rogers (7), Busenitz (8) and Castro; Gimenez, Odorizzi, Jennings (7), Colhek (7), Hunter (8), Colome (9) and Ramos. W—Odorizzi 8-7. L—Colon 8-11. Sv—Colome (42). HRs—Minnesota, Grossman. Tampa Bay, Duda.

TIGERS 13, ROYALS 2

Kansas City.....100 001 000— 2 5 0
Detroit.....070 211 11x— 13 15 1
Vargas, Cahill (3), A.Machado (8) and Perez; Sanchez, Jaye (1), Hardy (3), Stumpf (8), Verlander (7), Wilson (8), Alcantara (9) and McCann, Holaday. W—Jaye 1-0. L—Vargas 14-10. HRs—Kansas City, Cain. Detroit, Mahtook, Hicks 2, Jones 2, Iglesias.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PIRATES 4, CUBS 3

Chicago .....102 000 000—3 8 1
Pittsburgh .....020 000 02x—4 8 0
Hendricks, Edwards (7) and Rivera; Brault, LeBlanc (6), Rivero (9) and Diaz. W—LeBlanc 5-2. L—Edwards 3-4. Sv—Rivero (18). HRs—Pittsburgh, Luplow.

NATIONALS 2, MARLINS 1

Washington.....010 000 010—2 8 1
Miami .....000 000 001—1 7 0
Strasburg, Solis (7), Albers (8), Doolittle (9) and Severino; Despaigne, Barraclough (8), Steckenrider (9) and Realmuto. W—Strasburg, 12-4. L—Despaigne 0-3. Sv—Doolittle (18). HRs—Washington, Murphy.

PHILLIES 9, METS 1

Philadelphia.....030 600 000—9 17 0
New York .....100 000 000—1 6 2
Lively, Miller (8), Pinto (9) and Alfaro; deGrom, Smoker (4), Rhame (6), McGowan (7), Goeddel (8), Callahan (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Lively 3-5. L—deGrom 14-9. HRs—Philadelphia, Lively.

REDS 9, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee .....000 000 120—3 5 1
Cincinnati .....001 001 52x—9 11 0
Davies, Drake (6), Barnes (7), Wang (7), C.Torres (8) and Vogt. Phra; Stephenson, Wojciechowski (7), Hernandez (8), R.Iglesias (8) and Barnhart. W—Stephenson 4-4. L—Davies, 16-8. Sv—R.Iglesias (20). HRs—Milwaukee, Shaw.

AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Coahoma Bulldogs ride physical run game to win over rival Forsan

By Oscar LeRoy
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Coahoma wanted to be a little physical against Forsan during the Howard County Bowl on Friday.

With a strong offensive line and talented ball carriers, the Bulldogs thought that pounding the ball against the Buffaloes would be their best option.

Dietz

That strategy worked out pretty well as the Bulldogs rushed for 332 of their 341 yards in a 24-19 victory over Forsan that snapped a two-game losing streak to the Buffaloes.

Joe Escobedo rushed for 163 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries, while Braden Pearson added 147 yards and two TDs on 22 carries to lead the Bulldogs.

"I felt like physically we just played at a level that was hard to match," Coahoma coach Fred Dietz said. "Our offensive line was extremely physical and then to have Joe Escobedo and Braden Pearson do what they did, worked out really well for us."

Dietz said his team taking the opening kickoff and eating about seven minutes off the clock set the tone for his team.

"I thought we controlled the game," Dietz said. "I like to be more balanced and we felt like we had the advantage inside. The offensive line gave us a good chance to win the game. That's not like us as we tend to be more balanced. But (on Friday) we thought that it was in our best interest to pound the football. There's no secret that teams that control the line of scrimmage and control the ball have the best good shot at winning."

The Bulldogs now hope that that win is a boost for the rest of the season.

"We had confidence going into the game," Dietz said. "But knowing you're a good football team and proving it are two different things. We had to prove to ourselves that we are a good football team. To start off the year 1-0 as oppose to losing 42-19 at this point last year is big for us. Last year at this time we didn't know if we were a good football team. Having that confidence is key. Knowing you can win the game is half the battle."

The Bulldogs next travel to take on McCamey (1-0), a 28-6 winner over Reagan County, at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Andrews gets off To great start

Andrews couldn't have asked for a better start to the season with an impressive 75-21 rout at San Angelo Lake View.

The Mustangs had 579 yards of offense, which included a nice balance of passing and running, and they held the Chiefs to 368 total yards.

"I thought we played pretty well," Andrews coach Ralph Mason said. "We had 14 possessions and we scored on 12 of them. And on one is which we didn't score, we knelt the ball at the end of the game. Defensively, we played well."

The Mustangs got a big day from MRT Area Player of the Week, senior quarterback Jace Keesee, who

Mason

threw for 284 yards and six touchdowns and rushed for another 53 yards. Eleven different players also had a reception and seven different players scored a touchdown.

Andrews hosts its home opener at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Lubbock High (1-0), a 20-17 overtime winner over Seminole.

Big Spring can't overcome slow start

It was a tale of two halves for Big Spring in its 38-18 loss at Amarillo Caprock.

Caprock dominated the first half and got out to a 21-6 lead before the Steers were more competitive in the second half.

"I thought it was going to come down to turnovers and special teams," Big Spring coach Mitch McLemore said. "We had four turnovers to their one and they won the special teams battle. And our execution wasn't very good in the first half. We didn't play a very good first half and we got behind the eight ball."

McLemore added that the way the team responded and the experience his young players got is something that one can't coach. He hopes that the way the Steers played in the second half will carry over into Friday's game.

The Steers' tough schedule continues when they travel to Sweetwater, a 35-10 winner over Wichita Falls.

Garden City has impressive showing

Garden City may not have any superstars but the Bearkats showed on Friday that they are still a very talented team.

The Bearkats, who are now ranked No. 2 in the latest UIL Division I poll by sixmanfootball.com, rolled past Austin Veritas, 70-24. Veritas came in as the No. 1 -ranked team in TAPPS Division I.

Garden City took a 40-12 lead at the half and had 435 yards of total offense.

"We played a pretty complete game," Garden City coach Jeff Jones said. "We were solid in all phases of the game. It was a big-time improvement from our scrimmages. I was pleased with our overall team effort and how good in shape we were. For the first game, we didn't have any cramps and we weren't huffing and puffing out there."

The Bearkats had a couple of good performances as JD Rodriguez rushed for 179 yards and two touchdowns, while quarterback Trent McMillan passed for 135 yards and five touchdowns and added a receiving TD as well.

Jones said it was nice to see different players contribute and added that the team is finding its identity.

"Pretty much every position scored," Jones said. "We did spread it around. There's not a superstar but the players on this team are very good."

Garden City (1-0) travels to Santa Anna (0-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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Dolphins-Bucs will not be played in Miami this week

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins' season opener against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will not be played in Miami this week, but may be moved to a neutral site because of Hurricane Irma, the NFL said Tuesday.

If the game is not relocated, it will be postponed until November, when the teams share the same bye week.

Kickoff had been scheduled for Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT, but Irma is forecast to threaten South Florida this weekend. The NFL decided against switching the game to Thursday night in Miami.

"In the interest of public safety in light of the current state of emergency, the NFL, in consultation with state and local officials as well as both clubs, has decided that playing an NFL game in South Florida this week is not appropriate," the league said in a statement.

"The league will continue to examine other options, including playing the game this Sunday at a neutral site or in Miami later this season."

A decision on when and where to play is expected by Wednesday.

"We're going to keep practicing and getting ready for the game until somebody tells us different," Dolphins coach Adam Gase said.

"I want to play today if we could," Miami receiver Jarvis Landry said.

The teams would prefer to avoid moving the game to the weekend of Nov. 19, because it would mean both teams would play their entire season without a break.

"Like 16 weeks straight?" Landry said. "It's a long season, let's be honest about it. We could use that bye."

Irma is forecast to be a major hurricane as it approaches Florida late this week.

"I've never been through anything like that," said Gase, a Michigan native in his second season with the Dolphins. "I don't know what to expect. I just want our guys to think, 'Hey, we know what we're doing.'"

Oklahoma TE a nightmare matchup for opponents

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma tight end Mark Andrews' mere presence on the field is creating problems for the opponent.

At 6-foot-5 and 254 pounds, the two-time All-Big 12 selection is coming off career highs of seven catches and 134 yards in last Saturday's 56-7 win over Texas-El Paso . He'll need to be productive again on Saturday when the fifth-ranked Sooners travel to No. 2 Ohio State.

"We just need to keep getting him the ball," Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield said. "He's going to make competitive plays, and obviously you want the football in his hands after the catch."

Andrews' touchdown against the Miners gave him 15 in 27 career games. His emergence is critical now that last year's Biletnikoff Award winner, Dede Westbrook, is with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Oklahoma also lost running back Joe Mixon, the team's No. 2 receiver last season, and Geno Lewis, who was third on the team in receptions and fourth in yards last season.

"With that type of lost production, there's going to be a lot of things that have to make up for that," Andrews said. "I'm definitely a guy that can do that. I'm looking forward to doing that."

UTEP coach Sean Kugler knew what was coming. He noticed Andrews' 16.3-yard average per catch and his blocking skills, among other things.

"I think they're got one of the best tight ends in the country in Mark Andrews," Kugler said. "This guy is a great route runner, but he's a complete tight end, and those are rare to find nowadays."

Andrews and Mayfield have been connecting since 2014, when they were on scout team together. Andrews believes that experience can make him a key target, like Westbrook last year and Sterling Shepard the year before.

"It's a long time to play with a quarterback, so I definitely feel like we have that chemistry to be able to do that," he said. "I'm kind of his blanket when he needs me. Just to be able to be that guy in go-to situations, I think I could definitely step up."

Mayfield certainly was a believer after the opener. Five of Andrews' catches went for first downs, including a 45-yard gain on a third-and-8 in the second quarter. Another went for a 5-yard touchdown.

"Big-time guys have to make plays when it counts," Mayfield said. "So if that's third downs and it's in the red zone, that's when you need your guys the most in those critical situations. That's something we emphasized in camp as well: We've got to make plays when — (offensive lineman) Orlando Brown calls them the money downs. You've got to make plays when it's those, and Mark did that today."

Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley won't put number goals on what Andrews can do. He made it clear that expectations are high.

"What would a good year be? I don't know that you can define that, but we expect him to be very productive, a matchup we can really exploit," Riley said.

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week. Some of the older kids on the team I have challenged them to lead better and to share more information with the younger players on the team and we will continue to do that."

Sophomore Riggs McDonald faced quite the challenge starting the season opener at quarterback after playing on the MHS freshman team in 2016.

McDonald held his own as he didn't commit a turnover in his first varsity game, in which he completed 9 of 19 passes for 75 yards.

However, Anuszkiewicz said Bulldogs receivers had six dropped passes, which would have boosted McDonald's completions to 16 out of 19 attempts.

McDonald's biggest mistake was in the second quarter when he overthrew Darius Manning on a deep post pattern in what was likely a surefire touchdown.

Nevertheless, Anuszkiewicz lauded McDonald for his burgeoning leadership qualities and his receptiveness to coaching.

"Riggs did some good stuff," Anuszkiewicz said. "I'm sure he was nervous. Riggs is a competitor. He's a kid you really can't look at him and tell if he's nervous. I think Riggs has a really high expectation for himself. I think we're going to continue to see him grow. I am excited about him."

In Thursday's game against the Rams, McDonald is expected to split quarterback snaps with junior Suddin Sapien, who returns to action after missing the first game due to a fractured right hand.

"We're trying to get the right mix and just see how our team responds to them," Anuszkiewicz said. "I think both of these young men have good leadership characteristics and I think they both have unique ability to lead the guys around them."

Anuszkiewicz said Sapien and McDonald have been sharing first-team repetitions in practice, and that Thursday's starter had to be determined as of Tuesday. If Sapien gets the nod, it would be his first career varsity start under the lights.

But regardless of who starts, both quarterbacks are expected to receive extended looks against Montwood.

"Competition is not going to be anything but good for our team right now," Anuszkiewicz said.

For a young team that only has three games left to prepare for District 2-6A play, Anuszkiewicz is raising the intensity level at practices to simulate game play too. On Tuesday, the Bulldogs engaged in a 10-minute full-contact live scrimmage of first-team units in an effort to accelerate development that can't be mimicked by repetitions against the scout team.

"I want to see them compete," Anuszkiewicz said. "I thought (Tuesday) was one of the first times where I really saw a sustained level of competition where they played fast against each other, it was physical. They wanted to go score. The defense got scored on the first drive. They came back and got a three-and-out on the next drive and then the offense finished it up with a drive."

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MHS MVPS

Gates

OFFENSE
Timothy Gates, Jr., RB

Gates rushed 13 times for 97 yards and two TDs in MHS' 48-22 loss to El Paso Franklin last Friday. Gates' day was highlighted by a 64-yard scoring run.

Abney

DEFENSE
Stetson Abney, Sr., DE

The versatile defensive lineman was a handful to block, registering four tackles, two sacks and two tackles for loss.

Acrey

SPECIAL TEAMS
Josh Acrey, Jr., CB

Acrey was responsible for two Bulldogs TDs with big plays, as he recovered a fumble on a kickoff at Franklin's 3-yard line and later returned a blocked field goal for a 60-yard score.

had two tackles for loss and a fumble caused against the Cougars.

BULLDOG BITES

■ It was a Saturday of firsts for MHS alumni at the college football level. Nevada freshman WR McLane Mannix scored his first career TD on a 41-yard reception in his team's 31-20 loss to Northwestern. Georgia Southern redshirt freshman DE Traver Vliem notched his first career sack in his team's 41-7 defeat to Auburn. Freshman WR Courtney McMarylon caught a 41-yard TD reception in his first college game in UTPB's 47-22 loss to Sul Ross.

■ Senior defensive end Collin McCullough is doubtful to play in Thursday's game against El Paso Montwood due to an undisclosed injury. Anuszkiewicz said the goal is to get McCullough healthy for District 2-6A play.

■ Junior Braedon Horne, who filled in for an injured Thornton at cornerback, blocked a field goal in his varsity debut.

■ Junior center Joshua Ramos earned the coaching staff's weekly top offensive lineman honor for his play against Franklin. Ramos was starting his first varsity game.

■ Senior Nick Gonzales averaged 38.8 yards per punt, which included a long punt of 59 yards, in his first contest at punter.

■ Junior linebacker Smith Essman tied for the team-lead in tackles with eight, and

2017 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS
(0-1, 0-0)

Opponents	13	21	7	7	–48
MHS	3	7	12	0	–22

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Timothy Gates	13	97	7.5	2
Elijah Turner	4	38	9.5	0
Matt Potter	5	17	3.4	0
DQ Harris	1	8	8.0	0
Riggs McDonald	1	8	8.0	0
Nick Gonzales	2	-16	-8.0	0
Totals	**26**	**152**	**5.8**	**2**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Riggs McDonald	9	19	0	75	0
Elijah Turner	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	**9**	**21**	**0**	**75**	**0**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Michael Galindo	4	41	10.3	0
Darius Manning	1	12	12.0	0
Josh Lehrer	1	10	10.0	0
Timothy Gates	2	7	3.5	0
Nick Gonzales	1	5	5.0	0
Totals	**9**	**75**	**8.3**	**0**

SCORING

Player	TD	RET	2PT	FG	TP
Timothy Gates	2	0	0	0	12
Josh Acrey	1	0	0	0	6
Ivan Campos	0	1	0	1	4
Totals	**3**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**22**

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	In20
Nick Gonzales	4	155	38.8	59	1
Elijah Turner	3	97	32.3	39	0
Totals	**7**	**252**	**36.0**	**59**	**1**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	FC	FR	INT	PD
Essman	5	3	8	2	0	1	0	0	0
Nabarrette	4	4	8	0	0	0	1	0	0
Glenn	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marker	4	3	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brown	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abney	2	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Zarate	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acrey	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ruiz	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Horne	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ortega	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aaron	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Porter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackle, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, FR - fumble recovery, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
152	152.0	75	75.0	227	227.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
249	249.0	218	218	469	469.0

RANGERS

From 1C

Midland High assistant — got off to a good start with a 43-13 win over Dimmitt. The Golden Tornadoes were just 1-9 last year.

Lamesa was led by running back Jace Burleson, who rushed for 262 yards and four touchdowns on 22 carries.

Another standout performance from Friday came from Sweetwater quarterback Chris Thompson in the Mustangs' 35-10 win over Wichita Falls as Thompson completed 19 of 24 passes for 326 yards, four touchdowns and two interceptions.

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2017 Greenwood statistics
(1-0, 0-0)

Opponents	0	0	7	0	–7
Greenwood	7	0	7	0	–14

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jake Somers	18	155	8.6	1
Ryan Snodgrass	11	90	8.2	0
Efrain Franco	9	35	3.9	0
Fidencio Soto	3	4	1.3	0
Totals	**42**	**286**	**6.8**	**1**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
J. Somers	3	10	1	33	1
Totals	**3**	**10**	**1**	**33**	**1**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brett Liles	1	16	16.0	0
Gunnar Holcomb	1	9	9.0	1
Brody Ray	1	8	8.0	0
Cade Bracey	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	**3**	**33**	**11.0**	**1**

SCORING

Player	TD	RET	2PT	FG	TP
J. Somers	1	0	0	0	6
G. Holcomb	1	0	0	0	6
Derek Rimer	0	2	0	0	2
Totals	**2**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**14**

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.
D. Rimer	4	143	35.8
Totals	**4**	**143**	**35.8**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
G. Holcomb	8	3	11	0	1	0
Jared Nail	3	7	10	0	0	0
B. Lathem	6	2	8	1	0	0
C. Bracey	6	1	7	1	0	0
Coby Robbins	3	3	6	0	1	0
Tristan Ruiz	3	2	5	0	0	0
Jantzen Baker	4	1	5	1	0	0
Brian Ramos	3	1	4	0	0	0
Brody Ray	3	1	4	1	0	0
Josh Nail	1	2	3	0	0	0
S. Weatherby	2	1	3	0	0	0
R. Snodgrass	2	1	3	0	1	0
Aldber Garza	2	1	3	0	0	0
J. Vasquez	3	0	3	0	0	0
B. Liles	2	0	2	0	0	0
Robb Jamieson	1	0	1	1	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle.

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		S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speechless	Modern Family	Am.Housewife	Modern Family	Goldberg	Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		Salvation "All In" (N)		Criminal Minds "Green Light"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Hesitant Hostess"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Chopsticks and Pasta" (N)		MasterChef "Pop-Up Restaurant" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Mot Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley	The Essentials
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	America-Talent "Live Results Four" (N)		Marion (N)	Marlon (N)	Hwood Game Night "Keep It Unreal" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Natural Wonders "Wonders of Water"		Nova "Killer Landslides"		India: Nature's Wonderland		Charlie Rose (N)	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		Mi marido tiene familia		La Tierra Prometida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SHIELD "Aftershocks"		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(3:00) ★ An American...		★★★★ No Man's Land		(:45) ★★ House of D David Duchovny.				★★★★ The Hurricane		
HBO		300	590	14	14		Hard Knocks	News (N)	★★★ The Amityville Horror		George Lopez		Ballers	Room104	Hard Knocks		★ Sully
HBO2		302	591	15	101	23	(4:55) ★ Frost/ Nixon		Bill Maher		Room104		★ A Monster Calls		(:20) ★ Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculia...		
HBO5		304	592	16	102		(5:30) ★★ Sex and the City				★★★ Kinsey ('04, Bio) Liam Neeson.				★ Keeping Up Wi...	Movie	(:45) Ballers
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:10) ★ Deepwater...		★★★★ Mystic River ('03, Fny) Sean Penn.						(:20) ★ Absolute Power ('97, Susp) Clint Eastwood.		Movie
MAX2		382	559	18	122		(:10) ★★ Charlie's Angels Drew Barrymore.				★ Keanu Keegan-Michael Key.				(:40) ★★★ Cast Away ('00, Dra) Tom Hanks.		
PLEX				96			(5:25) ★ Passengers		★★ From Night				★★ The Haunting Liam Neeson.			(:25) ★ Cry Wolf Lindy Booth.	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Brokeback ...				(:15) ★ The Edge of Seventeen			Ray Donovan "Sold"		★★ The Bank Job Jason Statham.	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	Movie	Jackson			(:05) ★★ The Whistleblower				★★★ Dangerous Minds		Movie
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Wahlburgers	Wahlburgers	Wahlburgers	Wahlburgers	Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	The Lowe Files (N)	Wahlburgers	(:05) Wahlbrg	(:35) Wahlbrg	(:05) Wahlbrg	(:35) Wahlbrg
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★★★ Seven		★★ Twister ('96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.						★★★★ The Silence of the Lambs Jodie Foster.		
BET		58	-		40		(3:30) ★ To Be Ann...		★ To Be Announced						Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Vander	Vander	Vander	Odd Mom	Below Deck		Watch	Vander	Real Housewives
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Adventure "Ocean"		AdventureCapitalists
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage (N)		Misfit Garage (N)		Garage Rehab (N)		Misfit "Boom or Bust"	(:05) Garage Rehab	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Raven's.	Andi M.	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Andi M.	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bunk'd
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	ITF Tennis U.S. Open Site: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (L)								SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	The Fantasy Show (N)		NFL Live		30 for 30 "Four Falls of Buffalo"				E:60		The Fantasy Show
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson		The Five
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	W.Cooks "Timer's Up"		WorstCooks		WorstCooks (N)		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		WorstCooks
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Com/Dra) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.							The 700 Club		★ The Little Rascals
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Atlanta Braves Site: SunTrust Park -- Atlanta, Ga. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Cowboys (N)	Football Days	WPT Poker	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	★ Furior , 7 (2015, Action) Paul Walker, Jason Statham, Vin Diesel.						Snowfall	"The Rubicon" (SF) (N)		Snowfall		Strain
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Listed Sisters (N)		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Road to 9/11 "The Bin Ladens (1995-2000)"				Road "The Days of Terror (2000-2003)" (N)				(:05) Road "The Bin Ladens (1995-2000)"			
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Couples Retreat "Busting Up"		L.Women (N)	(:50) Little Women	Couples Retreat "Flight or Fight" (N)		GrowingUp "Mama Bears" (N)	Supermodel	Runway (N) Growing	(:15)	C. Retreat	(:50) Little Women
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	The Thundermans		Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Freddy's D...		★★ Priest ('11, Act) Paul Bettany.				Blood Drive		Face Off: Game Face		★ A Nightmare o...	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seln. "The Fix-Up"	Seinfeld "The Limo"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Dave Franco, Olivia Munn		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	Movie	MGM Par.	★★ Little Annie Rooney Mary Pickford.				Showfolk	(:45) ★★★ A Hole in the Head Frank Sinatra.				
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Mi (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	NY ER	NY ER "Burn Job"	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) ★★ Eagle Eye Shia LaBeouf.		★★★ Superman Returns ('06, Act) Parker Posey, Kevin Spacey. Superman returns to Earth and comes face to face with his oldest foe: Lex Luthor.							★★★ Battle Los Angeles ('11, Sci-Fi) Aaron Eckhart.	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	(:35) Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Transgender Bridge"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Melancholy Pursuit"		Suits "Shame" (N)		The Sinner "Part VI" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Double Strands"		Suits "Shame"	
WGN		19	85				★★ Ghost Rider Nicolas Cage. A stuntman makes a deal with a devil and becomes an indestructible anti-hero.				★★ Ghost Rider Nicolas Cage. A stuntman makes a deal with a devil and becomes an indestructible anti-hero.					Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Expectant mother hasn't told husband he's not the father

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 am a mother of three and happily married to my kids' father. I am now seven months pregnant with my fourth baby, but this child is not my husband's. My husband is a loving man and a good father. My problem is, I don't know how to tell him I'm not carrying his baby. The man I slept with is married and always saying he wants to marry me. He has one son with his wife. I love my kids, and I still love my husband. How can I tell him the truth without tearing my family apart? — BIG MISTAKE

DEAR BIG MISTAKE: Not knowing your husband, I can't guess at how he will react when you break the news. I'm sure he won't be pleased to hear it. Regardless, he must be told, so do it at a time when it's calm and quiet and you can discuss it without your children running in and out. I am sure he will have many questions — among them, whether you plan to continue a relationship with the child's father. (Does the man plan to be part of the baby's life in years to come?)

Because this may have legal ramifications, discuss this with an attorney, who can guide you in case there may be visitation issues, custody problems, etc. lurking just beyond the horizon.

DEAR ABBY: I talked with one of my siblings about having a joint vacation. He suggested all of us get together with our spouses and go on one together. We discussed locations and had a family meeting to discuss the possibility. We're all in our 50s or older, and some of us have health issues.

There has always been a lot of bickering between some of us because of control issues. I explained to everyone that we can make our requests for locations, activities, etc., but we all need to be willing to give a little. The bickering is continuing, and some unkind things were said about others. I just want to plan a fun vacation and have a good time, but I'm worried the negativity will carry over to the vacation. We are all we have left in this world. Our parents died years ago, and since then, one of our siblings has passed away, too. I worry that this may be a last chance for all of us to be together. All but one live within 10 miles of each other, and I'm sad to say we get together only a few times a year. Any suggestions on how to handle this sticky situation? — IN VACATION MODE

DEAR VACATION MODE: Taking into consideration the family dynamics you have described, it's wishful thinking to believe you can control the way your siblings relate to each other. The reason they see each other so infrequently may have something to do with the fact that some of them are petty, immature and nasty. My suggestion would be to invite only those siblings who can get along with each other and see the other ones separately.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Practice finesse?

Neither vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠ 10
10
A 10 6 5 4 2
♣ J 10 9 8 2

WEST
♠ 9 5 4 2
Q 9 7 5 4
K
♣ Q 6 4

EAST
♠ K J 8 7 3
A K 8 2
Q 7
♣ 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 6
J 6 3
J 9 8 3
♣ A K 7

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2NT*	3♠**	Dbl	4
Pass	Pass	5	All pass

*Both minors, weak
**Both majors, good hand

Opening lead: Five of

Norberto Bocchi has been a mainstay of the top Italian team for many years, winning numerous major events. He was South, in today's deal. The auction all makes sense once you understand the unusual opening bid. As we've said before, the Europeans bid differently than Americans.

The opening heart lead went to East's ace and the shift was to a low spade. Bocchi studied this carefully. He saw a chance that would not require the queen of clubs to be onside, but it needed a surprising play. He had to take the spade finesse, not to avoid a loser, but to preserve enough trumps to reach the ending that he wanted. It was a high-percentage finesse on the auction and Bocchi inserted his queen of spades. So far, so good.

Bocchi cashed the ace of spades and ruffed his last spade. He then cashed dummy's ace of diamonds before leading a club to his king and ruffing a heart.

A club back to his ace let him ruff his last heart. At this point he had eliminated both majors from his hand and the dummy. He exited with a trump to East's queen. East, as expected, had no clubs remaining and had to lead a major suit card. Bocchi ruffed in dummy while discarding his last club and claimed his contract. Well played!

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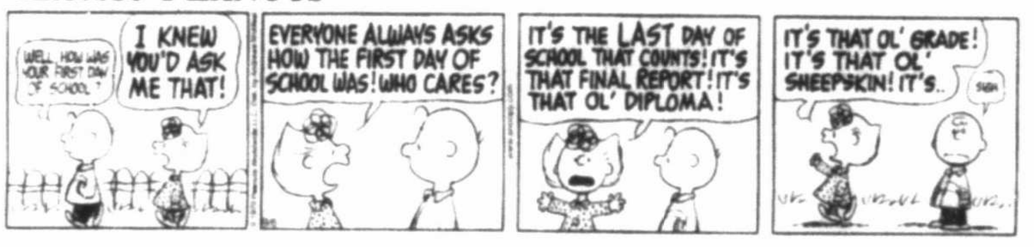

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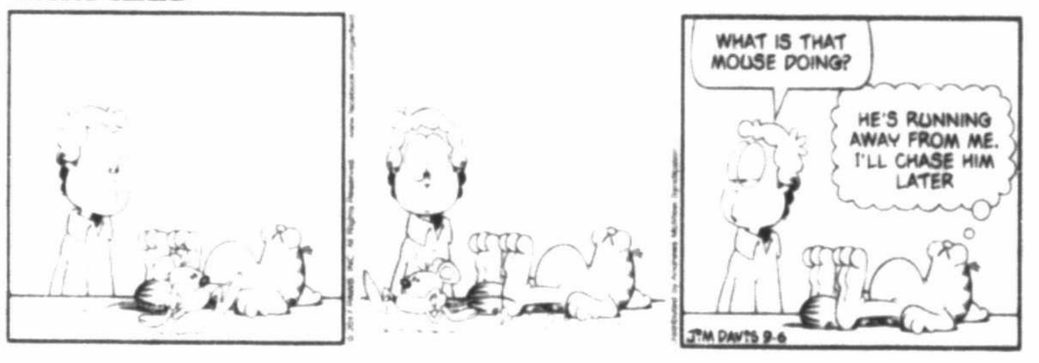

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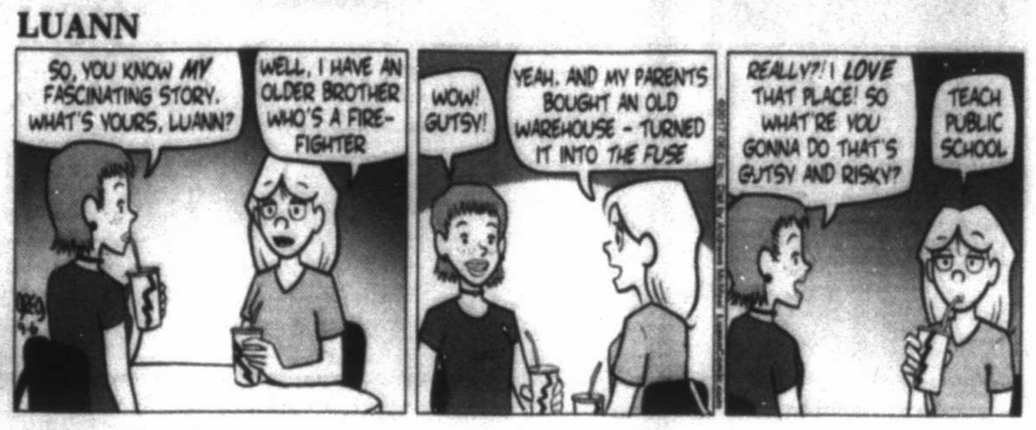

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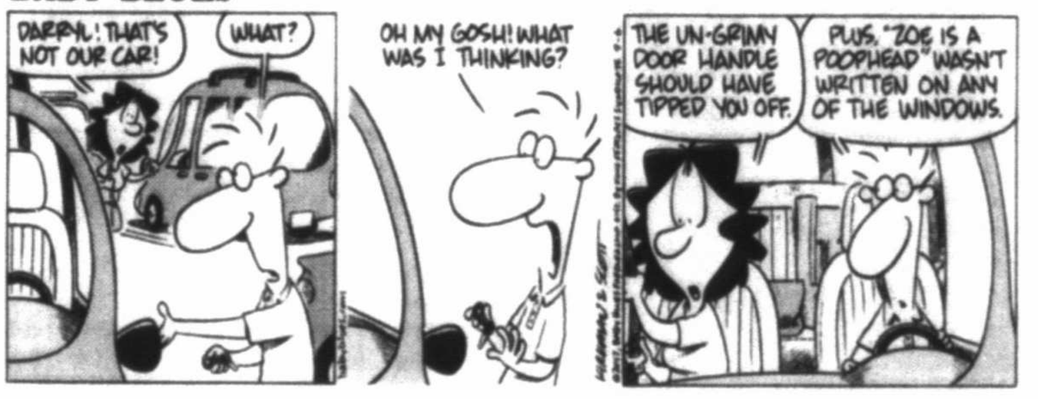

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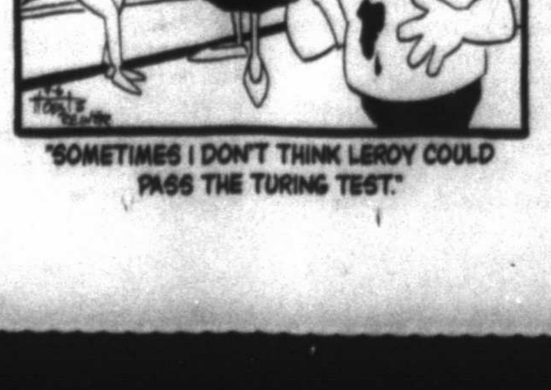
"Remember, they can't see you through the glass, Mrs. Geebler. Let us know if any of these men look like the Peeping Tom."

DENNIS THE MENACE

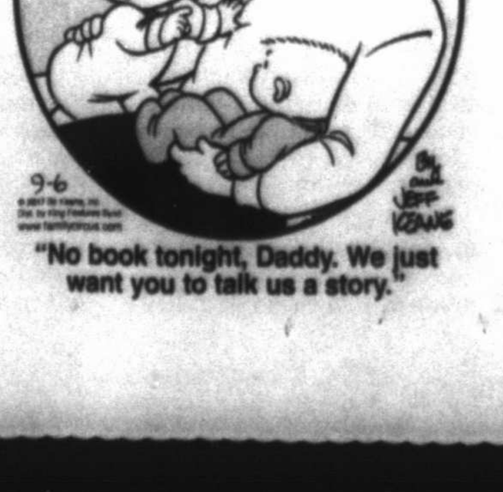
"DIDN'T YOUR DAD TEACH YOU HOW TO SHAVE?"

LOCKHORNS



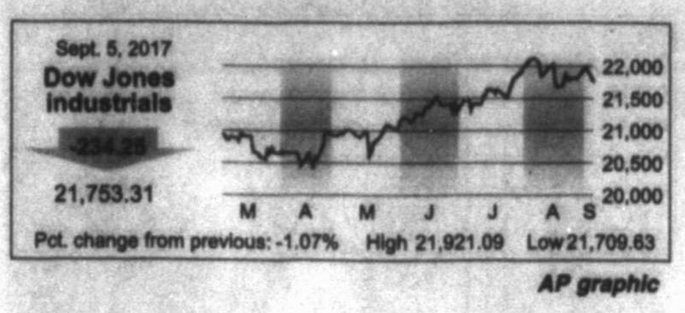
"SOMETIMES I DON'T THINK LEROY COULD PASS THE TURING TEST."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"No book tonight, Daddy. We just want you to talk us a story."

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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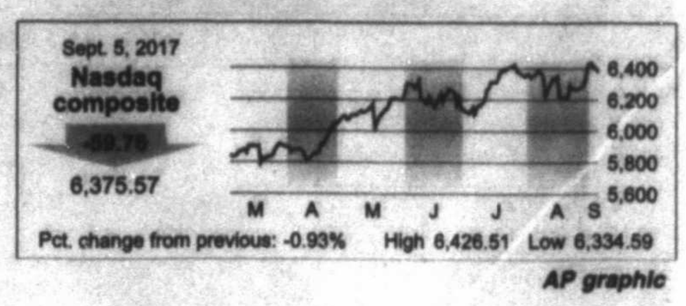

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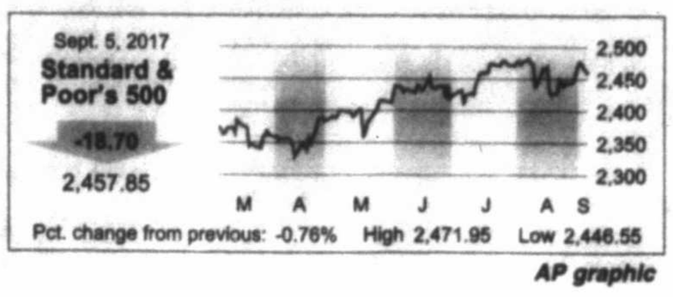

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $48.66
Previous: $47.29

POSTED

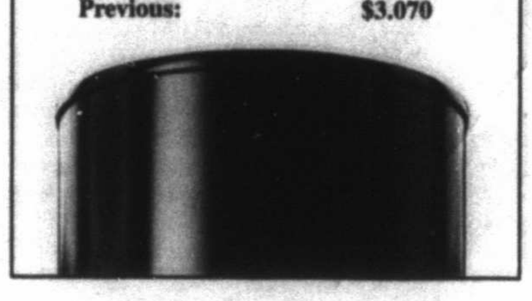
Tuesday: $45.25
Previous: $43.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $42.35
Previous: $40.85

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.972
Previous: $3.070



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioMrn	1058721	23.31	-.78
SPDR Fncl	954185	24.24	-.53
S&P500ETF	802478246	246.06	-1.78
B IPVxST	re885354	48.69	+2.52
VanEGold	593607	25.31	+.53

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tidewtr	27.31	+3.71	+15.7
EnSGroup	10.03	+1.07	+11.9
ION Geo rs	8.40	+.75	+9.8
Drdgold	3.90	+.34	+9.6
GolLnhs s	19.85	+1.68	+9.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HCI Grp	30.94	-7.74	-20.0
HeritageIns	9.35	-1.91	-17.0
Univ Insur	18.40	-3.15	-14.6
MidRcrdcit	36.12	-5.05	-12.3
CGG rs	5.35	-.62	-10.4

Diary

Advanced	884
Declined	2,060
Unchanged	109
Total issues	3,053
New Highs	120
New Lows	30
Volume	3,315,575,628

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	84844	4.02	+.27
NDynMng g	50034	1.79	-.02
BStgold g	40306	2.88	+.11
BarcGSOil	38861	5.07	+.17
Tasako	33274	1.93	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RexahnPh rs	2.74	+.40	+17.1
StratEn wt	2.82	+.41	+17.0
EnInEn rs	2.65	+.25	+10.4
SilvcpMt n	3.40	+.26	+8.3
Myomo n	6.72	+.50	+8.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrchidPP	11.97	-.93	-7.2
RxVitmdnF	26.09	-1.77	-6.4
OncoCyte n	5.40	-.35	-6.1
AsteriasBio	3.30	-.20	-5.7
CentrusEn	3.75	-.21	-5.3

Diary

Advanced	148
Declined	195
Unchanged	21
Total issues	364
New Highs	13
New Lows	6
Volume	106,579,247

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	4365351444	69	-1.31
CSVlxSh rs	375941	17.52	+1.61
Apple Inc	286241	152.08	-1.97
MicronT	280621	32.07	-.53
Insmed	239260	26.99	+14.70

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Insmed	26.99	+14.70	+119.6
XOMA rs	16.12	+4.94	+44.2
Pulmatrix	2.47	+.70	+39.5
FlexSh n	5.85	+1.55	+36.1
TymeTch n	7.50	+1.82	+32.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Collectis n	25.66	-6.52	-20.3
LM FdgA n	2.61	-.57	-17.9
FedNatHld	12.82	-2.46	-16.1
Oxbridge	4.80	-.80	-14.3
RLJ Ent rs	2.91	-.41	-12.3

Diary

Advanced	925
Declined	1,981
Unchanged	198
Total issues	3,104
New Highs	116
New Lows	43
Volume	1,796,888,667

Carmakers, big energy companies back hydrogen power storage

Bloomberg

The secret to switching the global energy system entirely to renewables may lay in the universe's most abundant substance.

Hydrogen has drawn backing from big energy companies from Royal Dutch Shell Plc to Uniper SE in addition to carmakers BMW AG and Audi AG. They're supporting research into how the element can be used to store energy for weeks or even months beyond what lithium-ion batteries can manage.

While industry's investment in hydrogen is small at just $2.5 billion over the last decade, the work offers an answer to the elusive question of how electricity could be kept for use in the future. Batteries increasingly are shifting power from day to night, but they tend to go flat after a few weeks. Hydrogen can be kept indefinitely in tanks. That would allow, for example, voltage collected from solar panels in the summer to be used in winter.

"The years 2020 to 2030 will be for hydrogen what the 1990s were for solar and wind," said Pierre-Etienne Franc and vice president of advanced business and technologies at the French industrial gas maker Air Liquide SA and president of the Hydrogen Council, a trade group promoting the work. "It's a real strategic shift."

The technology to use hydrogen as energy storage is well known, although not yet demonstrated in a commercial setting.

Excess power from wind or photovoltaics would drive electrolysis, separating water into its component hydrogen and oxygen elements. The hydrogen captured by that process could, whenever needed, feed natural gas power plants or fuel cells to make electricity. Industrial plants like oil refineries can also use hydrogen for chemical processes.

To date, the energy industry has focused mainly on hydrogen's potential in fuel cells, which use the element in a chemical reaction to generate electricity. On power-storage, most of the money is going into batteries like the lithium-ion cells widely used in mobile phones and laptop computers. But those tend to lose charge if not topped up and discharged frequently.

Hydrogen storage is attractive because it preserves energy for longer periods. The only real alternative at the moment is pumping water onto a hilltop reservoir, where it can dammed up until grid managers are ready to let it flow down through hydropower turbines. That so-called pumped storage requires the right geography.

If hydrogen could be made to store energy cheaply enough, it would allow utilities to scale back on fossil fuel plants by making it easier for the grid to handle intermittent power flows from wind and solar farms. For example, about $3.4 billion of revenue was lost in China last year because wind farms were forced to remain idle because of congested electric lines.

"If you want to get to 100 percent renewables, hydrogen could play a key role," said Claire Curry, an analyst at Bloomberg New Energy Finance. "You could have natural gas plants, but that would, of course, not be 100 percent clean."

The work on hydrogen is in its infancy, but support with big business is growing. The Hydrogen Council was formed at the last World Economic Forum in Davos, with 17 major companies looking for ways to integrate the gas into cleaner energy systems. Its members include Shell, Total SA, Engie SA, Toyota Motor Corp., Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, Audi and the Japanese industrial gas supplier Iwatani Corp. General Motors Co. is in the process of joining.

The council is considering a fund for technology demonstration projects and will meet again in November at the next United Nations climate talks in Bonn. A handful of projects are now operating, supported by the German utility Uniper, the European Union and a diverse collection of industrial and energy companies.

Curry's research at BNEF suggests a hydrogen storage system could work in an area like West Texas, where there's abundant existing energy networks and customers to support transforming solar into the gas. She evaluated a theoretical 1 gigawatt solar farm feeding a unit that makes hydrogen and found that, in the right circumstances ,a hydrogen storage unit could be profitable.

Hydrogen has drawbacks. Government incentives are required to create a market for storage capacity, Curry said. And for now, batteries are the alternative for many of the functions hydrogen would fulfill.

The whole idea of converting power into a gas and then back into power strikes some as convoluted. Erik Fairbairn, chief executive officer of Pod Point Ltd., an electric-car charging network in the U.K., believes that hydrogen's role should be limited to allow more simple technologies to flourish, particularly when a battery could do the job.

"Generally speaking, when you change energy from one form to another, you lose efficiency," Fairbairn said. "You create hydrogen mainly by electrolyzing water, using electricity to split the hydrogen from oxygen and right off the bat, you lose a quarter of your energy to this."

Still, the companies involved are optimistic about the technology and are prodding governments to back it.

Uniper started its Falkenhagen plant in August 2013 to converts excess wind power into hydrogen, which is fed into a plant that combines it with carbon dioxide to make methane — natural gas. That gas is transported and stored in the existing pipelines.

"Power to gas is a key technology," said Eckhardt Ruemmler, a board member at Uniper responsible for innovation. "The use on a large technical scale is currently impeded by insufficient political framework."

Banks, technology companies lead US stocks lower

Escalating tensions on the Korean peninsula rattled nerves on Wall Street on Tuesday, leading to the stock market's worst day in almost three weeks.

Bank stocks led the slide as bond yields slumped. Technology stocks, the biggest gainers this year, also pulled the market lower. Energy companies climbed the most as the price of crude oil rose.

Traders also bid up shares in traditional safe-haven investments such as utilities and gold, which climbed to the highest level in more than a year.

"Today the risk-off trade really is North Korea front and center," said Jeff Zipper, managing director of investments at U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management. "Also you have the hurricane last week and the upcoming hurricane, so there's a lot on the plate for the market to digest."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 18.70 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,457.85. The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 234.25 points, or 1.1 percent, to 21,753.31. The average had been down more than 277 points. The Nasdaq composite lost 59.76 points, or 0.9 percent, to 6,375.57.

Metal prices rise

Among metals, silver rose 13 cents to $17.94 an ounce, while copper gained 1 cent to $3.13 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $113.53 Up 1.74

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.24 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $91.74 Down 0.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.24 Up 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.75 Down 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.40 Up 0.45

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.59 Up 0.15

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.97 Down 0.40

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.07 Down 0.15

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.97 Down 0.03

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	14	5.77	+.08	-43.5
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	37.09	-.39	-12.8
Abraxas	...	43	1.70	-.02	-33.9
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.71	-.10	+15.7
AMD	...	...	12.92	-.27	+13.9
Alibaba	...	48	169.92	-1.12	+93.5
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	11.18	-.07	-11.3
Ambev	.06e	6	6.29	+.05	+28.1
Amgen	4.60	16	178.74	-1.57	+20.9
AmedArko	.20	...	41.46	-.01	-40.5
Apache	1.00	...	39.42	-.08	-37.9
Apple Inc	2.52	19	162.08	-1.97	+39.9
ApldMatl	.40	15	44.48	-.62	+37.8
Archrock	.48	...	10.75	+.25	-18.6
ATMOS	1.80	25	88.02	-.14	+18.7
AutoData	2.28	29	106.43	-.92	+3.6
BP PLC	2.38	26	34.95	+.15	-6.5
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	10.62	-.07	+50.5
BkofAm	.48f	14	23.31	-.78	+5.5
B IPVxST rs	...	...	48.69	+2.52	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.59	...	+.7
BarrickG	.12	27	18.22	+.11	+14.0
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	172667.44	-0.00	+17.9
BbHWinCp	1.76	21	70.74	+.32	+15.3
BrMlyEq	1.56	24	59.61	-.09	+2.3
BrownFA s	...	33	55.60	...	+20.2
BrownFB s	...	...	53.56	+.16	+19.2
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.69	+.77	-.3
CallonPet	...	32	10.09	-.20	-34.4
Caterpillar	3.12	31	118.30	+.02	+27.6
Celestic g	...	8	11.46	-.17	-3.3
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.52	-.52	-17.9
ChesEng	...	9	3.70	-.06	-47.3
Chevron	4.32	62	109.44	+.68	-7.0
Chicos	.33	11	8.01	-.08	-44.3
Cimarex	.32	33	101.74	+.29	-25.1
Cisco	1.16	17	31.62	-.68	+4.6
Citigroup	1.28	13	67.16	-1.42	+13.0
ClevCliffs	...	7	8.30	-.18	-1.3
CocaCola	1.48	29	45.92	+.14	+10.8
ColgPalm	1.60	24	71.11	-.19	+6.7
ConAgra	.88f	19	33.69	+.01	+14.5
ConchoRes	...	...	113.53	+1.74	-14.4
ConocoPhil	1.06	36	44.39	+.15	-11.5
CrackerB	4.80f	23	148.36	-2.88	-12.3
CSVlxSh rs	...	...	17.52	+1.61	-81.6
CSVelVST	...	...	79.59	-4.13	+70.2
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.62	+.12	-18.6
DCP Mid	3.12	17	31.71	-.49	-17.4
DTE	3.30	23	112.77	+.65	+14.5
Delcath rs	...	...	.10	-.01	-88.8
DeltaAir	1.22	9	45.84	-1.88	-6.8
DevonE	.24	97	32.13	+.02	-29.6
DrGMBll rs	...	...	25.04	+2.11	...
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	19.77	-1.25	-59.1
DxBlotBear	...	...	5.10	+.14	-73.1
Disney	1.56	18	101.60	+.10	-2.5
EOG Resrc	.67	...	85.87	+.22	-15.1
Energen	.08	...	51.11	-.37	-11.4
EnPro	.80	47	69.13	-1.51	+2.6
ENSCO	.04	2	4.51	-.02	-53.6
EntProPt	1.68f	20	25.61	-.26	-4.5
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.75	-.06	-1.4
ExxonMbl	3.08	28	77.18	+.01	-14.5
Facebook	...	35	170.72	-1.30	+48.4
FordM	.60a	12	11.36	+.01	-6.3
FrptMcM	...	...	14.79	-.28	+12.1
GATX	1.68	11	61.25	-.83	-.5
GabMutT	.94e	...	9.24	-.15	+27.8
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.80	-.33	+11.6
GenElec	.96	23	24.76	-.38	-21.6
GenMotors	1.52	6	37.23	-.13	+6.9
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.98	+.05	+26.8
GilsedSci	2.08	8	82.58	-1.19	+15.3
GlPlsnEn	1.10	20	30.72	-.03	+12.3
Halliburt	.72	...	39.63	+.03	-28.4
HP Ent n	.28	16	14.04	-.27	+4.4
HimaxTch	.24e	...	11.40	+.94	+88.7
HuntBncsh	.32	18	12.38	-.32	-6.4
IShGold	...	...	12.89	+.14	+16.3
IShBrazil	1.03e	...	40.98	+.37	+22.9
IShChinaLC	.76e	...	43.65	-.61	+25.8
IShEMMkts	.84e	...	44.57	-.59	+27.3
IShI20 yrT	3.05	...	128.76	+2.01	+8.1
IS Eafe	1.70e	...	68.54	-.45	+15.3
IShR2K	1.77e	...	159.17	-1.35	+3.2
Insmed	...	...	26.99	+14.70	+104.0
Intel	1.09	15	36.02	-.07	-3.4
InterDig	1.20	8	69.85	-.85	-23.5
IntrpDia rs	...	...	1.70	+.34	-61.4
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	13.10	+.03	+27.6
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	89.51	-2.19	+3.7
JohnJn	3.36	19	129.90	-1.13	+12.8
Kaycorp	.36	15	16.79	-.57	-8.1
KlmbClk	3.88	20	122.91	-.30	+7.7
Kinross g	...	67	4.69	+.20	+50.8
Kroger s	.50f	11	22.43	+.01	-35.0
LegacyRes	...	...	1.24	+.02	-41.5
Lubys	...	...	2.58	-.08	-39.7
MarathnO	.20	...	11.29	+.02	-34.8
McDnlds	3.76	27	159.10	-.71	+30.7
Merck	1.68	17	63.62	-.21	+8.1
MeritMed	...	52	40.70	-.95	+63.6
MexcoEn	...	...	4.75	+.01	-5.0
MicronT	...	12	32.07	-.53	+46.3
Microsoft	1.56	26	73.61	-.33	+18.5
Nabors	.24	...	6.90	+.29	-57.9
NOilVarco	.20	75	31.33	+.65	-16.3
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.10	-.12	+26.8
NSTPS	.55a	...	14.85	-.01	+4.8
NTXQI	.65	...	14.52	+.09	+5.8
Nvidia	.56	46	165.91	-4.55	+55.4
OceiPet	3.08f	...	60.72	+.97	-14.8
Oracle	.76f	23	50.93	+.31	+33.0
PDC Engy	...	29	39.69	+.11	-45.3
PerTech	...	26	10.72	+.04	+92.1
ParkDrl	...	...	1.15	...	-55.8
PattUTI	.08	...	17.00	+1.05	-38.8
PennaRE	.84	7	10.07	-.12	-46.9
Pmian	.03e	22	6.08	...	+4.8
Petrobras	...	...	9.54	+.25	-5.6
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.80	-.16	+4.1
PlsNtr	.08	...	131.13	+.49	-27.2
PlainsAAP	2.20	18	21.79	-.05	-32.5
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	144.69	-1.31	+22.1
Praxair	3.15	23	130.30	-.73	+11.2
PrmEgy	...	...	46.10	-.15	-16.5
PUVxST rs	...	...	32.10	+3.16	...
ProShVx s	...	...	75.72	-4.50	...
ProctGam	2.78f	24	92.72	+.19	+10.3
PShQQQ rs	...	...	27.43	+.72	-47.4
Qualcom	2.20	17	50.03	-2.02	-23.3
RangeRs	.08	20	17.95	+.10	-47.8
RegionsFn	.36	14	13.64	-.59	-5.0
RiteAid	...	40	2.42	...	-70.6
RockColl	1.32	24	131.00	+.39	+41.2
Rowan	.40	5	19.21	...	-46.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.70	-.35	+2.4
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	217.67	+2.25	+10.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	246.06	+1.78	+10.1
SabnR	2.32e	19	40.90	+.35	+16.4
SanderFm	.96	13	149.55	+1.90	+58.8
Schlmberg	2.00	58	65.10	+1.75	-22.5
SeadrillLtd	...	1	.32	+.04	-90.6
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.59	+.10	+25.6
Smucker	3.12f	14	106.08	+1.24	-17.2
SnapInc A	n	...	14.49	+.22	-40.8
SwstnEngy	...	51	5.56	+.12	-48.6
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.05	+.08	+6.5
SP Engy	2.04e	...	63.93	+.35	-15.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.24	+.53	+4.3
SP Inds	1.12e	...	67.83	+.69	+9.0
SP Tech	.78e	...	58.26	+.52	+20.5
Staples	.48	...	10.25	+.03	+13.3
SynrgyPh	...	...	2.90	+.11	-52.4
TecoRes g	.20f	...	23.80	+1.66	+18.8
TeleflEsp	1.20e	...	10.54	-.22	+14.6
TevaPhrm	1.36e	7	15.41	-.49	-57.5
3M Co	4.70	23	200.98	-2.58	+12.5
Torchmark	.60	16	75.87	-1.65	+2.9
Transocn	...	8	8.79	-.23	-40.4
TriContl	.98e	...	24.92	-.30	+13.0
TylerTech	...	54	170.56	-.95	+19.5
UBSi	1.32	17	33.05	-.80	-28.5
US OilFd	...	...	9.92	+.25	-15.4
USSteel	.20	...	27.23	+.24	-17.5
UtdTech	2.80f	17	111.21	-6.71	+1.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	11.38	+.08	+49.3
ValeantPh	...	3	13.10	-.23	-9.8
ValeroE	2.80	22	67.91	+1.29	-.6
VanEGold	.12e	...	25.31	+.53	+21.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	37.40	+1.14	+18.5
VulcanM	1.00	37	118.14	-3.06	-5.6
WalMart	2.04	18	79.80	+1.43	+15.5
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.46	+.24	-1.6
WealthFntr	...	...	4.11	+.10	-17.6
WellsFargo	1.52	12	50.10	-.87	-9.1
WhitingPet	...	...	4.58	...	-61.9
WmsCos	1.20	43	30.15	+.09	-3.2
XcelEngy	1.44	22	49.66	+.29	+22.0
Xerox rs	.25p	11	32.12	-.44	+39.7
Yamana g	.02	...	3.16	+.20	+12.5

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,753.31	-234.25	-1.07	+10.07	+17.34
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,267.39	-68.63	-.95	+2.47	+16.54
750.32	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	742.81	+1.86	+.25	+12.61	+9.14
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,827.17	-90.91	-.76	+6.97	+8.59
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,375.57	-59.76	-.93	+18.44	+20.84
2,490.87	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,457.85	-18.70	-.76	+9.78	+12.41
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Spieth, Thomas good friends, not yet rivals

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

■ COMMENTARY

NORTON, Mass. — Justin Thomas is three months older than Jordan Spieth and trying to catch up.

It's been that way for 10 years, ever since they met on the practice range before the final round of the Junior All-Star at Walnut Creek southwest of Dallas in the spring of 2007. They were 13 and tied for the lead after each opened with a 68 on the 6,385-yard course.

"I just remember he came up and introduced himself on the range because we were in the final group," Thomas said. "So I thought that was cool. And he beat me that day. I think I finished third, I don't know, second. I didn't play very well. That was the first time we met."

It was a home game for Spieth, who grew up in Dallas. He made his American Junior Golf Association debut that week, shot 71 in the second round and won by five shots over Thomas and two others. Thomas, the son of a club pro in Kentucky, was so short back then he had to use a fairway metal to reach the longer par 4s.

"He traveled in and we battled it out on Sunday, and I edged him out that day," Spieth said.

They battled all summer until both were selected to represent the United States in the Evian Masters Junior Cup in France. They played during the day and clowned around at night. This time, Thomas got the best of him and finished second in the boys' division. That earned him a spot in the Evian Masters pro-am with Juli Inkster. Spieth tagged along as his caddie.

"He wasn't a very good caddie," Thomas said.

This is the kind of banter that allowed their friendship to develop through their junior years and into college, even to the point where they shared a sixth-grade math teacher as their caddie at USGA events. Michael Greller now works for Spieth because Spieth turned pro first.

This is not Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, except that they hate losing to each other.

They are not yet rivals.

That might change if Thomas keeps winning. He picked up his fifth victory of the season when he won the Dell Technologies Championship by three shots over Spieth on Monday. This came three weeks after Thomas won his first major at the PGA Championship, the major Spieth needed to complete the career Grand Slam.

They remain close friends.

That doesn't sound like it will change.

"We grew up together," Spieth said. "You grow up and you watch each other work from when you're 14 years old. We roomed together when we were 14 years old. He's one of my best friends in the whole world. Phil and Tiger, if you're going to use that as an example, they didn't grow up together, room together, all that stuff, stay in touch through college and play in the same tournaments.

"We can share experiences with each other that we can't really describe or explain to anybody else that's our age — or very few, I should say — and it creates a unique relationship."

The Dell Technologies Championship was not a duel between Thomas and Spieth. Marc Leishman had as much of a chance to win at the TPC Boston as anyone, leading by two shots at the turn until he ran out of birdies and ran into trouble. Spieth was tied for the lead with five holes to go until he fell back with a bogey and never caught up. Thomas surged ahead with two birdies and a key par save on the 16th hole.

It felt like a duel only because Spieth and Thomas go so far back.

Spieth left Texas after three semesters, had no status on any tour in 2013 and finished the year as the youngest American to play in the Presidents Cup. Thomas turned pro in the fall of 2013 and took a year to get his PGA Tour card.

One year made a big difference.

By the time Thomas finished his first year on tour, Spieth already had won the Masters, U.S. Open and the FedEx Cup and rose to No. 1 in the world. At the start of this season, Spieth had 11 victories, over $25 million in earnings and had played in the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup two times each. Thomas had one victory and last played on a team when Alabama won the national title the year Spieth turned pro.

They once were close as players. They suddenly felt far apart, at least when it came to the size of the trophy case.

"I feel like we're a very similar caliber of player, and I just got a couple years head start," Spieth said.

Rebecca Blackwell/Associated Press

United States' Christian Pulisic controls the ball during a 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match against Honduras in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on Tuesday.

Bobby Wood's equalizing goal gets US out of Honduras with 1-1 draw

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — The legs were heavy and the tension high in the 85th minute at Estadio Olimpico Metropolitano, where exuberant fans had been cheering and blowing vuvuzelas nonstop.

The United States was losing to Honduras in a World Cup qualifier played in searing late-afternoon tropical heat, just a few minutes from falling into a deep hole that would jeopardize the Americans' streak of seven straight World Cup appearances.

Bobby Wood then silenced the crowd, scoring from short-range off a scramble following a free kick. The U.S. escaped from Honduras with a 1-1 tie Tuesday.

"Huge point. Great point," U.S. captain Michael Bradley. "In a lot of moments it has nothing to do with football. It's about finding a way to survive and dealing with everything that gets thrown at you, having a group that can hold up in the toughest moments."

Playing from behind after Romell Quioto put the Catrachos ahead in the 27th minute , the U.S. remained third in the North and Central American and Caribbean region with nine points, ahead of Honduras on goal difference with two qualifiers remaining. Panama had seven points and was in position to overtake the Americans later Tuesday when it hosted last-place Trinidad and Tobago.

The top three nations in the six-team group qualify for next year's tournament in Russia, and the fourth-place finisher meets Australia or Syria in a playoff for another berth. The U.S. hosts Panama on Oct. 6 at Orlando, Florida, and finishes four days later at Trinidad.

"We knew what type of spot we were in. We knew we needed at least one point," Wood said. "We knew we started bad. We weren't mentally there. We let off an easy goal, but we knew we just needed one goal and that would change everything."

Wins in the final two games would ensure a World Cup berth, but for the first time since 1989 the Americans will head into their finale uncertain of qualifying. Before Wood's goal, they might have put themselves in position to fight for a playoff spot at best.

"I was thinking we might have an early vacation at the end of this year," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said.

Quioto put the Catrachos ahead when he ran onto a pass from Alexander Lopez just inside the 18-yard box and broke in when defender Omar Gonzalez made only a slight touch on a crucial slide tackle. Left with an open 11-yard shot, the Houston Dynamo's Quioto beat goalkeeper Brad Guzan with a shot that bounced in off the far post, causing fans to stomp and shake the stadium.

"He just kind of like fell over the ball a little bit and Quioto regained it and finished," Arena said.

Just as in Friday's 2-0 home loss to Costa Rica, the U.S. mounted few dangerous chances.

That changed when Christian Pulisic, the Americans' emerging 18-year-old star midfielder, was fouled about 30 yards from the goal and Kellyn Acosta took the free kick. Goalkeeper Luis Lopez made a sprawling save to bat the ball with his left hand. It landed near the end line, and Matt Besler beat Johnny Palacios to the ball and while falling backward hooked it in the air to Jordan Morris at the edge of the 6-yard box. Morris outjumped Henry Figueroa and sent a backward header to Wood, who made a nifty chest trap and shot.

"Sometimes in a game like this you have to score scrappy," Morris said. "Was kind of just trying to keep the play alive."

After he chested the ball, Wood let it bounce and poked it in with his right foot from 4 yards. The stadium quieted in shock. Previously well-behaved fans threw horns and liquids at the Americans as they exited the field.

"Just kind of expecting it to land right in front of me and it did," Wood said.

Arena made seven changes to his starting lineup, saying Europe-based players were not fully fit just weeks into their club seasons and were unprepared for the heat, which was 93 with high humidity at kickoff. Wood entered in the 73rd minute and scored his ninth goal in 34 international appearances.

Players said the grass was long and spongy. Barbed wire separated fans from the running track that surrounds the field in a stadium does not have any scoreboards.

As the exhausted Americans walked onto the team bus, they felt a sense of accomplishment but knew two tough qualifiers remain.

"The door for Russia, there's not even a crack open right now," Arena said. "There's a lot of work to be done to get to Russia."

Notes: The State Department in Washington said it couldn't speculate on whether Syrian players would be eligible for U.S. visas. President Donald Trump's temporary ban on visitors from Syria and five other countries allows the administration to make case-by-case exceptions, which could ostensibly be used to allow the players in. The travel ban is set to expire in late September.

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FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		College Football		
		Friday		
PURDUE	4½	4	(57)	Ohio
Oklahoma St	27½	28	(66)	SOUTH ALABAMA
UCF	3½	3	(67½)	Memphis
		Saturday		
SDSU	27½	23½	(62)	Hawaii
KANSAS	2½	5½	(55½)	Cent Michigan
OREGON	9½	14	(70½)	Nebraska
WISCONSIN	29½	31½	(58½)	FAU
ARMY	17	16½	(49)	Buffalo
MICHIGAN ST	7½	-	(51½)	W Michigan
RUTGERS	3½	5	(51)	E Michigan
Old Dominion	1	4	(60)	UMASS
Northwestern	3½	3	(55)	DUKE
South Florida	16½	17½	(66)	UCONN
WEST VIRGINIA	19½	24	(65)	East Carolina
MICHIGAN	31	34	(49½)	Cincinnati
Louisville	5½	9½	(64½)	NORTH CAROLINA
KANSAS ST	35½	36	(51)	Charlotte
Iowa	-	3	(48)	IOWA ST
BOSTON COLLEGE	PK	1	(43)	Wake Forest
NEW MEXICO	11	7½	(68)	New Mexico St
UTEP	3	1½	(55½)	Rice
COLORADO	36	35½	(58)	Texas State
BALL ST	12½	14	(54½)	UAB
SYRACUSE	10	9½	(73)	M TENNESSEE
Indiana	2½	3	(57)	VIRGINIA
PENN ST	16	20½	(67½)	Pittsburgh
ALABAMA	43½	44	(54)	Fresno St
NAVY	13	13½	(48)	Tulane
W Kentucky	-	7½	(57½)	ILLINOIS
BAYLOR	16½	17	(57½)	UTSA
Miami	18	14½	(55½)	ARKANSAS ST
TEXAS	26½	26	(63)	San Jose St
TCU	-1	3	(58)	ARKANSAS
TULSA	14	14	(64)	Louisiana-Lafayette
NC STATE	22	24½	(55½)	Marshall
Toledo	10½	9½	(70½)	NEVADA
FLORIDA ST	33	32½	(54½)	Louisiana-Monroe
MISSOURI	4	2½	(72)	South Carolina
SMU	12	13½	(64½)	North Texas
CLEMSON	6½	4½	(54)	Auburn
NOTRE DAME	6	4	(53)	Georgia
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OREGON ST	PK	2½	(52)	Minnesota
ARIZONA ST	2½	3	(55)	San Diego St
Utah	+1½	1½	(47)	BYU
Houston	1	1	(62½)	ARIZONA
WASHINGTON ST	8½	10½	(58½)	Boise St
		NFL		
		Thursday		
NEW ENGLAND	7½	9	(48½)	Kansas City
		Sunday		
BUFFALO	6	9½	(40)	NY Jets
Atlanta	6½	7	(50)	CHICAGO
HOUSTON	4½	5½	(39½)	Jacksonville
WASHINGTON	2½	PK	(47½)	Philadelphia
Arizona	+2½	1½	(47½)	DETROIT
TENNESSEE	+1	2	(51)	Oakland
Tampa Bay	+2	2½	(41)	MIAMI
CINCINNATI	2	3	(42½)	Baltimore
Pittsburgh	8	9	(46½)	CLEVELAND
LA RAMS	+3½	3½	(42)	Indianapolis
GREEN BAY	3	3	(50)	Seattle
Carolina	5	5½	(48)	SAN FRANCISCO
DALLAS	5	3½	(47½)	NY Giants
		Monday		
MINNESOTA	3½	3½	(48)	New Orleans
DENVER	3½	3½	(43½)	LA Chargers

Restaurant, casino owner to buy Houston Rockets for $2.2 billion

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Restaurant and casino owner Tilman Fertitta agreed to buy the Houston Rockets from Leslie Alexander on Tuesday for an NBA-record $2.2 billion, a person with knowledge of the details said. The price surpasses the $2 billion Steve Ballmer paid for the Los Angeles Clippers in 2014.

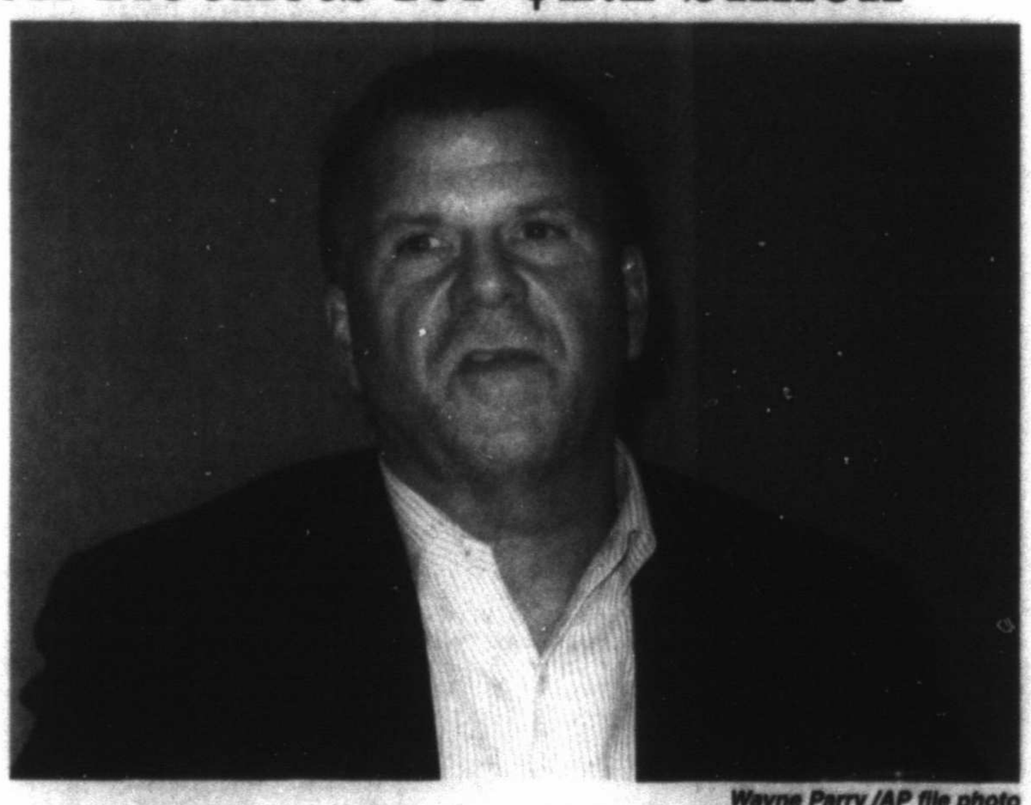
The value was confirmed to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because terms were to remain private. The deal must be approved by the NBA Board of Governors. It includes Clutch City Sports and Entertainment, which puts on shows and concerts at the Toyota Center.

"I am truly honored to have been chosen as the next owner of the Houston Rockets. This is a life-long dream come true," he said. "Leslie Alexander has been one of the best owners in all of sports, and I thank him immensely for this opportunity ... I am overwhelmed with emotion to have this opportunity in my beloved city of Houston."

Fertitta will be the team's sole owner. He is the owner of the Landry's restaurant chain and Golden Nugget casino and hotels. He was born in Galveston, Texas and has lived in Houston his entire adult life. The 60-year-old billionaire is the chairman of the board of regents of the University of Houston System and star of the reality show "Billion Dollar Buyer" on CNBC. Alexander, who announced the team was for sale in July, took over as owner on July 30, 1993, and the Rockets went on to win back-to-back titles in 1994-95 behind the likes of Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler. In 24 seasons under Alexander, the Rockets have won 56.9 percent of their games, fifth-highest in the league.

"I am excited to welcome and pass the torch to Tilman," Alexander said. "He is a Houstonian, business leader and committed to the success and excellence of the Rockets both on and off the basketball court. I have personally known Tilman for over 24 years and don't think I could have found anyone more capable of continuing the winning tradition of our Houston Rockets."

The 74-year-old Alexander decided to sale the team to spend more time with family and working on his charitable endeavors.



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Golden Nugget casino owner Tilman Fertitta speaks at a meeting in 2012 in Atlantic City, N.J. Fertitta has agreed to buy the Houston Rockets from Leslie Alexander. Terms were not released and must be approved by the NBA Board of Governors. The deal includes Clutch City Sports and Entertainment, which puts on shows and concerts at the Toyota Center. Fertitta will be the team's sole owner, calling this a "lifelong dream come true."

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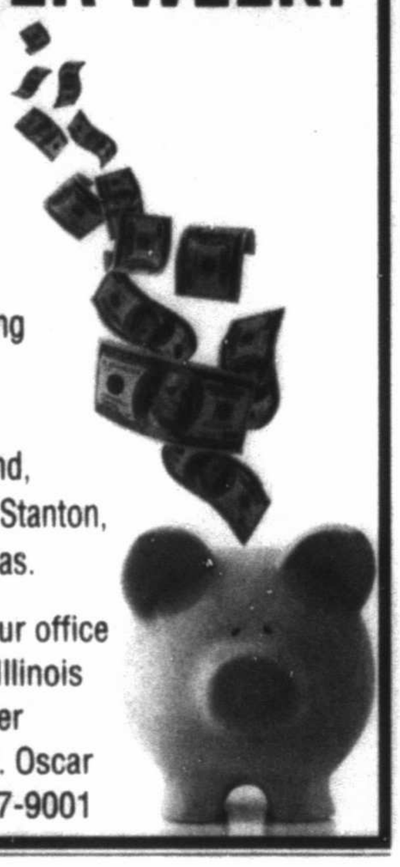

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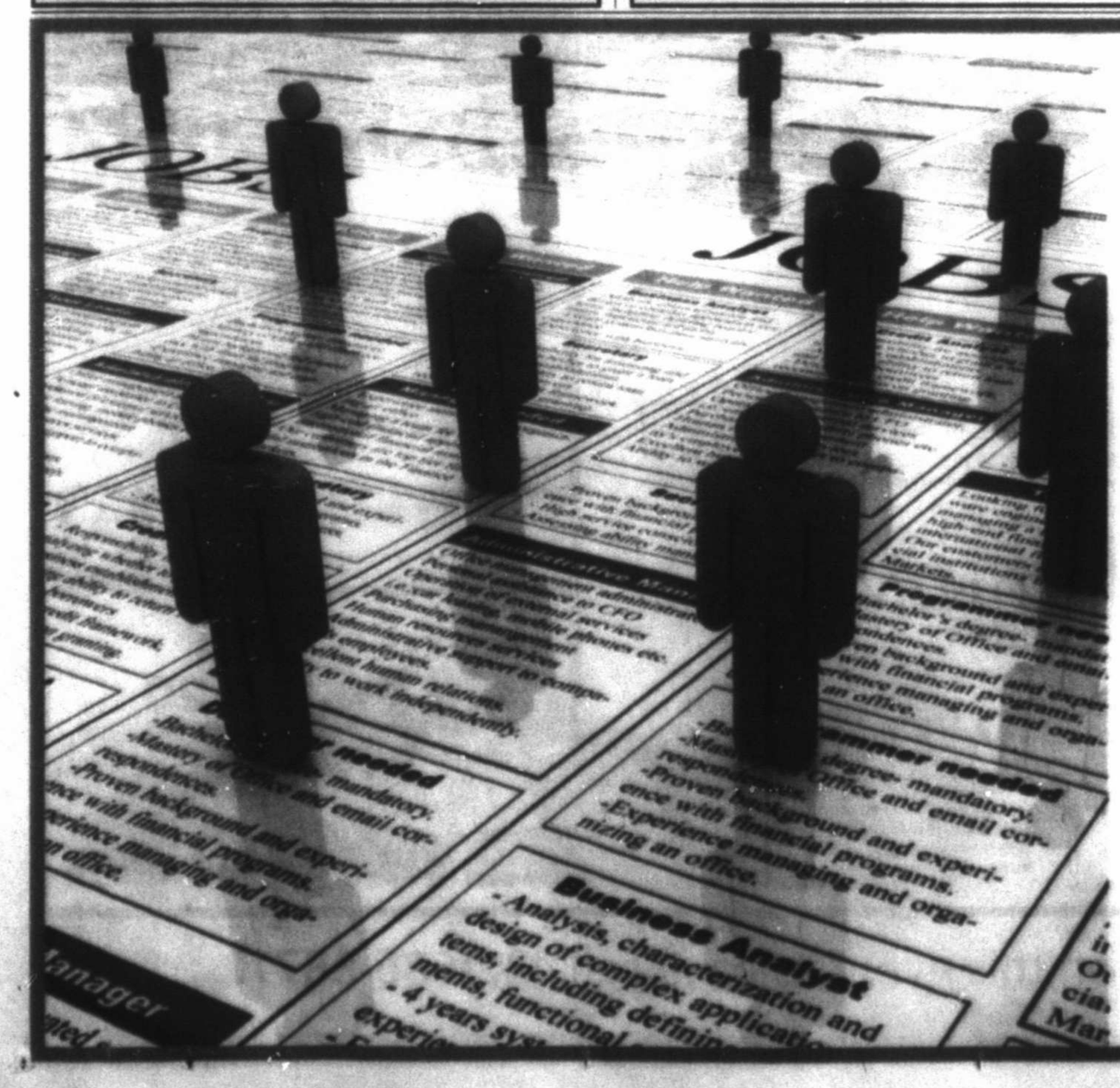

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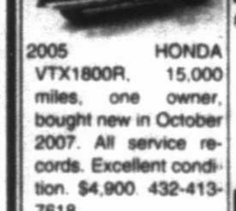

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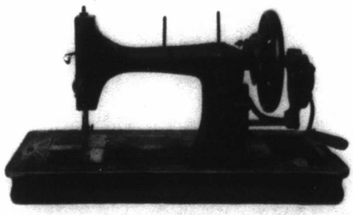

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