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TXOGA: Energy industry is economic force

Association president: Lawmakers must look at what makes Texas a good place for business

By Mella McEwen
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Members of the Texas Oil & Gas Association have a wish list for legislators meeting in Austin

"What Texas needs now, as we ease out of this dramatic downturn, is for our lawmakers to look closely at what makes Texas a good place to do business," said Todd Staples, TXOGA president, during the association's annual Energy & Economic Impact press call.

"Specifically, we hope lawmakers maintain their commitment to science-based regulations, reauthorize the Railroad Commission of Texas, properly fund the Railroad Commission and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, preserve a low tax environment and encourage the critical infrastructure development our growing state needs," he said. "All Texans benefit when our lawmakers embrace smart policy that allows the oil and natural gas industry to provide for Texas, securing our economy, our environment and our future."

More oil news

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Addressing reporters from Texas newspapers and the Wall Street Journal, Staples said that wish list is extended to legislators in Washington, D.C., as well.

Although the association focuses on state issues, Staples said members address issues through their national associations. The trade rhetoric that has been coming out of the Trump administration, especially with regards to Mexico, is an issue that has raised concern, especially with Mexico being the state's top trading partner and energy-related exports continuing to grow.

Asked by a San Antonio reporter about that rhetoric, Staples said, "North America needs to find ways to work together. This (trade rhetoric) is an immediate point of concern, but we're looking long-term."

Regulations that are science-based are more beneficial, he said.

"We're comfortable Washington will go back to science-based regulations rather than a political agenda," he said.

Members are also cautiously optimistic as commodity prices have risen, along with the rig count, Staples said. Between September and December, the state added 4,700 industry jobs, he said.

"I don't think anyone is forecasting the wide-open speed at which jobs were created in 2014," he said.

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MISD talks governance



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

MISD Board member John Kennedy speaks Tuesday about MISD and the new Lone Star Governance Report during the first of four forums.

Teachers are hot topic during first of four forums

Editor's Note: The Reporter-Telegram will cover all four nights of the forums to introduce the district's Lone Star Governance Report. Reporting will deal with particular topics addressed each night. Those who want to see previous coverage on the report can go to mrt.com

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland ISD Lone Star Governance Report is about impacting student outcomes.

- Board president: 'I hope Midland 'will be teaching town USA'

But school district leaders are not shy about expecting another impact from the nine-page report — a better environment for teachers.

During the first forum presenting a draft of the report to the community, teachers were put front and center. However, school board President Rick Davis raised the bar when he said he hoped Midland could become "teaching town USA."

And while Memphis, Tennessee, actually has a claim on the title based on an initiative that seeks to turn around education in that city, Davis' comments are bold considering MISD's issues with attracting talent and keeping teaching turnover at a minimum. Davis told those at First Presbyterian Church Monday

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Cruz has laser focus on economic growth, simplifying tax code

Editor's note: This is the second of a three-part Q&A with U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. This installment is about Cruz's perspectives on the oil and gas industry. Part three is scheduled for Sunday's edition.

By Trevor Hawes
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Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas is back to business in Washington, D.C., for the 115th Congress. He ran for president and lasted the duration of Republican primary elections but was bested by Donald Trump, who ultimately defeated Democrat former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in the general election.

Despite the busy — and sometimes brutal — White House run, Cruz hasn't shifted his focus from job growth and strengthening the economy for his home state and beyond. Getting the word out can be tough, however. The attention in Washington has largely surrounded Trump's actions, though Cruz doesn't think his work will fall on deaf ears.

Cruz spoke with the Reporter-Telegram via phone after a long day Monday touring various oil facilities in Midland about how he gets his message out and if another presidential run is in his future.

MRT: Is there anything in particular you're going to champion this congressional session?

Cruz: We have an incredible opportunity to do an enormous amount of good right now. The voters in November gave an overwhelming mandate for change, signaled all across this country that the path we're on isn't working. Republicans have been entrusted with something rare and historic, and that is control of the White House, of every executive agency and of both houses of Congress.

Now we have to deliver, and we are poised for this to be the most productive Congress in decades — if only we deliver

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noun
1. a follwer of Bacchus.
2. a drunken reveler.
3. an occasion of drunken revelry; orgy; bacchanalia.



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OPEC says intention is full compliance; Oil hits $54

By Jessica Summers
Bloomberg

Oil traded near $54 a barrel after earlier rising to the highest level in seven weeks as OPEC's top official said the group intends to achieve full compliance with supply cuts.

Futures rose as much as 2.4 percent in New York. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is confident members will continue to cut production and reduce global stockpiles, said Secretary-General Mohammad Barkindo. Russia plans to reach its pledged output cuts by the end of April, RIA Novosti reported, citing Russia Energy Minister Alexander Novak. Brent will average $55 this quarter, Citigroup said in a note, an increase of $5 from its previous forecast.

Oil has held above $50 a barrel since OPEC and 11 other nations started trimming supply to ease a global glut. The exporters group implemented about 90 percent of the pledged cuts last month and Goldman Sachs predicts the market will shift into deficit in the first half, although U.S. crude stockpiles have increased to the highest level in more than three decades.

"OPEC and new fund length are adding a bid to the market, but the current level of supply is massive and it's limiting rallies to a narrow range," Clayton Rogers, an energy derivative broker at SCS Commodities Corp. in Jersey City, New Jersey, said by message.

Hedge funds boosted their net-long position on WTI, or the difference between bets on a price increase and wagers on a decline, by 8.6 percent in the week ended Feb. 14, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission data showed Friday. It was the fifth time this year that they've upped their bullish stance, and the third they took it to a record.

West Texas Intermediate for March delivery, which expired Tuesday, rose from Friday by 82 cents to $54.06 a barrel as of closing Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange after earlier climbing to $54.68, the highest intraday level since Jan. 3. WTI also rose above its upper Bollinger band for the first time since early January.

The more-active April WTI contract climbed 79 cents to $54.57. Transactions on Monday will be booked Tuesday for settlement purposes because of the U.S. Presidents Day holiday.

Brent for April settlement gained 66 cents to $56.84 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. The global benchmark crude traded at a premium of $2.27 to April WTI.

"Oil prices are not likely to stray far from their current $53 to $58 range in the near term," Ed Morse, global head of commodities research at Citigroup, wrote in a note Tuesday. "Record investor net length and bearish inventory data will likely cap prices until more tangible evidence of a tighter market emerges."

The effects of high OPEC compliance with its historic output deal have yet to be realized and should support prices into the second quarter, Citigroup said. Compliance may even increase if Iraq's March exports match the planned 600,000 barrel a day month-on-month cut indicated by loading programs, it said.

OPEC data on compliance with cuts so far are "very encouraging," Barkindo said in a Bloomberg television interview in London. It's premature to say whether OPEC should extends its supply deal beyond six months, or deepen the cuts, and the pace of the decline in global oil inventories will determine OPEC's next move, he said.

"The oil market appears to maintain its confidence in producer supply restraint efforts for now as evidenced by the commitment of trader data that showed managed money continuing to increase their net long exposure," Harry Tchilinguirian, head of commodity markets strategy at BNP Paribas in London, said by message. But, given their overstretched position, progress has been relatively modest and any disappointment around producer action could trigger a correction, he said.

In other oil-market news:

■ OPEC boosted oil exports in the first two weeks of February, according to tanker tracker Petro-Logistics, a sign the group could be slipping back after record compliance in its first month of output cuts.

■ The U.S. Oil Fund saw an $85 million outflow last week, the largest weekly outflow since late January, data shows.

■ Bank of America Merrill Lynch cuts its Brent average forecast to $50-$70 a barrel through 2022 from $55-$75 a barrel, a note shows.

■ Norway's Troll crude will be included alongside existing grades that make up the Dated Brent benchmark — Brent, Forties, Oseberg and Ekofisk, according to price assessor S&P Global Platts.

■ Russia overtook Saudi Arabia as the world's largest oil producer in December before both nations started reducing output on Jan. 1 as part of a deal to stabilize the market.

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AUSTIN

Texas easing out of downturn, oil association leader says

Texas' oil and natural gas industry added 4,700 new jobs between September and December last year and is starting to "ease out of the dramatic downturn."

That's the message from Texas Oil and Gas Association President Todd Staples, anyway.

On a conference call Tuesday, Staples said that, despite the downturn, his industry paid $9.4 billion in state and local taxes and royalties in fiscal year 2016.

The energy sector lost nearly 100,000 jobs statewide as oil prices crashed from 2014's $110-plus per barrel peak to less than $30 last year. They're improving, but Staples said projecting prices only up to $59 per barrel through fiscal year 2019 was "fairly realistic."

New Mexico contemplates new powers for oil regulators

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Legislature may restore the state's authority to impose administrative penalties of up to $10,000 per day against oil and natural gas companies for violations of operating and environmental rules.

A Senate panel is scheduled Tuesday to consider a bill that broadens civil enforcement of the state Oil and Gas Act and increases the current $1,000 maximum penalty for administrative violations.

A 2009 state Supreme Court decision held that the Oil Conservation Division was not authorized to assess civil penalties and had to file a lawsuit in court to enforce regulations for oil, gas and waste-water injection wells. Weaknesses in current enforcement provisions were highlighted last year by an out-of-state driller ignoring orders and lease provisions.

Texas allows daily penalties of $10,000, and Colorado can charge $15,000.

BAGHDAD

Iraq says proven oil reserves rise to 153 billion barrels

Iraq says new exploration has revealed an additional 10 billion barrels of oil, bringing its total proven reserves to 153 billion barrels.

Oil Minister Jabar Ali al-Luaibi said in a statement Sunday that the increase comes from seven oil fields in central and southern Iraq, without naming them. He says Iraq will ask the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to adopt the new figure.

Iraq will remain the fourth largest OPEC member, after Venezuela, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Oil revenues make up nearly 95 percent of Iraq's budget. Like other oil-exporting countries, its economy has been hit hard by plummeting prices.

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Employment levels will be a matter of efficiency, he said. Other countries have lower costs to produce a well, and for Texas producers to compete, they must get more out of their wells.

"We all know we've been through a rough few years as oil and natural gas prices collapsed. It's easy, in the good times, to take the industry for granted. We lead the nation in oil and gas production, in pipeline miles, in refining capacity. Those accolades translate into jobs, tax revenue, financial security and personal well-being for all Texans," Staples said.

In fiscal year 2016, the industry paid $9.4 billion in state and local taxes and state royalties, he said. That revenue funds the state's cities and counties, first responders, transportation infrastructure and public schools and universities, he noted. Even in the downturn, the industry contributed the equivalent of $26 million a day in state and local revenues, he said.

Midland ISD ranked fifth statewide in receiving property taxes from oil and gas operations: $44.4 million in fiscal year 2016, 19.7 percent of its tax base, according to TXOGA.

"In the down times, there's no guarantee Texans will enjoy those benefits," Staples said, noting that Texas legislators have less revenue to work with in the upcoming budget cycle because of the downturn.

Texas' abundance of crude and natural gas has not only benefited state coffers but lowered costs for manufacturers and benefited personal budgets, according to Staples. It's estimated that in 2015, Americans saved $1,300 per household in energy-related costs.

But not everyone in the United States enjoyed such savings, Staples said. In New England, where there is a lack of pipeline infrastructure, he said residents pay the highest electricity rates in the continental U.S. In fact, the harsh winters of 2014-2015 cost residents $7 billion more in electricity because of that lack of access to pipelines, Staples said.

He criticized opponents of oil and natural gas production, saying their opposition puts people at risk.

"Given energy's central role in basic health and safety, it's clear that those who advocate for restricted access to reliable power or energy infrastructure are not advocates for the people. In fact, anti-oil and -natural gas activists' efforts put people at risk, threaten jobs and pinch family budgets," he said.

An estimated 1.2 billion people around the globe do not have access to electricity, which Staples called the foundation of safety and well-being.

"We don't live in an either/or world," Staples said. "We don't have to choose between economic development and protecting the environment."

TXOGA members support use of all energy sources, Staples said, but it is apparent oil and natural gas will be the dominant sources for the foreseeable future. He opposes any government policies that support one source over another, saying consumers should make those choices.

Measure proposes moratorium on North Dakota wind energy

By James MacPherson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — Worried North Dakota's burgeoning wind-energy industry may be threatening the state's coal-fired power plants, a Republican lawmaker has proposed legislation that would halt wind-generation projects for two years.

Mandan Sen. Dwight Cook said the state's wind industry enjoys more favorable tax incentives and less onerous regulations than coal factories, putting them at an unfair advantage. He also said the intent of his proposal is to ensure a reliable source of electricity.

North Dakota has seven coal-fueled electric power factories. One, owned by Minnesota's Great River Energy, is slated to shutter this year. The company blamed the shutdown on low prices in the regional energy market.

Almost 70 percent of electricity produced from North Dakota's power plants is exported to surrounding states to more than 2 million customers. Meanwhile, wind energy — which is cleaner but less reliable than coal-fueled electricity — has become more prevalent in North Dakota in the past decade.

The state ranked 11th in the nation last year for the number of turbines and installed wind capacity, according to the American Wind Energy Association. The Washington-based group also has rated North Dakota as having the nation's greatest wind energy potential.

North Dakota has about 2,850 megawatts of power generated from wind turbines, and another 6,000 megawatts planned or under construction. A megawatt is roughly enough electricity to power 1,000 homes.

Cook introduced his measure to impose a moratorium on wind energy development through the use of a so-called hog-house amendment that erases an existing bill and rewrites it. By doing so, the public can't comment on the proposal because hearings already have been held on the original measure.

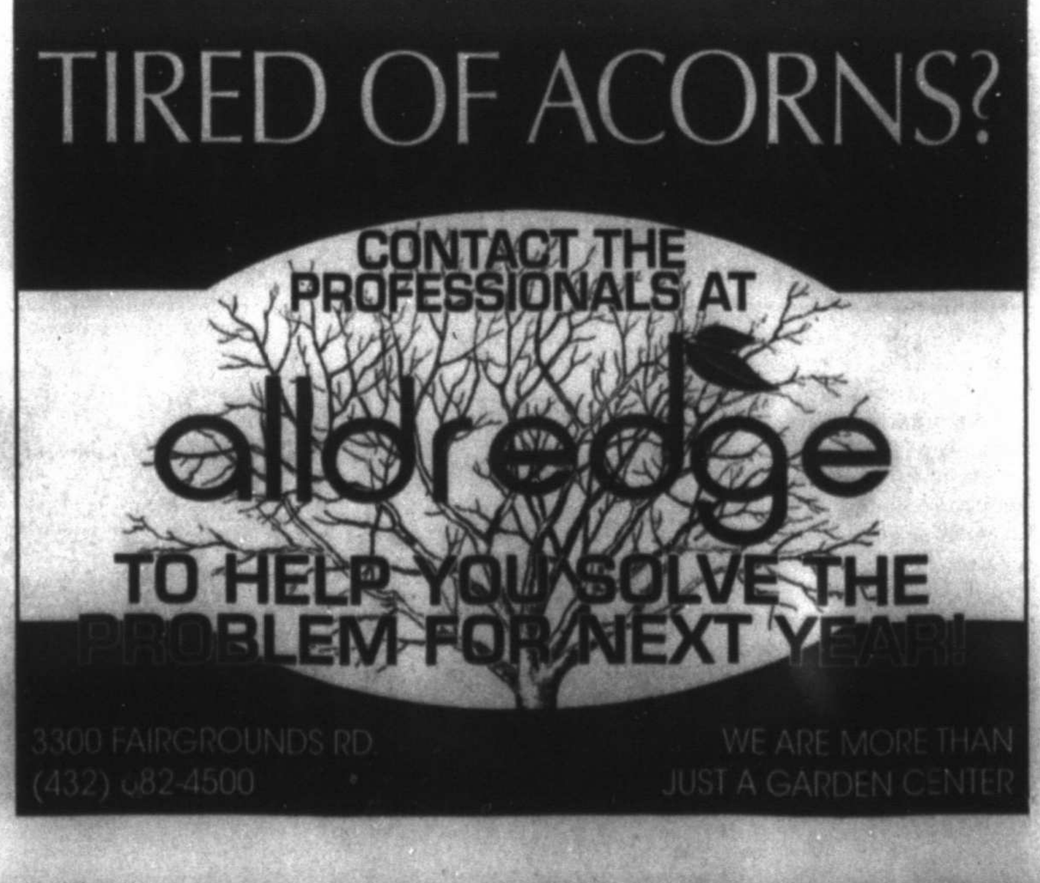
The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, on which Cook serves, approved the measure 4-3 last week. The full Senate is expected to debate the bill today.

Florida-based NextEra Energy Resources, which accounts for about half of North Dakota's wind-generated power, called the legislation "extremely shortsighted." The organization said the bill "ignores the fact that wind development in North Dakota is a significant source of tax revenue and job creation, not to mention a source of income for private landowners."

North Dakota had only a few turbines at the turn of the century but no major wind farms. Now the wind industry has grown into one of the most powerful industries in the state, with dozens of lobbyists in the halls of the state Capitol in Bismarck.

The industry also has a strong ally in longtime Rep. Mike Brandenburg, a Republican from Edgeley. He is so pro-wind generation that his fellow lawmakers call him "Windy."

Brandenburg's district is home to two large wind farms and three others are planned. He said wind generation complements coal-fired electricity, and that the Senate proposal "sends a bad message" to industry and investors.







Texas bills aim to curb sexual violence on college campuses

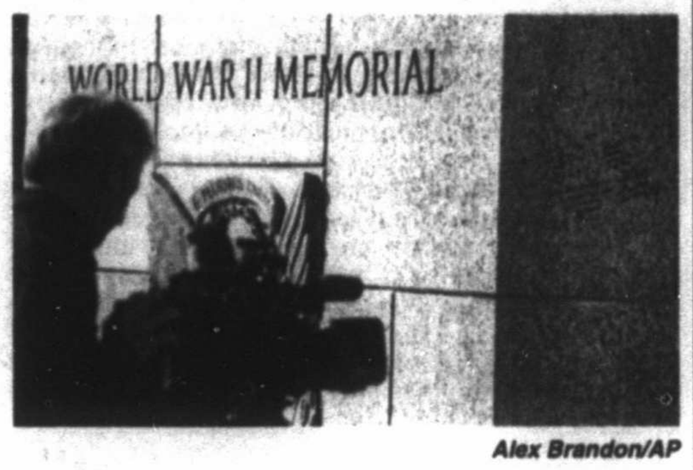
Associated Press

AUSTIN — An Austin Democratic state senator has filed a package of bills requiring Texas colleges to adopt "affirmative consent" policies for sexual contact and create anonymous online reporting tools for assault victims.

The bills were announced Tuesday by Kirk Watson, who got his undergraduate and law degrees from Baylor University. The school has been rocked by a sexual assault scandal that led to the firing of football coach Art Briles and the ouster of university president Ken Starr.

One of Watson's bills would ensure students are not punished by school conduct codes for underage drinking or other rules violations if they report an assault.

More than a dozen women have sued Baylor over the last year alleging that the Baptist school long ignored or mishandled their claims of assault.



Alex Brandon/AP

A news videographer works to tape the graffiti on the World War II Memorial on Tuesday in Washington. U.S. Park Police spokeswoman Sgt. Anna Rose said that the messages written in permanent marker were discovered over the holiday weekend at the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument and the World War II Memorial.

Graffiti found at 4 monuments in DC

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Park Service says graffiti has been found at four memorials in Washington.

U.S. Park Police officials said Tuesday that messages written in permanent marker were discovered over the holiday weekend on the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the World War II Memorial and the D.C. War Memorial.

A spokeswoman says the message written on the Washington Monument references President John F. Kennedy's assassination and the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Officials say the similarities in what's written and the handwriting lead them to believe the same person is responsible.

The agency says in a news release that the National Mall and Memorial Parks monument preservation crew is removing the graffiti using a mild, gel-type architectural paint stripper that is safe for historic stone.

Smoking ban in vehicles with children clears Oklahoma House panel

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Legislation that would ban smoking in vehicles containing children has cleared an Oklahoma House committee.

The House Public Health Committee voted 7-1 Tuesday for the bill by Democratic Rep. Donnie Condit of McAlester. It now goes to the full House for a vote.

The bill would make it illegal for the driver or a passenger in a motor vehicle to smoke cigarettes, pipes or cigars if a child is present in the vehicle. The fine for violating the anti-smoking measure would be $20, the same as the penalty for a seat-belt violation.

Similar measures to prohibit smoking in vehicles where children are present have died in recent years when they were not heard by various state House committees.

House Bill 1344: http://bit.ly/2m8PNS1

US Geological Survey records 4 small earthquakes in Oklahoma

Associated Press

WAYNOKA, Okla. — The U.S. Geological Survey reports four small earthquakes in Oklahoma.

The largest was a magnitude 3.0 temblor at 2:05 a.m. Tuesday near Waynoka, about 110 miles northwest of Oklahoma City and a second quake of magnitude 2.7 was recorded in the same area at 2:57 a.m. The third quake was magnitude 2.5 and struck at 10:38 a.m. near the Oklahoma City suburb of Edmond and the fourth was magnitude 2.6 at 7:53 a.m. near Cushing.

No injuries or damage are reported.

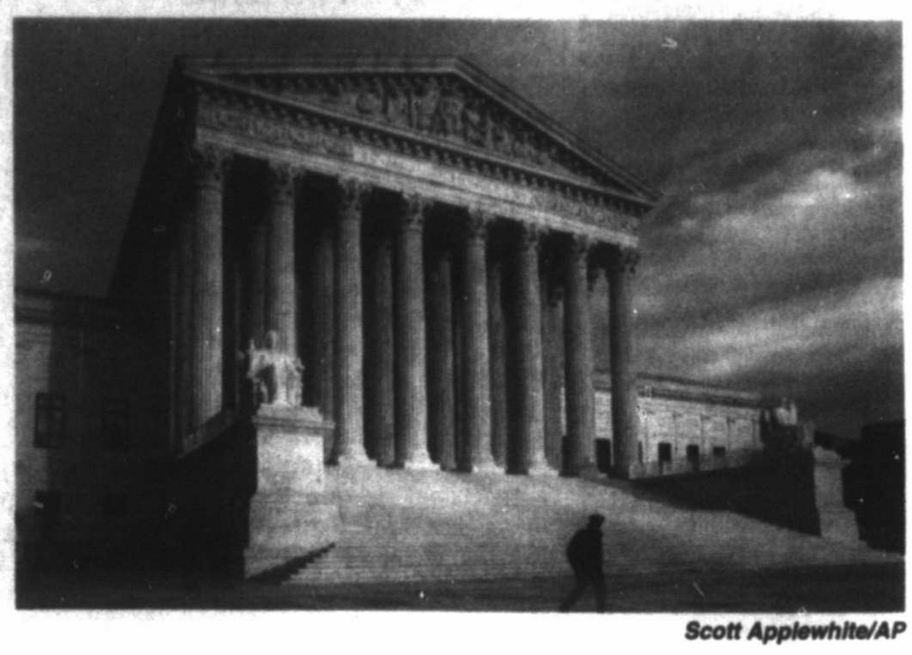
Thousands of earthquakes have been recorded in Oklahoma in recent years, and many have been linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas operations.

Regulators have ordered oil and natural gas producers to close some injection wells or reduce the volume of fluids they inject.

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Supreme Court seems split in case of boy's death near border

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press



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In this Feb. 14 photo, The Supreme Court is seen at day's end in Washington. The Supreme Court on Tuesday heard an appeal to a case involving a 2010 shooting of a Mexican boy by a U.S. Border Patrol Agent.

WASHINGTON — Examining a tragic shooting death on the U.S. border with Mexico, a divided Supreme Court on Tuesday puzzled over the rights of foreigners to sue in American courts.

The case involving a Mexican teen slain by a U.S. Border Patrol agent's gunshot, which traveled across the border, elicited questions about how a ruling could affect victims of American drone strikes. The court battle over President Donald Trump's ban on travelers from seven majority Muslim nations also lurked in the background: While the legal issues are different, both issues have courts weighing the rights of foreigners.

A 4-4 tie could provide Judge Neil Gorsuch an early opportunity to cast a key vote if he is confirmed to the court before the term ends in late June.

Tuesday's case arose from a June 2010 shooting in the wide, concrete-lined ditch — actually the dry bed of the Rio Grande river — that separates El Paso, Texas, from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

The agent was on the U.S. side of the border when he fired his gun, striking Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca, who was on the Mexican side.

U.S. officials chose not to prosecute Agent Jesus Mesa Jr. in the killing of the Mexican teenager, and the Obama administration refused a request to extradite him so he could face criminal charges in Mexico.

Lower courts dismissed the parents' lawsuit. The Supreme Court is considering whether noncitizens who are injured or killed outside the United States can have their day in American courts.

The parents argued that the lawsuit is their only chance for some measure of justice in their son's death, and some justices appeared to agree.

In past cases, courts that have limited the right to sue have "been able to point to some alternative remedy," Justice Elena Kagan said. "And here, there really is nothing."

Kagan and the other three liberal justices indicated they would support the parents' lawsuit because the shooting happened close to the border in an area in which the two nations share some responsibilities, including for upkeep.

But Justice Anthony Kennedy and other conservative justices suggested that the boy's death on the Mexican side of the border was enough to keep the matter out of U.S. courts.

Kennedy noted the court has been reluctant to allow civil rights lawsuits like the one the parents filed, especially when they may affect international relations. "This is a sensitive area of foreign affairs where the political branches ought to discuss with Mexico what the solutions ought to be," Kennedy said.

Other justices worried about a decision that could open courthouse doors to victims of U.S. drone strikes, or other military actions. "How do you analyze the case of a drone strike in Iraq where the plane is piloted from Nevada?" Chief Justice John Roberts asked.

Lawyer Robert Hilliard, representing the parents, said the court easily could limit its decision to incidents that occur near the border.

The Trump administration, like its predecessor, is arguing that the location of the teenager's death, in Mexico, should be the end of the story.

Deputy Solicitor General Edwin Kneedler told the court that even if the victim had been American and all the other circumstances were the same, the lawsuit should be thrown out.

But Kneedler and Mesa's lawyer both acknowledged that someone killed by an agent on the U.S. side of the border could sue.

"That doesn't make a whole lot of sense, does it? To distinguish these two victims?" Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said.

Even if the justices were to rule that the lawsuit can be filed, Sergio's family still would have to prevail on two other issues. The government said the parents' claims under the Fourth Amendment should be dismissed because its protections against unreasonable search and seizure don't apply to noncitizens outside the U.S.

Privacy experts are watching the case because it could affect how courts treat global internet surveillance, particularly when foreigners are involved.

Mesa also should be shielded from liability for the shooting, Mesa and the government argued in court papers.

Sergio's shooting was not an isolated border incident. Parents of another teenager killed in Nogales, Mexico, by a federal agent in a cross-border shooting have filed a civil rights lawsuit that is being delayed until the Supreme Court rules.

While Kagan said Tuesday that U.S. officials almost never bring criminal charges in these cases, federal prosecutors are pursuing second-degree murder charges against Agent Lonnie Swartz in the death of Jose Antonio Elena Rodriguez, 16. Swartz was on the Arizona side of the border when he shot the teenager.

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Things to do

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8585.

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

■ "Newsies: The Musical," 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $23. fathomevents.com.

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

Seliger in Midland

State Sen. Kel Seliger will be in Midland on Friday on his tour of District 31 associated with his role of "Governor for a Day."

Seliger will be meeting with constituents 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at MAC's Bar-B-Que & Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

The senator also is scheduled to attend an ice cream social 1:30 p.m. at Texas Tech University Health Science Center, Permian Basin, 800 W. Fourth St. in Odessa.

Community calendar

■ The Small Business Development Center at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin will hold an introduction to business ownership seminar 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

For more information, call 552-2455.

■ The 61st annual Midland Downtown Lions Club Pancake Jamboree is planned for 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at the Lions Club building, 200 Plaza St. Tickets are $7 each for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and drink.

The jamboree benefits the club's programs, including its eyeglass recycling center and Texas Lions Camp.

■ The second Rebels on the Run, a 5K benefiting the Lee High School volleyball team, is set for March 4 at Midland College. The chipped timed race kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Entrance fee is $25.

For more information, contact Brandie Gillette at 413-6766 or angelcake271$yahoo.com.

■ Casa de Amigos and Chevron Corp.'s SOMOS Employee Network are sponsoring free citizenship classes. The classes, which began Tuesday, are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Casa, 1101 E. Garden Lane. The sessions continue for eight weeks.

For more information, call 682-9701.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

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■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)
■ Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2017. There are 312 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge delivered the first radio broadcast from the White House as he addressed the country over 42 stations.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1959, the inaugural Daytona 500 race was held; although Johnny Beauchamp was initially declared the winner, the victory was later awarded to Lee Petty.

In 1980, the "Miracle on Ice" took place in Lake Placid, New York, as the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets, 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

MPO lays out priority projects, elects new chairman

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization is making an extra effort to get more transportation funding in this area.

The public policy board at its February meeting Monday voted to approve a resolution adopting a 10-year prioritized project list, which will be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation in Austin.

MPO Executive Director Cameron Walker told the Reporter-Telegram that TxDOT declared the document to be optional on Feb. 7; however, the public policy board and technical advisory committee worked nearly two months on the list and the hope is to leverage funding in Austin for the MPO's projects.

Priority projects on the 10-year list are as follows:

■ The construction of a new interchange at Loop 250 and Fairgrounds Road. The estimated cost is $16,640,000.

■ The construction of a new interchange at Loop 338 and U.S. Highway 385 in Ector County. The price is projected at $17,280,000.

■ The reconfiguration of interchanges and addition of direct connectors at State Highway 191 in the area of Loop 250 between Thomason Drive and Wadley Avenue. The cost is projected at $23,260.

■ The construction of a new interchange at Loop 250 and county roads 1150 and 60. The estimated cost is $19,200,000.

■ The construction of a new interchange at Loop 338 North and Yukon Road in Ector County. The price is estimated to cost $19,000,000.

■ Upgrading the standards at Farm-to-Market Road 1788 between SH 191 and Interstate 20. The price listed is $6,000,000.

■ Improvements to mobility and the addition of capacity at several places along I-20: JBS Parkway to FM 1788 ($31,500,000), FM 1788 to Loop 250's western junction ($22,500,000), FM 1936 to Loop 338's western junction ($8,100,000) and Loop 338's western junction to U.S. 385 ($14,400,000).

■ Reconstruct the interchange I-20 and Loop 338's western junction. The estimated cost is $11,000,000.

■ The construction of a new interchange and conversion of 1 mile of U.S. 385 to freeway at Loop 338. The cost will be $23,000,000.

Also on Monday, Odessa Mayor David Turner was elected as the policy board's new chairman. Midland County Commissioner Robin Donnelly was elected as vice chairman. Those were the only nominations.

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

P&Z OKs zone change for convenience store, drive-thru car wash

From staff reports

Planning & Zoning commissioners on Tuesday approved a zone change to the area of Andrews Highway and Cuthbert Avenue that would allow for the construction of a convenience store and drive-thru car wash facility. The vote was 6-0.

Memorial Christian Church requested for a zone change from one-family dwelling district (1F-1) to local retail district (LR-2) at 1001 Andrews Highway. City staff said the applicant provided a site plan that shows a convenience store of about 3,500 square feet, a drive-thru car wash of about 7,500 square feet and an open area that will have about 18 self-serve car vacuums.

The 2.66-acre site requires a re-plat, which commissioners also approved Monday among all other items on the consent agenda.

City staff said the site is the only one zoned for housing in the area. It is surrounded by retail. The rezoning is in compliance with the Tall City Tomorrow plan.

The commission also approved 6-0 a specific-use permit without term for an accessory building at 1601 Magnolia Ave. to be used as living or sleeping quarters. The applicant wants to convert an existing, 400-square-foot structure on the property into living quarters with amenities such as a living room, bathroom and kitchenette, city staff said. The property is currently only approved for one living quarters.

The city will require a certificate of occupancy before it can be used for dwelling purposes.

MC president hopes for boost in state funding

By Simone Jasper
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"The goal is to have adequate funding for colleges. There is a $4 billion to $6 billion shortfall in state revenue. It's hard to go to a senator's office to ask for funding when they don't have that. In our budget, we have had to increase our tuition. Of course, our board members are sensitive about doing that. You still pay about one-third of what you pay at a university."

Steve Thomas, Midland College president

Texas legislators have expressed support for requests to appropriate funds for community colleges, according to Midland College President Steve Thomas.

Thomas told the Reporter-Telegram after Tuesday's MC Board of Trustees meeting that he and other members of Texas Association of Community Colleges have met with state lawmakers to share the value of funding the educational institutions.

"We've made progress as far as their support," Thomas said. "If they can find money when they manage the budget, we can get an increase."

Thomas said the association hopes to receive an extra $87 million in appropriations during this legislative session, which would constitute an additional $1 million for MC.

Thomas, who serves on the executive committee of TACC, has shared the plan with West Texas legislators, including state Rep. Tom Craddick and state Sen. Kel Seliger.

Thomas said lawmakers have been receptive of the association's request to increase funding for the 50 community college districts. He said some draw a connection to the state's strategic plan for higher education, which aims for at least 60 percent of Texans 25 to 34 to earn a certificate or degree by 2030.

"They know the importance of community colleges and their role in the strategic plan of 60X30," Thomas said. "They understand the importance of what we do for the workforce and community training."

But Thomas said selling the idea isn't always easy.

"The goal is to have adequate funding for colleges," Thomas said. "There is a $4 billion to $6 billion shortfall in state revenue. It's hard to go to a senator's office to ask for funding when they don't have that."

Over the years, cuts in state funding have prompted MC to increase tuition and fees, Thomas said.

"In our budget, we have had to increase our tuition," Thomas said. "Of course, our board members are sensitive about doing that. You still pay about one-third of what you pay at a university."

Thomas doesn't think potential tuition and fee increases will bother Seliger, chair of the Senate Committee on Higher Education. Seliger filed bills this legislative session aimed at lowering tuition costs.

"When comparing community colleges to universities, we are still very affordable," Thomas said.

At the meeting, the MC Board of Trustees approved some proposals, including two aviation maintenance associate of applied science degrees, a 2016 racial profiling report and alcohol service at two on-campus events.

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night that the district currently has a "human capital problem" but
he is confident that implementing
professional learning communities (PLCs) with fidelity will create an environment where teachers are in control of how they teach.

He said after the forum that PLCs also will make Midland attractive for young teachers who can learn from master teachers and grow inside the classroom and develop professionally.

Midland ISD is in the second year of implementing PLCs. By the end of year three, all schools will have been introduced to the concept. The governance report calls for the next superintendent to maintain PLCs.

Interim Superintendent Rod Schroder said implementing PLCs with fidelity led to lower teacher turnover in Amarillo when he led that district's reform efforts. He said teachers saw strategies create results in student success, which encouraged teachers more.

He said even at a campus that was 95 percent economically disadvantaged and with a "challenging refugee problem," teacher turnover was no greater than the district average.

"They feel like they are making a significant difference," Schroder said. "At one particular school, it is starting to affect the students, who are charting their own progress. ... They see the success they are making."

The Lone Star Governance Report specifies that adult convenience or preference would not take priority over the academic progress of students, or as Davis told those in attendance, "student outcomes don't change until adult behaviors change."

Davis said he hopes there is a culture change inside the district, so that if an employee is asked to go to a campus that is less-proficient academically, the teacher will see it as a badge of honor.

But the discussion about teachers focused on PLCs. Davis said PLCs are a response to the complaints that teachers aren't allowed to teach. He said with PLCs, teachers can come up with plans for all students — those who get the lessons and those who don't.

"PLC is a way to empower teachers to give them the responsibility to teach," Davis said. "There is no better way to learn than to teach."

MISD community meetings

Future hour-long meetings planned to introduce a draft of the Lone Star Governance Report.

■ 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Stonegate Fellowship

■ 6:30 p.m. Monday, Greater Ideal Family Life Center.

■ 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Hispanic Cultural Center (conducted in Spanish)

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on the promises we made to the American public.

My message to President (Donald) Trump, to the Cabinet and to leaders in both houses is let's do what we said. Let's repeal Obamacare. Let's enact regulatory reform to reduce the burdens from Washington on small businesses and job creators. Let's pass fundamental tax reform to simplify the tax code and lessen the burdens on small businesses and on families. Let's protect our constitutional rights, rebuild the military and keep this nation safe. Those are my priorities.

This year, if we follow through on our promises, we should repeal Obamacare and replace it with patient-centered reform that puts you, the patient, in charge of your health care with your doctor (and) without government getting in the way that lowers premiums, expands choices and expands options.

We should implement regulatory reform to allow the private sector to generate millions of high-paying jobs. We should pass fundamental tax reform; ideally, a simple flat tax. We should confirm a strong constitutional conservative; we should confirm Judge (Neil) Gorsuch to replace Justice (Antonin) Scalia on the Supreme Court. If we do that, it will be an historic year of accomplishment. If we fall short, the American people will rightly hold us accountable.

MRT: Is there anything that you'd like to have happen that might not be getting enough press?

Cruz: This year, we should be focused on job and economic growth. My No. 1 priority in the Senate is job and economic growth, and the reason is simple: That's the No. 1 priority of Texans here in Midland and all across the state of Texas.

The key to jobs and economic growth is tax reform and regulatory reform, lessening the burdens of Washington on job creators. My focus is on exactly that. Reining back the job-crushing regulations coming out of Washington; repealing Obamacare, which is the biggest job killer in America; and simplifying the tax code and lessening the burden of federal taxes so we can see millions of new jobs in the energy sector and all across the economy here in Texas and across the country.

MRT: What's your strategy for cutting through the noise that surrounds the Trump presidency to get the word out about what you and the Senate are doing?

Cruz: There are a great many people in Washington, Senate Democrats and members of the national media, who are in a state of denial over this election. They're filled with rage and fury, angry at the American people for electing a Republican president and a Republican Congress. The attacks leveled by the media and by Senate Democrats on President Trump and the new administration are relentless and will only increase.

I believe Texans want us to focus on facts and substance and policy and jobs and economic growth. That's my focus. I am excited to be rolling up my sleeves and working hard to accomplish what we promised the voters. That's the job Texans have sent me to Washington to do, and I jump out of bed every morning to be fighting for 27 million Texans across our great state.

MRT: Have you recovered from the presidential campaign?

Cruz: (My wife) Heidi and I are filled with gratitude for having the opportunity to run. It was the most fun I've ever had in my life. It was inspiring just seeing grassroots activism across Texas and across the country standing up and fighting to change the path of our nation, to get back to the free-enterprise principles our nation was built on, to restore the Constitution.

In our presidential campaign, we saw over 326,000 volunteers across the country. We received over 1.8 million contributions from across the country. It was humbling and inspiring to see so many men and women pouring their hearts into fighting for our country, to see young people, to see veterans, to see small business owners, to see working men and women fighting for the principles America was built on — it was an incredible privilege to be a part of that journey.

Heidi and I are very grateful to have been a part of it and to continue fighting for those very same principles representing Texas and the United States Senate.

MRT: Are you considering another presidential run at this point?

Cruz: My focus is on accomplishing the promises that we made to the voters. Right now today in February 2017, we have an historic opportunity that happens only very, very rarely. We don't have any excuses anymore. We have to put up or shut up. My entire focus is on doing the hard work of pulling back the burdens of Washington on small businesses and job creators, on protecting our freedoms and following through on the promises we made to the American people.

MRT: Why haven't you set up a West Texas office yet?

Cruz: The West Texas regional director is here often; I am here often. I have got to say that Midland and Odessa are incredible and unique in the state of Texas. Indeed, I think it is the most entrepreneurial place in the entire country.

I will continue to be back here often. We will remain active with our state office responding to the needs and constituent service demands of West Texans.

Trump pick as security adviser is nod toward pragmatism

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's choice of an outspoken but non-political Army general as national security adviser is a nod to pragmatism, but Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster will serve a commander in chief with unorthodox ideas about foreign policy and an inner circle of advisers determined to implement them.

McMaster, 54, is an independent-minded soldier widely admired for his leadership skills, but he is short on experience in Washington's trenches. His appointment reinforces the more mainstream approach to security that Trump is getting from Pentagon chief Jim Mattis, who seems to have steered the administration toward stronger support for NATO and allies in Asia, and away from the reauthorization of torture in interrogations.

Still, it's an open question how McMaster, a decorated combat veteran, will fare in a White House that has set up what some call a parallel power structure led by Stephen Bannon and his strategic initiatives group, whose role and reach hasn't been publicly explained. As Trump's chief strategist, Bannon, the conservative media executive with outspoken views about Islam, has a seat on the National Security Council's principals committee in a restructuring that puts him on equal footing with Cabinet members like Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Sean Spicer, the White House press secretary, said Tuesday that Trump promised McMaster "100 percent control" over the structure of the NSC.

Millions targeted for possible deportation under Trump rules

By Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of people living in the United States illegally could be targeted for deportation — including people simply arrested for traffic violations — under a sweeping rewrite of immigration enforcement policies announced Tuesday by the Trump administration.

Any immigrant who is in the country illegally and is charged or convicted of any offense, or even suspected of a crime, will now be an enforcement priority, according to Homeland Security Department memos signed by Secretary John Kelly. That could include people arrested for shoplifting or minor offenses — or simply having crossed the border illegally.

The Trump administration memos replace more narrow guidance focusing on immigrants who have been convicted of serious crimes, are considered threats to national security or are recent border crossers.

Under the Obama administration guidance, immigrants whose only violation was being in the country illegally were generally left alone. Those immigrants fall into two categories: those who crossed the border without permission and those who overstayed their visas.

Crossing the border illegally is a criminal offense, and the new memos make clear that those who have done so are included in the broad list of enforcement priorities.

Overstaying a visa is a civil, not criminal, offense. Those who do so are not specifically included in the priority list but, under the memos, they are still more likely to face deportation than they had been before.

The new enforcement documents are the latest efforts by President Donald Trump to follow through on campaign promises to strictly enforce immigration laws. He's also promised to build a wall at the Mexican border — he insists Mexico will eventually foot the bill — and Kelly's memos reiterate calls for Homeland Security to start planning for the costs and construction.

Trump's earlier immigration orders, which banned all refugees as well as foreigners from seven Muslim-majority countries, have faced widespread criticism and legal action. A federal appeals court has upheld a temporary halt.

Kelly's enforcement plans call for enforcing a longstanding but obscure provision of immigration law that allows the government to send some people caught illegally crossing the Mexican border back to Mexico, regardless of where they are from. Those foreigners would wait in that country for U.S. deportation proceedings to be complete. This would be used for people who aren't considered a threat to cross the border illegally again, the memo says.

That provision is almost certain to face opposition from civil libertarians and Mexican officials, and it's unclear whether the United States has the authority to force Mexico to accept third-country nationals. But the memo also calls for Homeland Security to provide an account of U.S. aid to Mexico, a possible signal that Trump plans to use that funding to get Mexico to accept the foreigners.

Historically, the U.S. has quickly repatriated Mexican nationals caught at the border but has detained immigrants from other countries pending deportation proceedings that could take years.

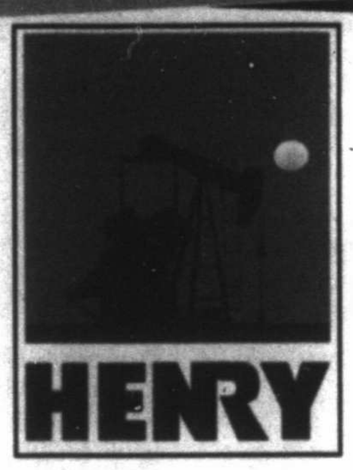
The memos do not change U.S. immigration laws, but take a far harder line toward enforcement.

One example involves broader use of a program that fast-tracks deportations. It will now be applied to immigrants who cannot prove they have been in the United States longer than two years. It's unclear how many immigrants that could include.

Since at least 2002, that fast deportation effort — which does not require a judge's order — has been used only for immigrants caught within 100 miles of the border, within two weeks of crossing illegally.

The administration also plans to expand immigration jail capacity. Currently, Homeland Security has money and space to jail 34,000 immigrants at a time. It's unclear how much an increase would cost, but Congress would have to approve any new spending.

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UIL, state of Texas wrestle with gender identity

■ What happened in a high school wrestling match is more than hypothetical



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

As we navigate the brave and befuddling new world of gender identity, Mack Beggs was inevitable.

And so was Madeline Rocha.

Both are accomplished high school athletes to be celebrated for the time and sweat it takes to become such, especially in their grueling sport of choice.

Beggs, 17, of Euless Trinity High School, heads to Cypress this week to wrestle for a state title in the 110-pound class. Dallas Morning News sportswriter Michael Florek captured the emotional scene after Beggs recently won the regional title at a meet in Allen.

"The winning wrestler pulled a tearful runner-up next to him on the victory stand," Florek wrote, "and they exchanged a hug after a match that never took place."

The match that never took place was for the 110-pound girls championship at the Class 6A Region II wrestling meet. And the "him" that Florek wrote about was Beggs, the winner of that title.

Confused? That's OK. Much of society is as we wrestle with gender questions as simple as which bathroom folks should use and as complex as who's a he and who's a she when it comes to things like high school wrestling.

Beggs, born biologically female, now is a transgender teen transitioning to and identifying as male. But as far as the University Interscholastic League is concerned, he's a girl — a girl who's been taking testosterone treatments since October 2015 as part of the transformation.

UIL rules say high school athletes are, genderwise, what they were at birth. And wrestling is gender specific. Boys can't wrestle girls.

Another UIL rule bars steroid use but includes what's known as a "safe harbor" provision for substances "dispensed, prescribed, delivered and administrated by a medical practitioner for a valid medical purpose." Beggs' transformation is a valid medical purpose.

So, undefeated this season, Beggs wrestles as a girl but with pharmacological advantages not available to other competitors in girls wrestling. Coppell High School wrestler Rocha, with no reason offered by her coach, forfeited instead of wrestling Beggs in the regional final. (FYI, Rocha also qualified for the upcoming state championship meet.) You'll see in a minute how a pending lawsuit probably factored into the forfeiture.

Several opponents have forfeited instead of wrestling against Beggs, who, according to Nancy Beggs, would rather compete against boys.

"Today was not about their students winning," Nancy Beggs, Mack Beggs' grandmother and guardian, told the Dallas newspaper. "Today was about bias, hatred and ignorance. These kids (from the two high schools) have wrestled each other before, they know each other, and they were not happy with this."

Earlier this month, the UIL was sued by a Coppell lawyer (and parent of a wrestler) who claims Beggs should be suspended because the testosterone use could expose opponents to "imminent threat of bodily harm." I'm guessing that's why Rocha forfeited. It would not help the Coppell parent's lawsuit if a wrestler from that school was put on the mat against a wrestler who poses an imminent threat of bodily harm, as alleged in the lawsuit.

So, bottom line, we end up with a situation that seems unfair to two student-athletes who didn't get to do what they want to do. Beggs wants to wrestle against boys. And Rocha just wants to wrestle.

As is often the case, I'm devoid of workable solutions. One might be for the UIL to go with what seems to be today's progressive line of thought and let people self-identify their gender. But that's a solution that could lead to another problem.

What if there's a biologically male-born wrestler who identifies as female but is at the beginning of medical transition? Should that kid wrestle against girls? And maybe, because wrestling is done by weight class, this is a sport in which gender doesn't matter (though by the time kids are high school seniors a 120-pound boy might have some physical advantages over a 120-pound girl).

It is imperative that we remain sympathetic and understanding to any person, young or otherwise, facing a challenge as daunting as gender identity. The bathroom bill pending at the Capitol is the trivial tip of this most nontrivial issue.

As I wrote in May when public discussion of the bathroom situation began to heat up, there are situations where it seems we need laws and rules concerning gender identity. Situations that come to mind include scholarships awarded on gender basis, government contracts issued on gender basis and attendance at single-gender schools.

And on the high school wrestling mat.

The bathroom bill pending at the Capitol seems to be more about politics than a real-world problem that cannot be dealt with except by a state law.

But at some point we are going to have to deal with larger, more important questions of gender identity.

What happened to two student-athletes at a high school wrestling meet was not fair to either of them.

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OUR VIEW

Former Lee RB needs dose of reality, not more coddling

In early March, a group of Midlanders will be voting on the next class of honorees for Hall of Legends, Midland ISD's athletic hall of fame.

And for yet another voting cycle, Cedric Benson will not make the cut.

We used to believe this was a shortcoming of the system, maybe a transgression of those voting. After all, how do you have a hall of fame in Midland without including the greatest high school football player to ever play in our town?

Here's the deal. The athletic committee knew what it was doing all along. In fact, the committee was doing something that should have been done years ago — not coddling the former Lee Rebel running back. And the record will show, the only person keeping Benson out of the district's hall of fame is Benson.

On Monday, we learned he ran into trouble with the law another time. He was arrested for DWI last weekend. It was a third arrest. We don't know what the outcome of his legal proceeding will be, and of course, he should be presumed innocent until the legal system has its say.

For the rest of our view, we go back to an editorial written in 2011.

"We have grown tired of Benson's antics, and we're not the only ones. While his on-the-field high school resume surpasses any other athlete in our city's history, we don't expect to see him put into our school district's athletic hall of honor any time soon. Why should they risk the embarrassment of taking a chance on the unpredictable former Lee Rebel? It doesn't matter he's arguably the greatest football player in the city's history.

"From our vantage point Benson acts like the entitled, coddled superstar who's never seen a situation big enough to change his way. There's always someone to get him out of predicaments. We kept hoping things would change — that the latest brush with the law would be his last. We keep getting let down. It's a shame.

"We have hoped there would be a day when Benson could come back to Midland and be given a salute as the key player on a team that delivered Lee High School three straight state football championships — the ultimate team accomplishment in our city's history. But that day isn't in the foreseeable future. Benson certainly isn't a role model. His off-the-field issues have turned him into just another football player who couldn't see the entire picture of what it means to be a success in life."

Disclosure: Reporter-Telegram Editor Stewart Doreen is a member of the hall of fame selection committee.

For those who want to nominate a favorite athlete for the Midland ISD Hall of Legends, please contact the Midland ISD athletic office at 432-240-1570 or go to http://midlandisd.net/domain/2474

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Wrestler just wants to compete



JACQUIELYNN FLOYD
Dallas Morning News

Mack Beggs is a student athlete, a wrestler. He wants to participate in the sport he loves, with a minimum of fuss and hand-wringing.

Adults are making that awfully hard for this 17-year-old junior at Trinity High School in Euless. Mack is a transgender male who has been taking medically prescribed testosterone for a year and a half. That's who he is.

But as the dawning realization among society at large wrestles (so to speak) with the fact that, yes, trans people do exist, a lot of people can't cope with the notion without losing their minds.

Mack's point is pretty straightforward: Like his teammates and athletes from other schools, he just wants to compete.

"These kids don't care who you put in front of them to wrestle," he said in a Facebook post Sunday. "We just want to WRESTLE."

Overwrought grown-ups have decided it certainly can't be that easy. Mack is forbidden by University Interscholastic League rules from competing on the boys team because his birth certificate lists his gender as female.

But at least two parents from an opposing team recently filed a lawsuit to have him suspended from the girls team, which is where — by default — he has participated all year.

Over the weekend, he won the girls' regional title in his weight class, but not on the terms he might have wished: Two of his scheduled opponents forfeited without facing him — perhaps at the behest of the adults caught up in this drama.

"I feel so sick and disgusted by the discrimination not by the kids [but by] the PARENTS and COACHES," Mack said in his post. "They are taking away from me and from the people I'm competing with."

This kid is not — as the ballyhooed chorus so often arises — seeking "special treatment" or privileged status. He wants to wrestle for the boys team, but the league says no. So he wrestles with the girls, and now parents say no. What would you have him do?

In the lawsuit filed by the parent of a female Coppell High School wrestler (who is in a different weight class and would not have faced Mack in any event), concern was raised over Mack's use of testosterone.

That's a widely accepted medical necessity in gender-reassignment cases, not a subterfuge to gain a competitive edge. Would a similar suit have been filed in the case of a student taking prescribed testosterone for, say, a pituitary disorder or testicular cancer?

The lawsuit says the changes caused by testosterone might pose a safety problem for his female opponents, a concern easily addressed by assigning him, as he wishes, to the boys team. But the suit calls for him to be banned for steroid use, as if he had not complied consistently with UIL rules for medication — which he has.

Mack has declined to speak directly to reporters, saying he wants to focus on the upcoming competition in the state finals. But his Facebook remarks suggest it isn't his teammates or opponents or fellow students who are fueling his frustration: It's the adults who are turning his very existence into a political pie fight.

"A wrestler is a wrestler all the way to the heart," said Mack's grandmother and legal guardian, Nancy Beggs, in an interview with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "They don't care who the other player is, they don't care about skin color or preference — they just want to wrestle."

With the absence of empathy or imagination characteristic of people who fear anybody who falls outside of their personal range of experience, a lot of commenters are calling this kid horrible names online. These are, I expect, the same enlightened folk who fret and worry about scary sex perverts masquerading as transgender women so they can lurk in the ladies room.

If they ask me (which they won't), I defer to the wisdom of my sports columnist colleague Kevin Sherrington, who writes that the UIL needs to find a way to allow transgender athletes to compete in scholastic sports — preferably without a protracted court case to make them do it.

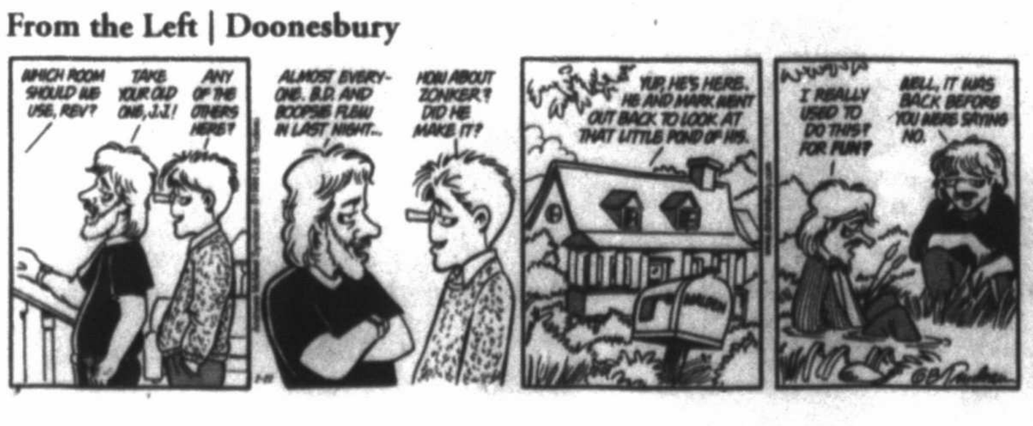
As for Mack Beggs, he's apparently comfortable in his own skin — a hard-earned privilege for transgender people in a culture that too often wants to treat them like space aliens.

It's not complicated at all: The kid just wants to wrestle.

Editor's Note: This column was edited for length.

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GOP's health plan could cost middle class

Proposal would limit how much of an employee's plan can be tax-exempt

By Katie Leslie
Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump campaigned on a promise to repeal the Affordable Care Act and help America's workers.

But some of the GOP proposals to replace Obamacare would hit middle-class Americans right in the wallet, according to several health care experts, employer groups and even a few Republican lawmakers.

At issue is the long-standing tax exclusion for employer-sponsored health insurance, more than $250 billion that Americans who receive insurance from their jobs don't pay in federal income or payroll taxes annually, according to 2016 figures from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Though Republicans have yet to coalesce behind a single replacement bill, prominent proposals from Speaker Paul Ryan and congressman-turned-Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price are among those that would put a cap on how much of an employee's plan can be tax-exempt.

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Critics of the exclusion note that it's the federal government's largest tax subsidy, a giveaway born in the 1940s that has led millions of Americans to be tethered to their employers for health benefits. What's more, the exclusion encourages employers to offer overly generous coverage, which effectively drives up health care costs for everyone.

Opponents of capping the tax exclusion now, however, argue that employers will simply pass the costs to the worker.

Many are already likening the GOP proposals to the so-called Cadillac plan tax, a hotly contested 40 percent excise tax under Obamacare that was met with such opposition that its implementation was delayed until 2020.

"This replacement effectively does the same thing, but instead of taxing the plan, it taxes people," said Mike Thompson, president and chief executive of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions. "Either way, somebody is going to end up paying that tax."

Employer and union groups are already sounding the

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SCRUBBING IN



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Students who are involved in Youth Health Service Corps include David Threadgill, from left in back row, Faith Bippert, Chloe Berry, Leonardo Franco, Jasmin Corralejo, Brooke Rayburn, Kenzie Pulley and Jonathan Mata; and Alicia Soule, from left in front row, Yatziri Armendariz, Reagan Fincher, Alina Urias, Megan Martinez and Haley Mourik.

Health care program introduces students to medical careers

By Simone Jasper
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Some high school students pursuing health care careers already have the opportunity to wear medical scrubs. These students are members of the Youth Health Service Corps, which operates a shadowing program at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Alina Urias, a senior at Midland High School, said observing professionals in the labor and delivery unit strengthened her desire to become an obstetrician/gynecologist.

"It really helped me to try to figure out what I wanted to do as a career," Urias said. "It's one of the opportunities you need to grasp and hold onto. It changed me and how much respect I give to nurses or doctors. You personally fall in love with your own field."

Urias is one of 25 students participating in YHSC, a program through the Permian Basin Area Health Education Center at Midland College.

Susie Dominguez, health career coordinator for AHEC, said the program aims to attract West Texans to the medical field.

"There's a shortage in health care professionals now," Dominguez said. "There are high school students who we need to recruit."

During the school year, students spend 40 hours shadowing employees of various departments at MMH. The

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JIM LONGSTREET
Permian Basin Master Gardeners



Cold-weather vegetables can be planted now

■ Midland Health Community Garden has plots available

Now is the time to begin planting your vegetable garden.

Obviously, it is too early to plant vegetables that are sensitive to low temperatures and freezing, but many can withstand the cold. Now is the perfect time to plant onions, peas, lettuce, kale, collard greens, spinach, chard, radishes and cilantro. All of those can handle temperatures near freezing and can develop root systems in cold weather and will begin growing above ground when the temperature begins to warm.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to harvest vegetables while others are just beginning to think about gardening.

I call it my smoothie garden because so much of it goes into my morning smoothie: kale, collard greens, chard, and spinach. It is a delicious way to begin the day.

As for the rest of your garden, now is the time to amend your soil with compost in preparation for your larger spring garden. Be sure to till in at least 3 to 4 inches of completed compost so that you can refresh your soil with nutrients that were depleted last year. It is also time to plan your larger spring garden. Be sure to allot enough space for the larger plants such as tomatoes.

May your 2017 garden be fruitful and serve you well, and may your thumb be even greener given all that you learned last year.

If you do not have space at home to start a garden, you may want to consider joining the Midland Health Community Garden. The community garden, which

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Memo to Texas' members of Congress: Don't mess with Medicare

By Bob Jackson
AARP

■ COMMENTARY

As members of Congress return home to their districts in Texas this Presidents Day week, we — the citizens who put them in office — have an opportunity to remind them of this: Medicare is a deal that was made long ago with all Americans. Congress has a duty to protect it!

Proposals to turn Medicare into a voucher system would take health care in precisely the wrong direction — pushing up costs for current and future retirees, and eroding protections that Americans have earned through many years of hard work and taxes.

Yet, in a short-sighted attempt to save money, vouchers are being promoted on Capitol Hill as an answer to rising costs.

Unfortunately, they are the wrong answer. Vouchers pose troubling risks for the 3.6 million Texans who are currently in Medicare, not to mention the 4.8 million state residents ages 50 and older who will enter the program in the next 15 years. That's 18 percent of Texas' population.

President Donald Trump made a campaign promise to protect Medicare and Social Security, at one point telling older voters: "I am going to protect and save your Social Security and your Medicare. You made a deal a long time ago."

Congress needs to follow the president's lead. Vouchers would break a basic promise of Medicare, which is to provide a guaranteed benefit package. Under a voucher system, sometimes known as premium

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support, the basic promise could be tossed aside. Instead, consumers would get a fixed dollar amount to help pay for care in the private marketplace.

And if that amount turns out to be insufficient, tough luck. Seniors and future retirees could have to pay thousands of dollars out of their own pockets at a time when they can least afford it.

In Texas, residents in poor health would quickly feel the pain of a voucher system. That includes the approximately 30 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in Texas who have two or three chronic health conditions and rely on care they can afford. Many with limited resources could end up in health plans that limit their choice of doctors and demand high out-of-pocket spending to get needed care.

The median personal income among Texans age 65 and older in 2015 was $19,600. And 10 percent of Texans ages 65 and older lived below the Federal Poverty Level. Raising their health care costs would be disastrous, forcing many to choose between going to the doctor and paying for other necessities.

The risks posed by a voucher proposal are widely recognized. For example, studies by the Congressional Budget Office and Medicare Payment Advisory Commission suggest that moving to vouchers would hit most Medicare beneficiaries in the pocketbook.

Yes, Medicare needs to be strengthened for future generations, but shifting costs to seniors and workers who've paid into the system their entire working lives is the wrong approach. We can put Medicare on stable ground with commonsense solutions, such as clamping down on drug companies' high prices, improving coordination of care and use of technology, and cutting out over-testing, waste and fraud.

For example, the average cost for a year's supply of a prescription drug more than doubled since 2006 to over $11,000 in 2013. That's about three-fourths of the average Social Security retirement benefit, or almost half the median income of people on Medicare. Multiply this by the two to four drugs that many seniors take, and you see the magnitude of the problem.

AARP is committed to working with elected officials of both parties to ensure that Medicare remains financially stable. But solutions must be responsible. On behalf of our 2.3 million Texas members and 38 million throughout the nation, AARP will continue to champion a Medicare system that delivers on the deal Americans have counted on and deserve.

If you share our opposition to vouchers for Medicare, please contact your members of Congress as well as Senators John Cornyn and Ted Cruz to make sure your voice is heard.

Bob Jackson is AARP Texas' state director.

Cardinal at center of Ireland clergy abuse scandals dies

Associated Press

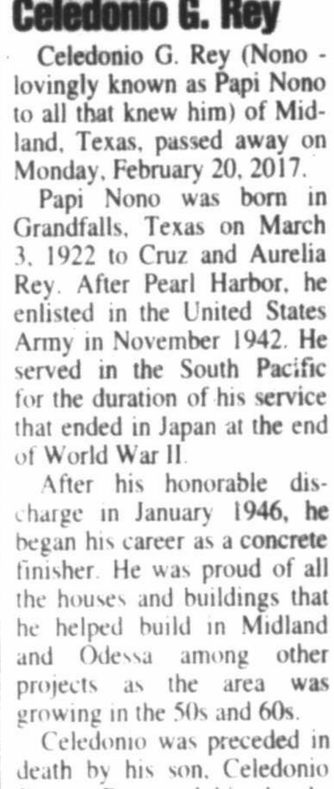
DUBLIN — Cardinal Desmond Connell, whose tenure as Dublin's Roman Catholic archbishop was dominated by revelations of pedophilia in the priesthood, has died at the age of 90.

The Dublin Archdiocese said Connell died Tuesday in his sleep after a long illness. He oversaw the archdiocese from 1988 to 2004 and was elevated to cardinal in 2001.

Connell, who spent 35 years as a University College Dublin theologian before his appointment, said in 2002 that the child abuse scandals then sweeping through the Catholic Church in Ireland had devastated his time in office.

Obituaries





Celedonio G. Rey

Celedonio G. Rey (Nono - lovingly known as Papi Nono to all that knew him) of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 20, 2017.

Papi Nono was born in Grandfalls, Texas on March 3, 1922 to Cruz and Aurelia Rey. After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the United States Army in November 1942. He served in the South Pacific for the duration of his service that ended in Japan at the end of World War II.

After his honorable discharge in January 1946, he began his career as a concrete finisher. He was proud of all the houses and buildings that he helped build in Midland and Odessa among other projects as the area was growing in the 50s and 60s.

Celedonio was preceded in death by his son, Celedonio Jimmy Rey, and his daughters, Margie Rodriguez and Irma Billalba.

He is survived by the love of his life, Rosa Rey; his sons, Alfonso Rey of Austin, and Danny Rey and wife Cecilia of Albuquerque New Mexico; daughters, Celia Sosa and husband Luis, and Melinda Rey Hernandez, both of Midland; and by 22 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

There will be a rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017, with visitation from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Pallbearers will be Justin Tarango, Jarred Sosa, Joshua Sosa, Chris Leyva, Sergio Leyva, Jr., Matthew Hernandez, Carmel Lujan, Jr., and Michael Rey.

Honorary pallbearers are Zakariah Leyva and Mark Hernandez.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

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

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Charles Mark Jones, Jr.

Charles Mark Jones, Jr., 29, of Odessa, Texas, went to be with our Lord and Savior on February 14, 2017 in Orlando, Florida.

Mark, Jr. enjoyed playing golf with friends and in competition. He graduated from Permian High School in 2006. Mark won 96 individual golf tournaments as well as multiple partnerships. Mark enjoyed laughing and making other people laugh. He was a Christian who loved the Lord with all his heart. Mark was a member of Mission Dorado Baptist Church.

Mark is preceded in death by his grandfather, Reverend Charles W. Jones; grandfather, L.C. Flowers; grandmother, Yvonne Menges; and uncle, Randy Flowers.

Mark is survived by his mother, Delilah Flowers Jones; father, Charles Mark Jones, Sr., and wife Alison Jones; grandmother, Fae Jones; brother, Brad Pettiet and wife Angela; sister, Lisa Paterson; brothers, Jimmy, Brandon, and Patrick Warne, uncles, Ronny Flowers and wife Pam, Richard (Fudd) Flowers and wife Jacque, Paul Jones and wife Katia, and daughter Tabitha Jones; David Jones and wife Lisa, and son David Adam Jones; aunt, Tarra Nann Cox and husband David; nephews, Bryce and Brantley Pettiet; and nieces, Jordyn Burner and Rylee Paterson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors, 4635 Oakwood Dr. Odessa, Texas 79761.

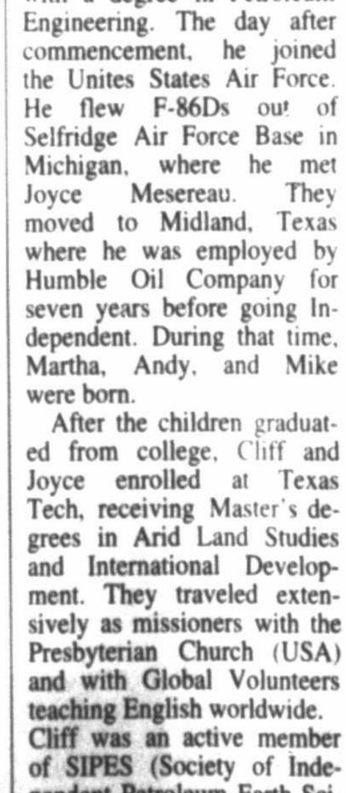
Services will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Crossroads Fellowship 6901 E. Highway 191, Odessa, Texas 79762. Burial services will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens 6801 E. Business 20, Odessa, Texas 79762.

Pallbearers are Jonny Kidd, Blake Parks, Will Kinnaird, Rocky Hutson, Brian Scherer, Brandon Warne, Tate Schwarz, and Trey Schwarz.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Mission Dorado Baptist Church Building Fund 4142 Faudree Rd., Odessa, Texas 79762.

Our family finds peace in knowing he is in our Lord and Savior's arms.

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THE PIPES ARE SILENT

Clifford H. Sherrod, Jr., a highly respected bagpipe player in Midland, piped his last tune on February 21, 2017. He was born at home on January 23, 1930 during a blizzard in Oklahoma City to Lovell and Clifford Sherrod, Sr.

Cliff graduated from Oklahoma University in 1951 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. The day after commencement, he joined the Unites States Air Force. He flew F-86Ds out of Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan, where he met Joyce Mesereau. They moved to Midland, Texas where he was employed by Humble Oil Company for seven years before going Independent. During that time, Martha, Andy, and Mike were born.

After the children graduated from college, Cliff and Joyce enrolled at Texas Tech, receiving Master's degrees in Arid Land Studies and International Development. They traveled extensively as missioners with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and with Global Volunteers teaching English worldwide. Cliff was an active member of SIPES (Society of Independent Petroleum Earth Scientists), AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geologists), the Santa Rita Club and the QB's (Quiet Birdmen).

He served on the Symphony Board and the Advisory Board of the Samaritan Counseling Center. He was a lifetime Presbyterian Elder, serving on all courts, local, Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Pan American School. He was also a founding member of the Celtic Heritage Society of Midland.

Cliff was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; brother, Dale; daughter, Martha; sons, Andy and his wife Carole, and Mike; and by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and counting.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Midland and the Visiting Angels, especially Jacqueline, La'tosha, and Claudia.

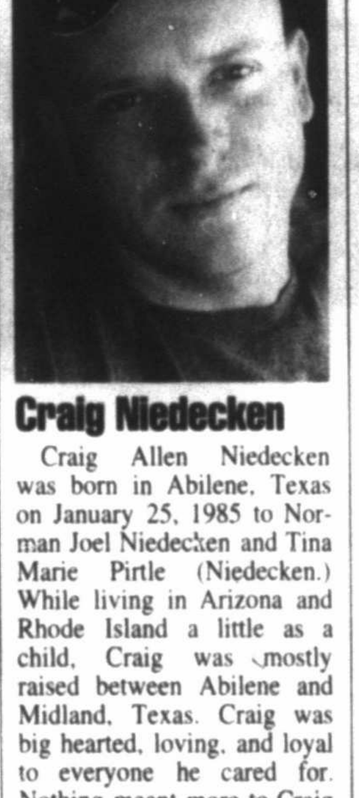
A viewing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

There will be a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service at Grace Presbyterian Church at 12:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Manor Park at 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707, to Grace Presbyterian Church at 2801 N. Garfield, Midland, TX, 79705, to Hospice of Midland at 911 West Texas, Midland, TX 79701, or to Visiting Angels at 1031 Andrews Hwy #201, Midland, TX 79701.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com* and at *CliffordHSherrodmemories@gmail.com*.

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Craig Niedecken

Craig Allen Niedecken was born in Abilene, Texas on January 25, 1985 to Norman Joel Niedecken and Tina Marie Pirtle (Niedecken.) While living in Arizona and Rhode Island a little as a child, Craig was mostly raised between Abilene and Midland, Texas. Craig was big hearted, loving, and loyal to everyone he cared for. Nothing meant more to Craig than family. Craig never met a stranger and would give everything he had to help someone in need.

Craig met his wife, Tiffany Le-Anne Neatherlin, in Midland in January 2014. They were married on January 7, 2016. They had two children together, Gracelynn Jewel Niedecken and Taylor Cole Niedecken.

Craig was called home on February 16, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Tiffany Le-Anne Niedecken; four sons, Ethan Daniel Niedecken, Aaron True-Allen Niedecken, Aaron Cade Mobley, and Taylor Cole Niedecken; four daughters, Jasmine Rene Niedecken, Madison Rae'Ann Mobley, Maci Da'Kota Lane, and Gracelynn Jewel Niedecken; his father, Norman Niedecken; his mother, Tina Tippett; step mom, Bonnie Niedecken; step dad, Aaron Tippett; three brothers, Casey Niedecken, Christopher Niedecken, and Cody Niedecken; and by four sisters, Donna Bessire, Tanya Watkins, Jami Niedecken, and Tori Rogers.

He is also survived by his grandparents, Carl and Mary Pirtle; and by 10 uncles, nine aunts, three nephews, two nieces, and several cousins, many of whom were as close as brothers.

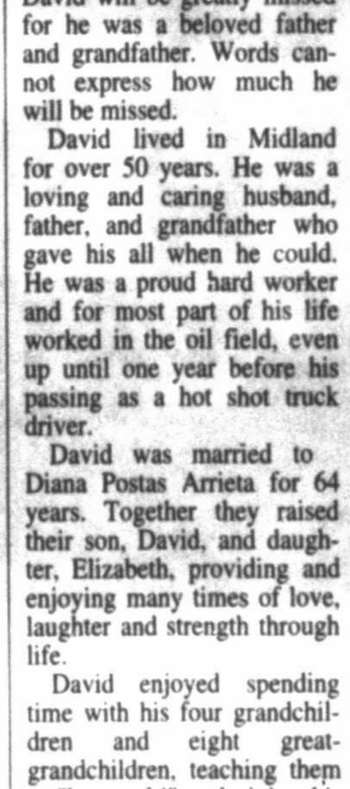
Craig is preceded in death by his grandparents, Alvis and Maxine Niedecken; a few aunts and uncles; and two nieces.

The viewing will be on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Services will be at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2017, with Pastor Jody Pirtle presiding.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

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

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David Tavarez Arrieta

David Tavarez Arrieta, 82, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family on Saturday, February 18, 2017. David will be greatly missed for he was a beloved father and grandfather. Words cannot express how much he will be missed.

David lived in Midland for over 50 years. He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather who gave his all when he could. He was a proud hard worker and for most part of his life worked in the oil field, even up until one year before his passing as a hot shot truck driver.

David was married to Diana Postas Arrieta for 64 years. Together they raised their son, David, and daughter, Elizabeth, providing and enjoying many times of love, laughter and strength through life.

David enjoyed spending time with his four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, teaching them to "be tough!" and giving his time and devotion to them when he could. He also enjoyed watching Dallas Cowboys, wrestling, going to the movies, and being around his family.

Together, David and Diana have moved through life with a generosity of strength and heartfelt for each other and strong spirit that has touched many other lives.

He has left us to join those who have gone before him into the Lord's hands. He is with his father, Jose Arrieta; his mother, Guadalupe T. Arrieta; and his brothers, Daniel and Jose Arrieta, Jr.

David will be forever missed by his devoted and loving wife, Diana; son, David, Jr. and wife Lupe of Midland; daughter, Elizabeth Archuleta and husband Henry of Roswell; granddaughter, Greta Von Paumgartten of Austin with his great-grandchildren David, James, and Sarah; granddaughter, Chrisy Valero and husband Mercedes of Midland with his great-grandson Mercedes, Jr.; granddaughter, Jennifer Lujan-Perez and husband Felix of Austin with great-granddaughter Eva; grandson, David Erik Arrieta of Georgetown with great-grandchildren Brianna, Serenity, and Jacob; sister-in-law, Tere Chalambaga of Sanderson, Twexas; and by several nieces and nephews.

Viewing will be Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers for the service will be Henry Archuleta, Felix Perez, Jr., David Erik Arrieta, Mercedes Valero, Sr., Mercedes Valero, Jr., David Von Paumgartten, and David Jacob Arrieta.

Honorary pallbearer is James Von Paumgartten.

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

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

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Nancy Y. Lee

Nancy Y. Lee went to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 18, 2017 in Midland, Texas after battling a short illness.

Nancy was born on May 12, 1943 in Marfa, Texas to Otis and Doreen Young. Shortly after, the family moved to Marathon, Texas where she attended school. She met the love of her life, Jerry J. Lee, while attending school. After graduating high school, they got married in the summer of 1961. After getting married, they welcomed their first child Vicki Lynn in March of 1962.Three years later, they welcomed their son Sonny Lee.

Nancy and Jerry had a love for cooking. They often competed in chuck wagon cook-offs. After Jerry's death, Nancy followed her dreams and ran the Marathon Coffee Shop where many people got to enjoy her home cooked meals. She was known for being able to make a meal from nothing and it be nothing less than spectacular!

Nancy is survived by her children, Vicki Seidel and husband Richard of Tilden, Texas; Sonny Lee and wife Melissa of Midland; her grandchildren, Brandon Seidel and wife Jackie of Tilden, Shanda Seidel of Tilden, Magan Lee of Midland, and D.J. Lee and wife Leshaun of Midland; her great-grandchildren, Kaity, Karson, and Kyndell of Tilden, Kannon Lee and, coming soon, baby Reagan Lee of Midland; her sister, Kaye Smith of Forsan, Texas; mother-in-law Maisie Lee of Marathon; and numerous other family members.

Nancy is preceded in death by her husband, Jerry J. Lee; her parents, Otis and Doreen Young; her sister, Patsy Winsted; and father-in-law, Guy Lee.

Nancy will be greatly missed by her family and friends. The family would like to thank the nurses and aides at Midland Memorial Hospital along with Hospice of Midland for taking care of Nancy even when she was being hard-headed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Midland at PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

There will be a graveside service at the Marathon Cemetery in Marathon, Texas on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

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

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Ex-Minnesota Orchestra maestro Stanislaw Skrowaczewski dies

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Former longtime Minnesota Orchestra music director Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, who conducted major orchestras in England, Japan and other countries, died Tuesday after suffering a second stroke earlier this month, the orchestra said. He was 93.

Skrowaczewski's family told Minnesota Orchestra president Kevin Smith that he died at a suburban Minneapolis hospital, according to an orchestra spokeswoman. An earlier stroke last fall ended Skrowaczewski's decades of conducting.

Skrowaczewski's last concerts were with the Minnesota Orchestra in October 2016, conducting works by Anton Bruckner, his specialty.

Skrowaczewski led the Minnesota Orchestra for 19 years, starting in 1960, but served on its artistic staff for 56 years. During his tenure as music director, Skrowaczewski was instrumental in the creation of Orchestra Hall, the orchestra's home in downtown Minneapolis that opened in 1974.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Conference on aging is upcoming

The West Texas Conference on Aging is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7 at First Baptist Church.

Keynote speaker is Scott Abel, who will discuss ethical leadership and present a session on multi-generational workforce. Other sessions include aphasia and life after menopause.

Registration is $50 until Friday. After that time it is $75. Seven continuing education units are available.

To register, visit www.midland.edu/hsce or call 681-6354. For more information, contact Kimberly Daw at 681-6338 or kdaw@midland.edu.

Midland Health events

Becoming a Mom, 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150, hopechest@midland-memorial.com; to register, go to 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; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital 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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Plants grow in a plot at Midland Health Community Garden. Plots are available.

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opened in August, will be entering its second gardening season this spring.

There are three individual plots and three wheelchair-accessible raised planters available. Cost to rent a garden plot is $16 per half-year. If you are interested in renting a plot, please call the Community Relations department at 221-1185, email midlandhealthgarden@gmail.com, or visit www.midlandhealth.org/main/community-garden.aspx to download an application

CAREERS

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program also includes monthly meetings, where MMH professionals address health-related topics, including medical privacy rules and effects of tobacco and alcohol use.

Dominguez said the speakers introduce students to medical careers.

"They've been a nurse for a long time and work in management or a different field," Dominguez said. "It opens their eyes. Students ask questions afterward about timelines, like, 'Where did you start off?' It's making an impact on them having Midland Memorial professionals giving presentations."

Students ages 15 and up who attend Midland County schools are eligible for the program, which will release applications for the next cohort in August.

For the 2016-17 school year, YHSC increased its capacity from 15 to 25 students. About 80 students applied for the program, nearly double the number of applicants from the previous year, according to Dominguez. She thinks interest grew because health care is a viable field.

"They know if they're going to go into a health career, they're promised a job and the pay is really good," Dominguez said.

Jonathan Mata, a YHSC participant and junior at MHS, joined the corps to learn about careers in pediatrics and other areas of medicine.

"It was because of my mom," Mata said. "She has (multiple sclerosis). Being in the hospital most of the time with her influenced me wanting to be a nurse."

Mata hopes to earn credits at MC and finish his degree at a state university. Brandi Mata, Jonathan's mother, thinks YHSC will help her son pursue a health care career.

"I'm very thankful and happy about it," Brandi Mata said. "He had only seen what I've gone through but hadn't seen other patients. The first day in the ER, he was very excited about it."

Since YHSC started in Midland in 2011, about half of the participants have chosen to enter the medical field, according to Dominguez. She said the program's ties with MC allow students to consider local, low-cost degree options.

"If money is a barrier, that's a good thing," Dominguez said. "There's the Legacy Scholarship so students who graduate from Midland schools can have college paid for."

Social media posts bring out the 'parent guilt'



ANGIE MORRIS

Centers for Children and Families

Before I became a mom, I had not heard the term "mom guilt." Now it seems I hear this term constantly. "Mom guilt" or "parent guilt" (because dads can feel it, too) can weigh heavy on a parent all the time.

Am I giving my child the right food? Do I read to my child enough? Is my child hitting their milestones on time? Do I spend enough time with my child? Should I stay home? Should I send my child to day care? And the list goes on and on.

As a society, we have never been more connected through social media. Even though staying connected with friends and family can be a good thing, social media is a common source of parent guilt. Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat are means of sharing about our lives. It is easy to look at the posts and see how our lives stack up against the lives of others. We compare ourselves to others. We compare our marriages. We compare our children.

If we are completely honest with ourselves, we would admit that we put our best foot forward when it comes to what we post on social media. We post the cutest pictures of our kids, not the pictures of our children throwing temper tantrums. We post the cute date-night picture of our happy marriage; we do not post about the trivial fights with our spouse. The point is, you certainly cannot compare yourselves to others using social media.

Instead of comparing yourself or your child to others, be encouraging to yourself and to your child. Make goals for yourself and your family. What works for others may not work for you and your family. Embrace the fact that your family is unique.

There is no perfect way to parent (although a comprehensive parenting manual would be nice). Do not compare yourself or your children to others. Love your children and encourage them, and the rest will fall into place.

Bill would crack down on nursing homes

By Julie Chang

Austin American-Statesman

State lawmakers are trying to crack down on bad nursing homes after data has shown that the state government gives many troubled facilities a free pass each year.

In fiscal year 2015, state officials cited nursing homes for 17,466 state violations, but officials took just 40 enforcement actions, according to a report released by AARP Texas last month. Most of the serious violations occurred in 328 of the state's 1,200 facilities, but the state collected fines from only 22 of them, letting others escape accountability when vulnerable residents are hurt, the organization said.

In fiscal year 2016, the state imposed 51 administrative penalties on nursing facilities, which committed 18,089 violations during that time, according to state officials.

State law allows long-term care facilities to avoid state penalties by addressing certain violations within 45 days of receiving notice, as long as there was no serious harm or threat to residents or limits to the facility's ability to provide care. State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, filed a bill Thursday to require penalties for lesser violations, directing the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to develop sanctions based on the violations' scope and severity, and to increase financial penalties for most serious violations.

"Senate Bill 932 goes a long way toward holding nursing home owners and operators in Texas accountable when they hurt residents and jeopardize their health," AARP Texas director Bob Jackson said.

Schwertner said he wanted the bill to "send a clear and unambiguous message that we're serious about protecting our most vulnerable citizens from abuse and neglect."

A Sunset Advisory Commission report in 2014 concluded that the state agency that oversees nursing homes didn't do enough to penalize chronic violators. Two years ago, the Senate approved a similar bill but it failed in the House. Instead, lawmakers passed a law that lets the commission revoke a nursing home's license if the facility amasses three or more violations related to abuse or neglect in a two-year period.

Kevin Warren, head of the Texas Health Care Association, which represents nursing homes, said in an opinion article in the Houston Chronicle last week that "woefully

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alarm. Last week, a group of major employers urged Trump in a letter to keep the exclusion intact, calling it a "direct tax increase" on middle-class workers. Employers provide health insurance to roughly 177 million Americans, the group noted.

Joseph Antos, an economist with the American Enterprise Institute, is among those who argue that lawmakers should consider capping the exclusion. The tax break has led businesses to develop take-it-or-leave-it, costly health insurance plans that not only hurt the average worker's bank account but drive up costs systemwide.

"We're locking people into coverage that isn't right for them," he said. "They're spending their own money — they just don't know it."

But Antos acknowledged the political peril in taking on the issue.

"It's a tax no matter what you call it, and it's clearly on the people who ultimately pay the taxes, which is, in this case, employees," he said. "Politically, it's a real loser. Conceptually, it's a really good idea."

Some experts expect Trump to favor as a replacement the measure Price pushed in recent years, which he called the Empowering Patients First Act.

Price's bill would limit the exclusion to $8,000 for individual policies and $20,000 for families.

Another GOP proposal, from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch and North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr, proposes capping the exclusion at $12,000 for individuals and $30,000 for families. That plan hasn't been reintroduced in the current Congress.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, left open the possibility of a cap in the plan he's helping craft with Republican House leaders.

The measure is "included in a range of options" to help finance a personal tax credit that Americans could use to buy portable, affordable health care, Brady said.

The overarching goal is to help people who don't receive employer-provided insurance, such as small business owners or early retirees.

GOP aides said such a cap would affect a small number of Americans — not everyone who receives employer-provided health insurance. And they note that the middle class is already bearing the financial brunt of the failures of Obamacare, with rising premiums and increasing deductibles.

"The proposal is to give more Americans the flexibility to use it outside of work and to find a way to redesign it that preserves employer-sponsored health care, which is critically important, and do it at a very high limit where the vast majority of Americans still see no difference in their health care," Brady told reporters.

Ryan's Better Way agenda predicts that ending the tax break "will reduce the incentive for employers to divert compensation from wages to ever-larger benefit plans," increase take-home pay and, by lowering "overuse" of services, reduce health care costs.

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Poll: Texans want program that's not 'Obamacare'

By Ross Ramsey

Texas Tribune

Texans want to dump the previous president's signature health care program, but only a small minority want to move on without replacing it, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

If the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, were to be repealed and replaced, 68 percent of Texans said lawmakers should wait until they have a replacement plan worked out before they repeal the current law. A smaller group — 23 percent — would repeal Obamacare immediately and figure out the details of a replacement plan later.

That figure-it-out-first strategy is more popular with Democrats than with any other group, but a majority of Republicans and independents agree with them. Still, a third of Republicans and 45 percent of tea party Republicans said the ACA should be repealed immediately, even if a replacement hasn't surfaced.

Asked about the health care law generally, 52 percent said they would like to repeal it. Two-thirds of

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Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 144685L001, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located at 2863 County Road 125, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas 79739. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

Heart attacks in women are different than in men

By Marlene Cimons
Special to The Washington Post

On that November Sunday in 2015, Stephanie Thomas Nichols was 40 miles into her drive home to Townsend, Delaware, from her vacation cabin in Western Maryland when she felt an odd sensation in her upper body.

"No pain, just pressure, heaviness," recalls Nichols, who owns a software company. She couldn't catch her breath. Within minutes, her left arm went numb.

She remembers thinking, "Something's not right here." She pulled off I-68 at the next exit, near Cumberland. She asked a man working in his yard where she could find a hospital, and he led her straight to an emergency room.

Nichols, then 47, was having a heart attack.

She has no family history of heart disease, she doesn't smoke, and her cholesterol and blood pressure are normal. She doesn't have diabetes, and she experiences little stress. Tests showed clear arteries with no blockages, the most common cause of heart attacks. "I left them shaking their heads," she says.

In all likelihood, her heart attack was caused by one of several conditions that tend to afflict women more often than men. Those conditions produce less dramatic symptoms, such as the chest pressure that Nichols felt, rather than stunning pain, so they may be overlooked by doctors who mistake them for lesser ailments. Researchers still are trying to better understand these disorders, especially why women are so prone to them.

Nichols's physicians believe she may have suffered a temporary coronary artery spasm, which is more common in women who have heart attacks than in men, or a minor blood clot. Both are capable of stopping blood flow to the heart. Coronary arteries power the heart by carrying oxygen-rich blood to the heart muscle.

In the United States, 1 woman in 4 dies of heart disease, the same proportion as in men, according to government agencies. The American Heart Association puts the toll for women higher, at 1 in 3. In fact, coronary heart disease, which is the most common type of heart disease, is the No. 1 killer of both men and women in the United States.

Research has begun to recognize "that men and women are different in many ways besides our reproductive systems," says Janine Clayton, director of the office of research on women's health at the National Institutes of Health. This is especially true with heart disease, where the differences between men and women can be striking.

The most frequent sign of heart attack in a man is chest pain. Women also experience chest pain, but they are more likely than men to have nausea, shortness of breath, dizziness, indigestion, pain in the shoulder or jaw or even in the back, and fatigue that can persist for days, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Also, as with Nichols, women more often than men have heart attacks where there is no coronary obstruction, and the danger is hard to detect ahead of time, according to the NHLBI. In such cases, plaque doesn't accumulate to form major blockages; rather, it spreads evenly throughout the walls of blood vessels, producing "clear" tests. Nevertheless, research indicates that these women are at a high risk of having a heart attack that results from a narrowing in the very small arteries of the heart.

"Women's cells and lungs are different from men's," Clayton says, and women have smaller coronary blood vessels. "If you have multiple very small blood vessels involved (in a heart attack)," she adds, "it won't give you crushing chest pain."

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Diabetes raises women's risk of heart disease

Women typically don't develop heart disease — or high blood pressure, one of its major risk factors — until after menopause. But "if you have diabetes, that rule no longer applies," said Christine Maric-Bilkan, a program officer in the vascular biology and hypertension branch of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Diabetes "dramatically increases the risk" of heart disease at any age — overall, people with diabetes are twice as likely to have heart disease or a stroke as are other people — and its impact "tends to be greater in women than in men," she says. Diabetes, a disease in which the body either doesn't produce enough insulin (Type 1) or cannot use it properly (Type 2), can cause spikes in blood sugar. Over time, these spikes can damage nerves and blood vessels, putting diabetics at elevated risk of heart disease and stroke.

Uncontrolled diabetes also contributes to vision loss, kidney failure and amputations, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

People with diabetes are up to four times as likely to develop cardiovascular disease as are people who do not have diabetes, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Women with diabetes are twice as likely to suffer a second heart attack and four times as likely to suffer heart failure as are women who do not have the disease, according to the American Diabetes Association.

"The risk of developing hypertension doubles in men and quadruples in women if you have diabetes," Maric-Bilkan says. (Hypertension is a major contributor to heart disease.)

"There is something about diabetes that takes away the protective factor" against heart disease that premenopausal women seem to have, something probably related to estrogen, she says. "Women are not impacted by heart disease as much as men at younger ages, but once they have diabetes, that protection is lost — and diabetes has an overall greater impact on women, compared with men, at all ages."

In 2011, Maric-Bilkan tested a small group of premenopausal Finnish women with Type 1 diabetes and found that they all had lower-than-normal estrogen levels.

"I don't know if they got diabetes because their estrogen levels were reduced, or the reverse," she says. "One thought is that it's the estrogen that gives protection, but men with diabetes, who also have a greater risk of heart disease, have high estrogen and low testosterone, the opposite of women. So the high estrogen doesn't protect men. Diabetic women have more testosterone than non-diabetic women, so it may have to do with the balance of hormones."

She stresses that the risk of death from heart disease "is exceptionally high in women with early-onset (Type 1) diabetes compared with women in the general population," according to a study she authored.

"Women with diabetes need to understand that the risk of getting heart disease is significant, and they need to be aware of it," she says.

By Marlene Cimons
Special To The Washington Post

Poll

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that group, asked what the next step should be, said they would replace the law with an alternative. Only 30 percent said they would repeal the law and not replace it at all.

"There are many features of the Affordable Care Act that Republicans are not opposed to; in fact, they embrace Obamacare in a number of areas," said Jim Henson, head of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin and co-director of the poll. "That's why you don't see a consensus around repealing without replacement or even repealing before a replacement is presented.

"When you look at the large number of Republicans who want to repeal Obamacare but want to make sure there is a replacement, it underlines why Congress and the national leadership are moving cautiously," Henson said.

Thirty-five percent of Texans said the ACA should not be repealed, but only 25 percent of that group would leave the law as it is now. Most of the don't-repeal contingent — 64 percent — said they would expand what the law does.

Overall, 83 percent of Republicans and 18 percent of Democrats would like to see the law repealed. On the other side, 67 percent of Democrats and a scant 7 percent of Republicans would leave it be.

Regardless of party flag, Texans who want the law repealed also want it replaced, a sentiment shared by 65 percent of Republicans, 64 percent of Democrats and 77 percent of independents surveyed.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from Feb. 3 to Feb. 10 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. The 623 Texans who wanted to repeal the ACA were polled separately about the next step; that group had an overall MOE of +/-3.93 percentage points. The 409 respondents opposed to repeal were also polled; the overall MOE was +/-6.85 percentage points.

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inadequate funding — not a lack of regulation — is the real problem." He has said the state has underfunded Medicaid reimbursement rates to nursing homes by $800 million.

"We will continue to work with the senator to support efforts to prevent serious violations from occurring; including the overdue need for adequate funding to allow proper staffing and resources needed for high-quality care in Texas nursing homes," Warren told the American-Statesman on Friday.

Schwertner also filed a bill Thursday that would reform provisions that let home health care agencies avoid penalties if they take corrective action within a certain period of time. He filed another bill that would require all nursing facilities in Texas to carry liability insurance coverage of $300,000 per occurrence and $1 million in aggregate.

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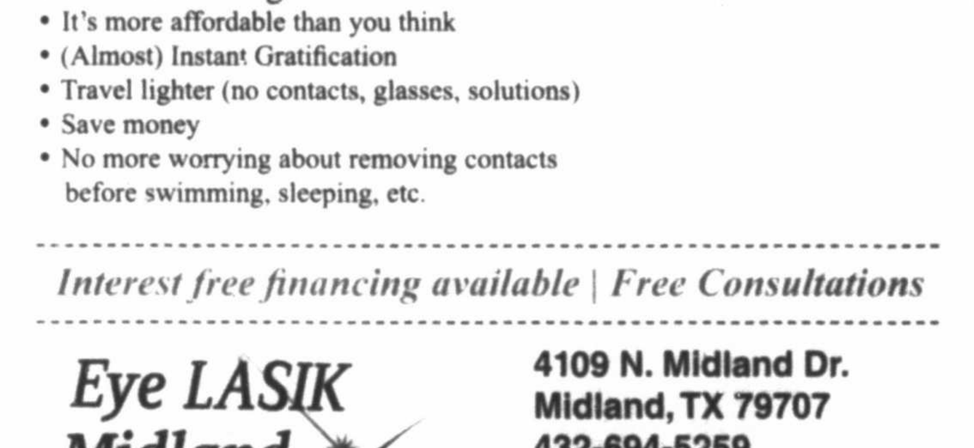
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Local forecast

The National Weather Service is calling for consecutive days with a high temperature 20 degrees above normal for this time of year. The NWS also expects gusts up to 40 mph on Thursday. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

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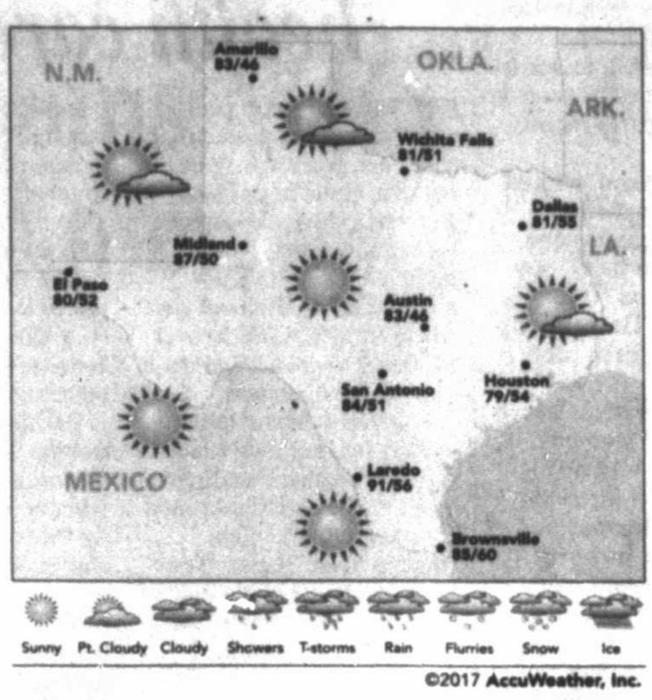
Weather brief

SAN ANTONIO

Mayor issues disaster declaration after twisters

The mayor of San Antonio has issued a disaster declaration for the city of 1.4 million during cleanup after four tornadoes touched down in the area.

Mayor Ivy Taylor issued the declaration over twisters late Sunday and early Monday that emergency officials say damaged nearly 120 homes. Taylor on Tuesday announced she's asked Gov. Greg Abbott for state assistance. Federal help could also be sought.



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Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.72 in.
Year total	1.84 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.10 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

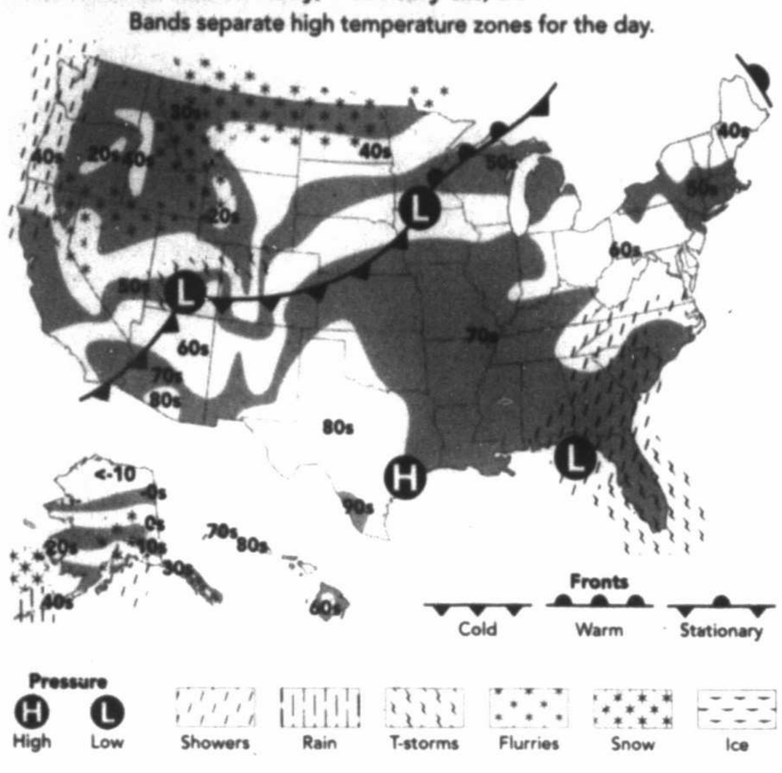
High	83
Low	44
Normal high	64
Normal low	36
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	6:41 p.m.

National weather

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Forecast for Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Daughter's identity as asexual is not welcomed by her mom

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 have recently started disclosing to close friends and family that I am asexual (someone who experiences no sexual attraction to any person). For the most part, they have been supportive, but my mother and one of my friends are having trouble accepting it. I have told them I do not want children and that I am repulsed by the thought of sexual intercourse, but my mother acts like if I don't have children, I won't be as welcome. She even suggested that I could marry a gay man, so sex wouldn't be an issue. And my friend continues to pressure me into dating, saying I "just haven't met the right one yet."

Abby, I have no clue how to maintain contact with them, as they seem unwilling to let my sexual identity be my business. — AN ACE IN A HOLE

DEAR ACE: Your sexual identity became their business the minute you told them you were asexual. The problem is that your friend and your mother do not understand what asexuality is — and many people don't. Please tell your mother for me that marrying a gay man is not the answer because HE may want a sex life, something to which he is entitled, by the way. As to your friend, she's well-meaning, I'm sure, but misguided.

You are who you are. You're not going to change, and you should not be punished for it. Please try not to be defensive because this is your chance to educate. Answer their questions with patience and kindness and do not let yourself be bullied or emotionally blackmailed into doing anything you are not comfortable with.

DEAR ABBY: After my daughter Jenna's father tried to strangle me in a drunken rage one night, I took her and left. Years later, we are on good terms. I have legal custody. He sends financial support and visits about once a month. My finances, however, are not great.

Because we are not in touch with his extended family, I was surprised when he told me his sister wants Jenna to be a flower girl in her destination wedding. I'm not comfortable sending her alone with her father because of his history of alcohol abuse (which his sister is unaware of). I am not financially able to take her myself.

Is there a solution I'm overlooking? Am I callous for thinking she just wants a cute child as an accessory to her wedding party? — MOTHER OF THE FLOWER GIRL

DEAR MOTHER: Without knowing your former partner's sister, it would be unfair of me to guess her reason for wanting your daughter in her wedding. However, if your ex is still drinking, you are absolutely right that Jenna should not be traveling with him. Perhaps he would be willing to pay for both of you to be there.

DEAR ABBY: I have an interesting question for you. Is it sexual harassment if a female supervisor at work calls a male employee "Honey"? — PETER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR PETER: If that's all there is to it, I doubt it would be considered sexual harassment. However, if you are the employee being called "Honey," because it bothers you, tell your employer privately that it makes you uncomfortable and you prefer being addressed by your given name.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Brilliant discard

North-South vulnerable. East deals

NORTH
♠ K 7
♥ 4 2
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ K J 5 4 3

WEST
♠ 9 8 4 2
♥ 9 7
♦ A 8
♣ 10 9 8 7 2

EAST
♠ J 6 3
♥ K Q J 8 6 3
♦ K 4 2
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 5
♥ A 10 5
♦ J 9 5 3
♣ A Q

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♥	3NT	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Opening lead: Nine of ♥

Worried that East might have made a weak two-bid with only a five-card suit, South ducked the first two rounds of hearts before winning the third round. West had to make a discard on the third heart. Most would shed a low spade, we think, but this West player made the brilliant discard of the ace of diamonds!

West's discard told South that this one might not be as easy as he thought. He was not surprised when East showed out on the second club. South became worried that West also held four spades to the jack. What to do?

It was logical to South that West had started with four spades to the jack, five clubs, and the ace-king of diamonds to go with his doubleton heart. That would also explain the ace of diamonds discard. South wanted to test the spades, but he couldn't do it comfortably. He would have to cash the two high clubs while in dummy with the king of spades. This would set up enough winners in the West hand to defeat him if West had the hand that South thought he did.

This was a lot of thinking caused by the great discard. South decided to play West for the doubleton ace-king of diamonds and led a diamond before testing the spades. He was disappointed to see West play low and East win the trick. Three more heart winners and the contract was down two — a contract that would have come home had South just cashed his top winners.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017:

This year you move in a new direction, but not without hitting some conflict along the way. How successfully you achieve your long-term goals will be determined by your willingness to fight for what you want. Do not back down. If you are single, you could meet someone who makes you want to sing at the top of your lungs and dance through life. This person will be significant to your life. If you are attached, the two of you often go to battle over some key issues. When you're both on the same page, you become a powerful couple. CAPRICORN tends to play control games with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You handle responsibilities well. Your sense of well-being allows greater ebb and flow and less rigidity. A conversation with a superior or someone in power could take you down an interesting path, if you decide to go along with his or her ideas. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your ability to see past the obvious elicits strong ideas. Once more, a situation calls on your talents. A friend might be mired in uproar, unable to find the right answer. You could see this person's mood change quickly as a result. Tonight: A surprise points you in a new direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ If you are able to go along with others' ideas and suggestions, you will be more successful. Clearly, you have to move past a problem and come to an agreement with a key person. Tonight: Understanding goes far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You'll continue to defer to others, as you seem to be overwhelmed by everything you need to do right now. You have answers, but whether they work for you is a different matter. Your sense of well-being emerges when dealing with a loved one. Tonight: Say "yes" to a child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll tap into an imaginative scenario involving a new project. You might be focused on moving through this process quickly. Schedule a checkup with your doctor, if you are due. Don't neglect your health, or you are likely to set yourself back. Tonight: Play it easy and relaxed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone who often plays a significant role in your life. Your creativity emerges when brainstorming with this person. Your anger could be close to the surface when dealing with a partner or key friend. Tonight: Listen to someone who seems wiser than you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your positive attitude emerges and helps a loved one. This person often feels insecure when dealing with life's problems. Your support means a lot to him or her. Don't let an ongoing issue cause upset in your daily life. Tonight: Invite a friend over for dinner and a visit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You often say what you think and do what you say. You might find that there are many different directions in which you could head. Refuse to become angry if a child or loved one pushes you too hard. Avoid getting involved in a power play. Tonight: Speak your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you will want to follow your instincts. As of late, your budget has been a great deal tighter than in the past. You know what you need from a special person in your life. Be direct. Tonight: Friends will be distracting. Why not go with the flow?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You are in your element as you interact with others. A neighbor might want you to pay extra attention to what he or she has to say. You could find an issue involving property to be quite contentious, and in some way unexpected. Tonight: Go for a midweek break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might feel as if you are off-kilter. Don't worry; in a few days you will blossom into the person you want to be. Honor a fast change that occurs between you and others. Do more listening and less speaking. Don't make a financial decision today. Tonight: Not to be found.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might be feistier than usual. However, it is likely that no one has noticed your present mood. In order to make your point clear, you'll need to stand your ground and speak up. A loved one is likely to try to help you relax and see the other point of view. Tonight As you like it.

BORN TODAY

Actress Drew Barrymore (1975), TV personality Steve Irwin (1962), basketball player Julius Erving (1950)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Spot for an AirPod
4 Chowder morsel
8 Moscow currency
13 Slept like __
15 Color in a Spanish rainbow
16 Religion of Basra
17 Corn Belt tower
18 Latin I verb
19 Riyadh resident
20 *Fictional road material
23 Bookshelf bracket shape
24 Of a battery terminal
25 Necessity for a game of Ultimate
27 History class assignment
30 Elec. or water
31 __ a clue
34 Slangy pounds
36 Financial help
39 End __
40 Tomato product
41 Preference indicator
42 Religious prefix
43 Grub
44 Brought about
45 Tenerife, por ejemplo
47 Take the helm
49 Surface layers
52 Clogs from France
56 Neurologist's order, briefly
57 *Cola flavor
60 Pop-up foul-up
62 Stereotypical family spoiler
63 Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer
64 Renaissance painter __ della Francesca
65 Minute quantity
66 Fish __
67 Family car
68 __-Coburg: former Bavarian duchy
69 Homer's neighbor

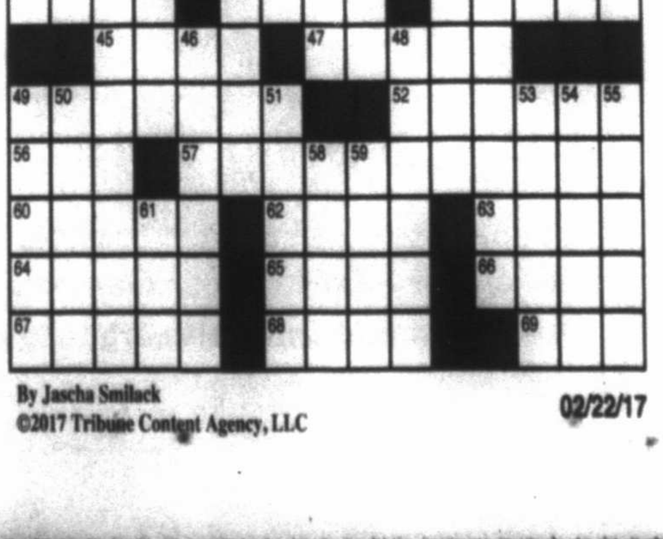
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1 Class requiring little effort
2 Distant and then some
3 Pal of Nancy, in comics
4 Barely advances
5 Big name in vision care
6 Slightly open
7 Recurring theme
8 Go out on a limb
9 Stars and Stripes land: Abbr.
10 *One with noble lineage
11 Crock-Pot server
12 French novelist Zola
14 *Floral papal ornament
21 Brewery kiln
22 Input for a refinery
26 *Chard, by another name
28 Marine shade
29 Portable Mongolian dwellings
31 Simple dwelling
32 Shade of gray
33 Angrily ignoring the first half of the answers to starred clues?
35 Luck, pluck or duck ending
37 Part of D.A.: Abbr.
38 Prefix with con
40 Shade of gray
44 Jacob's wife before Rachel
46 James with three NBA titles
48 Tunnel out, maybe
49 Many future presidents, as it turned out
50 Like "Stranger Things," e.g.
51 Metaphorical moments of time
53 Skin, but not bones
54 Kind of evidence
55 Ecclesiastical council
58 Word of amore
59 Fort with billions in bullion
61 "... man __ mouse?"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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WOMEN

From 4B

But it may give you coronary microvascular disease, which affects the walls and inner lining of tiny blood vessels that branch off from the larger coronary arteries. These small vessels typically do not have plaque, but they sometimes trigger spasms and decreased blood flow to the heart muscle, impairing the heart's ability to pump blood throughout the body, according to the American Heart Association.

Coronary artery spasms such as those Nichols probably suffered occur "when the muscle that surrounds the wall of the artery has a spasm ... obstructing the flow of blood, although it is not a typical obstruction," says Nakela Cook, chief of staff to the director of the NHLBI.

Clayton agrees, saying: "Women tend to have a kind of heart disease where the vessels go into spasm for a short period of time, then go back to normal. If you have a stress test, for example, and you're walking on a treadmill and you aren't in spasm, your test will be normal."

Women also are vulnerable to takotsubo cardiomyopathy, a type of heart muscle weakness also known as "broken heart syndrome," which was first described in 1990 in Japan and is related to extreme emotional stress. More than 90 percent of reported cases are in women age 58 to 75, according to Harvard Medical School. "It's rare, but when it does occur, it's predominantly among women," Cook says.

Finally, spontaneous coronary artery dissection, or SCAD, another condition more common to women, occurs when an artery that supplies blood to the heart spontaneously tears, sometimes forming either a blood clot or a flap near the tear, causing acute, very intense pain, according to Cook.

SCAD may be related to fibromuscular dysplasia, a disorder that results in reduced blood flow to several organs, not just the heart, according to Pamela Ouyang, director of the Johns Hopkins Women's Cardiovascular Health Center.

"A high percentage of people (with SCAD) have this abnormality in other blood vessels," she says. "It's much more common in women than in men."

It also may have a hormonal connection. "Men are much less likely to get a tear," Cook says. "It seems to show up at times of higher levels of estrogen, such as during pregnancy. We are trying to see if hormone therapy can also trigger this. We have seen it in older women, although we don't necessarily think the mechanisms are the same.

"The question that still remains is how hormones matter during the course of a life span," Cook adds. "It's an active area of investigation that really speaks to the need to have specific studies in women asking sex-specific questions."

To be sure, hormones long have been the focus of scientific scrutiny in women and heart disease, particularly because women tend to get heart attacks later in life than men, typically after menopause; they also live longer than men. The hormonal relationship may be a factor in why Nichols had a heart attack at such a young age: She underwent early menopause, at 42.

"It's clear that premenopausal women have less cardiovascular disease than men, but once they become post-menopausal, they become equal to men," says Elizabeth Murphy, head of the NHLBI's cardiac physiology section. The thinking has been "that there is something protective about estrogen."

(The Women's Health Initiative, which has followed nearly 162,000 women since 1993, concluded there was no protective effect against heart disease from hormone replacement therapy, or HRT. Scientists speculate, however, that this finding may be the result of timing: Many women in the study had been menopausal for a decade or longer before beginning HRT. Subsequent research indicated a "critical window" when hormones made by the body could be protective in women age 50 to 59 while harmful for women age 70 to 79 who begin HRT later.)

Scientists think the estrogen-related protection occurs because, among other things, the hormone stimulates an increase in an enzyme that produces nitric oxide, which promotes a healthy vascular system. "It seems to be involved in helping the coronary arteries dilate to bring more blood to the heart, and in regulating ion channels, which are important for how the heart beats," Murphy said. She and others are studying whether this estrogen "signaling" changes with age and becomes less effective, possibly producing substances "that are detrimental rather than beneficial," she says.

Historically, heart disease was regarded as a disease of men, with most studies conducted solely on them. This is no longer the case. But old assumptions persist among many clinicians and women, experts say.

"Doctors need to raise their index of suspicion when women have these vague symptoms," Clayton says. "If we have evidence that sex matters, which we do, we need to act on that knowledge when making treatment decisions."

Women, too, never should dismiss odd or suspicious symptoms as no cause for concern. "It's important for a woman to recognize she is having a heart attack because time is critically important," Ouyang says.

Nichols agrees. She knows she was smart to act when she did, and she realizes how lucky she was. "Don't think I don't think about that every morning," she says.

GUEST VIEW

Bills could help solve Texas' health care-access crisis

Tanya Marin, a pediatric nurse practitioner, wanted to open her own clinic in El Paso. But when she looked into the requirements, Marin discovered that state law required her to shell out anywhere from $20,000 to over $100,000 to get a doctor to oversee her operation.

Frustrated, Marin took matters into her own hands — over the state line. Eighteen months ago, she opened her own pediatric night clinic in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, less than one mile from the Texas border. She's among dozens of trained nurse practitioners that New Mexico, a state without a pay-to-play requirement, has stolen from Texas.

Texas' loss is New Mexico's gain — and the gain of 20 other states that Texas has lost qualified nurse practitioners to because they don't needlessly restrict access to qualified health care.

Texas needs to stop this talent drain. That's why SB 681 and HB 1415, introduced by state Sen. Kelly Hancock, R-North Richland Hills, and state Rep. Stephanie Klick, R-Fort Worth, deserve a hearing.

Both bills would end the physician supervision requirement, free advanced-practice registered nurses from the costly contracts, and end dual regulation from state nursing and physician oversight boards. These changes would encourage more qualified nurse practitioners like Marin to provide primary care in Texas.

In 2013, lawmakers thought they had made progress on health care access problems when they allowed advanced-practice registered nurses, which includes trained nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists and clinical nurse specialists, to put out a shingle and provide basic primary care services. As a part of a legislative compromise, they were required to obtain a doctor to sign a document agreeing to supervise their work.

Instead of giving these RNs more latitude to practice on their own, the law priced them out of Texas — a state that already has a serious physician shortage, particularly in rural areas.

Lawmakers should look to states that allow nurse practitioners to operate without doctor oversight for evidence of how these simple changes could improve access to health care. In California, the number of nurse practitioners doubled from 8,240 in 2004 to over 17,000 in 2008. Nurse practitioners now represent at least 6 percent of all nurses in California, filling in some coverage gaps and saving billions of dollars by providing preventative care.

A trained nurse practitioner who could treat a runny nose, provide basic primary care and serve more hard-to-reach demographics should be encouraged to stay in Texas, a fast-growing state where the need for health care resources is not going to slow anytime soon.

The Texas Medical Association has cited safety concerns and suggested that medicine is better administered as a team. However, many of the sponsoring doctors aren't even in the same town as the nurses, and there is no evidence from other states where nurses have more freedom that patients are at risk. Plus, nurse practitioners here would still be subject to oversight from the Texas Board of Nursing, nor would these bills expand the duties these nurses are allowed to carry out.

The bills have widespread support from the AARP, the Texas Association of Business, think tanks and many nursing associations, all part of a large coalition that wisely sees a change in the law as a way to improve health care.

Texas must become creative in delivering medical care. A generation of nurses are retiring, nursing schools are not producing enough young nurses to meet rising demand, and many Texas counties have extremely limited access to health care. Freeing nurse practitioners to work without costly impediments is the right thing to do to improve health care access across the state.

The real winners if these rules change would be Texas communities that have too few health care options.

What you can do

Contact your legislator to register your support for SB 681 and HB 1415 to ease costly regulations on advanced-practice registered nurses. To find out who represents you and how to contact them, go to www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/Home.aspx and type in your address.

Email forms are available on each lawmaker's website. Find them at www.house.state.tx.us/members and www.senate.state.tx.us/directory.php.

Why it matters

35 Texas counties have no physicians of any kind.

80 Texas counties have five or fewer physicians.

147 Texas counties have no obstetrician/gynecologist.

158 Texas counties have no general surgeon.

185 Texas counties have no general psychiatrist.

SOURCE: "The Physician Workforce in Texas: An Examination of Physician Distribution, Access, Demographics, Affiliations, and Practice Patterns in Texas' 254 Counties"

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Slow start dooms MHS against EP Americas

From staff reports

PECOS — A slow start proved to be too much to overcome for the Midland High boys basketball team in a 71-47 loss to El Paso Americas in a Class 6A bi-district playoff game at Pecos High School on Tuesday.



Wilson

Americas (32-2) jumped out to an 18-6 advantage after the first quarter and took a 31-16 lead at the half.

"We started the game very cold from the field," said MHS coach Shan Hooker, who returned the Bulldogs to the playoffs in his second year at the helm of the program. "We had a better second half. We got some shots to fall, some steal, but (the Trailblazers) took it to the rim and they did a good job at the free-throw line. But it was tough to overcome that slow start."

MHS had its best quarter in the third but Americas still outscored the Bulldogs 23-18 in that period.

Americas hit 21 of 29 shots at the charity stripe, while MHS was just 4 of 8 at the line.

MHS, which ended its season at 12-19, was led by D'Andre Wilson with 18 points, while Courtney McMaryion added

Please see **MHS**/3C

Greenwood beats Denver City, 60-56

By Christopher Hadorn
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ANDREWS — In a wild contest of runs, the Greenwood girls basketball team had the game-defining quarter in Tuesday's Class 4A regional quarterfinal against No. 13 Denver City.

Behind a 17-5 run in the third quarter, the Rangerettes took a comfortable lead and held on to defeat the Fillies, 60-56, at the Andrews ISD Performance Center.

Greenwood (25-12) advanced to the regional tournament for the second straight year and will face Godley at 7 p.m. Friday in the regional semifinal round at Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

"No matter who we play, we're just excited to be back there," GHS head coach Quint Anthony said. "We are going to go give it our best effort."

Greenwood held a 49-33 lead against Denver City following a putback by senior Cylie Mebane to start the fourth quarter. Leading 29-28 at halftime, the Rangerettes broke away by going on a 17-5 run in the third quarter.

However, the Fillies closed the gap in the fourth behind a string of turnovers and transition baskets and trailed by one possession at 57-54 with 22 seconds to play.

The Rangerettes took a two-score lead at 58-54 when Mebane sank a free throw

Please see **GREENWOOD**/2C

Covenant causes Knightfall



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

TOP: Midland Classical's Kevin Giffin (33) dribbles the ball against Covenant School's Graham Hill (32) on Tuesday at Midland Classical Academy. **BELOW RIGHT:** Midland Classical basketball players react to a loss to Covenant School on Tuesday.

No. 9 Covenant knocks off MCA in area round

By Will Korn
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Dallas Covenant head boys basketball coach Ryan Dooley said his team might be one of the worst free throw shooting teams in Texas.

No. 9-ranked Covenant went just 10 for 26 at the foul line in Tuesday's night's TAPPS 3A area game against No. 10 Midland Classical.

But Covenant used a stingy 1-3-1 zone defense and guard Brian Davis' relentless driving ability to overcome those charity stripe struggles and hold off a young and inspired MCA squad for a 59-52 victory.

Davis led all scorers with 26 points in the win, while Daniel Magnuson added 19 for Covenant (17-9). Sophomore guard Conrey Echols nailed seven 3-pointers and scored a game-high 23 points for MCA, which ended its season at 12-20.

Covenant advanced to the state quarterfinals, where it will face the winner of Rockwall Heritage Christian-Fort Worth Cavalry Christian on Saturday.

Dooley, whose team led by as many as 13 points twice in the victory, knew it wouldn't be easy to close out MCA, especially in a playoff environment on the road.

"We know they have a rich tradition here at Midland Classical and we know they're not going to give it to us," Dooley said. "We felt like we were going to have to earn it and we felt like our guys did. But we knew these guys are young and they're a good basketball team."

Aided by nine MCA turnovers and a cold shooting streak for the Knights, Covenant opened up a 16-4 lead in the first quarter. Davis set the tone with his ability to slash to the rim, create and finish, or get others involved.

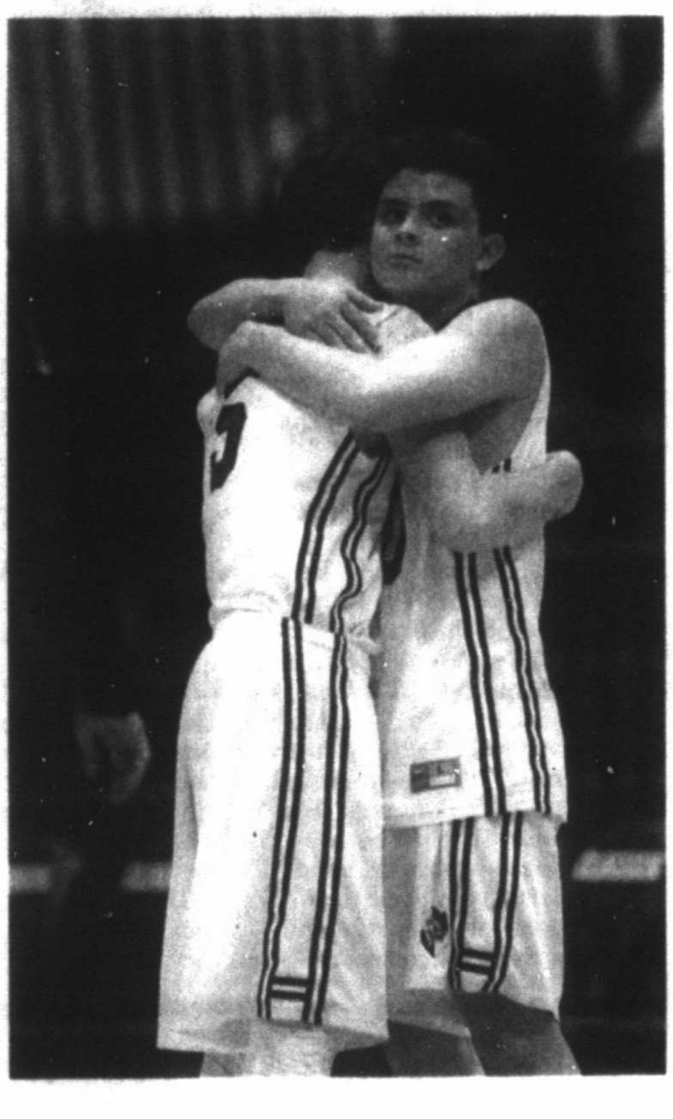
Covenant was parading to the line and though they struggled mightily, their persistence continued to earn them opportunities and they refused to settle for outside shots.

Defensively, MCA didn't offer much of an answer to the drive inside.

"(Getting to the rim) was very important," said Davis, a sophomore. "We aren't the best free throw shooting team but at least we got (to the line). We've just got to hustle and get there."

But once the Knights began to

Please see **MCA**/3C



What rust? MCA dominates Dallas Yavneh Academy

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If the No. 2-ranked Midland Classical Academy girls basketball team had any concerns about their long layoff, they were squashed rather quickly.

The Lady Knights had a 30-point first quarter and cruised from there to a dominating 70-25 victory over Dallas Yavneh Academy in a TAPPS 3A area round playoff game at the MCA gym on Tuesday night.

"I think we played as a team and did really well," said MCA senior Elleri Haest, who was one of three Lady Knights in double figures with 15 points. "We kept our minds focused on what needed to be done."

With the win, MCA (24-6) will play either Arlington Burton Adventist or Rockwall Heritage in the state quarterfinal round at a time, day and place to be determined.

It was quite an impressive start to the playoffs for the Lady Knights, who had a first-round bye and had not played in 16 days.

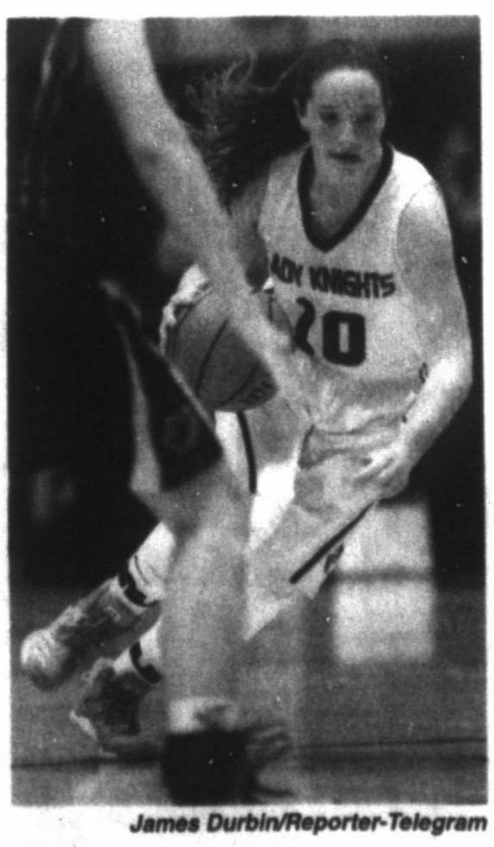
No one would have blamed MCA if they were a little rusty or maybe a little jittery to start the game. But that wasn't the case as the Lady Knights took a 30-4 advantage over DYA (11-16) after the first quarter, spearheaded by Delanie Griffin's 11 points.

"We had two weeks of practice, so we've been preparing as much as we can," Haest said. "Yes, we were a little concerned since we haven't had in so long. It's just different getting back into the groove of playing, but we were ready."

Added MCA coach Carla Cunneen said: "We were just excited to play a basketball game. We haven't played since Feb. 4 and I wasn't really sure how we were going to come out. Our kids were excited, and sometimes that can mean a lot of missed shots, turnovers and those type of things. But we've had some really good practices to prepare for the playoffs, even though we weren't playing a game. I just think we came out and played with confidence."

MCA took a 43-10 lead at the intermission as it forced Yavneh into 13 first-half turnovers.

Please see **MCA GIRLS**/3C



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical's Leia Beattie (10) dribbles the ball against Dallas Yavneh on Tuesday at Midland Classical Academy.

NMJC teams ruled ineligible for postseason

From staff reports

The NJCAA Executive Committee has ruled that both New Mexico Junior College's men's and women's basketball teams are ineligible for the postseason, according to an NMJC press release.

NMJC, which plays in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, was appealing a ruling regarding the forfeiture of three basketball games and the ruling that neither team could compete in the postseason.

NMJC initially missed two reporting deadlines related to the men's and women's basketball teams, which triggered the NJCAA sanctions, the press release said.

Because of those violations, the NMJC men's team had to forfeit its Feb. 6 win over Western Texas College, while the women's team had to forfeit its wins over Odessa College on Feb. 2 and Western Texas College on Feb. 6

"We own this mistake in that we did not submit two reports according to NJCAA rules," said NMJC President Dr. Kelvin Sharp in a press release. "At the same time, it is important to point out that we found the errors and self-reported the violations to the NJCAA. I regret that their rules are so inflexible that the organization feels it has to penalize students and coaches even when it was the college itself, which called attention to the mistakes in the first place.

"We will move forward from this situation and become stronger as a result. We have already taken steps to ensure that this kind of eligibility reporting error never occurs again. My concern is for our student athletes and coaches, who have to bear the brunt of this penalty resulting from an administrative mistake."

Because of the ruling, the Midland College women are line for the No. 3 seed out of the in next month's NJCAA Region V Tournament.

On the men's side, Howard College and New Mexico Military Institute are left battling for the fourth and final spot in the regional tournament.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JLT Community Series: St. Kilda vs. Port Adelaide, 2:30 a.m., FSP

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Grambling at Oklahoma, 3 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

McNeese State at Baylor, 4 p.m., FSSW

McNeese State at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FSSW

GOLF

LPGA: Honda LPGA Thailand, 1st Round, 12 a.m., GOLF

HOCKEY

AHL: Syracuse at Toronto, 10 a.m., NHL

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Vanderbilt at Tennessee, 5:30 p.m., SEC

Michigan at Rutgers, 5:30 p.m., BTN

Duke at Syracuse, 6 p.m., ESPN

TCU at Kansas, 6 p.m., ESPN2

UCF at Temple, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Xavier at Seton Hall, 6 p.m., FS1

DePaul at Georgetown, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Pitt at Wake Forest, 6 p.m., FSSW+

Texas A&M at Arkansas, 7:30 p.m., SEC

Minnesota at Maryland, 7:30 p.m., BTN

Louisville at North Carolina, 8 p.m., ESPN

Oregon at Cal, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Oklahoma State at Kansas State, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Butler at Villanova, 8 p.m., FS1

Providence at Creighton, 8 p.m., FSN (FSSW+)

Connecticut at Houston, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Oregon State at Stanford, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Fresno State at San Diego State, 10 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Europa: AS Saint-Etienne vs. Manchester United FC, 10:50 a.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: FC Schalke 04 vs. PAOK FC, 10:50 a.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Fenerbahce SK vs. FC Krasnodar, 10:50 a.m., FSP

La Liga: Valencia vs. Real Madrid, 11:30 a.m., beIN, beIN2

UEFA Champions Rd of 16, Leg 1: Sevilla vs. Leicester City FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1, ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions Rd of 16, Leg 1: FC Porto vs. Juventus FC, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

CONCACAF 2017: Antigua and Barbuda vs. USA, 2 p.m., UDN

CONCACAF 2017: Panama vs. El Salvador, 3:50 p.m., UDN

Brazil: Corinthians vs. Palmeiras, 6:30 p.m., GolTV

Copa MX: Club Atlas vs. Puebla FC, 6:40 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Championships: New York Red Bulls vs. Vancouver Whitecaps, 7 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: Cruz Azul vs. Queretaro FC, 8:30 p.m., GALA

CONCACAF Champions: Tigres UANL vs. Pumas de la UNAM, 9 p.m., UDN

NHL

Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., NBCSN

TENNIS

WTA: Dubai, 9 a.m., beIN

ATP: Delray, ATP: Rio de Janeiro, 11:30 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Temple at Connecticut, 6 p.m., SNY

SIGNING CAPSULE

COMPILED BY WILL KORN

Lee QB inks with ACU

SEMA'J DAVIS

School: Lee
Position: Quarterback
College: Abilene Christian University (NCAA Division I FCS, Abilene)
Height: 6-foot-1
Weight: 185 pounds

Davis on why he chose ACU: "As soon as I set foot on campus, man, it was different. You could tell the environment was different. You could tell there is a lot of growing in the program and I was just drawn to it right then and there."

Lee assistant head coach/offensive coordinator Frank Maldonado on Davis: "It's very difficult to get a quarterback recruited because probably one-third of the country already has one, another third has one incumbent and the last third is looking for one. If you pick up a quarterback and miss, it's not good. (ACU) didn't miss on this one. Sema'J did a great job, first off, of picking up our system and then executing our system. That's a tribute to the kid being focused. He's a great kid and he deserves every accolade he gets."



Davis

Notes: Davis, who started his junior and senior season as Lee's quarterback, earned All-District 2-6A second team offensive honors last season. As a dual threat quarterback, he passed for 1,706 yards and 15 touchdowns to go along with 993 yards and a team-high 11 scores on the ground. ... Davis was ACU's lone quarterback recruit in this recruiting cycle and may get an opportunity at earning playing time this fall. ... Davis said ACU runs a no-huddle offense fairly similar to that which he ran at Lee under head coach Clint Hartman. ... Davis, who also garnered interest as a preferred walk-on at the University of Houston, plans to study mechanical engineering. ... Last season, the Wildcats finished 2-9 overall and 2-7 in Southland Conference play.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Softball

GREENWOOD 12 BALLINGER 2

The Greenwood softball team had 18 hits in a run-rule victory over Ballinger.

Mollie Snowden, Jaylene Valenzuela and Kyndall Dove each had three hits, while Ashton Rowoldt and Karlie Savage and Karina Galindo each added two hits for Greenwood. Rowoldt and Paylee Sims also homered.

Dove got the win in the circle after allowing two runs on three hits, with two walks and seven strikeouts.

GREENWOOD 12, BALLINGER 2

Ballinger	000	20	—2	3 2
Greenwood	220	62	—12	18 0

W — Kyndall Dove. L — Cortez. 3B — GHS: Mollie Snowden. HR — GHS: Ashton Rowoldt, Paylee Sims.

Next: Greenwood at West Texas Classic, Thursday

MONAHANS 15 MCS 5

MONAHANS — Monahans defeated Midland Christian in non-district game behind a nine-run fourth inning.

Zaitha Suarez had two hits for MCS.

MONAHANS 15, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 5

MCS	302	00	—515	2
Monahans	321	9x	—1513	1

Clarissa Martinez, Courtney Monk (4) and Zoey McNeely G. Franco, T. Franco (4) and Wessels. W — G. Franco. L — Martinez. 2B — MCS: Monk; Monahans: Ruiz, Wessels, Franco, Samuels, Griner. HR — Monahans: Samuels.

Next: Midland Christian at Whitney Tournament, Thursday

Baseball

LATE MONDAY LINESCORES

GREENWOOD 10, SNYDER 6

Greenwood	121	013	1—10	9 2
Snyder	220	020	0 —6	6 3

Stace Bell, Vance Martinez (5), Aaron Escobedo, Matt Bass (8), Colton Lee (8). W — Martinez. L — Lee. 2B — GHS: Josh Reyes, Jared Nail; SHS: Lance Davis, Matt Bass, Brody Jasso. 3B — Bell.

OZONA 11, CRANE 1, 5 INNINGS

Ozona	005	51	—11	7 1
Crane	000	01	—1	2 3

Fierro and Abbey, Albert Garcia and Vinny Rodriguez. W — Fierro. L — Garcia. 2B — Ozona: Abbey, Galindo.

LOCAL SPORTS

LADY CHAP BUNN HONORED

Midland College women's basketball player Janae Bunn has been named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Player of the Week

The 6-foot-3 sophomore post from Springfield, Massachusetts, scored 26 points and had 31 rebounds in a pair of games played last week. She also had 11 blocked shots.

AGUIRRE HONORED BY LSC

Midland Christian graduate and Angelo State University junior outfielder Elias Aguirre has been named Lone Star Conference Hitter of the Week.

Aguirre hit .556 against No. 6 Lubbock Christian, had one walk and pair of hit-by-pitches to get on base eight times in the series. He also scored a team-high four runs and had four RBI over the weekend.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Named Adam Haman, Pat Hoberg, Gabe Morales and Carlos Torres full-time umpires. Announced the retirement of Bob Davidson, John Hirschbeck, Jim Joyce and Tim Welke umpires

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated INF-OF Christian Walker for assignment. Agreed to terms with OFs Craig Gentry and Michael Bourn on minor league contracts

DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with 3B Danny Muno and OF Matt Murton on minor league contracts

NEW YORK YANKEES — Traded LHP Richard Bleier to Baltimore for a player to be named or cash

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with LHP Jorge De La Rosa on a minor league contract

CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with INF-OF Ryan Raburn on a minor league contract

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with OF Franklin Gutierrez on a one-year contract

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Fired general manager Mitch Kupchak, executive vice president of basketball operations Jim Buss and vice president of public relations John Black. Promoted Magic Johnson to president of basketball operations. Traded G Lou Williams to the Houston Rockets for F Corey Brewer and a future draft pick

Women's National Basketball Association

PHOENIX MERCURY — Traded F Candice Dupree and the 17th pick in the 2017 draft to Indiana, who sent F Lynetta Kizer and eighth pick in the 2017 draft to Connecticut. Connecticut sent F Camille Little and F Jillian Alleyne to Phoenix

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — PK Shayne Graham announced his retirement

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Released FB Mike Tolbert and DT Paul Soliai

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Re-signed OL Tyler Shatley

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed LS Winston Chapman

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named John Benton offensive line coach, Daniel Bullocks assistant defensive backs coach, Michael Clay strength and conditioning assistant, Stan Kwan assistant special teams coach, Vince Oghobaase assistant defensive line coach, DeMeco Ryans defensive quality control coach and Adam Stenavich assistant offensive line coach

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled D Anthony DeAngelo from Tucson (AHL) and D Dysin Mayo from Rapid City (ECHL) to Tucson

CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned F Garnet Hathaway to Stockton (AHL)

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Traded D Keegan Lowe to Montreal for D Philip Samuelsson

MINNESOTA WILD — Assigned F Adam Gilmour from Iowa (AHL) to Quad City (ECHL)

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed D Kyle Quincey from injured reserve

OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled G Matt O'Connor from Wichita (ECHL) to Binghamton (AHL). Recalled F Casey Bailey and C Max McCormich from Binghamton (AHL)

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned Fs Ivan Barbashev and Magnus Paajarvi to Chicago (AHL)

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Travis Boyd from Hershey (AHL)

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

COLUMBUS CREW — Signed G Logan Ketterer and D Connor Maloney

D.C. UNITED — Signed F Patrick Mullins to a contract extension

MINNESOTA UNITED — Signed D Jérôme Thiesson

NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed M Kwame Awuah

COLLEGE

DUKE — Dismissed DL Brandon Boyce and Marquises Price from the football team

EAST CAROLINA — Named Jason Nichols running backs coach

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Named Tommy DiNuzzo soccer coach

LIMESTONE — Named Jordan Falls coordinator of athletic development and ticketing and Russell Stupienski assistant baseball coach and junior varsity coach

MICHIGAN — Named Sean Magee director of football player personnel

Play vs. Rest: For many NBA teams, it's still a battle

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — There are 27 games remaining on Cleveland's regular-season schedule, and perhaps only one person over that stretch will be able to stop LeBron James.

That would be Cavs coach Tyronn Lue.

He has to protect James from himself.

Finding the right time to rest players is a conundrum that many NBA coaches have wrestled with for years, even more so now given the ways teams have been able to apply technology to the formula and use personalized data to help their medical and athletic training staffs determine when someone simply needs a break. The rest topic seems to become more prevalent as the season winds down, particularly after the All-Star break, with teams in the playoff race trying to ensure top players are healthy for the postseason.

As James nears 50,000 minutes for his NBA career — a milestone that he'll likely reach during the upcoming playoffs — he abhors the idea of taking nights off. Yet there will almost certainly be nights over the next few weeks where James' uniform stays on its game-night hanger, and fans who plunked down big money to see him play will have to deal with disappointment.

"Me being a competitor, me loving the game that I've loved every single day, I don't always have the right assessment of me playing a lot of minutes," James said. "That's why I have coach Lue and the coaching staff and the training staff to be like 'Hey, LeBron ... let's take it easy today.' Me, I don't ever want to take a day off."

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LeBron James

Only seven players appeared in all 82 of their teams' regular-season games in 2015-16. It is becoming more and more of a rarity; in 2005-06 there were 14 players who appeared in 82 games, in 1995-96 the number was 25.

"At times, it may be necessary for a guy to rest whether if it's on the road or it's at home," Toronto guard DeMar DeRozan said. "It's a thin line."

Some coaches make no secret about their desire to rest players. Foremost among them, of course, is San Antonio's Gregg Popovich, he who famously sat Tim Duncan for a game in 2012 citing "old" as the official reason, and who decided that Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili needed rest in the third game of this season — which just happened to be the Spurs' home opener.

"It's ridiculous," Popovich said of the Spurs having to play four games in the season's first six nights.

The schedule starting next season will have the 82 games played over a longer stretch of time, which NBA Commissioner Adam Silver hopes relieve some of the rest issues. When the Cavs sat James, Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love for a game at Memphis earlier this season, even some Cavs fans in attendance expressed their disappointment.

"The science has gotten to the point where there is that direct correlation that we're aware of between fatigue and injuries," Silver said. "And as tough as it is on our fans to miss one of their favorite players for a game, it's far better than having them get injured and be out for long periods of time. So we're always still looking to strike that right balance."

Memphis coach David Fizdale said he listens to the Grizzlies' medical staff when deciding when the time is right to give one of his players a break. Unfortunately, if there are many Marc Gasol fans in Minnesota, his nights to sit included the ones that fell on both of Memphis' trips to visit the Timberwolves this season.

"Fans pay their hard-earned money to see you play," Golden State guard Klay Thompson said. "The young guys like me, I don't need to rest, but the old guys, the old superstars, they need a game or two off here and there. . Yeah, you feel for the fans."

The vast majority of players polled at All-Star weekend said if it were up to them and they weren't dealing with an injury, they'd play every night. Houston's James Harden, who last missed a game two years ago and that was because of suspension, said he takes pride in not only playing every game but playing particularly well on the second night of back-to-backs.

No one has played more games since the start of the 2010-11 season than James, in large part because he rarely sits and because each of his last six seasons have all gone until the NBA Finals.

He ranks No. 2 in average minutes per night this season — topped by only Toronto's Kyle Lowry, by a mere 9 seconds.

"I'm comfortable with whatever coach wants me to do out on the floor," James said. "Whatever he gives me to do, I can figure it out."

GREENWOOD

From 1C

with 19 seconds left, and then Natalee Karcher grabbed a clutch defensive rebound to quash Denver City's comeback attempt. Karcher nailed both free throws, finishing with a team-high 20 points.

"You just try to take it play by play," Karcher said. "You don't want to see the end of the ball-game. It's never over until the last buzzer rings. Even when there's seven seconds, we have the mindset that this game is still going on. They still have a chance to comeback. They can always do that, so we have just to have to play our best, no matter the time, no matter what's going on, just do your best."

Karcher helped Greenwood race out to a 12-0 lead with 4:48 in the initial period, scoring seven of her 20 points in the first quarter.

But the Fillies (25-7) didn't let the poor start demoralize them as they tied the affair at 23 when Arielle Adams scored on a layup with 3:12 to go in the first half.

The Rangerettes, though, took control in the third as they went on a 20-5 run to start the second half.

Greenwood also outrebounded Denver City by a 34-24 margin.

GHS junior Cassi Mebane shined in the paint with 15 points and seven rebounds before fouling out late in the fourth quarter.

"That was the probably one of the major points of winning this game was controlling the ball, getting the ball back and not letting them have second shots," Cassi Mebane said. "In the end, I think that's what won the game."

Denver City's Morgan Dial led all scorers with 24 points, including four 3s.

Adams and Holly Hemmeline each contributed with 11 points for the Fillies.

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GREENWOOD 60, DENVER CITY 58

Denver City (25-7) - Morgan Dial 24, Haylee Villarreal 1, Cassady Esmeraldo 2, Dacey Gutierrez 5, Arielle Adams 11, Holly Hemmeline 11, Denisse Saenz 2

Greenwood (25-12) - Caity Payne 7, Natalee Karcher 20, Blaike Thompson 4, Sydnee Jordan 4, Cassi Mebane 15, Cylie Mebane 8, Bradi Good 2

Denver City	12	16	5	23—58
Greenwood	16	13	17	14—60

Free throws - Denver City 9-16, Greenwood 21-33. 3-point goals - Denver City 5 (Dial 4, Hemmeline), Greenwood 1 (Payne). Total fouls - Denver City 26, Greenwood 18. Fouled out - Aubrey Burris (Denver City), Esmeraldo, Villarreal, Cassi Mebane.

Next: Greenwood vs. Godley, Class 4A regional semifinal, 7 p.m. Friday, Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	60	32	20	8	72	169	155
Ottawa	58	32	20	6	70	158	153
Toronto	59	28	20	11	67	186	177
Florida	58	28	20	10	66	149	162
Boston	59	30	23	6	66	159	156
Tampa Bay	59	27	24	8	62	164	167
Buffalo	60	26	24	10	62	147	168
Detroit	60	24	26	10	58	150	178

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	58	39	12	7	85	195	126
Pittsburgh	59	37	14	8	82	207	166
Columbus	58	37	16	5	79	187	143
N.Y. Rangers	59	38	19	2	78	198	156
N.Y. Islanders	59	28	21	10	66	177	175
Philadelphia	59	28	24	7	63	154	179
New Jersey	60	25	25	10	60	139	172
Carolina	56	24	24	8	56	142	165

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	59	39	14	6	84	198	138
Chicago	60	37	18	5	79	177	154
St. Louis	60	31	24	5	67	170	173
Nashville	59	28	22	9	65	169	165
Winnipeg	63	28	29	6	62	184	199
Dallas	60	23	27	10	56	165	193
Colorado	57	16	38	3	35	113	190

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	60	35	18	7	77	166	144
Edmonton	60	32	20	8	72	172	156
Anaheim	61	31	20	10	72	156	154
Calgary	60	30	26	4	64	159	172
Los Angeles	58	28	26	4	60	143	145
Vancouver	60	26	28	6	58	142	172
Arizona	58	21	30	7	49	140	183

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

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores

Ottawa 2, New Jersey 1
Pittsburgh 3, Carolina 1
Montreal 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO
Tampa Bay 4, Edmonton 1
Toronto 5, Winnipeg 4, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, Detroit 1
Calgary 6, Nashville 5, OT
Chicago 5, Minnesota 3
Los Angeles at Colorado, late

Today's Games

Edmonton at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	20	.649	—
Toronto	33	24	.579	4
New York	23	34	.404	14
Philadelphia	21	35	.375	15½
Brooklyn	9	47	.161	27½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	34	21	.618	—
Atlanta	32	24	.571	2½
Miami	25	32	.439	10
Charlotte	24	32	.429	10½
Orlando	21	37	.362	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	39	16	.709	—
Indiana	29	28	.509	11
Chicago	28	29	.491	12
Detroit	27	30	.474	13
Milwaukee	25	30	.455	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	13	.768	—
Houston	40	18	.690	4
Memphis	34	24	.586	10
New Orleans	23	34	.404	20½
Dallas	22	34	.393	21

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	22	.614	—
Oklahoma City	32	25	.561	3
Denver	25	31	.446	9½
Portland	23	33	.411	11½
Minnesota	22	35	.386	13

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	47	9	.839	—
L.A. Clippers	35	21	.625	12
Sacramento	24	33	.421	23½
L.A. Lakers	19	39	.328	29
Phoenix	18	39	.316	29½

Schedule

Thursday's Games

Portland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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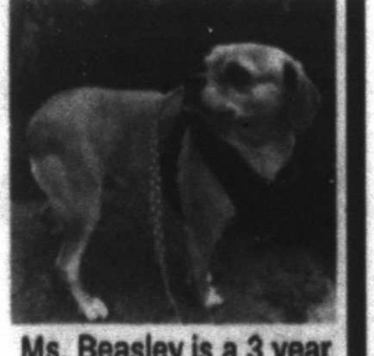
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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical's Conrey Echols (2) knocks the ball away from Covenant School's Brian Davis (4) on Tuesday at Midland Classical Academy.

No. 9 Baylor holds on 60-54 over Oklahoma to stay in 2nd

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — Baylor coach Scott Drew preferred to focus on the positive aspects of the defense after the ninth-ranked Bears had to hold on to snap a two-game slide.

Johnathan Motley had 21 points and 16 rebounds for the Bears, but they had to hold on after blowing almost all of a 15-point lead in the second half and not making a field goal over the last 6 minutes of a 60-54 victory over Oklahoma on Tuesday night.

"If you like defense, you liked tonight's game, because both teams defended pretty well, or the offenses were pretty bad," Drew said. "So, let's go with the positive — great defenses tonight. I know I'm pleased to hold them to 32 percent (shooting). You don't hold many Big 12 teams to 32 percent and 54 points."

The Bears (23-5, 10-5), who had lost four of their previous six games, moved back into a tie for second place in the Big 12.

Oklahoma used a 21-8 run to get within 49-47 on Jamuni McNeace's jumper with 9:21 left. But Manu Lecomte then hit consecutive 3-pointers for the Bears, though those were more than 2 minutes apart and their last field goals.

"That was huge. We know Manu is a big shot maker," Motley said. "When we need a big shot out of him, we know Manu is going to take it and make it."

Lecomte, who finished with 11 points, had missed practice the previous two days after a loss to No. 3 Kansas on Saturday because of a sore ankle, as did lone senior Ish Wainright.

Jo-Lual-Acuil Jr., a 7-footer who had sat out practice because of a calf issue, had 11 points along with nine rebounds and seven blocked shots.

"Shoot, he almost had a triple-double. So, I told him re-injure it," Drew said with a smile

Baylor stayed even with No. 12 West Virginia and Iowa State in the conference standings with three games left in the regular season. The Bears' Big 12 title hopes likely ended with a 67-65 home loss Saturday, when were outscored 8-0 over the last 3 1/2 minutes.

Kansas, which is home Wednesday night against TCU, is one win from guaranteeing at least a share of its 13th consecutive Big 12 title.

Kameron McGusty had 13 points to lead the Sooners (9-18, 3-12), and was the only one of seven players who scored in their big run to make multiple baskets. His 3-pointer started the big spurt.

Big picture

Oklahoma: Kruger will have to wait until another game for a chance to get his 600th career victory. After an NCAA Final Four appearance last season, these young Sooners, with 11 underclassmen and less than two weeks after losing senior Jordan Woodard to a torn ACL, still have some work to do to avoid the team's first last-place finish in the Big 12.

Baylor: The Bears again made things much harder on themselves than necessary, though they did hold on to win this time. Up 41-26 early in the second half following a 3 by Motley, the Bears couldn't build on that momentum and instead were in a struggle.

BASKETBALLPLAYOFFROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

NO. 4 GARDEN CITY 44 RICHLAND SPRINGS 29

SAN ANGELO — The No. 4-ranked Garden City girls basketball team is heading to the Region II-1A tournament after a win over No. 23 Richland Springs at Lake View High School.

Kortney Halfmann had 13 points and Madison Hastings had 10 for the Lady Kats (25-6), who used an 18-3 run in the second quarter to separate.

Garden City will next face Klondike in the regional semifinal round at 7 p.m. Friday at Abilene Christian University.

NO. 4 GARDEN CITY 44, No. 23 RICHLAND SPRINGS 29
GARDEN CITY (25-6) — Kortney Halfmann 13, Madison Hastings 10, Kenzie Schaefer 8, Allison Halfmann 8, Bethany Matschek 3, Payton Hastings 3, Lyndee Walker 3.
RICHLAND SPRINGS (20-6) — Berkeley Mann 4 3-4 14, Jordan Goodgame 1 8-10 10, Kamree Lewis 1 1-1 3, Jacie Gossett 1 0-0 2
Garden City ..... 10 18 7 9 —44
Richland Springs ..... 10 3 8 8 —29
Free throws — GCHS 12-16, RS 12-15
3-point goals — Garden City 9 (K. Halfmann 4, A. Halfmann 2, Schaefer 2, Matschek 1), Richland Springs 3 (Mann 3).
Next: Garden City vs. Klondike, Region II-1A semifinal, 7 p.m. Friday

Boys

BRADY 46 STANTON 33

SAN ANGELO — Brady's hot start helped the Bulldogs beat Stanton in a Class 3A bi-district round playoff game at the Junell Center.

Brady had a 20-7 run in the first and took a 28-12 lead at the half.

Tristan Graves had 10 points for Stanton, which ended its season at 20-10.

BRADY 46, STANTON 33
Brady (12-13) — Hollis 7, Walker 4, Jacoby 9, Wright 2, Hahn 18, Kannell 6
Stanton (20-10) — Tristan Graves 10, Austin Luna 4, Colby Gordon 4, Blake Snellgrove 5, Austin Fryar 6, Sebastian Escamilla 4
Brady ..... 20 8 12 6 —46
Stanton ..... 7 5 4 17 —33
Free throws — BHS 10-25, SHS 8-18. 3-point goals — BHS 4 (Hollis, Walker, Kannell 2), SHS 3 (Graves, Luna, Snellgrove). Total fouls — BHS 19, SHS 18. Fouled out — Fryar, Gordon.

ANDREWS 82 SAN ELIZARIO 39

ALPINE — Andrews had no trouble in its Class 4A bi-district round playoff game against San Elizario at Sul Ross State University.

Payton Lopez led four Mustangs in double figures with 18 points, Brett Leach had 16, Matthew O'Connor had 13 and Aaron Doyle had 10 for Andrews (19-14).

Andrews will next face Lamesa in the area round at 6 p.m. Friday in Denver City.

ANDREWS 82, SAN ELIZARIO 39
Andrews (19-14) — Brett Leach 16, Payton Lopez 18, Johnnie Phillips 3, Aaron Doyle 10, Matthew O'Connor 13, Jace Keesee 8, Noah Lujan 6, Robbie Velasquez 2, Jonothan Bailey 6
San Elizario (3-28) — Angel Cano 8, Philip Rogers 12, Anthony Najera 8, Alejandro Ruiz 11
Andrews ..... 17 25 23 17 —82
San Elizario ..... 5 6 13 16 —39
Free throws — Andrews 10-15, San Elizario 8-16. 3-Point goals — Andrews 4 (Payton Lopez 2, Brett Leach 1, Johnnie Phillips 1), San Elizario 3 (Angel Cano 2, Alejandro Ruiz 1) Total fouls — Andrews 8, San Elizario 10. Fouled out — San Elizario: Philip Rogers.

LAMESA 62 BUSHLAND 55

PLAINVIEW — Dre Smiley had 20 points to lead Lamesa to a victory over Bushland in a Class 4A bi-district game at Wayland Baptist University.

Jaleel Edwards added 16 and Tyquail Maxwell had 12 for the Golden Tors (27-6), who advance to play Andrews, an 82-39 winner over San Elizario, in the area round. That game is set for 6 p.m. Friday in Denver City.

LAMESA 62, BUSHLAND 55
Lamesa (27-6) — Dre Smiley 20, Buddy Williams 5, Jaleel Edwards 16, Tyquail Maxwell 12, Keshawn Hunter 6, Nathan Cunningham 3
Bushland (15-11) — Wilhem 1, Kirkland 23, Jeffries 6, David 8, Moore 9, Watson 8
Lamesa ..... 18 9 18 17 —62
Bushland ..... 13 15 3 22 —55
Free throws — Lamesa 9-17, Bushland 8-12
3-point goals — Lamesa 5 (Smiley, Williams, Edwards 3), Bushland 7 (Kirkland 6, Moore)
Total fouls — Lamesa 11, Bushland 16. Fouled out — Wilhem.
Next: Lamesa vs. Andrews, Class 4A area round, 6 p.m. Friday, Denver City

MCA

From 1C

cut down on their mistakes, their fortunes turned. MCA opened the second quarter on a 10-0 run and eventually took a 26-25 lead in the quarter before a Covenant 3-pointer right before the halftime buzzer.

The energetic run had the home gym buzzing. MCA head coach Ron Miller said he could feel a rally coming after a slow start.

"After they jumped out to that big lead, I just felt pretty confident that we were going to come back," Miller said. "What I felt like would happen is we would gradually wear them down the whole game."

But Covenant regained control in the third with its one-two combo of zone defense and dribble penetration. Covenant converted five of its first six shots of the frame to stretch its lead back to 11 with three minutes to play.

Covenant's 1-3-1 zone forced the Knights to the perimeter time after time, where they fired 33 3-pointers for the game.

"We just didn't move the ball, they played a zone and for some reason we didn't see the open man," Miller said. "We didn't have a flow of an offense at all. It was a tough game."

Covenant led by 13 for a second time before MCA's final rally. A flurry of treys from Echols and Miller brought the Knights to within 52-49 with under two minutes to play.

Miller said despite the loss, Tuesday's experience was a valuable one for his young players.

"They keep fighting and since we are so young, I hated it for our two seniors who are starters, Kevin (Giffin) and Jared (Adkins)," Miller said. "But for the sophomores it just really helps them get as much experience as they can in that situation."

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NO. 9 DALLAS COVENANT 59, NO. 10 MIDLAND CLASSICAL 52
Covenant (17-9) — Grayson Scurry 2, Brian Davis 26, Cameron Sharpless 2, Daniel Magnuson 19, Graham Hill 5, Alec Scully 2
MCA (12-20) — Conrey Echols 23, Jared Adkins 5, Cole Miller 16, Jaxson Bayley 1, Cade Miller 3, Kevin Giffin 4
Covenant ..... 17 11 18 13 —59
MCA ..... 5 21 9 17 —52
Free throws — Covenant 10-26, MCA 9-16. 3-point goals — Covenant 6 (Davis 2, Magnuson 4), MCA 11 (Echols 7, Cole Miller 3, Adkins). Total fouls — Covenant 14, MCA 17. Fouled out — None.
Next: Dallas Covenant vs. Rockwall Heritage Christian-Fort Worth Cavalry Christian TBA Saturday in TAPPS 3A state quarterfinal

MCA Girls

From 1C

Despite picking up some early fouls, Leia Beattie finished with a game-high 19 points for MCA and Griffin finished with 18.

Cunneen said she thought Haest played a good all-round game on both ends of the floor.

"That was one of her better games," Cunneen said. "She rebounded well, shot well, so I'm real excited about her. It's always exciting to end your senior year at home with a great game. Bekah Jones came in and gave us some quality minutes as well."

The Lady Knights got to play every available player and seven Lady Knights scored.

Anna Wernick led the Lady Bulldogs with 10 points.

Now that they got the first playoff game out of the way, the Lady Knights are pumped up for the next round and their potential to make a good run.

"I'm just excited for what's to come," Haest said. "This has been a great team, great coaches and it's been a great experience."

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NO. 2 MCA 70, DALLAS YAVNEH ACADEMY 25
Yavneh Academy (11-16) — Jessica Lampert 4, Jenna Sasson 2, Jacquie Mitzner 5, Anna Wermick 10, Jordyn Lax 4
MCA (24-6) — Kori Kirk 6, Laura Kate Sparks 2, Leia Beattie 19, Delaine Griffin 19, Ellen Haest 15, Lily Marshall 3, MaKenna Beattie 5
Yavneh ..... 4 6 3 12 —25
MCA ..... 30 13 13 14 —70
Free throws — DNA 9-15, MCA 5-9. 3-point goals — MCA 7, Beattie 5, Griffin, M. Beattie. Total fouls — DNA 11, MCA 15. Fouled out — None.

MHS

From 1C

13 for the Bulldogs.

Jamauri Gregg scored a game-high 25 points for Americas, Edward Carlos added 21 and Joseph De-Anda had 14 and Sebastian Adande chipped in with 10.

Americas will move on to play Arlington Martin in the area round at a time and place to be determined.

EL PASO AMERICAS 71, MIDLAND HIGH 47
Americas (32-2) — Zach Sosa 1, Sebastian Adande 10, Joseph Deanda 14, Edward Carlos 21, Jamauri Gregg 25
MHS (12-19) — Courtney McMarynon 13, Rakheim Peterson 2, Camran Rock 3, D'Andre Wilson 18, Dillon Springer 2, Suddin Sapien 4, Joseph Barron 5
Americas ..... 18 13 23 17 —71
MHS ..... 6 10 18 13 —47
Free throws — Americas 21-29, MHS 4-8. 3-point goals — Americas 4 (Deanda 4), MHS 3 (McMarynon, Rock, Wilson). Total fouls — Americas 17, MHS 24. Fouled out — None. Technicals fouls - MHS: McMarynon, Ty Kendrick.
Next: MHS' season is complete. El Paso Americas vs. Arlington Martin, Class 6A area round, TBA

HS BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

Boys

Region I
Class 6A
Bi-district
North Crowley (W4) 84, Abilene High (F3) 35
Wolfforth Frenship (T3) 49, El Paso El Dorado 41
Keller (W2) 80, Mansfield (F4) 44
Odessa Permian (R2, 23-11) 54, El Paso Coronado (T1) 42
Killeen Shoemaker (W8) 75, South Grand Prairie 57
Plano West (T6) 61, Hebron 58 (W5)
Cedar Hill (W7) 81, Copperas Cove 55
Allen (R6) 63, Lewisville 36
Amarillo Tascosa (W2) 72, El Paso Pebble Hills 67
Arlington Bowie (T4) 76, Keller Fossil Ridge 38
El Paso Americas (32-2, W1) 71, Midland High (12-19, F2) 47
Arlington Martin (R4) 78, Keller Timber Creek 43
Euless Trinity (F3) 92, Denton Guyer (W6) 91
Duncanville (R7) 55, vs. Waco Midway (T8) 53
McKinney (F6) 54, Flower Mound (T6), 47
Class 4A
Bi-district
Monahans (19-11, W4) 78, Clint Mountain View 38
Perryton (R1) 57, Levelland 56
Cisco (18-10, W3) 63, Greenwood 48
Lubbock Estacado (21-10, R2) 79, Borger 59
Midlothian Heritage (26-5, W8) 71, Lake Worth (14-19, F7) 39
Graham (17-7, T6) 62, Brownwood 49
Kennedale (23-10, W7) vs. Glen Rose (13-19, F8), late
Burkburnett (25-7, R6) 88, Big Spring 32
Seminole (21-11, W2) 56, Pampa (11-13, F1) 30
Fort Stockton (13-19, T4) 73, Fabens (10-17, R3) 48
Lamesa (26-6, F2) 62, Bushland 55
Andrews (13-15, R4) 82, San Elizario 39
Wichita Falls Hirschi (19-7, W6) 57, Sweetwater 25
Mineral Wells (22-6, R7) 72, Stephenville (9-19, T8) 58
Abilene Wylie (28-5, W5) 78, Iowa Park 43
Lite Waxahachie (27-8, R8) 84, Castleberry 47
Class 3A
Bi-district
Wall (23-6, W4) 72, Karnes 27
Childress (22-3, R1) 68, Dimmitt 46
Crane (24-2, W3) 57, Reagan County (16-14, F4) 52
Shallowater (20-6, R2) 60, Amarillo River Road 37
Bowie (15-8, W6) 63, Tolar (8-18, F7) 61
Brady (12-13, T6) 46, Stanton (20-10, R5) 33
Brock (25-6, W7) 73, Wichita Falls City View 56
Colorado City (T5) 78, Coleman (R6) 65
Littlefield (24-6, W2) vs. Tulia (7-12, F1), late
Ballinger (17-14, T4) 53, Tornillo (15-16, R3) 48
Canadian (19-2, W1) 68, Muleshoe (16-14, F2) 40
Presidio (13-12, T3) 66, San Angelo TLCA 54
Dublin (25-8, W6) 73, Merkel (18-11, F5) 70
Pleasanton (18-5, R7) 61, Holliday (21-11, T8) 46
Tuscola Jim Ned (22-11, W5) 45, Comanche 34
Nocona (24-9, R8) 57, Cisco (18-13, T7) 43
Class 2A
Bi-district
New Deal (29-2, W4) 65, Bovina (14-14, F3) 59
Stratford (R1) vs. Memphis (T2), TBA
Lockney (22-7, W3) 57, Floydada 36
Wheeler (R2) vs. Sanford-Fritch (T1), late
Albany (22-4, W8) 75, Miles 35
Smyer (R5) 73, Wink (T6) 60
Haskell (14-13, F8) 50, Forsan (25-6, W7) 47
Seagraves (T5) 55, Van Horn (19-11, R6) 48
Clarendon (W2) 56, Vega (F1) 48
Fanwell (24-5, R3) 72, Post (T4) 49
Panhandle (F2) 68, West Texas 60
Abernathy (R4) 45, Olton (16-9, T3) 31
Anthony (26-4, W6) 93, Morton (8-14, F5) 57
Christoval (R7) 50, Hawley (T8) 38
Sundown (W5) 52, McCamey (6-21, F6) 36
Stamford (20-11, R8) 81, Iraan County (T7) 58
Class 1A
Region II
Bi-district
Borden County (W12, bye)
Grandfalls-Royalty (T10) 42, Balmorhea (R9) 35
Buena Vista (W10, bye)
Dawson (R11) 64, Iris (T12) 63
Richland Springs (W16), bye
Ryle (17-5, R13) vs. Water Valley (T14), late
Garden City (16-7, W14), bye
May (R15) 63, Cherokee (T16) 28
Grady (19-4, W11, bye)
Rankin (R10) 64, Dell City 47
Sierra Blanca (W9, bye)
Sands (T11) 37, Hermleigh 34
Eula (23-6, W15), bye
Bronte (R14) 63, Leuders-Avoca (T13) 40
Roby (W13), bye
Cross Plains (T15) 40, Menard (R16) 32

TAPPS
Class 5A
Bi-district
Austin St. Dominic Savio 66, Midland Christian 63
Class 3A
Area
Dallas Covenant 59, Midland Classical 52

Girls

REGION I
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Arlington Bowie (31-7, W4) 54, vs. Keller (29-6, W3) 44
Duncanville (34-2, W7) 57, DeSoto (24-10) 30
Arlington Lamar (25-8, R4) 52, Amarillo Tascosa (23-10, W2) 47
South Grand Prairie (23-11, R7) 58, Cedar Hill (26-11) 46
CLASS 4A
REGION I
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Greenwood (24-12, W4) 60, Denver City (25-6, R2) 56
Godley (33-4, W8) 72, Kennedale (33-4, W7) 59
Levelland (31-4, W2) 64, Bushland (21-11) 55
Stephenville (27-7) 35, Glen Rose (26-9) 32
CLASS 3A
REGION I
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Wall (26-7) 43, Idalou (27-8) 41
Bowie (33-1) 54, Colorado City (24-9) 43
Canadian (31-3) 36, Littlefield (24-10) 32
Brock (27-9) 41, Jim Ned (27-7) 30
CLASS 2A
REGION I
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Abernathy (27-5) 64, Panhandle (25-6) 35
Iron County (30-5) 48, Haskell (29-6) 42
Claude (32-1) 51, Stratford (24-8) 48
Sundown (28-4) 39, Christoval 31
CLASS 1A
REGION II
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Klondike (R11) 48, Iris (W12) 34
Garden City (W14) 64, Richland Springs (W16) 29
O'Donnell (W11) vs. Hermleigh (R12), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring
May (W15) 63, Roby (W13) 41

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES AND TOP 25 FARED

Men

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 60, Oklahoma 54
SOUTH
Auburn 98, LSU 75
Barton 85, Lees-McRae 83
Belmont 96, Tevecca Nazarene 45
Florida 81, South Carolina 66
Kentucky Christian 102, Berea 92
Limestone 82, Erskine 47
N. Kentucky 83, Wright St. 76
NC State 71, Georgia Tech 69
Richmond 64, Davidson 76
Virginia Tech 71, Clemson 70
MIDWEST
Ball St. 78, E. Michigan 72
Carthage 75, Wheaton (Ill.) 73
Dayton 83, George Mason 70
Detroit 91, Cleveland St. 83
Green Bay 67, UIC 79
Illinois 66, Northwestern 50
Marquette 93, St. John's 71
N. Illinois 89, Cent. Michigan 66
Oakland 101, Youngstown St. 72
Ohio 79, Miami (Ohio) 62
Valparaiso 67, Milwaukee 61
W. Michigan 61, Toledo 58, OT
Wichita St. 108, Evansville 83
EAST
Caldwell 90, Concordia (N.Y.) 65
Kent St. 77, Buffalo 69
Monmouth (NJ) 82, Fairfield 62
Old Westbury 69, St. Joseph's (L) 61
Philadelphia 81, Wilmington (Del.) 61
Purdue 74, Penn St. 70, OT
Rhode Island 67, La Salle 56
St. Augustine's 61, Lincoln (Pa.) 60

Top 25 fared Tuesday
1. Gonzaga (28-0) did not play. Next: at San Diego, Thursday.
2. Villanova (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Butler, Wednesday.
3. Kansas (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
4. Arizona (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
5. UCLA (24-3) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.
6. Oregon (24-4) did not play. Next: at California, Wednesday.
7. Louisville (22-5) did not play. Next: at No. 8 North Carolina, Wednesday.
8. North Carolina (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Louisville, Wednesday.
9. Baylor (23-5) beat Oklahoma 60-54. Next: at Iowa State, Saturday.
10. Duke (22-6) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Wednesday.
11. Kentucky (22-5) at Missouri. Next: vs. No. 13 Florida, Saturday.
12. West Virginia (22-6) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
13. Florida (23-5) beat South Carolina 81-68. Next: at No. 11 Kentucky, Saturday.
14. Purdue (23-5) beat Penn State 74-70, OT. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.
15. Cincinnati (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Memphis, Thursday.
16. Wisconsin (22-5) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.
17. SMU (24-4) did not play. Next: at UConn, Saturday.
18. Virginia (18-9) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
19. Florida State (22-6) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
20. Saint Mary's (24-3) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Thursday.
21. Notre Dame (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Sunday.
22. Butler (21-6) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Villanova, Wednesday.
23. Creighton (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
24. Maryland (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Wednesday.
25. Wichita State (26-4) beat Evansville 109-83. Next: at Missouri State, Saturday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
South Florida 79, Houston 50
SOUTH
Barton 71, Lees-McRae 60
Campbell 80, Presbyterian 42
Cumberlands 62, Berea 43
High Point 64, Charleston Southern 62
Liberty 71, Longwood 38
Limestone 75, Erskine 55
Radford 51, Gardner-Webb 42
Randolph-Macon 65, Hollins 44
UNC Asheville 71, Winthrop 56
VCU 54, Davidson 47
Winston-Salem 50, Elizabeth City St. 41
MIDWEST
Carthage 80, Carroll (Wis.) 62
Iowa St. 90, Kansas 75
Kansas St. 79, Oklahoma 71
EAST
Caldwell 83, Concordia (NY) 66
Duquesne 83, St. Bonaventure 61
Golden Beacom 89, Chestnut Hill 72
Rider 75, Monmouth (NJ) 69
Saint Joseph's 57, George Mason 53

Top 25 fared Tuesday
1. UConn (26-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Temple, Wednesday.
2. Maryland (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Sunday.
3. Mississippi State (27-1) did not play. Next: at No. 22 Kentucky, Thursday.
4. Baylor (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.
5. Notre Dame (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
6. Texas (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Friday.
7. South Carolina (22-4) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Thursday.
8. Florida State (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Thursday.
8. Stanford (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Oregon State, Thursday.
10. Oregon State (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Stanford, Thursday.
11. Washington (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Thursday.
12. Ohio State (24-5) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Sunday.
13. Duke (24-4) did not play. Next: at North Carolina, Sunday.
14. Louisville (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.
15. UCLA (20-7) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Friday.
16. Oklahoma (21-7) lost to Kansas State 79-71. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
17. Miami (19-7) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
18. N.C. State (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Thursday.
19. DePaul (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Friday.
20. Syracuse (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday.
21. Drake (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Iowa, Friday.
22. Kentucky (19-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Mississippi State, Thursday.
23. Temple (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 1 UConn, Wednesday.
24. Missouri (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Thursday.
25. Michigan (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.

Lakers change: Magic in charge after GM Kupchak fired

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

Magic Johnson is leading the Los Angeles Lakers again after a major shake-up of the struggling franchise's front office.


Johnson

Lakers owner Jeanie Buss fired general manager Mitch Kupchak on Tuesday and put Johnson in charge of basketball operations. Jeanie Buss also removed her brother, Jim, from his job as the Lakers' executive vice president of basketball operations.

Jim Buss retains his ownership stake in the team, but Jeanie Buss has final say under the structure set up by their late father, Jerry Buss. She used it to chart a new course for the Lakers, who are mired in the worst four-year stretch in the 16-time NBA champion franchise's glorious history.

Just 19 days after Johnson returned to the Lakers in an executive role, Jeanie Buss promoted the Hall of Fame point guard to have the final say on basketball decisions. Johnson is the Lakers' new president of basketball operations, reporting directly to Jeanie Buss, although the team also plans to hire a new general manager.

"I took these actions today to achieve one goal: Everyone associated with the Lakers will now be pulling in the same direction, the direction established by Earvin and myself," Jeanie Buss said in a statement. "We are determined to get back to competing to win NBA championships again."

Jeanie Buss made the extraordinary moves two days before the trade deadline. The Lakers have the NBA's third-worst record at 19-39 this season, plummeting out of contention after an encouraging 10-10 start under new coach Luke Walton, who got a strong vote of confidence.

Jeanie Buss said she "took a series of actions I believe will return the Lakers to the heights Dr. Jerry Buss demanded and our fans rightly expect. Our search for a new general manager to work with Earvin and coach Luke Walton is well underway, and we hope to announce a new general manager in short order. Together, Earvin, Luke and our new general manager will establish the foundation for the next generation of Los Angeles Lakers greatness."

Kupchak had been the Lakers' GM since 2000, studying under Jerry West and eventually succeeding him. Kupchak had been in the Lakers' front office for 30 years, including the last 17 as general manager — the longest current stretch running a front office in the NBA.

Jim Buss had been in the Lakers' front office for 19 years, including 12 in charge of basketball operations alongside Kupchak. The former horse trainer had final say on basketball decisions in recent years.

But the Lakers have steadily declined from the heights of back-to-back championships in 2009 and 2010. They are mired in the worst four-year stretch in franchise history, missing the playoffs in three consecutive years with their three worst records ever.

After an extraordinary trade for Pau Gasol propelled the Lakers to three straight NBA Finals appearances, Kupchak and Jim Buss made a series of high-profile personnel moves that didn't pan out.

They made a pricey trade for Dwight Howard, who fled the franchise after one year, and another deal for Steve Nash, who barely played thanks to back woes. The Lakers are still feeling the effects of that deal, which will cost them their first-round pick this summer if it isn't in the top three.

The Lakers finished 17-65 last season, a franchise low in the last year of Kobe Bryant's two-decade run with the franchise.

Johnson's return made Jim Buss' departure seem quite likely, particularly given Jim Buss' vow several years ago to leave the franchise if they weren't in contention for a Western Conference title by this year or next.

But Jeanie Buss still picked a dramatic way to end this family business' years of tradition.

Johnson has never been a decision-making NBA executive, but he has been a successful businessman and investor since his playing career ended. He also briefly coached the Lakers, but dropped his ceremonial title as a team vice president last June after his frequent public criticisms of Jim Buss and former coaches. He also sold his ownership stake in 2010.

"Since 1979, I've been a part of the Laker Nation, and I'm passionate about this organization," Johnson said in a statement. "I will do everything I can to build a winning culture on and off the court. We have a great coach in Luke Walton and good young players. We will work tirelessly to return our Los Angeles Lakers to NBA champions."

The departure of Kupchak is even more dramatic: The former Lakers center had worked with West and Jim Buss in relative harmony for years with the tradition-bound Lakers. Kupchak had been employed by the Lakers in some capacity since August 1981.

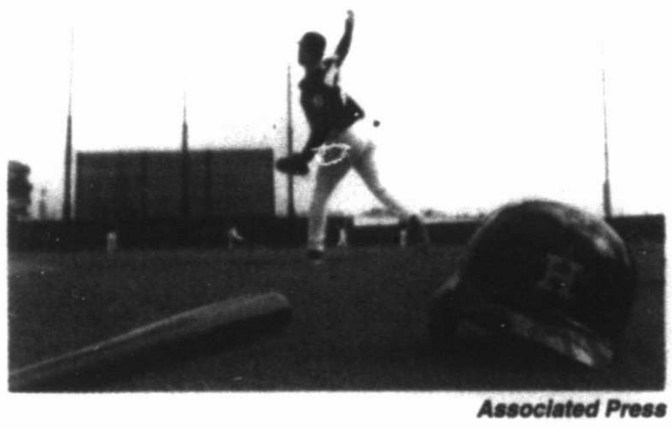
The Lakers' recent ineptitude didn't hurt their place as Los Angeles' most beloved sports franchise and a worldwide brand, but Jeanie Buss finally tired of the apparent lack of progress. The Lakers have a talented young core with D'Angelo Russell, Julius Randle, Brandon Ingram and Jordan Clarkson, but haven't been able to translate that potential into wins despite playing an exciting style under Walton.

The Lakers also parted ways with longtime top public relations executive John Black.

The Lakers return from the All-Star break on Friday at Oklahoma City. They face San Antonio at Staples Center on Sunday.

Astros face a classic baseball question: Who's on 1st?

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press


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Houston Astros third baseman Yuli Gurriel throws during a spring training baseball workout Sunday in West Palm Beach, Fla.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The Houston Astros haven't been set at first base since Lance Berkman was traded in 2010.

With eyes on a pennant, they know they'll have to do something about that. The problem: There's no clear answer.

"This is my third year here and we've never really felt like we've been very stable at first," manager A.J. Hinch said.

The best candidate this season is Yulieski Gurriel, whom the Astros signed to a $47.5 million, five-year deal in July after he spent 15 years playing in Cuba. Primarily a third baseman, the 32-year-old Gurriel never played first before appearing there in five of his 36 games for Houston last season.

"The crash course on first base started last year in September," Hinch said. "He'll adapt. He's got to learn some of the positioning, some of the responsibilities. It will be a challenge for him just because it's all brand new for him, but he's good enough to do it."

The Astros want Gurriel's bat in the lineup and have Alex Bregman, the second overall pick in the 2015 draft, at third base. Gurriel was one of the best hitters in Cuba in his 15 seasons there, hitting .335 with 250 homers and 1,018 RBIs. In his last season in Cuba in 2015, he hit .500 with 15 homers and 51 RBIs in just 49 games.

He cooled off while adjusting to the majors last season, but still hit .262 with three homers and 15 RBIs.

The Astros have penciled in Gurriel to open the season at first. But Hinch says several players could be used at first depending on what they do this spring.

"We may have a revolving door from a platoon standpoint at first now, so if that's my only problem so to speak then I can certainly adapt to that," Hinch said. "But it would be nice to have somebody step up and take the job."

Utility player Marwin Gonzalez will certainly see time at first after starting 92 games there last season. A.J. Reed, Tyler White, Colin Moran and nonroster invitee Jon Singleton will also get a look this spring.

Reed failed to produce as a rookie last season. The Astros expected big things after he hit .291 with 15 homers and 50 RBIs in 70 games with Triple-A Fresno. He was called up June 25, but once in the majors hit just .164 in 45 games.

"He's got to hit his way to being relevant on our team," Hinch said. "He knows that. He knows coming in that he had a partial season where he's gotten his feet wet at the big league level and it hasn't gone perfectly for him."

Reed wants to use last season as a tool.

"Just take it as a learning opportunity," he said. "Learn from what I wasn't doing right and what I was doing right and just try to make it better and take advantage of opportunities this year."

Moran also struggled in his time in Houston last season, though he got far less of a look than Reed. Moran, who was the sixth overall pick in the 2013 draft, hit just .130 in nine games with the Astros.

Johnson's 8th title could stake him as NASCAR's greatest

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Jimmie Johnson might have had an easier time had his 6-year-old daughter asked for help with a school art project. Genevieve Johnson instead left dad briefly bewildered with a messier question:


Johnson

What does famous mean?

"At school, the kids are asking her, saying, 'Your dad's famous,'" Johnson said. "How do you answer that question?"

Let's try.

Does your dad dress in a Lowe's fire suit, slide into the No. 48 Chevrolet and race on national television every weekend? Does your dad have more than 2.3 million Twitter followers, is he besieged by autograph seekers and asked to voice cartoons on the Disney Channel?

Yes, Genevieve, your father is famous.

But the more contemplative question is this: Is Johnson the greatest to ever drive a stock car? That answer is up for debate, though arguments for other contenders thin as Johnson continues to add to his championship collection.

Seven of 'em, if you've lost count.

An eighth would push Johnson past Dale Earnhardt and Richard Petty for most ever, leaving him alone as NASCAR's greatest.

Outside his motorhome, Johnson scratched his beard, tinged with a touch of grey, as he considered what an eighth title would mean. Johnson had retreated to Aspen, Colorado, over the winter, where the snow and ski-filled days made him want to grow his beard to roughly ZZ Top length. The King has his feathered cowboy hat. Maybe a wavy beard could become Johnson's distinguishable feature.

What seemed cool in Aspen made him hot under the helmet at Daytona.

"I was really uncomfortable," he said. "It just hits you the whole time."

Beard aficionado Dale Earnhardt Jr., who shaved his own for a wedding, openly admired his teammate's facial hair.

"That's a bad-ass beard," Junior said. "If I'd known he was going to come so strong, I would have worked on mine a little more. I certainly do envy what Jimmie's got going on."

Most also drivers envy his record run at NASCAR history.

Johnson's shot at history hit him in 2010 when he won his fifth straight Cup title and talk about chasing eight intensified. He won his sixth in 2013, and his surprising seventh last year now makes an eighth championship seem more inevitable than a longshot.

With 80 career wins and a pair of Daytona 500 victories, the 41-year-old Johnson won't let the record define him.

"No," he said, "but I'm going to try (and win it), though."

Long before he fires up the Chevy, Johnson's championship pursuit begins near dawn with a run. Johnson long ago traded his race helmet for a bicycle helmet during off hours at the track and put a twist on his Sunday finish line by running the occasional marathon before a race.

At Daytona, he biked 42 miles on Sunday morning hours before he pulled double duty and raced in the Clash at Daytona and qualified for the 500. He's inspired and coached members of the NASCAR family — crew chiefs, fellow drivers — and helped whip them into shape before he whipped them on the track. Johnson's days of scarfing hushpuppies and sipping sweet tea out by a roadside barbecue stand are long behind him. He's still an adrenaline junkie in the offseason, though his fastest turns in the winter now come navigating the snowcapped slopes in Colorado.

With a wife, two daughters and enough race trophies to stuff a storage unit, the fitness freak has never been happier. Johnson has even won over fans who had grown tired of the 48 dynasty built with team owner Rick Hendrick and crew chief Chad Knaus. Before the championship race at Homestead, Johnson was greeted by fans holding up seven fingers, not the one-finger salute he'd grown accustomed to receiving.

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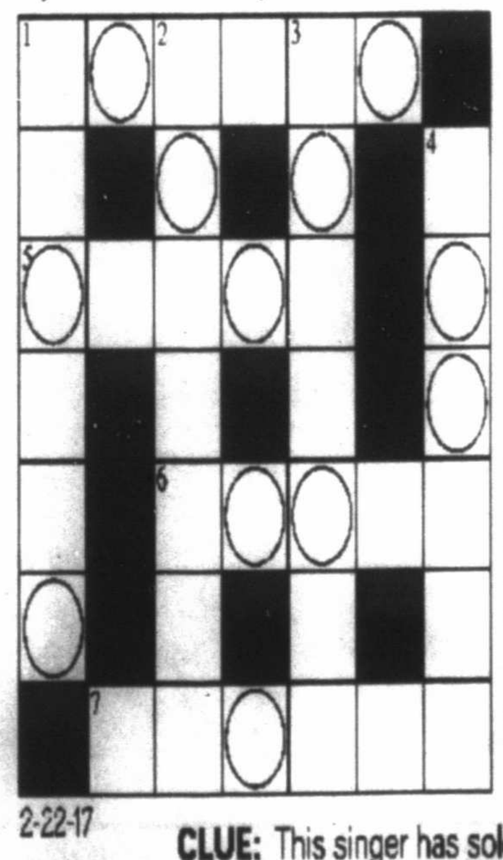
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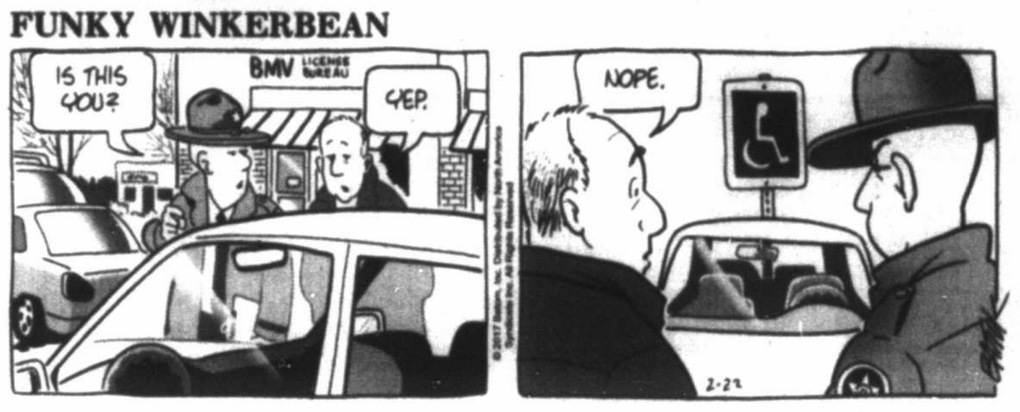
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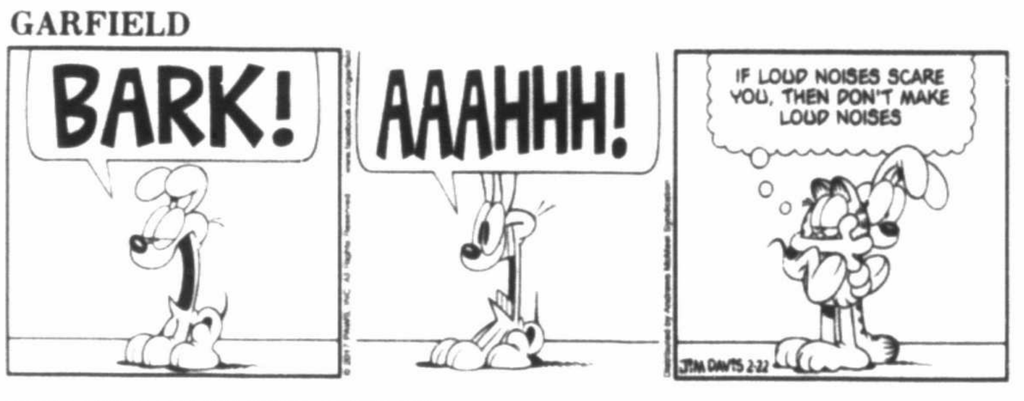
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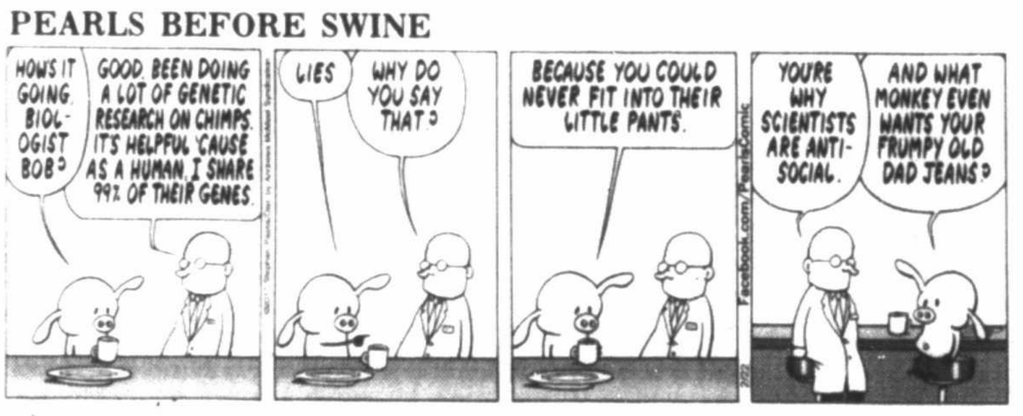
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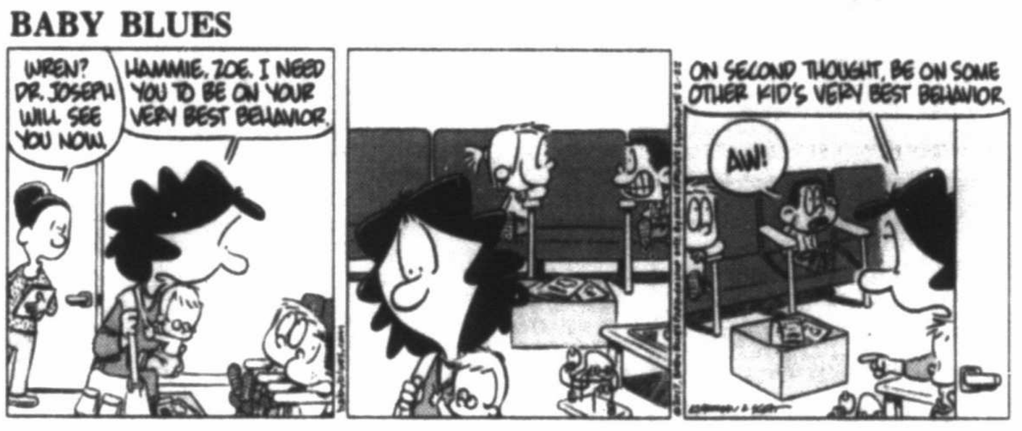
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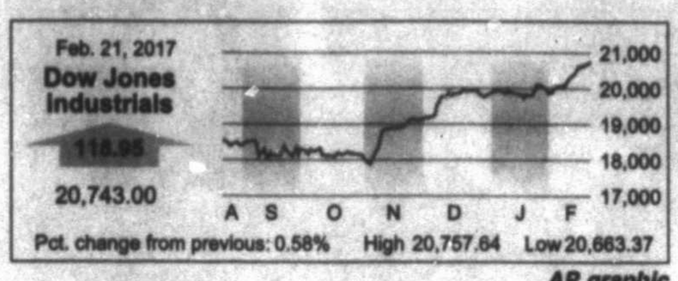


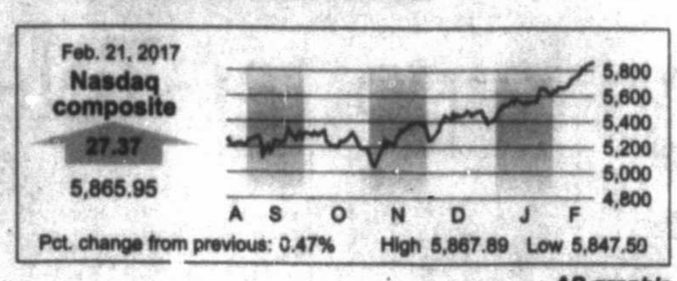
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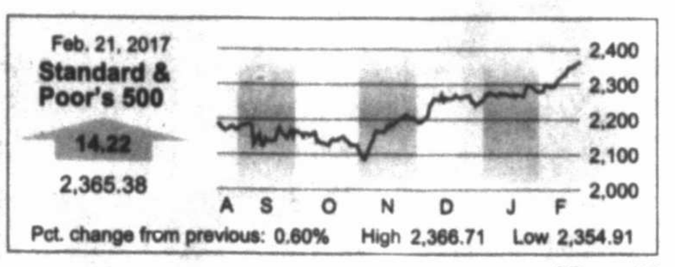
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $54.06
Previous: $53.40

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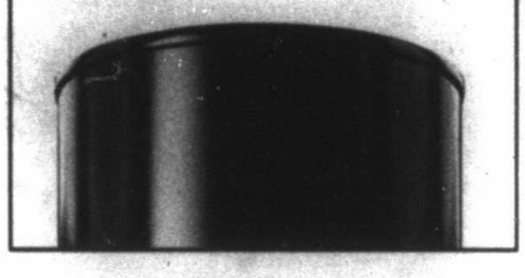
Tuesday: $50.00
Previous: $50.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $45.35
Previous: $45.35

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.564
Previous: $2.834



Yahoo salvages Verizon deal with $350 million discount

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Yahoo is taking a $350 million hit on its previously announced $4.8 billion sale to Verizon in a concession for security lapses that exposed personal information stored in more than 1 billion Yahoo user accounts.

The revised agreement, announced Tuesday, eases investor worries that Verizon Communications Inc. would demand a discount of at least $1 billion or cancel the deal entirely.

The hacking bombshells, disclosed after the two companies agreed on a sale, represent the two biggest security breaches in internet history.

The breaches raised concerns that people might decrease their use of Yahoo email and other digital services that Verizon is buying. A smaller audience makes Yahoo's services less valuable because it reduces the opportunities to show ads — the main reason that Verizon struck the deal seven months ago.

Yahoo has maintained that its users have remained loyal, despite any mistrust that might have been caused by its lax security and the lengthy delay in discovering and disclosing the hacks. The separate attacks occurred in 2013 and 2014; Yahoo disclosed them this past September and December.

The lower price, now pegged at $4.48 billion, will cost Yahoo shareholders roughly 37 cents per share. But they may also be responsible for substantial legal costs.

After the Verizon deal closes, any future bills stemming from the hack will be shouldered by Altaba Inc. — a company that will become the caretaker of Yahoo's remains, which will include about $7 billion in cash and lucrative stakes in Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group and Yahoo Japan.

Altaba will be responsible for all costs stemming from shareholder lawsuits and a Securities and Exchange Commission probe into how Yahoo handled the disclosure of the massive hacks. Verizon and Altaba will split costs from all other hack-related lawsuits and government investigations.

This agreement "provides protections for both sides" and should help the deal close by the end of June, Marni Walden, Verizon's head of product innovation and new businesses, said in a statement. Yahoo shareholders have to approve it.

Avoiding an even larger reduction in the deal value represents a small victory for Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer, who had already been under fire on Wall Street for her inability to turn around the company and then for the humiliating security lapses that came under her watch.

"Yahoo had to get this deal done. There is no better fit for them than Verizon," said Doug Melsheimer, managing director for Bulger Partners.

Mayer, 41, is widely expected to step down after Verizon takes over, although she hasn't spelled out her plans definitively. If she departs, Mayer will leave with a severance package that was valued at $44 million last summer. The package is probably worth even more now because it primarily consists of Yahoo stock.

Yahoo shares rose 40 cents to close at $45.50 while Verizon's stock added 24 cents to finish at $49.43.

Verizon's willingness to accept some of the lingering risks from Yahoo's security breaches underscores the wireless carrier's desire to become a bigger player in the digital advertising market. Google and Facebook currently dominate, but Verizon believes there's room to grow.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (31 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	750820	24.76	+.26
S&P500ETF	665754	236.49	+1.40
FrptMcM	848059	14.13	-.76
SPDR Fnd	531181	24.59	+.12
VanEGold	469725	24.62	-.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tronox	19.47	+5.05	+35.0
OmlyHlt	9.23	+2.33	+33.8
LumberLiq	17.98	+2.62	+17.1
GencoSh rs	11.36	+1.49	+15.1
HelixEn	8.50	+1.09	+14.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVLgNG	14.13	-4.97	-26.0
NordicACtf	2.10	-.40	-16.0
PrSUBNG rs	9.51	-1.72	-15.3
PrBearNGs	18.44	-2.79	-13.2
BtdBear	9.00	-1.00	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,115
Declined	556
Unchanged	112
Total issues	3,083
New Highs	281
New Lows	10
Volume	3,421,552,959

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (31 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NDynMn g	304779	1.88	-.80
SBgold g	67397	3.30	+.08
NwGold g	69170	3.12	+.03
BarcGSOil	43943	6.20	+.08
Globalstar	42862	1.45	+.03

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ashford	58.17	+7.67	+15.2
SwGA Fn	24.25	+2.35	+10.7
RadiantLog	5.47	+.48	+9.6
BioTime	3.18	+.21	+7.1
MastechD	6.70	+.43	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Air Inds	4.05	-.42	-9.4
ContMatls	25.10	-1.95	-7.2
InspMD rs	2.13	-.16	-7.0
EnFuel grs	2.26	-.13	-5.4
Contango	8.40	-.44	-5.0

DIARY

Advanced	187
Declined	154
Unchanged	27
Total issues	368
New Highs	23
New Lows	2
Volume	153,582,671

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (31 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	263644	3.32	+.03
Cisco	257985	34.13	+.39
SiriusXM	236781	5.04	+.10
Apple Inc	217289	136.70	+.98
MicronT	193884	23.77	+.42

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EyegatePh	3.70	+2.06	+125.6
xG Tch wt rs	17.38	+4.00	+29.9
AshvTest h	4.99	+.88	+21.4
PopeyLaK	78.73	+12.61	+19.1
Vermillion	2.07	+.32	+18.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Trevena	4.27	-2.86	-40.1
CidaraTh n	7.20	-4.50	-38.5
AtlantABI n	17.41	-8.21	-32.1
GbEagEnt	4.48	-1.74	-28.0
DryShp rs	3.28	-1.19	-26.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,641
Declined	1,195
Unchanged	220
Total issues	3,056
New Highs	316
New Lows	26
Volume	1,850,991,194

Burger King, Tim Hortons owner adding Popeyes to holdings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The parent company of Burger King and Tim Hortons is buying Popeyes for $1.8 billion, with plans to accelerate the growth of the fried chicken chain.

Such a move fits Restaurant Brands International's strategy of taking over well-known fast-food chains that it believes have the potential for wider expansion. Although Popeyes has a presence in almost every state, its locations now are concentrated in the eastern half of the continental U.S.

Josh Kobza, Restaurant Brands' chief financial officer, said Tuesday the company plans to speed up Popeyes' expansion, as it has done with Burger King.

Restaurant Brands was created after Burger King, controlled by Brazilian investment firm 3G Capital, bought Tim Hortons in 2014. The corporate name it took signaled the company's aim of expanding its stable of fast-food chains. In the meantime, Restaurant Brands has been striking deals with local operators to open additional Burger Kings around the world.

However, Cowen analyst Andrew Charles said last week that the company has not yet accomplished its goal of expanding Tim Hortons internationally. Although Tim Hortons has signed three master franchise development agreements in the Philippines, the United Kingdom and Mexico, Charles noted no stores have yet opened under those deals.

Food stocks move higher

Stocks again broke records Tuesday as investors came back from a long weekend hungry for deals. Although Kraft Heinz and Unilever couldn't complete a proposed $143 billion mega-merger, food and household goods makers rose as investors bet that other deals are coming.

Companies that make packaged foods, everyday household items and other consumer goods are usually seen as stable investments and rarely take center stage on Wall Street. But on Tuesday, they did just that, as investors felt the failed Kraft Heinz-Unilever sale will be replaced by other deals. Oreo maker Mondelez and jam maker Smucker made the largest gains.

"That's why you saw the (home and personal care products) companies move up on Friday and you're seeing some of them follow through today," said Jefferies & Co. analyst Kevin Grundy.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 118.95 points, or 0.6 percent, to 20,743. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 14.22 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,365.38. The Nasdaq composite gained 27.37 points, or 0.5 percent, to 5,865.95. All three indexes are at record highs after rising nine times in the last 10 days.

Metal prices mostly drop

Gold dipped 20 cents to $1,238.90 an ounce. Silver lost 3 cents to $18 an ounce. Copper rose 4 cents to $2.75 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $138.73 Up 1.68

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $141.35 Up 1.29

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.00 Up 0.12

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $106.84 Down 0.79

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.26 Up 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.95 Up 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.95 Down 0.20

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.61 Up 0.33

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.66 Up 0.45

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.21 Up 0.60

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	31	9.06	+.22	-11.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	41.73	+.25	-1.9
Abraxas	...	...	**2.25**	**-.06**	**-12.5**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**13.61**	**+.08**	**+7.1**
AMD	...	...	14.00	+.87	+23.5
AlonUSA	.60	...	11.69	+.22	+2.7
Ambev	.06e	...	5.80	+.08	+18.1
Amgen	**4.60f**	**16**	**173.14**	**-.15**	**+18.4**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**67.21**	**+.44**	**-3.6**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**55.89**	**+.45**	**-11.9**
Apple Inc	2.28	16	136.70	+.98	+18.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**18**	**36.58**	**+.91**	**+13.4**
Archrock	.48	...	15.95	+.15	+20.8
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**22**	**77.04**	**+1.00**	**+3.9**
AutoData	2.28	26	99.22	-.46	-3.5
BP PLC	**2.40e**	**40**	**33.83**	**+.41**	**-9.5**
BakrHu	.68	...	60.55	-.21	-6.8
BkofAm	.30f	20	24.76	+.26	+12.1
B iPVxST rs	...	...	17.76	+.22	-30.4
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.30	-.13	-1.2
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**1**	**172350**	**00+852.00**	**+3.9**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**20**	**63.24**	**+.60**	**+3.1**
BrMtyBq	**1.56f**	**33**	**54.78**	**+.19**	**-6.3**
Brookdale	...	...	15.07	+.70	+21.3
BrownPA s	...	**31**	**49.27**	**+.17**	**+6.5**
BrownFB s	...	...	**48.39**	**+.19**	**+7.7**
CVS Health	1.70f	14	79.76	+.07	+1.1
Caterpillar	3.08	30	98.10	-.75	+5.8
Celestic g	...	10	14.05	+.16	+18.6
CntryLink	2.16	10	24.67	+.39	+3.7
ChesEng	...	...	6.08	-.02	-13.4
Chevron	**4.12f**	...	**111.72**	**+1.39**	**-6.1**
Chicos	.32	31	14.29	+.27	-.7
Cimarex	.32	...	130.70	-1.32	-3.6
Cisco	1.16	18	34.13	+.39	+12.9
Citigroup	.64	13	60.55	+.38	+1.9
ClayEng	...	...	**138.73**	**+1.68**	**+16.3**
CliffsNRs	...	12	11.67	+.18	+38.8
CobaltIEn	...	...	.83	+.06	-32.0
CoceCola	**1.48f**	**25**	**41.46**	**+.23**	**...**
ColgPalm	**1.88**	**28**	**73.19**	**+1.20**	**+11.8**
Comcast s	.63f	21	37.89	+.23	+9.7
CntryHtl	...	...	9.23	+2.33	+65.1
ConAgra	.80	21	40.20	+.59	+1.6
ConchoRes	...	...	**141.35**	**+1.29**	**+6.6**
ConocoPhil	**1.06f**	...	**48.13**	**+.62**	**-4.0**
CrackerB	4.60	21	160.38	-8.31	-4.0
CSVInvNG	...	...	6.82	+1.40	+125.1
CSVIxSh rs	...	...	4.50	+.10	-52.7
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	14.13	-4.97	-69.4
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**12**	**16.82**	**-.13**	**-7.5**
DCP Mid	3.12	20	40.36	-.13	+5.2
DTE	3.30f	23	98.95	+.83	+.4
Dataram rs	...	...	1.58	+.04	-28.2
Delcath rs	...	...	.17	+.01	-81.5
DevonE	**.24**	...	**45.06**	**+.89**	**-1.3**
DrGrlMBr rs	...	...	13.60	+.47	-61.2
DrGMBll s	...	...	11.02	-.42	+97.5
DrGBull s	...	...	11.97	-.26	+58.7
Disney	**1.56f**	**20**	**110.01**	**-.05**	**+5.6**
DowChm	**1.84**	**19**	**61.22**	**-.04**	**+7.0**
DryShp rs	...	1	3.28	-1.19	-86.9
EOG Resce	**.67**	...	**99.47**	**+.44**	**-1.6**
Energen	.08	...	55.59	+.15	-3.6
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	38.79	+.47	+8.3
EnPro	**.88f**	**56**	**64.97**	**+1.47**	**-3.5**
EntProdPt	1.64	23	28.77	-.09	+6.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.21	+.25	+6.5
ExactSci h	...	...	22.41	+2.50	+67.7
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**81.89**	**+.13**	**-0.3**
EyegatePh	...	...	3.70	+2.06	+127.0
Facebook	...	32	133.72	+.19	+16.2
FordM	.60a	7	12.69	+.11	+4.6
FrptMcM	...	...	14.13	-.76	+7.1
FrontierCm	.42	...	3.32	+.03	-1.8
GATX	**1.88f**	**10**	**58.69**	**-.89**	**-4.7**
GabelMulT	**3.00**	...	**7.95**	**+.04**	**+10.2**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**33.58**	**+.30**	**+7.7**
GenElec	**.96**	**25**	**30.52**	**+.15**	**-3.4**
GenMotors	1.52	6	37.61	+.59	+8.5
GtPlsInEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.36**	**+.33**	**+3.7**
Groupon	...	...	4.74	+.06	-7.8
HP Inc	.53f	10	16.13	+.18	+8.7
Halliburtn	**.72**	...	**53.84**	**+.13**	**-.5**
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	40.05	+.81	+20.1
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	38.82	+.36	+11.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	38.81	+.42	+10.9
iShR2K	1.77e	...	140.20	+1.09	+4.0
Intel	**1.04**	**16**	**36.52**	**+.04**	**+.7**
InterDig	1.20	17	101.75	+2.15	+11.4
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	13.19	+.33	+28.4
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	91.01	+.78	+5.5
JohnJn	**3.20**	**18**	**119.66**	**+.80**	**+3.9**
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**134.84**	**+2.71**	**+18.0**
KraftHnz n	2.40	43	94.87	-1.78	+8.6
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.26	+.06	+6.6
Lubys	...	...	**3.58**	**-.03**	**-16.4**
MGM Rsts	.39p	24	26.95	+.35	-6.5
Macys	1.51	13	32.29	-.01	-9.8
MarathnO	.20	...	16.36	+.15	-5.4
McDnlds	3.76	24	128.04	+.24	+5.2
Merck	1.88f	17	65.48	+.09	+11.2
MeritMed	...	**38**	**28.65**	**+.40**	**+8.1**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.95	+.21	-1.0
MicronT	...	...	23.77	+.42	+8.4
Microsoft	1.56f	28	64.49	-.13	+3.8
Mondelez	.76	32	44.97	+2.47	+1.4
Nabors	.24	...	15.43	+.12	-5.9
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**60.62**	**+.73**	**+3.9**
NOilVarco	.20	30	39.56	+.25	+5.7
NobleCorp	.08	4	7.14	+.17	+20.6
NoblaCp	.30e	...	5.09	+.04	+5.8
NDynMn g	...	...	1.66	-.60	-19.8
NSTFI3	**.55a**	...	**14.18**	**+.06**	**+.1**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**14.06**	**+.01**	**+2.5**
Nvidia	.56	41	111.07	+3.84	+4.1
OcciPet	**3.04**	...	**66.98**	**+.71**	**-6.0**
Oracle	.60	20	42.27	+.21	+10.4
PerTech	...	**20**	**6.72**	**-.28**	**+20.4**
ParkDrl	...	...	**2.36**	...	**-9.6**
PattUTI	.08	...	**27.86**	**+.23**	**+2.7**
Penney	...	...	7.06	+.03	-15.0
PennsREI	**.84**	**73**	**17.41**	**+.16**	**-8.2**
Prmian	.44e	27	9.58	-.05	+24.3
Petrobras	...	...	11.04	+.27	+9.2
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**33.82**	...	**+3.5**
PioNtrl	.08	...	193.66	+1.66	+7.5
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**31.24**	**+.19**	**-3.3**
PlugPowr h	...	...	1.16	+.05	-3.3
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	130.45	+.64	+10.1
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**118.51**	**+.88**	**+1.0**
PrmEgy	...	...	**59.00**	...	**+8.3**
PUVixST rs	...	...	20.69	+.44	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**91.67**	**+.58**	**+9.0**
RangeRs	.08	...	30.42	-.85	-11.5
RennovaH	...	...	.07	-.00	-18.1
RiteAid	...	54	5.95	+.01	-27.8
Rowan	.40	6	17.85	+.41	-5.5
RoyDShlA	3.76	80	52.49	+.29	-3.5
SpdrOJAA	3.96e	...	207.07	+1.19	+4.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	236.49	+1.40	+5.8
SabnR	1.92e	18	38.55	-1.05	+9.7
SanderFm	**.96**	**11**	**95.13**	**+.10**	**+.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	70	80.68	+.03	-3.9
SeadrillLtd	...	1	2.15	+.21	-37.0
SiriusXM	.01p	39	5.04	+.10	+13.3
Smucker	3.00f	17	141.92	+5.97	+10.8
SwstnEngy	...	...	8.59	-.09	-20.6
Sprint	...	...	9.27	-.03	+10.1
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	54.95	+.49	+6.3
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.59	+.12	+5.8
SunocoLog	2.08f	56	26.10	+.39	+8.7
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**9.90**	**+.03**	**+7.8**
Tesoro	2.20	13	89.08	+2.44	+1.9
TevaPhrm	1.36e	13	36.65	+1.45	+1.1
3M Co	4.70f	22	183.37	+.42	+2.7
Torchmark	**.56**	**17**	**77.26**	**+.14**	**+4.7**
Transocn	...	...	13.47	+.31	-8.6
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**23.31**	**+.18**	**+8.7**
Twitter	...	...	16.42	-.20	+.7
TylerTech	...	**50**	**156.48**	**+2.43**	**+9.6**
UBSI	**1.32**	**23**	**45.25**	**+.20**	**-2.2**
US NGas	...	...	6.55	-.61	-29.9
US OilFd	...	...	11.54	+.15	-1.5
USSteel	.20	...	41.57	+1.77	+25.9
Vale SA	.29e	...	11.52	+.55	+51.2
ValeroE	2.80f	18	66.27	+.78	-3.0
VanEGold	.12e	...	24.62	-.17	+17.7
VanE JrGld	...	...	40.79	-.46	+29.3
VerizonCm	2.31f	12	49.43	+.24	-7.4
Vipshop	...	28	13.03	+.87	+18.3
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**40**	**121.32**	**+1.99**	**-3.1**
WEC Engy	2.08	20	58.07	+.53	-1.0
WalMart	2.04f	15	71.45	+2.08	+3.4
WalgBoots	1.50	19	86.41	+.55	+4.4
WeathfIntl	...	...	5.82	+.12	+16.6
WellsFargo	1.52	14	58.25	+.16	+5.7
WstnRefin	1.52	26	38.08	+1.02	+.6
WhitingPet	...	...	11.57	+.46	-3.7
WmsCos	1.20f	49	28.87	+.67	-7.3
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**20**	**42.43**	**+.43**	**+4.3**
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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
20,839.87	16,012.39	Dow Jones Industrials	20,743.00	+118.95	+.58	+4.96	+26.24
9,566.10	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,531.75	+36.36	+.38	+5.39	+30.12
723.83	607.58	Dow Jones Utilities	679.80	+7.84	+1.14	+3.06	+8.39
11,588.45	9,275.74	NYSE Composite	11,578.26	+67.35	+.59	+4.72	+21.95
5,938.56	4,376.52	Nasdaq Composite	5,865.95	+27.37	+.47	+8.97	+30.25
2,351.31	1,871.44	S&P 500	2,365.38	+14.22	+.60	+8.65	+23.12
1,737.48	1,268.66	S&P Midcap	1,749.20	+14.44	+.83	+8.34	+33.36
24,596.67	19,026.84	Wilshire 5000	24,720.29	+148.73	+.61	+5.53	+25.63
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Midland Reporter-Telegram 30th Annual Regional Spelling Bee

Sponsored by Jumburrito — Big Taste, More of It.

Saturday, February 25, 2017

Midland College

9:30 a.m.

Allison Fine Arts Building

Forty students from Midland County, Andrews and Monahans will be competing in the 30th annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee for the opportunity to represent Midland at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is the week of May 28 in Washington, D.C.

These students are scheduled to compete in the regional bee from their respective schools.

John Deats, director of Learning Resource Center at Midland College, is the pronouncer for this year's bee.
The judges are John Trischitti, director of Midland County Public Library, Pamela Howell, English professor at Midland College, and Midland Reporter-Telegram Managing Editor Mary Dearen.

Prizes

All-expense-paid trip for the speller and a parent, a 2017 U.S. Mint Proof Set, a one-year subscription to Britannica Online, a one-year subscription to Merriam-Webster Unabridged Online and an Amazon gift card.

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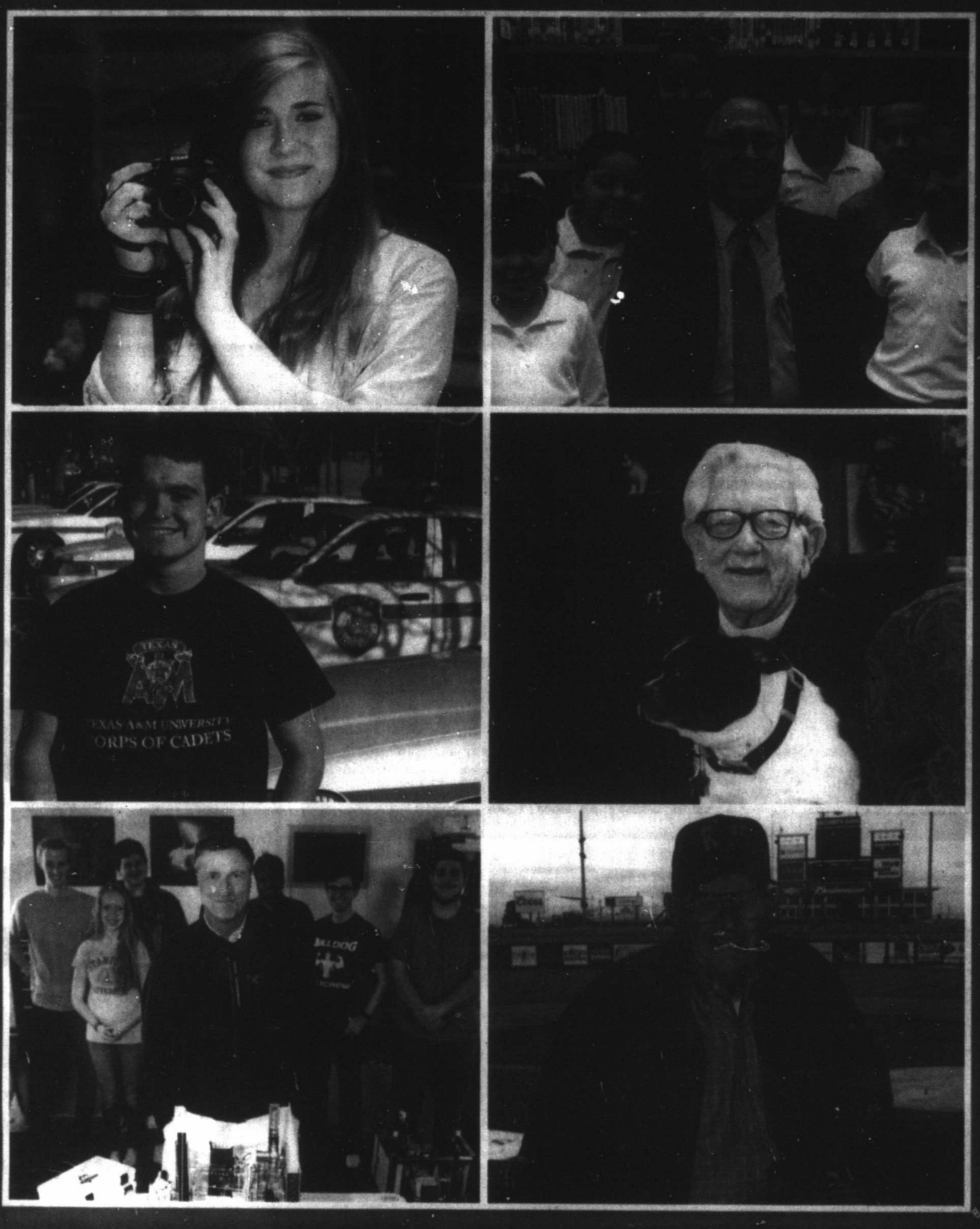
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) is filing with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle oil and casinghead gas production from leases: Headlee 3526 Unit 1LS (DP #815730), Headlee 3526 Unit 2LS (DP #815740), West ST NW A 2502LS (DP #813093), West ST NW B 2503LS (DP #813099), West ST NW C 3604LS (DP #818210), West ST NW D 3605LS (DP #818213). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Glasscock County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or offset operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Consolidated Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit and Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision

Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Proposed Registration No. 144685L001

Application. Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 144685L001, which would authorize construction of a temporary concrete batch plant located at 2863 County Road 125, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas 79739. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.8147&lng=-101.5443&zoom=13&type=r. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 4, 2017. The executive director has completed the administrative and technical reviews of the application and determined that the application meets all of the requirements of a standard permit authorized by 30 TAC § 116.611, which would establish the conditions under which the plant must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the registration because it meets all applicable rules. The application, executive director's preliminary decision, and standard permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 Currie Avenue, Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 W Interstate 20 Ste 100, Midland, Texas. Visit www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cbp to review the standard permit.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting. See Contacts section. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments or meeting requests is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to consider in the permit process.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If a public meeting is held, the deadline to submit public comments is extended to the end of the public meeting.

Contested Case Hearing. You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. **The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. **If no hearing request is received within this 30 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided, and the executive director may approve the application. If a hearing request is received within the 30-day period, then the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.**

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and registration number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests which the group or association seeks to protect must be identified. You may submit your proposed adjustments to the application which would satisfy your concerns. See Contacts section.

TCEQ Action. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The executive director's decision on the application, and any response to comments, will be mailed to all persons on the mailing list. If no timely contested case hearing requests are received, or if all hearing requests are withdrawn, the executive director may issue final approval of the application. If all timely hearing requests are not withdrawn, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

Mailing List. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive additional information on this specific application. See Contacts section.

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the link, enter the registration number at the top of this notice.

Contacts. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Van Eaton Ready Mix, Inc., 2547 East Waterloo Road, Edmond, Oklahoma 73034-8133 or by calling Mr. Tom Blachly, Client Program Manager Air Services, APEX Companies LLC at (918) 610-3543.

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			6		7		5	
7			4	1			8	6
					3			

Level: 1 2 3 4

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

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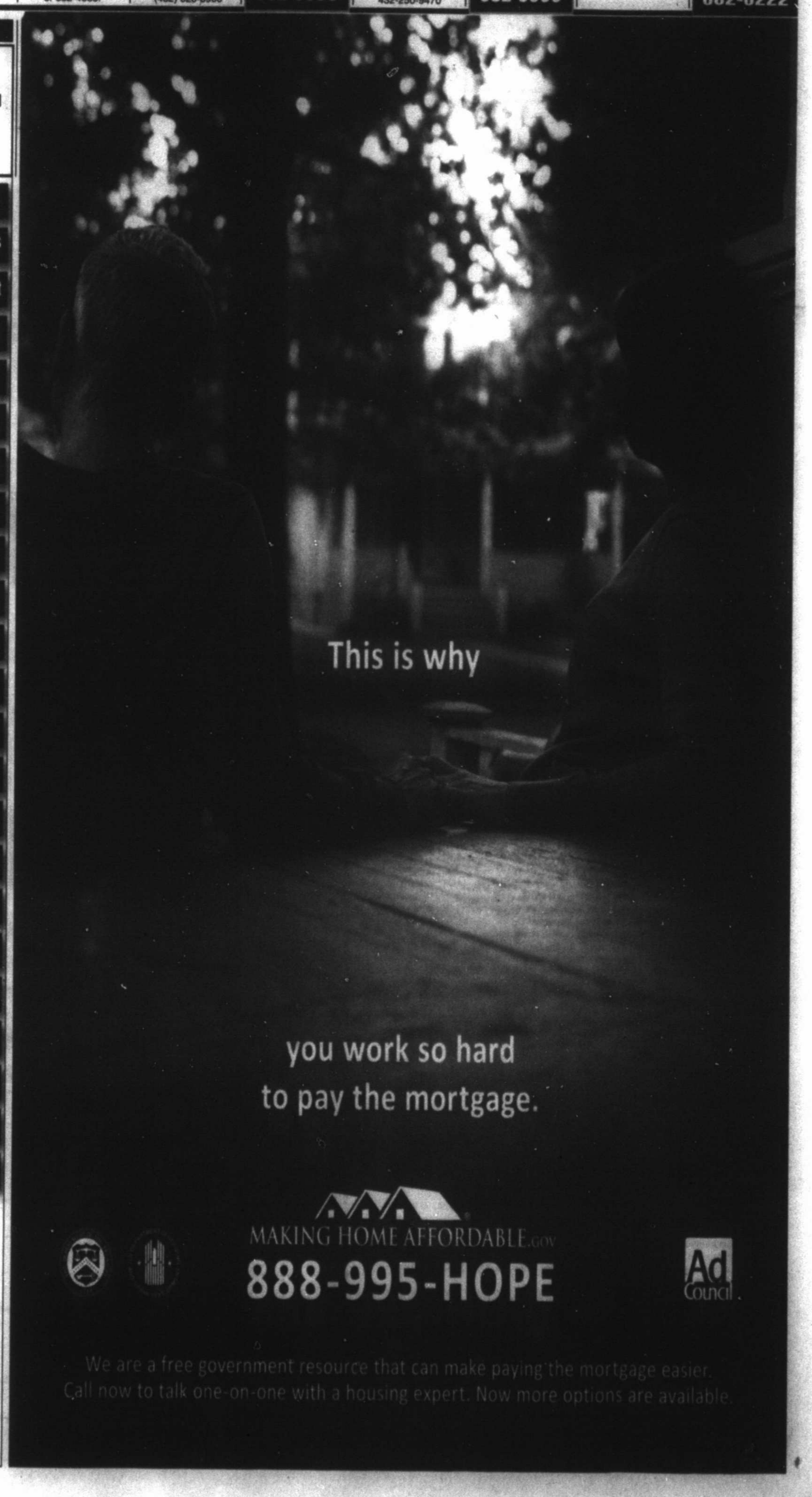
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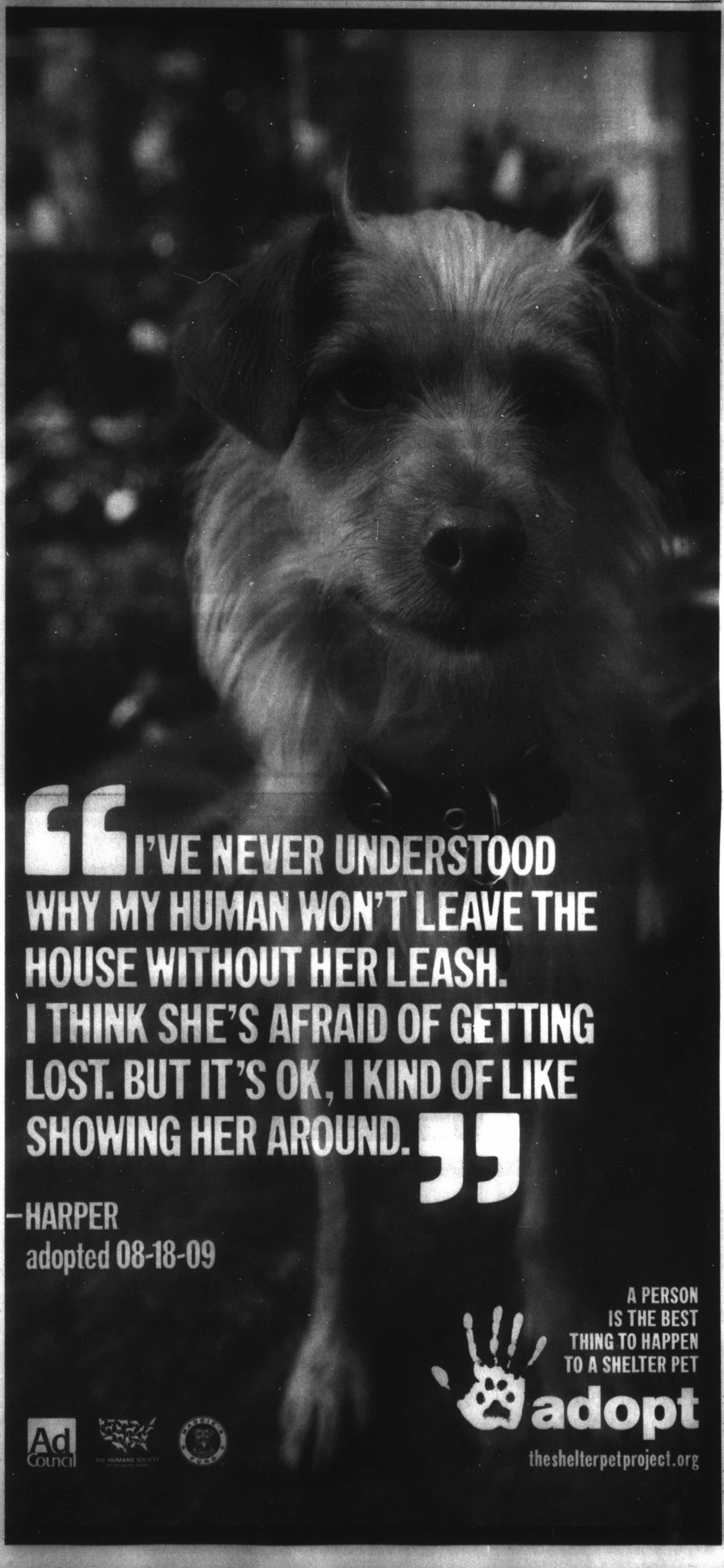
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