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Native American class sparks unique health textbook

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NEW CHAMPS

The Midland Northern Little League 8-10-year-old All-Stars coasted to a 5-0 victory over Sabine Jarvis to win the Texas West state championship Tuesday at Kirby Park. Read about the game in Sports.

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Perry touts energy exports, awaits electric grid study

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is pushing for increased exports of natural gas and other energy sources as it seeks U.S. "energy dominance" in the global market, Energy Secretary Rick Perry said Tuesday.

He and President Donald Trump have offered a "comforting" message to energy companies seeking to export liquefied natural gas, or LNG at huge terminals in Texas, Louisiana and other states, Perry said: "If you meet the rules, here's your permit."

Perry also said he has not seen a widely expected department study into the reliability of the electric grid. A draft version leaked to news outlets indicates that renewable power and federal regulations have had little impact on reliability.

"There are lots of people breathlessly waiting to read that" report, Perry said — and he is among them.

In a speech at the National Press Club, Perry called LNG exports a "major driver" of jobs and energy production and a key way to reduce global emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

"We can have a cleaner environment and a strong, prosperous nation," Perry said. "We do not need to sacrifice one for the other; nor will we follow the course other allies have taken to their detriment."

Perry cited a drive for renewable energy in Germany that he said has forced electricity costs to record highs. "That is not the direction the United States plans to take under the Trump administration," he said.

Perry also touted increased U.S. oil and coal exports as part of a strategy to boost energy production and jobs. Trump has heralded an "energy revolution" that he says celebrates American production on American soil, noting that the U.S. is on the brink of becoming a net exporter of oil, gas and other energy resources.

Trump signed an executive order in April to expand oil drilling in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, reversing restrictions imposed by President Barack Obama. Trump has also pushed to revive U.S. coal production after years of decline and to boost energy production on federal lands.

U.S. coal exports rose sharply in early 2017 amid increased demand in Asia and

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THE NEW NORMAL

Michael Ciaglo/Houston Chronicle

A man places his hand on an American flag as people walk into the Balmorhea Grocery on Monday in Balmorhea.

Apache, drilling, are part of Balmorhea life

By David Hunn
Houston Chronicle

BALMORHEA — Oil and gas men filled La Cueva de Oso at lunchtime on Monday. Nine American pickup trucks parked side-by-side out front. A side room was blocked off for a team working Apache Corp.'s Alpine High, the oil field that, at least initially, divided this small town.

Thais Zuniga, 18 and a brand-new graduate of Balmorhea High, served half the tables. She and her friends talked about the oil drilling at school, she said. One still thinks Apache is going to ruin the community.

"But the rest of us, we're fine," she said. "As long as they don't mess with our water."

Apache, a Houston oil and gas company, announced almost a year ago that it had discovered 15 billion barrels of oil and gas under 350,000 acres here in West Texas. Many worried: Visitors from near and far flock to the famous spring-fed pool at nearby Balmorhea State Park. If oil and gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing broke into the springs and ruined the pool, what, they asked, would be come of this 500-person town, already struggling to make ends meet?

But residents now report that they, and their neighbors, have grown more accepting of Apache's arrival. The company bought a new fire truck for the local fire department. It paid for three of four tour buses to take residents to Dallas when the high school six-man football team made state. Bars, restaurants, hotels and the town grocery store all say they have enjoyed the extra business.

"In a small town like Balmorhea, we need all the help we can get," said Joel Madrid, owner of La Cueva, who spent $150,000 to expand the restaurant by about 1,500 square feet in preparation for the oilfield workers. "Everybody's benefiting."

Zuniga, the waitress, is ready to leave for college. She welcomes the added cash.

The oil field, she said, brings bigger trucks out front and bigger tips on the bill.

"That's why," she said, "we don't mind it."

More inside

Ecuador announces it will raise oil output.

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MISD to invest in new PR position

■ Six-figure salary a possibility to help message '$300 million organization'

By Stewart Doreen
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Engaging the public will be a priority for new Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick, and picking the right person to lead the engagement effort will come at a cost.

The school district is currently looking for an executive director of communications and public relations.

The primary purpose of this person, according to the job advertisement on the district's website, will be "to direct the overall communications and government relations programs, coordinate the exchange of information with media outlets and the general public. To develop public relations programs and materials to promote a favorable image of the district and its activities. To communicate to key internal and external contacts the mission, goals, achievements and programs of the district."

In addition, this person "will work directly with families, communities, local and national media, partner organizations and the board" and "will help engage audiences around MISD's next phase of work. As a member of the superintendent's senior cabinet, he/she will manage a team of communications and external affairs professionals and serve as a key advisor to the superintendent on all communications issues."

The person selected to fill this position will make between $98,416 and $127,814, according to the salary range posted on the district's advertisement.

This is a new position for the district. The previous superintendent, Ryder Warren, handled his own community engagement and had a communications specialist — paid at a much lower salary — to provide information to local media and handle other duties. After Warren's communication specialist left the district, some duties have been handled by Woodrow Bailey, who is in the human relations department and was the communications director for former Superintendent Sylvester Perez.

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Price of oil
$46.40 ▲ $0.38
August 2017

The big number
Earth was **1.6** degrees warmer than the the 20th century average. Read about the warming on Page 5A.

Word of the Day: personification
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Midland Magazine's 20 UNDER 40 2017 Presented by My Community Credit Union

Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit www.mrt.com/20under40

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Nov. 19, 2017 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2017 and may not be nominated by a family member.

Protesters dressed as characters from "The Handmaid's Tale" chant in the Texas Capitol Rotunda under portraits of former Texas governors George W. Bush and Rick Perry in Austin on Tuesday. State lawmakers begin a special legislative session Republican Gov. Greg Abbott felt compelled to call in order to tackle conservative priorities that stalled previously, chief among them a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people. *Eric Gay/Associated Press*

Texas begins special session highlighted by 'bathroom bill'

By Paul J. Weber and Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A special legislative session in Texas ordered by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott began Tuesday with loud protests over a revived "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people, renewed hostilities about a crackdown on immigration and GOP infighting that could keep demands of influential social conservatives again out of reach.

Frustrations ratcheted quickly in a likely sign of things to come over the next 30 days, during which Abbott says he will be "establishing a list" of who's with him and who's not.

Conservatives in the state Senate upended decades of precedent by swiftly advancing a regulatory bill that must pass before the Legislature can work on anti-abortion measures, school vouchers and defanging local ordinances in Texas' big and liberal cities. Democrats chafed at the break in protocol but only were able to stall it for about an hour. Later, in the sweltering heat outside the Texas Capitol, many joined protesters in denouncing Abbott's determination to pass 20 measures this summer that would nudge America's biggest red state even further rightward.

Most attention is on Texas' version of the "bathroom bill" that's similar to what North Carolina passed last year, only to partially repeal it following economic and political backlash. Corporate behemoths including Apple, Amazon and AT&T are continuing to pressure Abbott to reject a bill that collapsed in May under opposition from the moderate Republican House leader who called it bad for the state's economy.

There are no signs of House Speaker Joe Straus budging this time, which means the proposal's second chance is already on shaky ground. That fact has widened a rift with Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the powerful conservative Senate leader, whose escalating criticism of Straus has included comparing an ambitious but previously stalled House school funding measure to a Ponzi scheme.

Tom Perez, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, urged protesters in a state that hasn't elected a Democrat statewide since 1994 to spend the next month fighting.

"I don't understand your state because I thought a special session meant there were extraordinary circumstances," Perez told a crowd of a few hundred people. Standing nearby was former state Sen. Wendy Davis, who lost the governor's race to Abbott by 20 points in 2014.

Abbott launched his re-election campaign Friday with nearly $41 million already on hand and no Democratic opponent in sight. He is taking a more aggressive posture for the special session after facing criticism for staying on the sidelines earlier. Speaking at a conservative think tank in Austin on Monday, Abbott made clear he was watching.

"I'm going to be establishing a list. You all, or other organizations, may be establishing a list," Abbott said during the Texas Public Policy Foundation event. "We all need to establish lists that we publish on a daily basis and call people out. Who is for this, who is against this, who has not taken a position. No one gets to hide."

His comments were aimed at Republicans, because Democrats are too outnumbered to block any legislation on their own. One Democrat filed a bill to repeal a "sanctuary cities" ban signed in May that lets police ask people during routine stops whether they're in the U.S. legally.

The repeal effort has no chance of passing but the ban, known as SB4, continues stirring tensions. On the final day of the regular session in May, Republican state Rep. Matt Rinaldi said he reported protesters in the Capitol holding signs suggesting they were in the country illegally to federal immigration agents. He then was involved in a scuffle in which a Democratic lawmaker admitted he pushed the Republican and Rinaldi responded by saying he would use a gun in self-defense if needed.

Things stayed civil Tuesday and both chambers adjourned after less than two hours of work. Lawmakers could as quickly as Wednesday pass the regulatory bill needed to keep some state offices running before taking up more contentious issues.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Prosecutor punished for inappropriate remarks

A senior official with the Harris County district attorney's office has been disciplined for making inappropriate comments about the appearance of female prosecutors working under his supervision.

An office memo obtained by the Houston Chronicle shows Nathan Beedle, head of the misdemeanor division, was reprimanded and ordered to complete two online sexual harassment classes.

As chief of the division, Beedle oversees more than 45 prosecutors in the county's 16 misdemeanor courts.

A county human resources official says in the memo that the female prosecutors wanted Beedle "to learn about appropriateness and boundaries in the workplace."

BROWNSVILLE

Ex-corrections officer sentenced for taking bribes

A South Texas man has been sentenced to prison for accepting bribes as a corrections officer to smuggle contraband into a federal prison facility.

Twenty-three-year-old Stephen Salinas of Edcouch was sentenced Tuesday to 1.5 years in prison. He had pleaded guilty in January to accepting bribes as a public official.

Federal prosecutors say Salinas received an extended sentence because he accepted more than one bribe and used his high-level position to bring contraband into the Management and Training Corp.'s Willacy County Regional Detention Center.

GRAPEVINE

Woman surprised when traffic stop leads to proposal

A Texas police dispatcher recently arranged to have his girlfriend stopped by an officer under the ruse that her car was reported stolen so that he could surprise her with a marriage proposal.

Grapevine dispatcher Stephen Smith earlier this month told his girlfriend Amanda Radican that he left his cellphone at home and needed her to bring it to him at work.

He was with an officer in a patrol vehicle northwest of Dallas when he used an app to track the phone and locate Radican so that the officer could make a traffic stop.

The officer claimed Radican's car was reported as stolen, nearly bringing the woman to tears. Smith then walked up behind her, got down on a knee and proposed.

A surprised Radican accepted Smith's proposal.

HOUSTON

Murder charge dropped in fatal stabbing of boy, 11

Prosecutors have dropped a murder charge against a homeless man accused of fatally stabbing an 11-year-old Houston boy as the child walked home from school last year.

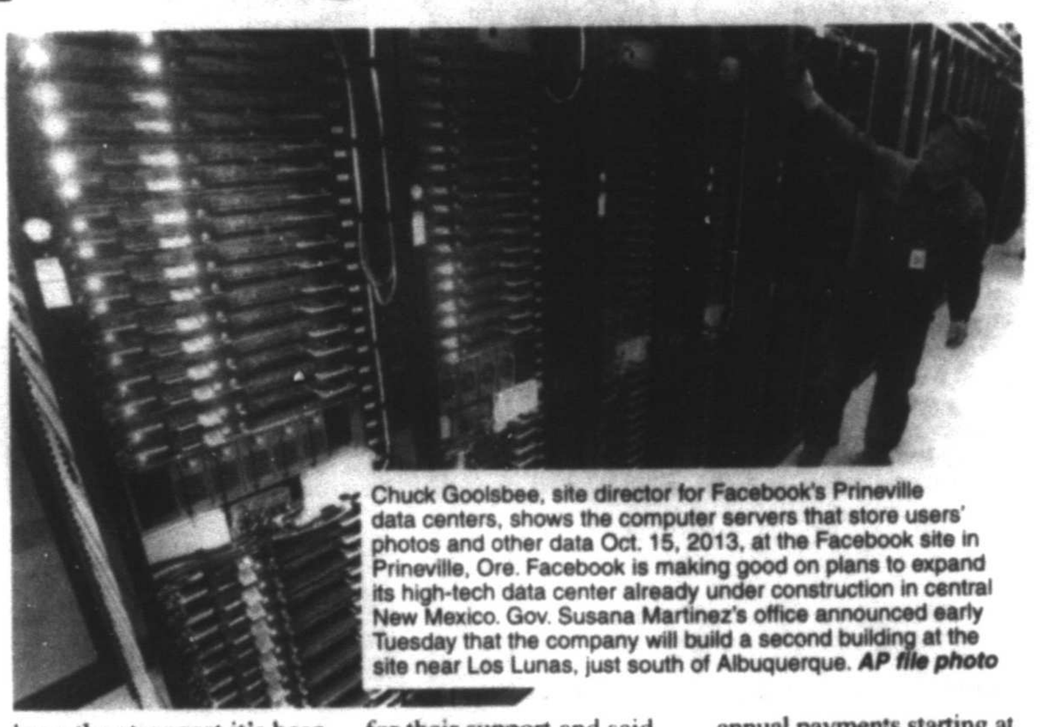
The Harris County District Attorney's Office announced Tuesday DNA tests prosecutors received this week were inconclusive and there wasn't enough evidence to try 28-year-old Andre Timothy Jackson Jr. for murder.

Tom Berg, first assistant district attorney, said Jackson is still a suspect in the May 17, 2016, slaying of Josue Flores but that authorities are essentially starting over with their investigation.

Jerome Godinich, Jackson's attorney, said he was not surprised by the decision from prosecutors as he believed his client was not responsible for the killing.

Facebook plans to expand NM data center

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press



Chuck Goolsbee, site director for Facebook's Prineville data centers, shows the computer servers that store users' photos and other data Oct. 15, 2013, at the Facebook site in Prineville, Ore. Facebook is making good on plans to expand its high-tech data center already under construction in central New Mexico. Gov. Susana Martinez's office announced early Tuesday that the company will build a second building at the site near Los Lunas, just south of Albuquerque. *AP file photo*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Facebook's plans for New Mexico now call for a half-billion-dollar investment and a data center that will span an area equal to 17 football fields.

Gov. Susana Martinez's office announced early Tuesday that the social media giant will be doubling its investment in the state with the planned expansion of its data center currently under construction near Los Lunas, a rural area just outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest metropolitan area.

The governor praised the announcement, saying Facebook is among the state's key partners as it works to diversify its economy.

"New Mexico's powerful incentives are bringing more opportunities to our state — once again ahead of schedule with more jobs and investment than initially anticipated," the governor said in a statement.

The news comes as New Mexico looks to turn the corner after a crippling budget crisis that stemmed from a downturn in the oil and natural gas sectors and an overall weak economy. The state also has struggled with high unemployment numbers, only recently ending its stretch at the top of the nation's jobless rankings.

Had it not been for the oil and gas downturn, Martinez has said New Mexico's over-the-year job growth in 2016 would have been the strongest it's been in a decade.

State officials and business owners have been scrambling in recent months to take advantage of the windfall expected to come from the data center during construction and once it's online in 2018. They're pushing for more high-tech industries in hopes of guarding against the volatility of the energy industry.

Facebook broke ground on the first building in October. It's expected to go live in late 2018.

The second building will likely keep construction crews busy through 2020.

Tom Furlong, Facebook's president of infrastructure, thanked the Martinez administration and the village of Los Lunas for their support and said the company continues to find a strong pool of talent to build the data center.

More than 280,000 hours of work on the project have already been logged, more than 3 million cubic yards of dirt have been moved and more than 30,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured, according to the company.

In August 2015, the two-term Republican governor led an economic development team to California to meet with company executives to promote New Mexico. Facebook selected the state over Utah for the data center after a mini bidding war.

Los Lunas agreed to give up property taxes for 30 years in exchange for annual payments starting at $50,000 and topping out at under $500,000, while the state promised billions of dollars in industrial revenue bonds and other economic development funding. State utility regulators also cleared the way for Facebook and Public Service Co. of New Mexico to create a renewable energy tariff, which allows the company to secure solar- and wind-generated electricity to power the data center.

Facebook says the Los Lunas facility will be one of the most advanced, energy-efficient centers in the world. It will have an evaporative cooling system capable of protecting the servers inside from New Mexico's frequent dust storms.

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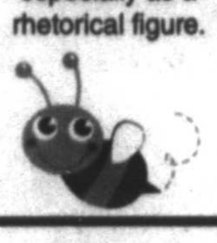
noun
1. the attribution of human nature or character to animals, inanimate objects, or abstract notions, especially as a rhetorical figure.



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Things to do

■ Sassy Succulents: Growing Cacti and Cousins by the Permian Basin Master Gardeners, noon, West Texas Food Bank, 1111 S. Pagewood Ave., Odessa. $10. Westtexasgardening.org.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more info mation call 682-8595.

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

Dome shows

Tuesday through Saturday at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ "New Horizons," noon,

■ "The Secret Lives of Star," 2 p.m.

■ "Dawn of the Space Age," 4 p.m.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1 to 7 p.m.

The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under 2.

Camp Fire to offer after-school programs

Camp Fire West Texas will be offering state-licensed after-school care for students at six Midland ISD elementary school campuses — Jones, Henderson, Emerson, Fannin, Bush, Yarbrough and Parker. Registration began Monday.

The after-school programs are operated by Camp Fire West Texas, and include homework help, games, arts and crafts and outdoor activities. The program will be offered from the time school is out until 6 p.m.

To register for Kids Care, parents must complete an online registration form and pay a $20 annual fee for each child enrolled. A weekly $45 fee will be charged per child, and financial assistance is available for those who quality.

To register, go to www.campfirewtx.org, or call 570-4144.

Clinic to offer student physicals

MISD Care Clinic, 709 W. Louisiana Ave., has scheduled physicals, which are available to any student in the district.

The physicals will be administered 8 a.m.-noon Monday through July 28 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7-11.

Watering schedule

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

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

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

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

The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

HELP FROM A HERO

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Spiderman greets a young fan at the West Texas Blvd. Nights custom car show, which was July 8 at the Horseshoe

Midland International Air & Space Port report

Enplanements
(people boarding an airplane)

June 2017	45,755
June 2016	42,416
Percent difference	5.4

Year to date: 373,233 (5.0 percent increase from 2015-16)

Total passengers

June 2017	89,158
June 2016	85,920

Year to date: 741,666 (4.6 percent increase from 2015-16)

Fuel sales
(in gallons)

June 2017	472,153
June 2016	519,706
Percent difference	-9.1

Year to date: 3,786,174 (22.8 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Parking revenues

June 2017	$326,110
June 2016	$302,172
Percent difference	7.9

Year to date: $2,595,218 (2.1 percent increase from 2015-16)

Commercial landings

June 2017	613
June 2016	723

Year to date: 6,091 (4.5 percent decrease from 2015-16)

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 19, the 200th day of 2017. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 19, 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing in-flight movies on a regular basis as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers on a flight from New York to Los Angeles.

On this date:

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-9-6
Pick 3 day: 8-8-3
Pick 3 evening: 4-0-7
Pick 3 night: 8-3-5
Daily 4 morning: 3-4-5-7
Daily 4 day: 8-7-9-6
Daily 4 evening: 7-0-7-0
Daily 4 night: 7-9-5-8
Cash Five: 2-11-23-34-37
Texas Triple Chance: 8-9-16-20-30-37-38-50-53-54

Mega Millions: 8-12-23-51-73 MB: 6 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-5-7-12-16-17-18-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 6-7-9-11-12-14-16-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-5-9-10-12-13-15-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 4-7-8-9-14-15-17-19-21-22-23-24

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

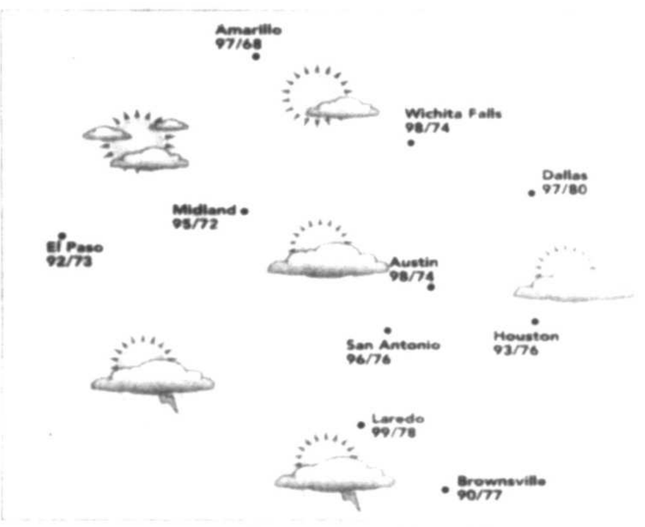
High	96
Low	72
Normal high	95
Normal low	50

July 18's records
Record high: 111 set in 1989
Record low: 62 set in 1936 and equaled in 1955 and 1986

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Friday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.46 in.
Year total	9.20 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.12 in.

Winds
Highest sustained: 15 mph
Highest gust: 22 mph



July 19 forecast
High: 95
Low: 72

Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: none

Sunrise ... 6:56 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:54 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Taurus if born before 3:31 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 19, 2017:

This year you often opt not to share what is on your mind. Your perspective could be changing with time, and you might want to take a stand once you condense your views and feel confident in your judgments. Others find you unusually desirable. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance in the next few months. Do not push for a commitment — make sure this person is a good fit first. If you are attached, you might feel the need to allow your significant other to play a stronger role in the relationship. GEMINI makes an excellent healer for you.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Strong feelings mixed with self-discipline push you across the finish line. You will see the results, but somehow you might feel as if you could have done better. Recognize the constraints that surround you. Do not take this issue and make a big deal out of it. **Tonight:** Hang out.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)

★★★ Be aware of what someone expects from you. You might be unusually impatient with certain matters. Try not to let this mood affect those around you. If you need to take a walk to center yourself, do. Avoid releasing tension in a quarrel. **Tonight:** Pay bills.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ When you're focused, you are able to achieve a lot. You might be driven to handle a financial situation now before it is too late. With your energy as high as it is, it would be wise to deal with this matter sooner rather than later. **Tonight:** Speak your mind, but use diplomacy.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)

★★★ Understand your limits, at least with your ability to sustain complications. You could feel as if you need to step back and get a complete perspective on several issues. Do not think that you always have to participate in everything. Be discriminating. **Tonight:** Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You always do well when involved with several people, be it at work or at a social happening. You could be pushed to the point of fatigue and irritation, yet you'll still cruise right past any hassles. Recognize what is happening, and don't be a harsh critic. **Tonight:** Out late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could be on top of a personal matter and ready to devote a certain amount of time to an important project with friends. You can accomplish a lot if you focus and screen your calls. A boss is more than aware of what you are doing than you might realize. **Tonight:** A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Do not get caught in a situation where the person demands an immediate answer. Remember, you are capable of going only so far and doing only so much. Be more forthright with your investigation of a certain issue. **Tonight:** Put on music that allows your mind to drift.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Read between the lines when dealing with a partner whose personality often prevents you from getting to the bottom of an issue. Though you find this person to be charming, you often find it difficult to work with him or her. **Tonight:** Have a quiet but serious chat with a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★H You might want to do a better job of listening. A partner could amaze you with his or her diverse ideas and thoughts. Together, you'll come up with unusual but effective solutions. You have an ability to assimilate a lot of facts and information. **Tonight:** Defer to a loved one.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to try a different approach to a work-related matter that affects your daily life. You could be dealing with a versatile, quick-witted personality, and you could be overwhelmed by what you hear. Build a solid foundation. **Tonight:** Time to relax.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You have an interesting perspective, whereas others seem to be in one camp or the other. Your ideas could be totally different and have an impact on others. You might be tired of explaining but you will say only as much as you need to. **Tonight:** Lighten up the mood.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ If you can play it low-key for majority of the day, do. As a result, you are likely to feel a lot better than you have in quite a while. Still, it might be important to keep certain goals to yourself. Go with the flow of the moment. **Tonight:** Invite a friend or two over for dinner.

BORN TODAY

Musician Brian May (1947), inventor Samuel Colt (1814), artist Edgar Degas (1834)

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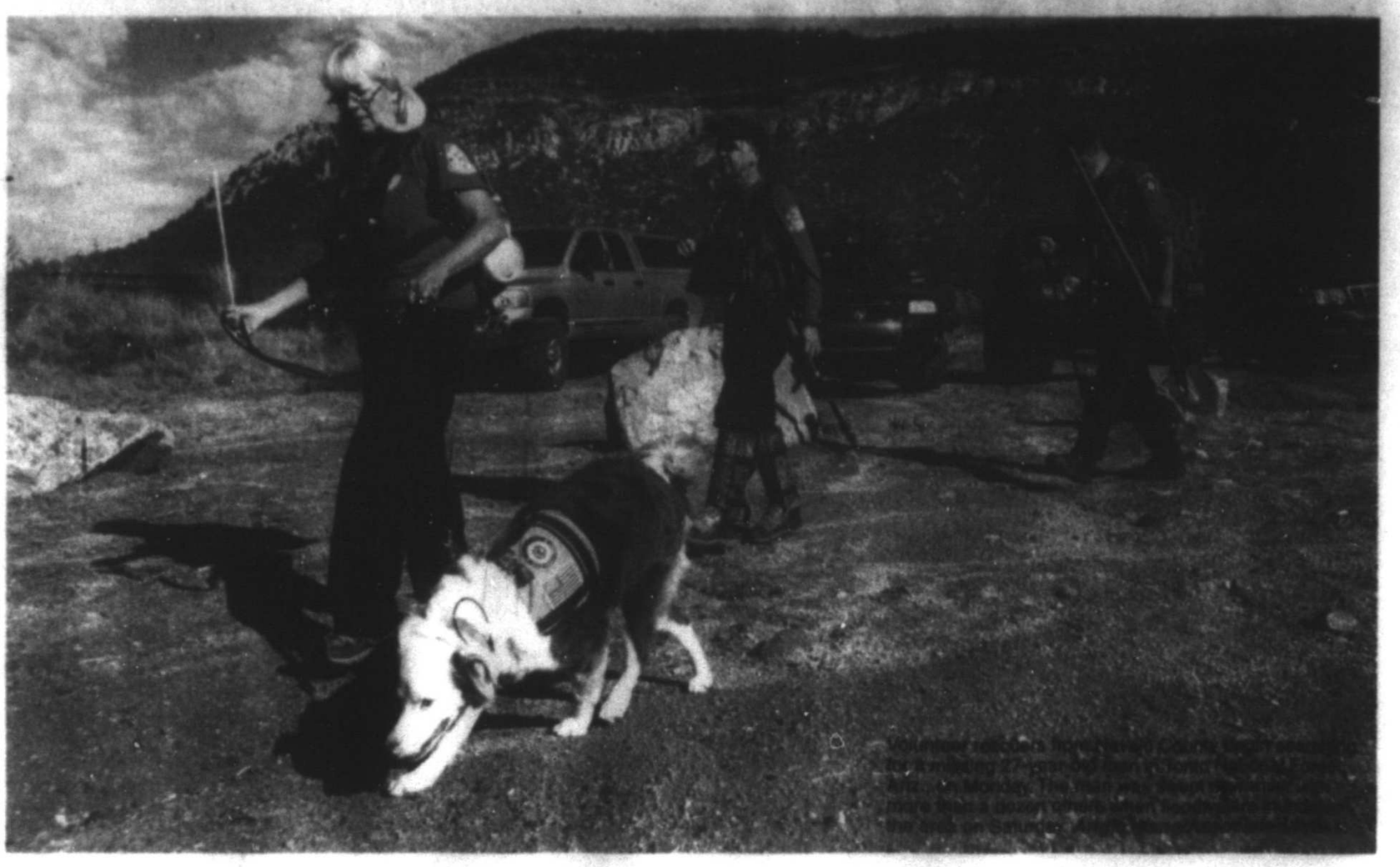
Deaths at swimming hole raise questions about flood warnings

By Anita Snow and Angie Wang
Associated Press



TONTO NATIONAL FOREST, Ariz. — The deaths of nine people who were swept away in a flash flood at a swimming hole in central Arizona have raised questions about whether the government should have done more to warn the public about the dangers of floodwaters in wilderness areas.

The nine people who died and a man who remains missing were swept away Saturday after a torrent of water from a thunderstorm upstream roared through the Tonto National Forest. Officials say members of an extended family who died in the flood had no warning about the approaching surge of water.

The storm dumped up to 1.5 inches of rain in an hour, prompting a flash flood warning from the National Weather Service. Though the service sent out a flash-flood warning over cellphone networks, service in the remote area is patchy at best. Unless they had a weather radio, the swimmers would have been unaware.

Crews, meanwhile, spent four hours Tuesday searching for 27-year-old Hector Miguel Garnica, whose wife, three young children and extended family members were killed in the flood. His family gathered at the mountain swimming hole about 100 miles northeast of Phoenix to celebrate his wife's birthday.

The search was suspended over concerns that thunderstorms moving through the area Tuesday would cause more flooding. It's scheduled to resume Wednesday.

Crews had hoped Hector Garnica would still be alive. But Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management spokeswoman Tiffany Davila said crews who have searched for Garnica for three days now believe they are working a recovery effort.

Officials have said people headed to wilderness areas should check weather alerts ahead of time to determine whether it's safe. They note that it's hard to predict where rain will fall in the desert Southwest, and people should know that heavy downpours can cause flash flooding.

Even so, that hasn't stopped people from saying more should be done to protect the public from flash floods.

Steve Stevens, a volunteer firefighter with the nearby Water Wheel Fire and Medical District, said there needs to be a way for visitors to get flash flood alerts on their phones.

Stevens, who has lived in the area for 20 years, said the fire station and local church have extenders that provide cell service to the area around those two locations, but it needs to cover the whole forest.

There is no system currently in place to specifically warn people about the potential dangers of flash floods at the Tonto National Forest, said Forest Service spokeswoman Carrie Templin.

"If our employees happen to be out in the forest at the time, and they hear a weather warning, they share that with members of the public they may cross," she said. There are also signs posted around the forest that warn of hazardous conditions, including potential flash floods.

Templin said there isn't a more comprehensive system in place to alert people because the forest is more than 3 million acres and there are over 5,000 roads.

Because there is a potential for a flash flood at any time, it would be "incredibly difficult, if not impossible" to close parts of the forest when flash flood warnings are issued, Templin said.

Detective Sgt. David Hornung of the Gila County Sheriff's Office said his agency has no plans to add warning signs or close the forest during monsoon season.

"I'm not trying to be negative, but you could put up all the signs you want, and people are going to still want to come in here and recreate. We have a hard time, when they close the forest due to fire restrictions, of keeping people out," Hornung said.

Ecuador announces it will raise oil output

■ OPEC's third smallest member says it needs the funds

By Stephan Kueffner and Javier Blas
Bloomberg

Ecuador has dealt a blow to OPEC unity by announcing it will start raising oil production this month, arguing it needs the money.

OPEC has for years cheated on its own agreements, particularly when oil prices fail to recover after an output cut. But Ecuador has taken the rare step of saying publicly it will increase production, making it impossible for the group to conceal the desertion.

The Latin American country won't be able to meet its commitment to lower output by 26,000 barrels a day to 522,000 a day, as agreed with OPEC last year, Oil Minister Carlos Perez said in an interview with Teleamazonas late Monday.

"There's a need for funds for the fiscal treasury, hence we've taken the decision to gradually increase output," Perez said. "What Ecuador does or doesn't do has no major impact on OPEC output."

Indeed, Ecuador's exit is largely immaterial when considering the size of the global oil market, as the amount it agreed to cut accounts for less than 25 seconds of daily consumption. Still, it does create a dangerous precedent in the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, opening the door for other, perhaps bigger producers to follow suit.

"Ecuador's latest statement will not matter for global balances but it shows the challenges for OPEC members given the cuts failed to raise prices," said Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at London-based Energy Aspects Ltd. The announcement may "again give rise to fears of the deal falling apart," she said.

Benchmark Brent crude has erased most of the gains it made after OPEC's November deal, dropping 14 percent this year to trade below $49 a barrel on Tuesday.

Ecuador says it had a "non-written" agreement with OPEC that gave it flexibility on output because of its fiscal needs. The Vienna-based group, however, hasn't disclosed such an accord.

Ecuador isn't the only OPEC member struggling to bolster its finances, with others such as Algeria also relying heavily on petrodollar reserves built up during the 2000-2008 oil-price boom to plug fiscal deficits. Many require prices significantly higher than today's level to balance the books, according to non-partisan New York think-tank the Council on Foreign Relations.

Other small OPEC members may now argue they also need extra money, said Torbjorn Kjus, an analyst at DNB Bank ASA in Oslo.

"They should understand that this might hurt the whole deal," he said, suggesting OPEC's top producer Saudi Arabia could decide: "If you guys don't want to participate then let's just dump the oil price down into the $20s and see how funny that is."

OPEC's implementation of its deal to curtail output is slipping after a strong start earlier this year. The International Energy Agency put compliance at 78 percent in June, a six-month low, as Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Ecuador and Venezuela pumped more than agreed. Iraq produced 4.5 million barrels a day, meeting just 29 percent of its commitment.

Ecuador, OPEC's third-smallest member by production after Equatorial Guinea and Gabon, is now pumping close to 545,000 barrels a day from its oil fields in the Amazon rainforest, Perez said in the interview. That's not far off the 548,000 barrels a day it produced before the OPEC deal kicked in.

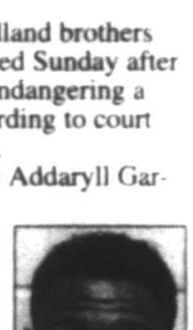
CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two arrested on child endangerment charges

Two Midland brothers were arrested Sunday after allegedly endangering a child, according to court documents.

Jermaine Addaryll Garnes Jr., 20, was being held Tuesday on a $10,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence and $2,000 in bonds for four misdemeanor charges.



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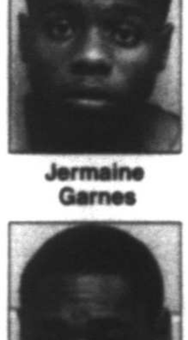

Jacquay Garnes

Jacquay Atlantis Garnes, 18, was being held Tuesday on two $10,000 bonds for the state jail felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence, a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault against a public servant, a $10,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of taking a weapon from an officer and a $500 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of resisting arrest.

Midland police were dispatched on Sunday in reference to a disturbance.

The brothers were at a residence when Jermaine allegedly pushed a woman and attempted to force a child from her arms. The brothers went into a vehicle with the child, who was unrestrained in Jacquay's lap, according to their arrest affidavit.

Jacquay allegedly refused to give the child to a woman while an officer attempted to detain him. He later shoved the officer and grabbed another officer's weapon, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a state jail felony charge, the men could face up to two years imprisonment. If convicted of a third-degree felony charge, Jacquay could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Man charged with aggravated sexual assault

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

Villa

Mario Villa, 22, was being held Tuesday on a $150,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

A child was interviewed at Harmony Home on July 6 in reference to a sexual assault.

If convicted of the first-degree felony charge, Villa could face up to life imprisonment.

Jury convicts Odessan after 17 minutes of deliberation

A Midland County jury on Tuesday found an Odessa man guilty of attempted indecency with a child, according to a report from the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Sergio Gonzalez, 30, was alleged to have committed a crime against a girl under 14 on Nov. 16, 2016, according to the press release. Jurors deliberated 17 minutes before reaching a verdict.

The jury subsequently assessed Gonzalez's punishment at seven years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and a $7,000 fine. The range of punishment for this offense was two to 10 years of confinement in the penitentiary.

The case was tried by assistant district attorneys Rebecca Patterson Linehan and Whitney Griffith.

Man shot by deputies arrested, transferred to jail

The 28-year-old Midland man who was shot last week by a Midland County Sheriff's Office deputy was transferred Tuesday from Midland Memorial Hospital to Midland County jail, Sheriff Gary Painter said in a press release.

Texas Rangers arrested Julio Alberto Perez last week at MMH on a charge of robbery, he said. The second-degree felony is punishable by a maximum of 20 years in the state penitentiary. Perez will appear before a magistrate to have his bond set.

Perez was hospitalized after being shot last week in an incident on Interstate 20. A deputy fired on Perez, who was attempting to drive off in a pickup that didn't belong to him and who ignored the lawman's commands, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The deputy, who had called for assistance, fired his weapon through the windshield and hit Perez, who then got out of the vehicle and began walking on the service road toward the deputy, according to the article.

Perez continued to ignore the deputies' commands, and the lawmen fired additional shots. The deputies used their Tasers, but the weapons were ineffective, according to the article. Other officers who had arrived on the scene physically subdued Perez and applied first aid until EMS arrived to transport him to the hospital.

POSITION

From 1A

Riddick said this person will not be a "support level" employee but someone who is an executive director. The person also will help in the branding of a district, which he said is a "$300 million organization." Those were factors in the determination of the salary range, he said. Also taken into account is what districts in metropolitan areas of the state pay for similar positions.

The salary will be greater than the $94,000 Midland College pays for its head of public relations, a person who has been with the college for 27 years. The city of Midland is currently looking for a new public information officer. The salary range for the position is $53,649 to $72,584, according to the city. The former city PIO was making $61,488 at the time she left the position.

It is a busy time for hiring at the school district. MISD is also looking for a new chief financial officer (pay range: $152,000 to $164,000), a new director of financial services ($80,000 to $97,000) and a new executive director of Human Resources ($102,000 to $133,000).

There are at least three vacant principal positions at elementary schools, including Carver Center (the gifted and talented academy) and Emerson Elementary. Pay range posted for those positions are between $74,000 and $89,000. An advertisement for the Midland High principal opening calls for a salary range of $99,000 to $117,000.

When asked about a communications leader making more than the head of a campus, Riddick said it is not uncommon for central office personnel to earn more than campus leaders. He also cited the branding and marketing needs of the organization.

Board President Rick Davis said Riddick made it clear during the interview process that engaging the community was a priority and the position was "necessary."

PERRY

From 1A

Europe, the Energy Department said Tuesday. Exports were up by 8 million tons through March, a 58 percent jump over the same period last year. Top destinations for U.S. coal were the Netherlands, South Korea and India.

Despite the increase, volumes remain well below what the industry anticipated when it announced plans over the past decade to build or expand coal ports in Oregon, Louisiana, Washington state and California.

On the grid study, Perry said critics on all sides were "throwing jell-o at the wall" on a report that is not yet finished. "I haven't seen it yet," he said.

A draft version leaked to news outlets indicates that renewable power and federal regulations have had little impact on reliability. The draft report cites declining demand and plunging costs of natural gas for early retirements of traditional coal and nuclear power plants.

The Energy Department has said the draft study is out of date and a new version could have different conclusions. Renewable energy advocates, including some Republicans, have expressed concern that the report could be used to undermine support for wind and solar power.

The report is expected to be made public this month, but Perry offered no firm timetable. "Like you, I'm breathlessly waiting to get my hands on it," he said.

Officer who shot Australian woman felt called to police work

By Amy Forliti
Associated Press

Jeff Wheeler/Star Tribune via AP

People listen as Bethany Bradley of Women's March Minnesota speaks Sunday at the beginning of a vigil to remember Justine Damond, from Sydney, Australia, who was shot and killed by police in Minneapolis. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension released a statement Sunday saying two Minneapolis officers responded to a 911 call for a potential assault late Saturday. Exact details weren't released, but officials said an officer fired a gun, killing the woman.

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minneapolis police officer who shot and killed an Australian woman in an alley shortly after she called 911 to report a possible crime is a young Somali-American and father who felt called to work in law enforcement after getting a college degree in business.

Mohamed Noor, 32, joined the police force two years ago and is among more Somalis hired in recent years as the department continues its efforts to diversify. To those in Minnesota's Somali community, the largest in the United States, he was seen as a role model, and his hiring was celebrated.

"Among police, he was one of the good guys," said Suud Olat, a refugee advocate and interpreter.

But Noor is now on paid administrative leave as authorities investigate why he shot and killed 40-year-old Justine Damond, a meditation teacher and bride-to-be. Damond's fiancé said she called 911 on Saturday night about what she believed was an active sexual assault. She was reportedly standing outside the driver's side of a squad car when she was shot in the abdomen by Noor, who fired from the passenger seat.

Authorities have released no details about what led Noor to shoot Damond, whose maiden name was Justine Ruszczyk. She had begun using her fiance's last name ahead of their August wedding.

No weapon was found at the scene. Noor and the other officer did not turn on their body cameras, and authorities have said squad video did not capture the shooting.

Noor's attorney, Tom Plunkett, released a statement Monday saying that Noor extends his condolences to the family and others affected by Damond's death. The statement said Noor came to the U.S. at a young age and is thankful to have had many opportunities.

"He takes these events very seriously because, for him, being a police officer is a calling," the statement said. "He joined the police force to serve the community and to protect the people he serves."

The statement described Noor as "a caring person with a family he loves, and he empathizes with the loss others are experiencing."

Plunkett did not reply to a request for an interview Tuesday. Authorities released no additional information about the case.

Noor joined the police department in March 2015, and his assignment to a Minneapolis neighborhood was publicized by city leaders and the Somali community. Mayor Betsy Hodges recognized him in a Facebook post last year, noting that his arrival in the 5th Precinct was celebrated. Hodges posted pictures from a community event to welcome Noor. She called it "a wonderful sign of building trust and community policing at work."

A city newsletter said hundreds of people attended that event. The newsletter said Noor has a degree in economics and business administration from Augsburg College. Before becoming a police officer, he worked in commercial and residential property management in Minneapolis and in the St. Louis area.

But Noor's short time on the force has not been without blemish.

Records from the city's Office of Police Conduct Review show he has had three complaints against him. Two are pending, and the third was dismissed without discipline. Under state law, details of open cases and cases that result in no discipline are not released.

Noor was also sued earlier this year after a May 25 incident in which he and other officers took a woman to the hospital for an apparent mental health crisis. The lawsuit claims Noor and other officers violated the woman's rights when they entered her home without permission and Noor grabbed her wrist and upper arm. The lawsuit, which is pending, said Noor relaxed his grip when the woman said she had a previous shoulder injury.

Noor also battled for custody of his son, born in 2010. According to family court records, Noor and his son's mother met in college and never legally married. They split up when the boy was 3, but the two continued to share responsibilities and — as best they could — time.

Noor's job as a police officer did not give him a consistent work schedule, but he said in court documents that he made every effort to be with his son when he wasn't working. In 2015, the boy's mother tried to take him to New Jersey, and the legal battle over custody intensified. Noor said in an affidavit that his son was important to him and he did not want the boy to move.

An evaluator in the case observed Noor had a warm, loving relationship with his son and was patient as the two built Legos together.

In the end, the court sided with Noor, determining it was in the boy's best interest to be in Minnesota, where he had spent his whole life and was surrounded by extended family and the larger Somali community.

Many Somali community members who spoke to The Associated Press were mourning over Damond's death, but the talk at local coffee shops turned to confusion and conflicting feelings about Noor's involvement. Some said that it felt like the whole community was being judged, as hateful speech circulated on social media.

"While we were mourning the death of this beautiful woman who was getting married next month, and talking about her, we suddenly found ourselves in the middle of it," said Abdirizak Bihi, a Somali community advocate in Minneapolis.

Mohamud Noor, a community advocate who is not related to Officer Noor, said the officer should be treated just like any other in this situation.

AP file photo

A man cools off at a water fountain June 21 in Liberty Park in Salt Lake City. American meteorologists calculate that the first half of 2017 has been the second warmest on record for Earth, only behind last year. NOAA announced Tuesday that Earth's average temperature from January to June has been 57.9 degrees. That's more than a-degree-and-a-half warmer than the 20th century average.

First half of 2017 ranks 2nd hottest globally, behind 2016

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The first half of 2017 was the second warmest on record for Earth, only behind last year.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Tuesday Earth's average temperature from January to June was 57.9 degrees. That's 1.6 degrees warmer than the 20th century average.

Natural El Ninos spike global temperatures. But NOAA climate scientist Ahira Sanchez-Lugo says it is remarkable that 2017 without an El Nino so far beats all but the super El Nino year of 2016.

She says that's the world changing into an ever warming climate.

Record warmth was measured in much of Mexico, western Europe, eastern Russia, eastern Africa and eastern China. Globally, June was the third warmest on record.

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McConnell to attempt health-care Hail Mary

■ Majority leader now trying to force a vote on the Republicans' 2015 clean repeal bill, letting it fail, and then moving to the 'repeal-and-replace' legislation

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Special to the Washington Post

To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the death of Republican health-care reform are greatly exaggerated. Far from throwing in the towel, as some have reported, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is actually throwing a final Hail Mary pass in an effort to pass the Senate Republicans' Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA). And he's found an extremely clever way to do it.

Understanding McConnell's strategy requires some inside-baseball knowledge of how the Senate works.

To get to a vote on the BCRA, the Senate must first vote on what's called a "motion to proceed." If such a motion passes, then there are up to 20 hours of debate (10 hours on each side) and unlimited amendments.

McConnell's biggest challenge was getting 50 Republican senators to agree to vote for a "motion to proceed" on a bill that they disagreed with — knowing that it was unlikely to be amended in ways that would make a difference to their final votes given the split between Republican conservatives and moderates and given the Democrats' refusal to cooperate. Instead of cooperation, Republicans would have to endure an onslaught of politically toxic Democratic amendments, as Senate Democrats forced them to cast one vote after another designed to make them look like monsters come Election Day. It is generally assumed that after getting on to the bill, and after enduring all that pain from Democrats, Republican senators would ultimately want to emerge with some sort of legislative victory.

The announcement by Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Jerry Moran, R-Kan., Monday night that they would not vote for a motion to proceed — combined with Sens. Rand Paul's, R-Ky., and Susan Collins', R-Maine, earlier announcements — killed the chances of directly getting on to McConnell's repeal-and-replace bill.

So McConnell is now trying to get on to the bill indirectly by forcing a vote on the Republicans' 2015 clean repeal bill, letting it fail, and then moving to the "repeal-and-replace" legislation.

This is a shift in tactics, not a concession of defeat.

How can Lee and Paul vote "no" on a motion to proceed on a clean repeal bill? And because all current Republican senators (except Collins) who were in office at the time voted for the clean repeal in 2015, moderate Republicans will be put in an awkward position if they vote against a motion to proceed on the same bill now.

Granted, they voted "yes" back then because they knew President Barack Obama would veto the bill, so they were not firing real bullets. The vote was more than a political statement, however: It allowed Senate Republicans to probe the parliamentarian to see how much of Obamacare could be repealed under the reconciliation rules with a simple majority. But since it had zero chance of being enacted, no one cared about whether what was left in the wake of repeal would result in a functioning insurance market. (It wouldn't.)

Of course, if moderates vote "yes" on the motion to proceed, they will eventually have to flip-flop on their 2015 votes anyway — because clean repeal would send the failing Obamacare exchanges into a full meltdown and Medicaid expansion would be terminated, as would the cost-sharing reduction payments for low-income Americans. In other words, the full repeal goes against everything the moderates have been fighting for.

Where does a failed "clean repeal" vote leave McConnell? In a pretty good position. He will have proved to the conservatives that full repeal can't pass and that the BCRA is the only hope for any kind of repeal. He can then bring the BCRA up for a vote. When he does, there will be increased pressure on the moderates, including from the White House, to vote yes and pass a bill.

In other words, this is a tactical move to force a vote on the BCRA. The question is whether moderate Republicans will go for it, and what they will ask for in exchange in the final bill. Right now, three moderates — Collins, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska — have indicated they will vote "no" on the motion to proceed. Collins won't change her vote under any circumstances. McConnell has to negotiate changes to the BCRA — including added protections to make sure that the Medicaid expansion populations in their states are not harmed — to get the others back.

It's a Hail Mary, to be sure. But it just might work.

OUR VIEW

Gov. Abbott, please stop your attack on local control

Legislators in Austin, please do no harm.

We make this appeal because Republican leaders are forgetting the golden rule. Treat people the way you would like other people to treat you.

The first issue is a big one. Gov. Greg Abbott is targeting cities with ordinances requiring operators of vehicles to use cellular devices "hands free." He wants those rules rolled back, effectively saying the state will determine what is best for a community's residents. Local leaders put those ordinances into place for safety reasons. If these ordinances are constitutional, the governor needs to back off.

Abbott also is calling for school districts to give teachers a $1,000 pay raise. On the surface, there is nothing wrong with this. We respect the work teachers do, and it's no secret they are underpaid. However, the governor has a lot of nerve to force this unfunded mandate on school districts, including and especially ones from which the state takes tens of millions of dollars to redistribute to "property-poor" districts around the state. Gov. Abbott, the next time you are in Midland, please explain to our residents how you expect Midland ISD to hand over $40 million to Austin and then come up with more than $1.5 million for your political benefit, Governor, if you want teachers to get raises, fund them.

Also, if you want to be a hero in Midland, Gov. Abbott, fix the state's broken school finance system. If you don't have the political fortitude to do so, back off.

There will be other tests to local control, including a possible cap on government spending. Again, Abbott is entering territory best left to local entities. We believe residents are capable of making decisions about local leaders who set tax rates and handle budgets.

We are curious if this is the same governor who is quick to point a finger at Washington and the abuses of an overreaching federal government? Abbott, to his credit, is right about Washington and the burdens the federal government has put on states. However, heading into the special session, he isn't practicing what he preaches.

In our view, it is up to residents in our community to make their voices heard. If you are concerned about the governor's special session agenda, contact our state legislators — state Rep. Tom Craddick and state Sen. Kel Seliger — and voice your disapproval.

And the next time the governor comes to town with hat in hand to add to his $41 million war chest, Midlanders have an obligation to ask what governor we will see in future sessions. We prefer the conservative one who allows local control to mean something.

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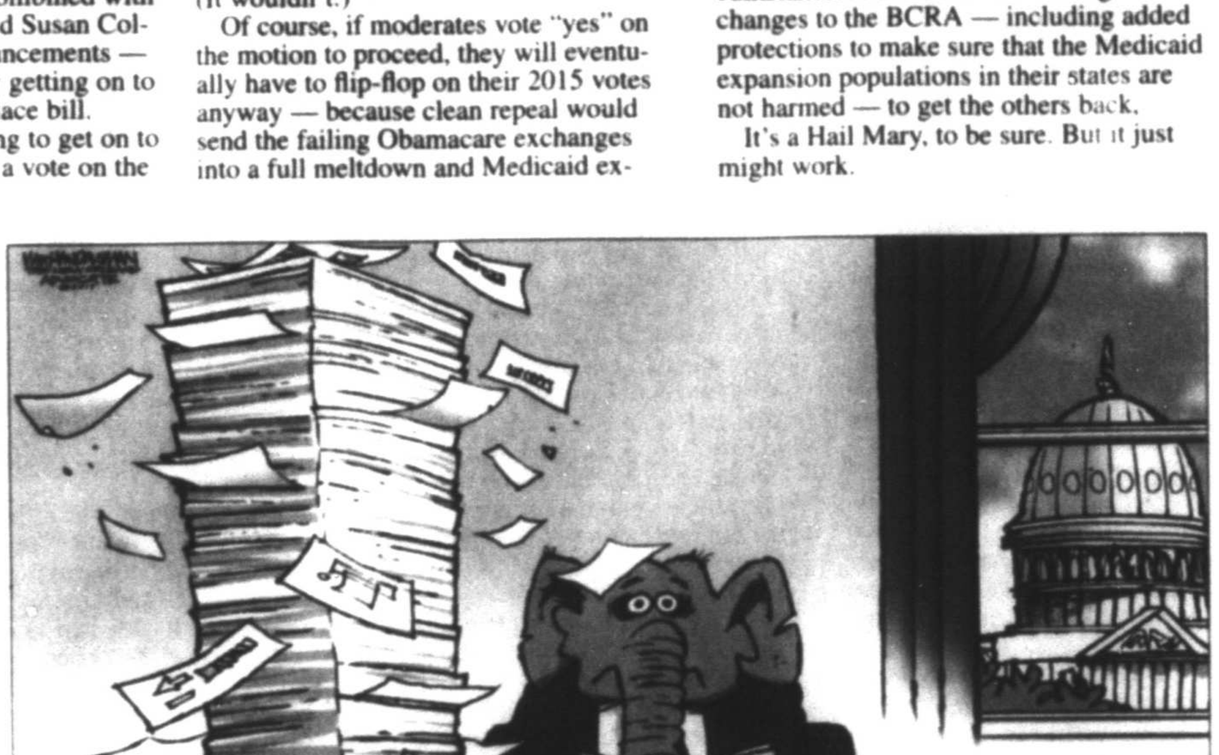

Senate Republicans act in bad faith

■ For Republicans, nothing was as exhilarating as repealing Obamacare without consequence

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If the Republican attempt to repeal and replace Obamacare ultimately fails, it will be a lesson in the wages of political bad faith.

The current path of the Senate bill has plenty of obstacles, including the sheer inertia of the Obamacare status quo and the fact that no one has made the public case for the Republican legislation. But the effort also suffers from a mismatch between the longtime public posture of Republicans (Obamacare must and will be fully repealed) and their private misgivings (do we really have to do this, even partially?).

It's not just that Republicans have said for years that they would repeal Obamacare; they actually voted to do it. In December 2015, a bill passed the Senate that was more stringent than the version now struggling for GOP support. The 2015 bill only tried to repeal Obamacare (although it fell short of that goal), while the current bill attempts to repeal and replace, i.e., forge a Republican alternative.

Only two Republican senators voted against the 2015 repeal, Susan Collins of Maine, who is still a "no," and Mark Kirk of Illinois, who is out of the Senate. Everyone else was on board, and celebrated a righteous blow against Obamacare. Winston Churchill said that nothing is so exhilarating as getting shot at without consequence. For Republicans, nothing was as exhilarating as repealing Obamacare without consequence.

The repeal bill inevitably got vetoed by President Barack Obama. Republican congressional leaders thought they could pick up where they had left off. They failed to account for the changed — and more difficult — dynamic with a Republican in the White House ready and eager to sign whatever gets to his desk.

The prospects of the current bill are clouded by the hesitance of the Medicaid moderates, Republican senators from states that accepted the Obamacare expansion of the program. The legislation is hardly Dickensian on this front. It allows states to continue the expansion, but, over time, brings the level of federal funding for the new population down to the levels for the rest of Medicaid (years from now, it also establishes a new per capita formula for all of Medicaid). The 2015 law was tougher on the expansion — it simply ended it after two years — and yet all of today's hand-wringers voted for it.

Perhaps they are disturbed by the coverage numbers the Congressional Budget Office has produced about the current bill? According to the CBO, it would lead to 22 million fewer people having insurance. But the earlier repeal bill, per the CBO, would have led to 32 million fewer people having insurance.

Perhaps they think the current bill should be more generous? The fact is, the Senate bill unveiled a few weeks ago spends roughly $600 billion on replacing Obamacare, or $600 billion more than the December 2015 bill. It has since been revised to spend even more and scale back the tax cuts.

As the publication Health Affairs starkly noted of the 2015 legislation at the time, "it would end the premium tax credits, the cost-sharing reduction payments, the Medicaid expansion, and the small business tax credits — that is, all of the assistance that the ACA gives to low and moderate-income Americans."

(Rand Paul, whose shtick is libertarian purity, is guilty of his own hypocrisy. He portrays the 2015 bill as preferable to the current version, which he opposes for not fully repealing Obamacare regulations. But the 2015 bill didn't touch any of the major Obamacare regulations.)

All of this is why the Plan B endorsed by President Donald Trump — to revert to a repeal-only bill if the current bill fails — is a non-starter. If there aren't 50 Republican votes for today's relatively generous bill, there won't be 50 votes for anything like what passed a year and a half ago. Unless, perhaps, Trump promises to veto it, and Senate Republicans can consider it once again a blissfully consequence-free vote.

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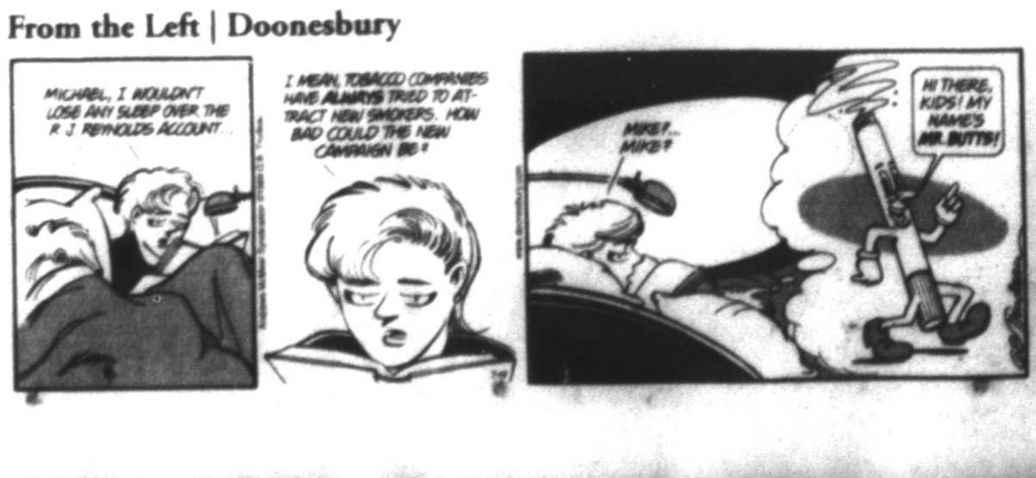

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Lawyer: Russian developer's staffer also at Trump Tower meet

By Stephen Braun
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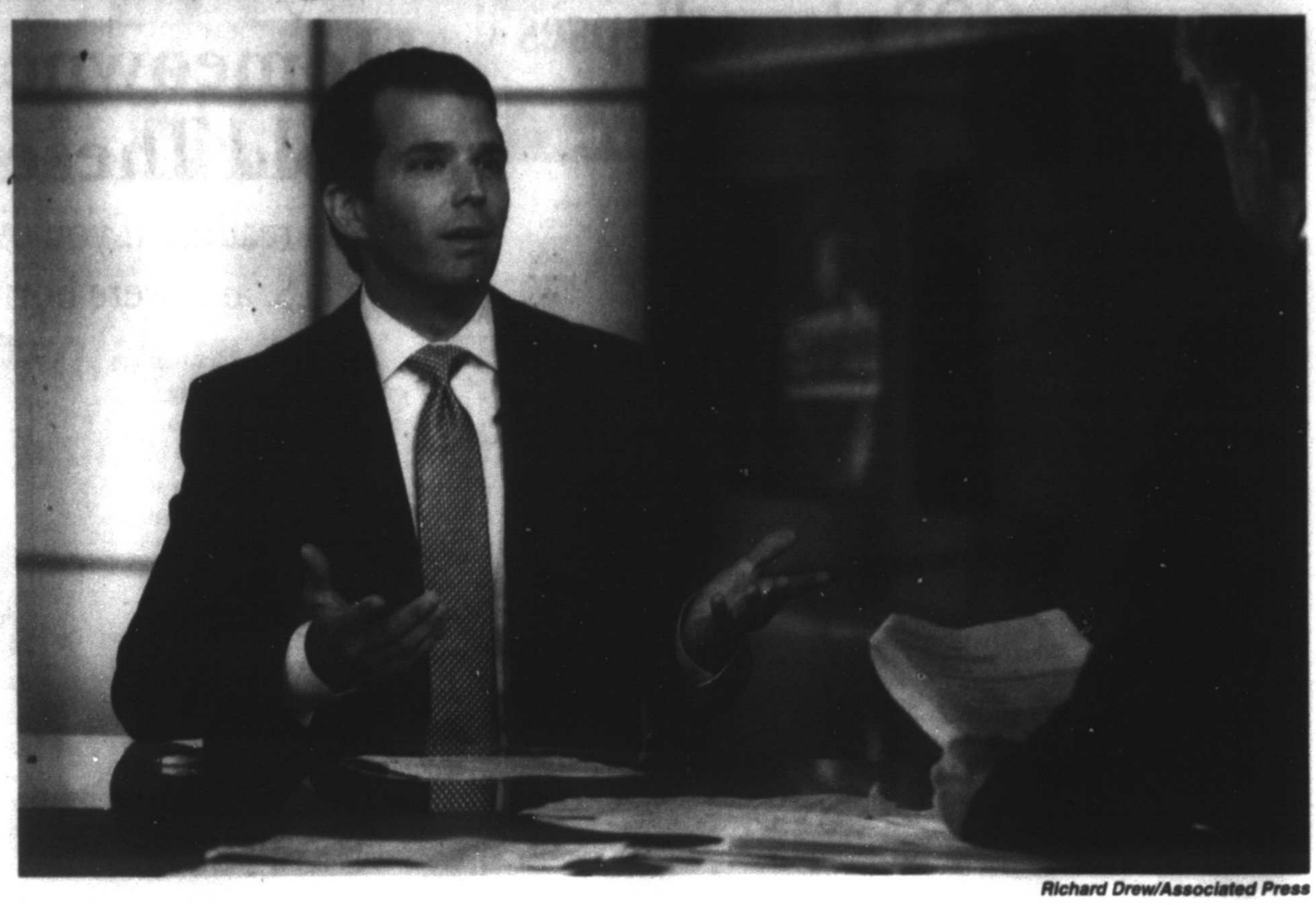

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Donald Trump Jr., left, speaks in New York on July 11. A lawyer for a Russian developer says a company representative was the eighth person at a Trump Tower meeting brokered by Donald Trump Jr. during the campaign.

WASHINGTON — A representative of the Russian developer who partnered with President Donald Trump to bring the Miss Universe pageant to Moscow was the eighth person at a Trump Tower meeting arranged by Donald Trump Jr. during the campaign, a lawyer for the developer said Tuesday.

Ike Kaveladze attended to help translate at the meeting with Trump Jr., Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya and others, attorney Scott Balber told The Washington Post and CNN.

Balber told the media outlets that Kaveladze works for developers Emin and Aras Agalarov and was there to represent them. The father and son, who worked with Trump on the pageant in 2013, were named in the emails that promised damaging information on Hillary Clinton.

In an online profile, Kaveladze lists himself as a vice president of Russia-based Crocus Group, Aras Agalarov's firm, and says in a separate LinkedIn profile that he handled tax preparation for the company.

Balber didn't return messages from The Associated Press seeking comment. He told the other media outlets that officials from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office were in touch with him about Kaveladze and that he and Kaveladze were cooperating. Mueller is investigating possible ties between the Trump campaign and Russia during the 2016 presidential election.

A person familiar with the meeting speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation confirmed to the AP that Kaveladze attended.

Online profiles of Kaveladze, who also goes by the name Irakly Kaveladze, say he holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of New Haven in Connecticut. His most recent U.S. address appears to be in Huntington Beach, California, although several websites he maintains say he is based in Moscow. He didn't respond to multiple attempts to reach him through his online sites.

Trump's eldest son arranged the June 2016 meeting after he was promised that a Russian government lawyer would provide negative information about Trump's Democratic rival during the campaign. In emails, Trump Jr. expressed enthusiastic support at the prospect of receiving such material.

Balber said Kaveladze wasn't needed as a translator at the meeting because Veselnitskaya brought one with her.

The meeting also was attended by Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner, then-campaign chairman Paul Manafort, music publicist Rob Goldstone and Rinat Akhmetshin, a prominent Russian-American lobbyist and a former Soviet military officer.

Trump Jr. scheduled the gathering after Goldstone, a British publicist for Emin Agalarov, said Veselnitskaya might have damaging information on Clinton she could share. Trump Jr. has said the information wasn't useful.

Vaselnitskaya has denied that she works for the Russian government. She says the meeting focused on US-Russian adoption policies and a sanctions law.

On Tuesday, the top Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, California Sen. Diane Dianne Feinstein, said Mueller had approved Manafort and others to testify before the panel though it was unclear if Manafort would agree to talk with the committee.

Kaveladze was named a vice president of the Crocus Group in 2004. He lists among his achievements the development of Russia's Far Eastern Federal University, a cluster of more than 70 college buildings near Vladivostok that Agalarov built, according to websites that contain profiles of him. In 2012, Russian President Vladimir Putin opened the facility and, a year later, gave Agalarov a national "Order of Honor."

In 2000, The New York Times cited an Irakly Kaveladze as a conduit for international money laundering who allegedly moved more than $1.4 billion for Russian and Eastern European clients, routing the funds through more than 2,000 shell corporations set up in Delaware. The accounts were then set up at Citibank of New York and Commercial Bank of San Francisco.

Details of the operation were revealed by a General Accounting Office report that did not name Kaveladze, but identified a firm he had set up, Euro-American Corporate Services Inc., which set up the shell companies in Delaware. Kaveladze told the Times that the GAO investigation was a "witch hunt" and that he had committed no crimes. The investigation did not lead to criminal charges.

The Times reported at the time that Kaveladze was born in the Soviet Republic of Georgia in 1960 and graduated from the Moscow Finance Academy — a degree that Ike Kaveladze also reports on his LinkedIn and internet pages. The newspaper reported he operated a firm called International Business Creations, which the GAO report said opened the bank accounts based on the Delaware shell companies

House budget blueprint key to success of Trump tax agenda

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite opposition from Republican moderates and conservatives, House leaders are pressing ahead with a budget plan whose success is critical to the party's hopes to deliver on one of President Donald Trump's top priorities — a GOP-only effort to overhaul the tax code.

The importance of the measure has been magnified by the cratering in the Senate of the Trump-backed effort to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, leaving a rewrite of the tax code as the best chance for Trump to score a major legislative win this year. The measure would require about $200 billion worth of cuts to benefit programs and other so-called mandatory spending coupled with the tax plan.

The budget plan unveiled Tuesday is crucial because its passage would pave the way to pass a tax overhaul this fall without the fear of a filibuster by Senate Democrats.

But it also proposes trillions of dollars in cuts to the social safety net and other domestic programs and puts congressional Republicans at odds with Trump over cutting Medicare. It also would sharply boost military spending.

"In past years, the budget has only been a vision. But now, with the Republican Congress and a Republican White House, this budget is a plan for action," said Budget Committee Chair Diane Black, R-Tenn. "Now is our moment to achieve real results."

Unclear, however, is whether GOP leaders can get the budget measure through the House. Conservatives want a larger package of spending cuts to accompany this fall's tax overhaul bill, while moderates are concerned cuts to programs such as food stamps could go too far.

"I just think that if you're dealing with too many mandatory cuts while you're dealing with tax reform you make tax reform that much harder to enact," said Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa.

Black announced a committee vote for Wednesday, but was less confident of a vote by the entire House next week; a delay seems likely because of the ongoing quarrel between the GOP's factions.

The House GOP plan proposes to turn Medicare into a voucher-like program in which future retirees would receive a fixed benefit to purchase health insurance on the open market. Republicans have proposed the idea each year since taking back the House in 2011, but they've never tried to implement it — and that's not going to change now, even with a Republican as president.

"Republicans would destroy the Medicare guarantee for our seniors and inflict bone-deep cuts to Medicaid that would devastate veterans, seniors with long-term care needs, and rural communities," said Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California.

The plan promises to balance the budget through unprecedented and politically unworkable cuts across the budget. It calls for turning this year's projected $700 billion-or-so deficit into a tiny $9 billion surplus by 2027. It would do so by slashing $5.4 trillion over the coming decade, including almost $500 billion from Medicare amd $1.5 trillion from Medicaid and the Obama health law, along with sweeping cuts to benefits such as federal employee pensions, food stamps and tax credits for the working poor.

But in the immediate future the GOP measure is a budget buster. It would add almost $30 billion to Trump's $668 billion request for national defense. The GOP budget plan would cut non-defense agencies by $5 billion. And of the more than $4 trillion in promised saving from mandatory programs like Medicare and Medicaid, the plan assumes just $203 billion would actually pass this year.

Democrats focused their fire on the plan's sweeping promises to cut from almost every corner of the budget other than Social Security, defense and veterans programs. At the same time, they have little fear those cuts would actually be implemented.

Top Budget Committee Democrat John Yarmuth of Kentucky told reporters the GOP "utilizes a lot of gimmicks and vagueness to reach some semblance of theoretical balance and also hides a lot of the draconian cuts would be inflicted on the American people."

All told, the GOP plan would spend about $67 billion more in the upcoming annual appropriations bills than would be allowed under harsh spending limits set by a 2011 budget and debt agreement. It pads war accounts by $10 billion. And, like Trump's budget, the House GOP plan assumes rosy economic projections that would erase another $1.5 trillion from the deficit over 10 years.

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WASHINGTON

Advocacy groups urge states to protect transgender students

Dozens of advocacy groups on Tuesday urged state education officials to protect transgender students after the Trump administration rescinded Obama-era guidance on school bathroom use.

The nation's leading civils rights organizations said in a letter addressed to state education officials charged with civil rights protection that schools must allow students to access restrooms in line with their stated gender identity, as the guidance had called for.

The Trump administration withdrew the guidance in February, saying the bathroom controversy was a matter for the states, not the federal government, to decide. The decision caused an outcry among LGBT advocates, who say students may now face discrimination and harassment.

In their letter, 50 groups expressed concern that rescinding the guidance might lead some schools to believe that transgender students are not entitled to use the bathrooms of their choice. "That is simply not the case," the letter said.

The organizations, which included Public Justice, the National Women's Law Center, Lambda and others, warned that denying students that right would violate federal law and the Constitution.

WASHINGTON

Carson pledges to fight homelessness amid budget cut plans

Housing Secretary Ben Carson pledged Tuesday to "work toward a time when no family is without a home" — even as the Trump administration seeks sharp budget cuts that critics say would lead to more people living on the streets.

"A man will not beat addiction from a gutter, he will not get psychiatric help underneath a bridge, and he will not find a steady job without a steady address," Carson said, to applause from a packed ballroom at a conference organized by the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Consider the enormous costs of emergency room care, the potential danger and money for extra policing, he said. "It actually saves public resources if we first provide housing, and work with people from there."

Spokesman Raffi Williams said Carson will make homelessness a top priority at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Carson, a conservative Republican who challenged President Donald Trump for the GOP nomination last year, spoke as Congress considers Trump's budget for fiscal year 2018 — a plan that calls for cutting about $7 billion from the $48 billion HUD budget. That includes cuts to homeless assistance grants and a reduction of nearly $1 billion to Section 8 rental assistance, which helps about 2.2 million low-income families afford housing. The Trump budget also would eliminate funding for the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

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'Let Obamacare fail,' Trump says after GOP plan collapses

By Erica Werner and Alan Fram
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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Tuesday it's time to "let Obamacare fail" after the latest GOP health care plan crashed and burned in the Senate, a stunning failure for the president. Republican leader Mitch McConnell and a party that has vowed for years to abolish the law.

In a head-spinning series of developments, rank-and-file Republican senators turned on McConnell and Trump for the third time in a row, denying the votes to move forward with a plan for a straight-up repeal of "Obamacare." This time, it was three GOP women — Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia — who delivered the death blow.

All had been shut out of McConnell's initial all-male working group on health care.

McConnell, who could afford to lose only two votes in the narrowly divided Senate, had turned to the repeal-only bill after his earlier repeal-and-replace measure was rejected on Monday. That had followed the failure of an earlier version of the bill last month.

The successive defeats made clear that despite seven years of promises to repeal former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, Republicans apparently cannot deliver. Nonetheless, McConnell insisted he would move forward with a vote on his measure to repeal the law, effective in two years, with a promise to work — along with Democrats — to replace it in the meantime.

The vote could come as soon as today. It appears doomed to fail, but GOP leaders want to put lawmakers on record on the issue and move on.

At the White House, Trump appeared to recognize defeat, at least for the moment, while insisting he bore none of the blame.

"I think we're probably in that position where we'll just let Obamacare fail," the president said. "We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you that the Republicans are not going to own it. We'll let Obamacare fail and then the Democrats are going to come to us and they're going to say, 'How do we fix it?'"

Despite the current law's problems, most health care experts do not believe it is at immediate risk of outright failure, and Democratic cooperation to adjust the law is far from assured.

Nor does it appear likely that Republicans can escape owning the problems with the law and the health care system overall, now that they control the House, Senate and White House, partly on the strength of campaigning against the law.

"They seem to have this notion that they can be a majority party, and have control of the White House, and not be responsible for bringing down the health care system," said Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois. "It doesn't work that way."

Asked how he would justify the GOP's failure on health care to voters, McConnell responded "Well, we have a new Supreme Court justice" — suggesting inaction on health care would be forgiven because of that success along with some regulatory roll-backs.

As the day began Tuesday, McConnell was hunting for votes to open debate on a revived version of legislation Congress sent to Obama's desk in 2015 that would have repealed major portions of Obamacare, with a two-year delay built in. He had turned to that approach after getting stunned Monday night by defections by Sens. Mike Lee of Utah and Jerry Moran of Kansas on a repeal-and-replace bill.

Many Republicans support the repeal-only approach, and they question how senators who voted for the legislation two years ago could oppose it now.

"We're going to find out if there's hypocrisy in the United States Senate in the next few days I'm afraid," said Sen. David Perdue, R-Georgia.

But for others, the implications were too severe now that the bill could actually become law with a Republican president in the White House ready to sign it. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that more than 30 million people would lose insurance over a decade under the legislation.

Collins voted against the legislation in 2015 while Murkowski and Capito both supported it. Murkowski told reporters Tuesday that repealing the Affordable Care Act without the promise of a replacement would cause uncertainty and chaos.

"To just say repeal and 'Trust us, we're going to fix it in a couple of years,' that's not going to provide comfort to the anxiety that a lot of Alaskan families are feeling right now," she said.

Said Capito: "I did not come to Washington to hurt people."

What's next? Go back to the committee room and work on a bipartisan basis "in a way that the public feels that we are really working toward their best interests," Murkowski said. "It's where we should have started. ... And yes, this is hard."

What's next? Senate GOP scrambles after health care flop

WASHINGTON — Now what?

Senate Republicans were scrambling to pick up the pieces Tuesday after their attempt to repeal and replace the Obama-era health care law collapsed a second time.

After working for months on a new health package, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., announced Tuesday that the Senate would vote to simply repeal Obama's health care law "sometime in the near future."

But even that effort is failing. At least three GOP senators came out against the plan, which would deny McConnell the votes needed to even debate a bill.

McConnell noted that a Republican-led Congress voted to repeal the law in 2015. But President Barack Obama was in the White House at the time, so Republicans knew he would he would veto the measure.

This time, with Republican President Donald Trump in the White House, the vote would count.

"If you voted in 2015 for it and now you're going to vote against it, you've got some explaining to do," said Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.

A look at what could come next:

One more time

If Senate Republicans can't round up the votes to repeal the health care law, they have several options. They can keep talking among themselves in an attempt to come up with another Republican-only plan.

This strategy has been unsuccessful so far because, with 52 members, Senate Republicans can only afford to lose two votes.

Conservatives and moderates in the House managed to bridge their differences and narrowly pass a bill. Since then, the president has called the House measure "mean" and Senate Republicans have been unable to rally around a replacement.

Senators like Rob Portman of Ohio and Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia are concerned that too many low-income people in their states would lose coverage, especially as those states fight an opioid epidemic.

Conservative Republicans like Paul complained that the most recent Senate package didn't completely repeal the health care law.

Hello, Democrats

Senate Republicans can work with Democrats on ways to improve the program, but this would be a difficult marriage to arrange.

Republicans say they are committed to repealing Obama's health care law, which is a nonstarter for Democrats. Democrats say they are open to improving the program, but that would fall well-short of Republican campaign promises.

"Rather than repeating the same failed partisan process yet again, Republicans should work with Democrats on a bill that lowers premiums, provides long-term stability to the markets and improves our health care system," Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer of New York said.

Cut and run to tax reform

Congressional Republicans could drop health care and move on to overhauling the nation's tax code, but they will probably run into many of the same problems.

Trump seemed to push this approach Tuesday.

"I think we're probably in that position where we'll just let Obamacare fail," the president said. "We're not going to own it. I'm not going to own it. I can tell you that the Republicans are not going to own it."

Trump said letting the program fail will encourage Democrats come to the table and negotiate.

Republicans might find that they could use help from Democrats in tackling a tax overhaul as well.

So far, Republicans are excluding Democrats from tax talks, just like they have on health care. But Republicans' slim majority in the Senate isn't going to get any bigger before the 2018 midterm elections, and it could get smaller after that.

Taxes are likely to cause just as many divisions among Republicans as health care, both ideological differences and regional ones.

For example, House Republicans and Trump have proposed eliminating the federal deduction for state and local taxes to help pay for lower overall income tax rates for everyone. Eliminating the deduction would raise about $1.3 trillion over the next decade, which could pay for a lot of other tax cuts.

But the deduction is very important to high-tax states such as New York, New Jersey, California and Connecticut. All of these states are traditional Democratic strongholds, but some send quite a few Republicans to Congress — votes that GOP leaders will need to overhaul taxes.

Rep. Leonard Lance, a five-term Republican from New Jersey, is leading the effort to keep the deduction. He said the White House "knows my position on this issue."

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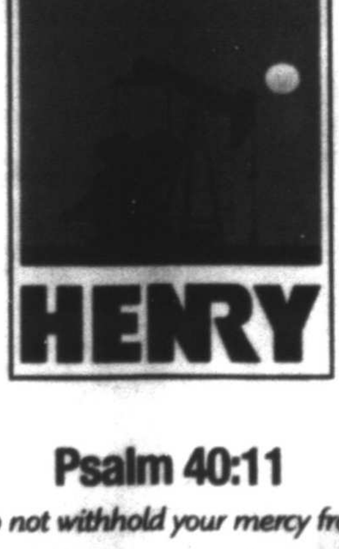

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The cash from a HECM loan can be used for any purpose. Many people use the money to save on interest charges by paying off credit cards or other high-interest loans. Other common uses include making home improvements, paying off medical bills or helping other family members. Some people simply need the extra cash for everyday expenses while others are now using it as a "safety net" for financial emergencies.

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At no cost or obligation, the professionals at AAG can help you find out if you qualify and also answer common questions such as:

1. What's the government's role?
2. How much money might I get?
3. Who owns the home after I take out a HECM loan?

You may be pleasantly surprised by what you discover when you call AAG for more information today.

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HEALTH + WELLNESS

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Midland Health introduces Ornish Lifestyle Medicine

Program offers noninvasive approach to reverse cardiac disease

DR. PADMAJA PATEL
Midland Health

Midland Health, in its commitment to making Midland the healthiest community in Texas, is excited to start offering patients a unique, noninvasive approach to reverse cardiac disease.

Ornish

Dr. Dean Ornish's program for reversing heart disease, available exclusively from Sharecare, addresses the root causes of heart disease rather than just its symptoms and offers participants what can be a more appealing option than surgery: lifestyle as treatment.

This program will be an excellent addition to the cardiac service line that we offer at Midland Health, and we are excited to introduce Ornish Lifestyle Medicine to our patients. The reversal program gives us another proven approach to treat heart disease and supports our ongoing mission to provide the best possible care and treatment to our community. Midland Health is the only health care facility in our region — and only one of four in Texas — to offer this program.

Ornish Lifestyle Medicine is proven by the results of more than 35 years of peer-reviewed, published research to reverse the progression of heart disease. The program brings about this transformational impact by dealing with the root causes of heart disease and not just its effects. The program, Dr. Ornish's research and Dr. Ornish himself have been featured widely in national media, including Newsweek, TIME, U.S. News & World Report and The New York Times.

Want to learn more?

- Visit www.ornish.com or call 877-888-3091.
- Attend "Food is Medicine" all-day seminar planned for Aug. 12 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.ourhealthycity.com

Ornish reversal program participants attend 18, four-hour group sessions over a nine-week period. Each session can accommodate about 15 individuals who focus on improvement in four key areas: exercise, stress management, nutrition and group support. The program is facilitated by a dedicated six-person team that includes a medical director, program director, nurse case manager and experts in stress management, behavioral health, fitness and nutrition. These experts help participants to take control of their treatment by providing them with the knowledge, training and community resources to sustain a healthier lifestyle.

The premise of Ornish Lifestyle Medicine is simple, yet requires personal commitment and adopting a healthy lifestyle based on the four key elements: a low-fat, whole-foods, plant-based diet; at least 30 minutes of exercise each day; practicing stress-management techniques; and active engagement in supportive relationships.

Documented and published results for thousands of participants across the nation have overwhelmingly shown Ornish Lifestyle Medicine is effective in undoing years of damage to the heart. Because of

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INDIGENOUS HEALING

Russell Contreras/Associated Press

Aztec dancers participate in a four directions morning ceremony Monday at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque as part of school's annual course on Curanderismo indigenous healing methods from the American Southwest and Latin America. A new textbook by the workshop's founder, Eliseo "Cheo" Torres, was released this month to coincide with the annual gathering.

Native American class sparks unique health textbook

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Laughter can combat trauma. Spiritual cleansings could be used to fight an opioid addiction. Cactus extract may battle diabetes and obesity.

These insights are from curanderismo — traditional Native American healing from the American Southwest and Latin America.

University of New Mexico professor Eliseo "Cheo" Torres' has included these thoughts in a new, unique textbook connected to his internationally-known annual course on curanderismo.

"Curanderismo: The Art of Traditional Medicine Without Borders," released last week, coincides with Torres' annual gathering of curandero students and healers around the world at the University of New Mexico. For nearly 20 years, healers and their students have come to Albuquerque to meet and exchange ideas on traditional healing that for many years were often ignored and ridiculed.

Torres, who is also the university's vice president for student affairs, said the popularity of the annual course and a similar online class he teaches convinced him that there needed to be a textbook on curanderismo.

"This textbook came out of the experience of this class and the ideas that have been shared through the years," Torres said during a special morning ceremony with Aztec dancers on campus. "From healers in Mexico to those in Africa, many have long traditions of healing that are being rediscovered by a new generation."

Curanderismo is the art of using

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In Texas, people with mental illness find work helping peers

By Lauren Silverman
KERA

DALLAS — Recovery coaches and peer mentors — known in Alcoholics Anonymous as "sponsors" — have for decades helped those addicted to alcohol or drugs. Now, peer support for people with serious mental illness is becoming more common. Particularly in places like Texas, where mental health professionals are in short supply, paid peer counselors are filling a gap.

Inside

You can thank this millennial for restoring the meaning to 'a mental health day'

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David Woodside, who has lived with bipolar and schizoaffective disorder his whole life, is getting help this way. Not long ago, he wound up in a Dallas County jail for the first time, at age 57. Woodside had gotten upset and kicked his brother.

"Nothing good happens in jail," he said. "They don't give you your medication."

After his brothers, including the one he kicked, bailed him out, Woodside enrolled in an anger management class in Dallas at Metrocare, a nonprofit serving people with mental illness in North Texas.

At Metrocare, Woodside started visiting David Yarborough's office several times a week. Inside, there's an American flag on the wall, a popcorn machine in the corner and tissues on the wooden desk.

The two Davids have much in common.

Both are fathers and have worked as electricians, and both are taking

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Patience, salt, other must-haves to stay fit in the Texas heat

By Leslie Barker
Dallas Morning News

When the temperature is a mere 70 degrees at 6 a.m. with forecast highs a paltry 90, we tend to think — with selective seasonal amnesia — we have summer licked. How hot can it get, really?

And besides, we shrug, won't the breathtaking blue sky and the jaw-dropping sunsets make up for any heat that accompanies our outdoor workout?

Nice optimism, but alas, the answers are these:

Plenty hot.

And no.

Yet avoiding the heat altogether and watching Netflix from the confines of your cool couch — even while performing a perfunctory sit-up or two — is not the way to stay

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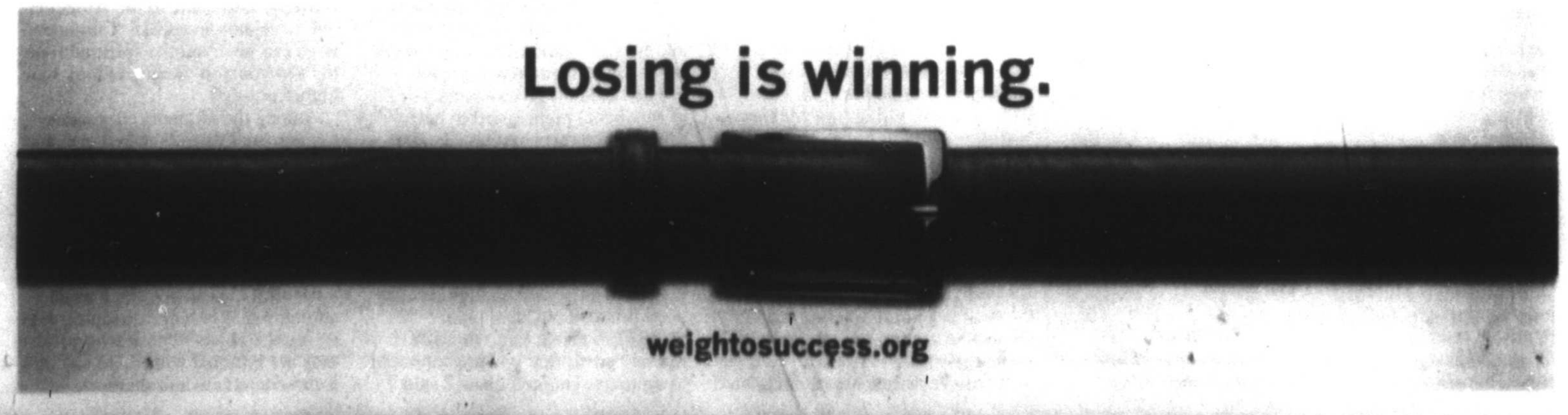
Florence Hirner cools off at Memorial Park on July 21, 2015, in Houston. "It's hot, but with cooling areas, I'm good," said Hirner.

Houston Chronicle file photo



Obituaries

Buster Grant Davenport

Buster Grant Davenport, 91, passed away on Thursday, July 13, 2017, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

A Celebration of his life will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland, Texas at 11:00 a.m. with internment to follow at the Mertzon Cemetery in Mertzon, Texas at 5:00 p.m. Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Buster was born on October 2, 1925 in Sherwood, Texas to Grattan D. Davenport and Lottie Stidham. He married Billie M. Taff on July 15, 1946.

He served as a PFC Combat Infantryman in the 63rd Infantry Division in World War II in the United States Army in the European Theatre until his discharge in 1946 earning a Bronze Star near Bubingen, Germany.

Following the war, he "cowboyed" for a time with the Bar S Ranch and other operations. Then after training he worked as an auto mechanic the remainder of his working career for Midland Frame & Wheel and then Sears.

Buster attended Crestview Baptist Church from its very beginning. He loved all children and helped in bible classes for children and adults.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his sisters, and his dear friend Marge Baker.

He is survived by his son, Mitchell, and wife Karen, of Jacksboro, Texas; his daughter Marsha and husband Mike Mabry, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; three grandsons, two granddaughters, two great-grandsons, four great-granddaughters, dear friends, Steve Baker, Mary Hendricks, Marty Burns, Betty Tucker and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that memorials be made in his name to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, Honor Flight, Crestview Baptist Church of Midland, or the charity of their choice.

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

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Dennis Thrift

Dennis Thrift passed away on July 17, 2017 in Midland, Texas after a courageous and stoic battle with cancer.

He was born in February 12, 1955 in Siler City, North Carolina to Lebron Lee Thrift and Mary Elizabeth Thrift. He was raised in Pittsboro, North Carolina but moved to Texas shortly after marrying Denise S Williams in 1975.

Dennis worked in the construction industry in Midland for 42 years. He was working as a Construction Superintendent for MidTex of Midland, Inc. when he retired this year. He had been employed with MidTex of Midland for 25 years. He was well liked and respected by his peers.

Dennis was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was so proud to be a Grandpa.

He enjoyed the lake and various water activities and was an avid motorcyclist. He loved motorcycle camping, participating in Iron Butt Long Distance Motorcycle Rides and just getting on his bike and riding. He was a member of the TTwisters Motorcycle Club and the Tall City Road Riders. Dennis never met a stranger and he made many friends while on two wheels.

Dennis is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Denise Thrift; son, Jeffrey Thrift and wife Valentina and, the light of his life, his grandson, Phillip Thrift of Allen, Texas. He is also survived by his sisters, Shirley and husband Kenny Moore and Linda and husband Chad Ray and brother, Reid Hill all of Pittsboro, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Hospice of Midland at PO Box 2621 Midland, TX 79702.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at a later date at Hanks Chapel Christian Church in Pittsboro, North Carolina.

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Dorothy May (Sergeant) Eggleston

Dorothy May (Sergeant) Eggleston, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2017 in Palestine, Texas. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Dorothy was born July 15, 1920 in Sheldon, WI., to Chester S. and Rosa May Sergeant. She grew up in Sheldon, WI., attended school there and graduated from Ladysmith High School in 1938. During WWII, she worked for the War Dept. in Washington, D.C. There she married the love of her life, Delwin Eggleston in 1942.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one son, Dale Michael Eggleston; two brothers, Howard and Harold Sergeant.

She is survived by a son, Ronald Eggleston; daughters, Rebecca Pounds Jobe, Virginia Escue, Nancy Slay, Kathee Johnston, and Dana Roepke; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

To view online leave condolences or sign the guest book go to www.baileyandfosterfuneralhome.com.

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

Hilda Blaker Mitchell

Memorial services for Hilda Marie Blaker Mitchell, 94, of Lufkin will be held Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at Christ Congregational Church in Lufkin with The Reverend Randall K. Green officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carroway Funeral Home.

Hilda Marie Blaker Mitchell was born September 30, 1922 in Cumberland, Maryland. She was one of seven children born to Ethel Rosanna (Twigg) and Sherman Washington Blaker. She passed on to her heavenly home Monday, July 10, 2017.

Hilda attended nursing school in Baltimore at Maryland General Hospital, where she was President of her class and received her R.N. in Nursing. It was there that she met and fell in love with William Arthur Mitchell, M.D. They married May 6, 1944. Eventually, Hilda and Bill moved to Lufkin in 1952 and raised three children, Hilda Marie, Robert Levis III, and Nancy Blaker.

During her lifetime as beloved wife, mother, and sister, Hilda served in many various state, civic, and community organizations. An avid volunteer and leader, she was always involved in the Lufkin Service League, now known as the Junior League of Lufkin, and served as President in 1960, 1961, and 1962.

She was a current active member of the Lufkin Historical Society and always looked forward to attending the monthly meetings. She was involved with the Angelina Medical Auxiliary for many years. Hilda also served on the Board of the Texas Lung Association for many years. Currently, she served on the Board of the Margarite Fairchild Foundation, which supports the Fine Arts of the University of Texas, and was its Vice-President at one time.

Hilda enjoyed the game of golf, and was quite a serious competitor. Through the years she was a member and served on the Boards of the Ladies Golf Associations at Lufkin Country Club and Crown Colony, as well as the Texas Senior Women's Golf Association. She was even blessed to make a hole-in-one three times, all at Crown Colony Country Club.

She will miss her many friends she played golf and bridge with, and especially the Thursday "Hollywood Gin" gang.

"Gran" adored her grandchildren and followed their sports activities, recitals, graduations, and weddings, attending as many as possible.

Hilda was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Mitchell, M.D.; daughter, Hilda Marie; parents; and six sisters.

She is survived by her son, Robert Levis Mitchell III, DDS, wife Gail, and grandsons, Samuel and Andrew; daughter, Nancy Meyers, husband Alan, granddaughters, Meredith Moffett and husband Wes, Courtney Lyon and husband Justin, and grandson, Mitchell Meyers. She is also survived by two great-granddaughters, Phoebe "PJ" and Jovi Lyon, whom she will be lovingly remembered by as "Gran-Gran".

The family would like to thank the entire staff of Hospice in the Pines and the many caregivers of Visiting Angels, especially Donna Knight, for their love and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christ Congregational Church, 105 Saddle Creek Drive, Lufkin, Texas 75904, Hospice in the Pines, 1504 W. Frank Avenue, Lufkin, Texas 75904, or a charity of your choice.

Memories and condolences may be added at www.carrowayfuneralhome.com.

Carroway Funeral Home, Lufkin, directors.

Jackie LaFoy Seals

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Jackie Seals, 82, loving father, husband, and brother, passed away on July 13, 2017 in Midland, Texas after a lengthy illness.

Jackie was born in Seymour, Texas on April 12, 1935. He was the youngest child of Garrett and Effie Seals, both of whom preceded him in death. He originally arrived in the Permian Basin in the late 1950s. He married Mary Frances Hisaw on June 30, 1961 in Odessa. She preceded him in death in 2004.

On November 9, 2009, he married Norma Bentley and they lived happily together in Midland until his death.

Jackie was a kind, generous, and loving man to his family and all who knew him. He enjoyed dancing with his wife Norma and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was always active and enjoyed helping other people.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; his son, Brian, wife Vicki and daughter Jessica of Rowlett, Texas; his son, Alan, wife Kristin Isaacson and daughter Kenna of Cypress, Texas; sisters, Edith Keck of Lubbock, Texas and Joan Mauck of Las Vegas, Nevada; as well as many stepchildren, step grandchildren, and step great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, TX 79701.

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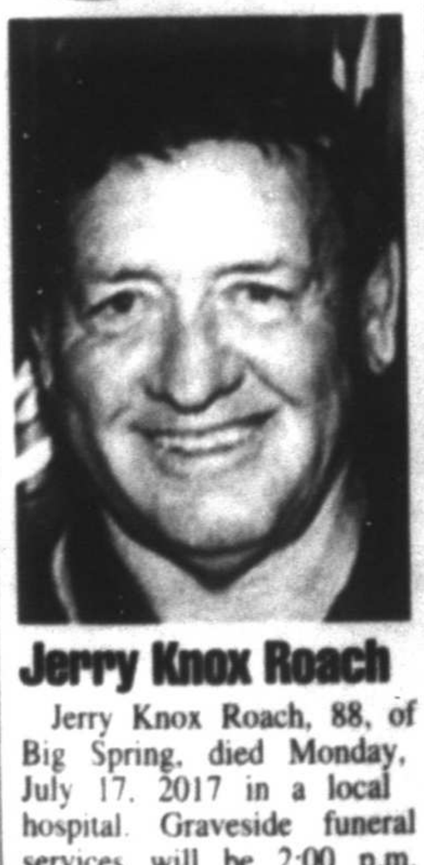

Jerry Knox Roach

Jerry Knox Roach, 88, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 17, 2017 in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2017 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Mark Lindsey, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born November 28, 1928 in Stamford, Texas. He married Ruth Fox November 11, 1960 in Monahans, Texas and she preceded him in death in April 2001. He then married Emma Carr in September 2007 and she preceded him in death May 18, 2017.

Jerry served in the United States Navy as a Seaman 1st Class from September 1950 to July 1954. He worked for Gulf Oil Company, which later became a part of Chevron Oil Company, for over 45 years, retiring in 1992. He was an avid golfer and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Jacqueline Renee Roach of Hurst; his twin brother, Louie Ox Roach of Santa Monica, California; three step-daughters, Donna Davis and husband, Rex of Gardendale, Mary Swaney of Dallas and Rhonda Harding and husband, Joe of Vincent; two step-sons, Rodney Carr and Richard Carr both of Big Spring; one sister-in-law, Ann Fox of Big Spring; and numerous grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold Roach and Rodney Roach; and one sister, Shirley Manhart.

The family suggests memorials to Howard County Council of Aging, Mobile Meals, P. O. Box 765, Big Spring, Texas 79721-0765.

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

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Wesley Chalfant

Wesley Chalfant, devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away at the age of 90 on July 15, 2017 at his home in Midland, Texas.

Born March 19, 1927 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma to William and Loura Chalfant, Wesley was the third of four children. He spent his childhood in Cheyenne and then went on to serve in the United States Army Air Corps. After serving he went to the University of Oklahoma to earn his law degree. OU is where he met the love of his life, Doris Fern Chalfant, with whom he celebrated nearly 67 years of wedded bliss.

After college, Wesley entered into the oil and gas industry as a scout for Lion Oil Company. He then went on to be a landman and briefly lived in Bismarck, North Dakota and Denver, Colorado. He made his way to Midland in 1958 and co-founded Chalfant, Magee and Hansen and stayed very involved in his business and the industry until his passing. Wesley was active in the Permian Basin Landman Association and is well-remembered for mentoring and teaching young landmen. He was also active in the Exchange Club of Midland.

Wesley was a faithful and devoted servant to the Lord. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Midland for nearly 60 years and was also a member of First Presbyterian Church of Ruidoso. At First Presbyterian of Midland he taught Sunday School and served as a Deacon and an Elder. Every Sunday, Wesley and Doris could be found in the same row at church and they never missed the annual Christmas Round The Table Carol Sing. He also enjoyed giving back to his community through volunteerism. He spent many hours tutoring children at CASA and volunteering for Hospice of Midland. For most of his life Wesley was an avid golfer and later picked up wood carving. Wesley always looked forward to his and Doris' weekly Tuesday night supper club at Midland Country Club.

He will be remembered for his humble and thankful spirit. He valued God and his family above all else. Lovingly referred to as "Papa" by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he enjoyed sitting on the ground and playing games with all of them. His favorite and most beloved game was pulling quarters out of his great-grandchildren's ears. Wesley especially cherished the memories he and his family made vacationing in Ruidoso, where they spent every summer for nearly 50 years.

Wesley is survived by his wife, Doris Fern Chalfant; his son, William Chalfant (Katherine); and his daughters, Susan O'Brien (Mike) and Emily Ware; his grandchildren Paul Chalfant, Matthew Chalfant (Amber), Leslie Ortloff (Clayton), Andrew Lawson, Alicia Hudson (Seth), Melissa Johnson (Trevor) and Wesley Ware (Jenny); and his nine great-grandchildren who he absolutely adored.

Serving as honorary pallbearers are Matthew Chalfant, Paul Chalfant, Hyle Doss, Robert Frazier, Seth Hudson, Trevor Johnson, Andrew Lawson, Clayton Ortloff and Wesley Ware.

The memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Avenue, where the Senior Pastor Steve Schorr will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Wesley Chalfant may be directed to Hospice Midland, 911 West Texas Avenue, Midland, TX 79701 or First Presbyterian Church of Midland.

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

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Death Notices

Catherine Fowler

Catherine Fowler, 62, of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, July 17, 2017. The family will receive guests from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. A private graveside service will be held at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring at a later date.

Survivors include sister, Cindy Wilson and brother, David Fowler.

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

Program

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the program's effectiveness. Medicare and several private insurance plans now pay for participants to attend under a new benefit category — intensive cardiac rehabilitation — making it the first of its kind to receive this level of support.

Patients who qualify for Ornish Lifestyle Medicine program through Medicare or private insurance are those who have had a heart attack, bypass surgery, valve surgery, heart transplant, angioplasty/stent placement or other cardiac conditions as specified through a national coverage determination.

Ornish Lifestyle Medicine can also help you safely manage weight loss, diabetes and risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Dr. Padmaja Patel is medical director of Lifestyle Medicine Center

Healing

From 1B

traditional healing methods like herbs and plants to treat various ailments. Long practiced in Native American villages of Mexico and other parts of Latin America, curanderos also are found in New Mexico, south Texas, Arizona and California.

Anthropologists believe curanderismo remained popular among poor Latinos because they didn't have access to health care. But they say the field is gaining traction among those who seek to use alternative medicine.

"I believe people are disenchanted with our health system," Torres said. "Some people can't afford it now, and they are looking for other ways to empower themselves to heal."

The textbook gives a survey of medicinal plants used to help digestive systems and how healers draw in laugh therapy to cope with traumatic experiences.

Ricardo Carrillo, a licensed psychologist and a healer based in Oakland, California, said he's seeing younger people look to curanderismo to help with challenges like addiction and physical pain.

"Yes, you have to go through detox and do all that you are supposed to do to get yourself clean," said Carrillo, who came to the Albuquerque workshop to speak. "Curanderismo can give you the spiritual tools to keep yourself clean and look to a higher power."

Among the ailments curanderos treat are mal de ojo, or evil eye, and susto, magical fright.

Mal de ojo is the belief that an admiring look or a stare can weaken someone, mainly a child, leading to bad luck, even death.

Susto is a folk illness linked to a frightful experience, such as an automobile accident or tripping over an unseen object. Those who believe they are inflicted with susto say only a curandero can cure them.

HEAT

From 1B

healthy and active this summer.

What is? Acclimating. Hydrating. Listening to your body. Remembering that sweat is your friend. That said, here's what you need to keep heat-workout cursing to a minimum, and to impress even yourself with your stamina and efficient sweating prowess.

COMMON SENSE

You cannot beat the heat. You can pummel it; you can curse it; you can mingle your tears with your sweat, but it is not going away.

"Beating the heat," clarified Dr. Emily Hebert, a preventive medicine physician at Dallas' Cooper Clinic, "means not letting it beat you, not letting it allow you to get sick because you get dehydrated or overheated or have heatstroke.

You may be one of the people Hebert refers to as those "not meant to be outside." Asthmatics, for instance, or people who have severe allergies, might do well to stay mostly indoors. Same goes for people who are frail, and for babies.

If you feel lightheaded or have chest pain or a headache or cramps, by all means stop. Heat isn't something you gut up and push through.

"The majority of my patients during the summer head to the gym," Hebert said. "I have these odd birds who don't mind being in the heat. They have their regimen down; they know what works for them, and they know what the heat will do for them."

WATER

"Anyone who exercises outside in Texas in the summer has to be cognitive of the heat and hydration," said Hebert, who is one of Cooper's concierge, or "platinum" physicians. "Dehydration can sneak up on you. Hydrate when you're exercising, and after you're done, continue to hydrate."

Depending on whom you talk to, you'll hear a variety of theories for the best way to go about this. As medical director for Hotter 'N Hell Hundred bike race, Dr. Keith Williamson, has probably heard most.

"Everything in the world is what I see done," said Williamson, who is also a physician at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls. "Some go by: Every time you see someone else drink, you drink. I'm not sure about that."

"Some drink as much as they possibly can, and in my years at Hotter 'N Hell, the most serious illness is water intoxication," he said.

Quite honestly, we worry too much about hydration, he said. "The simplest way to know you're doing enough is to keep cool, palatable liquids on hand and drink when the spirit moves you. The body is zealous about maintaining volume and tonicity and, despite nonsense to the contrary, thirst is an entirely adequate and vigorously protective response."

Basically, Hebert said, "You want to make sure what you're taking in from a liquids standpoint will replenish the amount you're sweating."

SWEAT

"The only thing that will cool you down is evaporation of sweat," Williamson said. "As you get that exposure history, you'll sweat more and it'll be less salty sweat. You'll sweat sooner and conserve plasma volume. You want good plasma volume, because that's what the heart depends on for cardiac input."

When you have good plasma volume, your body can more efficiently supply blood to the skin without significantly reducing what it sends to the muscles.

SALT

We hear a lot of talk about how we need to reduce sodium. But, Williamson said, "if you're doing the recommended half-hour exercise a day, you'll probably need extra salt."

Added Hebert: "When you get to a certain point, it's good to get some salt in with the water, and that's where sports drinks tend to play a role, because they have electrolytes in them. When we sweat, we're not just losing water, but also sodium and potassium."

Although the sugar content in Gatorade is "pretty high," she said, the lower-sugar G2 might be a better option. "Even watered-down Pedialyte, which tastes terrible, might be a good option."

ADAPTATION

"You'll get better if you're out in the heat enough," Williamson said. "Office workers won't adapt. They will bend to pick up the newspaper or pick up a weed, and they'll pass out."

Heat, he said, "imposes an extra metabolic burden on your body. You'll burn up glycogen faster than cold exercise, experience more cardiovascular change. It's a different ballgame in the heat."

Heat researcher Brett Ely, quoted in Runner's World, said heat acclimation takes between eight days and two weeks. But start gradually. You wouldn't climb a mountain on your first day in Colorado, so don't attempt outdoor exercise in the heat without building up to it.

HEART RATE MONITOR

This from Plano's Mike Keel, a personal trainer for cyclists:

"Tracking your heart rate is not only a way to manage your workout, but also a way to recognize when trouble is around the corner," said Keel, more commonly known as Bikin' Mike. "Heart rate follows patterns when you exercise. If you see an unusual one, it signals trouble is just around the corner."

For him, that trouble was dehydration, "one of those things that shows up on heart rate first," he said. He was pedaling through Death Valley, which sounds like a synonym for dehydration anyway. But he's used to extreme temperatures. So when his usual cycling heart rate of 135 to 155 beats per minute rose to as high as 170, and didn't dissipate when he slowed down, "I knew I was in trouble," he said," so I got off the bike."

COOLING TOWEL

For Mason Murphy, director and instructor for Camp Gladiator boot camp, sweat is all in a day's work. But not even the warmest winter workout can compete, perspiration-wise, with the coolest summer one.

Thus, his recommendation for the towels, which can work around your hot and miserable neck: "You get them wet, they retain the moisture and then have a cooling effect," he said.

Several companies make them, including Mission, and Xtreme Cooling Towel, which personal trainer Sylvia Bernal recommends. Prices start at around $10.

PATIENCE

As the temperature increases, your pace will decrease. It's one of those scientific things you can't do much about, so practice this mantra now: IT'S NOT MY FAULT.

How much slower will you be? According to Runner's World, for every 5 degrees over 60 (which is a cool front in Texas), count on losing 20 to 30 seconds per mile. Which means on a 90-degree day, a 9-minute miler shouldn't get too pouty about an 11-minute pace.

"If you find when you exercise that you're unable to do what you used to do, it's an indication that's too much for you," Hebert said. "What I'd tell people is that if you really, really, really want to work out outside, but can't go as far as in the cooler months, that's fine. It's your body's way of saying, 'Hey, it's too much to go past this point.'"

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"You'll get better if you're out in the heat enough. Office workers won't adapt. They will bend to pick up the newspaper or pick up a weed, and they'll pass out."

Dr. Keith Williamson, director of Hotter'N Hell Hundred

You can thank this millennial for restoring the meaning to 'a mental health day'

SHARON GRIGSBY
Dallas Morning News

Kudos to web developer Madalyn Parker and her compassionate boss for helping us understand what "taking a mental health day" really is all about. Through this honest exchange, they took a strong swing at the stigma that too often still envelops illnesses of the brain.

"I need a mental health day" is a phrase that's been hijacked by weary and exasperated folks everywhere in response to too much work and not enough time to take care of basics like diet, sleep and exercise. While no doubt that combination can lead to serious stress, its conflation with mental health only further undercuts a serious and still misunderstood issue.

Yes, those are just words. But they do have power.

So good on Parker, a 26-year-old software developer at Ann Arbor-based Olark Live Chat, for her reminder.

Parker, who has written previously about her struggles with anxiety and depression, recently emailed her team to say she needed to take two days off to cope with these issues and to "focus on my mental health."

She later told CNN, "I had

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PEERS

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the same antipsychotic medicine. That's because Yarborough also copes with mental illness. He's not a volunteer — he's a full-time, paid, peer specialist. Woodside said, for him, seeing Yarborough has been better than seeing a psychiatrist.

"(Psychiatrists) see you for about six or seven minutes," Yarborough said. "They don't know what's going on with you. And Dave's been through a lot of the things I've been through — and vice versa."

Metrocare employs five trained peer specialists, including two who are part of the statewide Military Veteran Peer Network. In Texas, more than 900 people have gone through the statewide certification process provided by the nonprofit organization Via Hope. The training requires 43 hours over five days and covers topics such as ethics, effective listening, the role of peer support in recovery and using your personal story as a recovery tool. The certification is valid for two years, and a person needs to earn continuing education credits to renew their certification.

Dennis Bach, executive director of Via Hope, said most of the certified peer specialists are employed by community mental health clinics and state hospitals.

Jim Zahniser, with The Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, said the idea of peer services has been around for decades but only recently have research studies shown how powerfully effective the approach can be.

"One of the problems with mental health is we've learned how to keep people 'stable' on their medications and get them out of the hospital. But recovery is about having a life in the community," Zahniser said. "And peer services are often focused on those things. How do you get your life back?"

Studies show peer support specialists can do as well as traditional case managers — if not better — in keeping patients with severe mental illnesses out of psychiatric hospitals.

And, Zahniser said, when it comes to persuading people who are suspicious of doctors to seek help, peers are often the ones who can connect fastest, and get them to accept treatment.

Peer counselors historically were volunteers. But as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recognized their value, and more training programs were established and standardized, it became easier for hospitals and clinics to employ these specialists full time.

Texas is one of more than 35 states that finance peer services through Medicaid. There's a severe shortage of mental health care providers in the state, so certified peer specialists bridge the treatment gap.

Joanne Spetz, a researcher of workforce issues with the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California-San Francisco, says peers play a critical role in mental health teams — alongside doctors and social workers.

"When (programs) first brought in peers," Spetz said, "(they) had to spend a lot of time with the social workers, explaining to them that we were not going to take their work and hand it off to a cheaper person — that what the peer did was complimentary, but it was different."

Peer specialist Yarborough was offered a job precisely because of his success in coping with his own mental illness and overcoming his past use of methamphetamines. When he works with clients, he can talk openly about how, decades ago, he fell into a very dark place.

"I went from the outdoorsman — fishing, yardwork, just really enjoying all that stuff — to ... the guy who wants to lie in bed all day and stare out the window," Yarborough remembers.

He started having suicidal thoughts.

"I gave my wife the key to my gun safe," Yarborough said, "because I did not feel comfortable having access to my pistols."

Eventually, Yarborough was diagnosed with bipolar II disorder. His condition has been stable for seven years and he has been drug- and alcohol-free for 10.

When he trained to become a peer specialist, Yarborough said, he learned to work with others while keeping a close watch on his own mental health. Every week, he helps dozens of people manage their symptoms.

His mantra? "It's not how you fall, it's how you get back up," he said. "And I've really stuck to that concept."

There can be a lot of stumbling with a mental illness, Yarborough noted, and having a shoulder to lean on makes the journey much smoother.

The idea of relying on peer providers in this way isn't unique to the U.S.

"There are many parts of the world where peer specialists are being deployed in the health care system to provide mental health care interventions," says Dr. Vikram Patel, a psychiatrist and professor of global health and social medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Patel says nearly 450 million people are affected by mental illness worldwide. In developing countries, the vast majority go untreated, he says, because psychiatrists are in such short supply. Patel has looked at the potential of peer support to help meet mental health needs in India and Pakistan.

"We've completed trials showing people affected by schizophrenia can be very effective in supporting other people in their own community by befriending them and giving them social support," he said.

Patel is completing a trial that trains women in a community to help their neighbors recover — mothers suffering from depression.

He hopes Texas and other states in the U.S. continue to experiment with using peer providers, especially to serve people who are finding it difficult to get access to mental health professionals.

"Many groups experience such difficulties — for example, minorities and those who are homeless," Patel said. "This model is one that should be adopted and integrated into the mental health care system."

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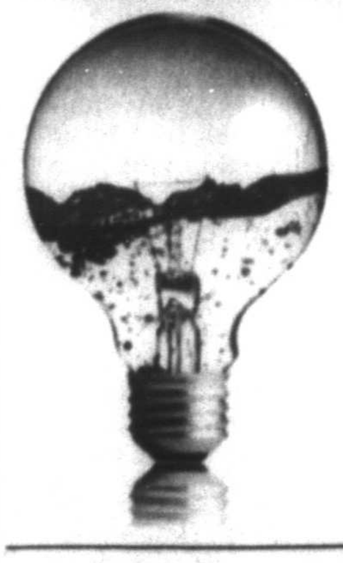

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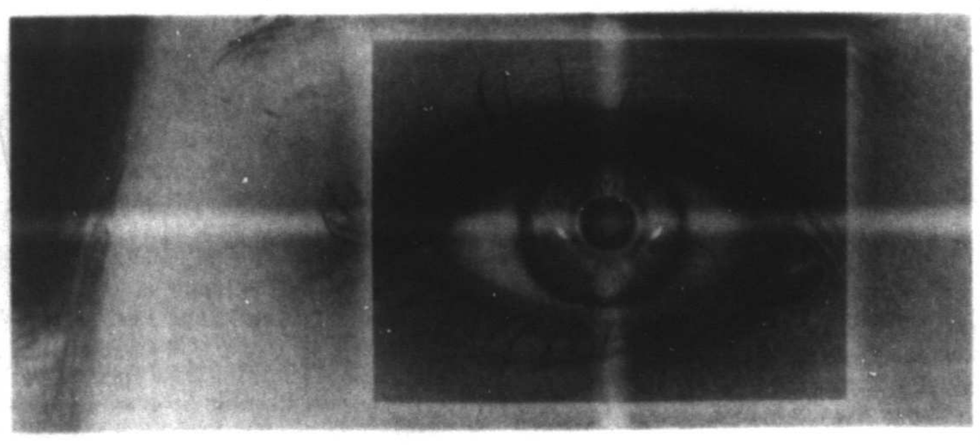

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Taking care of elderly parents is not one-person job

Most of us work a lifetime preparing for our retirement and finding the time to do things we enjoy. Hopefully, some of us can actually retire in our mid-60. But when making plans did we foresee caring for an elderly parent in their 80s? Most of us have not planned for caring for our parents, yet this situation is becoming common.

Like some families, my family scrambled to care for our mother. She had been in relatively good health and lived alone. My two brothers were in their retirement years, and my mother was in her mid-80s. My oldest brother immediately thought about a nursing home, or moving her next door to him. My mother had a temper tantrum and refused to move. An agreement was reached where the younger of my two brothers would move in and care for her. The issue wasn't quite solved.

Stress was experienced by all. A routine had to be established for her care, everyone had to learn to adapt. My brother living with our mother felt that he couldn't go anywhere. So the rest of us adjusted our schedules to give him a break.

My neighbor is 67 years old and is the caretaker for his 85-year-old mother. One morning he felt bad because he had yelled at her for taking the car keys and driving herself into town. I advised him to just apologize to her. He did and was surprised by her answer. "I was wrong and should have told you where I was going. After all, I made you kids tell me every time you wanted to use the car."

One similar situation between my neighbor and my brother is they both felt they couldn't go anywhere. Taking care of an elderly person is not a one-person job. Family, friends, neighbors and church family all have a part. When our mothers were young, they did not complain when they cared for us or made time to go to our sporting events or school functions.

One woman told me that her mother had worked hard her whole life and now she deserves to be spoiled, and I couldn't agree with her more.

Even if you don't have a plan in place, caring for our elderly parents is doable and a privilege. The time spent with your parent is priceless, and you are creating some valuable memories that will last long after they are gone.

My oldest brother, who was retired, use to take our mother to play bingo and out to eat breakfast almost every day. Sometimes, he would take her to the casino for a couple of hours. But what he did for the benefit of all of us was to record their conversations. I enjoy listening to her voice when I find myself missing her. She has been gone for 12 years now. Helping to care for my elderly mother was a privilege and one that I will treasure for a lifetime.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Annual Wellness Tour is planned

The third annual Wellness Tour is planned for Aug. 19-20 at various locations across Midland. There will be free workouts, health screenings and immunizations, bubble soccer, stroller walk, West Texas Food Bank tour and cooking demonstration, and Wet 'n Wild with the Midland Fire Department.

Wellness Tour is presented in part by Midland Health, the city of Midland and Midland College.

For a complete schedule of events, go to wellnesstour.com.

Midland Health events

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

■ Weigh to Success Information Seminar, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events, Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midlandmemorial.com.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous —hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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Courtesy photo

A woman has trouble falling asleep in this photo illustration. Getting a solid night's sleep is crucial not only for feeling good the next day, but to protect against dementia, according to new research presented Tuesday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in London.

Studies: Interrupted sleep could lead to Alzheimer's

■ Researchers look at relationship between sleep disruption, brain biomarkers associated with the disease

By Tara Bahrampour
Washington Post

Getting a solid night's sleep is crucial not only for feeling good the next day, but to protect against dementia, according to new research presented Tuesday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in London.

Three studies by researchers at Wheaton College found significant connections between breathing disorders that interrupt sleep and the accumulation of biomarkers for Alzheimer's disease. Treating the problems with dental appliances or CPAP machines that force air into airways could help lower the risk of dementia or slow its progress, the researchers said.

People with sleep-disordered breathing experience repeated episodes of hypopnea (under breathing) and apnea (not breathing) during sleep. The most common form, obstructive sleep apnea (OSA), occurs in around 3 in 10 men and 1 in 5 women, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

It occurs when the upper airway closes fully or partially while efforts to breathe continue, and it can wake a person up 50 or 60 times a night, interrupting the stages of sleep necessary for a restful night. It often starts in middle age, before clinical signs of Alzheimer's usually appear.

In one study of 516 cognitively normal adults 71 to 78, those with sleep-disordered breathing had greater increases in beta-amyloid deposits over a three-year period. This was true regardless of whether they had the ApoeE4 gene considered a risk factor for Alzheimer's.

A second study found that OSA was associated with increases in amyloid buildup in older people with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), and a third found such an association in both normal and MCI subjects.

Although correlation between sleep apnea and dementia has been documented in the past, these are among the first longitudinal studies to look at the relationship between sleep disruption and the biomarkers, such as beta-amyloid accumulation, that are commonly associated with Alzheimer's disease, said Megan Hogan, one of the Wheaton researchers.

Noting that past research has found that the brain clears up deposits of amyloid plaque during sleep, Hogan hypothesized that apnea may impede this process.

"During sleep, when your brain has time to wash away all the toxins that have built up throughout the day, continually interrupting sleep may give it less time to do that," she said.

It may be in the deepest stages of sleep that the clearing up takes place, said Ronald Petersen, director of the Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and the Mayo Clinic Study of Aging. "If you're only making it to Stage 1 or Stage 2 and then you start choking or snoring or whatever and you wake yourself up and you do it again and again, you may not even be aware of it, but you ... may be accumulating this bad amyloid in the brain rather than clearing it," he said.

In recent research, people repeatedly jolted awake during the night showed immediate increases in amyloid buildup and, if the sleep disruption continued for a couple of weeks, subjects also showed increases in the tau protein tangles that are also associated with Alzheimer's, Petersen said.

Repeated deprivation of oxygen to the brain that occurs during apnea may also contribute to amyloid buildup, as oxygen regulates an enzyme that plays a role in creating amyloid, Hogan said.

It is not yet clear whether the relationship between apnea and dementia is causative —"whether people with very early levels of brain disease are having trouble sleeping or whether people having trouble sleeping are more likely to develop brain disease," said Keith Fargo, director of scientific programs and outreach at the Alzheimer's Association. He said animal studies have shown it could go both ways.

"Ultimately, it doesn't matter what the direction is for this to have an effect on your life," he said. "If you're waking up your partner multiple times a night or you're tired all day, then you really, really need to go get checked by your doctor because it could be a sign of something serious, or if it's not, just treating the apnea could help with your day-to-day cognition."

A next step in confirming that sleep disruption causes amyloid buildup could be to conduct an intervention with CPAP machines and see if their use reduces the incidence of amyloid buildup, Hogan and Fargo said.

Don't vaccinate? Mumps, measles cases remind us why we should

NICOLE VILLALPANDO
Austin American-Statesman

Last week, we told you of a mumps case at the University of Texas that had caused students to get a letter that they might have been exposed.

We also told you that the number of kids in Texas receiving nonmedical exemptions to not vaccinate has grown to 45,000.

If I tell you to vaccinate your children, would you listen to me? Probably not. Will you listen to an infectious disease specialist? I hope so.

Dr. Don Murphey has been at Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas for two years and before that at Cook Children's Health Care System in Fort Worth for 22 years. That's almost a quarter of a century of dealing with infections disease in Texas, many of which are things for which we vaccinate.

This year, he's seen mumps cases, like the ones at UT, come into Dell Children's. He says so far this year, Texas has had more than 200 cases. "Before 2000, we had almost no cases of mumps," he said.

He's also seen in recent years more measles, whooping cough, pneumococcal meningitis and Haemophilus influenzae type b meningitis.

What's going on here?

We're seeing what doctors have been seeing in Europe, especially France and the United Kingdom, but on a smaller scale, Murphey says. The rates of mumps and measles in particular skyrocketed there after "The Lancet" medical journal published a 1998 study by Dr. Andrew Wakefield that it later had to retract. Wakefield lost his license because of it.

Wakefield's study found a link to autism from the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine. Multiple studies including those funded by plantiff's lawyers who were looking for a link found no such link. What happens, though, is that the MMR vaccine is given around the same time — about 12 months to 15 months — as when many kids with autism start to show signs.

Yet, the misinformation and the fear of vaccines persisted. Parents in Europe stopped vaccinating and Europe no longer had the "herd" immunity that happens when at least 90 percent to 95 percent of the population are vaccinated against a disease.

Diseases like measles and mumps that we just didn't see are happening again. We rely on the herd immunity to protect us. You see these vaccines are not fool-proof, and they have waning effects. In the case of the students at UT, even if college students have

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experienced several nights of insomnia and was poorly rested and also having lots of suicidal thoughts, which make it difficult to accomplish much at work."

Her boss, CEO Ben Congleton, responded to this time off request by noting that Parker's honesty and courage serve as a powerful lesson to her co-workers about mental health issues. "You are an example to us all, and help cut through the stigma so we can all bring our whole selves to work."

After Parker shared the exchange on social media, Congleton followed up with a post on Medium, elaborating on his thoughts. "When an athlete is injured, they sit on the bench and recover," wrote Congleton. "Let's get rid of the idea that somehow the brain is different."

If you think this is no big deal, you likely have never struggled with a mental-health disorder, nor walked this path with a family or friend.

We can't say it too often: We all can and must be mindful of erasing the stigma around mental illness.

In today's productivity-driven world, it's tough enough to tell your boss you can't work due to a very visible physical illness. If it's a mental issue, unless you are in full-blown crisis, the malady presents with far more subtle symptoms. Worse, being honest could jeopardize your job — or future employment.

So instead, we hunker down and try to press forward, believing that's our only choice. This despite the fact that nearly one in five people — 42 million Americans — suffers from a mental illness, such as depression or bipolar disorder.

The American Psychological Association's Center for Organizational Excellence, notes that the lost productivity for people trying to soldier through in the office is actually more costly than the treatment side because people are at work but not functioning to full capacity.

Let me raise my hand right here as someone who often functioned at less than full capacity earlier in my newspaper career.

As a journalist who medicated depression with alcohol rather than get genuine help, I could be a mess. Near the end of that dark period, I thought a hangover was a far more understandable excuse for not being at my best than telling my boss about my own suicidal thoughts.

The stigma around mental illness was a big part of what kept me from getting help. It was only when alcohol quit working that I got to the root of the problem.

And the truth is that, even now, when I hit a rough patch, I don't want to tell my boss. Partly that's because I don't want to be perceived as weak and I don't want to feel I'm under extra scrutiny the following week, or month after. I don't want to worry that "mental illness" might be an unspoken factor in my future here.

It's often just easier to gut it out. But attitudes like this are a big reason that the mental health stigma lives on. In this case, it's me — not my boss — perpetuating it.

Madalyn Parker is showing a lot more courage.

For the sake of all the employees out there who don't feel as safe as she did to tell the truth — who worry that the need for a "mental health day" will come across as a whiney plea for a break — I hope this simple exchange between her and her boss sparks a much bigger discussion.

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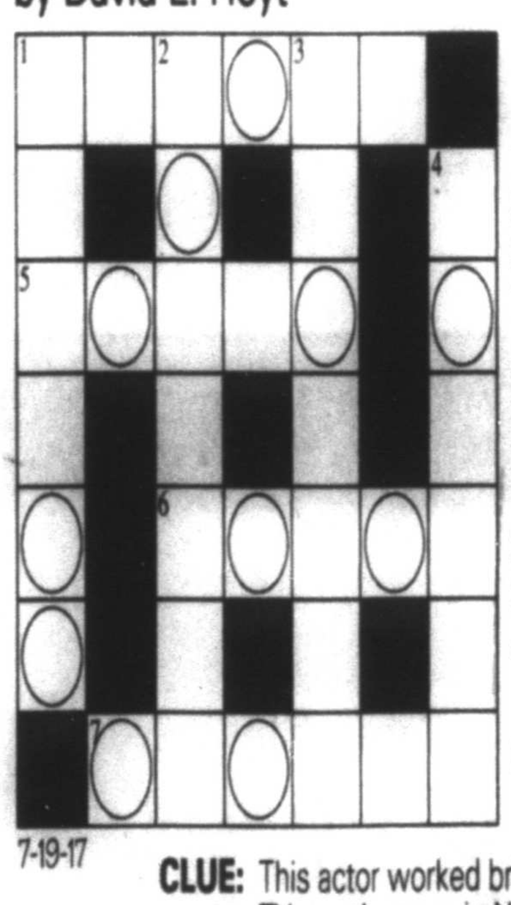

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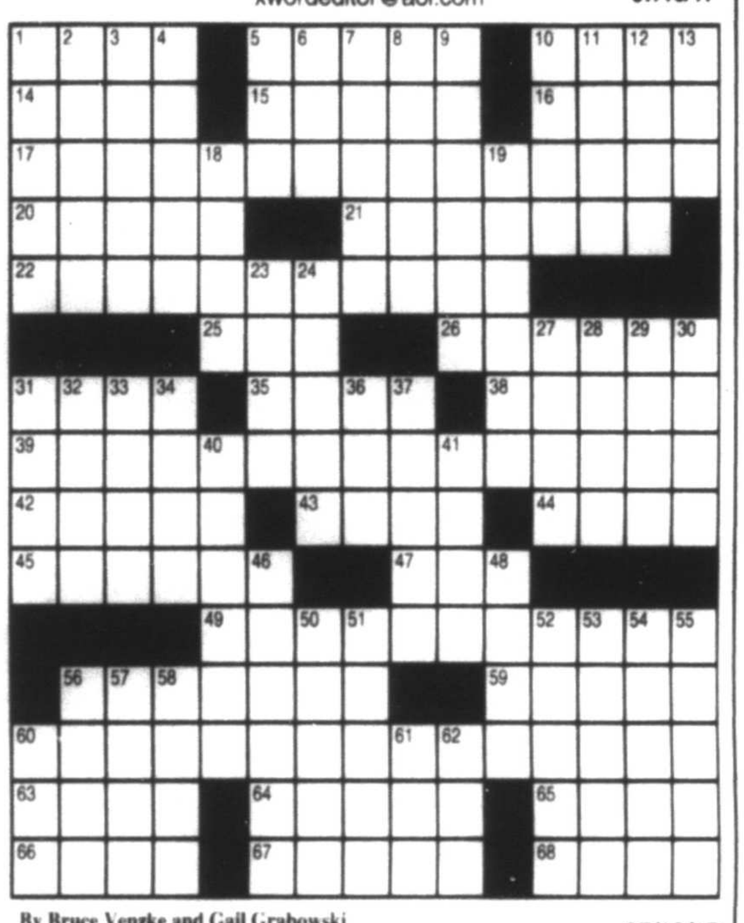

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been vaccinated as children but are exposed to mumps now, they might not be fully immune and get it.

Murphey said the mumps vaccine we use "is a very safe one. It doesn't cause any meningitis," he said. "It works great for herd immunity, but it doesn't work if you're exposed."

If you do get mumps, it isn't the worst thing most of the time. You get a fever, you feel bad for a few days, he says. Boys can also get an infection in their testes and girls in their ovaries. What is scary is that mumps can lead to meningitis and deafness.

While mumps is not a terrible disease, we could avoid the whole thing if people who can get immunized do get immunized, he said.

For parents who are considering or are using an alternative vaccine schedule and delaying vaccines, Murphey encourages them not to. "Alternative schedules have never been shown to be any safer," he said.

By delaying vaccines, you're not protecting the most vulnerable population, who can get the most sick from these disease — infants and small children. They end up in the hospital or worse.

"You want to start protecting those kids as soon as possible," Murphey said. Vaccinate, please. And while you're vaccinating, don't forget that kids entering seventh grade have a new set of vaccines. The school will want to see shot records before they let kids come to class.

Although HPV vaccine isn't required for school yet, please put that on your list. Murphey wants more people to be talking about it. "It's a wonderful thing," he said. Ten to 20 years from know, we'll start to see the rates of cervical cancer plummet, he says. While you might not want to think of your 10 or 11 year old having sex, you don't want them having cervical cancer or giving someone cervical cancer, right?

You'll also have a new set of vaccines in the teen years usually at the 16 and 17 check up, and more could be considered as infectious disease specialists look at the waning effects of vaccines.

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Diet drinks linked to weight gain

■ Consumers shouldn't automatically assume artificially sweetened foods are healthier alternative, researchers say

By Cleve R. Wootson Jr.
Washington Post

Over the past decade, Americans have soured on artificial sweeteners.

Once heralded as sweet substitutes for sugar without as many belt-busting calories, people once couldn't get enough sucralose and aspartame. But recently, people have started looking at the molecules with increasing suspicion, amid studies that linked them to increased belly fat — and bogus but widespread rumors that they led to things much worse.

But their draw remained because of the simplest of math equations: Fewer calories means fewer pounds.

Both the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association gave their stamp of approval to artificial sweeteners with statements listed on their websites in 2014, and Americans ate it up.

But an international group of researchers has tried to figure out whether low-calorie sweeteners really live up to their promise over time. Meghan Azad, a researcher at the University of Manitoba, and others reviewed dozens of studies about the long-term health effects of sugar substitutes, trying to see whether there was a prevailing trend.

There was, and you may want to have a drink before you hear about it. Maybe a sugary one.

The study found that not only were artificial sweeteners dodgy when it came to weight management, but people who drank them routinely had an increased body mass index and risk of developing cardiovascular disease.

"I think originally it was calories were the problem, and we've made something that was zero calories, so we're good," Azad told The Washington Post. "But we're learning that it's not just about the calories."

A lot hangs in the balance. The U.S. market for sodas contracted 0.6 percent between 2011 and 2016, The Washington Post's Caitlin Dewey reported, and Americans have embraced healthier alternatives. But close to half of adults and a quarter of children consume artificial sweeteners every day, according to the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Many mistakenly believe that a diet soda or two a day is good for them, the same as swigging water, Azad said. Others may be inadvertently consuming artificial sweeteners in products such as yogurt and granola bars.

"We need more evidence from better quality studies to know for sure the cause and effect, but there does seem to be at least a question about the daily consumption of these drinks," she said.

Until those studies are done, Azad stressed that people should take these early results with a grain of aspartame. For example, most of the studies aggregated in her research focused on people who were actively trying to lose weight or who had other medical conditions, such as high blood pressure.

Still, across the studies they evaluated: "Non-nutritive sweeteners (are) significantly associated with modest long-term increases" in body weight, BMI and waist circumference, the researchers concluded.

Belly fat, or visceral fat, has been linked to a greater chance of cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes and insulin resistance, as The Post's Lenny Bernstein wrote. High waist circumference is also one component of metabolic syndrome, a constellation of health risk factors that also includes high triglycerides, blood pressure and blood glucose.

William Cefalu, the chief scientific medical and mission officer for the American Diabetes Association, reviewed Azad's study after being contacted by The Washington Post.

"He said artificial sweeteners are still a good tool for diabetics trying to reduce carbohydrates and tightly manage their blood-glucose levels. But he stressed moderation, and agreed that more studies about the long-term effects of artificial sweeteners were needed — particularly on people with diabetes.

"What would be the most definitive thing is a randomized controlled trial in individuals with diabetes in which you could actually measure the intake and adherence," he said, adding that the ADA updates its standards of care every year based on similar studies. "In these observational studies, it's really hard to be precise because of self-reporting."

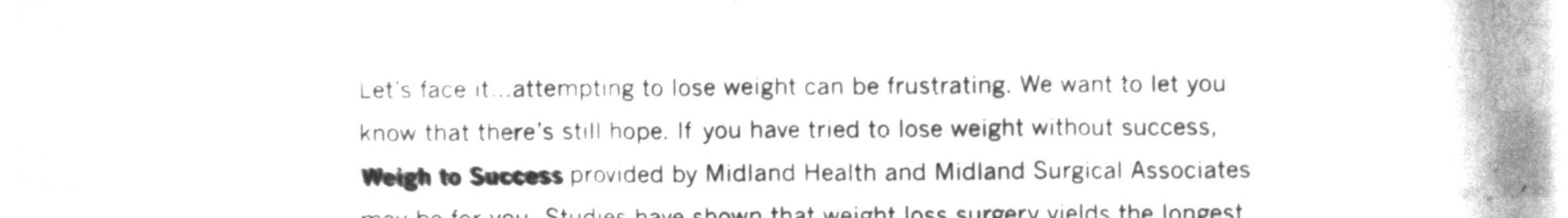
A link between artificial sweeteners and weight gain appears to exist, Azad said, but the reason is elusive.

Maybe, she postulated, the body tastes sweetness and still thinks it's eating sugar and rejiggers its metabolic processes accordingly. Or maybe there's an unknown biological switch that's triggered by the chemicals in artificial sweeteners.

The reason could be in people's heads, as consuming a steady stream of artificially sweet foods might make people more likely to choose calorie-packed sweets the rest of the time. Or the mechanism could be a function of the gut, Azad said. She specializes in gut bacteria and theorized that diet drinks could affect the makeup of the small organisms in the digestive tract, which can affect digestion and overall health.

The causality could go in the other direction, too. People who are gaining weight for other reasons may seek out more artificially sweetened foods. Or, as other research has shown, people who go on diets (and who may be more likely to drink diet sodas) often lose weight but then gain more afterward.

Losing is winning.



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Northern wins 8-10 Texas West state title

From staff reports

ABILENE — Behind a stellar defense and a strong outing from starting pitcher Cole Neatherlin, the Midland Northern Little League 8-10 year-old All-Stars coasted to a 5-0 victory over Sabine Jarvis to win the Texas West state championship, Tuesday at Kirby Park.

It is the first state title for Northern's 8-10 year-olds since 2011.

Neatherlin struck out three batters and limited Sabine Jarvis to seven hits in the win. Northern went 3-0 in the bracket, which included a 7-5 win over Sabine Jarvis in Sunday's winner's bracket semifinal.

Northern head coach Eric Neatherlin said Tuesday was the result of a true team effort from start to finish.

"It shows the immense talent that we have here at Northern," Neatherlin said. "It shows the teamwork and selfless approach the boys have toward the game. Not one boy took over the game. It was just a lot of routine plays that won the game."

Northern grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning, before adding a pair of runs in the second for a 3-0 advantage. Northern then plated a single run in the third and fifth innings to round out the game's scoring, while totaling eight hits.

Eric Neatherlin said his team's performance was convincing all around, especially against a team of Sabine Jarvis' caliber. But he was particularly impressed with his team's defensive prowess, which crippled Sabine Jarvis' offensive momentum at key points in the game.

Sabine Jarvis opened the game with a double, but Northern answered with a double play that immediately halted the rally and set a tone.

"We were able to play probably the best defense I've seen all year out of this team," Neatherlin said. "We turned three or four double plays and those are momentum breakers."

Yomar Prado led Northern at the plate by going 2-for-2 with a double, a triple and two RBI. Teammates Levi

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Courtesy photo

Players and coaches of Midland Northern's Little League 8- to 10-year-old All-Star team pose with the Texas West state championship banner Tuesday at Kirby Park in Abilene.

A culture of confidence

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Texas head coach Tom Herman, second from right, poses for photos after speaking to reporters during the Big 12 NCAA college football media day Tuesday in Frisco.

Herman has to show Longhorns they can win

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FRISCO — When Tom Herman first met with Texas players after becoming their coach, he asked who had been part of a winning season with the Longhorns. Only three raised their hands.

Then there are the high school players the Longhorns are recruiting now, 16- and 17-year-old kids that Herman points out have seen Texas put up twice as many losing seasons (four) as Big 12 titles in their lifetimes.

"The Texas they know is a lot different than the Texas that people in my generation know," the 42-year-old Herman said Tuesday at Big 12 media days. "So it's our job to show them what Texas is capable of, what Texas has been in the past, and what we're planning on being again in the future."

That is the starting point for Herman, who eight months ago took over a Texas program coming off three consecutive losing seasons for the first time since the 1930s.

Texas won the Big 12's last national championship, but that was way back in 2005 with quarterback Vince Young. Since the Longhorns won their last conference title in 2009, Oklahoma has won four of its record 10 Big 12 titles.

The Sooners also have a new coach this season. But Lincoln Riley, who is nine years younger than Herman, took over a team that won the last two Big 12 championships and went to a playoff game in 2015 before coach Bob Stoops' surprise retirement last month.

Herman was a young graduate assistant at Texas in 1999 and 2000, early in coach Mack Brown's tenure that included that national championship. The Longhorns had won the inaugural Big 12 title under John Mackovic in 1996, but he was gone a year later after a losing season and replaced by Brown.

The situation is a bit different for Herman's return as head coach. Texas was 16-21 in three seasons under Charlie Strong.

"I know that it went through a tremendous storm," Herman said. "There was a lot of non-continuity ... there just wasn't any stability from the top down."

That was also the stretch when longtime athletic director DeLoss Dodds retired. Another AD has since come and gone, and the school's presidency also changed hands during that time.

"Other than that, I haven't really spent a whole lot of time thinking about it because, you know, what'd done is done," Herman said. "And our job is to make sure that whatever happened doesn't happen again."

Herman said he hasn't had a whole lot of time to reflect on his short time

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Spieth rested, sharp in pursuit of another major

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — With a chance to close out the match, Jordan Spieth fired his second shot into the par-5 15th at Royal Birkdale and it never left the flag, bounding onto the green about 20 feet behind the hole.

His partner Tuesday was Justin Thomas, who watched the flight of the ball and said, "I like having him on my team when he's playing like this."

Everyone is on their own when the British Open begins on Thursday, and Spieth is looking sharp enough to be listed as a co-favorite with Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world. Spieth is coming off his second victory of the year last month at the Travelers Championship. And when his putter is working — it really hasn't been this year — he is regarded as a favorite at just about any tournament.

Still to be determined is how much he thrives on links courses like Royal Birkdale.

What stands out is St. Andrews in 2015, when the 23-year-old Texan was going for the third leg of the Grand Slam and missed the playoff by one shot. Even so, he hasn't finished higher than 30th in the other three British Opens he has played.

So much of his mystique is built around that 2015 season — the Masters and U.S. Open, five victories, the FedEx Cup. So many of the expectations of Spieth now are measured against that season. Those are rare even for the greatest players, and it might be Spieth's bad luck that it happened to him so early in his career.

He still wouldn't trade it. Asked to measure his game

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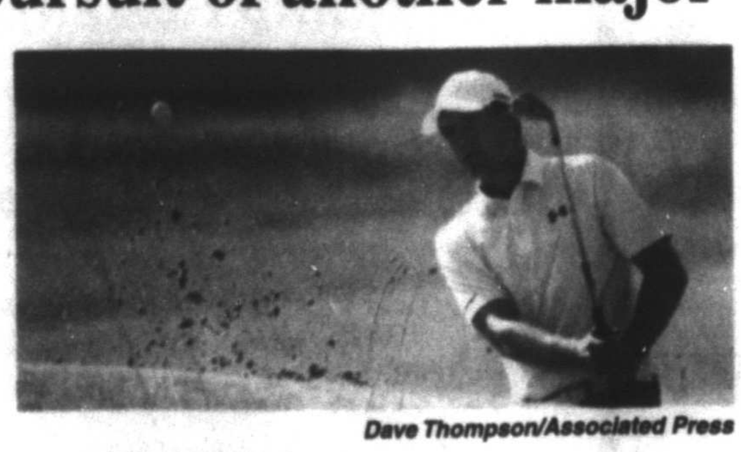

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Jordan Spieth hits a shot out of a bunker on the 4th green during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championship on Tuesday at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England.

Fresh arrest shows FIFA corruption turmoil far from over

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

More than a year since FIFA declared the end of its corruption turmoil, the optimism has proved misguided. The latest arrest, of a man one heartbeat from the presidency of world soccer, demonstrated that on Tuesday.

Fresh wrongdoing, still reaching into the heart of power in FIFA, undercuts Gianni Infantino's pledge to set the governing body on a new path to probity after the misdemeanors of the Sepp Blatter era.

Here is a look at fresh offshoots from the corruption scandal that burst into the open when several soccer officials were arrested at a Zurich hotel:

Angel Maria Villar

As FIFA's senior vice president with 19 years' experience on world soccer's decision-making body, Angel Maria Villar is one rung down the ladder from Infantino.

Villar

Now Villar is fighting accusations of improper management, misappropriation of funds, corruption, and falsifying documents as part of a probe into the finances of the Spanish federation he heads.

The 67-year-old Villar was arrested in Madrid on Tuesday along with his son, whose business ventures he is accused of helping to profit from matches arranged for 2010 World Cup winner Spain.

It is not the first time the former Spain international has been embroiled in wrongdoing in his post-playing career in football politics.

Misconduct in a dual role as leader of the 2018 Spain-Portugal bid and a FIFA voter led to him being reprimanded. He was fined for a lack of cooperation with the investigation into 2018 and 2022 World Cup bidding, criticized for a "tone and manner" that was "deeply disturbing."

Sheikh Ahmad

Until April, Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahad al-Sabah of Kuwait was one of the most powerful figures in sport despite lacking the commensurate public profile.

The long-time Olympic powerbroker and election "kingmaker" was forced out of his position of power in soccer in disgrace after being directly implicated in a bribery plot uncovered by American investigators. Despite denying wrongdoing, the sheikh quit the election to remain on the FIFA Council ahead of the May election.

Richard Lai

The claims against Sheikh Ahmad emerged in the indictment of FIFA audit committee member Richard Lai in a New York court, the latest branch of the sprawling U.S. federal investigation of bribery and corruption in international soccer that was revealed in 2015.

Lai, an American citizen from Guam, pleaded guilty to wire fraud conspiracy charges related to taking around $1 million in bribes, including at least $850,000 from Kuwaiti officials. The scheme was to buy influence and help recruit other Asian soccer officials prepared to take bribes.

Vitaly Mutko

As head of the 2018 World Cup, Vitaly Mutko is central to the success of FIFA's showpiece event and enjoys privileged access to Infantino and Russian President Vladimir Putin. That is despite mounting evidence uncovered by World Anti-Doping Agency investigators of how he subverted sport through his role in the scheme to cover up doping.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Diving
Men's 3M Springboard Semi-final, 8:30 a.m., OLYHD
Ladies 10m Final, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN

Golf
2017 Open Championship, 1st Round, 12:30 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 11 a.m., MLB
Cleveland at San Francisco or Tampa Bay at Oakland, 2:30 p.m., MLB
St. Louis at NY Mets, 5 p.m., ESPN
Texas at Baltimore, 6 p.m., FSSW
Washington at LA Angels, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Men's Soccer
ICC: Bayern Munich vs. Arsenal, 6:15 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
CONCACAF Gold Cup, Quarterfinal: Costa Rica vs. Panama, 5:30 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN
ICC: AS Roma vs. Paris Saint-Germain, 7 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
CONCACAF Gold Cup, Quarterfinal: USA vs. El Salvador, 8 p.m., FS1, UniMas, UDN

Men's Water Polo
USA vs. Japan, 1:30 p.m., OLYHD
Hungary vs. Italy, 2:30 p.m., OLYHD

Motorsports
Camping World Truck Series Eldora 150, Qualifying, 4 p.m., FS1
Camping World Truck Series: Eldora 150, 6:30 p.m., FS2

Rugby
NRL: Brisbane vs. Canterbury-Bankstown, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Swimming
Open Water 5km Team Relay Final, 3 a.m., OLYHD

Tennis
ATP: SkiStar Swedish Open, 7 a.m., TENNIS
ATP: Bastad, 4 a.m., TENNIS

Women's National Basketball Association
Connecticut at New York, 10 a.m., NBAtv
Dallas at Minnesota, Noon, FS Go

Women's Soccer
UEFA Women's EURO 2017: Spain vs. Portugal, 11 a.m., UDN, ESPN3
UEFA Women's EURO 2017: England vs. Scotland, 1:45 p.m., ESPN3

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Major League Baseball
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Texas League Baseball
Midland at San Antonio, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

HS BOYS SOCCER

BALES NAMED NEW MHS HEAD COACH

J.D. Bales confirmed to the Reporter-Telegram Tuesday that he has been hired as the new head coach of the Midland High boys soccer team.

Bales

Bales, officially hired in May, is replacing Warren Cottle, who spent the last 10 years with the program before accepting a job with Grapevine-Colleyville ISD shortly after the 2017 season.

Bales served as an assistant coach to Cottle during the 2017 season. Prior to coming to Midland, he was an assistant boys soccer coach at San Angelo Central under head coach Tony Vu from 2012-16. He was also an assistant at McMurry University during the 2011 season.

As he is set to begin his first stint as a head coach, Bales said he is grateful to the Midland ISD Athletic Department for the opportunity.

"I have really big shoes to fill with a winning program and building character (in the players)," Bales said. "I hope to continue that success and take this program to the next level. I have a great group (of players) coming back and the all the parts in place to take MHS to the next level, to where we want to be."

Bales will inherit a Bulldogs roster that graduated just one senior and finished second in District 2-6A last season. He said he is thankful to have had the chance to study under Cottle, who led MHS to the playoffs in seven of the last eight seasons.

"I was blessed to learn the ropes under him," Bales said. "It will make the transition smoother. Hopefully I get back in and we build off what we did last year."

Bales said he has hired John Michael Leggett as his assistant coach. Leggett was formerly a track coach at Big Spring High School.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned 1B Sam Travis and LHP Robby Scott to Pawtucket (IL). Recalled LHP Brian Johnson and RHP Hector Velazquez from Pawtucket.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned OF Tyler Naquin to Columbus (IL). Recalled LHP Ryan Merritt from Columbus.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Placed SS Carlos Correa on the 10-day DL. Recalled INF Colin Moran from Fresno (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent LHP Tyler Skaggs to the AZL Angels for a rehab assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed RHP Phil Hughes on the 60-day DL. Optioned 1B Kennys Vargas to Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Bartolo Colon from Rochester. Reinstated LHP Craig Breslow from the 10-day DL.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Bryan Mitchell to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled RHP Luis Cessa from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Ashwin Puri vice president of strategy and business operations, effective Sept. 5.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned OF Boog Powell to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Sam Gaviglio from Tacoma. Sent RHP Shae Simmons to Tacoma (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated RHP Jumbo Diaz for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Andrew Kittredge from Durham (IL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated RHP Lucas Harrell for assignment. Recalled RHP Dominic Leone from Buffalo.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Arodys Vizcaino to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment. Transferred RHP Armando Rivero to the 60-day DL.

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed RHP Scott Feldman on the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Jesse Winker to Louisville. Recalled RHPs Sal Romano and Lisalverto Bonilla from Louisville. Sent C Devin Mesoraco to Louisville for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent LHP Grant Dayton to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with 1B Chris Colabello on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Chasen Bradford to Las Vegas (PCL). Recalled RHP Hansel Robles from Las Vegas. Sent LHP Josh Smoker to Binghamton (EL) for a rehab assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed OF Aaron Altherr on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Reinstated 2B Cesar Hernandez from the 10-day DL.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned INF Phil Gosselin to Indianapolis (IL). Reinstated OF Starling Marte from the restricted list.

American Association

CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed OF Pichi Balet.

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed INF Brandon Tierney.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Jamal Wilson. Traded LHP Braulio Torres-Perez to Florence (Frontier) for a player to be named.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed C Tanner DeVinny.

Atlantic League

NEW BRITAIN BEES — Traded RHP Shaun Ellis to Trois-Rivieres (Can-Am) for future considerations.

Can-Am League

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released INF Ryan Brockett.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Signed F Cedi Osman to a three-year contract.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Signed F/C Joffrey Lauvergne.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed Fs Gabriel Bourque and Felix Girard and D Duncan Siemens to one-year contracts.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed RW Martin Frk to a one-year contract.

American Hockey League

ROCHESTER AMERICANS — Signed D Barry Goers and F Adam Krause to one-year contracts.

ECHL

ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Agreed to terms with D Colin Sullivan and Cody Carlson.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

VANCOUVER STEALTH — Signed D John Lintz and Chris O'Dougherty and F James Rahe to one-year contracts.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

PHILADELPHIA UNION — Signed M Anthony Fontana.

North American Soccer League

NASL — Announced the Jacksonville Armada has been purchased by Robert Palmer.

COLLEGE

PAC-12 CONFERENCE — Named Laura Hazlett chief financial officer.

EMORY & HENRY — Announced the resignation of strength and conditioning coach Josh Bullock.

GEORGETOWN — Named David Shriver assistant men's lacrosse coach.

IONA — Named Eric Eaton assistant men's basketball coach.

STANFORD — Named Jessica Allister softball coach.

TULANE — Named Nathan Quebedeaux trainer.

UALR — Named Sharde' Collins director of women's basketball operations.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	12	8	.600	—
Washington	11	9	.550	1
New York	9	9	.500	2
Atlanta	9	10	.474	2½
Indiana	7	12	.368	4½
Chicago	6	13	.316	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	15	2	.882	—
Los Angeles	14	5	.737	2
Phoenix	11	8	.579	5
Dallas	10	11	.476	7
Seattle	9	10	.474	7
San Antonio	2	18	.100	14½

Tuesday's Scores
Atlanta 88, San Antonio 75
Chicago at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Today's Games
Connecticut at New York, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 10:30 a.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 12 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 2:30 p.m.

Matthews wins Tour Stage 16, Froome keeps yellow jersey

By Samuel Petrequin and John Leicester
Associated Press

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Australia's Michael Matthews, left, crosses the finish line to win the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 165 kilometers (102.5 miles) with start in Le Puy-en-Velay and finish Tuesday in Romans-sur-Isere, France. Norway's Edvald Boasson Hagen, right, finished second.

ROMANS-SUR-ISERE, France — Ahead of two grueling Alpine stages likely to decide the outcome of the 104th Tour de France, Chris Froome and his teammates have sent a clear message to their rivals with another impressive display of collective strength.

Amid heavy crosswinds that played havoc in the finale of Tuesday's 165-kilometer (102.5-mile) Stage 16 between Le Puy-en-Velay to Romans-en-Isere, Team Sky riders tried to unsettle their opponents by setting a frenetic tempo that split the pack like a jigsaw puzzle.

After relentless work from Vasil Kiryienka and Michal Kwiatkowski, only 22 riders including Froome and teammate Mikel Landa managed to stay in the reduced bunch at the front.

Also among them were Fabio Aru, Romain Bardet and Rigoberto Uran, who avoided the trap. But Dan Martin lost 51 seconds after getting caught in a split in the finale. He dropped to seventh place overall, 2:03 off the pace.

At some point, it looked like Bardet was going to be left behind but he was helped back in the leading group by Oliver Naesen. Australian Michael Matthews won the stage in a sprint to the line.

With the race now in money time, with stages set to decide the final podium, Froome went straight to the point with his aggressive racing. He appears in great shape and has the best team surrounding him in his bid to win a fourth Tour title.

"Everyone knew it was going to split at some point," said Froome. "For us it was more about just being on the right side of it. Knowing it was going to kick off on that open section in the last 20 kilometers to go, the guys committed to that and we saw the gaps opening out straight away."

Froome, the defending champion, has an 18-second overall lead over Aru, with Romain Bardet 23 seconds back in third place. Colombian Rigoberto Uran completes the leading quartet, 29 seconds off the pace.

Landa, who has been impressive since the start of the Tour despite dedicating himself to Froome, moved back to fifth overall, 1 minute, 17 seconds back.

"Myself and Mikel Landa are feeling great," said Froome. "The next two days are the biggest consecutive days in this year's Tour de France. And the goal of my preparation for the Tour de France was to head into the third week feeling the way I'm feeling now."

The battle for the yellow jersey will resume on Wednesday during the first of two Alpine stages in high altitude. It will lead riders to the ski station of Serre Chevalier through a grueling 183-kilometer trek featuring four climbs, including the Col du Galibier — one of the Tour's most fearsome and famed climbs at 18 kilometers (11 miles), with a 10-percent gradient at the top.

Next will be the daunting Stage 18 to the Col d'Izoard , which features a final 14.1-kilometer ascent to the top of the mountain, at an altitude of 2,360 meters.

"I'm looking forward to the Alps," Froome said.

Three days after his victory in Rodez, Matthews reduced the gap with green jersey holder Marcel Kittel to 29 points in the best sprinter's classification with his second stage win.

He made the most of a slightly uphill section 500 meters from the line and accelerated after Greg Van Avermaet launched the sprint. Matthews then resisted Edvald Boasson Hagen's late surge to prevail by a wheel's length. John Degenkolb completed the podium.

Tempers frayed after the stage. Matthews claimed Degenkolb grabbed him by the neck out of frustration and accused him of going into his line during the sprint.

"I did a clean sprint, I did not change my line," Matthews said. "After the finish, I was waiting for the results, he came past and grabbed my neck. It was not very sportsmanlike."

On a difficult terrain with constant up-and-downs across the lush forests of Massif Central, several attacks had taken place during the first hour of racing.

Tour de France Results
Tuesday
16th Stage
At Romans-sur-Isere, France

A 102.5-mile ride from Le Puy-en-Velay to Romans-sur-Isere, with early Category 3 and 4 climbs.

1. Michael Matthews, Australia, Sunweb, 3:38:15.
2. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Dimension Data, same time.
3. John Degenkolb, Germany, Trek-Segafredo, same time.
4. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time.
5. Christophe Laporte, France, Cofidis, same time.
6. Jens Keukeleire, Belgium, Orica-Scott, same time.
7. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, same time.
8. Tiesj Benoot, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time.
9. Maciej Bodnar, Poland, Bora-Hansgrohe, same time.
10. Romain Hardy, France, Fortuneo-Oscaro, same time.
11. Reinardt Janse van Rensburg, South Africa, Dimension Data, same time.
12. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Cannondale Drapac, same time.
13. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
14. Simon Yates, Britain, Orica-Scott, same time.
15. Mikel Landa, Spain, Sky, same time.
16. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
17. Damiano Caruso, Italy, BMC Racing, same time.
18. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, same time.
19. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time.
20. Imanol Erviti, Spain, Movistar, same time.

Also

31. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Quick-Step Floors, :51 behind.
78. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 2:51.
116. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 7:02.
169. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 16:19.

Overall Standings
(After 16 stages)

1. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 68:18:36.
2. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, :18.
3. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, :23.
4. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Cannondale Drapac, :29.
5. Mikel Landa, Spain, Sky, 1:17.
6. Simon Yates, Britain, Orica-Scott, 2:02.
7. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Quick-Step Floors, 2:03.
8. Louis Meintjes, South Africa, UAE Team Emirates, 6:00.
9. Damiano Caruso, Italy, BMC Racing, 6:05.
10. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 6:16.
11. Alberto Contador, Spain, Trek-Segafredo, 7:10.
12. Warren Barguil, France, Sunweb, 8:48.
13. Pierre-Roger Latour, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 14:32.
14. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 15:45.
15. Mikel Nieve, Spain, Sky, 16:25.
16. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 20:28.
17. Carlos Betancur, Colombia, Movistar, 23:50.
18. Guillaume Martin, France, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, 28:19.
19. Brice Feillu, France, Fortuneo-Oscaro, 28:41.
20. Tiesj Benoot, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, 30:10.

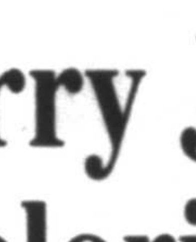
Also

38. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 1:16:36.
56. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 1:35:53.
167. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 3:16:30.

Jerry Jones: Cowboys are still exploring latest Elliott incident

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday the team is still gathering details over Ezekiel Elliott's involvement in an altercation at a Dallas bar, the latest off-field incident for the star running back.



Elliott

Elliott, who was already facing a potential suspension over the NFL's investigation of a year-old domestic case, was involved in a dispute Sunday night that led to a man getting punched in the nose and being taken to a hospital. Dallas police said the 30-year-old man didn't know who punched him, and the report does not mention Elliott. Dallas police also are investigating the incident.

Jones said he didn't want to speculate about a possible suspension. An NFL spokesman said the league is looking into the latest incident "to understand the facts." One of Elliott's representatives didn't return a message seeking comment.

Authorities in Columbus, Ohio, declined to prosecute the former Ohio State star over a domestic dispute with his ex-girlfriend before Elliott's first training camp with the Cowboys last year. But the NFL's investigation continued , and the league hasn't cleared Elliott.

Elliott also drew unwanted attention last season when he visited a legal marijuana shop before a preseason game in Seattle. Last spring, he pulled down a woman's shirt during a St. Patrick's Day parade.

The 21-year-old Elliott, who led the NFL in rushing as a rookie and helped the Cowboys to the top seed in the NFC playoffs with a 13-3 record, can get suspended without any convictions, although the now-mandatory six-game ban without pay for a domestic incident is unlikely without legal involvement.

"Because of his style, personality, (he's) like a rock star wherever he goes in terms of attention," Jones said. "Certainly Zeke is evolving and being subject to needing to learn how to deal with the media and social media the way it is today."

Jones said he had discussed Elliott's latest incident with the running back but declined to provide details. Elliott said during the offseason program that he was going out less while understanding more the scrutiny he faces. But now he's had another incident.

"Like all of us, we do good some days and don't do good the others," Jones said. "That's not to be confused with tolerating bad behavior or illegal behavior. That's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about just learning that your every move will be scrutinized and how in this day and time it will be looked at from many vantage points."

Elliott was a star before the Cowboys drafted him fourth overall last year, having led Ohio State the first championship in the four-team playoff. He ran for an Ohio State bowl-record 246 yards and four touchdowns in the title game on his future home field in the NFL.

With 1,631 yards rushing last season, Elliott powered the Dallas offense alongside fellow rookie sensation Dak Prescott, who took now-retired Tony Romo's job with the best debut season for a quarterback in franchise history.

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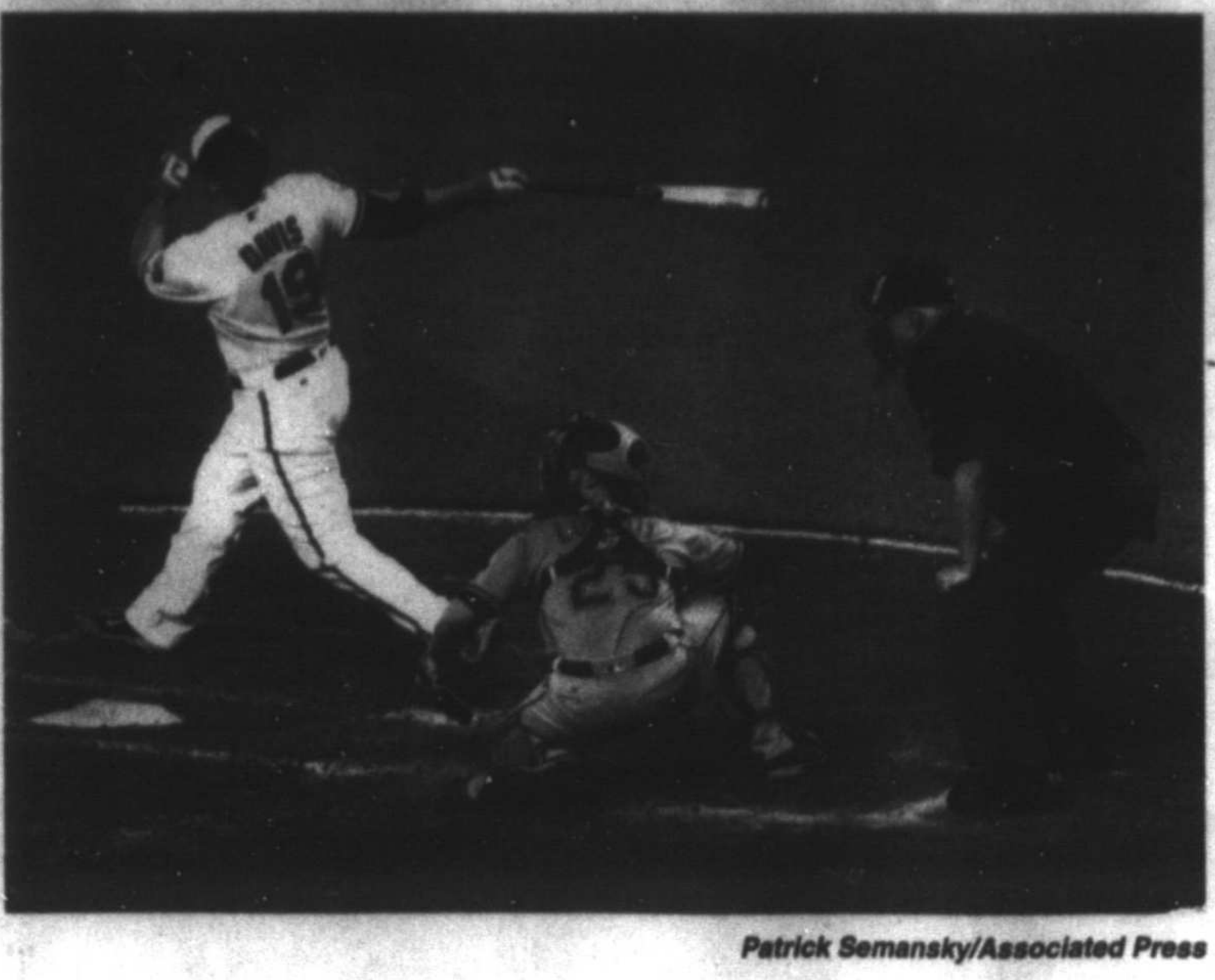
Davis, Orioles beat Rangers 12-1

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Baltimore Orioles' Chris Davis watches his grand slam in front of Texas Rangers catcher Jonathan Lucroy and home plate umpire Brian Gorman during the fourth inning of a baseball game Tuesday in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit two home runs, Baltimore pounded out 16 hits and Dylan Bundy stymied Texas with six innings of four-hit ball.

For a change, everything went right for the struggling Orioles in a 12-1 rout of the Rangers on Tuesday night.

Quality starts and lopsided victories have been scarce for Baltimore, which must repeat the formula on a consistent basis to get back into the playoff picture.

"We know we have to have a lot of things clicking to get back to where we want to be," manager Buck Showalter said. "I think not only the starters, but just the whole team in general."

Davis homered in a six-run first inning, added a grand slam in the fourth and finished with a career-high six RBIs. It was the 19th career multihomer game for Baltimore's cleanup hitter, making his fifth start since coming off the disabled list with an oblique strain.

Trey Mancini and Seth Smith also homered for the Orioles, who scored six runs against Tyson Ross (2-2) before making an out.

"It was one of those nights where we just kind of fed off of each other," Davis said. "We've been looking for that for a while."

Baltimore has won two straight over Texas following a three-game sweep by the Chicago Cubs. The Orioles are still five under .500, but now there's hope.

"Anytime your offense has a game like tonight, I feel like everybody else can kind of take a deep breath and not stress so much," Davis said.

Bundy (9-8) breezed in his first victory since June 24.

"You get a cushion from our offense," he said, "and it just wants to make you get back in the dugout so they can hit some more."

Vying to stay afloat in the AL playoff picture, Texas pitched poorly and sputtered at the plate. In addition, center fielder Carlos Gomez got his glove around Davis' first-inning drive before the ball escaped over the wall.

Shin-Soo Choo homered for the Rangers, who have lost three in a row and scored only six runs in their last four games.

"We've got to find a way to get this offense going," manager Jeff Banister said.

After Choo hit the 23rd leadoff homer of his career, Baltimore responded with gusto in the bottom of the first.

Jonathan Schoop doubled in two runs, Davis followed with the drive that eluded Gomez's grasp and Mancini capped the uprising with a two-run homer.

"Tough way to play a baseball game tonight," Banister said. "Obviously, very challenged from the first inning."

In the fourth, Ross was lifted after a single, an error and a walk loaded the bases. Davis hit the second pitch from Austin Bibens-Dirkx into the center field seats. It was his eighth career grand slam, the first this season.

Ross gave up nine runs, eight earned, in 3 1/3 innings. He's 0-3 with an 18.23 ERA in eight career games against Baltimore.

"The pitches I had over the plate didn't have the movement I wanted and a lot of pitches flew over the heart and got hit hard," the right-hander said.

Smith homered in the eighth to complete the Orioles' most lopsided win of the season.

No day trader

Banister isn't thinking about buying or selling as the non-waiver trade deadline nears. "We need to go out and win baseball games with these guys," he said. "We don't worry about where we are in the division. The bottom line is that we have to go out with this group of players. We believe in these guys."

Gattis homers twice to lead Astros over Mariners, 6-2

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Evan Gattis homered twice to back up a solid start by Brad Peacock and help the Houston Astros to a 6-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Gattis hit solo shots in the second and sixth innings off Sam Gaviglio (3-5) for the eighth multihomer game of his career.

Peacock (8-1) allowed three hits and one run while fanning nine in seven innings to tie the longest start of his career and earn his fifth straight win. Luke Gregerson got the last four outs for his first save.

Jose Altuve had three hits and drove in a run for the AL West-leading Astros, and Marwin Gonzalez added a hit in his first game at shortstop since All-Star Carlos Correa was placed on the disabled list with a torn thumb ligament on Tuesday.

Gaviglio allowed eight hits and five runs in six innings after being recalled from Triple-A Tacoma on Tuesday.

Houston took a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly by Yuli Gurriel in the first inning.

Leading by two after Gattis' first homer, Gonzalez singled to start Houston's fourth and advanced to second on an error by Gaviglio with one out.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 3
at Nelson Wolff Stadium, San Antonio

TOP HITTERS: San Antonio catcher Webster Rivas was 2-for-3 with two doubles, five RBI, a run and a walk, while teammates Ty France and Nick Torres each finished 2-for-5 with an RBI and a run. ... B.J. Boyd and J.P. Sportman each went 2-for-4 to lead Midland.

TOP PITCHERS: Missions reliever Kyle McGrath struck out three over two scoreless and hitless innings. ... RockHounds reliever Brandon Mann spun two scoreless frames and struck out one.

HIGHLIGHTS: San Antonio took a 5-0 lead in the first, headlined by Rivas' three-run double. ... In the second, Midland's Tyler Ramirez singled to make it 5-1 before the Missions restored the five-run lead in the third. ... A single by Richie Martin and an RBI groundout by Sean Murphy made it 6-3 in the fourth. ... The Missions' Luis Urias singled to stretch the lead to 7-3 in the fifth and then San Antonio added four more runs in the sixth.

NOTES: The two teams combined for five errors and six double plays in the game, while all nine of San Antonio's starters recorded at least one hit. ... The RockHounds' Jermaine Curtis saw his 13-game hitting streak snapped after going 0-for-3 Tuesday. Boyd and Sportman each extended their hitting streaks to six games. ... Midland starter and Oakland Athletics' No. 2 prospect A.J. Puk took his third Double-A loss of the season. He saw his earned run average rise to 6.98 after allowing five earned runs in the first inning Tuesday. ... The two teams wrap up their series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland -- RHP Grant Holmes (6-9, 4.92); San Antonio -- RHP Brett Kennedy (8-5, 3.62)

TL standings

Second Half

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield (Cardinals)	16	9	.640	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	15	10	.600	1
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	11	14	.440	5
Arkansas (Mariners)	11	14	.440	5

South Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	16	9	.640	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	13	12	.520	3
Frisco (Rangers)	10	15	.400	6
Midland (Athletics)	8	17	.320	8

Sunday's Scores
Springfield 8, Northwest Arkansas 3
Arkansas 12, Tulsa 4
Frisco 6, Corpus Christi 1
San Antonio 11, Midland 3

Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 7:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Frisco at Corpus Christi, 8:05 p.m.
Midland at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.

MISSIONS 11, ROCKHOUNDS 3

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
Tarsovich 3b	4	0	0	0	Urias ss	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boyd cf	4	0	2	0	Perio 2b	[illegible]	1	3	0
Curtis dh	3	0	0	0	Torres 1b	5	2	2	[illegible]
Rosa 1b	3	1	0	0	Reyes rf	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sportman rf	4	1	2	0	France 3b	5	2	2	[illegible]
Schrock 2b	4	[illegible]	1	[illegible]	Martinez lf	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Murphy c	4	0	0	[illegible]	McGee dh	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ramirez lf	3	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rivas c	3	[illegible]	2	5
Martin ss	3	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	Bousfield cf	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	32	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	Totals	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Midland	010200 000	—3
San Antonio	501014 00x	—11

E — Schrock 2 (4), Martin (8), Tarsovich ([illegible]), Urias (16). DP — Midland 3, San Antonio 3. LOB — Midland 5, San Antonio 8. 2B — Schrock ([illegible]3), Sportman 2 (23), Rivas 2 ([illegible]), France (14), McGee (14), Bousfield (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Puk L 0-3	1	0	4	5	5	2
Stull	3	0	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kurcz	1	0	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Navas	1	0	4	4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mann	2	0	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Antonio						
De Los Santos W	7	4	5	0	6	[illegible]
McGrath	2	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baumann	1	0	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vargas	1	0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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MLB ROUNDUP

American League

TIGERS 9, ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Nicholas Castellanos homered twice and drove in five runs, Detroit scored five times in the second inning and the Tigers cruised from there to a 9-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

After trading slugger J.D. Martinez to Arizona for a package of prospects before the game, the Tigers proved they didn't need him in the lineup — at least for one night — to win their fourth straight game.

Castellanos also tripled to finish a double shy of the cycle. Victor Martinez drove in a pair of runs, and the Tigers, who began selling ahead of the July 31 trade deadline, still managed to give fill-in starter Matt Boyd (3-5) plenty of support in his return from the minors.

Boyd allowed three runs and seven hits over six innings, striking out three and walking one. It was his first big league win since April 16, a skid that included four losses and four no-decisions.

He outperformed Travis Wood (1-3), who allowed six runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings.

National League

PHILLIES 5, MARLINS 2

MIAMI — Maikel Franco had three hits, including a tie-breaking home run in the eighth inning, to help lift the Philadelphia Phillies to a 5-2 victory over the Miami Marlins on Tuesday night.

National League home run leader Giancarlo Stanton hit his 29th for the Marlins, who have lost four of five.

Franco's homer to left field off Dustin McGowan (5-1) was his 14th of the season and it broke a 2-all tie.

Nick Williams added a two-run homer in the ninth to cap the scoring.

Cameron Perkins drove in two runs for the Phillies and Pat Neshek (3-2) pitched a scoreless seventh for the victory.

Hector Neris pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save in 12 opportunities.

CARDINALS 5, METS 0

NEW YORK — Michael Wacha threw a three-hitter for his first career shutout, Matt Carpenter had four hits, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Mets 5-0 Tuesday night.

Wacha (7-3) has won his last four starts. He struck out eight and walked one in his 99th career start.

The 26-year-old right-hander, who was ineffective last season, had not won four straight starts since the 2013 playoffs when he helped lead St. Louis to the World Series.

Wacha and the Cardinals capitalized on a shoddy Mets defense that let down starter Rafael Montero (1-6) with three errors. Montero allowed four runs, two earned, in six innings. New York has lost three straight and eight of 11.

The first of Carpenter's four hits was a first-inning double into the right field corner. He advanced to third on third baseman T.J. Rivera's throwing error and scored on Jedd Gyorko's sacrifice fly.

The Cardinals took advantage of two more errors during a three-run second inning.

PIRATES 4, BREWERS 3

PITTSBURGH — Francisco Cervelli and Josh Harrison homered during a sixth-inning rally and the streaking Pittsburgh Pirates welcomed outfielder Starling Marte back with a 4-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Marte went 1 for 3 in his return from an 80-game suspension for violating the performance-enhancing drug policy. He also walked in the sixth, coming around to score on Harrison's 11th home run of the season that tied the game. David Freese put the Pirates ahead to stay with an RBI single off reliever Oliver Drake (3-3) later in the inning.

Ivan Nova (10-6) survived six innings to get the win. Felipe Rivero worked out of a two-on, one-out jam in the ninth for his eighth save. Pittsburgh won its third straight and pulled within five games of the first-place Brewers in the crowded NL Central.

Travis Shaw went 3 for 4, including a three-run homer off Nova in the third but was ejected in the eighth for arguing with home plate umpire Mike Muchlinski. Eric Thames, Hernan Perez and Manny Pina all had two hits each but Milwaukee left eight runners on while losing its third straight for the first time since early June.

DIAMONDBACKS 11, REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Chris Herrmann capped a six-run fifth inning with a two-run homer, and the Arizona Diamondbacks slugged their way past the Cincinnati Reds 11-2 on Tuesday night, shortly after trading for slugger J.D. Martinez.

Rey Fuentes added a pinch-hit, three-run shot in the seventh, All-Star outfielder Jake Lamb had a two-run triple and Arizona ended a five-game skid by tying a season high with nine extra-base hits — one from each spot in the order. The Diamondbacks had four doubles in the fifth, helping overcome Zack Cozart's 10th homer of the season.

Arizona acquired Martinez from the Detroit Tigers in exchange for minor leaguers Dawel Lugo, Sergio Alcantara and Jose King.

Cincinnati is 0-5 since the All-Star break, and opponents have reached double figures in runs in three of the games.

Robbie Ray (9-4) allowed two runs over six innings for Arizona.

Sal Romano (1-2) gave up six runs, six hits and five walks over four innings.

Interleague

DODGERS 1, WHITE SOX 0

CHICAGO — Clayton Kershaw pitched seven scoreless innings for his major league-leading 15th victory and the Los Angeles Dodgers edged the Chicago White Sox 1-0 Tuesday night for their 10th straight victory.

Kershaw (15-2) made his first start since the All-Star break, scattering seven hits and a walk to post his 11th win in a row.

The Dodgers, with the best record in baseball at 65-29, have won 30 of 34. This is the second 10-game winning streak of the season for the NL West leaders.

Relievers Pedro Baez and Kenley Jansen closed it out. Jansen survived a deep fly by Matt Davidson to record his 24th save in 24 chances.

Chris Taylor had four hits and scored on rookie Cody Bellinger's single in the first inning off Miguel Gonzalez (4-9).

White Sox infielder Todd Frazier was pulled from the starting lineup amid speculation that he would be traded along with relievers David Robertson and Tommy Kahnle to the New York Yankees.

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Bayley and Aiden Serrano each collected two hits in the win.

Neatherlin said although his team cannot advance to the regional tournament, Tuesday's victory will serve as a major boost of confidence heading into next season.

Neatherlin added that he told his players reaching the top was only the first goal.

"The kids don't ever think about it until it happens," Neatherlin said. "They definitely know they can do this again (next year). We got to the top, but the hard part is staying on top. We expect to stay on top for the next two years."

In the 10-12 year-old state tournament, Midland Northern was eliminated after falling to San Antonio's McAllister Park, 12-1 on Tuesday.

Northern needed to win two games against McAllister Park to take the state title and advance to the regional tournament.

Little League Texas West State Tournament

At Kirby Park, Abilene
8-10 year old tournament
Saturday, July 15
Quarterfinals
Game 1: Midland Northern 16, Corpus Christi Oil Belt 0
Game 2: Sabine Jarvis 6, Burnet [illegible]
Sunday, July 16
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 3: Corpus Christi Oil Belt 4, Burnet [illegible]
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 4: Midland Northern 7, Sabine Jarvis [illegible]
Monday, July 17
Loser's bracket final
Game 5: Sabine Jarvis 8, Corpus Christi Oil Belt 3
Tuesday, July 18
Championship
Game 6: Midland Northern 5, Sabine Jarvis [illegible]

9-11 year old tournament
Saturday, July 15
Quarterfinals
Game 1: San Antonio McAllister Park 5, East Brownsville 4
Game 2: Abilene Wylie 11, Midland Northern [illegible]
Sunday, July 16
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 3: Midland Northern 5, East Brownsville 4
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 4: McAllister Park 6, Abilene Wylie [illegible]
Monday, July 17
Loser's bracket final
Game 5: Abilene Wylie 1, Midland Northern [illegible]
Tuesday, July 18
Championship
Game 6: McAllister Park 16, Abilene Wylie [illegible]

10-12 year old tournament
Saturday, July 15
Quarterfinals
Game 1: Corpus Christi Oil Belt 21, Abilene Dixie 10
Game 2: San Antonio McAllister Park [illegible], Midland Northern 5
Sunday, July 16
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 3: Midland Northern 11, Abilene Dixie [illegible]
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 4: McAllister Park 4, Corpus Christi Oil Belt 2
Monday, July 17
Loser's bracket final
Game 5: Midland Northern 16, Oil Belt [illegible]
Tuesday, July 18
Championship
Game 6: McAllister Park 12, Midland Northern 1

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Standings

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	52	42	.553	—
Tampa Bay	50	44	.532	2
New York	47	44	.516	3½
Baltimore	44	49	.473	7½
Toronto	43	49	.467	8

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	48	43	.527	—
Minnesota	47	45	.511	1½
Kansas City	45	47	.489	3½
Detroit	43	49	.467	5½
Chicago	38	52	.422	9½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	63	31	.670	—
Seattle	47	48	.495	16½
Los Angeles	46	49	.484	17½
Texas	45	48	.484	17½
Oakland	42	51	.452	20½

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	56	36	.609	—
Atlanta	45	46	.495	10½
Miami	42	50	.457	14
New York	41	50	.451	14½
Philadelphia	31	61	.337	25

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	52	44	.542	—
Chicago	47	45	.511	3
St. Louis	46	47	.495	4½
Pittsburgh	46	48	.489	5
Cincinnati	39	54	.419	11½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	65	29	.691	—
Arizona	54	39	.581	10½
Colorado	54	41	.568	11½
San Diego	40	52	.435	24
San Francisco	35	59	.372	30

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores
Baltimore 12, Texas 1
Houston 6, Seattle 2
Detroit 9, Kansas City 3
Toronto at Boston, late
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago White Sox, late
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, late
Tampa Bay at Oakland, late
Washington at L.A. Angels, late
Cleveland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 6-4) at Minnesota (Berrios 8-3), 12:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 8-3) at Houston (Morton 7-3), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Faria 4-0) at Oakland (Gray 5-4), 2:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 10-4) at San Francisco (Cain 3-8), 2:45 p.m.
Texas (Perez 5-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 5-7), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Sanchez 1-2) at Boston (Pomeranz 9-4), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 5-7) at Kansas City (Hammel 4-8), 7:15 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 8-4) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 4-10), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores
Pittsburgh 4, Milwaukee 3
Arizona 11, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia 5, Miami 2
St. Louis 5, N.Y. Mets 0
L.A. Dodgers 1, Chicago White Sox 0
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, late
San Diego at Colorado, late
Washington at L.A. Angels, late
Cleveland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 1-6) at Atlanta (Dickey 6-5), 11:10 a.m.
Philadelphia (Pivetta 2-5) at Miami (Straily 7-4), 11:10 a.m.
San Diego (Richard 5-9) at Colorado (Gray 2-1), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 10-4) at San Francisco (Cain 3-8), 2:45 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 11-4) at Pittsburgh (Cole 7-7), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 11-4) at Cincinnati (Adleman 5-7), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Leake 6-7) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 10-3), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 8-4) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 4-10), 9:07 p.m.

Texas boxes

ORIOLES 12, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	4	1	2	1	A.Jones cf	4	2	2	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	Kim lf	1	0	0	0
Kozma ss	1	0	0	0	M.Mchdo 3b	4	1	1	1
Mazara lf	4	0	0	0	C.Jseph 3b	0	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0	Schoop 2b	4	2	2	2
Rbinson 3b	1	0	1	0	Gvtella 2b	0	0	0	0
Napoli dh	4	0	1	0	C.Davis 1b	4	2	2	6
Odor 2b	4	0	2	0	Rickard cf	0	0	0	0
Lucroy c	4	0	0	0	Trumbo dh	4	1	1	0
Gomez cf	2	0	0	0	Mancini lf-1b	5	1	2	2
DShelds cf	0	0	0	0	S.Smith rf	4	2	2	1
Gallo 1b	2	0	0	0	W.Cstll c	5	0	1	0
Tejada ss	5	1	3	0					
Totals	32	1	6	1	Totals	40	12	16	12

Texas	100 000000	—1
Baltimore	600 40101x	—12

E—Gallo (9). DP—Texas 1, Baltimore 1. LOB—Texas 6, Baltimore 10. 2B—Schoop (25), Tejada (4). HR—Choo (13), C.Davis 2 (16), Mancini (15), S.Smith (11).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Ross L,2-2	3 1-3	7	9	8	3	4
Bibens-Dirkx	2 1-3	6	2	2	2	3
Barnette	2 1-3	3	1	1	0	3
Baltimore						
Bundy W,9-8	6	4	1	1	1	4
Castro	2	0	0	0	0	1
Britton	1	2	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Bundy (Gomez), by Bibens-Dirkx (Smith). WP—Ross.
T—3:23. A—18,119 (45,971).

ASTROS 6, MARINERS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Segura ss	4	0	0	0	Sprnger cf	3	1	1	1
Gamel rf	4	0	1	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	3	1
Cano 2b	3	0	1	0	Reddick rf	4	0	1	0
Cruz dh	4	0	0	0	Beltran dh	3	0	0	0
K.Sager 3b	4	1	1	0	Y.Grrel 1b	3	0	0	1
Vlencia 1b	4	0	0	0	Ma.Gnza ss	4	1	1	0
J.Dyson cf	4	0	1	1	Gattis c	3	2	2	2
C.Ruiz c	3	1	1	0	Aoki lf	3	1	1	1
Heredia lf	3	0	1	0	Bregman 3b	2	1	1	0
Totals	33	2	6	2	Totals	29	6	10	6

Seattle	000 010 010	—2
Houston	110 201 10x	—6

E—Peacock (1), Gaviglio (1). DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Seattle 5, Houston 3. 2B—K.Seager (20), Springer (22), Reddick (22), Aoki (11). HR—Gattis 2 (10). SB—J.Dyson (22), C.Ruiz (1). CS—Springer (5). SF—Y.Gurriel (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Gaviglio L,3-5	6	8	5	5	2	3
Pagan	2	2	1	1	0	3
Houston						
Peacock W,8-1	7	3	1	1	1	9
Hoyt	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Guduan	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gregerson S,1-3	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1

Guduan pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Gaviglio (Springer). WP—Pagan.
T—3:02. A—27,111 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TIGERS 9, ROYALS 3

Detroit	050 010210—9	16	0
Kansas City	300 000000—3	10	1

Boyd, Greene (7), Wilson (8) and McCann; T.Wood, Moylan (5), Minor (7), Alburquerque (8), Feliz (9) and S.Perez. W—Boyd 3-5. L—T.Wood 1-3. HRs—Detroit, Castellanos 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

PHILLIES 5, MARLINS 2

Philadelphia	010 100012—5	13	1
Miami	101 000000—2	5	0

Velasquez, Neshek (7), Benoit (8), Neris (9) and Rupp; Conley, Tazawa (7), McGowan (8), Garcia (9) and Realmuto. W—Neshek 3-2. L—McGowan 5-1. Sv—Neris (9). HRs—Philadelphia, Franco, Williams. Miami, Stanton.

CARDINALS 5, METS 0

St. Louis	130 000100—5	12	0
New York	000 000000—0	3	3

Wacha and Molina; Montero, Salas (7), Edgin (7), Ramirez (8), Robles (9) and R.Rivera. W—Wacha 7-3. L—Montero 1-6.

PIRATES 4, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee	003 000000—3	13	0
Pittsburgh	000 00400x—4	6	0

Guerra, Drake (6), Torres (7) and Pina; Nova, Schugel (7), Hudson (8), Rivero (9) and Cervelli. W—Nova 10-6. L—Drake 3-3. Sv—Rivero (8). HRs—Milwaukee, Shaw. Pittsburgh, Harrison, Cervelli.

DIAMONDBACKS 11, REDS 2

Arizona	011 060300—11	12	0
Cincinnati	100 100000—2	6	0

Ray, Hoover (7), Barrett (9) and Herrmann; Romano, Cingrani (5), Bonilla (6), Wood (8) and Turner. W—Ray 9-4. L—Romano 1-2. HRs—Arizona, Fuentes, Herrmann. Cincinnati, Cozart.

INTERLEAGUE

DODGERS 1, WHITE SOX 0

Los Angeles	100 000000—1	9	2
Chicago	000 000000—0	8	0

Kershaw, Baez (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal; Mi.Gonzalez, Holmberg (7), Swarzak (7), Jennings (8), Infante (9) and K.Smith. W—Kershaw 15-2. L—Mi.Gonzalez 4-9. Sv—Jansen (24).

Dave Thompson/Associated Press

Phil Mickelson of the United States watches his shot from 9th tee the during a practice round ahead of the British Open Golf Championship on Tuesday at Royal Birkdale, Southport, England.

Mickelson to play British Open with no drivers

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — Royal Birkdale and Torrey Pines would seem to have nothing in common except that Phil Mickelson is playing major championships on both without a driver in his bag.

Mickelson carried only the 3-wood with him during his practice round Tuesday at the British Open, and he plans to keep it that way.

"We won't be playing in this wind," Mickelson said as he finished up his round with a light blowing toward the Irish Sea. "And when we get the normal wind, there really isn't a driver for me until we get to 15. And then that brings the bunkers into play."

Mickelson, who once had two drivers in his bag at the Masters, didn't hit a driver in the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines. He wasn't much of a factor that week and finished five shots out of the playoff that Tiger Woods won over Rocco Mediate.

Mickelson instead has four wedges, including a 64-degree sand wedge that he can use for flop shots off tight lies on a links course. He also has two 3-irons, one of them with the loft tweaked to make a strong, driving club.

The 3-wood is the same club he had when he won the British Open at Muirfield in 2013, his last victory.

"It's a much easier club for me to hit low," Mickelson said on Golf Channel. "So even into the wind, I hit it every bit as far as I hit a driver."

Tiger falling

Tiger Woods is out of golf for the rest of the season as he recovers from a fourth back surgery, and that means he finally is out of the top 1,000 players listed in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Woods is at No. 1,005 in the world this week, one spot ahead of Henric Sturehed of Sweden.

That's no surprise. In the two-year counting period, Woods has only seven tournaments on his record and he earned ranking points at just three of them — a tie for 18th in the Greenbrier in 2015, a tie for 10th in the Wyndham Classic that same year and his 15th-place finish at the no-cut Hero World Challenge in December.

Woods was at No. 1 for 683 weeks, twice as long as anyone else in the history of the ranking that dates to 1986.

Taking it in

Bill Haas has played as much links golf as anyone in this part of England. He even finally got around to playing Royal Birkdale.

Haas is among those players who love seeing other courses when they come to the British Open. When it was played at Royal Liverpool in 2014, Jason Dufner went over to play Royal Birkdale on the weekend. Brad Faxon used to find smaller links courses to play after a practice round at the championship course.

Haas brought over his brother-in-law and two friends. They played Royal Liverpool on Friday, Royal Lytham & St. Annes on Saturday and Hillside on Sunday. And then it was time to get to work, so he made his way to Royal Birkdale.

"I did the same trip for Lytham in 2012," he said. "I played Liverpool, here and West Lancashire, so I've seen the course. I feel like I'm getting the same practice in, just not at the tournament course. But I've got Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to see the course and know the course."

Most surprising to Haas at Royal Liverpool and Royal Lytham was seeing the course without the grandstands and tented villages that are in place for the Open.

"Liverpool was the one that was the most shocking without the grandstand surrounding the 18th (the 16th green during normal play). You're amazed at how small the space is and how they make it work," he said. "And Lytham, there's gorse way right on 18. I didn't remember that being in play. When you hit it right, I think you're in the grandstands. But it was fun to see."

Spieth returns

Jordan Spieth was still in college in 2012 when the British Open was at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, and this is first time at Royal Birkdale.

But he's no stranger to the area. It's where Spieth got his first taste of links golf.

He played in the Junior British Open in 2008, and he finished first — at least among the boys.

The overall winner that week was Moriya Jutanugarn of Thailand, playing from a forward set of tees.

Getting away

Brooks Koepka won the U.S. Open, headed off to Las Vegas and hasn't been seen in the golfing world since then.

That's just the way he had it planned.

Koepka is playing for the first time since that four-shot victory at Erin Hills.

He had a big stretch at the end of the year with two majors, a World Golf Championship, the four FedEx Cup playoff events and the Presidents Cup, so he wanted to be fresh.

"I found it pretty easy to get away," Koepka said. "I was not looking for a break, but I kind of needed one, more mentally than anything. And it was nice to have a few weeks off. But last week I started getting into it and getting antsy to get back out here."

SPIETH

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now compared with two years ago. Spieth said his long game is better, but he hasn't been making putts. Such is golf.

"I recognize that being five years in now ... and five years doesn't make me a veteran, but it helps me realize kind of how things go," he said. "And last year I was pretty caught in 2015. This year I'm not. Hopefully, we can have another one or two like that. But if we keep on trying to improve each part of the game, stick to the process, then we'll have the results we want."

Tuesday brought more sunshine to the Lancashire Coast and only a light wind that came out of a different direction. The course is fast, and balls are bouncing high when landing, which is links golf at its best.

In any conditions, Birkdale is not a course that leads to low scoring, certainly not like what Henrik Stenson had last year at Royal Troon when he set the major championship record of 264 in his brilliant duel with Phil Mickelson.

The lowest score ever at Royal Birkdale was 272 by Ian Baker-Finch in 1991.

Spieth still referred to the course as among the fairest he has seen in his limited experience at golf's oldest championship. And when he looks around the landscape, he sees more balance of power than ever before.

Just two years ago, Spieth was considered part of the modern version of a "Big Three" that included Rory McIlroy and Jason Day. And then along came Johnson, rising to No. 1 in the world in February and leaving everyone well behind. But now Johnson hasn't won since March, slowed by his slip down the stairs at the Masters. McIlroy and Day haven't won at all.

"The younger generation, you look at how many good players there are," U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka said. "You look at how it was at Erin Hills. Everyone up there hadn't won a major — Rickie (Fowler), Justin (Thomas), Hideki (Matsuyama)."

No matter who wins this week, Spieth doesn't see that changing.

His big season in 2015 gave him a taste of it. The next two years, even with two victories in each one, gave him an appreciation of how Tiger Woods dominated for so long. He was asked the chances of there being another dominant force in golf.

"I wouldn't get your hopes up," Spieth replied. "What Tiger has done ... having experienced a year like he continued to do for years, it just takes a lot out of you. It's very tough to do. And you have to have a lot of things go right at the right times.

"I think it's going to be a very exciting time going forward of guys that are going to be playing and battling against each other," he said. "You'll see a group of 10 to 12 guys over the next 15, 20 years that are going to have a lot of competition that comes down the stretch with each other."

As for that streak of seven first-time winners in the majors?

Spieth spent only three semesters at Texas, though he used plenty of logic when he said that the 156-man field at Royal Birkdale has more players who haven't won a major than who have.

"Chances are, it's going to be somebody that hasn't won one," he said.

HERMAN

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at Texas, "nor will I here shortly."

When on the podium to start the second day of the league's media days, Herman didn't even wait for reporters to ask him about expectations for the Longhorns.

He said during his introductory remarks that he didn't know, but that his team will be trained as well as anybody in the country and will play to its maximum potential.

"What that is, I don't know right now, but I feel good that these guys are willing to do whatever we ask them to coming off the three-year stretch that this program has had," Herman said. "They don't want that to be their legacy. They want to be remembered as the team and the group that turned this thing around. I think we're well on our way."

Wardrobe change: No home, road uniforms as NBA goes to Nike

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA teams are making a wardrobe change, with the traditional home and road uniforms going back in the closet.

The league said Tuesday it is eliminating the old apparel designations starting with the 2017-18 season, when Nike becomes the official outfitter.

Instead, there will be four primary uniforms for each team.

The host team will pick which of its uniforms will be worn for each game and the visitors will select one of the contrasting ones from their collection. Previously, white uniforms were the default for home teams.

The first two editions will debut at the start of the season. The "Association" is formerly the home white uniform and the "Icon" is the previous road jersey, featuring the team's primary color.

The other two primary uniforms will be revealed in the coming months.

Also, eight teams will have a "Classic" uniform available in the fall that they can wear at their discretion.

Nike, which is replacing Adidas, says its uniforms are the NBA's lightest ever and absorb sweat faster, with changes to the neck, back shoulder and armhole to enhance agility.

They were tested by members of last summer's gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic basketball team.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speech-less	Modern Family	Am.Ho-usewife	Modern Family	Goldberg	Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		Salvat "Another Trip Around the Sun" (N)		Criminal Minds "The Anti-Terror Squad"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Fanciful Foil"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner" (N)		The F Word "Episode Seven" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Little Big Shots "Young at Heart" (N)		Carmic-hael (N)	Carmich-ael Show	This Is Us "The Trip"		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Big Pacific "Behind the Scenes Special" (N)		Nature's Great Race "Caribou" (N)		Nova "Life's Rocky Start"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Jose de Egipto		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		Rosario Tijeras		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Agents of SHIELD		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575			165	(5:15) The Ladykil...		The Alamo ('04, West) Dennis Quaid.						(:25) No Country for Old Men			Movie
HBO		300	350	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Independence Day: Resurgence				Game of Thrones		Pharmacy (:05)		Friday Ice Cube.	
HBO2		302	351	15	101	23	(4:55) Jason Bourne		The Defiant Ones		(:55) Defiant Ones		Suicide Squad Will Smith.			(:05) Krampus		
HBOS		304	352	16	102		(3:50) Her Joaquin Phoenix.				Good Will Hunting Matt Damon.				(:15) The Defiant Ones			Movie
MAX		380	357	17	120	24	(3:00) The Box		Constantine Keanu Reeves.						(:05) Deadpool Ryan Reynolds.		(:55) Eraser	
MAX2		382	358	18	122		(:10) The 9th Life of Louis Drax				2 Fast 2 Furious				(:50) The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon...			Movie
PLEX					96		(3:30) Summer Sc...		Wayne's World		(:35)		Company Business		(:20) What's the Worst That Could Hap...			
SHOW		320	365	19	140	25	(3:40) Triple 9		Snowden ('16, Bio) Joseph Gordon-Levitt.				(:15) Primal Fear ('96, Susp) Richard Gere.					Movie
TMC		336	573	22	195	26	(3:15) Echoes of...		Burnt Bradley Cooper.				(:45) The Man Who Knew Infinity			(:35) Jimi: All Is by My Side		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) The Prince...		Twister ('96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.						Avatar ('09, Fant) Zoe Saldana.			
BET		58	-		40		(5:00) House Party 2 Christopher Reid.				Chocolate City: Vegas ('16, Dra) Melanie Brown, Vivica A. Fox.					Martin	Martin	
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Odd Mom	Sweet OK	Watch (N)	Real Housewives		H.Wives
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Jay Leno's Garage			Jay Leno's Garage
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight			A. Cooper 360
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Bush People (N)		Homestead (N)		Bush People (N)			Homestead Rescue
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.	Descendants ('15, Fam) Dove Cameron.				LivMad	Cali Style	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at New York Mets Site: Citi Field (L)						MLB Baseball Washington vs. L.A. Angels (L)					
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	DRL "Playoffs" (N)		Soccer International Champions Cup (L)				WS of Poker Pre. (N)		Arm Wrestling		DRL "Playoffs"	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		To Be Announced	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	Movie (:45)		Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 Daniel Radcliffe.						The 700 Club		She's All That	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles Site: Camden Yards -- Baltimore, Md. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CBCamp (L) Spot.	Rangers Insider	18 Holes	WPT Poker L.A. Classic	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie		Guardians of the Galaxy Chris Pratt.				Snowfall (N)		Snowfall		The Strain	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(5:00) Every Chris...		The Mistletoe Promise Jamie King.				Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Listed Sisters (N)		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Mountain Men (N)	Pickers	(:10) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "'80s Prom"		Women (N)	(:50) Little Women	Women "Reunion: Part Two" (N)		What Happens in Vegas ('08, Com) Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Cameron Diaz.				Little Women	(:50) Little Women
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				American Ninja (N)		Cycling Tour de France Stage 17 La Mure - Serre Chevalier						American Ninja (N)		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(5:30) The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.						Lip Sync		The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Gladiator ('00, Epic) Joaquin Phoenix, Russell Crowe.						Blood Drive (N)		The Legend of Hercules Kellan Lutz.			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Wallet"	Seinf. "The Watch" 2/2	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Conan (N)		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) The Richest...		Rope James Stewart.				Stage Fright ('50, Myst) Jane Wyman.		Strangers on a Train			
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Querida centauro (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Querida centauro	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	OutDaughtered		I Am Jazz "Sweet (and Sour) Sixteen" (N)		I Am Jazz "Dating in the Dark" (N)		(:05) Hair Goddess (N)		(:05) I Am Jazz "Dating in the Dark"		(:05) Hair Goddess	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Geek in the Guck"		Walking Tall ('04, Act) Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson.				Mission: Impossible III An agent is called out of retirement to rescue a fellow agent from an arms dealer.				Hawaii Five-0 "Lana I Ka Moana"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	(:35) Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Decaying Morality"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Catfishing Teacher"		Suits "The Statue" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Suits "The Statue"	
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Man is ready for new source of 'lattes'

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 17 years. For the first 16 years, my wife would make me lattes without being asked. Last year, she announced she would no longer make any more lattes for me. When I asked her if she expected me to go the rest of my life without one, she said yes!

Do you think it would be OK if I found another female to make lattes for me? Wouldn't that woman be doing my wife a favor? Hint: I am not really talking about lattes. — NO MORE LATTES IN KOKOMO

DEAR NO MORE LATTES: Before outsourcing your latte business, it is important that you find out from your wife why her attitude has changed so drastically. Has she lost interest in that kind of beverage preparation? Has making lattes become painful for her? Could there be other issues in your relationship that have made her less interested in giving you your favorite treat?

If the answer to these questions is yes, perhaps she should discuss them with her doctor — or the two of you talk about them with a licensed marriage counselor. Hint: I'm really not advising you about lattes, either.

DEAR ABBY: After 33 years of what I thought was a near- perfect marriage, my husband walked out and filed for divorce. That was 12 years ago. Since then, I've done my best to move on and find my "next chapter."

I'm now in the process of downsizing to move into a smaller house. While going through my filing cabinet, I ran across some very sweet and touching love letters my ex had written to me — some of them just a few weeks before he left me. I am having a hard time deciding whether to throw them away or keep them. I know there's no perfect answer, but any advice you could offer to help me make that decision would be appreciated. It's a sensitive topic for me. — LOVE LETTERS IN TEXAS

DEAR L.L.: I'll bet it is. How does reading those touching love letters make you feel? Be honest. If they bring back warm memories, hang onto them. However, if they have the opposite effect, do yourself a favor, dispose of them and continue looking forward into your next chapter.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a mobile park, and in the park is a group that collects money and runs fundraisers to help the low- income people who live here. They deliver one bag of food to about 10 families once a month.

This group does not disclose how much money was collected — ever — and are very secretive about how much they have in their fund. Some of us who live here have raised the question as to how much money they are holding, but they refuse to give us any information. They say they are not a nonprofit, so they don't have to report to the IRS. Is there anything we can do to make them tell us how much is in there? — MONEY MATTERS

DEAR MONEY MATTERS: There absolutely is. Poll how many of your neighbors feel the way you do, and then, as a group, stop contributing money. If enough residents do that, the money will dry up, and the fund will close. Because only 10 families need this kind of help, you and your neighbors should consider selecting families to help and do it directly.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Larry's demise

Both vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ Q 10 5 3
♡ 7 4
◇ A 10 7 6 4
♣ 9 4

WEST
♠ 8 6
♡ Q 9 8 5 2
◇ 5 3
♣ 7 5 3 2

EAST
♠ A J 9 7
♡ J 10 6
◇ K 9
♣ Q J 10 8

SOUTH
♠ K 4 2
♡ A K 3
◇ Q J 8 2
♣ A K 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3◇	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Five of ♡

The club's Saturday night duplicate was well under way when Lucky Larry found himself declaring three no-trump on today's deal. Larry ducked East's 10 of hearts at trick one, thinking it was routine good play. East, however, held most of the missing high cards and he knew that continuing hearts was hopeless — Larry needed both the ace and the king for his opening bid.

East shifted to the queen of clubs at trick two, won by Larry with the ace. Larry led a low spade to dummy's queen, losing to East's ace, and East continued clubs. Larry won with the king and took the diamond finesse. When that lost, Larry was down one with two club losers and one loser in every other suit.

Hard Luck Louie took a different view when he played the hand. He presumed the diamond king was offside — all of his finesses lost — so he decided to look elsewhere for some tricks. Louie captured East's 10 of hearts with the ace at trick one and led the king of spades. East won with the ace and continued with the jack of hearts, ducked this time by Louie. West smartly overtook the jack with the queen and led a spade through dummy's queen-10. Louie rose with the queen of spades, crossed to his hand with a high club, and ran the queen of diamonds. The finesse lost, as usual for Louie, but there was nothing for East to do. East exited with the queen of clubs, but Louie had nine tricks.

At long last, Louie had outplayed Larry on a hand. Well done, Louie!

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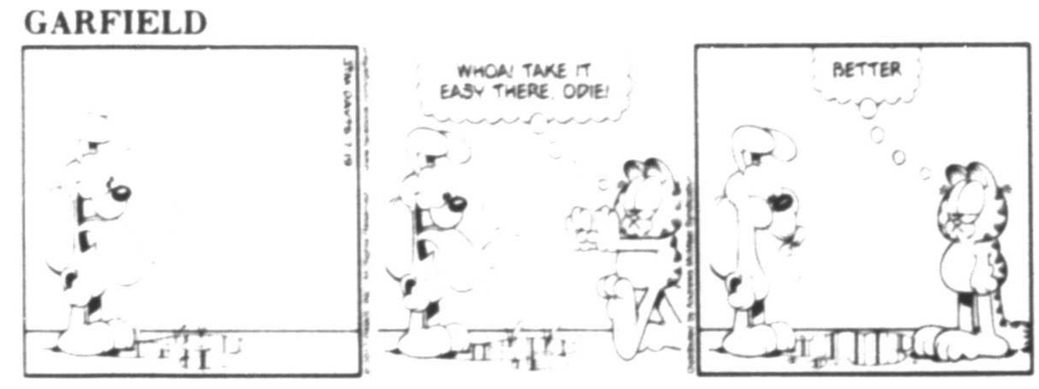
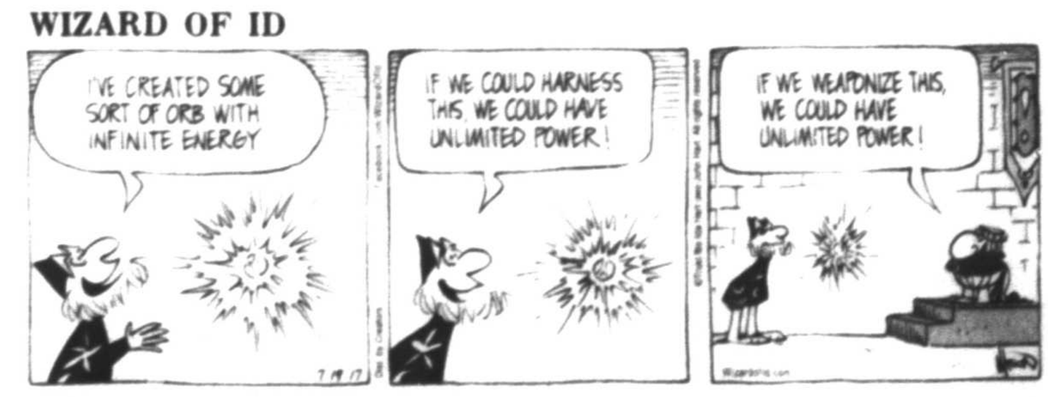


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID



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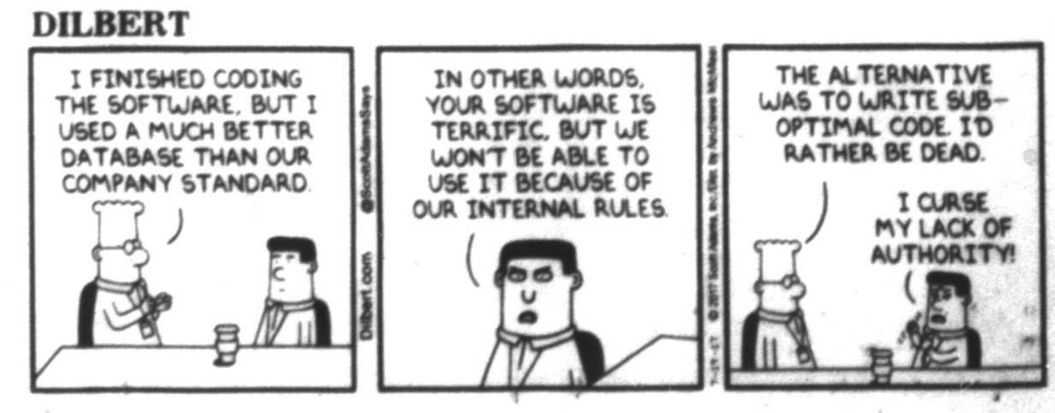

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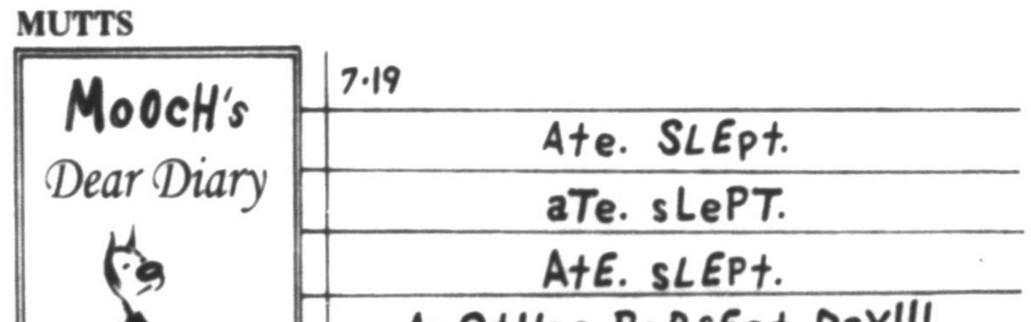


CLOSE TO HOME

On his third date with Karen, Ryan sensed a red flag.

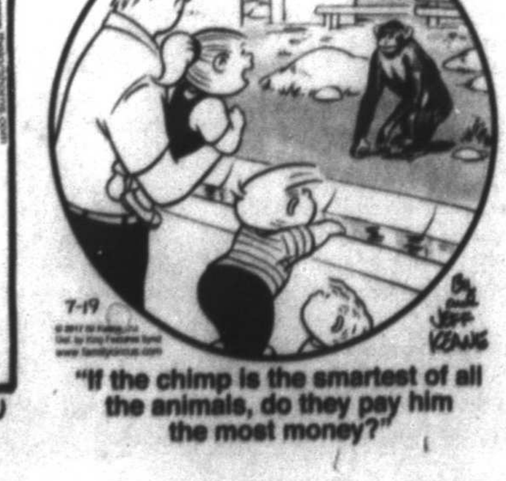
DENNIS THE MENACE

"MOM DIDN'T MARRY YOU FOR YOUR MUSCLES, DID SHE?"

LOCKHORNS

"REALLY? YOU PUT MOTHER ON HOLD SO YOU COULD TAKE A ROBO-CALL?"

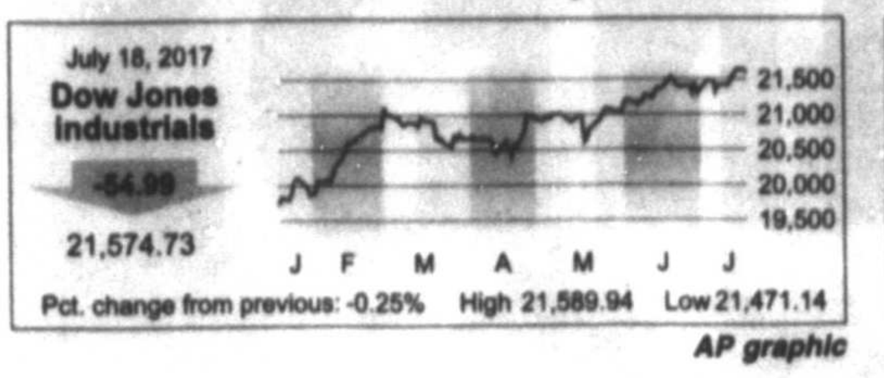
FAMILY CIRCUS



"If the chimp is the smartest of all the animals, do they pay him the most money?"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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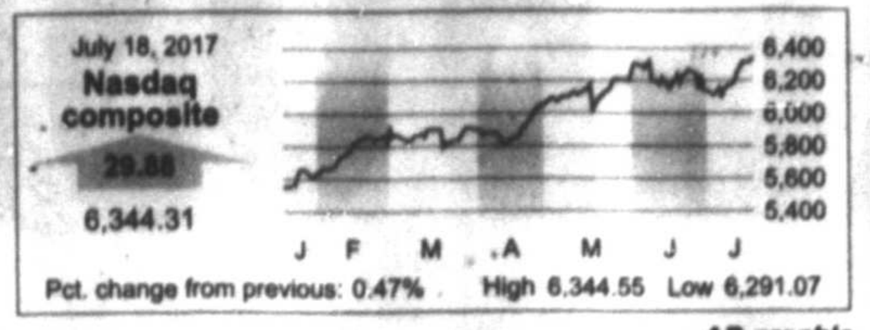

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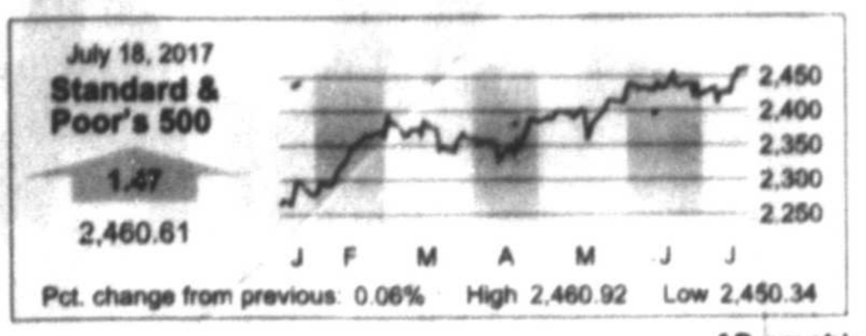

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FUTURES

Tuesday:	$46.40
Previous:	$46.02

POSTED

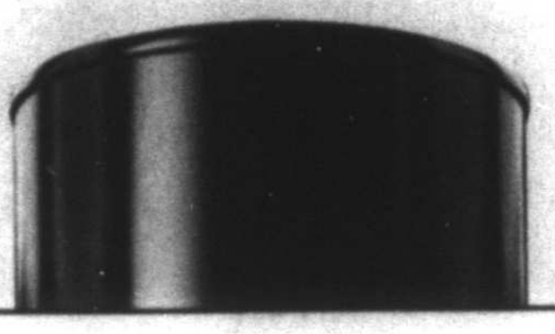
Tuesday:	$43.00
Previous:	$42.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday:	$39.60
Previous:	$39.10

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday:	$3.088
Previous:	$3.020



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1020261	23.90	-.12
RiteAid	712613	2.58	+.27
SPDR Fncl	619593	24.80	-.04
B iPVxST rs	605646	11.54	-.16
Annaly	573068	11.77	-.49

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RiteAid	2.58	+.27	+11.7
RH	75.02	+6.72	+9.8
Eros Intl	13.05	+1.15	+9.7
ClearChan	4.80	+.40	+9.1
Yirendai n	34.87	+2.89	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Danaos	2.45	-.55	-18.3
MauiLand	16.50	-3.30	-16.7
Tillys	10.17	-1.22	-10.7
MSG Netw	21.20	-1.85	-8.0
WestmRs s	2.78	-.23	-7.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,393
Declined	1,494
Unchanged	141
Total issues	3,028
New Highs	120
New Lows	23
Volume	2,822,190,460

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	45463	5.26	...
SRC Eng	41162	7.31	+.03
NwGold g	29208	3.00	-.06
RingEngy	28783	12.47	-.99
iShindia bt	23492	33.59	-.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MastechD	9.24	+.89	+10.7
CCA Inds	3.45	+.30	+9.5
NovaBay rs	4.13	+.33	+8.6
Alio Gld rs	4.78	+.27	+6.0
GoldResrc	4.33	+.17	+4.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CRH Med	3.40	-.35	-9.3
YumaEn rs	2.11	-.21	-9.1
RingEngy	12.47	-.99	-7.4
VoltInfoSci	3.70	-.25	-6.3
Aerocntry	14.20	-.70	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	160
Declined	176
Unchanged	28
Total issues	364
New Highs	12
New Lows	11
Volume	103,213,916

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Netflix s	384137	183.60	+21.90
Novavax	316820	1.45	+.31
Microsoft	255400	73.30	-.05
Facebook	234103	162.86	+3.13
PwShs QQQ	230750	143.14	+.95

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WillVV pfA	7.04	+1.99	+39.4
BiondVx wt	2.84	+.59	+26.2
Moleculin n	2.05	+.35	+20.6
CymaBay	6.94	+.96	+16.1
Akoustis n	7.84	+.94	+13.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TileShop	15.00	-5.25	-25.9
CrossrdS rs	2.22	-.71	-24.3
ShiftPixy n	7.74	-2.05	-20.9
Ericsson	6.07	-1.22	-16.7
Soligenix n	2.49	-.33	-11.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,261
Declined	1,572
Unchanged	230
Total issues	3,063
New Highs	109
New Lows	35
Volume	1,672,848,837

Harley-Davidson reducing jobs

Bloomberg

Harley-Davidson Inc., the motorcycle maker President Donald Trump has praised for its U.S. manufacturing presence, is cutting workers as younger American consumers buy fewer bikes than baby boomers.

Chief Executive Officer Matt Levatich told analysts Tuesday the company planned to make hourly employment reductions and would share details with workers later. Harley's shares plunged the most in more than a year after the company forecast annual motorcycle shipments may decline as much as 8 percent.

The moves run counter to Trump's claims he would drive U.S. economic growth by spurring more factories and hiring. The president, in February, called Harley a "great example" of successful American manufacturing and said his administration would make it easier for businesses to create jobs and build plants.

Instead, slumping demand for pricey bikes has left Harley with too much inventory and needing to pare production at home.

"It's unfortunate," said David Beckel, a Bernstein analyst who downgraded the stock last week, citing a lack of demand from younger Americans. "It's just a symptom of the environment they're facing," as competitors cut prices and millennials show less interest in motorcycles than past generations.

Harley shares have declined 17 percent this year.

Katie Whitmore, a Harley spokeswoman, said the company will share details on the job cuts with employees Tuesday and Wednesday. Representatives for the United Steelworkers and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers said they were still waiting for the company to provide more information.

Harley, which said its third-quarter motorcycle shipments may drop as much as 20 percent, has factories in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that helped carry Trump to his surprise election victory in November.

While the company is cutting jobs in American plants, it's building a factory in Thailand to serve markets in the Asia Pacific region and reduce tariffs on imports, Levatich told analysts. He said the facility will assemble bikes using components shipped from the U.S.

Harley is caught "in the throes of secular erosion" in the U.S., with younger consumers riding motorcycles at much lower rates than previous generations, Beckel wrote in last week's report. Levatich, who joined union leaders in meeting with Trump at the White House in February, called conditions in the U.S. market challenging and said the company needed to balance supply with demand to protect its brand.

Insurers slump as health care bill fails; tech stocks rise

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks were divided Tuesday as health insurers declined after the failure of the latest Republican health care bill while a big jump in subscribers for Netflix sent technology and consumer-focused companies higher.

Stocks spent most of the day lower after the health care push stalled and several financial firms, including Goldman Sachs, reported underwhelming second-quarter results. Energy and industrial companies also slipped.

While stocks flirted with larger losses and most of the companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange fell, the gains for tech and consumer stocks were enough to send the Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite to new highs.

The S&P 500 rose 1.47 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,460.61, just above the record it set Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 54.99 points, or 0.3 percent, to 21,574.73. Goldman Sachs was responsible for almost all of that loss. The Nasdaq composite climbed 29.87 points, tech companies rose. After a plunge in June, the Nasdaq has surged over the last two weeks.

Metal prices rise

Gold gained $8.20 to $1,241.90 an ounce. Silver rose 17 cents, or 1 percent, to $16.27 an ounce. Copper added 1 cent to $2.73 a pound.

NYSE sounds warning about regulations choking off US IPOs

Bloomberg

Regulations have made it more difficult to raise capital through stock sales, choking off access to vital capital for fledgling companies, the New York Stock Exchange's chief told members of Congress.

At a hearing to discuss the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and corporate governance generally, NYSE Group President Tom Farley argued compliance with the 2002 law, passed in the wake of the Enron and WorldCom accounting scandals to ensure corporations give truthful accounts of their finances, is too difficult for many smaller companies. The danger, he said in his prepared remarks, is this creates a barrier to startups, preventing them from raising money through initial public offerings that could fuel their growth.

"The regulatory environment for public companies over the past 15 years has grown increasingly difficult to navigate," Farley said in the prepared remarks Tuesday. "Compliance with certain provisions of SOX today sets considerably higher barriers — not just financially for public companies — but also for entry into public markets for private companies, particularly for small and midsize private companies," he added, referring to Sarbanes-Oxley as SOX.

For years, critics have argued the U.S. is an increasingly unfriendly environment for IPOs. President Donald Trump, who has pledged to eliminate regulations, hired a Securities and Exchange Commission chairman — Jay Clayton — who helped companies including Alibaba Group Holding raise money. This suggests complaints from NYSE and its biggest listing rival Nasdaq Inc. may have a receptive audience in Washington. Farley met with Trump in April, and afterward praised the president's "business-friendly" stance.

Clayton, in a speech last week, said that "the reduction in the number of U.S.-listed public companies is a serious issue." When companies avoid listing publicly traded shares, "the vast majority of Main Street investors will be unable to participate in their growth. The potential lasting effects of such an outcome to the economy and society are, in two words, not good." He noted, however, that public markets should be made more attractive "without adversely affecting the availability of capital from our private markets." It was his first in-depth comments since becoming SEC chairman.

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Closing Price $1.24 Down 0.01

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Closing Price $4.94 Down 0.07

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Closing Price $25.05 Down 0.05

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Closing Price $13.45 Down 0.37

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $32.86 Down 0.42

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Closing Price $12.47 Down 0.99

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.20 Down 1.00

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	22	6.37	-.12	-37.6
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	35.99	-.40	-15.4
Abraxas	...	...	1.59	-.01	-36.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.62	-.01	+15.0
AMD	...	...	13.48	-.32	+18.9
Alibaba	...	45	153.75	+2.52	+75.1
Amgen	4.60f	16	177.48	+.08	+21.4
Anadarko	.20	...	43.77	-1.45	-37.2
Annaly	1.20a	10	11.77	-.49	+18.1
Apache	1.00	...	47.73	-.95	-24.8
Apple Inc	2.52f	19	150.08	+.52	+29.6
ApldMatl	.40	18	46.62	+.47	+44.5
ArcelorM rs	...	8	25.60	+.13	...
Archrock	.48	...	11.65	+.15	-11.7
ATMOS	1.80	24	84.08	+.08	+13.4
AutoData	2.28	26	101.31	-.40	-1.4
BP PLC	2.38	52	34.83	-.09	-6.8
BkofAm	.48f	15	23.90	-.12	+8.1
B iPVxST rs	...	...	11.54	-.16	-54.8
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.13	-.06	-2.3
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	17	256100.03	-100.00	+4.9
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	20	68.46	+.23	+11.6
BrMySq	1.56	33	54.74	-.05	-6.3
BrownFA s	...	29	49.39	+.32	+6.8
BrownFB s	...	...	48.15	+.51	+7.2
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.00	-.30	-1.2
CallonPet	...	33	10.60	-.13	-31.0
Capricor	...	...	1.36	+.68	-48.9
Caterpillar	3.12	33	107.07	-.99	+15.5
Celestic g	...	10	13.80	+.04	+16.5
Cemex	.29t	...	9.84	-.20	+27.4
CntryLink	2.16	10	22.33	-.55	-6.1
ChesEng	...	43	4.76	-.09	-32.2
Chevron	4.32	...	103.72	-.49	-11.9
Chicos	.33	12	8.70	-.11	-39.5
Cimarex	.32	44	93.89	-.24	-30.9
Cisco	1.16	16	31.51	+.01	+4.3
Citigroup	1.28f	13	66.89	+.06	+12.6
CliffsNRs	...	7	7.46	+.06	-11.3
CocaCola	1.48	27	44.67	-.06	+7.7
ColgPalm	1.60	25	72.52	-.07	+10.8
Comcast s	.63	22	39.16	-.02	+13.5
ComstkMn	...	...	.20	+.03	-24.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.80	19	33.32	-.16	-15.8
ConchoRes	...	...	124.38	-1.64	-6.2
ConocoPhil	1.06	48	43.07	-.12	-14.1
CrackerB	4.80f	24	156.06	-1.00	-6.5
CSVixSh rs	...	...	17.33	-.43	-81.8
CSVelIVST	...	...	91.54	+1.02	+95.8
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	14.15	+.69	-69.4
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.35	+.06	-14.6
DCP Mid	3.12	21	35.62	+.51	-7.2
DTE	3.30	24	105.75	-.33	+7.3
Delcath rs	...	...	.16	+.02	-82.4
DevonE	.24	...	31.36	+.01	-31.3
DrGMBll rs	...	...	17.69	+.32	...
Disney	1.56	18	108.75	+.96	+1.5
DowChm	1.84	21	65.75	-.37	+14.9
eBay s	...	5	36.80	-.25	+23.9
EOG Resce	.67	...	91.70	-.20	-9.3
EnCana g	.06	35	9.50	+.14	-19.1
Energen	.08	...	49.18	-.36	-14.7
EnPro	.88	45	72.45	-.21	+7.6
ENSCO	.04	1	5.32	+.07	-45.3
EntProdPt	1.68f	21	27.65	...	+2.3
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.07	-1.22	+4.0
ExxonMbl	3.08f	36	80.60	-.26	-10.7
Facebook	...	36	162.86	+3.13	+41.6
FordM	.60a	6	11.75	+.01	-3.1
FrptMcM	...	...	13.00	...	-1.4
GATX	1.68	10	62.29	-.79	+1.2
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.15	+.03	+26.4
GAInv	1.15e	...	35.03	+.09	+12.3
GenElec	.96	19	26.89	+.07	-14.9
Goldcrp g	.24	...	13.41	+.23	-1.4
GtPlainEn	1.10	18	29.83	+.26	+9.1
Hallibrtn	.72	...	44.00	-.11	-18.7
HarleyD	1.45	14	48.95	-3.05	-16.1
HertzGl	...	...	16.11	+.36	-25.3
HP Ent n	.26	19	17.15	-.08	-1.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	37.12	+.34	+11.3
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	41.66	-.06	+20.0
iShEMkts	.84e	...	43.35	+.13	+23.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.25	+.06	+14.8
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	88.60	+.04	+2.4
iShR2K	1.77e	...	141.89	-.37	+5.1
Intel	1.09f	15	34.53	+.06	-4.8

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InterDig	1.20	9	77.35	+1.50	-15.3
JD.com	...	...	42.99	+1.36	+69.0
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	91.07	-.32	+5.5
JohnJn	3.36	20	134.46	+2.31	+16.7
KimbClk	3.88	21	124.57	-.12	+9.2
Kroger s	.50f	11	22.55	-.32	-34.7
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.24	-.01	-41.5
Lubys	...	...	2.88	-.02	-32.7
MarathnO	.20	...	11.68	+.09	-32.5
MarvellTch	.24	51	16.21	-.05	+16.9
McDnlds	3.76	28	153.96	-1.30	+26.5
Merck	1.88	17	62.41	-.20	+6.0
MeritMed	...	47	37.15	-.40	+40.2
MexcoEn	...	...	5.00	-.01	...
MicronT	...	12	31.90	+.18	+45.5
Microsoft	1.56	30	73.30	-.05	+18.0
Moleculin n	...	...	2.05	+.35	-10.1
MorgStan	.80	13	45.14	-.19	+6.8
NRG Egy	.12	...	23.42	+.50	+91.0
Nabors	.24	...	7.53	-.01	-54.1
NOilVarco	.20	26	33.88	-.10	-9.5
Netflix s	...	...	183.60	+21.90	+48.3
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.14	-.17	+27.7
Novavax	...	...	1.45	+.31	+15.1
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.75	+.07	+4.1
NTXQI	.65	...	14.40	-.03	+5.0
Nvidia	.56	53	165.96	+1.71	+55.5
OcciPet	3.08f	...	60.24	+.20	-15.4
Oracle	.76f	23	50.45	+.01	+31.7
PDC Engy	...	...	43.82	-.40	-39.6
ParTech	...	21	8.70	+.03	+55.9
ParkDrl	...	...	1.30	...	-50.0
PattUTI	.08	...	20.23	+.12	-24.9
PayPal n	...	47	58.96	+1.38	+49.4
Penney	...	16	4.92	-.18	-40.8
PennaRE	.84	8	11.91	...	-37.2
Prmian	.63e	26	9.24	+.11	+19.8
Petrobras	...	...	8.58	+.12	-15.1
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.36	+.11	+2.7
PioNtrl	.08	...	161.50	-1.33	-10.3
PlainsAAP	2.20	30	26.85	+.42	-16.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	143.14	+.95	+20.8
Praxair	3.15	24	134.16	-.38	+14.5
PrnnEgy	...	...	47.50	...	-12.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	31.66	-.80	...

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ProctGam	2.76f	23	86.64	+1.09	+5.4
QEP Res	.08	...	9.02	-.35	-51.0
RangeRs	.08	31	22.14	-.35	-35.6
RegionsFn	.36f	16	14.54	-.16	+1.3
RiteAid	...	43	2.58	+.27	-68.7
Rowan	.40	5	11.03	+.05	-41.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	82	53.98	+.35	-.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	215.70	-.52	+9.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	245.66	+.13	+9.9
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	37.26	+.05	+2.2
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	31.50	-.39	-23.9
SabnR	2.24e	18	39.00	+.05	+11.0
SanderFm	.96	12	119.43	+.11	+26.7
Schlmbrg	2.00	66	66.18	-.65	-21.2
SiriusXM	.04	36	5.41	-.05	+21.6
Smucker	3.00	15	116.48	-2.09	-9.0
SnapInc A n	...	...	14.73	-.40	-39.8
SwstnEngy	...	...	5.84	-.25	-46.0
Sprint	...	...	8.45	+.06	+.4
SP Engy	2.04e	...	65.01	-.31	-13.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.80	-.04	+6.7
SP Tech	.78e	...	57.13	+.26	+18.1
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	10.76	...	+17.0
Tesoro	2.20	16	97.11	+.07	+11.0
3M Co	4.70	26	211.31	-.37	+18.3
Torchmark	.60	17	78.09	-.28	+5.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn	...	8	8.35	-.01	-43.4
TriContl	.98e	...	24.69	-.04	+12.0
Twitter	...	...	19.98	+.04	+22.6
TylerTech	...	56	176.06	-.06	+23.3
UBSI	1.32	19	37.45	+.05	-19.0
US OilFd	...	...	9.54	+.09	-18.6
USSteel	.20	...	23.34	-.01	-29.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.42	+.12	+23.6
ValeantPh	...	3	17.16	-.21	+18.2
ValeroE	2.80	18	67.51	+.06	-1.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.14	+.16	+5.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	42.37	+.07	+18.4
VerizonCm	2.31	11	43.36	-.30	-18.8
Vipshop	...	24	11.49	+.44	+4.4
VulcanM	1.00	39	123.03	-1.65	-1.7
WEC Engy	2.08	22	62.11	+.51	+5.9
WalgBoots	1.60f	16	78.67	-.51	-4.9
Weathfintl	...	...	4.23	-.06	-15.2
WellsFargo	1.52	13	54.80	+.09	-.6
WhitingPet			5.13	-.04	-57.3
WholeFood	.72f	30	41.76	-.13	+35.8
WmsCos	1.20	45	31.15	-.29	...
XcelEngy	1.44f	22	46.40	+.28	+14.0
Xerox rs		10	29.30	-.05	+27.4
Yamana g	.02	...	2.51	+.06	-10.7

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21,681.53	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,574.73	-54.99	-.25	+9.17	+16.25
9,763.66	7,622.92	Dow Jones Transportation	9,633.05	-65.15	-.67	+6.51	+21.00
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	711.78	+1.67	+.24	+7.91	+.13
11,918.17	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,877.42	-13.09	-.11	+7.42	+10.40
6,341.70	5,028.24	Nasdaq Composite	6,344.31	+29.88	+.47	+17.86	+25.97
2,463.54	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,460.61	+1.47	+.06	+9.91	+13.72
1,771.05	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,763.04	-5.11	-.29	+6.17	+14.32
25,615.39	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,587.72	+10.22	+.04	+9.23	+14.22
1,434.44	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,427.61	-3.99	-.28	+5.19	+18.92

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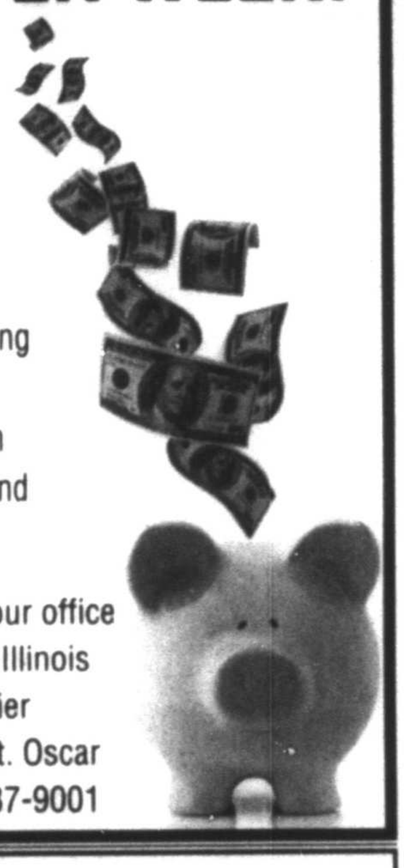

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELLS

CrownQuest Operating, LLC, c/o PO Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for permits to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into formations that are not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: Siluirian/Ellenburger(formation), Wrage 28 (lease), Well Number: 3D. The proposed disposal well is located 5.7 miles in a SE direction from: Spraberry, in the An Adkins (Ellenburger) field, in Glasscock County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,100 to 14,000 feet.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: Grayburg/San Andres formation, Wrage 16 lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 4.7 miles SE of Spraberry, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Glasscock County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3850-4770 feet.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: Grayburg/San Andres formation, Wrage 33 lease, Well Number 2D. The proposed disposal well is located 5.7 miles SE of Spraberry, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Glasscock County, TX. Fluid will be disposed into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3850-4770 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512-463-6792).

Legal and Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

Single Plane Cardiovascular Angiography System
for
Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital located at 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland TX 79701 on or after **Wednesday, July 17th, 2017.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **2:00 PM, Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1221-071917"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **August 2nd, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director, Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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Bids must include all software and hardware necessary to support 300 endpoints, Automated Attendant Capability, Custom Paging Groups, Masked Outbound Caller ID as the site location number, Ring Groups, Incoming Caller ID, Voicemail, and must be fully hosted (No hardware to put on premise other than endpoints).

In addition, bids must also include all costs for hardware and software support/maintenance for the first 3 years, as well as, the costs for all applications or tools necessary to configure, monitor and manage the phone system.

A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained by submitting a written or faxed request for the RFP to:

Permian Basin
Community Centers
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Midland, Texas 79701
Contact: Chris Barnhill
purchasing@pbmhmr.com
Phone: 432-570-3369
Fax: 432-570-3426

Completed proposals will be due no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 2nd, 2017.

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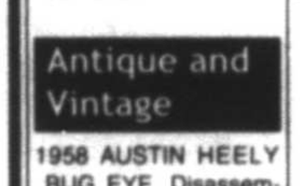

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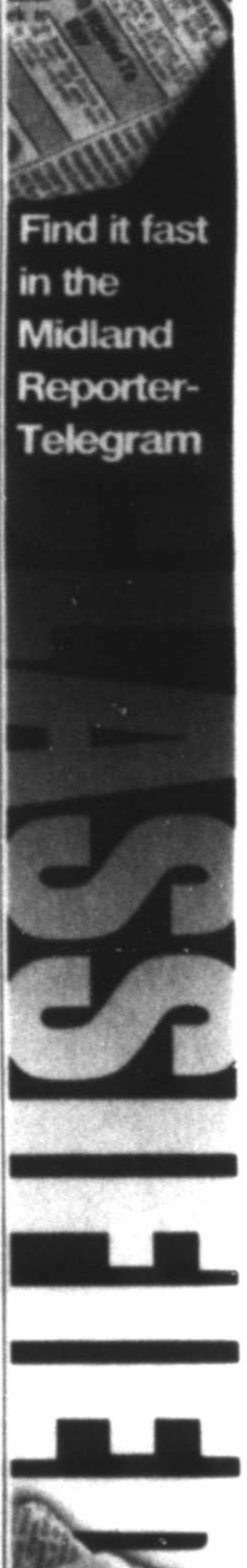

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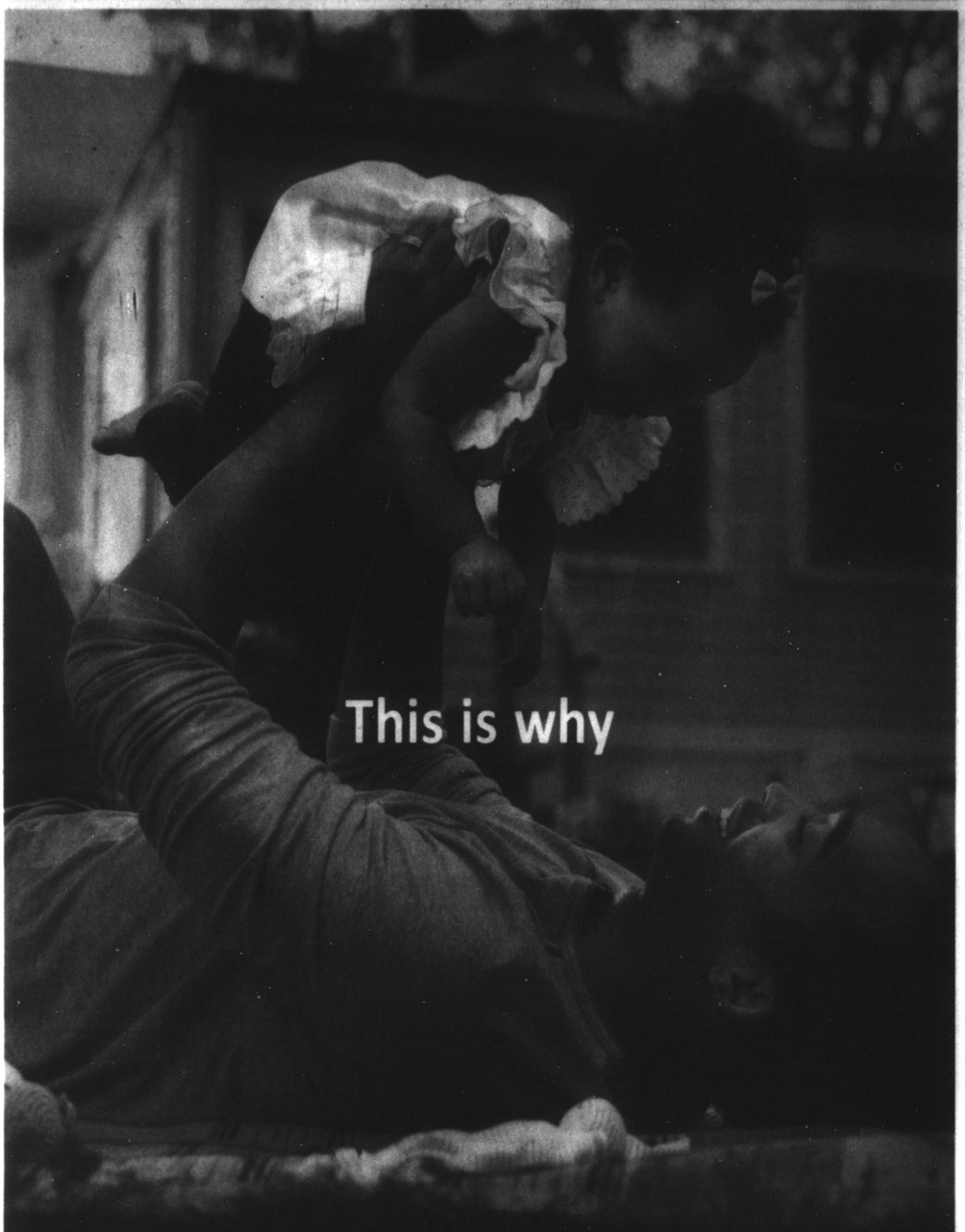

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