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Council to earmark Scharbauer operations funds

Once 4B board is terminated, leftover funds will move into General Fund

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council has taken the first step toward earmarking the money left over from the collection of the 4B tax and dedicating it specifically for maintenance and operations of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

In Tuesday's meeting, the council dissolved the Midland Football-Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corp. That was expected as part of the aftermath of the failed May election that would have extended a quarter-cent sales tax for parks improvements and sports complex operations/maintenance.

But council members want to be able to earmark remaining funds now that the complex has been paid off. City Finance Director Pam Simecka told the council there still are some fees to pay, but currently there is around $26.5 million. She also said the sales tax will continue to be paid through Sept. 30. Beginning Oct. 1, the city's sales tax will return to 8 percent.

There should be more millions to be generated by the tax even with the Sept. 30 end of the tax. Sales tax reports reflect spending from two months before. The June report reflected spending in April. That means there will be another seven reports of collections to reflect spending taking place from May through September. Last year, the quarter-cent tax raised more than $3.7 million during those five months.

Once state officials terminate the 4B board, those leftover funds will move into the city's General Fund, according to Simecka. The council then would have to give Simecka the authority to move those

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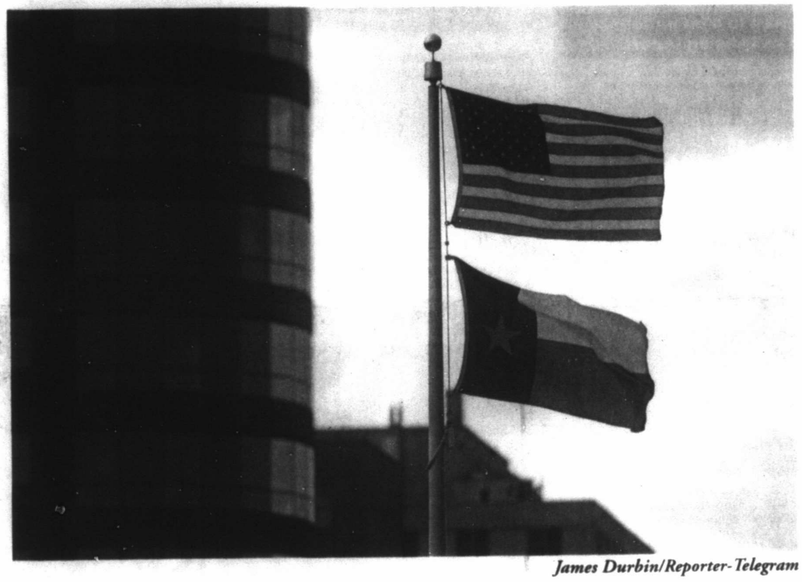

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A United States flag flies over a Texas state flag outside the Midland Municipal Court building Tuesday.

Big solar projects potential boon for rural areas

By Ryan Maye Handy
Houston Chronicle

Utility-scale solar power is poised to become a boon for Texas' rural economies, particularly those hit by the oil downturn.

In Pecos County, the oil and gas industry accounted for about 90 percent of the county's tax revenues, said Helen Brauner, director of origination strategy for 7x Energy, an Austin-based utility-scale solar company. But that tax revenue plunged during the oil downturn, she said, and has yet to recover.

But renewable energy is helping to restore some of Pecos' lost tax base, said Brauner. The county already hosts 400 megawatts of solar power and 700 megawatts of wind power.

"The typical 100 megawatt solar project should give the county about $30 million in property tax revenue per year," Brauner said Tuesday at a summit on solar power in Austin.

Most of the solar power in Texas comes from utility-scale projects, which are greater than 1 megawatt, or enough to power 200 homes on a hot Texas day. Texas has lagged behind in the spread of solar energy, in part because the state offers no incentives for solar power. Nonetheless, solar industry analysts and executives expect utility-scale solar to grow in Texas.

Utility-scale installations are expected to double this year in Texas, according to data from the Solar Energy Industries Association, a national trade group.

There are at least three utility-scale solar projects planned for Pecos County. One project, the 154-megawatt Buckthorn solar farm owned by NRG Energy, will help power Georgetown, a city of around 60,000 outside of Austin. The project is expected to be completed in 2018.

MISD not likely to add more crisis counselors, nurses

By Stewart Doreen
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A pair of Student Health Advisory Council recommendations face trouble when the Midland ISD board of trustees put together next year's budget.

SHAC recommendations presented Monday to the MISD board included replacing a crisis counselor lost this year and adding six more to support the mental health needs of students across the district.

The second recommendation was to add a full-time nurse at Early College High School and a pair of "float nurses" to provide alternating day coverage for Coleman High School and the MAP campus and for campuses requiring relief coverage when a substitute is needed.

Midland board members weren't optimistic that additional staff could be hired because of budget concerns. Karen Nicholson told SHAC co-chairs Degen Fricker and Mike Mills that adding six crisis counselors "probably isn't going to happen."

The SHAC report indicated the current status equates to one crisis counselor for every 6,000 students. It also said the district's lead crisis counselor is leaving for private practice and that one of the counselors is paid for — not by the district — but by the Midland ISD Education Foundation.

Fricker said when her family arrived in Midland that the community was dealing with five suicides that impacted the local student population. The SHAC plan calls for a continued focus on the district's mental health programs and the continued need by those in the community to be vigilant and proactive. She said factors such as Midland's transient population — and therefore students being put into new situations — should be taken into account. She also said social media helps plant seeds that are negative

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The big number
37 midsized SUVs were tested, and only 2 were found to have safe headlights. Page 5A

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indubitable
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Protesters chase after indicted Texas deputy and husband

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dozens of protesters chased after a Houston-area sheriff's deputy and her husband following their court appearance Tuesday on murder charges in the death of a man they confronted outside a restaurant.

At one point, the protesters surrounded the car the couple entered outside the courthouse and temporarily blocked it from driving off.

Attorneys for Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Chauna Thompson and her husband, Terry Thompson, said Tuesday prosecutors rushed to present the case to a grand jury and did so because of the couple's ties to law enforcement.

The couple is accused of causing the death of John Hernandez, 24, who died three days after the May 28 confrontation outside a Denny's restaurant in Sheldon, located 17 miles northeast of Houston.

The couple made their first court appearance in the case Tuesday since each was indicted for murder last week. The Thompsons said little during the hearing and didn't enter pleas. Chauna Thompson has been suspended from her job without pay.

About 60 protesters were outside the courthouse during the hearing, some holding signs saying, "Justice for John."

When the Thompsons left the courthouse and walked to a waiting car, protesters followed, with many chanting "murderers" in Spanish. Some protesters slammed their fists on the hood or kicked the sides of the vehicle.

Melissa Phillip/Houston Chronicle)/Houston Chronicle via AP

Supporters of John Hernandez protest outside Harris County Annex 21, 49 San Jacinto St., after the court appearance of Harris County Sheriff's deputy Chauna Thompson and her husband, Terry Thompson, on Tuesday. The couple were indicted on murder charges in the death of Hernandez, who died in the hospital on May 31 following the May 28 confrontation with the couple outside a Denny's restaurant. A medical examiner ruled that he died of lack of oxygen to the brain caused by strangulation and chest compression.

Deputies had to move the protesters so the car could drive away.

Ramon Hernandez, John Hernandez's 73-year-old grandfather and who was one of the protesters Tuesday, said he's upset how the case has been handled, believing the Thompsons have received special treatment.

"Nobody does anything. They are protecting them. That's why I feel bad," he said in Spanish.

But attorneys for the Thompsons contend the deputy and her husband have been treated unfairly in the case.

"My client probably would not be indicted but for her job title," attorney Greg Cagle, who represents Chauna Thompson, 45, said following the hearing.

Attorney Scot Courtney, who is representing Terry Thompson, 41, said he's "never seen a case taken to a grand jury this quickly."

The Harris County District Attorney's Office denied the claims, saying prosecutors are dedicated to an orderly process in the case.

Authorities allege Terry Thompson confronted an intoxicated Hernandez after seeing him urinate in public and placed him in a chokehold. Chauna Thompson, who was off duty at the time, arrived later to help her husband subdue and restrain Hernandez. Cagle contends that Chauna Thompson barely touched Hernandez.

Hernandez was hospitalized and died May 31. A medical examiner ruled that he died of lack of oxygen to the brain caused by strangulation and chest compression.

The Thompsons, who are each free on $100,000 bonds, will next be in court July 14.

Hernandez's family late Monday filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the Thompsons, asking for at least $1 million in damages.

Cagle said he had not yet seen the lawsuit and declined to comment.

Randall Kallinen, an attorney for the Hernandez family, alleges the actions of deputies who investigated the case, including not interviewing all potential witnesses at the scene, are examples of preferential treatment Chauna Thompson and her husband received. The Harris County Sheriff's Office is conducting an internal affairs review of the actions of deputies who responded to the scene.

The Thompsons "should have been arrested at the scene. I don't know what the quick rush to judgment is," Kallinen said.

Sandra Guerra Thompson, a professor at the University of Houston Law Center, who is not related to Chauna and Terry Thompson, said she wasn't surprised that the case went before a grand jury a little over a week after Hernandez's death because it was "not a super complicated case." She said if it had been an officer-involved shooting, such a case would have probably taken longer to present to a grand jury because it would require more investigation and review of evidence.

Southwestern states rank among lowest in child well-being

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Three Southwestern states are ranked near the bottom when it comes to child well-being, with New Mexico the lowest among its neighbors.

The annual Kids Count report released Tuesday by the Annie E. Casey Foundation ranks New Mexico 49th, ahead of only Mississippi. Louisiana, Nevada and Arizona fill in the rest of the five lowest rankings.

The report considers numerous measures such as poverty rates, reading proficiency and teen birth rates, and the map of 2017 rankings show clear regional patterns where states in the northeastern part of the country are leading the way. Meanwhile, the 18 lowest ranking states — many of which have low levels of household income — were in the Southwest and southeastern regions.

New Mexico, a state that historically has among the highest poverty rates, has struggled for years to move up in the Kids Count rankings.

Still, advocates have found reason to celebrate this year given a seven-spot jump to No. 37 when it comes to health. They say the percentage of children without health insurance in New Mexico is now lower than the national average.

"This is great for the state because when children have insurance they are more likely to get well-baby and well-child checkups, vaccinations, vision and hearing screenings and other preventive care that helps ensure healthy development and helps them do their best in school," said James Jimenez, executive director of New Mexico Voices for Children, the advocacy group that runs the Kids Count program in the state.

Arizona also saw a drop in the number of children going without insurance, but advocates there warned that any changes to state and federal policies for government-funded programs could result in a backslide.

Arizona saw the number of children living in poverty inch up along with the number of children living in single-parent families. Overall, the state slipped to 46th.

New Mexico ranks last in education with a high percentage of fourth graders not proficient in reading — an issue Republican Gov. Susana Martinez has been unsuccessful in tackling. Some lawmakers have rebuffed her efforts to end the practice of so-called social promotion, or the passing of third graders onto the next level despite not meeting literacy standards.

Opponents of student retention say it doesn't necessarily improve reading skills and can interfere with social and academic development.

Nevada ranked second to last in education for having one of the highest percentages — 66 percent — of young children not participating in early learning programs.

According to the Kids Count report, quality pre-kindergarten programs play a role in preparing children for success. Although the expansion of state-funded programs since the 1990s have increased access to preschool and kindergarten, researchers found many children, especially those in low-income families, continue to be left out and that's exacerbating socio-economic differences in academic achievement.

In New Mexico, state officials say they have made strides when it comes to early childhood education and plan to build on their success by getting more families signed up for government-funded child care assistance.

Henry Varela, a spokesman for the state Children, Youth and Families Department, said improving the quality of life for children remains the agency's top priority and that despite improvements in nearly all categories, there's still work to be done.

Online:
2017 Kids Count Data Book:
http://bit.ly/2suIVWn

Texas improves to 41st nationally in child well-being report

AUSTIN — A much-watched annual report shows Texas making slight improvements but still remaining among the 10 worst states to be a kid.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2017 Kids Count assessment released Tuesday ranked Texas 41st, two spots better than last year.

Texas has remained low ranking despite a fast-growing, richly diverse population and an economy that's strong despite the prolonged oil-price slump.

About 680,000 Texas children, or 9 percent of the youth population, lack health insurance. Though still high, that's actually down from 2010, when 14 percent of Texas children were uninsured.

Another improving figure is that about 1.6 million Texas children live in poverty. That's around 100,000 less than last year, but still represents about one in every four kids. Twenty-one percent of youngsters nationwide live in poverty.

Associated Press

Chief: Texas officer made errors in confrontation with woman

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A Texas police chief said Tuesday that an officer he suspended following a videotaped arrest of a woman and her daughters made multiple errors in responding to a call that a neighbor allegedly assaulted the woman's son.

Fort Worth Chief Joel Fitzgerald said during an appeal hearing for officer William Martin that Martin was disrespectful and used excessive force in his December confrontation with Jacqueline Craig and her two teenage daughters.

Cellphone video of the confrontation, which one of Craig's daughters recorded and posted to social media, was widely viewed and prompted claims of racism. The officer is white, and Craig and her daughters are black. Fitzgerald has denied that race played a role in the arrest.

Martin is appealing his 10-day unpaid suspension, which he has already served.

Fitzgerald said during the hearing that Martin also failed to check on Craig's 7-year-old son, who allegedly was choked by a neighbor who saw the boy litter. The neighbor was later charged with misdemeanor assault.

"The first mistake he made, which pretty much led to the devolving of the encounter, was to not check the scene to see if there was an injured child," Fitzgerald said during the hearing, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Martin began talking with Craig soon after responding to the disturbance and at one point asked her, "Why don't you teach your son not to litter?"

The conversation turned into an argument and then escalated to the point where Martin forced Craig to the ground, pointed a stun gun at her and her daughters, and then arrested the three on multiple charges, including disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. All the charges were later dropped.

STATEBRIEFS

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PECOS

Ex-judge pleads guilty in probe linked to senator

Prosecutors say a former West Texas county judge has pleaded guilty to federal charges as part of a public corruption investigation linked to an indicted state senator.

Former Reeves County Judge Jimmy Galindo pleaded guilty Monday to bribery and another charge.

Prosecutors say Galindo conspired with state Sen. Carlos Uresti to have a company win a contract to provide medical services for inmates at a correctional center in Reeves County.

Authorities say Galindo and Uresti from 2007 to last year split a $10,000 monthly payment from the company's owner.

The 53-year-old Galindo was the county judge for more than 10 years before leaving office in 2006. He's scheduled to be sentenced in August.

Uresti, a Democrat from San Antonio, last month pleaded not guilty to fraud and bribery-related charges.

ABILENE

Man dies after weekend shooting by sheriff's deputy

An Abilene man has died almost three days after he was shot by a sheriff's deputy trying to serve him with a felony warrant.

The Texas Rangers revealed that 60-year-old Emmett Hall died early Tuesday of a wound from a Saturday night shooting.

Taylor County deputies were serving a warrant for driving while intoxicated after a Saturday traffic accident. In a statement, the Rangers said Hall threatened the deputies with a knife, prompting a deputy to shoot him.

The deputy is on paid administrative leave pending review of the incident.

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adjective
1. that cannot be doubted; patently evident or certain; unquestionable.

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Today is Flag Day

Americans take this day to honor the U.S. flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. It's also the day that the U.S. Army celebrates its birthday.

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days.

Source: timeanddate.com

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (689-0177)
■ Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Tryday and Yesterday (631-3429)

Valedictorian Samiksha Deme speaks during the Lee High School commencement ceremony on June 3 at Chaparral Center. The list of graduates that appeared in Tuesday's edition did not include LHS' top students because Midland ISD inadvertently omitted the names. These students' names will be published in Tuesday's edition. *James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram*

Things to do

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

■ Kids Cooking Classes: Chinese. Participants ages 4-14 will learn about kitchen basics, cooking techniques and more. 3-4:30 p.m., Hight Foods, 3320 N. Midkiff Road. $50. Register online, hightfoods.com.

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

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

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

■ TCM Big Screen Classics: "Some Like It Hot," 2 and 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

■ Dome shows at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.: "Oasis in Space," noon; "Super Volcanoes," 2 p.m.; "Astronaut," 4 p.m. museumsw.org.

Pool schedule today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon-7 p.m.

Entry fee is $3 a person; children under 2 are free.

Book drive

United Way of Midland is conducting a book drive through Friday. The donated books — new or gently used — will be distributed to local nonprofits that provide summer services for children.

The books may be dropped off at United Way, 1209 W. Wall St., Midland Shared Spaces, 3500 N. "A" St., all Wells Fargo branches, and Energen Resources, 3510 N. "A" St.

For more information, contact United Way at 685-7700 or Educate Midland at info@educatemidland.org.

Today in History

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag, declaring "Resolved, that the Flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 0-1-7
Pick 3 day: 7-0-8
Pick 3 evening: 9-1-1
Pick 3 night: 9-8-8
Daily 4 morning: 4-0-9-9
Daily 4 day: 9-6-6-0
Daily 4 evening: 9-6-8-2
Daily 4 night: 0-3-0-2
Cash Five: 8-13-18-27-32
Texas Triple Chance: 2-7-15-18-23-30-36-38-42-55

Mega Millions: 27-51-62-68-75 MB: 8 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-7-9-10-11-13-14-15-19-21-23
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-9-10-11-12-13-15-19-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-5-6-9-11-17-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-4-5-7-8-12-13-15-19-21-22-24

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High	100
Low	71
Normal high	93
Normal low	67

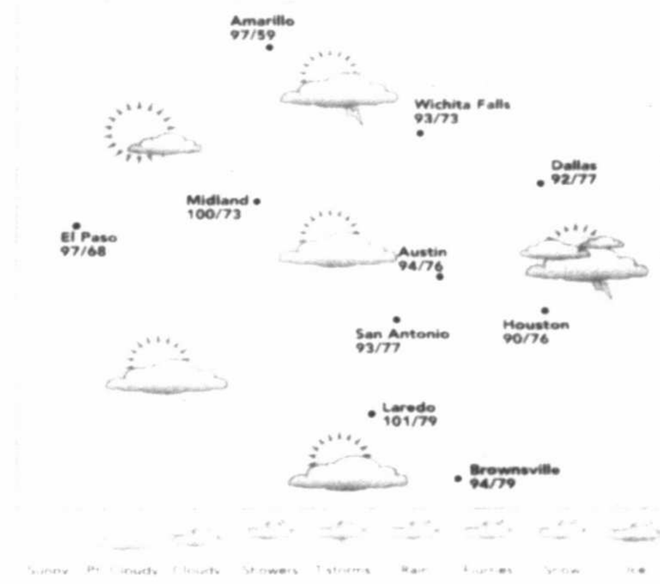
June 13's records
Record high: 104 set in 1998 and equaled in 2009
Record low: 54 set in 1979

Precipitation

Monday	0.52 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.91 in.
Year total	6.60 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.08 in.

Winds
Highest sustained: 22 mph
Highest gust: 30 mph

June 14 forecast
High: 99



Low: 75

Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 during the day and night

Chance of rain: 30 percent during the day/10 percent at night

Sunrise 6:42 a.m.
Sunset 8:56 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 Gemini and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 14, 2017:

This year you will go with the flow as you rarely have before. You have the unique ability to read between the lines when others speak. Some of you will return to school to enhance your expertise. Many of you will do more traveling. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone of significance while out living your life. Know that this person could be a foreigner. If you are attached, the two of you share many mutual goals. As a couple, you are likely to make one of your shared desires a reality. AQUARIUS understands you, and vice versa.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You understand what is happening between a partner and a close friend. Try not to step into the middle of an argument. You might need to minimize your involvement in this particular situation. Know that this, too, shall pass. **Tonight:** Listen to music, and let your mind wander.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★ A partner reads your mood, even if you try to hide where you are coming from. You can trust that what you say in a conversation with this person will stay between the two of you. This person tends to be moodier than many others. **Tonight:** Make time for a difficult loved one.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★ Others could be somewhat off. How you deal with a key person might change because of a new revelation. Don't make any harsh judgments until you have all the facts. Take your time to integrate new information before taking any action. **Tonight:** Take an overview while relaxing.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You need to pace yourself, as you have a lot on your mind. Make time for a discussion with a loved one. Sharing what is on your mind will help. You could be more concerned than you realize. A talk helps eliminate the issue. **Tonight:** Opt for a cozy few hours after dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will be amazed by what is going on between you and others. You might find that when you pull back, many of your associates become more forceful. A loved one could be distressed or upset, but you will be able to help him or her get through it. **Tonight:** Be playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You'll stay above the fray today. Your daily routine will be affected by an unexpected event. You might be sitting on some feelings that you have chosen not to share with others. A family issue will be solved if you are willing to discuss it. **Tonight:** Finish up a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a project. You might feel cornered by your options. Know that you will find a different way of handling a difficult person. Be open to a friend's suggestion, and don't automatically disqualify it. **Tonight:** Be a little naughty.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might feel somewhat distressed by your present lack of funds. You are in the process of saving some money for a nest egg. Security on the homefront comes in many forms. Make sure a roommate or suitor is on the same page. **Tonight:** Head home with a favorite dessert.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Keep conversations moving, even if you feel depressed. It is necessary that you honor a sudden change of pace. You could be somewhat disappointed that you need to deal with this, but you will rise to the occasion. **Tonight:** Expect a loved one to be very careful right now.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to someone who knows your expectations. You are on top of your game and are able to take on extra responsibility. Good news always comes forward when you are willing to fill in for someone else. Have a long-overdue conversation. **Tonight:** Make it your treat.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Touch base with a friend. You might be considering an early weekend. Look at potential travel plans, and contemplate going on a fun getaway. But be financially reasonable and responsible; you don't want to break your budget. Count your change. **Tonight:** As you like it.

PISCES
(Feb.19-March 20)
★★★ You seem to be keeping a lot to yourself. You might not be able to change your direction right now. Wait until you are ready to have a discussion with a trusted friend before deciding on a course of action. A partnership will come through for you. **Tonight:** Do your own thing.

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Singer/songwriter Boy George (1961), singer Burl Ives (1909), author Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811)

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Uber recommendations show company was 'out of control'

By Tom Krisher and Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — It's clear from former Attorney General Eric Holder's recommendations on how to fix Uber's dysfunctional management that the male-dominated company grew huge without even the most basic procedures to prevent sexual harassment, bullying and other bad behavior.

The 13-page document from Holder's firm Covington & Burling LLP released Tuesday exposes a startup-turned-goliath that permitted misconduct, had few policies to protect employees and ran with little board supervision.

The recommendations, adopted unanimously by Uber's board, show clearly that the next version of Uber, called 2.0 by CEO co-founder Travis Kalanick, will have to be much different from the free-wheeling company that flouted regulations and disrupted the taxi business to become the world's largest ride-hailing company.

Kalanick told employees Tuesday that he'd be taking an indefinite leave of absence.

The Holder investigation started after former engineer Susan Fowler posted a blog in February detailing harassment during the year she spent at Uber, writing that she was propositioned by her manager on her first day with an engineering team. She reported him to human resources, but was told he would get a lecture and no further punishment because he was a "high performer," she wrote.

After interviewing 200 witnesses, Holder had to make such basic recommendations as setting clear policies to protect workers from harassment, and that the human resources department get a better handle on keeping records and tracking employee complaints. It even suggests such simple procedures as using performance reviews to hold leaders accountable and requiring all employees to turn in receipts so the company can make sure expenses match its values.

The recommendations "definitely paint a picture of a company that was out of control and pretty chaotic," says Elizabeth Ames, a senior vice president at the Anita Borg Institute, a nonprofit aimed at advancing women in the technology business.

Holder also suggests that Uber change its written cultural values to promote positive behavior, inclusion and collaboration. The company should eliminate values that justified poor behavior, such as "Let Builders Build," "Always Be Hustlin'," "Meritocracy and Toe-Stepping" and "Principled Confrontation."

Holder also called for trimming Kalanick's job duties, shifting day-to-day functions to a yet-to-be-hired chief operating officer. During Kalanick's leave, his leadership team will run the troubled company.

Kalanick wrote that he needs time off to grieve for his mother, who died in a May boating accident. He also said he's responsible for the company's situation and needs to become a better leader — echoing comments the 40-year-old CEO made earlier this year after a heated argument with an Uber driver over pay was captured on video.

Uber's board said it would review Kalanick's responsibilities and reassign some to others.

Ames said the recommendations were strong but indicated Uber had few policies, and the ones it had were not followed.

The board unanimously approved the recommendations Sunday, including a suggestion that a senior executive be tasked with making sure they are implemented. Apparently because of distrust of some leaders, Holder recommended that care be taken to make sure the executive "is viewed positively by the employees."

The company released only Holder's recommendations, not his full report, citing the need to protect employees who complained.

Liane Hornsey, Uber's chief human resources officer who started in January, said implementing the recommendations "will improve our culture, promote fairness and accountability, and establish processes and systems to ensure the mistakes of the past will not be repeated."

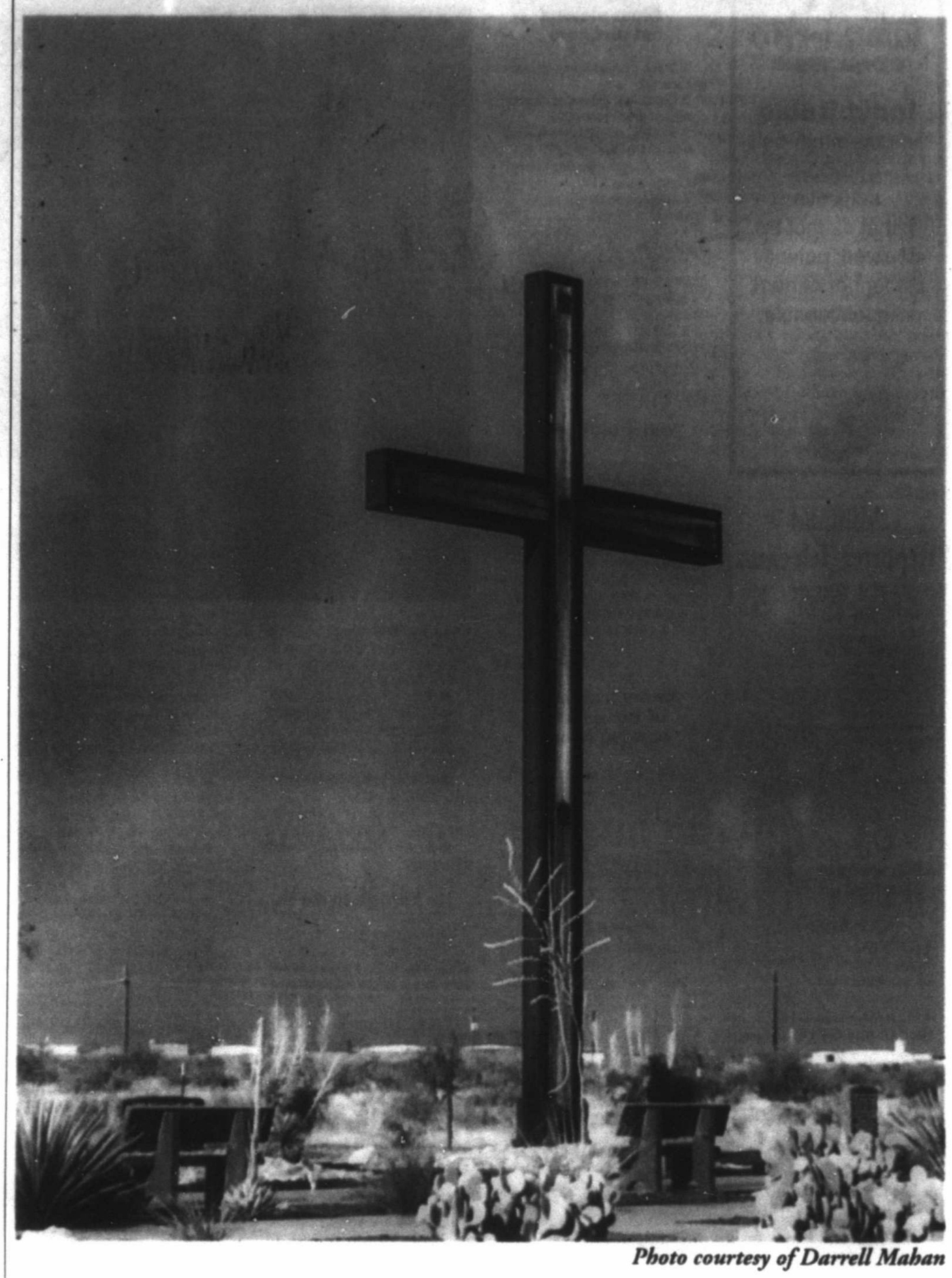
Holder also recommended adding independent directors and replacing the board chairman, co-founder Garrett Camp, with an independent person. The board currently has eight voting members, three from within the company.

Uber was also advised to make sure its workforce is more diverse. The company's diversity figures are similar to the rest of Silicon Valley, with low numbers for women and underrepresented minorities. In the U.S., less than a third of the company's workers are female.

In addition, the report says that diversity and inclusiveness should be a key value for Uber that's included in management training.

After Fowler posted her blog, Uber Technologies Inc. made changes in human resources and opened a 24-hour hotline for employees. Last week, the company fired 20 people including some managers at the recommendation of Perkins Coie, which separately investigated 215 employee complaints.

REMEMBERING HIS PROMISE



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The thunderstorm that rolled through Midland on Monday night left more than a half inch of rain and a rainbow over the cross that is off the south service road of State Highway 191 between Faudree Road and Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Jury in Bill Cosby sex assault case adjourns without verdict

Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Jurors in the Bill Cosby sexual assault case, weighing charges that could send him to prison for the rest of his life, drilled down Tuesday on what the TV star said happened inside his suburban Philadelphia home and how he characterized his relationship with the accuser.

But they didn't come up with a verdict.

The jury ended a second day of deliberations without reaching a decision on whether Cosby drugged and molested a woman at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004, quitting for the night around 9 p.m. Jurors have spent a total of about 16 hours over two days discussing the case and going over evidence with the judge.

On Tuesday, they reviewed more than a dozen passages from a deposition Cosby gave last decade, listening to excerpts on a wide range of topics, from Cosby's first meeting with Andrea Constand to the night in 2004 she says he drugged and violated her.

As he described reaching into Constand's pants, Cosby testified, "I go into the area that is somewhere between permission and rejection. I am not stopped."

Cosby is charged sexually assaulting Constand, 44. His lawyer has said they were lovers sharing a consensual sexual encounter.

The 79-year-old entertainer did not take the stand at his trial, but prosecutors used his deposition testimony — given in 2005 and 2006 as part of Constand's civil suit against him — as evidence.

As they pored over Cosby's words, the jurors appeared to struggle with some language in one of the charges against him: "without her knowledge." The jury asked about the phrasing Tuesday morning, but Judge Steven O'Neill said he could not define it for them.

The jury is considering three counts of felony aggravated indecent assault. The third count covers Cosby's alleged use of pills to impair Constand before groping her breast and genitals.

Outside the courthouse, Constand's lawyers blasted the Cosby team for releasing a statement from a woman who had been blocked from testifying at the trial.

MISD

From 1A

"In Midland, we help each other," Fricker said. "It would be great if a foundation could come in and help fund those positions."

She also said that perhaps statewide foundations could help bring more support for the 24,000-plus students on Midland ISD's 37 campuses.

The SHAC plan also called for more nurses because the number of families without health care coverage is having an impact on the district. Fricker said the number of students showing up at school with the flu, bronchitis and pneumonia has tripled, and there is not sufficient staffing to handle the extra work.

According to the SHAC report:

- the nurse at San Jacinto Junior High (with its 738 students) is also the emergency on-call nurse at Early College High School (and its 292 students);
- the nurse at Carver Center is the emergency on-call nurse at Coleman High School; and
- the nurse at Sam Houston Elementary is the emergency on-call nurse at Midland Alternative Program (MAP).

Nursing substitutes are difficult to fill because of the low pay, and hiring two floating nurses would provide alternating day coverage for Coleman and MAP campuses and for campuses requiring relief coverage when a substitute is needed, according to the report.

LOCALBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

City: Child involved in pool incident released from hospital

The 8-year-old boy involved in an incident at the Washington Aquatic Center has been released from a Lubbock hospital, according to a city of Midland spokeswoman.

Last week, the 8-year-old was transported to the hospital after he was pulled from a pool at Washington Aquatic Center in an unconscious state. City officials said he was transported to Lubbock in "critical" condition. Hospital officials said Friday the boy was still in "serious" condition.

On Monday, the child was no longer in the system at Lubbock's Covenant Hospital, according to a hospital spokesperson.

City officials said last week that they will be reviewing accounts of what happened at Washington Aquatic Center to determine if proper protocol was followed, according to the training the staff receives.

Midlander dies in 2-vehicle wreck near Marfa

A 42-year-old Midland man died early Tuesday morning in a two-vehicle wreck in Presidio County, 8 miles east of Marfa.

Eric Keith Payne was driving a Dodge Caravan westbound on U.S. Highway 67 and collided head-on with an eastbound Nissan XTerra, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Payne, who was not wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.

The Nissan driver suffered "incapacitating injuries," according to the release. Two passengers suffered "non-incapacitating injuries;" a third passenger was not injured. The driver and passengers were wearing seat belts.

The wreck occurred 12:10 a.m. Tuesday.

COUNCILBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Council approves request for ice cream festival

The council on Tuesday approved a temporary land use permit that means event organizers will again have a summer ice cream festival downtown.

MODE Communications will have its festival from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 29-30. The location will be on North Colorado Street between Texas Avenue and Wall Street. There will be ice cream vendors, a toppings bar, an inflatable water slide, activity tents, food trucks and live music.

City Council approves alcohol license for LongHorn Steakhouse

The Midland City Council approved an alcohol license on Tuesday for yet-to-be constructed Long-Horn Steakhouse, which will be built at Midland Park Mall.

The council approved the request to build Long-Horn Steakhouse in April. City documents indicate the Longhorn Steakhouse restaurant will be 5,842 square feet and will have 106 parking spaces. The city of Midland issued a building permit in late May.

Currently, the closest LongHorn Steakhouse is in Lubbock.

Developers told the Reporter-Telegram that the restaurant is expected to open this fall.

FUNDS

From 1A

funds into the Sports Complex Operating Fund or they could approve a budget amendment that gives Simecka the authority to move the funds as part of the 2018 budget process.

Council members said Tuesday that the expectation of many people in the community is that money raised by the 4B tax will be used for matters at the dual-stadium facility. Leaving that money in the general fund, they have said, doesn't meet the original intent of the tax. Also, the city currently faces long-term deficits because of sports complex operations and maintenance spending.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, the council agreed to provide $1.65 million for enhancements as part of Texas Department of Transportation plans to rehabilitate the State Highway 349, north of Loop 250. The city reports $825,000 of this funding was contributed by the Midland Development Corp.

Safety enhancements include medians, two-way left-turn lanes and wider shoulders. The total cost of the project is expected to be almost $15 million. TxDOT plans to bid the project in early 2018, according to the city.

Southern Baptists wrestle with tensions over Trump election

By Rachel Zoll and Angie Wang
Associated Press

Matt York/Associated Press

People worship during the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting Tuesday in Phoenix.

PHOENIX — The Southern Baptist Convention, home to prominent evangelical supporters of President Donald Trump, adopted a statement on moral leadership at the group's annual meeting Tuesday that avoided pointed criticism of current political officeholders.

The denomination also rejected a proposal to condemn the "alt-right," the political movement that came to the forefront during the presidential election that mixes racism, white nationalism and populism. Barrett Duke, a Southern Baptist executive who shepherded the statements through the meeting, said the resolution contained inflammatory and broad language "potentially implicating" conservatives who do not support the "alt-right" movement.

The event in Phoenix is the first Southern Baptist annual meeting since the U.S. presidential election, which riled the denomination's leadership over whether Trump, a thrice-married casino and real estate mogul, was morally fit for office.

The Rev. Russell Moore, head of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, which serves as the Southern Baptist's public policy arm, was among the candidate's most vocal evangelical critics. In late 2015, Moore called evangelical support for the Republican "illogical" and a repudiation of everything Christian conservatives believe. On Twitter, Trump called Moore a "nasty guy."

At the same time, several prominent Southern Baptists became evangelical advisers to Trump's campaign, including the Rev. Robert Jeffress of Dallas, and the Revs. Jack Graham and Ronnie Floyd, who were both former presidents of the denomination. Evangelicals who backed Trump generally saw him as a flawed but potentially effective leader who could deliver a conservative nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court and religious exemptions for opponents of abortion and same-sex marriage.

When Trump won last November with 80 percent of the white evangelical vote, Moore faced a backlash within the denomination. At a news conference in Phoenix, Moore insisted, "the denomination's leadership is unified. Probably we're more unified than I have seen for a long time. We love each other. We work together." He is scheduled to speak to the Phoenix meeting late Wednesday.

In voting Tuesday, the resolution on moral leadership urged church, government and business leaders to set a positive example and thanked public officials who "displayed consistent moral character and uncompromising commitment to biblical principles."

A pastor had asked the convention to essentially reaffirm a resolution on morality for public officials that Southern Baptists adopted in 1998, as President Bill Clinton was under investigation for his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Quoting the 1998 document, the pastor, Micah Fries of Chattanooga, Tennessee, proposed restating that "serious allegations continue to be made about moral and legal misconduct by certain public officials" and "character does count in public office." That language was not included in the statement adopted Tuesday.

Instead, the resolution decried how leaders "in every walk of life" had "destroyed their careers" and "brought shame" through poor moral choices. The statement also commended leaders who won't meet alone with members of the opposite sex other than their spouses to avoid temptation. Vice President Mike Pence, a conservative Christian, has said he never eats alone with a woman other than his wife, which caused an online uproar among liberals and conservatives last March when a story in The Washington Post drew attention to the practice.

The resolution against the "alt-right" had been proposed by a prominent African-American pastor, the Rev. Dwight McKissic of Arlington, Texas. After his measure was rejected, some Southern Baptists defended the outcome in part by pointing to their repeated condemnations of racism over the years. The 15.2 million-member denomination, the nation's largest Protestant group, has been working to overcome its founding in the 19th century in defense of slaveholders.

The convention approved a different resolution re-stating the Southern Baptist's long-standing opposition to gambling and condemning the Planned Parenthood Federation of America for its role as the leading abortion provider in the U.S.

NBC moving ahead with Megyn Kelly interview with Alex Jones

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC News is moving ahead with plans to air Megyn Kelly's interview with conspiracy theorist Alex Jones this weekend despite a backlash that has cost the show advertisers and led to Kelly being dropped as host for an event by an organization founded by parents of children killed at the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The network has been taken aback by the response to booking Jones, the "Infowars" host who has questioned whether the killing of 26 people in 2012 at the school in Newton, Connecticut, was a hoax. NBC News Chairman Andy Lack said the story will be edited with the sensitivity of its critics in mind.

"It's important to get it right," Lack said.

Reporters have interviewed controversial characters like Syrian President Bashar Assad and child molesters in the past without getting this kind of a reaction, Kelly said in an interview Tuesday.

"What I think we're doing is journalism," she said. "The bottom line is that while it's not always popular, it's important. I would submit to you that neither I nor NBC News has elevated Alex Jones in any way. He's been elevated by 5 or 6 million viewers or listeners, and by the president of the United States. As you know, journalists don't get the choice over who has power or influence in our country."

Sandy Hook Promise, an anti-gun violence group, said it had asked Kelly to step down as host of its Wednesday-night gala in Washington. The group cannot support Kelly or NBC's decision to give a platform to Jones and hopes NBC reconsiders its plan to broadcast the interview, said Nicole Hockley, co-founder and managing director. Hockley, whose 6-year-old son Dylan was killed at Sandy Hook, founded the organization with Mark Barden, who lost his 7-year-old son Daniel.

Kelly said she understood and respected the decision, but was disappointed.

NBC's plans have cost it some advertisers for this week's edition of "Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly." It was not immediately clear how many; only the financial firm JPMorgan Chase has been publicly identified.

"That comes with the territory," Lack said. "It's not unusual. We kind of know when we're doing controversial stories, that's going to happen. It doesn't stop us from doing controversial stories."

To some critics, NBC's timing makes the decision worse — airing on Father's Day an interview that has been publicly denounced by parents who lost young children at Sandy Hook. NBC said it was scheduled for competitive reasons, because Jones had been booked to appear on ABC's daytime show "The View" next week. A representative of "The View" said Jones had canceled his appearance there and he will not be rescheduled.

Lack noted that he had suggested approaching Jones for an interview to David Corvo, the NBC News executive who supervises the network's newsmagazines. He said there's nothing new about putting people on the air even if they're unpopular or have views that are deplorable to many.

"I've got tremendous understanding of why they're so upset, as they have every right to be," he said. "Of course we're looking at it. We're looking at the editorial process."

Tests find that most midsize SUVs' headlights are unsafe

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than half of the midsize SUVs tested by an insurance industry group were found to have unsafe headlights that either didn't light up the road far enough or caused glare for oncoming drivers.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety said Tuesday that it tested 37 midsize SUVs and only two received a "good" rating: the 2017 Volvo XC60 and 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe. Twelve were rated "acceptable," 12 others were rated "marginal" and 11 were rated "poor." IIHS recommends buying vehicles with headlights rated "good" or "acceptable."

"We continue to see headlights that compromise safety because they only provide a short view down the road at night," said Matt Brumbelow, a senior research engineer at IIHS.

The 2017 Kia Sorento, which received a "poor" rating, had the worst visibility. IIHS said the Sorento shed light 148 feet down the road, compared with 315 feet for the top-rated Volvo XC60. In a statement Tuesday, Kia Motors America said that it will "carefully evaluate the results."

Other 2017 vehicle models with "poor" ratings included the Jeep Wrangler, Dodge Journey and the Ford Edge and Explorer. Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, the maker of Jeep and Dodge vehicles, did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday. Ford Motor Co. said it will "consider the findings" as it improves safety.

And while the Hyundai Santa Fe received a "good" rating, the sport version of the SUV received a "poor" rating. IIHS said the 2017 Hyundai Santa Fe Sport uses different headlights that caused too much glare for oncoming drivers. Hyundai said Tuesday that it "closely evaluates and analyzes all testing data from organizations."

Trump's persecutors are going off the rails

■ Journalists have thrown out the rule book and forgotten everything taught to them about double-sourcing and triple-checking

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There are some basic truths that hold even during the Trump-inspired meltdown of the modern media.

In one of the latest examples of our information crisis, CNN took a story this week about how a friend of Donald Trump said after a meeting at the White House that he thought the president was considering firing Robert Mueller. Then the network sloppily repackaged the story so it could report that Trump was, in fact, thinking about terminating the special counsel. Then CNN got a whole bunch of people to comment — from pundits and reporters to elected officials — and used those quotes to serve as the new jumping off point for a day's worth of stories.

And when House Speaker Paul Ryan objected and pointed out the whole story was manufactured by the media, CNN anchors tried to justify their boo-boo by saying that some conservative pundits like Ann Coulter have called for Mueller's removal and insisting that the White House had yet to deny the story.

You know liberals are busted when they're desperate enough to seek cover behind a rhetorical arsonist like Ann Coulter.

What in the world has happened to my profession? It seems that many journalists — especially those in the New York-Washington echo chamber — are so personally offended by the idea of Trump being president, and so embarrassed that they missed the big story of how someone like Trump could get elected, that they've thrown out the rule book and forgotten everything we were ever taught by crusty old editors about double-sourcing and triple-checking.

Yet, certain truths still apply:

■ The best-written columns, and the most credible newscasts, are the ones we most agree with.

■ The best constructed and most persuasive arguments are the ones that share our position.

And finally — thanks to the opinion storm following James Comey's testimony — we can add to the list:

■ In any "he said, he said" situation, the more believable person is the one we support.

■ And while it's up to the criminal justice system to make the punishment fit the crime, you will find lawyers who — guided by partisanship — can find a crime to fit a president.

If you like Trump, you thought Comey lied from start to finish. If you dislike Trump, you believed the former FBI director told the truth from beginning to end.

One exception to that rule — and a refreshing one at that — is retired Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz, who didn't let his opposition to Trump (he claims to have voted for Hillary Clinton) stop him from offering straight legal analysis.

On CNN, Dershowitz argued that Comey's testimony revealed no evidence of a crime. The president has the legal authority to stop an FBI investigation, and thus there can be no obstruction of justice. The fact that there have been so many other lawyer-pundits trying to argue otherwise — while standing on shaky constitutional ground — shows just how far we've drifted off course.

Exhibit A: CNN senior legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin, a Harvard Law graduate himself who has insisted all along — before much of the facts are in — that this is a clear-cut case of obstruction of justice that may ultimately lead to impeachment.

This is where Trump's critics go astray. They mix together — in one pot — the legal term "obstruction of justice" and the political concept of "impeachment." The former has a much higher standard, and operates within much narrower parameters, than the latter. All you need for impeachment is 218 votes in the House of Representatives. Proving obstruction of justice, or even charging someone with that crime, is much more difficult.

So says Elizabeth Foley, a sharp-as-nails lawyer and law professor at Florida International University. During an appearance on CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS," Foley did to the host, and Harvard Law professor Lawrence Tribe — a vocal supporter of Hillary Clinton, and early Trump critic — what a sushi chef does to raw fish. Foley's main point was that, under existing federal code, it is not clear that an FBI investigation is one of the procedures that an individual can be charged with obstructing.

Zakaria's response was to meekly plead with Foley not to get "too technical."

Not to get too technical, but the evidence shows that Trump's persecutors — in the media, Congress and the nation's law schools — have gone off the rails. They're not thinking clearly. In some cases, they're not thinking at all.

OPINION EXTRA

Trump didn't ruin the media; Obama did

There is a widespread perception among those on the right that President Trump's myriad foibles, vagaries and outright prevarications are somehow justifiable because he is The Great Destroyer of the mainstream media. His fans say he is running the media around in circles — and that is its own reward. Are you still waiting for extreme vetting? For the border wall? For tax cuts, Obamacare repeal and a massive military buildup? Well, sit down and shut up. Just be grateful that Trump has the media hysterically following his tweets like a hormonal teenage boy frantically searching for internet pornography.

But this is wrong.

Trump isn't destroying the media's credibility. They already destroyed their own credibility, thanks to their allegiance to President Barack Obama.

Trump has the benefit of occupying the presidency after Obama. The media was highly critical of President Bill Clinton — even they couldn't ignore the juicy scandals dripping daily from the White House in the 1990s. They were even more critical of President George W. Bush — they were more than willing to misreport in order to undermine a war and destroy a presidency.

But then came Obama.

Obama was the first indicator that the media would simply refuse to cover stories they didn't like about a politician they did. The media covered Clinton's Chinagate and Travelgate. But they refused to cover the IRS scandal with the same level of vim as they would have under Bush; they downplayed the Obama administration's involvement in the botched "Fast and Furious" gun operation scandal; and members of the mainstream media openly mocked the right's anger over the administration's manipulation of the 2012 Benghazi terror attack. Obama had to be protected at all costs, including the cost of the media's credibility.

Meanwhile, the media savaged 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney. They dug up a story from his high school days regarding him forcibly cutting a classmate's hair. They uncovered scandalous material about him strapping a dog to the roof of his car. They delved deep into his nefarious practice of investing in failing companies, and then cutting the dead weight to turn them around.

Then came Trump.

Trump didn't do anything aside from failing to comply with media's standards of behavior. He didn't pander to them or treat them with respect. And the media melted down. They treated Trump horribly, of course — but they'd already treated Bush and Romney just as badly. More importantly, the media lost their ability to pretend at having standards of honesty and decency after selling their souls to the Obama White House. It was difficult to take their cries of incipient tyranny seriously after they bent over backward to flatter a White House that cracked down on reporters from Fox News and the Associated Press.

Why does any of this matter?

It matters because conservatives would be wise to understand that Trump didn't destroy the media; he inherited the shell of a media ready to crumble. He tapped the shell, and it fell apart. But that's not enough. Trump now has a golden opportunity to promulgate an alternative narrative in place of the one pushed by the discredited leftist media — if he can demonstrate credibility himself.

So far, he hasn't. And that means that his credibility will crumble at first contact from someone who hasn't already destroyed his or her credibility. Hence the media's renewed love for former FBI Director James Comey — they believe that they can restore their own credibility by watching him destroy Trump's.

Trump can do significant damage to the media, but only if he tells the truth. Now would be an excellent time to start.

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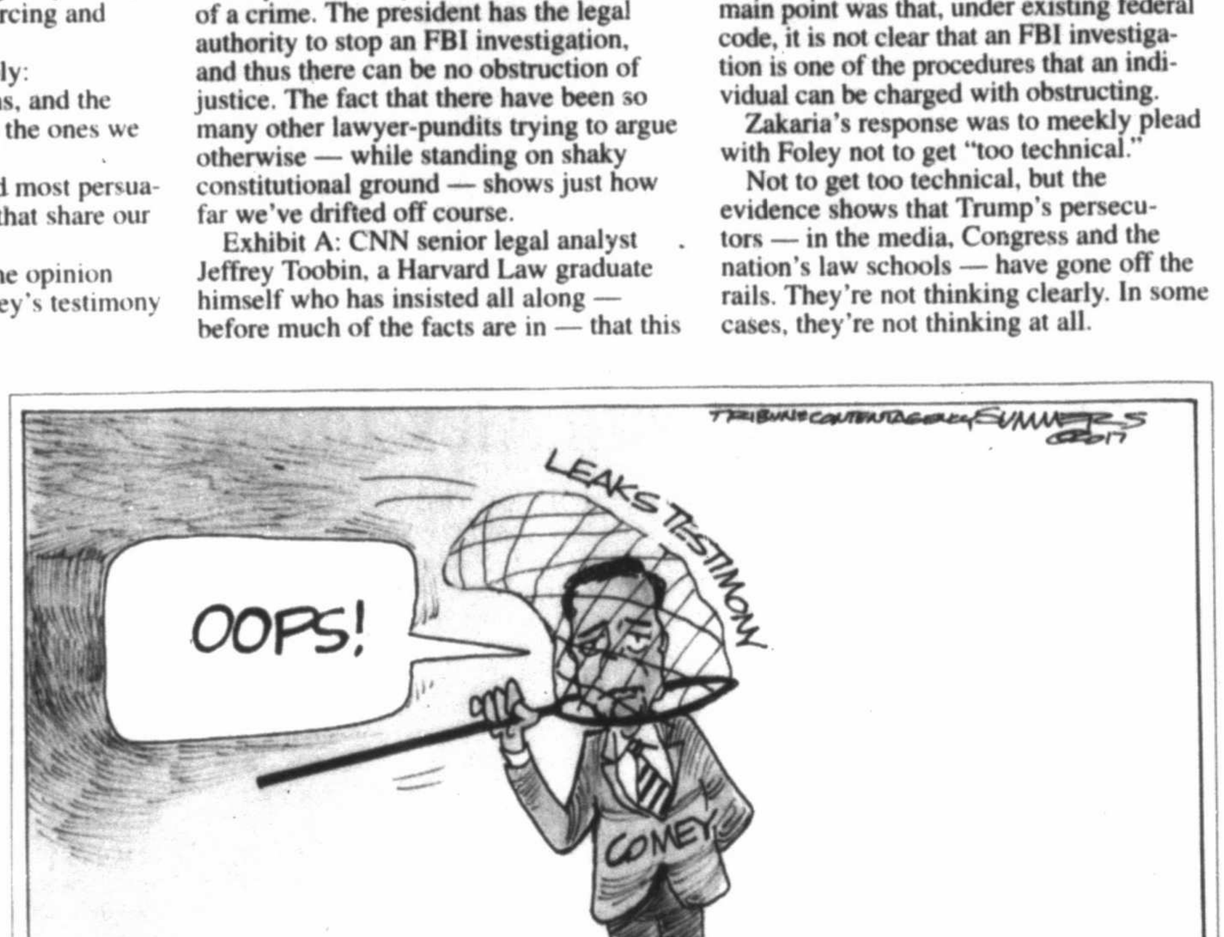

Impeachment hangs over Trump

■ The president needs to take seriously that 2018 might be an referendum on his impeachment

RICH LOWRY

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American politics is now, in large part, a fight about whether or not Donald Trump will be impeached.

No one is saying it explicitly, but these are the stakes in the Russia controversy and its spinoffs and in the 2018 midterms. If Democrats take the House with anything like a comfortable majority, they will be hard-pressed to resist their base's drive to give Trump a mark of dishonor shared only by Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton.

Presidents have been hated by the other side before, but rarely with this sort of intensity and immediacy. With the exception of Abraham Lincoln (seven Southern states seceded before he took office), it usually takes time for critics to work up a good, unbridled loathing. Herbert Hoover had to preside over the beginning of the Great Depression. Richard Nixon had to bomb Cambodia and get embroiled in Watergate. Donald Trump just had to show up.

The left's anti-Trump rhetoric has been catastrophist from the beginning. The initial travel ban represented a constitutional crisis. So did the firing of acting attorney general Sally Yates. And so, of course, did the cashiering of FBI Director James Comey.

Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, once frequently mentioned as a potential Democratic Supreme Court pick, wrote a piece a couple of weeks ago titled "Trump Must Be Impeached." Must doesn't allow for wiggle room. Tribe maintains that "impeachable offenses could theoretically have been charged from the outset of this presidency."

Left-wing New York Times columnist Charles Blow writes about "the critical and increasingly urgent question for many: Will Trump be impeached — or indicted — and when? The anticipation has produced a throbbing anxiety. There is so much emotional investment in Trump's removal that I fear that it blinds people to the fact that it is a long shot and, in any case, a long way off." Yes, impeachment might have to wait till early 2019. Who has the patience?

It may be that Democrats don't take the House, or even if they do, they pull up short on impeachment. A House impeachment vote would almost certainly only be a symbolic gesture. The chances of getting the two-thirds of the Senate necessary to remove Trump from office are close to nil, unless there's an offense that collapses his support among Republican senators.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi has been cautious, saying that impeachment has to be a factual, not an emotional, project. But it may be that impeachment becomes de facto Democratic orthodoxy whether the party's leadership likes it or not. The grass-roots group MoveOn.org has already called for it (and before Comey's testimony).

What would Democrats impeach Trump for? This is a question of mere details. They will surely find a case somewhere amidst the feverish allegations of obstruction of justice, abuse of power and violations of the emoluments clause.

There's always a danger of overreaching. Democrats in Wisconsin ended up pushing swing voters toward Gov. Scott Walker with their all-out resistance and attempted recall. Republicans paid a price impeaching Bill Clinton in the 1990s, even if they still won the presidency two years later.

Until further notice, though, any point scored against Trump in the Russia controversy or any political gain by the Democrats has to be considered another step toward impeachment. The White House needs to realize the gravity of the situation, and so should the president.

Trump's boast that he would be willing to contradict James Comey under oath is, if sincere, incredibly reckless. This isn't like playing cat-and-mouse games with reporters in his days as a celebrity businessman, or jousting with Rosie O'Donnell in the media. Any misstep — any contestable claim or outright falsehood — can and will be used against him in an impeachment proceeding.

Perhaps we ultimately won't get there, because cooler heads will prevail. But who, having watched American politics over the past 18 months, has any confidence in that happening?

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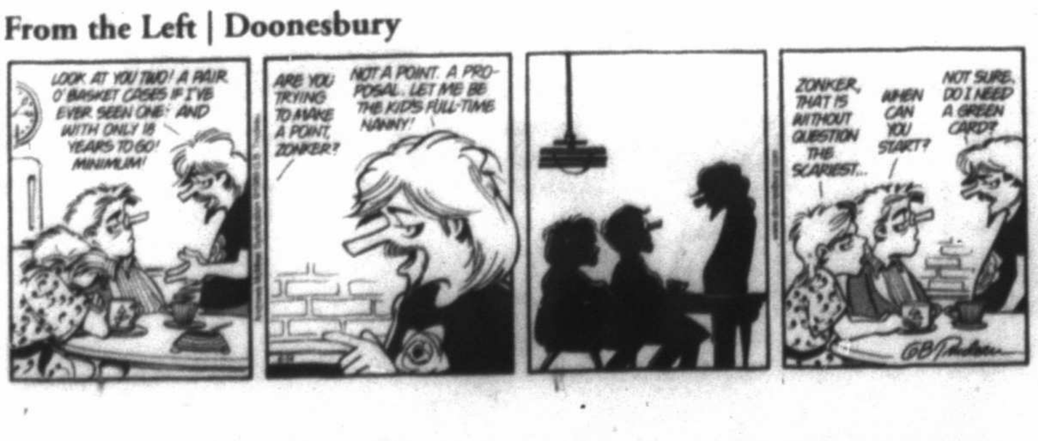

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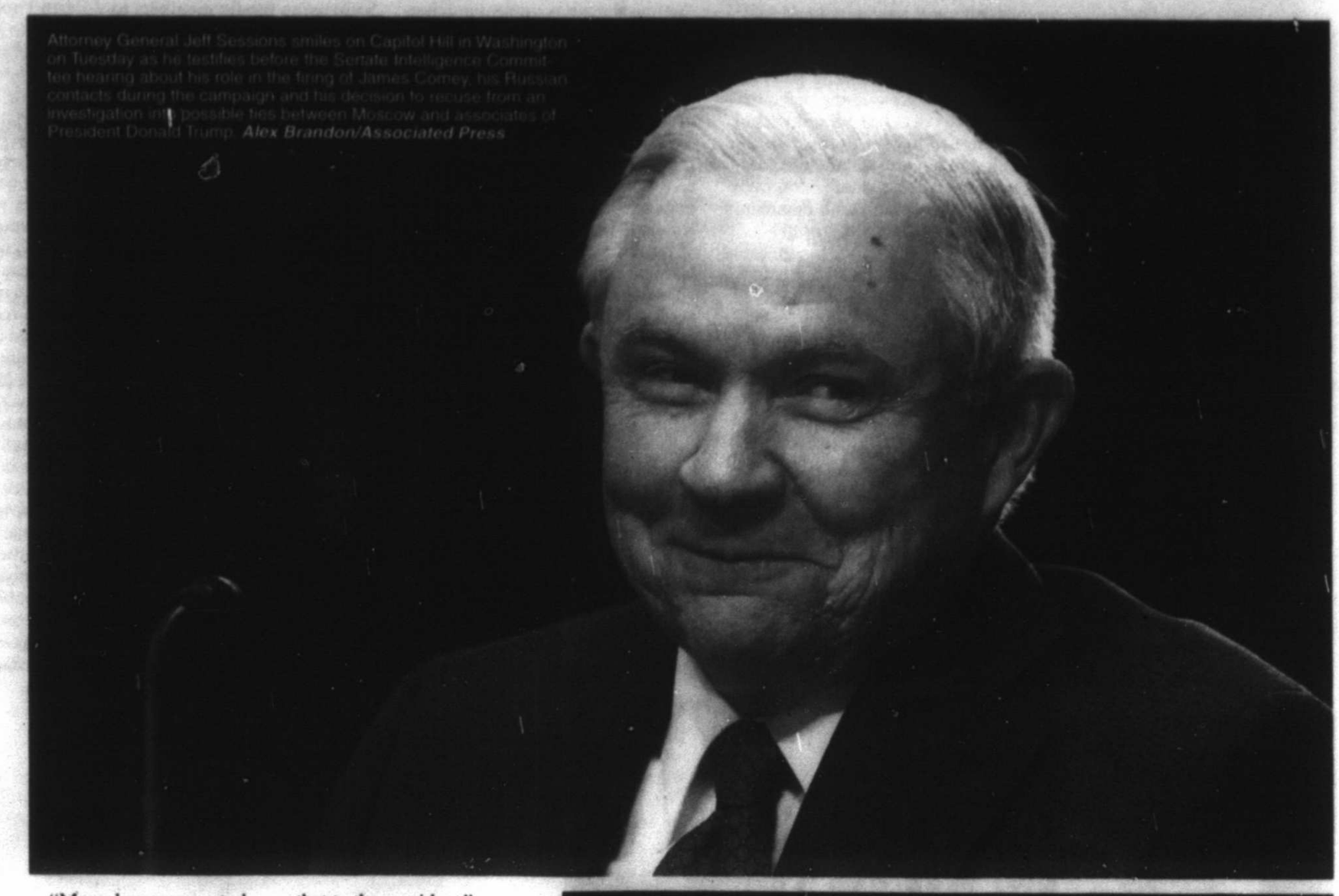
Sessions heatedly denies improper Russia contacts

By Eric Tucker and Erica Werner
Associated Press



Attorney General Jeff Sessions smiles on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday as he testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee hearing about his role in the firing of James Comey, his Russian contacts during the campaign and his decision to recuse from an investigation of possible ties between Moscow and associates of President Donald Trump. *Alex Brandon/Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions heatedly denied on Tuesday having an undisclosed meeting with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. and declared it was a "detestable and appalling lie" to suggest he was aware of or took part in any collusion between Russia and the election campaign that sent Donald Trump to the White House.

Testifying at a packed Senate hearing, Sessions, who was a close Trump adviser during the battle for the presidency, also rejected any idea of misconduct in the ouster of FBI Director James Comey and vowed to defend his honor "against scurrilous and false allegations."

In his dramatic appearance before former colleagues, Sessions contradicted a contention made by Comey at a hearing before the same panel last week. Comey told the intelligence committee that, after an encounter with President Trump in which he said Trump pressured him to back off an investigation into the former national security adviser, Comey "implored" Sessions to make sure he was never left alone with the president again — but that Sessions didn't respond.

"He didn't recall this, but I responded to his comment by agreeing that the FBI and Department of Justice needed to be careful to follow department policy regarding appropriate contacts with the White House," Sessions said.

The former Alabama senator also defended himself against accusations that he misrepresented himself during his confirmation hearing when he said he hadn't met with Russian officials during the campaign. Sessions argued that in the context of that hearing, "my answer was a fair and correct response to the charge as I understood it."

The attorney general stepped aside from the Justice Department probe into Russian meddling in the campaign on March 2, the day after The Washington Post reported on two previously undisclosed meetings with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak. Days after that, Sessions also corrected his confirmation hearing testimony to inform the committee about his two meetings with Kislyak.

Ahead of the hearing there had been suggestions that Sessions might have had a third, unreported, encounter with Kislyak in April 2016, at Washington's Mayflower Hotel, where candidate Trump was giving his first major foreign policy speech.

Sessions was adamant that he did not have a private meeting with Kislyak at that event. He did allow for the possibility that he encountered him in a reception that he said was attended by a couple dozen people, though he said he had no specific recollection of that.

Democratic senators have seized on the possibility of a third meeting to suggest that Sessions has not been forthcoming about the extent of his communications with the ambassador. Sens. Al Franken of Minnesota and Patrick Leahy of Vermont have sought an FBI investigation.

Sessions testified Tuesday that he recused himself from the current Russia investigation only because of a regulation that required it because of his involvement in the Trump campaign.

"Many have suggested that my recusal is because I felt I was a subject of the investigation myself, that I may have done something wrong," Sessions added. That was not so, he said.

And while he had recused himself from the Russia probe, Sessions insisted, "I did not recuse myself from defending my honor against scurrilous and false allegations."

Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon aggressively asked Sessions about suggestions arising from Comey's testimony last week that there was something "problematic" about his recusal.

Wyden asked Sessions what problematic issues existed.

"Why don't you tell me? There are none, Sen. Wyden, there are none," Sessions insisted, his voice rising. "This is a secret innuendo being leaked out there about me, and I don't appreciate it."

Sessions lent his support to the special counsel, Robert Mueller, who is now in charge of the Trump campaign-Russia investigation. "I have confidence in Mr. Mueller," he said.

At a separate hearing Tuesday, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein declared he'd seen no basis for dismissing Mueller, the former FBI director he appointed as special counsel after Sessions' recusal. A friend of the president suggested a day earlier that Trump was considering such an ouster.

Rosenstein said he would agree to dismiss Mueller only if there were a legitimate basis to do so, and an order from the president would not necessarily qualify.

Mueller also won votes of support Tuesday from the top two Republicans in Congress, House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, both of whom said they have confidence in him.

As for Comey's firing, Sessions told senators that his recommendation had nothing to do with the Russia probe, that he and his second-in-command, Rosenstein, had a "clear view ... that we had problems there, and it was my best judgment that a fresh start at the FBI was the appropriate thing to do. And when asked I said that to the president."

Sessions criticized Comey's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation, which the White House had initially cited as the ostensible reason for his firing. Comey's decision to announce last year that Clinton would not be prosecuted over her emails was a "usurpation" of the Justice Department's authority, Sessions said.

Asked about Trump's own contention that the president fired Comey with the Russia probe in mind, and regardless of any recommendation from anyone else, Sessions said: "I guess I'll just have to let his words speak for themselves. I'm not sure what was in his mind specifically."

Sessions refused to say whether he had ever discussed the Russia investigation with Trump, arguing that he could not disclose private communications with the president.

Democratic senators pressed him on the legal rationale for his refusal to discuss those private conversations, as Sessions acknowledged that Trump had not asserted executive privilege around the hearing. He asserted that "I am protecting the right of the president to assert if it he chooses and there may be other privileges that may apply."

Sessions maintained that he had not been briefed on the Russia investigation between the time of his February swearing-in and his March 2 recusal.

"As such," he said, "I have no knowledge about this investigation, as it is ongoing today, beyond what has been publicly reported. I don't even read that carefully. And I have taken no action whatsoever with regard to any such investigation."

On another hot-button issue, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., asked Sessions whether Trump records his conversations in the White House. Trump has suggested there might be tapes of his encounters with Comey; Comey said last week that "lordy" he hopes there are.

"I do not," Sessions said when asked whether he knows whether the president records his conversations.

Would any such tapes have to be preserved? "I don't know, Sen. Rubio, probably so," Sessions replied.

Trump transition aide did not disclose role in Turkish work

WASHINGTON — A business partner of former national security adviser Michael Flynn took part in sensitive hiring and policy discussions involving U.S. intelligence as a member of President Donald Trump's transition team, but failed to inform Trump's team that he had conducted political work on behalf of a foreign client of Flynn and might have to register with the Justice Department as a foreign agent.

Internal records for Flynn's partner, Bijan Kian, indicate he had not disclosed his work on behalf of a Turkish businessman last year with the Flynn Intel Group or provided any warning that he planned to file as a foreign agent, a current Trump transition official told The Associated Press. Kian, a little-known figure active on the presidential transition team, is emerging as a key player in the political controversy involving Flynn, Trump's fired national security adviser.

"He did not indicate that to us in his transition documents. We would have no reason to know," said the transition official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss Kian's role during the post-election period. Almost two months after the transition period, both Kian and Flynn filed in March as foreign agents with the Justice Department, acknowledging their political work for Turkish-run Inovo BV could have principally benefited the government of Turkey.

For Kian, who led most of Flynn Intel Group's research and lobbying for a Turkish businessman, the Trump transition role offered influence in the selection of intelligence agency candidates and access to internal discussions of U.S. national security policy. But Kian's participation in the transition — following his management of work that Flynn Intel acknowledged may have benefited Turkey's government — reinforces concerns about the adequacy of the administration's vetting process.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., who is co-sponsoring a bill to toughen regulation of Americans performing political work for foreign interests, said Tuesday it was "very troubling that an unregistered foreign agent was playing a key role in the Trump administration's transition." She added that "similar to General Flynn, someone working on behalf of foreign governments should never be put in a position where they're making important decisions within our government."

An Iranian-American businessman whose full name is Bijan Rafiekian, Kian did not respond to repeated attempts over two months by the AP to contact him by phone, email and visits to properties listed for him in public records.

Kian described his transition role on his LinkedIn profile as "deputy lead" assigned to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Kian said he provided "policy input, strategic guidance and operational counsel to prepare" candidates for the director of national intelligence, the CIA and other top officials.

Two former transition officials who met with Kian during that period said that Kian was clearly close with Flynn and served as the retired general's sounding board. One of the officials said Kian helped scrutinize then-Rep. Mike Pompeo before he was named Trump's CIA director. The second official said Kian was involved in transition discussions for the National Security Council and the director of national intelligence. That official added that Kian did not expect to get an administration post. Both transition officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the transition's work.

Like Kian, Flynn also worked on the transition while he was under Justice Department scrutiny for the Turkish work. But, as the AP previously reported , Flynn did inform the Trump transition about his Turkish work through his attorneys, who notified the transition he might have to register as a foreign agent. After Flynn joined the administration, his attorneys followed up with the White House counsel's office, disclosing that Flynn would indeed be registering with the government as a foreign agent.

As Flynn's little-known business partner, Kian played a key role last year in supervising much of Flynn Intel Group's foreign work while the former U.S. lieutenant general campaigned for Trump. The research and lobbying they conducted for the Turkish firm has boomeranged on Flynn, now the target of a federal criminal investigation and congressional inquiries.

Flynn's mishandling of his dealings with Russia's ambassador to the U.S. led to his firing in February by Trump from his post as national security adviser and is now a prime focus of special counsel Robert Mueller's wide-ranging investigation into Russian contacts with the Trump campaign. But the inquiries spawned by Flynn Intel's Turkish work pose added legal complications for both Flynn and his associates. Federal investigators are concentrating on possible criminal violations and a House oversight committee inquiry is examining Flynn's records to determine whether he lied to federal officials about his foreign contacts and payments.

It is not clear whether Kian has been drawn into the expanding criminal probe, but he was deeply involved in Flynn Intel Group's creation, financing and operations, according to the Turkish businessman, people familiar with Flynn's company and records submitted to the Justice Department.

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Tillerson warns against steps that cut off talks with Russia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. relationship with Russia is at an all-time low and deteriorating further, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said Tuesday, yet he cautioned against taking steps that might close off promising avenues of communication between the two former Cold War foes.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Tillerson was noncommittal about a package of new Russia sanctions, saying he's still reviewing the proposed penalties that Senate Republicans and Democrats agreed upon after lengthy negotiations. But it's important, he stressed, that President Donald Trump have the flexibility "to turn the heat up" on Russia if necessary.

At the same time, he also said he doesn't want to preemptively shut down a potentially productive conversation. As an example, Tillerson said talks with Moscow on stabilizing war-ravaged Syria are progressing, but it's too early to tell if the discussions will bear fruit. Imposing more sanctions could lead the Russians to curtail the dialogue.

Top lawmakers on two Senate committees — Banking and Foreign Relations — announced the sanctions deal late Monday amid the firestorm over Russia's meddling in the presidential election and investigations into Moscow's possible collusion with members of President Donald Trump's campaign.

The plan calls for strengthening current sanctions and imposing new ones on corrupt Russian figures, those involved in human rights abuses and those supplying weapons to the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The package also would require a congressional review if a president attempts to ease or end current penalties. And, penalties would be slapped on those responsible for malicious cyber activity on behalf of the Russian government.

If the Trump administration decides to oppose the new sanctions, they could be in a bind. The package is to be added to a bill imposing penalties on Iran that the Senate is currently debating. So the White House would have to reject stricter punishments against Iran, which it favors, in order to derail the parts of the legislation it objects to.

"The amendment to the underlying Iran sanctions bill maintains and substantially expands sanctions against the government of Russia in response to the violation of the territorial integrity of the Ukraine and Crimea, its brazen cyberattacks and interference in elections, and its continuing aggression in Syria," said Republicans and Democrats on the committees.

A vote on the Russia sanctions is scheduled for Wednesday, and the measure is expected to get strong bipartisan support. The legislation was worked out by Sens. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, of the Banking Committee, and Sens. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., and Ben Cardin, D-Md., of the Foreign Relations panel.

Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., also participated in the negotiations and pushed for provisions that bars punished individuals from using family members to get around the sanctions.

"This amendment also takes appropriate steps to ensure that current sanctions cannot be unilaterally unwound by this administration," Shaheen said.

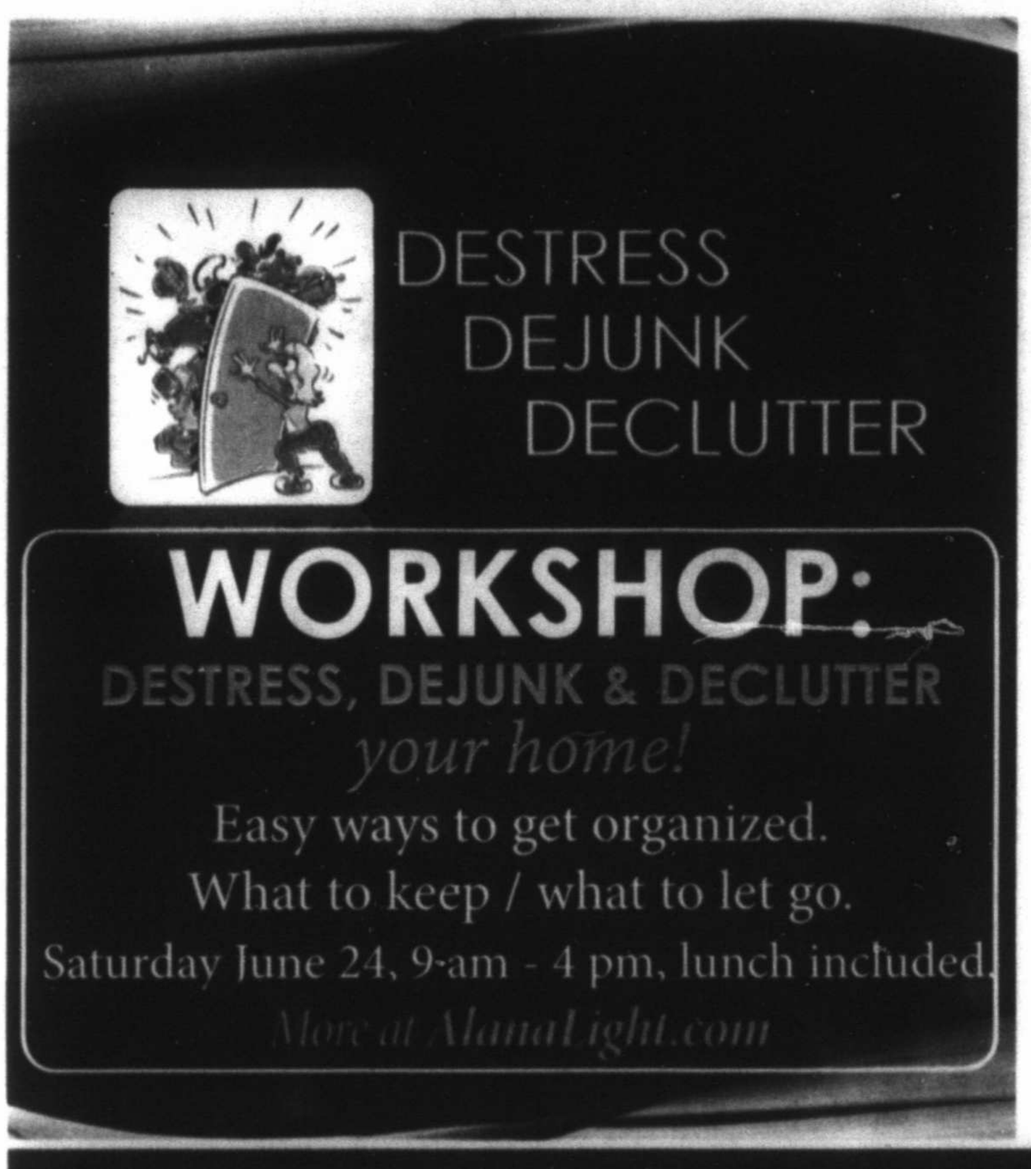
The legislation also allows new penalties on key elements of the Russia economy, including mining, metals, shipping and railways.

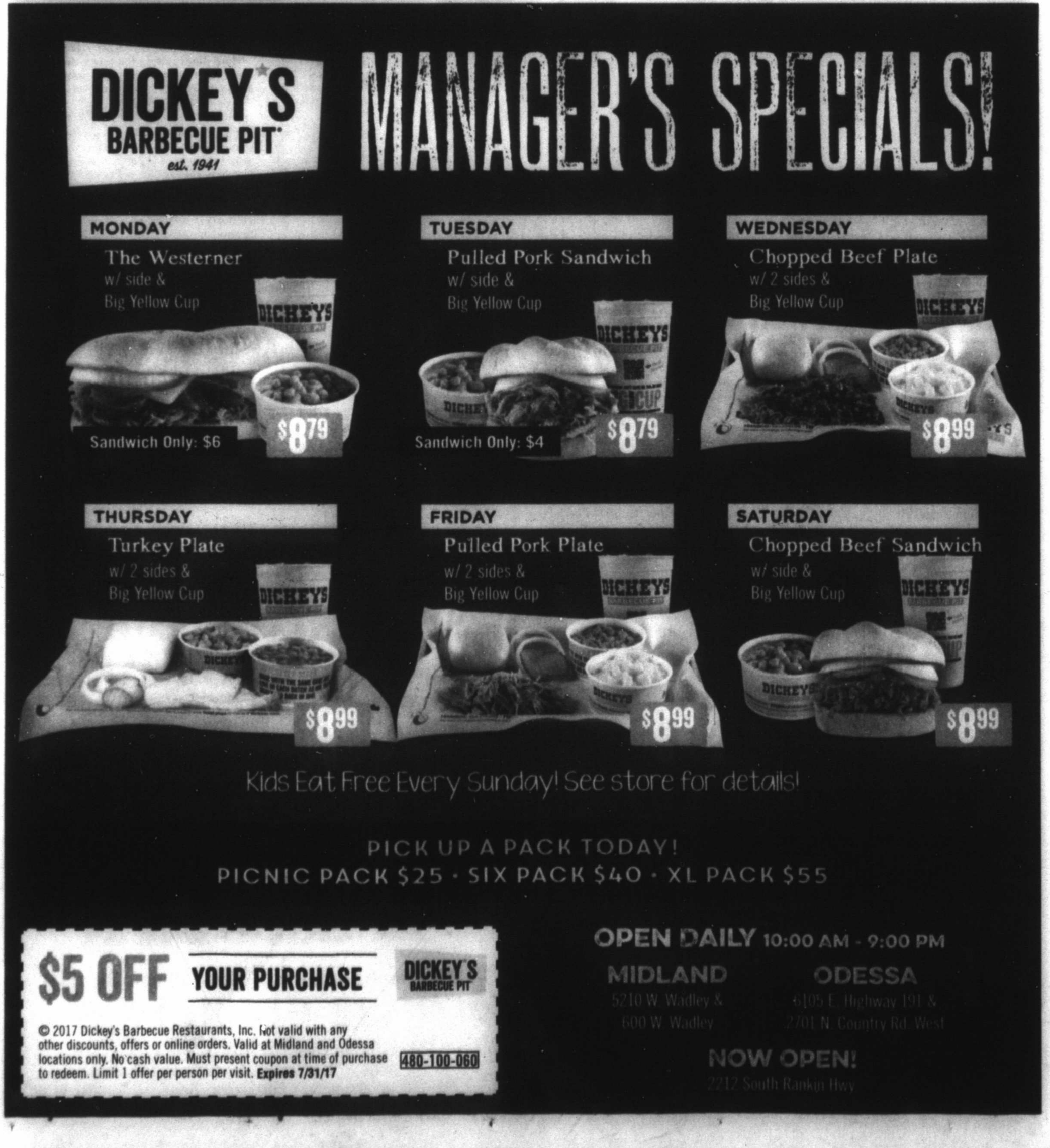
House and Senate committees are investigating Russia's meddling and potential links to the Trump campaign. Special Counsel Robert Mueller is conducting a separate probe.

The sanctions package is rooted in legislation introduced earlier this year amid concerns on Capitol Hill that Trump may seek to lift sanctions against Russia as part of a plan to forge a partnership between the two countries in key areas, such as counterterrorism. In early January, before Trump was sworn in, a bipartisan group of senators introduced a bill designed to go beyond the punishments already levied against Russia by the Obama administration and to demonstrate to Trump that forcefully responding to Moscow's election interference wasn't a partisan issue.

Then-President Barack Obama in late December ordered sanctions on Russian spy agencies, closed two Russian compounds and expelled 35 diplomats the U.S. said were really spies. Those penalties were on top of existing U.S. sanctions over Russia's actions in Ukraine, which have damaged Russia's economy but had only limited impact on Putin's behavior.

A month later, senators introduced another measure that would require the president to get approval from lawmakers before easing Russia sanctions. Cardin, the top Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, said at the time that the measure was styled after 2015 legislation pushed by Republicans and approved overwhelmingly in the Senate that gave Congress a vote on whether Obama could lift sanctions against Iran. That measure reflected Republican complaints that Obama had overstepped the power of the presidency and needed to be checked by Congress.





Studies: Contraception key to decrease teen pregnancy

Texas' high rate reflects less-progressive policy, says CEO of advocacy group

By Lauren Silverman
Kaiser Health News

To understand why teen pregnancy rates are so high in Texas, meet Jessica Chester. When Chester was in high school in Garland, she decided to attend the University of Texas-Dallas. She wanted to become a doctor.

"I was top of the class," she said. "I had a GPA of 4.5, a full-tuition scholarship to UTD. I was not the stereotypical girl someone would look at and say, 'Oh she's going to get pregnant and drop out of school.'"

But right before her senior year of high school, Chester, then 17, missed her period. She bought a pregnancy test and told her mom to wait outside the bathroom door.

"I saw both lines came up," Chester said. "I had tears, and I remember just opening the door, and she was standing there with her arms ou,t and she just wrapped me up and hugged me. I just cried, and she told me, 'It's going to be OK.'"

Chester's mother had been a teen mom, and so had her grandmother.

In Texas each year, about 35,000 young women get pregnant before they turn 20. Traditionally, the two variables most commonly associated with high teen birth rates are education and poverty, but a new study, co-authored by Dr. Julie DeCesare, shows that there's more at play.

"We controlled for poverty as a variable, and we found these 10 centers where their teen birth rates were much higher than would be predicted," she said.

DeCesare, whose research appears in the June issue of the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology, said several of those clusters were in Texas. The Dallas and San Antonio areas, for example, had teen pregnancy rates 50 percent and 40 percent above the national average.

Research shows teens everywhere are having sex. Gwen Daverth, CEO of the Texas Campaign To Prevent Teen Pregnancy, said the high numbers in Texas reflect policy, not promiscuity.

"What we see is there are not supports in place," Daverth said. "We're not connecting high-risk youth with contraception services. And we're not supporting youth in making decisions to be abstinent. We're just saying that is an approach we want to take as a state — whereas other states have put in more progressive policies."

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AP file photo

Obese patients wash their plates after lunch July 24, 2008, at the Aimin Fat Reduction Hospital in Tianjin, China. The hospital uses a combination of diet, exercise and traditional Chinese acupuncture to treat rising obesity rates. Research released Monday found the obesity epidemic is getting worse in most parts of the world, according to data between 1980 and 2015.

Study: Obesity rates are rising worldwide

■ Rates in nations rich and poor rising, especially with children

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The global obesity problem now affects 1 in 10 people in the world, it is rising in countries rich and poor, and in many countries it is increasing faster in children than adults, according to a new study.

The researchers estimated more than 107 million children and 603 million adults are obese.

The research found obesity has tripled in children and young adults in countries like China, Brazil and Indonesia. Those numbers are particularly troubling because it means more young people are on track to become obese adults and develop problems like diabetes, heart disease and a range of cancers, some experts said.

The study was led by a team at the University of Washington in Seattle. It was published online Monday by the New England Journal of Medicine and presented at a food science and policy meeting in Stockholm.

Researchers reported on 195 countries, although data was incomplete or nonexistent for many of them. They made assumptions and used mathematical modeling to fill in gaps.

Despite the limitations, "this is the best picture that's out there for global obesity," said Edward Gregg, a diabetes expert at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He wrote an editorial that accompanied the study.

Some of the findings:

■ Obesity rates doubled in 73 countries between 1980 and 2015. Countries where obesity did not increase significantly included Afghanistan, Bulgaria, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

■ Worldwide, about 5 percent of children and 12 percent of adults were obese in 2015. In the U.S. about 17 percent of children and 38 percent of adults are obese, according to earlier CDC estimates.

■ Among the 20 largest countries, the United States had the highest level of obesity among children and young adults. Bangladesh had the lowest.

■ Egypt had the highest rate of obese adults. Vietnam had the lowest.

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Researchers make use of psychology to encourage healthy eating

■ Diners were more likely to choose veggies with exotic-sounding names

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Researchers tried a big serving of food psychology and a dollop of trickery to get diners to eat their vegetables. And it worked.

Veggies given names such as "zesty ginger-turmeric sweet potatoes" and "twisted citrus-glazed carrots" were more popular than those prepared exactly the same way but with plainer, more healthful-sounding labels. Diners more often said "no thanks" when the food had labels like "low-fat," "reduced-sodium" or "sugar-free."

More diners chose the fancy-named items, and selected larger portions of them, too, in the experiment last fall at a Stanford University cafeteria.

"While it may seem like a good idea to emphasize the healthiness of vegetables, doing so may actually backfire," said lead author Bradley Turnwald, a graduate student in psychology.

Other research has shown that people tend to think of healthful sounding food as less tasty, so the aim was to make it sound as good as more indulgent, fattening fare.

Researchers from Stanford's psychology department tested the idea as a way to improve eating habits and make a dent in the growing obesity epidemic.

"This novel, low-cost intervention could easily be implemented in cafeterias, restaurants, and consumer products to increase selection of healthier options," they said.

The results were published Monday in JAMA Internal Medicine.

The study was done over 46 days last fall. Lunchtime vegetable offerings were given different labels on different days. For example, on one day diners could choose "dynamite chili and tangy lime-seasoned beets." On other days the same item was labeled "lighter-choice beets with no added sugar," "high antioxidant beets," or simply "beets."

Almost one-third of the nearly 28,000 diners chose a vegetable offering during the study. The tasty-sounding offering was the most popular, selected by about 220 diners on average on days it was offered, compared with about 175 diners who chose the simple-label vegetable. The healthy-sounding labels were the least popular.

Diners also served themselves bigger portions of the tasty-sounding vegetables than of the other choices.

Turnwald emphasized that "there was no deception" — all labels accurately described the vegetables, although diners weren't told that the different-sounding choices were the exact same item.

The results illustrate "the interesting advantage to indulgent labeling," he said.

Dr. Stephen Cook, a University of Rochester childhood obesity researcher, called the study encouraging and said some high school cafeterias have also tried different labels to influence healthy eating.

Research: Fever during pregnancy linked to autism

By Lenny Bernstein
Washington Post

A mother's fever during pregnancy, especially in the second trimester, is associated with a higher risk that her child will be diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, researchers reported Tuesday. Three or more fevers after 12 weeks of gestation may be linked to an even greater risk of the condition.

The study by researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health adds support for the theory that infectious agents that trigger a pregnant woman's immune response may disrupt a fetus's brain development and lead to disorders such as autism.

"Fever seems to be the driving force here," not the infection itself, said Mady Hornig, director of translational research at the school's Center for Infection and Immunity. Fever can be part of the body's immune response to an infection, and molecules produced by a mother's immune system may be crossing into the baby's neurological system at a critical time, she said.

The research, published in the journal Molecular Psychiatry, comes at a time when the scientifically discredited theory that some childhood vaccines cause

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Billy Ray "Bobo" Perry

Billy Ray "Bobo" Perry passed away on June 11, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

He was born on June 24, 1937 in Denton, Texas to Grace and Robert James Perry. He was so lively and outgoing growing up that he was named "Mr. GRHS" by the graduating class of 1956 from Grandfalls-Royalty High School.

In 1959, Billy was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served his country proudly in Germany until 1962. He then worked for Coca Cola for several years until he became an independent distributor for Gandy's for 13 years. He moved to Midland after that where he began driving for Stevens Transport of Dallas until he retired in 2007 after 15 years of hard work.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gayle; three daughters, Tena, Stacy and Stephanie; son, Robert James; nine grandchildren; five great grandchildren and his devoted dog, Murphy.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. There will be a graveside service at Resthaven Cemetery located in McCamey, Texas on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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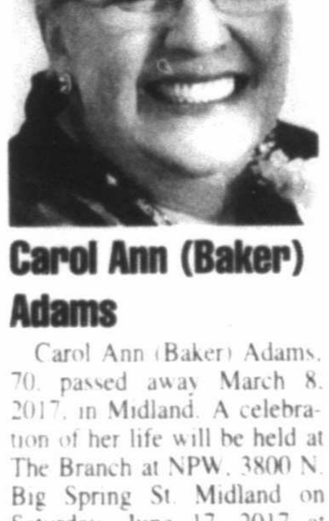

Carol Ann (Baker) Adams

Carol Ann (Baker) Adams, 70, passed away March 8, 2017, in Midland. A celebration of her life will be held at The Branch at NPW, 3800 N. Big Spring St. Midland on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Carol was born on January 4, 1947, in Midland to Billie Ann and Kenneth Baker. She loved all types of music and had a collection of over 6,000 songs. Carol loved just being alive and being involved with people, especially her family. She organized several family reunions and helped bring back to life the Monahans High School Class of 1965 reumons. Carol was an avid volleyball player at Monahans and Midland Lee High School. She graduated from Lee and went to West Texas State in Canyon on a volleyball scholarship. In the seventies she was on the USA team at the Pan Am games. She eventually graduated college at University of Texas, Arlington.

Carol always had a very positive attitude about life. During her four year fight with cancer, she said several times that she had very few regrets and that her last thoughts would be "Wow, what a ride!!"

Carol married Jerry H. Adams in New Orleans on March 7, 1993, and he survived her. She is also survived by her daughter, Carissa Hale and husband Todd of Arlington; stepson, Bradley Adams and wife, Annie of Garland; daughter-in-law Marla Brown of North Hollywood, CA; brother, Bill Baker and wife, Loretta Baker of Midland; mother-in-law, Johnnie Carroll of Plano; sister-in-law, Bonita Spivey and husband, James of Plano; grandsons, Kavan Adams, Isaiah Adams, Keondre Low and Jeffrey Brown; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends will miss and always remember her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Billie Ann and Kenneth Baker; grandparents, Ila and Houston Hill; Margaret and Homer Baker.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland; Dr. Mangat and his staff at Texas Oncology and Dr. Miller and his staff at Permian Cardiology.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make a donation to a charity of your choice.

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

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Charles Haskell "Koontz" Woodward

A teacher, a champion, an architect, a provider, a warrior, a builder, and most importantly a husband and a father. On April 10 1942, Charles Haskell Woodward was born in Mertens, Texas to Haskell and Mildred Woodward at home, with his older twin brother and sister, James and Carolyn. So his journey began.

In 1945, the family moved to Albany, Texas and added another brother, Johnny Woodward. They moved to the Cookfield Camp where the foundations of hard work, lifelong friendships, and Baptist up-bringing were instilled. My grandparents worked hard to provide for their family. My great-granddaddy Jim and Mama Goodman and his brother Miller and his wife Vesta all lived at Cookfield Camp and helped teach the children the lessons of life.

Daddy played, learned, and became lifelong friends with the Cookfield kids. Daddy participated in many sports programs and was a warrior on the field. He excelled in academics, made many friends and worked. He entered school as Charles and before he graduated he became Koontz. His buddies started teasing him and calling him Koontz, which he didn't like. He was talking about it to his dad and he told him to just ignore them and it would go away. It never did and after a while Koontz was all he preferred.

After graduating high school, Koontz received a scholarship to Texas A&M. He attended very briefly, then moved to Crane Texas to work in the oilfield. He married and fathered two children, Kristi and Don. Daddy worked for ARCO, Block 31 until 1972 when he opened Koontz's Gulf.

He employed the high school boys and offered great service. He never accepted less than perfect. He ripped the sleeves out of his uniform and bore a resemblance to Burt Reynolds. He taught the boys how to do the job and always got right in there with them. He believed in hard work and expected the same from his hands.

In 1979, he opened Koontz's Muffler Shop and again offered great service. In 1986, he closed down the service station and went to work at several businesses. In the mid-1990s, Dad went to work for Pradon Dirt Construction as a pusher.

Koontz and Judy moved and retired to Breckenridge Texas, but it didn't take. In 1997, they would travel to Breckenridge every weekend and remodel their home on the lake. They changed the a-frame into a country palace, remodeling it from the ground to the roof. They took care of both of their mothers who were living in Breckenridge. Daddy went back to work for Pradon and would come home to Breckenridge every weekend.

In 2005, he retired again to spend all his time with Judy.

Daddy and Judy had a love for each other that [illegible] deeply. They worked and played hard. Daddy loved and adored Judy and the feeling was mutual. On the lake, there were always projects, jig-saw puzzles, free-cell solitaire games, building bird houses, and tending to the cats. Coffee on the back porch was and is still a common theme.

My dad was my hero; he could fix anything, build almost anything, give advice, and tell a story. He was an avid reader with most of the material being Louis L'amour, war history, sports, and the oilfield. He was a great fan of John Wayne movies and Merle Haggard music. He hunted, fished, loved Bear Bryant and the New England Patriots, and worked.

Some people have to work, some people put up with work, others don't give it their all. As I reflect on my dad, he loved to work. When he worked he accomplished the best in him. He strove to do his best in everything he touched. I am grateful and honored to call him my dad. He taught me when he didn't know he was teaching me, he loved me when I didn't know if he did. He was a great man, a great and loving husband, a force that will flow through me until we meet again.

Through the last year of his ordeal, he never complained, he never got down as always he powered through and worked it out, his way. His shoes were big, his shadow long, his legacy will endure, and though physically he is not here, he will always be with me.

I thank God for choosing me to be his son. I imagine my dad in Heaven, telling stories of games won on the football field, remodeling his new house, catching up with friends that went before him and when God needs a worker, my dad stepping up to get the job done.

From Koontz's wife, Judy Woodward; children, Kristi Percifull, Don Woodward, Brandy Candelaria, Barrett Bloomer; grandkids, Dayce Shull, Zac Woodward, Hayli Bloomer, Brittany Farrow, Shayli Shull, Casity Shull, Marlee Woodward; and great-grandkids, Bailey Woodward, Casey Woodward, Liam Farrow, Derek Woodward, and Levi Farrow. Work on, work often, and work hard.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Koontz Woodward's name to the Albany Education Foundation in Albany, Texas.

Dorothy Modelle Peel McCright (Modelle)

Dorothy Modelle Peel McCright (Modelle), 85, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to be with her Lord on June 12, 2017. Modelle was born December 10, 1931 on a farm outside of Muleshoe, Texas, the 9th of 10 children of Sylvester Auburn and Betty Pauline Peel. She graduated from Lubbock High School and moved to Midland. She soon met W. H. (Hoyle) McCright, and, in 1949, began a marriage that continued for over 65 years until the death of Hoyle in 2014.

She attended First Baptist Church for decades and enjoyed many friendships from her long-time Sunday school class. She was an amazing cook and hostess, and her hospitality was well-known. Creative and artistic, she was a gifted quilt maker as well as an avid gardener.

Modelle is survived by her four children: Dan and his wife Sheila McCright of Midland, Gary and his wife Laura McCright of Midland, Allyson Burns of Phoenix, Arizona, and Alesa and her husband Bill Locklear of Fort Collins, Colorado; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; two sisters: Artell Pointer of California, and Nell Luck of Lubbock, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her five brothers and two of her sisters.

Pallbearers will be Johnathan McCright, Erik McCright, Chris Nolen, Trey Harper, Will Gray and Blake Boyce.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland on Friday, June 16, 2017. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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

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Elsie (Hawkins) Dean

September 6, 1911 - June 9, 2017

Elsie (Hawkins) Dean passed away June 9, 2017 of age related causes.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Loyd Hawkins and Jack Dean, and her oldest son, Robert Hawkins.

She is survived by her other son, Delbert Hawkins of Eugene, Oregon; and by six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma and raised in Midland, Texas. She married Loyd Hawkins on June 30, 1928 and shortly thereafter they moved to Monahans, Texas. Loyd died in 1965. Elsie remained in Monahans until she married Jack Dean in 1971 when she moved to his ranch in New Mexico. After his passing in 1972, she moved to Midland, Texas where she resided until moving to Eugene, Oregon in 2006.

She was a devoted mother and grandmother. She was extremely artistic and was involved in oil painting, sewing, knitting, and quilting. She was an active member of the First Baptist Churches of Monahans and Midland.

Her service will be held at noon on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland, Texas.

All are welcome.

Erna "Nita" Elizabeth Bartels Pritchett

Erna "Nita" Elizabeth Bartels Pritchett was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 11, 2017 at the age of 93. She was born in Holland, TX, on February 24, 1924 to Karl R. and Erna Romberg Bartels.

The Bartels later moved to Taft, Texas, where Nita worked alongside her family on their cotton farm. She graduated from Taft High School in 1941 as an honor student. She then attended Texas Lutheran College and University of Texas, majoring in Elementary Education. She was initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society in 1942. She earned her Master's Degree from Lamar University, Beaumont, in 1973 and received numerous continuing education certificates: an Elementary Teachers Certificate in 1969, a Kindergarten Certificate in 1970, a Language and Learning Disabilities Certificate in 1977, an Early Childhood Education/Handicapped Child Certificate in 1977, an Educational Diagnostician Certificate in 1977, and a Mentally Challenged Certificate in 1979.

Nita met her husband, Ted Pritchett, in Kerrville where they married in 1946. Later they moved to Bellaire, Texas, where they made their home and raised their six daughters. Later, she became a substitute teacher and then a full-time kindergarten teacher at Blackshear Elementary in Houston. She retired in 1994 at the age of 70 after 24 years of service. At times she had more than 31 students. She was sure to give each one a special hug and kind word every day!

Nita loved Jesus and had a special way of sharing that love through her smiles, her hugs, and her compassion. She was a cheerful giver, selflessly sharing her time, money, cookies, a helping hand and stories of Jesus to whomever was in need. She was best known for her life-long devotion to her church and was sure to be there with her girls whenever the doors were opened. She taught countless children throughout her lifetime, leading many into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. She taught in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Child Evangelism and later, taught adult Bible studies in nursing homes. She would go into neighborhoods with her cookies, juice, and stories of Jesus and inviting children to church. Every Saturday night she would call a list of children to see who needed a ride; then on Sunday morning she would get in her minivan and pick up any child that wanted to go. She took great pleasure in decorating the church each summer for Vacation Bible School, including building elaborate floats for the Bellaire 4th of July parade in order to advertise summer VBS in the community.

Nita enjoyed traveling. Two of the most meaningful journeys she made were her multiple tours through Israel, led by her son-in-law, Dave Anderson, and her tour through Germany where she was able to visit sites of her family origin. Her favorite trips, however, were right here in Texas, to the annual Bartels Family Reunions. For 57 years, she made that joyous trip, gathering together with all who could come. She believed it was important to pass on the rich heritage of the Bartels family to her children. All of her daughters settled in Texas so that she could be deeply involved in each of their lives, as well as the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She relocated to Midland, TX, in 2012 and has enjoyed living at Manor Park for the past five years in a loving, peaceful community.

Nita is preceded in death by her parents, Karl and Erna Bartels; her siblings, Roseline Bartels, Sonja McKemie, Linda Hardwicke, Karl Bartels and her grandson, Jimmy Anderson.

Nita leaves behind many to cherish her memory including her six daughters and their husbands: Betty and Dave Anderson, Jackie and Wayne Dunkel, Frances and Charlie Younger, Donna and Jim Harris, Sandy Hazlewood, and Carrilynn and Steve Fontenot; her 20 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Bernhard and his wife Lois Bartels, Helene Morgan, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family would like to personally thank Janie Caldwell, Helen Esparza, all the staff at Manor Park, and Home Hospice for their years of love and care for Nita in her latter years.

A Memorial Service will be held in the Parks-Faudree Family Chapel at Manor Park on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Graveside services will be in Holland, Texas, on June 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. An additional Memorial Service will be held with all the Bartels family at the annual Bartels Family Reunion in Kerrville at Inn of the Hills on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nita's memory to one of her favorite charities: Child Evangelism Fellowship, 901 Pinemont, Houston, TX 77018, online: *www.cefonline.com* or Grace School of Theology, 3705 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384; online: *www.gsot.edu*.

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George Tully Snider

George Tully Snider, of Andrews, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 10, 2017. He was born in Lynn County to parents Alton (A.W.) and Ora Snider on April 21, 1934.

George grew up on a farm near Tahoka, Texas and attended school in the tiny town of New Moore, Texas. A hard worker, he left home at an early age and pursued a career in the oilfield. Soon after, he was drafted into the United States Army. After his service, he returned to the oilfield where he had a long career as a gauger for Texas-New Mexico Pipeline Company.

George loved the Lord and lived a life dedicated to him. George loved his prayer room where he spent a great deal of his time as a prayer warrior. He loved Andrews, where he lived for nearly 40 years and he also loved to eat steak fingers at Buddy's cafe. George never met a stranger and he enjoyed telling stories about his life to his loved ones. George was a very generous person and always willing to give a helping hand to those in need.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Minnie Berg; his daughter, Celena Lawson; and granddaughter, Kirsten Lawson.

He is survived by his son, Steve Snider and Steve's wife Clarita of Richmond, Texas.

Other survivors are his three sisters, Mae Pierce of Lubbock, Texas, Joann (Pam) Fargo of Branson, Missouri, and Rose Crawford of The Villages, Florida; grandchildren, Shalako and Kristy, Christopher and Taryn, Valentina, and Luca; and great-grandchildren, Sophia and Corbin.

A celebration-of-life will be held on June 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Maranatha Assembly of God church in Andrews. We welcome those that knew George to come.

Death Notices

Curtis McGriff

Curtis McGriff, 67, of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, June 12, 2017. A Celebration of Mr. McGriff's Home Going will be held Friday, June 16, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at True-Lite Christian Fellowship in Midland.

He is survived by sisters, Sharon Billeh and Shirley Swearengin, and brother, Willie McGriff.

Juanita Campos

Juanita Campos, 72 of Midland, Texas passed away on Monday, June 12, 2017. Viewing will be Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Graveside service and Talk is set for Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

She is survived by her sons, Mark Campos and Mario Albert Campos, and two sisters Maria Marquez and Lucia Villareal.

Melissa Diane Hayes

Melissa Diane Hayes passed away on Monday, June 12, 2017. There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, June 16, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

Shane Richard Horner

Shane Richard Horner, 31 of Midland, Texas passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2017. A Celebration of Life will be at Stonegate Christian Fellowship at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2017. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Shane is survived by his wife, Phenix Horner; children, Emma LaRue and Sadie Mae Horner; mother, Kelly Dunn Hogue; father, Stuart Horner; and three siblings.

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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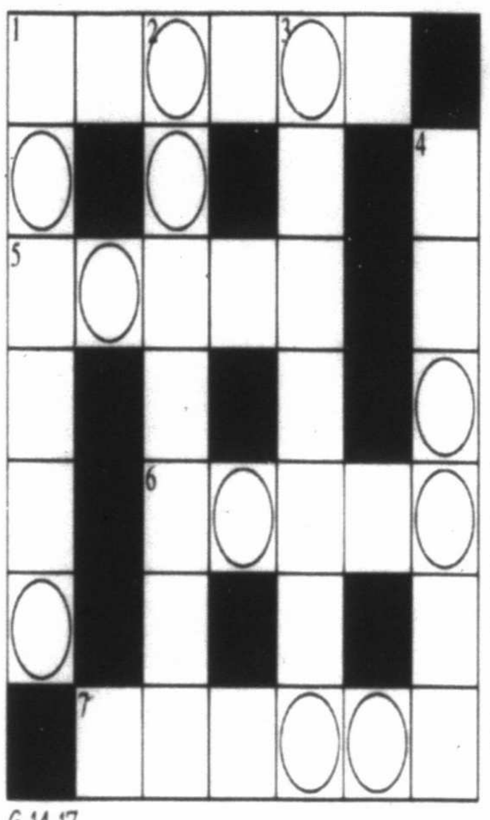

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Scamper	UCRSYR
5. Last Greek letter	GOEAM
6. ___ sheets	AINTS
7. Dogs, but not dog	URPLLA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Run-down	YHDSDO
2. Fork or spoon	INSULTE
3. Friar cutup	ARROSET
4. Popcorn ___	KREELN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This U.S. president's middle initial didn't stand for any one name.

BONUS

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Answer: Sleepy Hollow's Horseman needed to get to New York City, so he — HEADED SOUTH

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Wall St. debuts
5 Land formerly ruled by a shah
9 Political Ron or Rand
13 Van starter?
14 Stuffed shells
16 Data, for instance
17 "Big __" Delaney: "Sons of Anarchy" character
18 "Tsk tsk"
20 Hawaiian priests
22 " ... bug in __"
23 Skating jump
24 Petrol pumper
25 Went for the lure
28 Decide
30 Starbucks amenity
32 As an example
34 "Street Dreams" rapper
35 Hosiery hue
37 Get
38 Stretchy synthetic
40 Inc. relative
41 Ravi Shankar's instrument
42 How some tuna is packed
43 Swiss chocolatier since 1845
45 Mama bear, in Tabasco
46 Standard
48 More than a few
49 Bishops and knights
50 Animal common in rebus puzzles
51 Permission slip
53 "Too bad"
55 Pac-12 team
56 King of fiction
59 Deep-fried carnival confection
63 Dad, to Dumas
64 Morales of "The Brink"
65 Corn Belt towers
66 Toy brand with a Ninjago line
67 It's outstanding
68 Small pie
69 Thames school

DOWN
1 "No harm done"
2 Baba ghanouj bread
3 *"Regarding the subject at hand ..."
4 Iowa's __ City
5 "So not true!"
6 Cheers from tiers
7 Obamacare, briefly
8 Baseball analyst Garciaparra
9 "And the Putter Went ... __": golf history book
10 "__ questions?"
11 Blur in a tabloid pic
12 Fox Business anchor Dobbs
15 Letter flourish
19 *Like leisure suits and Nehru jackets
21 *Nike competitor
24 *Major-league
25 Bed cover ... or, literally, what the end of each answer to a starred clue is
26 As a precaution
27 5-Across capital
28 How much shopping is done
29 Webpage option under an invoice
31 Top off, say
33 Retailer that abstained from Black Friday in 2015 and launched an #OptOutside movement instead
36 Flamboyant Dame
39 Cup lip
44 Crime lab procedure
47 Sprawls on the couch
52 Implied
54 Cobbler fruit
55 Foot or furlong
56 Hershey's toffee bar
57 Thus
58 Flashy light
59 Served dinner to
60 Take advantage of
61 Arrest
62 Menu catchphrase

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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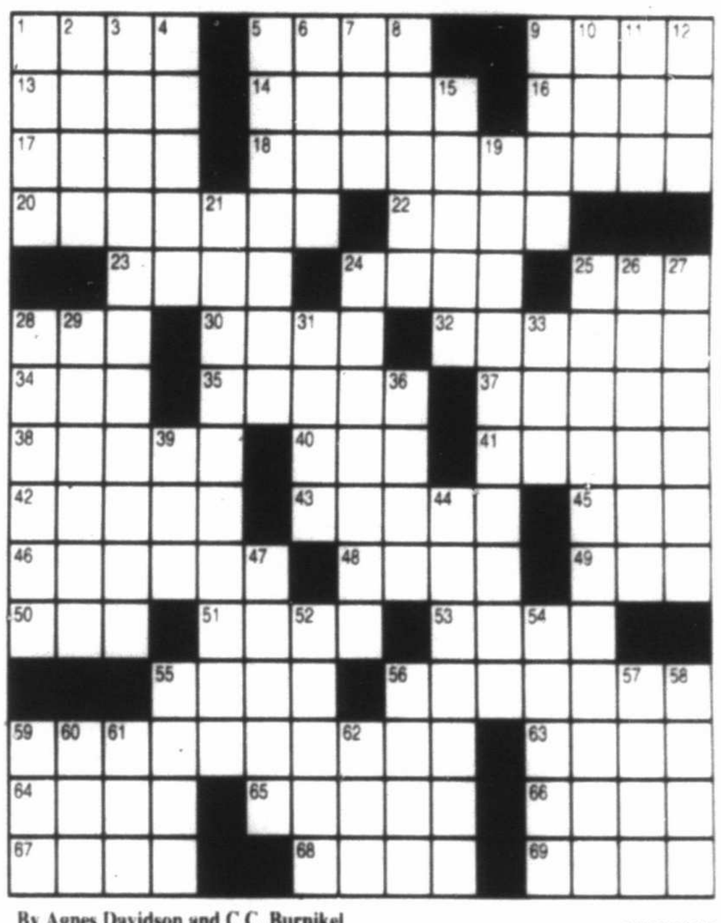

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CONTRACEPTION

From 1B

Daverth said California invested in comprehensive sex education and access to contraception. There, the teenage birth rate dropped by 74 percent from 1991 to 2015. The teen birth rate in Texas also fell, but only by 56 percent.

In South Carolina, young women on Medicaid who have babies are offered the opportunity to get a long-acting form of birth control right after they give birth. They're also trying that approach in parts of North Carolina. And Colorado subsidizes the cost of long-acting birth control. There, both abortions and teen birth rates are dropping faster than the national average.

Texas makes it hard for teenagers to get reproductive health care, Daverth says.

In Texas, if a 17-year-old mom wants prescription birth control, in most cases she needs her parents' permission. "Only (Texas) and Utah have a law that if you're already a parent, you are the legal medical guardian of your baby, but you cannot make your own medical decisions without the now-grandma involved," Daverth said.

That's part of the reason, she notes, Texas has the highest rate of repeat teen pregnancies in the country.

After Skylar was born, Chester wasn't given contraception counseling and still wasn't sure where to go for help. Three months later, she was pregnant again. She and her then-boyfriend, now-husband, Marcus Chester, hadn't realized she could get pregnant so soon after having a baby. She was a full-time student at UT-Dallas at that point, double-majoring in molecular biology and business administration. But the education Chester never got, she said, was sex ed.

"In hindsight," she said, "it's like, 'Dude, what were you all thinking? I came in 17, pregnant; why weren't you all lining up the chart and showing me (my) options?'"

Chester's high school, like the majority of schools in Texas, teaches abstinence-only or doesn't offer any sex education at all, though more districts do seem to be adopting "abstinence plus" — which still encourages abstinence but also includes information on other pregnancy prevention methods and sexually transmitted diseases.

Nicole Hudgens, with the socially conservative Texas Values public policy group, supports abstinence-only education and said there are plenty of options for young moms who become pregnant.

"There are so many places like crisis pregnancy centers that are able to help these girls that are in need," Hudgens said.

Crisis pregnancy centers provide counseling and support for pregnant teens but don't offer abortions or contraception.

Studies show access to contraception is key to reducing the teen pregnancy rate. And according to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, teen pregnancies in Texas cost the state $1.1 billion each year. Daverth said the costs are because of lost wages and an increased reliance on social services.

"One of the things we know is that 60 percent of teen parents will not graduate from high school, and only 2 percent will go on to graduate from college," Daverth said.

Chester did graduate from college. Her mom helped her through it, and she did end up taking out loans for day care, but she got a degree and now has a job doing community outreach and family planning for a Dallas hospital.

"I have a lot of support with my mother alone," Chester said. "I had the example in front of me of (getting pregnant young) doesn't have to derail your plans, it doesn't have to stop you from getting an education and a career."

Jessica and Marcus Chester married in 2010 and have a third son — Kameron, now 21 months old. That pregnancy was planned, she said.

Sitting on the couch at her home in Garland, Chester admitted it can be tough watching friends graduate with medical degrees who are further along in their careers. She has a good job, but it's not what she was imagining when she graduated at the top of her high school class. Sometimes, she admits, it feels as if she failed.

"Like, I gave up on my goals and dreams or messed them up. But when I look at my children, I don't regret a thing. I'm not sad," she said, even though her tears were flowing. "It's just the reality of knowing my life is completely altered because of decisions I made as a teenager."

Then Chester heard her older boys laughing upstairs, wiped her tears and went to cheer them on.

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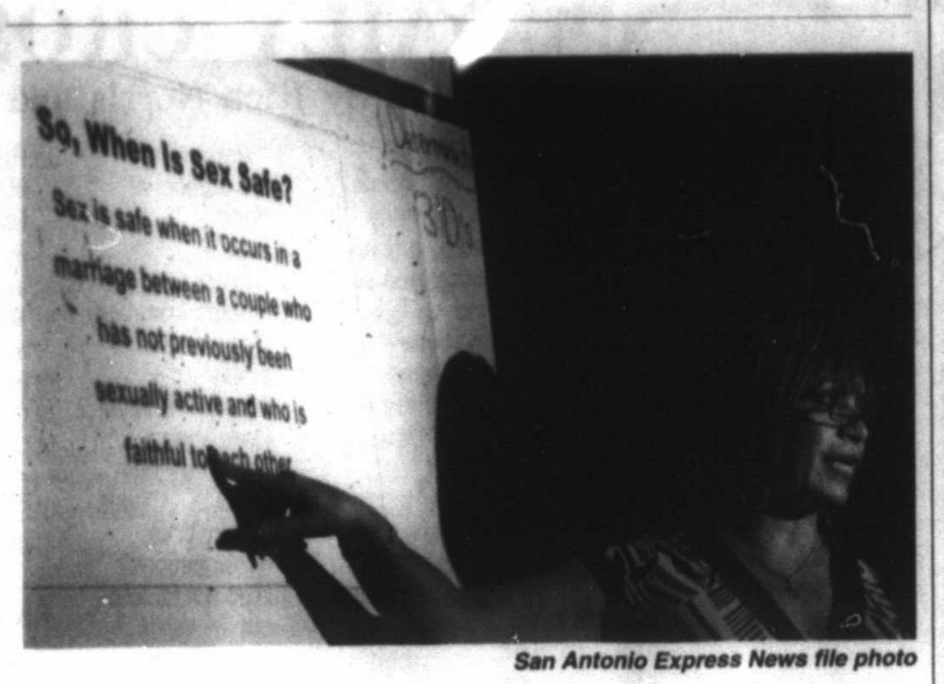

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Ludi Ortega teaches an eighth-grade Worth the Wait sex education class at Zamora Middle School on April 4, 2008, in San Antonio. The abstinence curriculum has been criticized by opponents as dissuading kids from having sex by focusing on contraceptive failure rates.

"One of the things we know is that 60 percent of teen parents will not graduate from high school, and only 2 percent will go on to graduate from college."

Gwen Daverth, CEO of the Texas Campaign To Prevent Teen Pregnancy

Texts can motivate diabetics, study finds

By Paul Sisson
The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Text messages can help motivate Type 2 diabetics to lower their blood sugar levels, according to a new paper from a researcher at the Scripps Whittier Diabetes Institute.

Researchers randomly assigned 126 people, whose blood sugar levels were not well-controlled, into two groups, one that received standard care and a second that received up to three motivational diabetes-related text messages per day for six months.

At the end of the period, those who received the texts had reduced their "A1c" blood glucose levels from 9.5 percent to 8.5 percent, a full one percentage point drop. Those who received standard care saw only a 0.2 percentage point decrease.

While the change was judged statistically significant, neither group was able to bring its average glucose level down to the recommended threshold of 5.7 percent.

Still, text messages, which offered motivational messages around diet and exercise or reminded participants to check their blood sugar levels, had about the same sugar-lowering effects as some glucose-lowering medications.

Some of the text messages sent regularly to participants asked them to text back their blood sugar numbers after checking them, and those who did, researchers found, had better success at lowering glucose.

Dr. Athena Philis-Tsimikas, the study's co-author, presented the results at the recent American Diabetes Association's annual meeting in San Diego.

"Taken together, these findings suggest that, on a wider scale, a simple, low-cost text message-based approach like the one offered through Dulce Digital has the potential to significantly benefit many people who struggle every day to manage their diabetes and maintain their health," Tsimikas said in a statement.

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From 1B

autism has gained new attention. President Donald Trump has promoted this myth, energizing some anti-vaccine groups.

Some families say that their children developed autism after vaccinations. The timing is a coincidence, however; symptoms of autism typically become clear at around 2 years of age, which happens to be the age when children get certain vaccines.

The study of fever during pregnancy adds to evidence that genetic and environmental factors influence the risk of autism well before children start showing symptoms. Other research has tied vitamin D deficiencies during pregnancy to an increased risk of autism, and brain activity in 6-month-olds can help predict their likelihood of being diagnosed at 2 years old.

Other research has found a link between a father's age at conception and a child's chance of developing autism.

The new study looked at 95,754 Norwegian children born between 1999 and 2009, identifying 15,701 children whose mothers said they had fevers at some point in their pregnancies. Of those, 583 had children later diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

The information was gathered during the pregnancies and shortly after birth, so the mothers' "recall bias" was minimized, Hornig said.

Women who had one or two fevers during their pregnancies were 1.3 times more likely to have a child eventually diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, the study found. Three fevers doubled the risk, although the number of cases was too small to be considered statistically significant, according to the research.

Acetaminophen, the drug most commonly taken to reduce fever, had no significant impact on the rate of autism spectrum disorder, the researchers found, though the number of women who reported using the medication was small.

Hornig said additional research into inflammation and pregnancy is needed. "What I want to know is the mechanism," she said. "I want to understand how this inflammation may relate" to autism spectrum disorder.

OBESITY

From 1B

■ But the United States had the largest number of obese adults in 2015, with 79 million. China came in second with 57 million obese adults — even though China has more than four times as many people as the U.S.

■ China had the largest number of obese children, with 15 million. India had 14 million.

■ Globally, about 4 million deaths were attributed to being overweight or obese in 2014, from causes like heart disease and diabetes.

Some good news is that improvements in medications and other kinds of health-care seem to be helping people survive longer even if they have weight-related health problems. Researchers did not find an increase in weight-related rates of death and disability, Gregg observed.

But with obesity levels rising, there is a pressing need for better nutrition and other efforts to prevent unhealthy weight gain, said one of the authors, said Dr. Ashkan Afshin, the study's lead author.

Unfortunately, "there is no single, simple solution for the problem of overweight and obesity," he said.

HEALTHBREIFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISD to serve summer meals

Midland ISD Child Nutrition Services will serve meals to children 18 and younger this summer.

Midland ISD is one of the organizations partnering with TDA to serve meals across Texas. To see where meals are being served in Midland — or elsewhere in Texas — go to the TDA's website — texasagriculture.gov, click on "Food & Nutrition" and then "Click here for a meal near you."

Residents also can call 2-1-1 to find meal locations.

Aspen Dental to treat veterans

Aspen Dental is offering free dental care for local veterans 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24 as part of its Healthy Mouth Movement. The Midland Aspen Dental office is at Cornerstone Shopping Center, 4400 N. Midland Drive.

In the past three years, more than 7,000 Aspen Dental team members have volunteered their time and talents to deliver $7.6 million in free dental care to more than 12,000 patients in need.

Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment, 1-844-AspenHMM.

For more information, visit www.HealthyMouthMovement.com.

Midland Health events

■ Weigh to Success seminar, 4 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital front lobby; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com.

■ Birth Place Tour, 5 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com; to register, go to midland-health.org and click on classes & events.

■ Nutrition Support Group, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus cafeteria; Megan Casselman, 221-3045, megan.casselman@midland-memorial.com.

■ Babycare/Infant CPR, 6 p.m. Monday at Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and 4-5 p.m. Sundays; Midland County Public Library Centennial branch; 553-1031.

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

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

PDAP meetings

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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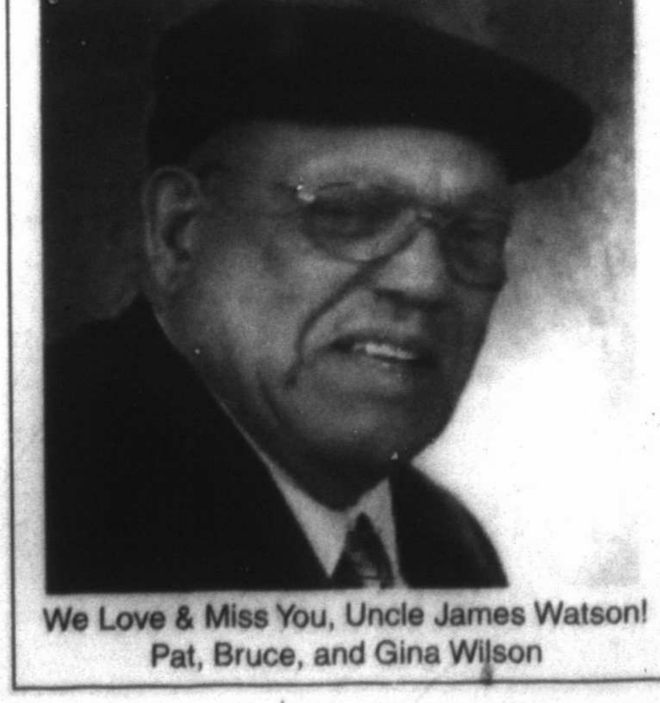

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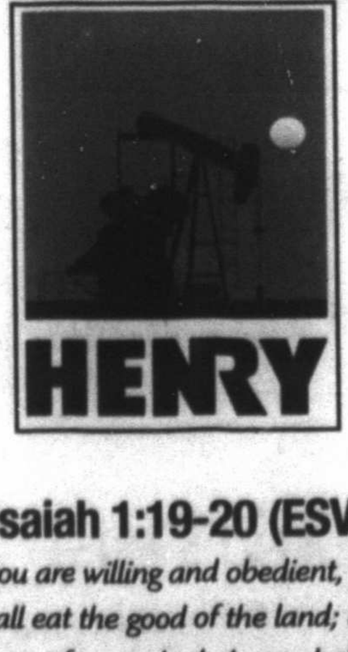

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Isaiah 1:19-20 (ESV)
If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword.

Drones carrying defibrillators could aid heart emergencies

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

"Ninety percent of people who collapse outside of a hospital don't make it. This is a crisis, and it's time we do something different to address it."

Dr. Clyde Yancy, cardiology chief at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago

CHICAGO — It sounds futuristic: drones carrying heart defibrillators swooping in to help bystanders revive people stricken by cardiac arrest.

Researchers tested the idea and found drones arrived at the scene of 18 cardiac arrests within about 5 minutes of launch. That was almost 17 minutes faster on average than ambulances — a big deal for a condition where minutes mean life or death.

Drone-delivered devices weren't used on patients in the preliminary study, but the results are "pretty remarkable" and proof that the idea is worth exploring, said Dr. Clyde Yancy, a former American Heart Association president who was not involved in the study.

Cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death worldwide, killing more than 6 million people each year. Most happen at home or in other nonmedical settings and most patients don't survive.

"Ninety percent of people who collapse outside of a hospital don't make it. This is a crisis, and it's time we do something different to address it," said Yancy, cardiology chief at Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago.

The researchers reached the same conclusion after analyzing cardiac arrest data in Sweden, focusing on towns near Stockholm that don't have enough emergency medical resources to serve summer vacationers. The analysis found an emergency response time of almost 30 minutes and a survival rate of zero, said lead author Andreas Claesson, a researcher at the Center for Resuscitation Science at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

To see if care could be improved, Claesson's team turned to drones.

Drones are increasingly being tested or used in a variety of settings, including to deliver retail goods to consumers in remote areas, search for lost hikers and help police monitor traffic or crowds. Using them to speed medical care seemed like a logical next step, Claesson said.

The study was done last October and was published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

More than 350,000 Americans had a cardiac arrest in a nonmedical setting last year, the American Heart Association says. The condition is often confused with heart attacks but they're different.

Heart attacks occur when a clot or other blockage stops blood flow to the heart. Cardiac arrest occurs when electrical impulses controlling the heart's rhythmic pumping action suddenly malfunction. The heartbeat becomes very irregular or stops, preventing blood from reaching vital organs. Death can occur within minutes without treatment to restore a normal heartbeat, ideally CPR and use of a defibrillator.

The researchers used a small heart defibrillator weighing less than two pounds, featuring an electronic voice that gives instructions on how to use the device. It was attached to a small drone equipped with four small propeller-like rotors, a global positioning device and camera.

They launched the drone from a fire station within about 6 miles from homes where people had previous cardiac arrests.

In the study's video footage simulating a rescue, a drone soars over residential rooftops and then lands gently in a backyard. A man dashes out of the house, grabs the defibrillator and carries it inside.

There were no crashes or other mishaps during the study, Claesson said. He plans a follow-up study to test drone-delivered defibrillators for bystanders to use in real-life cardiac arrests.

The test results show "a great potential for saving lives," he said.

Family members need support after serious diagnosis

ALYSSA THOMPSON
Samaritan Counseling Center

Being diagnosed with a serious illness or disease can be devastating. It alters the way you think about life — now and the future. But what if it was a family member who was just diagnosed? The individual who's been diagnosed is not the only one affected; each member of the family also is affected.

You may find yourself asking "How can I help them?" or "What do I say to them?"

Your loved one may live out of our area or out of state. That means you may receive this news via the phone or over webchat. You may feel a sense of shock, and you may not know what to say at that moment. That's OK. You don't have to have all the answers. Your loved one and your entire family may be experiencing grief and loss and feel worry, sadness, anger, fear or even disbelief. In speaking with your loved ones, you might say something like, "You know, I'm really scared, too, but I'm going to be with you through this," or "I'm not sure what will happen, either, but I'm always here for you."

You can help your family members through this difficult time by letting them know you're there for them and by encouraging them to seek the help they need from their doctor. Just because they have been diagnosed with a serious illness doesn't mean they don't have independence. Encourage them to find things they can do for themselves, even if it is different from how they could care for themselves before.

Taking care of yourself is imperative during this time so you have the energy you need to care for your loved ones. This may mean taking a walk during your lunch break or finding time to do an activity that you enjoy.

MARCIA NORTON
Centers for Children and Families

Remember the good times on Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday. The day can be a wonderful time of celebration and of memories. But have you ever wondered what Father's Day is like for someone without a father?

This year will mark the 30th anniversary of my father's passing. I'd always been a "daddy's girl" and was not prepared for my dad to pass away. For several years afterward, sometimes I'd be upset when friends asked if I was going to see my dad on Father's Day; at other times I would remember fondly the good times that my dad and I shared. As the years pass, it gets a little easier for me, but you never get over a parent's death.

By having to deal with the grief of losing a parent — or any loved one — it becomes increasingly difficult to celebrate holidays, anniversaries and birthdays. For those of you without fathers, Father's Day only seems to remind you of your loss. However, it does not have to be this way. You can use this day to celebrate your father. Or you could celebrate those people who have served as surrogate fathers — someone who represents everything a father should stand for.

Following are a few suggestions to help you get through Father's Day.

■ Do something your father enjoyed.

Is there something that your father really liked to do? My dad loved football and Chicago Cubs baseball. We would watch together just about any game that was on TV. So on Father's Day, I will usually try to find a Cubs game to watch and fondly remember those good times with my dad.

While nothing can take the place of a dad when he's gone, some activities may ease the pain.

■ Celebrate the memories.

Father's Day is a good opportunity to share with family members or friends pictures, scrapbooks or videos of your dad. I also liked to visit my uncle and hear some of the wonderful family stories he would tell.

■ Value things that your father taught you.

Both of my parents always encouraged me to do my best, no matter what. My dad did not realize it at the time, but his wise words helped get me through my dissertation for my doctoral degree. My dad — who also had a doctoral degree — told one of his graduate students: "Get your dissertation done now; you can go for the Nobel Prize later."

■ Focus on how lucky you are for other people in your life.

Not having a father can be very difficult. Being thankful and putting the focus on other people in your life is a great way to show them gratitude. Talk to other family members and friends about your dad (or someone who is like a dad to you) and tell them how grateful you are for their love, friendship and support.

For those of you who know someone without a father on Father's Day, the best thing you can do for them is show support, listen to them and be there when they need you.

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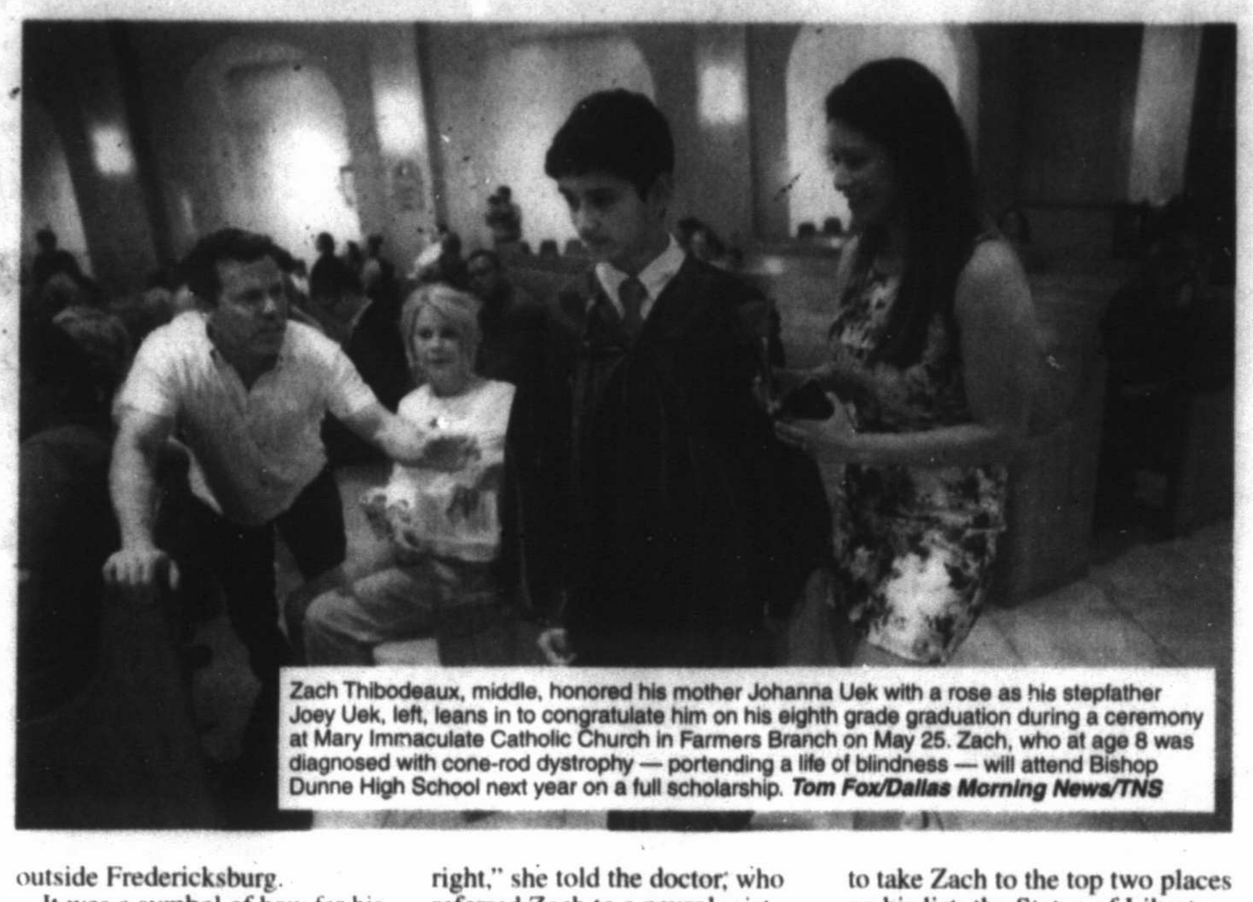
Blind teen sees opportunities instead of obstacles

By Marc Ramirez
The Dallas Morning News



Zach Thibodeaux, middle, honored his mother Johanna Uek with a rose as his stepfather Joey Uek, left, leans in to congratulate him on his eighth grade graduation during a ceremony at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Farmers Branch on May 25. Zach, who at age 8 was diagnosed with cone-rod dystrophy — portending a life of blindness — will attend Bishop Dunne High School next year on a full scholarship. *Tom Fox/Dallas Morning News/TNS*

FARMERS BRANCH — The students packed the auditorium, diplomas in hand, on a Thursday in late May; the newest eighth-grade graduates of Mary Immaculate Catholic School. Over cake, they and their families marked the transition from one life stage to another while reveling in memories of the past, played out on a screen high above the crowd.

As the slideshow began, Zach Thibodeaux, 14, relinquished a stack of papers to his stepfather so he could focus on holding a cup of punch and a white cane. The graduates howled and giggled as the photos traced their lives from infancy to childhood to adolescence, but Zach could see none of this.

"There you are when you were little," his mother, Johanna Uek, told him as one photo appeared.

Six years ago, Zach was diagnosed with cone-rod dystrophy, an incurable eye disease that would gradually kill his retinas. With her son's vision rapidly vanishing, Uek had two priorities — to help Zach prepare for a life of blindness and to offer him visual experiences he wouldn't be able to enjoy once his sight was gone.

As Zach's new journey began, he learned Braille, abacus and how to use a cane, in addition to his grade-school studies. Armed with new tools and technologies and aided by supportive teachers and classmates, he lifted the grades that had fallen with his failing vision.

But there were disappointments, too, like having to give up soccer, and tough questions posed by his vanishing window to the world.

"Why me? Why is this happening?"

Five years later, his voice an octave lower, the Lewisville teen is headed to the unfamiliar physical setting of high school — upbeat, thoughtful and confident, a kid into Tchaikovsky, fitness and political thrillers. "He's gone and grown up on us," said Beth Jeffrey, his former Braille teacher.

Graduation, Zach said, "kind of came by pretty fast. I'm really excited."

Earlier this year, Zach joined his fellow eighth-graders as they hiked Enchanted Rock, the 425-foot-high granite dome outside Fredericksburg.

It was a symbol of how far his journey had taken him.

YOU'D NEVER KNOW

The 57 eighth-graders had lined up in the foyer of Mary Immaculate Church, girls in red gowns, boys in blue. The pianist played a sonata by Beethoven, the German composer who wrote his most acclaimed works while completely deaf.

One by one, the students came forward, pausing to do the sign of the cross before heading to their places. When his turn came, Zach stepped up, executed the motions and strode briskly to his seat; if you didn't see the cane tucked to his side, you might not guess his central vision is totally gone, with his peripheral vision not far behind.

"When it got to 20/2000, they stopped measuring," Uek said. "He can't tell if his shirt is inside out. He has to feel the seam."

It was around first grade that his sight started to go, like black splotches of paint cast on a window. A series of doctors offered glasses, but no remedy. Zach started running into things, tripping, swinging the bat at baseballs already gone by.

When he began lowering his face to the table while doing homework, Uek called Zach's pediatrician. "Something's not right," she told the doctor, who referred Zach to a neurologist.

After two years without any answers, the Retina Foundation of the Southwest diagnosed Zach with cone-rod dystrophy, a degenerative disease inhibiting his eyes' ability to absorb the waste produced by their electrochemical reaction to light. The toxicity was destroying his retinas.

For Zach, barely in third grade, life had irreversibly changed.

"It takes a lot of skill to be a good blind person," Stephanie Fleming, Zach's optometrist, said then. "Crossing streets, getting from the parking lot into the grocery store, knowing how to tell the difference with money so you get the correct change. ... You have to be well-educated so you end up with a good job and insurance and able to move out and get your own place. All these things have to be considered, even though he's only 8."

But the diagnosis, while devastating for his family, was in some ways a relief to Zach. A voracious learner, he finally got the tools to redeem his ailing grades. He learned the Braille alphabet in a month.

He studied orientation mobility in such settings as Dallas' NorthPark Center, which offered real-life obstacles.

To give him visual memories, the family scraped together funds to take Zach to the top two places on his list: the Statue of Liberty and Atlantis — the Bahamian resort he associated with a favorite cartoon character, SpongeBob SquarePants.

There were frustrations, too, like being unable to share in sights that amused his friends or his family's view of a mountaintop sunrise in Hawaii. Eventually, it got to where he could play video games only by standing inches away from a 55-inch television screen.

"He's a typical kid," said Linda Coffin, Mary Immaculate's assistant principal. "He wants to be in the mix with everybody, but at times it's hard. He can't go to PE. So he studies."

SOARING EXPENSES

In public school, some of Zach's equipment and training could potentially be paid for, but the Ueks, who have two older sons, favored Mary Immaculate's family-style community and familiar environment. As a result, they faced numerous expenses.

"None of the books come in Braille," Uek said. "It's $4 a page (to translate), and if there's graphics, you're talking thousands of dollars."

The growing expenses have forced her back to work selling cosmetics for Neiman Marcus, and though the Ueks did take Zach to the Ozarks in Arkansas and Sedona, Arizona., they've put off his remaining wish list items — the Northern Lights and the Harry Potter attraction at Universal Studios.

"That's one thing I feel sad about, that I haven't been able to take him more places," Uek said. "I just know that the more educated he is, the more independent he'll be."

At Mary Immaculate, teachers went out of their way to adjust lessons or devise alternate assignments, preparing tests ahead of time so they could be translated into Braille and keeping expectations high.

The effort paid off for Zach, who since fourth grade has envisioned a science career and faced challenges with a characteristic "I-got-this" attitude. He won speech tournaments and received national academic honors.

"He hasn't let anything get in his way," said Coffin, who also taught Zach's seventh- and eighth-grade history classes. "He just embraced everything, and the students have, as well. It was a learning curve for them, too. When you're 10, it's hard to realize what you're doing and you might get tired of it, like, 'Why do we have to help Zach all the time?' But here we are in eighth grade, and Zach is climbing this huge rock with us."

Before the diplomas were given out, students were recognized for their activities — band, swimming, student council. Zach was recognized for speech.

Then came the awards — and his name was called repeatedly, an honor student tied for the class' second-highest GPA and a decorated thespian with certificates of excellence for writing, technology and school service.

The biggest were yet to come: Zach won the school's perseverance award and, from Bishop Dunne High, where he'll start in August, its presidential scholarship for academic promise and leadership. The honors and awards were so numerous that Zach had to hand them off to his stepdad, Joey Uek, at the reception that followed.

"We're so proud of you, honey," his mom said. "You made it. You were top three. That was your goal."

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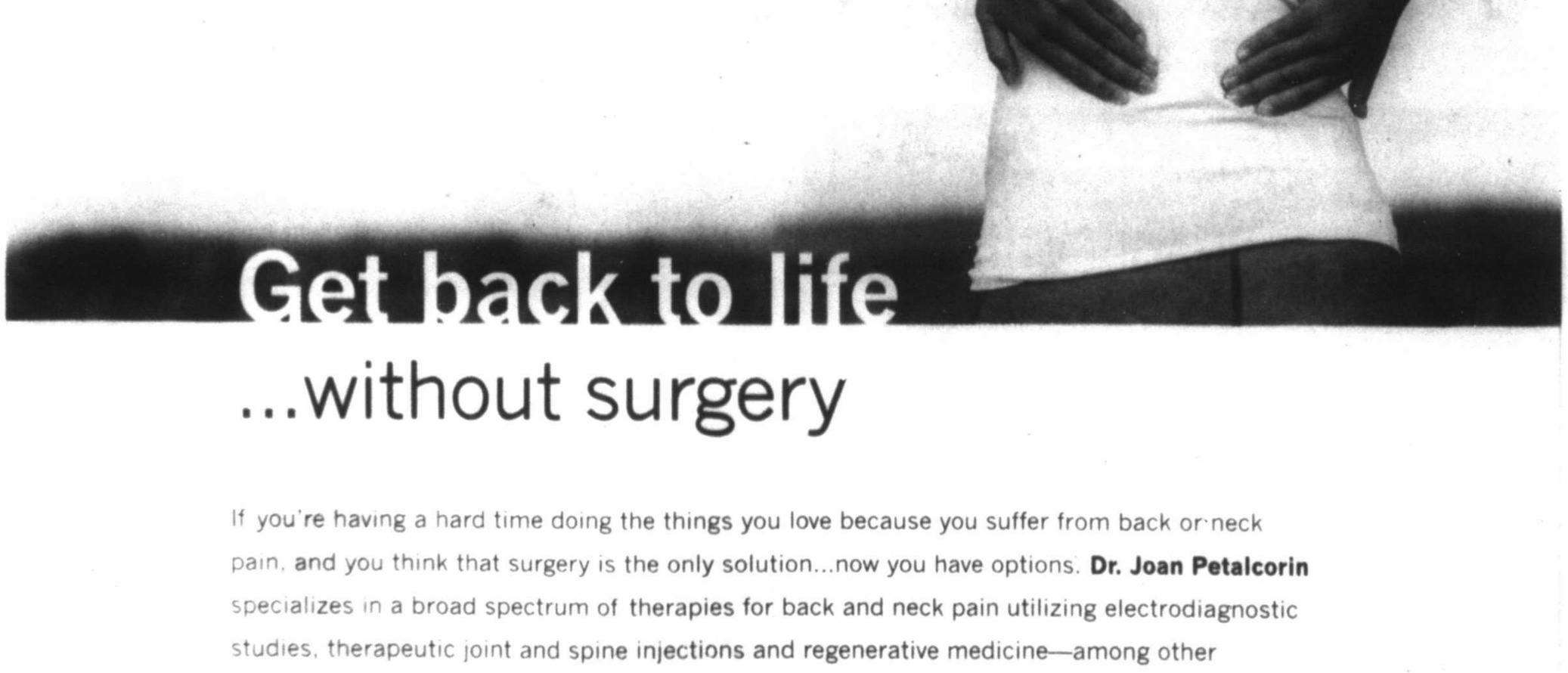

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McIlroy's complaint: It's US Open, leave rough alone

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — Rory McIlroy couldn't hold back on his complaints about the U.S. Open at Erin Hills, with an unusual twist: He was discouraged to hear the USGA is making it too easy.

The USGA said Tuesday that overnight storms and more rain in the forecast were making some of the native grasses lay down, which would create such dense rough that it would be virtually unplayable. So it set out to trim the thickest rough on the fourth, 12th, 14th and 18th holes.

This was bad news to McIlroy, whose power and accuracy off the tee is his strength.

"Really?" McIlroy said during his news conference.

His issue — and the opinion Kevin Na did not share when he posted video of thick stuff earlier in the week — was that the fairways were wide enough already.

"We have 60 yards from left line to right line," McIlroy said. "You've got 156 of the best players in the world here. If we can't hit it within that avenue, you might as well pack your bags and go home. These are the widest fairways we've ever played in a U.S. Open. Even the first and second cut is another ten yards on top of that. So if you've got 50 or 60 yards to hit into and you're complaining about the fescue that's wider than that, I don't think that's an issue."

The grass is so thick that it's essentially a one-shot penalty. The options are to take a penalty shot for an unplayable lie or hack it out to the fairway, assuming the player can get a club on the ball.

"I get that it's thick and whatever, but it's a hazard," McIlroy said. "If you put red lines just right along that people wouldn't complain. It's a hazard. I don't know. It's a U.S. Open. It's supposed to be a tough test. And if guys can't put it into play within a 50-yard zone, I don't think they've got much to complain about."

Former U.S. Amateur champion Peter Uihlein had a different outlook.

He took a photo of the maintenance staff trimming away and tweeted, "Guess the USGA decided to be nice this week and cut down

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AP file photo

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits to the 18th green during the second round of the Masters golf tournament April 7 in Augusta, Ga. McIlroy won the first of his four majors in the U.S. Open six years ago at Congressional, a course so softened by rain that he shattered the scoring record (268) and won by eight shots.

Looking for a match

Lee leads, question is who follows on defense

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Sean Lee anchors Dallas' defense with plenty of questions as it tries to match a dynamic offense that carried the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC last season.

While the All-Pro linebacker is a good starting point, the Cowboys made it clear in the draft that few positions are safe for a unit that twice couldn't stop Green Bay in the final minutes after Dallas pulled even in a divisional playoff loss last season.

"We certainly have some new blood on defense," coach Jason Garrett said. "It's still early with every one of them but we feel like we drafted the guys we thought we drafted. And what I mean by that is you look at the evaluations of prior to the draft of each of these guys and what you're seeing now, they fit together."

At the same time, there are plenty of holdovers capable of winning starting jobs between now and the season opener Sept. 10 against the New York Giants.

Case in point: safety Jeff Heath. On the first day of minicamp Tuesday, the fifth-year player had two interceptions. He was running with the first team because Barry Church was among six key defenders who left in free agency.

"Every year in the NFL you're going to have new faces," Heath said. "That's how it works with free agency and guys retiring and stuff like that. I guess we've had more new guys than normal in the secondary."

After drafting pass rusher Taco Charlton in the first round, the Cowboys took a pair of cornerbacks with their next two picks: Chidobe Awuzie and Jourdan Lewis. Seven of Dallas' nine draft picks were defensive players.

"It's been fun to be around them," Lee said. "I also think we've got some older guys and we've got some guys on the defense and are ready to play and are going to surprise some people. We have certain standards defensively that we want to play by."

Lee is coming off his first All-Pro season, and his first offseason in five years without having to manage an injury. In the two years since he missed all of 2014 after tearing a knee ligament in the first offseason practice, the oft-injured Lee has been mostly healthy.

The seven-year veteran settles things at weakside linebacker. One of the biggest questions is right next to him, though.

Jaylon Smith, a second-round pick last year, is hoping to make his long-awaited debut at middle linebacker after a devastating knee injury in his final game at Notre Dame. Veteran Anthony Hitchens is the starter at the moment.

Charlton will get a long look at defensive end, where DeMarcus Lawrence and 2016

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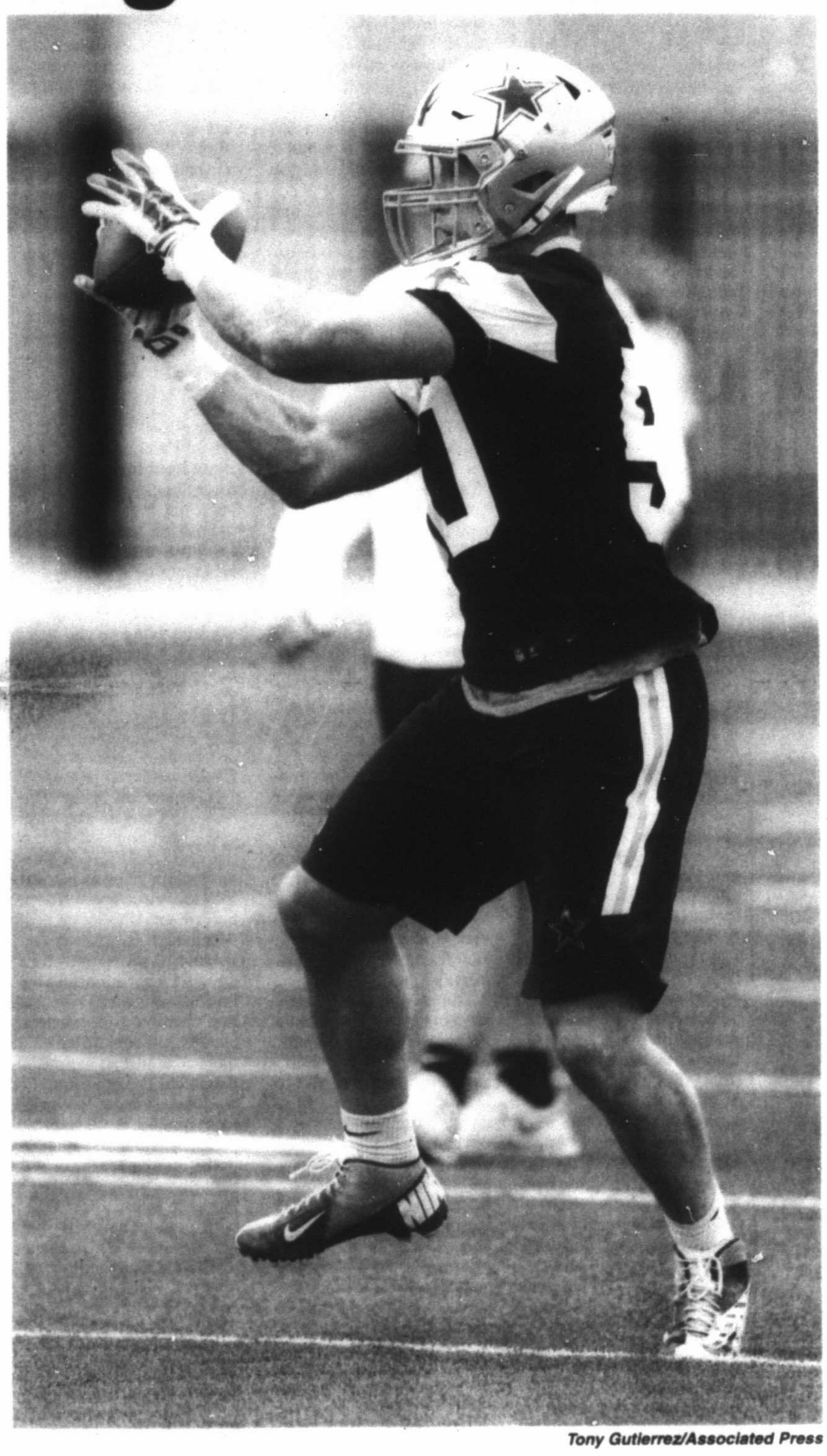

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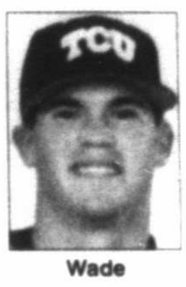
Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker Sean Lee (50) catches a pass as he participates in drills during an NFL practice at the team's training facility Tuesday in Frisco, Texas. Lee is surrounded by uncertainty on a Dallas defense needing improvement to match a dynamic offense that carried the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC last year. The All-Pro linebacker is a pretty good starting point.

MHS grad Wade drafted by Cleveland Indians

From staff reports

Midland High grad and TCU junior outfielder Austen Wade was taken in the fifth round (162 overall) by the Cleveland Indians in Tuesday's Major League Baseball Draft.



Wade

Wade leads the Horned Frogs with a .342 batting average and has hit five home runs, three triples, 16 doubles and has driven in 37 runs in the leadoff spot in the lineup. He is also second on the team with a .453 on-base percentage.

Wade, a first team All-Big 12 Conference selection, will be making his third straight College World Series appearance with the Horned Frogs (47-16), which open against Florida (47-18) at 6 p.m. Sunday in Omaha, Nebraska.

If Wade signs, the approximate slot value for his pick is $293,800.

Other noteworthy draft selections from Tuesday involved two Texas Tech players. Junior left-handed pitcher Parker Mushinski was drafted in the seventh round (211 overall) by the Houston Astros, and junior outfielder Tanner Gardner was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the ninth round (284 overall).

Durant planned for this title months ago

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — They made their group plea to Kevin Durant last summer. Stephen Curry and the core of the Golden State Warriors traveling cross-country to go at a prized free agent the only way they do it around here: with "Strength in Numbers."

Durant didn't really need a hard sell

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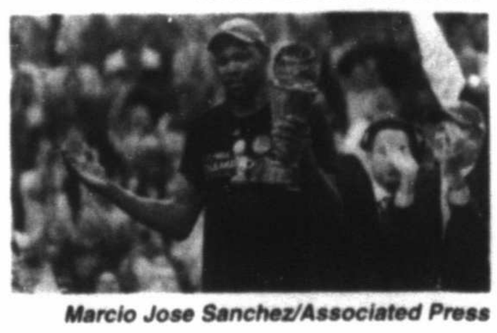

Marcio Jose Sanchez/Associated Press

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant gestures as he holds the Bill Russell NBA Finals Most Valuable Player Award after Game 5 of basketball's NBA Finals between the Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday in Oakland, Calif.

'HOUNDSWATCH

TUESDAY'S SCORE
Game 1: Midland 6, Frisco 2
Game 2: Frisco 5, Midland 3

TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

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Midland 33-30
Frisco 28-35

Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Game 1: Midland 6, Frisco 2 Game 2: Frisco 5, Midland 3	Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
West Coasts vs. Geelong, 5 a.m., FSP

Billiards
World Cup of Pool, Session 3, 6:30 a.m., ELVN
World Cup of Pool, Session 4, 12:30 p.m., ELVN

Major League Baseball
Oakland at Miami, 11 a.m., MLB
Chicago Cubs at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., FSSW, ROOT
NY Yankees at LA Angels, 9 p.m., ESPN

Tennis
ATP: Stuttgart; ATP: s-Hertogenbosch, 4 a.m., TENNIS

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa); KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned OF Shane Robinson outright to Salt Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned RHP Alex Wimmers to Rochester (IL). Recalled RHP Ryan Pressly from Rochester. Agreed to terms with 1B Andy Wilkins on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned LHP Tommy Layne outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned LHP Joely Rodriguez to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent OF Steve Pearce to Buffalo (IL) for a rehab assignment.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Placed 1B Adrian Gonzalez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Reinstated OF Joc Pederson from the 7-day DL.
MIAMI MARLINS — Sent LHP Justin Nicolino to Jupiter (FSL). RHP Junichi Tazawa to Jacksonville (SL) and RHP Tom Koehler to New Orleans (PCL) for rehab assignments.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated RHP Rob Scahill for assignment. Optioned OF Brett Phillips to Colorado Springs (PCL). Reinstated INF Travis Shaw from the bereavement list and RHP Matt Garza from the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Brandon Woodruff from Colorado Springs. Added LHP Brent Suter as the 26th man for Tuesday's doubleheader.
NEW YORK METS — Placed INF Asdrubal Cabrera on the 10-day DL. Recalled INF T.J. Rivera from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Traded LHP Joely Rodriguez to Texas for a player to be named or cash.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Optioned 3B Paul DeJong to Memphis (PCL). Released INF Jhonny Peralta unconditionally. Recalled Sam Tuivailala from Memphis. Added LHP Marco Gonzales as the 26th man for Tuesday's doubleheader.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Released RHP Jake Esch.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed LHP Jon Jones.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed OF Earl Burt. Released LHP Evan Ridley.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Waived TE Blake Annen.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed RB/KR Jordan Todman.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed CB Cameron Sutton to a four-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed QB C.J. Beathard to a four-year contract.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Promoted senior personnel executive Doug Williams to senior vice president of player personnel.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released DL Astnn Whiteside. Transferred LB Jeremiah Kose to the suspended list.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with F Matt Gaudreau.
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Named Patrick Wellar assistant coach. Acquired the rights to F Sebastien Sylvestre from Elmira to complete an earlier trade. Traded the rights to F Johnny McInnis to South Carolina to complete and earlier trade.
COLLEGE
CHATTANOOGA — Announced the resignation of athletic director David Blackburn. Named Scott Altizer interim athletic director.
COLUMBIA (MO.) — Named Drake Porter eSports senior strategic analyst.
MICHIGAN STATE — Promoted offensive line coach Mark Staten to assistant head coach/recruiting coordinator and football program consultant Sheldon White to director of player personnel. Named Cody Cox assistant director of football operations/summer camps and Steve Gardiner defensive analyst.
OKLAHOMA STATE — Signed football coach Mike Gundy to a five-year contract extension.
POST (CONN.) — Named Joseph Newman sprint football coach.

LOCAL SOFTBALL

FOUR AREA PLAYERS EARN TGCA ALL-STATE HONORS
From staff reports

Four area softball players received recognition on the Texas Girls Coaches Association's all-state softball teams just released.

Greenwood junior Payslee Sims, Andrews seniors Lexi De La Cruz and Jeserale Moore, as well as Seminole junior Jodie Vaughn, were selected to the Class 4A team.

De La Cruz and Moore helped lead the Lady Mustangs to a 33-10 season and an appearance in the regional semifinal round of the playoffs for the first time since 2005.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through June 11

All-around
1. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $70,457
2. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $64,211
3. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $63,456
4. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $52,614
5. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $47,144
6. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $43,139
7. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $40,958
8. Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $40,568
9. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $35,420
10. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $32,546
11. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $29,104
12. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $28,428
13. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $26,924
14. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $25,167
15. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $20,773
16. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $20,592
17. Chant DeForest, Wheatland, Calif. $19,456
18. John Lennaevaser, Ontarnna, Pa. $18,032
19 Morgan Grant, Didsbury, Alberta $15,938
20. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Calif. $15,900

Bareback Riding
1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $84,448
2. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $76,110
3. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $69,000
4. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $57,699
5. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $54,530
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $46,165
7. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $45,771
8. Chad Rutherford, Lake Charles, La. $42,561
9. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $41,039
10. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $40,057
11. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $36,985
12. Ty Brewer, Mandan, N.D. $36,954
13. Tyler Nelson, Victor, Idaho $36,850
14. Wyatt Bloom, Bend, Ore. $36,599
15. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $32,194
16. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $31,884
17. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $29,819
18. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $29,626
19 Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $28,819
20. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $26,345

Steer Wrestling
1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $106,775
2. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $71,494
3. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $52,616
4. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $46,786
5. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $46,315
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $39,565
7. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $38,021
8. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas $37,231
9. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $35,039
10. J.D. Struxness, Appleton, Minn. $32,905
11. Chance Howard, Cedarville, Ark. $32,723
12. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $32,591
13. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $32,027
14. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $30,921
15. Justin Shaffer, Hallsville, Texas $27,117
16. Jon Ragatz, Bledsoe, Wis. $26,838
17. Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La. $25,976
18. Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev. $23,910
19. Shane Frey, Duncan, Okla. $23,480
20 Will Lummus, West Point, Miss. $23,417

Team Roping (header)
1. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $61,824
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $57,734
3. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $55,948
4. Dustin Egusquiza, Manvina, Pa. $51,239
5. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $50,947
6. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $47,702
7. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $42,476
8. Bubba Buckaloo, Kingston, Okla. $27,647
9. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore. $26,534
10. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $25,990
11. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $25,567
12. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $24,367
13. Ryan Reed, Farmington, Calif. $23,803
14. Jesse Stipes, Salina, Okla. $23,618
15. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $23,211
16. Kelsey Parchman, Cumberland City, Tenn. $21,981
17. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. $21,335
18. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $21,302
19. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $21,137
20. Blake Teixeira, Thys Prince, Calif. $20,964

Team Roping (heeler)
1. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $57,734
2. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $55,948
3. Jake Long, Coffeeville, Kan. $53,295
4. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazile $50,947
5. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas $48,464
6. Rory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $47,413
7. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $46,063
8. Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $42,476
9. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $31,550
10. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $30,979
11. Chase Tryan, Helena, Mont. $26,431
12. John Robertson, Polson, Mont. $25,183
13. Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta $24,367
14. Cody Pearson, Tucson, Ariz. $22,599
15. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $21,302
16. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $21,137
17. Ty Roms, Whitenver, Ariz. $18,777
18. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $18,656
19. Joseph Harrison, Overbrook, Okla. $19,612
20. Cody Hogan, Athens, Texas $19,507

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $94,082
2. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $83,863
3. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $82,667
4. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. $52,039
5. Tyrell J. Smith, Sand Coulee, Mont. $47,965
6. Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas $44,942
7. Jesse Wright, Elko, Nev. $43,736
8. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $42,144
9 Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D. $35,663
10. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah $34,627
11. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $32,386
12. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $32,261
13. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $29,430
14. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $28,296
15. Allen Boore, Axtell, Utah $26,974
16. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $26,206
17. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $25,613
18. Jake Watson, Hudsons Hope, British Columbia $25,269
19. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas $23,675
20. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $23,598

Tie-down Roping
1. Marty Yates, Prathemville, Texas $65,261
2 Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas $63,583
3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $63,558
4. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $61,899
5. J.C. Malone, Plain City, Utah $56,399
6. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $48,006
7. Randall Carlisle, Athens, La. $46,433
8. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $45,333
9. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas $42,655
10. Bryson Sechrist, Prescott Valley, Ariz. $41,385
11. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $40,874
12. Cody Quarrey, Cheney, Kan. $35,036
13. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas $33,434
14. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas $31,627
15. Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga. $30,299
16. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas $29,910
17. Blaine Cox, Cameron, Texas $29,751
18. Ace Slone, Cuero, Texas $29,389
19 Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $25,953
20 Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas $24,602

Steer Roping
1 Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $50,337
2. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $40,147
3 Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas $39,401
4 John Bland, Turkey, Texas $37,676
5. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $34,511
6. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $33,724
7. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $30,614
8 Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas $30,062
9. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. $28,348
10. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $26,556
11. Trig Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $25,184
12. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $23,655
13. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $21,393
14. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $19,253
15. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $18,307
16. Brian Garr, Belle Fourche, S.D. $15,541
17. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $15,143
18. J.P Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $15,113
19. Roger Branch, Wellston, Okla. $14,174
20. Garrett Hale, Snyder, Texas $14,025

Bull Riding
1. Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $90,116
2. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho $77,412
3. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $70,948
4. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $66,344
5. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $59,061
6. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $58,439
7. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $47,560
8. Tanner Learmont, Cleburne, Texas $47,381
9 Trevor Reists, Linden, Iowa $46,480
10. Cole Melancon, Liberty, Texas $44,786
11. Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas $41,305
12. Guthrie Murray, Miami, Okla. $38,534
13. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah $38,385
14. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $37,520
15. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas $37,412
16. Dalan Duncan, Ballard, Utah $36,386
17. Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas $36,086
18. Brady Portenier, Caldwell, Idaho $34,184
19. Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas $33,150
20. Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, Texas $32,933

Barrel Racing
1. Trany Schuster, Knum, Texas $148,432
2. Kathy Grimes, Medical Lake, Wash. $83,454
3. Kassie Mowry, Dublin, Texas $80,020
4. Ambersleigh Moore, Salem, Ore. $75,909
5. Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas $68,722
6. Nellie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $47,825
7. Tilar Murray, Fort Worth, Texas $46,271
8. Taylor Langdon, Aubrey, Texas $43,075
9. Kallie Cobb, Hereford, Texas $41,053
10. Ari-Anne Flynn, Charleston, Ark. $42,310
11. Ivy Conradd, Hudson, Colo. $40,713
12. Carmen Wright, Rio Rico, Ariz. $34,059
13. Emily Miller, Weatherford, Texas $31,714
14. Tammy Fischer, Ledbetter, Texas $31,407
15. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas $29,943
16. Cayla Small, Bokchito, Okla. $29,672
17. Jordan Moore, Mauston, Wis. $27,104
18. Tracy Nowlin, Nowata, Okla. $26,544
19. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M. $25,927
20. Jana Gremsman, Piedmont, S.D. $25,819

29 teams will start chasing champion Warriors

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

The alarm was sounded loud and clear by LeBron James not long after the NBA Finals ended, and every other player, coach and general manager around the league who did not end this season drenched in champagne surely agreed with what he was saying.

The Golden State Warriors are a problem.

And they're probably going to stay that way.

There will be one question inevitably asked this offseason by most of the 29 other teams in the NBA whose fingers didn't get to smudge the golden surface of the Larry O'Brien Trophy this year. That question will not have a good answer for many, if any. Basketball's offseason is here, a draft and free agency loom, and for the second time in three years everyone is chasing the Warriors.

Good luck, everybody.

You're going to need it.

"They're going to be here for a while," James said after the Finals ended , his words coming as the Warriors' celebration was still going in earnest. "They're going to be around for a while. Pretty much all their guys are in their 20s. Pretty much all their big-name guys are in their 20s, and they don't show any signs of slowing down."

Boston has the No. 1 pick in the draft to add to a team that went to the Eastern Conference finals this season. Miami will have around $37 million in spending money once Chris Bosh comes off the books. James will try and lure more help to come to Cleveland. Chris Paul, Dwyane Wade, Derrick Rose, Gordon Hayward, Paul George and Blake Griffin may all be changing addresses. The Knicks have openly been begging Carmelo Anthony to seek a trade elsewhere.

No, quiet will not happen in July 2017.

It's unclear if any of this summer's moves will matter come June 2018.

The Warriors might be that far ahead of the field already.

"There's going to be a lot of teams that's trying to figure out ways to put personnel together to try and match that if they're able to actually face them in a playoff series, both Eastern Conference and Western Conference," James said. "Because they're built for ... from my eyes, they're built to last a few years."

Odell Beckham and Olivier Vernon miss Giants OTAs

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants ended their first week of voluntary organized team activities missing two of their biggest stars — wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. and defensive end Olivier Vernon.

The workout Thursday was third of the week, and Beckham missed them all. The team did not say whether Vernon missed all three, but the veteran who signed an $85 million contract in the offseason last year wasn't there Thursday, the only day workouts were open to the media.

The only other player missing was third-year defensive end Owa Odighizuwa, who hinted since the end of last season that he may take time away from football.

"It's a time to build fundamentals, communication, chemistry, and trust. So you want all your players here, especially the great ones," coach Ben McAdoo said. "They facilitate a lot of those things for you. But you coach who is here, that's what time of year it is for us."

Beckham, who had led the Giants in receiving in each of his first three seasons and caught 35 touchdowns, isn't breaking any rules by missing the workouts. However, general manager Jerry Reese talked to him after last season and told him he had to mature.

The 24-year-old catalyst of the Giants offense portrayed himself in a bad light by taking a one-day trip to Florida and going out on a boat in the week leading up to the Giants' playoff loss to Green Bay.

Not only did the trip put him under the microscope, it was magnified when Beckham had a bad game in a one-sided loss to the Packers.

Teammates didn't seem concerned with Beckham missing the workouts.

Cornerback Janoris Jenkins said deciding whether to attending the workouts is an individual choice.

"Those guys are very talented and we know that this is a business and they are out there working and it is not a big concern to the team," Jenkins said. "When they get back they are going to come in here like they always do and we will have fun and continue to practice."

Defensive tackle Damon Harrison emphasized that the workouts are voluntary.

"I'm more than sure OV and OBJ are somewhere working out just as hard or maybe even harder than we are," Harrison said. "So I'm confident that they'll come in and will be ready."

Veteran receiver Brandon Marshall, who left the Jets to sign with the Giants in the offseason, said that Beckham won't have any problem being in shape.

"He is probably the best athlete that I have ever seen," Marshall said. "I mean he can kick a soccer ball, he can kick a football, he can throw a baseball, he can hit a baseball. I am not saying that I am envious, but dang I wish I could be him. He has cool hair, he just signed the biggest shoe deal in football history."

Vernon has a workout clause in his contract so he has the potential to lose $250,000 if he does not show up. Beckham does not have a workout clause.

The Giants will have a mandatory minicamp starting on June 13.

LEE

From 1C

team sacks leader Benson Mayowa could be starters on opening night.

Awuzie and Lewis could challenge Orlando Scandrick. Anthony Brown and free agent Nolan Carroll, but have work to do.

Scandrick is motivated and a full year removed from a knee injury that sidelined him all of 2015. Brown had a promising rookie year along with sudden stars Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott. Carroll is running with the first time right now.

"I accept the challenge of the new guys coming in," Scandrick said . "Like I told them, I'm not going to give anybody my job. I want to be back to where I was. Until I am back to where I was and I'm doing it Sunday after Sunday after Sunday, I'm going to keep striving."

For Lee, the challenge is a little different since he knows he'll be playing. Coming off consecutive 100-tackle seasons while proving he can stay healthy, Lee can focus on leadership.

The knee injury sidelined him during the 12-4 run to the NFC East title in 2014, which made last year's 13-3 mark all the more enjoyable.

"It was a dream come true to really be part of that team," Lee said. "And now my goal is to play better and help our team take that next step."

DURANT

From 1C

that day in the Hamptons. He chose Curry, Draymond Green, Klay Thompson and a chance at his first championship over returning to Oklahoma City. Scorned and scrutinized from every angle for that decision, Durant triumphantly raised his arms and an MVP trophy Monday night all these months later— beaming as a first-time NBA champion, just as planned.

He hugged mother Wanda many a time. And Curry, too. Even LeBron James, celebrating the fight and brilliance they each demonstrated during an entertaining back-and-forth basketball show in this Finals trilogy. Golden State in 2015, the Cavaliers last year, the Warriors again this time.

"I hear all the narratives throughout the season that I was joining, I was hopping on bandwagons, I was letting everybody else do the work," Durant said. "But then that was far from the truth. I came in and tried to help my team. Like I said, tried to be myself, be aggressive and sacrifice as well."

For all that chatter about chemistry on a super-team — some called them "supervillains" — how there might not be enough shots for all the big-time scorers, the Warriors kept winning as the world watched the every move of the East Bay franchise under the microscope.

Durant and Curry were always right in the middle, yet they stayed loose and focused by building their own relationship — not to mention shooting skills — through regular shooting contests that were oh so close.

"The way that he embraced the opportunity in the Finals, it was unbelievable," Curry said. "It's kind of crazy to think about the conversations we had this summer and going into the year about how we can both mesh and do what we do and be the players that we are and (to) see it come to life in this series, it was unbelievable."

Durant, an eight-time All-Star who only needed a ring to cement his superstar status, scored 39 points in a championship-clinching 129-120 victory and averaged 35.2 points and 8.4 rebounds in these Finals.

"I'm just happy for him. He's had an amazing career, but he just took it to the next level," coach Steve Kerr said. "He was incredible all season long. He had an amazing series, just dominated. Everybody for the last 10 years knew how good he was, but until you break through and win that first championship, there's always still something there. I'm just so happy Kevin has broken through. And there's more to come from him."

Durant came back late in the regular season from a 19-game absence with a left knee injury, then dealt with a tender calf early in the playoffs. Still, he insisted he had another notch to raise his game, and he certainly found it. He dramatically drove and dunked on Cleveland's defense, knocked down big 3-pointers and blocked shots while handling the load of defending King James.

Ten years after becoming the No. 2 draft pick behind Greg Oden, Durant has reached the pinnacle. Whenever he is asked about his own accomplishments, he is always quick to offer a reminder just as he did with a new NBA champions hat on his head: "It's a team sport." He can't do it alone.

"I can't believe it, but I have to," Durant said recently of where he is after a decade. "I'm really proud where I am right now as a player and being as consistent every year as I've been. That's something I talked about coming into the league, wanting to do it year in and year out. I've been able to accomplish that individually. But this is not an individual sport. So I've also realized that as far as becoming more of a team player, since my first year I've grown so much and I'm proud of myself in that area as well, but I've got a long ways to go."

This is a major start. For those guys in the Hamptons recruiting Durant that day and all the others, they can't wait for more.

"We felt like Kevin could come in and help us and, like I said, make it all complete," Green said. "And he showed that. Finals MVP, 4-1, world champions. Doesn't get much better than that."

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Saturday, June 17
Game 1 — Cal State Fullerton (39-22) vs. Oregon State (54-4), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — LSU (48-17) vs. Florida State (45-21), 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 18
Game 3 — Louisville (52-10) vs. Texas A&M (41-21), 1 p.m.
Game 4 — TCU (47-16) vs. Florida (47-18), 6 p.m.
Monday, June 19
Game 5 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20
Game 7 — Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 8 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 22
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 23
Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 24
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBA
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 26: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 2, 7 INNINGS
ROUGHRIDERS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 3, 7 INNINGS AT SECURITY BANK BALLPARK

TOP HITTERS: Midland's J.P. Sportman went 4-for-6 with an RBI and double over the twinbill, while Kenny Wilson finished 3-for-6 with a home run, two RBI and two runs for the RockHounds. ... For Frisco, Michael O'Neill was 3-for-7 with an RBI and a double over the two games. ... Luke Tendler went 3-for-5 with a home run and four RBI for the RoughRiders on the day.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland's Game 1 starter Heath Fillmyer earned his third win after striking out nine and walking over six scoreless innings. He allowed just three hits. ... Frisco reliever David Ledbetter notched the save in Game 2 after he fanned two in a pair of scoreless and hitless frames.

HIGHLIGHTS: In Game 1, Midland added to a 1-0 lead with a Beau Taylor bases-loaded walk and a single by Sportman in the fifth. ... In the sixth, back-to-back home runs by Wilson and Jordan Tarsovich stretched the RockHounds' lead to 6-0, before Frisco plated two runs in the seventh on a Michael De Leon single and a double by O'Neill. ... In Game 2, Frisco grabbed a 3-0 lead in the fourth, before Midland tied the game in the fifth on doubles by Argenis Raga, Yairo Munoz and Jermaine Curtis. ... Tendler doubled in the sixth and then a bases-loaded walk by Frisco's Isiah Kiner-Falefa made it 5-3 RoughRiders in the seventh.

NOTES: Wilson and Tarsovich each hit their first home runs of the season for Midland in Tuesday's doubleheader split. ... The RockHounds next open a four-game home series with Corpus Christi, beginning at 6:30 p.m. today. ... The Hooks trail Midland by three games for second place in the TL South standings. ... Seven games remain in the season's first half.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Corpus Christi — RHP Brock Dykxhoorn (1-3, 5.68); Midland — RHP Joel Seddon (3-1, 3.75)

Game 1

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	32	31	.508	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	32	31	.508	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	31	33	.492	1
Arkansas (Mariners)	30	33	.476	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	38	27	.571	—
Midland (Athletics)	33	31	.516	3.5
Corpus Christi (Astros)	30	33	.476	6
Frisco (Rangers)	29	35	.453	8

Tuesday's Scores
Frisco 5, Midland 3
Arkansas 11, Northwest Arkansas 4
Midland 6, Frisco 2
San Antonio 8, Corpus Christi 4
Tulsa 8, Springfield 1

Today's Games
Arkansas at Springfield, 1:00
Arkansas at Springfield, 5:10 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 6, ROUGHRIDERS 2, 7 INNINGS

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
O'Neill cf	3	0	2	1
Kiner-Falefa 2b	3	0	0	0
Ibanez dh	3	0	0	0
Aguilera 1b	2	0	1	0
Bolinger rf	3	0	0	0
Trevino c	2	1	0	0
Tendler rf	2	0	0	0
Profar 3b	3	0	0	0
De Leon ss	3	1	2	1
Totals	24	2	5	2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd rf	3	0	0	0
Munoz ss	4	1	2	0
Curtis 3b	1	0	1	0
Tarsovich 3b	1	2	1	2
Marincov dh	3	1	0	0
Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0
Sportman 2b	3	1	3	1
Vertigan lf	2	0	0	0
Wilson cf	3	1	2	2
Totals	25	6	10	6

Frisco.....000 000 200—2
Midland.....000 120 x—6

DP — Frisco 1, Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 6, Midland 8. 2B — O'Neill (12), HR — Wilson (1), Tarsovich (1). SB — O'Neill (2). CS — Aguilera (2), Wilson (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Payano L, 0-1	4 2	6	3	3	4	4
Garrett	1 1	4	3	3	1	1
Midland						
Fillmyer W, 3-2	6 0	3	0	0	4	9
Bragg	1 0	2	2	2	1	2

HBP — By Payano (Marincov)
T — 2:17

Game 2

ROUGHRIDERS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 3, 7 INNINGS

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	0
Cardona cf	4	0	1	0
Ibanez 2b	4	0	1	0
Aguilera dh	4	0	0	0
Bolinger 1b	3	2	2	0
Kiner-Falefa ss	2	1	1	1
Tendler cf	3	1	3	4
Profar 3b	3	0	1	0
Marte ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	30	5	10	5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd lf	3	0	1	0
Munoz ss	3	1	1	1
Curtis dh	2	0	1	1
Marincov rf	3	0	2	0
Rosa 1b	3	0	0	0
Sportman 2b	3	0	1	0
Wilson cf	3	1	4	2
Raga c	2	1	1	1
Tarsovich 3b	2	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	8	3

Frisco.....020 101 1—5
Midland.....000 030 x—3

E — Raga (3). LOB — Frisco 5, Midland 4. 2B — Tendler 2 (9), Bolinger (10), Sportman (12), Raga (4), Munoz (14). Curtis (4). HR — Tendler (6), SB — Cardona (11), Ibanez (3). CS — Curtis (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Palmquist	3 0	3	0	0	1	2
Chapman W, 1-0	2 0	5	3	3	0	2
Ledbetter S, 1	2 0	0	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Brazoban	4 0	6	3	3	2	3
Navas L, 0-2	2 0	2	2	1	1	0
Trivino	1 0	2	1	1	1	2

HBP — By Trivino (Bolinger). WP — Brazoban.
T — 2:11. A — 3,232

MLB DRAFT SELECTIONS

Sixth Round

166. Minnesota, Ricardo De La Torre, SS, Puerto Rico BB Academy, Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico.
167. Cincinnati, Tyler Buffett, RHR, Oklahoma State.
168. San Diego, Aaron Leasher, LHS, Morehead State.
169. Tampa Bay, Zach Rutherford, SS, Old Dominion.
170. Atlanta, Jordan Rodgers, 3B, Tennessee
171. Oakland, Logan Salow, LHS, Kentucky.
172. Arizona, Brian Shaffer, RHS, Maryland.
173. Philadelphia, Dalton Guthrie, SS, Florida.
174. Milwaukee, Devin Hairston, SS, Louisville.
175. L.A. Angels, Jonah Todd, CF, Auburn.
176. Colorado, Chad Spanberger, 1B, Arkansas.
177. Chicago White Sox, Kade McClure, RHS, Louisville.
178. Pittsburgh, Cody Bolton, RHS, Tracy (Calif.) HS.
179. Miami, Taylor Braley, RHS, Southern Mississippi.
180. Kansas City, Tyler Zuber, RHS, Arkansas State.
181. Houston, Jake Adams, 1B, Iowa.
182. N.Y.Yankees, Dalton Lehnen, LHS, Augustana (S.D.).
183. Seattle, Oliver Jaskie, LHS, Michigan.
184. St. Louis, Zach Jackson, C, Winter Haven HS, Hainesville, Fla.
185. Detroit, Danc Myers, RHS, Rice.
186. San Francisco, Bryce Johnson, CF, Sam Houston State.
187. N.Y.Mets, Marcel Renteria, RHS, New Mexico State.
188. Baltimore, Mason McCoy, SS, Iowa.
189. Toronto, Brock Lundquist, OF, Long Beach State.
190. L.A. Dodgers, Wills Montgomeria, RHS, UConn.
191. Boston, Zach Schellenger, RHR, Seton Hall.
192. Cleveland, Michael Rivera, C, Florida.
193. Washington, Kyle Johnston, RHS, Texas
194. Texas, Noah Bremer, RHS, Washington.
195. Chicago Cubs, Jeremy Estrada, RHS, Palm Desert HS, La Quinta, Calif.

Seventh Round

196. Minnesota, Ryley Widell, LHS, Central Arizona.
197. Cincinnati, Mark Kolozsvary, C, Florida
198. San Diego, Nick Margevicius, LHS, Rider.
199. Tampa Bay, Hunter Schryver, LHS, Villanova.
200. Atlanta, Landon Hughes, RHR, Georgia Southern.
201. Oakland, Parker Dunshee, RHS, Wake Forest.
202. Arizona, Jose Caballero, SS, Chipola College.
203. Philadelphia, Nick Maton, SS, Lincoln Land CC.
204. Milwaukee, Bowden Francis, RHS, Chipola College.
205. L.A. Angels, Dennis Brady, RHS, Mercer County CC.
206. Colorado, Lucas Gilbreath, LHS, Minnesota
207. Chicago White Sox, Evan Skoug, C, TCU.
208. Pittsburgh, Jared Oliva, CF, Arizona
209. Miami, Sean Guenther, LHR, Notre Dame
210. Kansas City, Brewer Hicklen, OF, UAB
211. Houston, Parker Mushinski, LHR, Texas Tech.
212. N.Y.Yankees, Dalton Higgins, RHR, Dallas Baptist.
213. Seattle, Max Roberts, LHS, Wabash Valley College.
214. St. Louis, Chase Pinder, CF, Clemson.
215. Detroit, Brad Bass, RHS, Notre Dame.
216. San Francisco, Logan Hanselia, RHR, Buffalo.
217. N.Y.Mets, Conner O'Neil, RHS, CS Northridge.
218. Baltimore, Ben Breazeale, C, Wake Forest.
219. Toronto, Colton Laws, RHS, Charlotte.
220. L.A. Dodgers, Zachery Pop, RHR, Kentucky.
221. Boston, Tyler Esplin, OF, IMG Academy, Lake Bluff, Ill.
222. Cleveland, Kirk McCarty, LHS, Southern Mississippi.
223. Washington, Jackson Tetreault, RHS, State College of Florida.
224. Texas, Joel Urena, LHS, Monroe.
225. Chicago Cubs, Ricky Tyler Thomas, LHS, Fresno State.

Eighth Round

226. Minnesota, Bryan Sammons, LHS, Western Carolina.
227. Cincinnati, Connor Ryan, RHR, UIC.
228. San Diego, Olivier Basabe, SS, Faulkner.
229. Tampa Bay, Riley O'Brien, RHS, College of Idaho.
230. Atlanta, John Curtis, LHR, Lenoir-Rhyne.
231. Oakland, Brian Howard, RHS, TCU.
232. Arizona, Tim Susnara, C, Oregon.
233. Philadelphia, Jhordany Mezquilla, LHS, No School, Hazelton, Pa.
234. Milwaukee, Jayson Rose, RHS, Utah
235. L.A. Angels, Connor Riley, RHS, South Carolina Aiken.
236. Colorado, Bret Boswell, 2B, Texas.
237. Chicago White Sox, Sam Abbott, 1B, Curtis HS, University Place, Wash.
238. Pittsburgh, Blake Weiman, LHS, Kansas
239. Miami, Jared Barnes, C, South Alabama.
240. Kansas City, Holden Capps, LHS, Central Oklahoma.
241. Houston, Corey Julks, CF, Houston.
242. N.Y.Yankees, Kyle Zurak, RHR, Radford
243. Seattle, Billy Cooke, CF, Coastal Carolina.
244. St. Louis, Wilberto Rivera, RHS, Carlos Beltran BB Academy, Naranjito, Puerto Rico.
245. Detroit, Max Green, LHS, Pepperdine
246. San Francisco, John Gavin, LHS, Cal State Fullerton
247. N.Y.Mets, Trey Cobb, RHS, Oklahoma State.
248. Baltimore, Jimmy Murphy, RHS, Fordham
249. Toronto, Kacy Clemens, 1B, Texas.
250. L.A. Dodgers, Rylan Bannon, 3B, Xavier
251. Boston, Zach Sterry, 1B, Oakland.
252. Cleveland, Eli Morgan, RHS, Gonzaga
253. Washington, Jared Brasher, RHS, Samford
254. Texas, Tyreque Reed, 1B, Itawamba JC
255. Chicago Cubs, Austin Filiere, 3B, MIT

Ninth Round

256. Minnesota, Mark Contreras, OF, UC Riverside.
257. Cincinnati, Packy Naughton, LHS, Virginia Tech
258. San Diego, Alex Cunningham, RHS, Coastal Carolina.
259. Tampa Bay, Andrew Gist, LHS, Georgia
260. Atlanta, Riley Delgado, SS, MTSU
261. Oakland, Jared Poche, LHS, LSU
262. Arizona, Camden Duzenack, SS, Dallas Baptist
263. Philadelphia, Jack Zoellner, 3B, New Mexico.
264. Milwaukee, Dallas Carroll, 3B, Utah
265. L.A. Angels, Brett Hanewich, RHS, Stanford
266. Colorado, Sean Bouchard, 1B, UCLA
267. Chicago White Sox, Craig Dedelow, OF, Indiana
268. Pittsburgh, Bligh Madris, OF, Colorado Mesa.
269. Miami, Cameron Baranek, CF, Hope International.
270. Kansas City, JC Cloney, LHS, Arizona.
271. Houston, Michael Papierski, C, LSU.
272. N.Y.Yankees, Austin Gardner, RHR, Texas-Arlington
273. Seattle, Jorge Benitez, LHS, Leadership Christian Academy, Toa Baja, Puerto Rico.
274. St. Louis, Evan Kruczynski, LHS, East Carolina.
275. Detroit, Luke Bunch, CF, Kent State.
276. San Francisco, Aaron Phillips, RHS, St. Bonaventure.
277. N.Y.Mets, Cannon Chadwick, RHR, Arkansas.
278. Baltimore, T.J. Nichting, OF, Charlotte.
279. Toronto, Zach Logue, LHS, Kentucky
280. L.A. Dodgers, Connor Strain, RHS, Evansville.
281. Boston, Tanner Nishioka, 2B, Pomona-Pitzer.
282. Cleveland, James Karinchak, RHS, Bryant.
283. Washington, Alex Troop, LHS, Michigan State
284. Texas, Tanner Gardner, OF, Texas Tech
285. Chicago Cubs, Chris Carrier, OF, Memphis.

10th Round

286. Minnesota, Calvin Faucher, RHS, UC Irvine.
287. Cincinnati, Robby Howell, RHS, UCF
288. San Diego, Dominic Taccolini, RHS, Arkansas.
289. Tampa Bay, Phoenix Sanders, RHS, South Florida.
290. Atlanta, Jacob Belinda, RHR, Lock Haven
291. Oakland, Jack Meggs, OF, Washington
292. Arizona, Ryan Grotjohn, SS, CS Bakersfield
293. Philadelphia, Connor Brogdon, RHR, Lewis-Clark.
294. Milwaukee, Alec Bettinger, RHS, Virginia
295. L.A. Angels, Daniel Procopio, RHS, Niagara
296. Colorado, Austin Bernard, C, Pepperdine
297. Chicago White Sox, JB Olson, RHR, Oklahoma
298. Pittsburgh, Beau Sulser, RHR, Dartmouth
299. Miami, Denis Karas, 3B, California
300. Kansas City, Jordan Floyd, LHR, Kansas State
301. Houston, Kyle Serrano, RHS, Tennessee
302. N.Y.Yankees, Chad Whitmer, RHS, Southern Illinois.
303. Seattle, Randy Bell, RHS, South Alabama
304. St. Louis, Brett Seeburger, LHS, San Diego State
305. Detroit, Garrett McCain, CF, Oklahoma State
306. San Francisco, Rob Calabrese, C, UIC
307. N.Y.Mets, Stephen Villines, RHR, Kansas
308. Baltimore, Josh Keaton, RHR, Adams State
309. Toronto, Justin Dillon, RHS, Sacramento State
310. L.A. Dodgers, Zach Reks, OF, Kentucky
311. Boston, Jordan Wren, OF, Georgia Southern
313. Cleveland, Jesse Berardi, SS, St. John's
313. Washington, Trey Turner, RHS, Missouri State
314. Texas, John King, LHS, Houston
315. Chicago Cubs, Brian Glowicki, RHR, Minnesota

Odor, Rangers beat Astros late 4-2

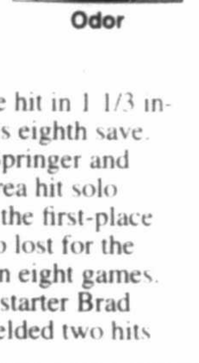
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rougned Odor hit a solo homer in the seventh inning and his tiebreaking two-run shot in the eighth lifted the Texas Rangers to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Odor tied it at 2-all when he dropped the first pitch of the seventh inning from Chris Devenski into the front row in right field.

He was at it again in the eighth when, after a single by Jonathan Lucroy with two outs, he connected off Luke Gregerson (2-2) into the seats in left field to put Texas up 4-2. It was the fifth career multi-home run game for Odor, who finished with three hits, and his second this season.

Nick Martinez allowed five hits and two runs in six innings. Jose Leclerc (1-1) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win and Matt Bush allowed one hit in 1 1/3 innings for his eighth save.


Odor

George Springer and Carlos Correa hit solo homers for the first-place Astros, who lost for the sixth time in eight games.

Houston starter Brad Peacock yielded two hits and walked four with a season-high 10 strikeouts in 4 2/3 innings. He was pitching on three days' rest because of an injury to Lance McCullers.

The Astros had runners at first and second with one out in the eighth inning, but Keone Kela retired Marwin Gonzalez before Bush struck out Jose Altuve to end the threat.

Lucroy, who turned 31 on Tuesday, finished with two hits for the Rangers, who won their fifth straight.

Springer put Houston up early with his MLB-leading seventh leadoff home run and Correa pushed the lead to 2-0 with his solo shot to left in the fourth.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — Rookie Jacob Faria dazzled again and Logan Morrison hit his 18th home run of the season to help the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-1 on Tuesday night.

Six days after his big-league debut, Faria (2-0) became the third Rays pitcher all-time to win his first two career games, joining Jeremy Hellickson and Joe Kennedy. The victory was Tampa Bay's sixth in its last seven games.

The 23-year-old right-hander held the Blue Jays to six hits in 6 1/3 innings, striking out eight and giving up one run. He was called up on Monday to replace Matt Andriese, who went on the disabled list with a hip complaint.

Corey Dickerson went 4 for 5 with a homer — his 15th of the season.

Marco Estrada (4-5) had his shortest outing of the season, lasting just 3 1/3 innings after giving up 12 hits and being charged with six runs in his sixth straight loss to Tampa.

WHITE SOX 6, ORIOLES 1

CHICAGO — Matt Davidson hit his first career grand slam, Derek Holland scattered eight hits over six innings and the Chicago White Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-1 on Tuesday night.

Jose Abreu went 3 for 4 and Avisail Garcia had a two-run double as Chicago won its second straight after dropping nine of 11.

Davidson leads the White Sox with 12 homers in 163 at-bats.

Manny Machado had an RBI-single for the Orioles, who dropped to 31-32 with the loss.

Holland (5-6) faced trouble in every inning, but managed to give up just one run. The left-hander had lost his three previous starts, allowing 15 earned runs in 13 innings (10.38 ERA) during that span.

Baltimore starter Alec Asher (2-5) allowed six runs and six hits in five-plus innings following a fast start.

TWINS 20, MARINERS 7

MINNEAPOLIS — Eddie Rosario hit three home runs and drove in five runs and the Minnesota Twins set a franchise record with 28 hits while batting around in two different innings of a 20-7 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Max Kepler and Brian Dozier also went deep, Eduardo Escobar had five hits and two RBIs and Jason Castro had four hits and four RBIs for the Twins, who are in first place in the AL Central despite an AL-worst 13-19 record at Target Field.

The 28 hits are the most in a game since the Rangers had 29 in a 30-3 win over the Orioles on Aug. 22, 2007.

Christian Bergman (3-4) gave up nine runs and 10 hits in 2 1-3 innings for the Mariners. Jarrod Dyson had a homer, a double and an RBI. Ben Gamel had two doubles and an RBI.

National League

CARDINALS 6, BREWERS 0

ST. LOUIS — Jose Martinez hit a pair of solo homers and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers 6-0 in the opener of a day-night doubleheader on Tuesday.

Martinez connected in the fifth and eighth innings for his first multi-homer game. He added a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning.

Martinez's 415-foot opposite field drive to right-center ignited a three-run Cardinals rally in the fifth. Matt Carpenter followed with an RBI double and scored on Dexter Fowler's single to make it 3-0.

Kolten Wong had an RBI double and Martinez added a sacrifice fly as the Cardinals extended their lead to 5-0 in the sixth.

Martinez's homer to left in the eighth travelled 436 feet.

Right-hander Lance Lynn (5-3) struggled with his control with four walks, but was able to get out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fifth. Lynn struck out eight, including the side in the fourth inning.

NATIONALS 10, BRAVES 5

WASHINGTON — Ryan Zimmerman hit his 18th and 19th home runs of the season in his return from back soreness, and the Washington Nationals scored five sixth-inning runs against R.A. Dickey to defeat the Atlanta Braves 10-5 on Tuesday night.

Zimmerman went 3 for 4 and drove in three runs to help Washington snap a four-game slide after sitting out the last three.

Daniel Murphy homered, doubled and had three hits and two RBIs as the NL-East leading Nationals scored eight runs against a second Braves starter in as many nights.

Unlike Monday, Washington's bullpen held firm Tuesday with four relievers combining for 3 1/3 scoreless innings. Trevor Gott (1-0) worked out of the sixth for his first victory as a National.

Dickey (4-5) went five-plus innings while allowing his most runs since April 24, 2015.

CUBS 14, METS 3

NEW YORK — Anthony Rizzo began the game with a long home run after a surprising move to the leadoff spot, rookie Ian Happ hit his first career grand slam and the Chicago Cubs trounced the New York Mets 14-3 on Tuesday night.

Backed by a season-best seven-run second inning, the World Series champs snapped a nine-game skid on the road and moved back to .500 through 64 games. The Cubs had lost five of six overall.

Jon Lester (4-4) earned his 150th win and matched a season high with 10 strikeouts. He allowed a run and five hits over seven innings.

PIRATES 5, ROCKIES 2

PITTSBURGH — John Jaso hit a pinch-hit two-run homer off Colorado's Adam Ottavino in the seventh inning to break a tie and Andrew McCutchen homered twice as the Pittsburgh Pirates pulled away from the Colorado Rockies 5-2 on Tuesday night.

Jaso sent the second pitch he saw from Ottavino (0-1) just over the fence in center field for his second pinch-hit homer of the season and fifth of his career. Gerrit Cole (4-6) broke out of a funk to allow just one run in seven strong innings.

The Pirates have won a season-high four straight following a four-game losing streak that dropped them to last in the NL Central.

Interleague

MARLINS 8, ATHLETICS 1

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton returned to the Miami Marlins' starting lineup after recovering from a bruised wrist and hit a two-run homer to help beat the Oakland Athletics 8-1 on Tuesday night.

Stanton missed only one start after being hit on the right wrist by a fastball Saturday. His 17th homer of the year put Miami ahead 4-1 in the fifth inning.

Marcell Ozuna hit his 16th homer and had two singles, hiking his average to .332. Tyler Moore added three hits, including a two-run double.

The Marlins' Ichiro Suzuki had a pinch-hit single in the eighth for his 3647th interleague hit, tying Derek Jeter's major league record.

Jose Urena (5-2) won his fourth consecutive decision by allowing one run in six-plus innings. The right-hander, who leads the Marlins in wins, retired 14 straight batters before tiring in the seventh.

DIAMONDBACKS 7, TIGERS 6

DETROIT — David Peralta homered to left center in the ninth inning off Detroit closer Justin Wilson, lifting the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 7-6 win over the Tigers on Tuesday night.

Arizona reliever Archie Bradley (2-1) pitched a scoreless eighth to pick up the win. Zack Greinke, who was staked to a 6-0 lead in the third, went 5 2/3 innings and allowed five runs, all unearned, and five hits. Fernando Rodney pitched a scoreless ninth for his 17th save.

Wilson (2-2) took the loss after allowing the homer to Peralta on the first pitch in the ninth. Starter Buck Farmer went 2 1/3 innings and allowed six runs on nine hits. He was 2-0 and had gone 13 straight scoreless innings before Tuesday.

DODGERS 7, INDIANS 5

CLEVELAND — Clayton Kershaw extended his unbeaten string and rookie Cody Bellinger hit two home runs, including a tiebreaking shot in the eighth inning off Andrew Miller that lifted the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 7-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Kershaw (9-2) allowed two runs in seven innings and has not lost in his last eight starts. The left-hander gave up a run in the third on Michael Brantley's single and a leadoff homer to Roberto Perez in the fifth that tied the game.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner yielded six hits, struck out four and walked two while throwing 101 pitches. He is 5-0 with a 1.94 ERA since his most recent defeat on May 1.

Bellinger led off the eighth with a towering drive into the right-field seats off Miller (3-1). The home run was the first Cleveland's dominant left-hander has allowed in 33 innings this season.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	23	.623	—
Boston	35	28	.556	4
Tampa Bay	35	32	.522	6
Baltimore	31	32	.492	8
Toronto	31	33	.484	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	33	29	.532	—
Cleveland	31	30	.508	2
Detroit	30	33	.476	4
Kansas City	28	34	.452	5½
Chicago	28	35	.444	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	44	22	.667	—
Texas	32	32	.500	11
Los Angeles	33	34	.493	11½
Seattle	32	34	.485	12
Oakland	27	37	.422	16

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	39	25	.609	—
New York	29	34	.460	9½
Miami	28	35	.444	10½
Atlanta	28	36	.438	11
Philadelphia	21	41	.339	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	33	32	.508	—
Chicago	32	32	.500	½
St. Louis	30	32	.484	1½
Pittsburgh	30	35	.462	3
Cincinnati	29	34	.460	3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	40	25	.615	—
Colorado	41	26	.612	—
Arizona	40	26	.606	½
San Francisco	26	39	.400	14
San Diego	25	40	.385	15

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores
Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 1
Arizona 7, Detroit 6
L.A. Dodgers 7, Cleveland 5
Miami 8, Oakland 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 20, Seattle 7
Texas 4, Houston 2
Philadelphia at Boston, late
N.Y.Yankees at L.A. Angels, late
Kansas City at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Oakland (Gossett 0-0) at Miami (Volquez 3-7), 11:10 a.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 2-6) at San Francisco (Cueto 5-5), 2:45 p.m.
Boston (Johnson 2-0) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 4-3) at Toronto (Liriano 3-2), 6:07 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 4-3) at Detroit (Fulmer 6-4), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 5-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 6-5) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Gaviglio 2-1) at Minnesota (Santana 8-3), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Cashner 3-5) at Houston (Martes 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Pineda 7-3) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 6-3), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 0, 1st game
Washington 10, Atlanta 5
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 2
Arizona 7, Detroit 6
L.A. Dodgers 7, Cleveland 5
Miami 8, Oakland 1
Chicago Cubs 14, N.Y.Mets 3
Philadelphia at Boston, late
Milwaukee at St. Louis, late, 2nd game
Cincinnati at San Diego, late
Kansas City at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Oakland (Gossett 0-0) at Miami (Volquez 3-7), 11:10 a.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 3-5) at San Diego (Chacin 5-5), 2:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Hammel 2-6) at San Francisco (Cueto 5-5), 2:45 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 5-4) at Washington (Roark 6-3), 3:05 p.m.
Boston (Johnson 2-0) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-5), 6:05 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 4-3) at Detroit (Fulmer 6-4), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 0-3) at N.Y.Mets (Harvey 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 5-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 2-2) at St. Louis (Leake 5-5), 7:15 p.m.

Texas box

RANGERS 4, ASTROS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
DSheils cf	4	0	1	0
Hoying rf	4	0	0	0
Choo rf	2	0	0	1
Rua lf	3	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0
Beltre dh	4	0	0	0
Mazara lf-rf	2	0	0	0
Lucroy c	4	2	2	0
Odor 2b	4	2	3	1
Gallo 1b	4	0	0	0
Profar 3b	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	6	4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer lf	3	1	1	1
Ma Grsia rf	4	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0
Correa ss	4	1	1	1
B McCann c	4	0	1	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0
Y Grml 1b	4	0	1	0
Bregman 3b	3	0	1	0
Aok rf	3	0	2	0
Totals	32	2	7	2

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Houston.....100 100 000—2

DP — Texas 1. LOB — Texas 7, Houston 5. 2B — DeShields (7), Aoki (6). HR — Odor 2 (11), Springer (18), Correa (12). CS — Mazara (1), Aoki (2).

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Texas						
Martinez	6	5	2	2	0	1
Leclerc W, 1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kela H, 6	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Bush S, 8-10	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Peacock	4 2-3	2	1	1	4	10
Harris	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Devenski BS, 2	1	2	1	1	1	1
Gregerson L, 2-2	1	2	2	2	0	1
Feliz	1	0	0	0	0	2

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Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 8, BLUE JAYS 1

Tampa Bay.....004 200101—8 16 1
Toronto.....000 000100—1 8 0

Faria, Pruitt (7) and Norris, Estrada; Leone (4), Beliveau (6), Grilli (8), Loup (9) and Martin. W—Faria 2-0. L—Estrada 4-5. HRs—Tampa Bay, Featherston, Dickerson, Morrison.

TWINS 20, MARINERS 7

Seattle.....210 210001— 7 14 1
Minnesota.....447 10 71x—20 28 0

Bergman, Lawrence (3), Rzepczynski (7), Zych (7), C.Ruiz (8) and Zunino; Gibson, Duffey (7), Pressly (8) and Castro

Green means go: Garcia looks for another major at US Open

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

ERIN, Wis. — Sergio Garcia was decked out in green Tuesday, as he set out for his first U.S. Open practice round at Erin Hills.

Yes, Garcia wears the title of Masters champion quite well. A weight was lifted when he finally captured the major title that eluded him for all those years.

What he's done in the past does not guarantee success, adulation or even happiness in the future, though. Nobody has learned that lesson in a more public fashion than Garcia himself.

Of his dozens of close calls, failures and embarrassments, a few have come at the U.S. Open — the "torture chamber" of a major, as 1993 PGA champion Paul Azinger called it — a tournament that often brings out the worst in people.

"It's tough to win, and majors are even tougher," Garcia said. "And the U.S. Open, we all know how difficult they are."

Unlike his effervescent introduction to the majors — when he hit the shot from the base of the tree, then ran up the fairway during the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah — Garcia's first week in genuine contention at a U.S. Open was a sordid, awkward affair.

It was 15 years ago, back in the day of the waggle, when the Spaniard's pre-shot routine involved dozens of hard-to-watch, back-and-forth motions with his hands as he tried to position himself to swing.

He was playing in New York, going against Tiger Woods in the final round. He had complained bitterly earlier in the week about how everything always seemed to be set up to benefit Woods, who was then at the peak of his powers.

Not surprisingly, the overserved fans at Bethpage Black let Garcia have it, heckling him at almost every turn.

On Saturday, after someone shouted out "Waggle Boy" during Garcia's backswing, he pointed to the crowd and challenged the heckler to "be brave" and say it again.

It was neither the first, nor the last time he had exacerbated these showdowns with fans.

Garcia wilted in the final round and the showdown with Woods turned out to be something much less. Garcia finished fourth, and though it marked the first of five top-10 finishes he's had at the U.S. Open, it formed a bad second impression that Garcia had trouble altering, especially in the U.S., over the next decade.

Time changes things.

Winning does, too.

"I felt, and I've always said that I felt, like everywhere in the world, and here in the U.S., the fans have always treated me amazingly well," Garcia said.

He was, indeed, the fan favorite as he walked around Augusta National two months ago, dueling with Justin Rose over the final day and eventually coming out on top in a playoff.

Once portrayed as the boy who would not become a man, either in golf or in life, Garcia is, at 37, all grown up — handling the pressure better, on the verge of getting married and, yes, now a major champion.

Rose, who already had his major, the 2013 U.S. Open, conceded on the day he finished second that if he had to lose, best it be to someone like Garcia, a friend and Ryder Cup teammate for years.

He echoed that thought Tuesday.

"You think of Sergio Garcia going through his career without a major championship, it would've been kind of sad," Rose said.

These days, it's mostly smiles.

Asked if he had two words to describe his strategy for this week, where Erin Hills is expected to play every bit as long and brutal as advertised, Garcia said: "patience" and "commitment."

Pressed to explain the second part, Garcia said, "it's just a matter of believing."

Much easier for him to do so now, especially with that green jacket hanging back at home.

AP file photo

Sergio Garcia, of Spain, reacts after making his birdie putt on the 18th green to win the Masters golf tournament in a playoff April 9 in Augusta, Ga. Garcia is loving his time at the U.S. Open, having finally captured the major that eluded him. He knows what's done in the past guarantees nothing. Nobody has learned that lesson in a more public fashion than Garcia.

US OPEN TEE TIMES

June 15-18
At Erin Hills
Erin, Wis.
(a-amateur)
Thursday-Friday
First Hole-10th Hole

6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Jordan Niebrugge, United States; Talor Gooch, United States; Kevin Dougherty, United States.
6:56 a.m.-12:41 p.m. — Andres Romero, Argentina; Brice Garnett, United States; Davis Love IV, United States.
7:07 a.m.-12:52 p.m. — Yusaku Miyazato, Japan; J.T. Poston, United States; Aaron Rai, England.
7:18 a.m.-1:03 p.m. — David Lingmerth, Sweden; Paul Dunne, Ireland; Li Haotong, China.
7:29 a.m.-1:14 p.m. — a-Stewart Hagestad, United States; Chez Reavie, United States; Gene Sauers, United States.
7:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Brandt Snedeker, United States; Alex Noren, Sweden; Tyrrell Hatton, England.
7:51 a.m.-1:36 p.m. — Rafa Cabrera Bello, Spain; Thomas Pieters, Belgium; Brooks Koepka, United States.
8:02 a.m.-1:47 p.m. — Gary Woodland, United States; J.B. Holmes, United States; Jason Kokrak, United States.
8:13 a.m.-1:58 p.m. — Russell Knox, Scotland; a-Scott Gregory, England; Martin Laird, Scotland.
8:24 a.m.-2:09 p.m. — Kevin Kisner, United States; Billy Horschel, United States; Branden Grace, South Africa.
8:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — Webb Simpson, United States; Ernie Els, South Africa; Lucas Glover, United States.
8:46 a.m.-2:31 p.m. — Tyson Alexander, United States; a-Chris Crawford, United States; Max Greyserman, United States.
8:57 a.m.-2:42 p.m. — Matthew Campbell, United States; Garrett Osborn, United States; a-Walker Lee, United States.
Thursday-Friday
10th Hole-First Hole
6:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Whee Kim, South Korea; Ted Potter Jr., United States; Daniel Chopra, Sweden.
6:56 a.m.-12:41 p.m. — Shugo Imahira, Japan; Ryan Palmer, United States; Matthew Wallace, England.
7:07 a.m.-12:52 p.m. — Charley Hoffman, United States; Jason Dufner, United States; Hideto Tanihara, Japan.
7:18 a.m.-1:03 p.m. — Jeunghun Wang, South Korea; Thomas Aiken, South Africa; Bradley Dredge, Wales.
7:29 a.m.-1:14 p.m. — a-Scott Harvey, United States; Jamie Lovemark, United States; Michael Putnam, United States.
7:40 a.m.-1:25 p.m. — Brian Harman, United States; Tommy Fleetwood, England; Bud Cauley, United States.
7:51 a.m.-1:36 p.m. — Hideki Matsuyama, Japan; Rickie Fowler, United States; Jon Rahm, Spain.
8:02 a.m.-1:47 p.m. — Lee Westwood, England; Ross Fisher, England; Graeme McDowell, Northern Ireland.
8:13 a.m.-1:58 p.m. — Danny Willett, England; Zach Johnson, United States; Angel Cabrera, Argentina.
8:24 a.m.-2:09 p.m. — Matt Kuchar, United States; Francesco Molinari, Italy; Patrick Reed, United States.
8:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m. — Martin Kaymer, Germany; Jordan Spieth, United States; Dustin Johnson, United States.
8:46 a.m.-2:31 p.m. — a-Joaquin Niemann, Chile; Stephan Jaeger, Germany; Joel Stalter, France.
8:57 a.m.-2:42 p.m. — Daniel Miernicki, United States; a-Sahith Theegala, United States; Tyler Light, United States.
Thursday-Friday
First Hole-10th Hole
12:30 p.m.-6:45 a.m. — Jack Maguire, United States; Corey Conners, Canada; Ben Kohles, United States.
12:41 p.m.-6:56 a.m. — Eddie Pepperell, England; Chan Kim, United States; Gregory Bourdy, France.
12:52 p.m.-7:07 a.m. — Jhonattan Vegas, Venezuela; Yuta Ikeda, Japan; Sean O'Hair, United States.
1:03 p.m.-7:18 a.m. — Andrew Johnston, England; Brian Stuard, United States; George Coetzee, South Africa.
1:14 p.m.-7:29 a.m. — Marc Leishman, Australia; Pat Perez, United States; Si Woo Kim, South Korea.
1:25 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Russell Henley, United States; a-Scottie Scheffler, United States; Harris English, United States.
1:36 p.m.-7:51 a.m. — Bubba Watson, United States; Adam Scott, Australia; Sergio Garcia, Spain.
1:47 p.m.-8:02 a.m. — Henrik Stenson, Sweden; Charl Schwartzel, South Africa; Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa.
1:58 p.m.-8:13 a.m. — Jimmy Walker, United States; Justin Thomas, United States; Paul Casey, England.
2:09 p.m.-8:24 a.m. — Jason Day, Australia; Justin Rose, England; Rory McIlroy, Northern Ireland.
2:20 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Steve Stricker, United States; Stewart Cink, United States; Phil Mickelson, United States.
2:31 p.m.-8:46 a.m. — Ryan Brehm, United States; a-John Oda, United States; Jonathan Randolph, United States.
2:42 p.m.-8:57 a.m. — a-Mason Andersen, United States; Derek Barron, United States; Roman Robledo, United States.
Thursday-Friday
10th Hole-First Hole
12:30 p.m.-6:45 a.m. — Wade Ormsby, Australia; Oliver Bekker, South Africa; Kyle Thompson, United States.
12:41 p.m.-6:56 a.m. — Brandon Stone, South Africa; Troy Merritt, United States; Chris Wood, England.
12:52 p.m.-7:07 a.m. — Satoshi Kodaira, Japan; Daniel Summerhays, United States; Alexander Levy, France.
1:03 p.m.-7:18 a.m. — William McGirt, United States; Keegan Bradley, United States; Kevin Na, United States.
1:14 p.m.-7:29 a.m. — a-Brad Dalke, United States; Wesley Bryan, United States; Brendan Steele, United States.
1:25 p.m.-7:40 a.m. — Nick Flanagan, Australia; Richie Ramsay, Scotland; Bryson DeChambeau, United States.
1:36 p.m.-7:51 a.m. — Daniel Berger, United States; Roberto Castro, United States; Bill Haas, United States.
1:47 p.m.-8:02a.m. — Adam Hadwin, Canada; Emiliano Grillo, Argentina; C.T. Pan, Taiwan.
1:58 p.m.-8:13 a.m. — Scott Piercy, United States; Shane Lowry, Ireland; Jim Furyk, United States.
2:09 p.m.-8:24 a.m. — Matt Fitzpatrick, England; Peter Uihlein, United States; Byeong Hun An, South Korea.
2:20 p.m.-8:35 a.m. — Kevin Chappell, United States; a-Maverick McNealy, United States; Bernd Wiesberger, Austria.
2:31 p.m.-8:46 a.m. — Xander Schauffele, United States; Trey Mullinax, United States; a-Cameron Champ, United States.
2:42 p.m.-8:57 a.m. — Sam Ryder, United States; a-Alex Smalley, United States; Andy Pope, United States.

OPEN

From 1C

some of the rough."

Rules officials: The U.S. Open wants to be a little quicker with its communications over rules issues, especially in light of last year at Oakmont.

Dustin Johnson's ball moved ever so slightly on the fifth green. The USGA realized a few holes later it needed a closer review. It told him about the possibility of a penalty on the 12th tee, and said he could review it after the round. That meant Johnson played the last seven holes not knowing what his score would be.

He won by four, then was docked one shot, so it went down as a three-shot victory. He still got the trophy, but the USGA looked bad.

USGA President Diana Murphy says there will not be walking scorers on the weekend for the first time. Instead, the USGA will station at least two officials on every hole (except for par 3s) and in other strategic spots along the course.

"We regretted the handling last year," Murphy said in a meeting with golf writers. "We want to stay out of the way and not be part of the story."

First-time winners: Zach Johnson won the British Open two years ago at St. Andrews for his second major. Since then, there has been nothing but first-time winners at the majors — Jason Day, Danny Willett, Dustin Johnson, Henrik Stenson, Jimmy Walker and Sergio Garcia.

When players don't have a reasonable explanation, that can mean only one thing — it's a cycle more than a trend.

Jordan Spieth, for example, noted that at one point he, McIlroy and Day had combined to win five of six majors when they were Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in the world.

"So maybe it's a trend and maybe that's the way that it happened to crumble there," he said, without mentioning any particular cookie.

It's way too early for a trend.

Not too long ago, first-time major champions had won 12 out of 13, from Lucas Glover in the 2009 U.S. Open through Webb Simpson winning the 2012 U.S. Open. The exception in that span was Phil Mickelson at the 2010 Masters.

And there was a time when Europeans couldn't win a major. Paul Lawrie of Scotland won at Carnoustie in the 1999 British Open. It took 31 majors before another European won, Padraig Harrington at Carnoustie in the 2007 British Open.

Since then, Europeans have won 15 majors.

Of course, Tiger Woods won 12 of 33 majors during one stretch. That didn't leave much room for anyone else.

McIlroy referred to it as a cycle.

"I just hope I end that streak this week," McIlroy said.

Playoff fever: A U.S. Open record is on the line this week at Erin Hills.

Dating to Tiger Woods winning the 2008 U.S. Open in a playoff over Rocco Mediate at Torrey Pines, there hasn't been a Monday playoff. That's eight straight U.S. Opens, matching the longest streak without in U.S. Open history.

There also was eight years without a playoff after Lou Graham in 1975 at Medinah until Fuzzy Zoeller beat Greg Norman at Winged Foot in 1984.

The only really close call was Dustin Johnson missing a 4-foot birdie putt to finish one shot behind Jordan Spieth in 2015 at Chambers Bay.

McIlroy's summer: Rory McIlroy has played only six tournaments this year because of a rib injury that cost him seven weeks at the start of the year, and a recurrence of the injury that made him sit out six weeks ahead of the U.S. Open.

But he has a busy summer scheduled.

McIlroy is playing the Travelers Championship next week in Connecticut. After a week off, he plans to play three straight tournaments in Europe — the Irish Open (that he hosts), the Scottish Open and the British Open.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg "Bare"	Speec-hless	Modern Family	Am.ho-usewife	Steve Harvey's Funderdome (SP)		Local 2 News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Nightl.	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss		Criminal Minds "Mirror Image"		Code Black "Corporeal Form"		CBS 7 News	(: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	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone	
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Big Bang	Big Bang Theory	Chef "America's Grocery Bag" (N)		The F Word "Episode Three" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot/ Cleve.	Met Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs Nashville Predators at Pittsburgh Penguins Final Game 7 Site: PPG Paints Arena (L)						News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers	
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature		Nova "Why Sharks Attack"		Operation Maneat "Great White Shark"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SHIELD "Repairs"		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Angr M.	Tosh.0	Access
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Poltergeis...		★★★ Black Christmas		(:45)		★★ Frankenhooker		(:15)	★★★ Dreamscape		
HBO	300	590	14	14		Movie	News	Silicon		★★ Catch Me If You Can Leonardo DiCaprio.				Fight (N)	24/ 7	★ Miss Peregrin...	
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	Movie	Veep	LastWeek		★ Neighbors 2: Sorority Ri...		Silicon	1stLook (:50)	★ The Boss			Movie
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:55)	★ Interview With the Vampire			★ Mike & Dave Need Wed...		Making	LastWeek	★★ Crimson Peak			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25)	★ Right at Y...	★ Deepwater Horizon				(:50)	★ The Purge: Election Year		(:40)	★★ Dead Presidents	
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(:20)	★ Mechanic: Resurrection					★ Sisters (15, Com) Tina Fey.			★★ Dumb and Dumber		Movie
PLEX			96			(5:15)	★ The Mus...	★★ Once Bitten				(:35)	★★ From Night		(:05)	★★ Secret Window		Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(:05)	★★ Meet the Browns D. Mann.			Putin Interview (N)			I'm Dying Up Here		AlMadrigalShrimp		Putin Interview
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00)	★ Pele: Birth...			★ Woman in Gold Helen Mirren.				★★★★ Love Actually		(:15)	★ Premoniti...
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30)	★ Willy Won...			★★★ Ghostbusters ('84, Com) Bill Murray.				★★★ Ghostbusters II ('89, Com) Bill Murray.			
BET	58	-		40		(5:00)	★★ All About the Benjamins					★ Madea's Big Happy Family ('11, Dra) Tyler Perry.				Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Real Housewives		Real Housew (N)		Housewives (N)		Then and Now (N)		Watch	Real Housewives		Then
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage		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: Off the Grid (N)				Bush People		Homestead (N)		Bush People		(:05) Homestead	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Jessie	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	1st Take Special (L)		30 for 30 (N)				MLB Baseball N.Y. Yankees vs L.A. Angels (L)					
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	30 for 30		World of X Games		X Games	X Games	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Cuthroat (N)		Cuthroat (N)		Cook vs. Con (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Cutthroat Kitchen	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:40)	★ Coming to...	(:20)	★ Madea's Witness Protection ('12, Com) Tyler Perry.					The 700 Club		★ Good Burger	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Focused	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Swing Clinic	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00)	★★★ Interstellar ('14, Sci-Fi) Matthew McConaughey.					Fargo "Aporia" (N)		Fargo "Aporia"		Fargo	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	•6	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Brother vs. (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Brother vs.	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		Pickers "Catch-32"		Amer. Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "Fierce Fight"		Women (N) /(:10) Women (N)		Little Women: LA (N)		Little Women: Atlanta (N)		Little Women: Atlanta		Little Women: LA	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				(5:00)	NHL Live! (L)	American Ninja (N)		American Ninja (N)		American Ninja (N)		NHL Overtime (L)		American Ninja (N)	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	GShakes	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00)	★ Resident ...	★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road				Blood Drive (N)		Wynonna Earp		Face Off	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Nap"	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	Frontal (N)	Conan Judd Apatow, Tom Papa		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15)	★ Having a ...	★★★★ A Matter of Life and Death						★★★★ Black Narcissus		★ Hour of Glory	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	Titulares	Querida centauro	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 40 Year Old Child		Schizoph. "Jani's Next Chapter"		Big Changes		The Boy With No Brain		Big Changes		The Boy With No Brain	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★★ Transformers come to Earth seeking an energy source.		Two alien robot tribes battling for supremacy				Claws "Tirana"		(:05) Amer. Race "Baltimore Rising"		(:05) Hawaii Five-0	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	M*A*S*	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Ray	Ray	Ray	Nobodies	Lopez	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Star Little Star "Episode 3" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Star Little Star "Episode 3"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Man's old tryst with wife's yoga teacher causes strain

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My wife recently started a new yoga class she really likes. But I made the mistake of telling her that the instructor and I had dated briefly (had sex) when we were around 15. I am 50 now, and my wife is 45. I was a promiscuous drunk when I was in high school and college. I have been sober now for 28 years, and we have been together for 22 years. I have not been with another woman since I met my wife.

Abby, she treats this situation as if I cheated on her yesterday, and this was 35 years ago! Also, after she recognized my wife's last name, the yoga instructor told my wife that I broke her heart back then. Help! — HEARTBREAKER

DEAR HEARTBREAKER: You have gotten your life in order, and the yoga instructor appears to be doing well. That she's 50 and in good enough shape to be teaching yoga says a lot for her flexibility. Clearly, neither you nor your old high school classmate has been trying to slip anything past your wife. If she really feels threatened because of your long-past relationship with her teacher, she should roll up her mat and find another class.

DEAR ABBY: We have a lovely granddaughter who is about to be married to an excellent young man. She is sweet, kind, smart, hardworking, just out of college and everything you would want in a granddaughter. However, we are deeply concerned about her wedding, which will have a Wiccan theme, and they are both planning to change to a last name with Wiccan significance.

Although I'm not positive, I'm pretty sure she doesn't actually follow this religion, but rather regards it as an entertaining idea. As a Christian, I'm uncomfortable with the theme. Our only choices are to go and make the best of it, or to stay home and have everyone think we are narrow-minded old fuddy-duddies. What should we do? — CHALLENGED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CHALLENGED: I'm glad you asked. Go, make the best of it, and refrain from making judgments about your lovely, high-achieving granddaughter's decision about her wedding. Her choice of wedding theme may or may not be a lark. However, if it isn't, Wicca is a peaceful religion. Wiccans do not practice black magic. She will still be the same lovely girl after the wedding as she was before.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law didn't get me a card or even wish me Happy Mother's Day on my very first one. We got together to celebrate, so I don't think she forgot. I thought we had a pretty good relationship, but now I'm not so sure.

Is there a nice way to ask her why she didn't get me a card or even say, "Happy Mother's Day"? I'd like to be able to apologize if she's harboring a grudge for some reason. — NEW MOM IN TENNESSEE

DEAR NEW MOM: Sometimes it's not what you say, but the way you say it that can create tension. I suggest that when you approach your MIL about this, you do it with a smile and say, "I was surprised when you didn't wish me a Happy Mother's Day. Why was that?" Then LISTEN.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

I said get rid of it!

Neither vulnerable, West deals

NORTH
♠ K J
♡ A K 7 6 5 2
♢ Q 6
♣ 8 7 5

WEST
♠ 7 3
♡ J 10 3
♢ K J 10 9 7 3 2
♣ 6

EAST
♠ 6 4 2
♡ Q 9 8 4
♢ 8 5
♣ K J 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 8 5
♡ Void
♢ A 4
♣ A Q 4 3 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3♢	3♡	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	Pass	6♠
All Pass			

Opening lead: Six of ♣

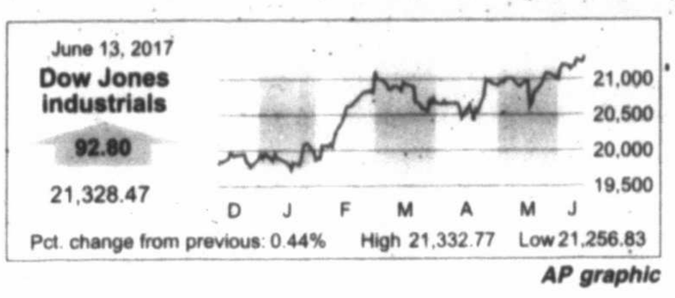
We like North's choice of raising spades with a doubleton honor. The only alternative was to rebid hearts on a suit that was less than robust. Preemption takes away your bidding space and forces you to make close decisions. Rebidding hearts, for example, might force partner to pass with a singleton heart and six spades to the queen-10. Four spades is the perfect spot, but South also had a close decision to make and resolved it with an aggressive leap to slam.

The slam is a reasonable proposition, seemingly needing a 3-2 split in clubs with the king onside. The opening lead, however, looked like a singleton, and South had to proceed on the assumption that clubs were splitting 4-1. The opening club lead went to East's king and South's ace. A low trump was led to dummy, and the ace and king of hearts were cashed. Declarer surprised everyone at the table by discarding a low club and the ace of diamonds!

A heart was ruffed, and declarer crossed back to dummy with a trump in order to ruff another heart. The long hearts in dummy were now established. South drew the last trump, discarding a club from dummy. He cashed the queen of clubs and exited with his remaining low diamond. West captured this with his king, but he had to lead a diamond to dummy's queen. This gave dummy an entry to the long heart for declarer's twelfth trick. A beauty!

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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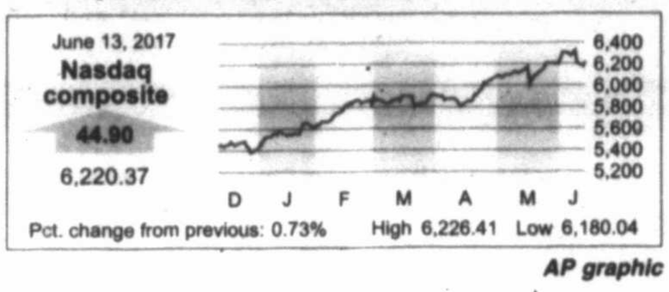

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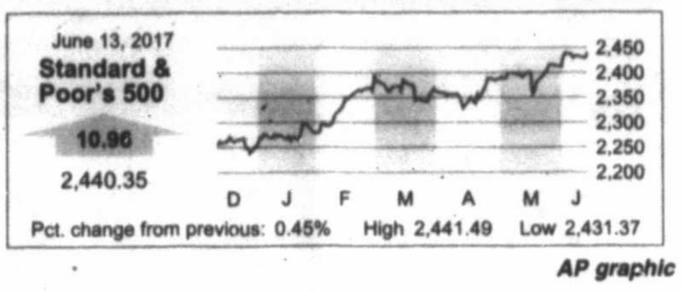

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $46.46
Previous: $46.08

POSTED

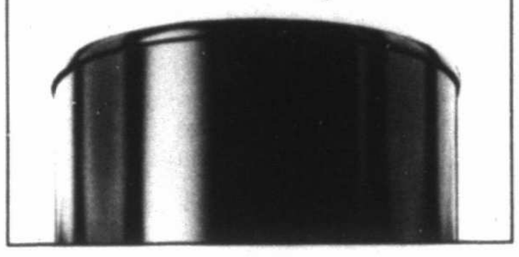
Tuesday: $43.00
Previous: $42.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $39.60
Previous: $39.10

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.966
Previous: $3.024



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	925716	24.47	+.13
BkofAm	634372	23.77	-.01
GenElec	582893	28.45	-.49
B iPVxST rs	539075	12.99	-.47
S&P500ETF	526695	244.55	+1.19

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Celadon	2.50	+.25	+11.1
SM Energy	19.52	+1.90	+10.8
PatriotN n	2.52	+.24	+10.5
ChesGranW	2.65	+.25	+10.4
IndCDrillg	4.06	+.36	+9.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SciApplic	74.52	-6.92	-8.5
Jumei Intl	2.64	-.24	-8.3
DxSPOGBr rs	20.11	-1.68	-7.7
PUVixST rs	10.14	-.76	-7.0
Zymeworks n	8.88	-.65	-6.8

DIARY

Advanced	2,062
Declined	855
Unchanged	126
Total issues	3,043
New Highs	123
New Lows	18
Volume	3,188,482,114

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	74434	3.15	+.06
B2gold g	46495	2.77	-.02
CastleBr	40543	1.76	+.02
NovaGld g	29361	4.34	+.15
BarcGSOil	28812	4.92	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonHld	2.88	+.33	+12.9
AstenasBio	3.55	+.40	+12.7
KlondexM g	3.60	+.37	+11.5
Air Inds	2.75	+.24	+9.6
Compx	15.80	+1.35	+9.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnvroStr	24.05	-2.00	-7.7
SwGA Fn	19.38	-1.17	-5.7
Reeds	2.55	-.15	-5.6
ContlMatls	19.00	-1.05	-5.2
IncOpR	9.35	-.50	-5.1

DIARY

Advanced	210
Declined	122
Unchanged	23
Total issues	355
New Highs	4
New Lows	5
Volume	103,353,401

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Yahoo	1386015	52.00	-1.12
PwShs QQQ	479027	140.36	+1.13
Nvidia	399337	151.40	+1.43
FrontierCm	369840	1.34	+.11
Apple Inc	328188	146.59	+1.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NantKwst n	5.63	+.73	+14.9
Omeros	19.58	+2.48	+14.5
CIM CmTr	18.95	+2.01	+11.9
ChiCustR n	16.64	+1.76	+11.8
ShotSpot n	14.03	+1.47	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GTx Inc rs	4.82	-1.33	-21.6
Naseo un	7.50	-1.75	-18.9
Beyondsp n	37.44	-4.89	-11.6
Zix Corp	5.89	-.72	-10.9
Essendant	15.86	-1.85	-10.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,837
Declined	981
Unchanged	240
Total issues	3,058
New Highs	102
New Lows	42
Volume	1,980,954,132

Neiman Marcus focuses on exclusives, personalized offers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Neiman Marcus is focusing on offering more exclusive merchandise and personalized offers to drive sales as it goes it alone to turn around its business.

The luxury department store chain confirmed Tuesday that discussions for a partial sale or outright purchase of the company have ended. The Wall Street Journal had earlier reported that talks had stalled between Neiman Marcus and Hudson's Bay, which operates such chains as Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue.

"While looking ahead, we know challenges remain, but we are encouraged by the strategies we have in place to improve our operational efficiencies and financial performance," Karen Katz, CEO and president, told investors during a conference call after the company released its fiscal third quarter results.

Like many luxury retailers, Neiman Marcus has struggled as even wealthy shoppers are looking for cheaper deals online.

It reported another quarter of sales declines, though business has improved as it increased its assortment of exclusive merchandise and personalized its offers to customer. In fact, forty percent of its evening wear is now exclusive. Katz says such moves will help differentiate itself from rivals and get out of the slump.

The Dallas-based company reported that sales at established stores for the period ended April 29 were down 4.9 percent, less steep than the 7.3 percent drop in the previous quarter.

Katz says the fact that Neiman Marcus has only 42 stores in addition to its Bergdorf Goodman store sets it apart from the mega-department store chains. "We know our customers very well," Katz told The Associated Press.

Furthermore, 30 percent of its business is online now.

Neiman Marcus plans to use technology to better personalize its offers online and in the store. A year ago, it beefed up its analytics team so shoppers can walk into the store and sales people with mobile devices can check what they bought and searched for on the website.

Online, shoppers are seeing a more personalized site that highlights items the person had searched for in the past. Neiman Marcus is also offering more targeted emails to shoppers. Neiman Marcus says that 75 percent of its customers receive a custom digest of emails, which is a key driver of traffic.

Neiman Marcus has also launched high-profile exclusive merchandise with limited availability or distribution. That includes a Nike and Riccardo Tisci collaboration at Bergdorf Goodman, and a social media campaign with influencers like Bella Hadid and Victor Cruz. The company said it sold out the entire collection in a matter of days. Bergdorf Goodman also had a partnership with the Lady Dior Art bag and the Chloe Nile handbag. Katz also noted Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman were the only retailers to show and promote Chanel's new bag, the Gabrielle, on a dedicated online landing page. While shoppers could not buy on the website, it did draw its customers to stores.

Verizon takes over Yahoo to complete $4.5 billion deal

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Verizon has taken over Yahoo, completing a $4.5 billion deal that will usher in a new management team to attempt to wring more advertising revenue from one of the internet's best-known brands.

Tuesday's closure of the sale ends Yahoo's 21-year history as a publicly traded company. It also ends the nearly five-year reign of Yahoo CEO Marissa Mayer, who isn't joining Verizon. She will walk away from Yahoo with a compensation package currently worth about $127 million, including her severance pay and stock awards that will be fully vested with the deal's completion.

Yahoo's email and other digital services such as sports, finance and news will be run by Tim Armstrong, who has been in charge of AOL. Armstrong will now be CEO of a new Verizon subsidiary called Oath, which will consist of Yahoo and various AOL services.

Verizon won't be getting Yahoo's prized stakes in two Asian internet companies, Alibaba Group and Yahoo Japan. Those will belong to a newly formed company called Altaba.

US stocks bounce back to records as tech companies rise

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks bounced back to record highs Tuesday as investors put an end to a two-day drop for technology companies. Energy and consumer-focused companies also made outsize gains.

In a reversal from the two previous days, investors put money into companies that stand to benefit from faster economic growth, including retailers, makers of basic materials like paints and chemicals, energy companies and banks. Big-dividend companies, which are usually considered safer investments, did not do as well as the rest of the market.

Tech companies reversed their losses from Monday, although they remain well below their peak from last week.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 10.96 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,440.35. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 92.80 points, or 0.4 percent, to 21,328.47.

The Nasdaq composite, which has a large concentration of technology companies, rose 44.90 points, or 0.7 percent, to 6,220.37, but did not get back to its record highs. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 6.77 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,425.98.

Metal prices mixed

Gold slipped 30 cents to $1,268.60 an ounce. Silver fell 18 cents, or 1 percent, to $16.77 an ounce. Copper dipped 2 cents to $2.60 a pound.

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Closing Price $4.24 Up 0.04

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Closing Price $92.44 Up 1.78

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.58 Up 0.09

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.25 Up 0.02

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.90 Up 0.10

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.70 Up 0.51

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.13 Up 0.36

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.20 Up 0.08

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.93 Up 0.54

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		22	6.42	.10	37.1
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.68	.39	-9.1
Abraxas			**1.98**	**+.02**	**-23.0**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**		**14.34**	**+.06**	**+12.8**
AMD			11.96	.13	+5.5
Alibaba		40	136.60	2.48	+55.6
AlonUSA	.60		13.93	+.41	+22.4
Ambev	.06e	5	5.52	+.09	+12.4
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**164.43**	**-.45**	**+12.5**
Anadarko	**.20**		**49.22**	**+.92**	**-29.4**
Apache	**1.00**		**49.22**	**+.80**	**-22.5**
Apple Inc	2.52f	17	146.59	+1.17	+26.6
ApldMatl	**.40**	**18**	**44.85**	**+.51**	**+39.0**
Archrock	.48		11.95	+.60	-9.5
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**84.33**	**+.43**	**+13.7**
AutoData	2.28	26	101.87	+.33	-.9
BP PLC	**2.38**	**54**	**36.03**	**+.22**	**-3.6**
BakrHu	.68		57.07	+.91	-12.2
BcoBrad s	.37e		7.95	-.03	+10.6
BkofAm	.30f	15	23.77	-.01	+7.6
B iPVxST rs			12.99	-.47	-49.1
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.02	+.07	-3.0
BasicEn5			.45		
Berkhis A			**17257200.00**	**+1300.00**	**+5.4**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**69.98**	**+.98**	**+14.1**
BrMySq	**1.56**	**32**	**54.19**	**-.17**	**-7.3**
BrownFA s		**30**	**50.51**	**+.06**	**+9.2**
BrownFB s			**49.24**	**-.04**	**+9.6**
CVS Health	2.00	14	79.85	+.17	+1.2
CallonPet		**36**	**11.51**	**+.32**	**-25.1**
Caterpillar	3.08	32	105.75	-.32	+14.0
Celestic g		10	14.07	+.07	+18.7
CntryLink	2.16	12	27.24	+.64	+14.6
ChesEng		48	5.26	+.22	-24.8
Chevron	**4.32**		**108.13**	**+.09**	**-8.1**
Chicos	.33	13	9.43	+.08	-34.5
Cimarex	.32	47	101.14	+.96	-25.6
Cisco	1.16	16	31.70	+.45	+4.9
Citigroup	.64	13	64.69	+.37	+8.9
CobaltIEn			.24	+.01	-80.2
CocaCole	**1.48**	**27**	**45.03**	**+.07**	**+8.6**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**27**	**75.69**	**+.14**	**+15.7**
Comcast s	.63	23	41.22	+.25	+19.4
ConAgra	**.80**	**20**	**38.98**	**+.28**	**-1.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes			**124.85**	**+1.61**	**-5.8**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**52**	**46.43**	**+.71**	**-7.4**
CrackerB	4.80f	25	163.81	-3.58	-1.9
CSVelIVST			82.25	+2.81	+75.9
CSVLgNG rs			13.48	-.70	-70.8
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**15**	**15.70**	**-.02**	**-12.6**
DCP Mid	3.12	20	33.52	-.01	-12.7
DTE	3.30f	25	109.41	+.44	+11.1
Delcath rs			.05	-.01	-94.5
DevonE	**.24**		**33.49**	**+.83**	**-26.7**
DxGBull rs			34.70	+.96	
DrGMBll rs			20.52	+1.28	
Disney	**1.56f**	**18**	**106.56**	**-.48**	**+2.2**
DowChm	**1.84**	**21**	**65.26**	**+1.25**	**+14.1**
DryShp rs		1	1.95	+.09	-99.8
EOG Rescs	**.67**		**90.56**	**+.68**	**-10.4**
Enbridge	2.44f		38.62	+.39	-8.3
EnCana g	.06	36	9.72	+.29	-17.2
Energen	.08		55.56	+.83	-3.7
EnPro	**.88**	**44**	**71.99**	**+.12**	**+6.9**
ENSCO	.04	1	6.16	+.17	-36.6
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	26.69	-.13	-1.3
Ericsson	.11e		7.23	+.06	+24.0
ExxonMbl	**3.08f**	**37**	**82.96**	**+.03**	**-8.1**
Facebook		33	150.68	+2.24	+31.0
FiatChrys			11.00	+.01	+20.6
FordM	.60a	6	11.27	-.01	-7.1
FrontierCm	.16m		1.34	+.11	-60.4
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**65.54**	**+1.06**	**+6.4**
GabMulT	**.94e**		**9.25**	**+.09**	**+27.8**
GAInv	**1.15e**		**34.16**	**+.18**	**+9.6**
GenElec	**.96**	**20**	**28.45**	**-.49**	**-10.0**
GenMotors	1.52	5	34.51	-.17	-.9
Gerdau	.02e		2.82		-10.2
GlPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**28.53**	**+.35**	**+8.0**
Halliburtn	.72		45.84	+.92	-15.3
HertzGl			9.61	+.71	-55.4
HP Ent n	.26	19	16.88	+.03	-2.7
IAMGld g		58	5.43	+.23	+41.0
iShBrazil	1.03e		33.96	+.11	+1.9
iShChinaLC	.76e		40.11	+.23	+15.6
iShEMkts	.84e		41.59	+.20	+18.8
iS Eafe	1.70e		66.57	+.51	+15.3
iShR2K	1.77e		142.10	+.72	+5.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Intel	**1.09f**	**16**	**35.88**	**+.15**	**-1.1**
InterDig	1.20	10	83.75	+1.00	-8.3
JD.com			39.27	+.05	+54.4
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	87.27	+.29	+1.1
JohnJn	**3.36f**	**20**	**132.02**	**+.20**	**+14.6**
KimbClk	**3.88**	**21**	**129.37**	**+.55**	**+13.4**
Kinross g		61	4.27	-.03	+37.3
Kroger s	.48	14	30.32	+.29	-12.1
LegacyRes	.60m		1.59	+.10	-25.0
Lubys			**3.12**	**+.18**	**-27.1**
MarathnO	.20		13.01	+.39	-24.8
McDnlds	3.76	28	149.82	+1.35	+23.1
Merck	1.88	17	63.27	-.65	+7.5
MeritMed		**44**	**35.15**	**+.25**	**+32.6**
MexcoEn			4.25	+.02	-15.0
MicronT		38	31.54	+.34	+43.9
Microsoft	1.56	29	70.65	+.87	+13.7
MoSys rs			1.97	+.48	-14.3
Nabors	.24		8.99	+.37	-45.2
NOilVarco	.20	27	34.51	+.20	-7.8
NokiaCp	.17e		6.42	+.07	+33.5
NSTFI3	**.55a**		**14.71**	**+.05**	**+3.8**
NTXQI	**.65**		**14.32**	**+.02**	**+4.4**
Nvidia	.56	48	151.40	+1.43	+41.8
OcciPet	**3.04**		**61.00**	**+.15**	**-14.4**
Oclaro			9.48	+.11	+5.9
PDC Engy			**49.01**	**+1.22**	**-32.5**
Pandora			7.96	+.09	-39.0
PerTech		**21**	**8.48**	**+.08**	**+52.0**
ParkDrl			**1.40**		**-46.2**
PattUTI	**.08**		**21.37**	**+.62**	**-20.6**
Penney		15	4.77	-.09	-42.6
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**11.63**	**-.02**	**-38.7**
Prmian	.46e	27	9.56	+.12	+24.0
Petrobras			8.42	+.06	-16.7
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**32.58**	**-.12**	**+.3**
PioNtrl	.08		168.75	+.94	-6.3
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**28**	**25.91**	**+.07**	**-19.8**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		140.36	+1.13	+18.5
Praxair	**3.15**	**24**	**136.28**	**+1.31**	**+16.3**
PrmEgy			**45.55**	**+2.45**	**-15.6**
PUVixST rs			10.14	-.76	
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**23**	**88.06**	**-.18**	**+4.7**
RangeRs	.08	33	23.94	+.78	-30.3
RegionsFn	.28f	16	14.42	+.06	+.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RiteAid		28	3.11	+.09	-62.3
Rowan	.40	6	13.00	+.60	-31.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.50	+.41	+.2
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		213.37	+.97	+8.0
S&P500ETF	4.13e		244.55	+1.19	+9.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e		33.66	+.84	-18.7
SabnR	2.24e	18	37.60	+.57	+7.0
SanderFm	**.96**	**13**	**127.87**	**+1.28**	**+35.7**
Schlmbrg	2.00	69	69.35	+.04	-17.4
SibanyeG	.40e		5.20	-.18	-26.3
SiriusXM	.04	35	5.24	+.04	+17.8
Smucker	3.00	17	128.24	+.19	+.1
SnapInc A	n		18.10	-.10	-26.1
SwstnEngy			6.43	+.31	-40.6
SpiritRltC	.72	9	7.71	+.08	-29.0
Sprint			8.26	+.05	-1.9
SP Engy	2.04e		67.39	+.50	-10.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e		24.47	+.13	+5.2
SP Tech	.78e		56.09	+.40	+16.0
TelefEsp	**1.20e**		**11.05**	**+.06**	**+20.1**
Tesla Inc			375.95	+16.94	+75.9
Tesoro	2.20	16	94.22	+3.03	+7.7
3M Co	4.70	26	209.11	+1.72	+17.1
Torchmark	**.60**	**17**	**76.96**	**+.33**	**+4.3**
Transocn		9	9.16	+.26	-37.9
TriContl	**.98e**		**24.27**	**+.10**	**+10.1**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Twitter			16.97	-.07	+4.1
TylerTech		**54**	**169.90**	**+2.12**	**+19.0**
UBSI	**1.32**	**21**	**40.40**	**+.35**	**-12.6**
US OilFd			9.60	+.08	-18.1
USSteel	.20		21.88		-33.7
Vale SA	.29e		8.00	-.13	+5.0
ValeantPh		2	12.46	-.19	-14.2
ValeroE	2.80	18	66.53	+.61	-2.6
VanEGold	.12e		22.97	+.23	+9.8
VanE JrGld			34.34	+.78	+8.8
VangEmg	1.10e		41.01	+.19	+14.6
VerizonCm	2.31	11	46.46	-.73	-13.0
VulcanM	**1.00**	**42**	**132.26**	**+2.35**	**+5.7**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	63.33	+.06	+8.0
WPX Engy			10.56	+.62	-27.5
WalgBoots	1.50	17	81.80	-.01	-1.2
WeathfInt			4.52	+.16	-9.4
WellsFargo	1.52	14	54.45	+.36	-1.2
WhitingPet			6.73	+.59	-44.0
WmaCos	1.20	42	29.55	+.08	-5.1
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**47.07**	**+.25**	**+15.7**
Xerox	**.25**	**10**	**7.01**	**-.05**	**+21.9**
Yahoo			52.00	-1.12	+34.5
Yamana g	.02		2.54	+.06	-9.6
Zynga			3.51	-.07	+36.6

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21,305.35	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	21,328.47	+92.80	+.44	+7.92	+20.67
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,456.65	+67.86	+.72	+4.56	+25.01
735.71	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	723.94	+1.04	+.14	+9.75	+5.86
11,774.18	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,796.80	+50.34	+.43	+6.69	+14.59
6,341.70	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,220.37	+44.90	+.73	+15.55	+28.43
2,446.17	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,440.35	+10.96	+.45	+9.00	+17.59
1,767.58	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,769.34	+10.34	+.59	+6.55	+19.76
25,460.55	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	25,401.15	+130.16	+.52	+8.43	+18.38
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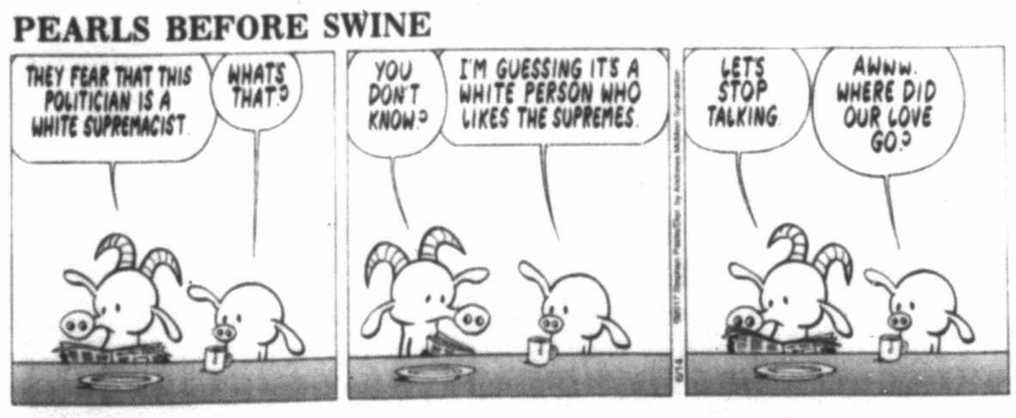

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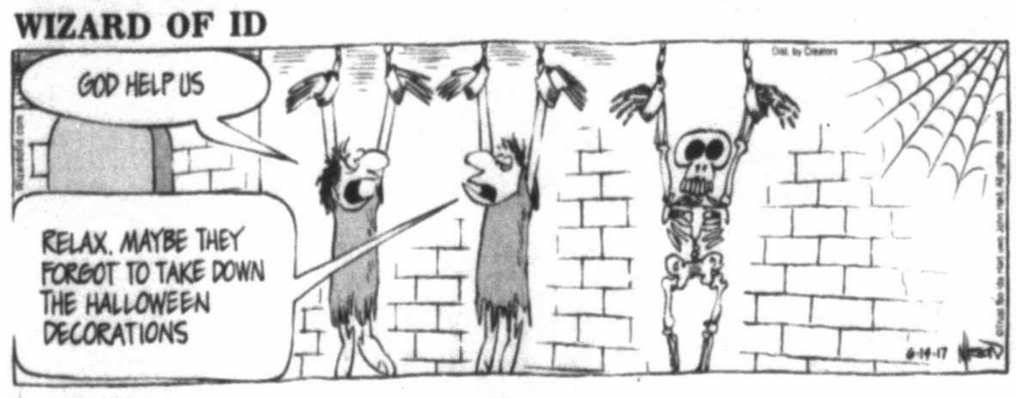

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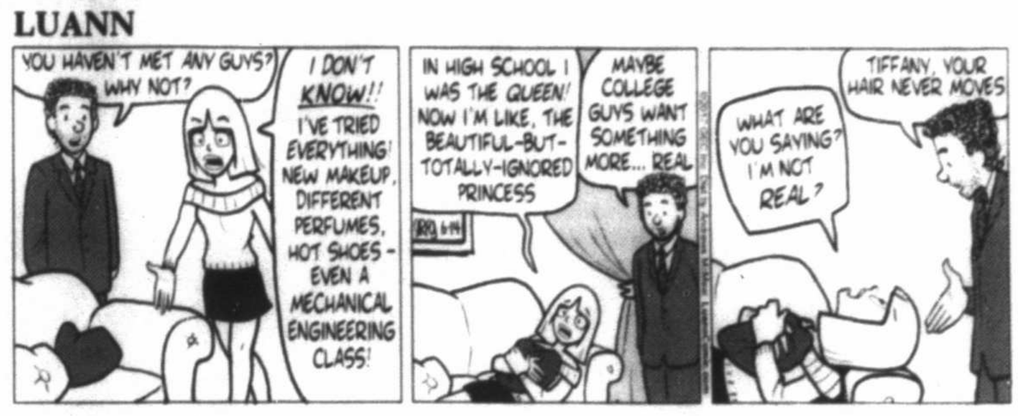

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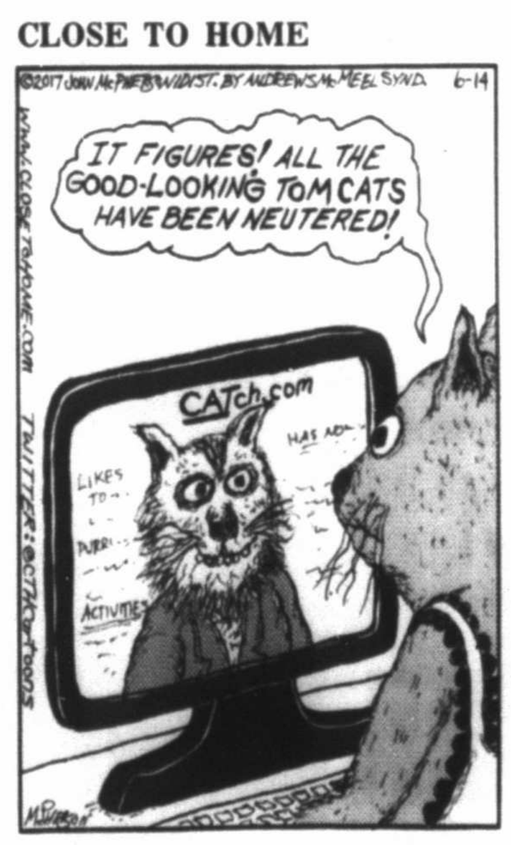

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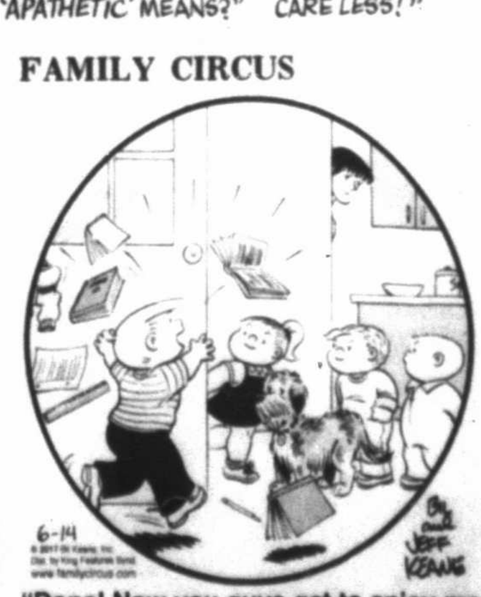

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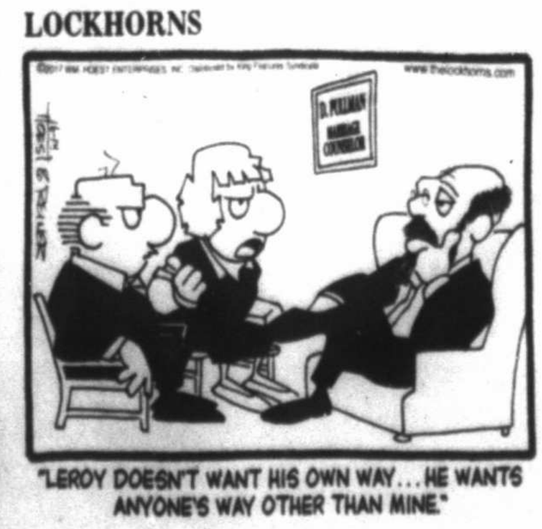

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Inside Sales / Applications Engr - Qualified candidate will have a minimum of 5 years of successful inside sales / quotations experience generating customer proposals and/or applications engineering. Degreed engineer or valve automation experience a plus.

Outside Sales Professional - Qualified candidate will have a minimum of 5 years successful sales experience; selling to the Permian upstream and midstream O&G industry.

Please send resume to chelsey@vzcontrols.com

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
Department of Engineering and Technology
Adjunct Faculty Positions in Mechanical and Petroleum Engineering
The Department of Engineering and Technology at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin is accepting applications for adjunct professors who can teach Petroleum Engineering and Mechanical Engineering courses. The positions require a Master's degree in engineering. Openings exist for teaching courses in upper level undergraduate courses as well as fundamental lower division courses such as Petroleum Fundamentals, Statics, Dynamics, Mechanics of Materials, Thermodynamics, Fluid Mechanics, and related laboratory courses. The anticipated start date is in August, 2017. The courses are taught face-to-face in the Odessa/Midland, Texas area. Interested candidates should submit a resume including three professional references to Becky Gardner at gardner_b@utpb.edu.

HEALTHCARE

Big Spring State Hospital

Registered Nurses, Job Posting # 348952 & 337518
Earn up to $5312.11 per month (DOE)
Licensed Vocational Nurses, Job Posting # 348670
Earn up to $3678.00 per month (DOE)
Psychiatric Nursing Assistants, Job Posting # 348907
Varied Shifts. Starting salary $1962.85 per month

Contact our Job Center for Job Descriptions or to Arrange a Campus Tour 432-268-7341 or 432-268-7298 or Complete an application online at https://jobshrportal.hhsc.state.tx.us/ENG/default.cfm

Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

MANAGEMENT-EXECUTIVE

District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram
The MRT has an opening for a Circulation District Manager. This individual would be responsible for overseeing a delivery force of independent contractors/carriers, as well as performing other duties involved with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

This position requires excellent communication skills, must be able to work flexible hours (largely in the early morning hours including weekends), have reliable transportation. Candidate with previous newspaper delivery experience preferred but not required.

This is a full time salaried position, eligible for full benefits including health, vision, dental and paid time off with excellent starting salary.

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to sheckler@hearstnp.com.
No phone calls please.

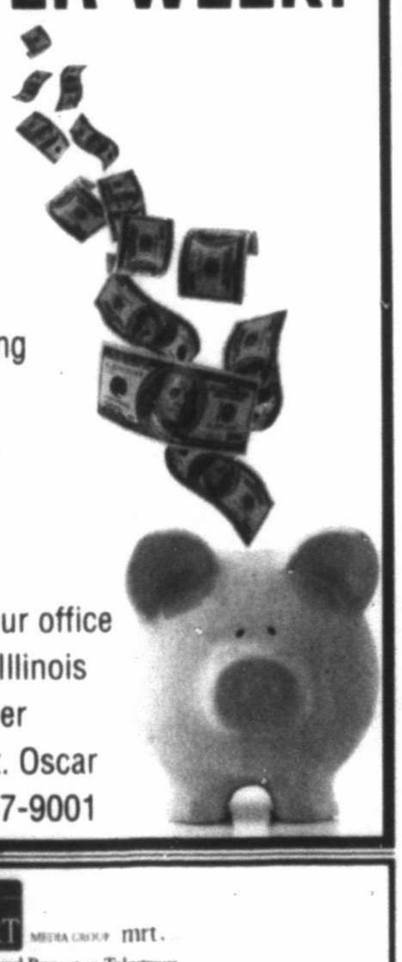
OTHER JOBS

Backhoe Operator/Field Hand

AAW Services LLC, Midland Based Water Well and Cathodic Protection Company is seeking Backhoe Operator and Field Hand. Must have experience, Be Dependable, Pass Drug Test and a Driver License. Class A CDL is a plus. Company offers Retirement plan and Health Insurance. Pay DOE. Please call 432-528-0527.

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram in the Midland and Andrews area.



Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Oscar Ronquillo 432-687-9001

MRT MEDIA GROUP mrt.com
Midland Reporter-Telegram

OUT OF CITY DELIVERY DRIVER/ PACKAGING ASSOCIATE

The Midland Reporter Telegram

- **Must have a clean, valid license & acceptable driving history**
- **Late night/Early morning hours**
- **Obey all traffic laws**
- **Strong commitment to safely is a must**
- **Professional communication with management, co-workers and customers**
- **Ability to lift, push or pull up to 50-lbs**
- **Must be able to reach, bend, lift as needed**
- **Must be able to work independenily & in a team environment**
- **Ability to read, understand & follow oral and written instructions**
- **Perform other duties as delegated or assigned by Supervisor**
- **Required education. High School or equivalent**

This is a full time position that offers paid vacation and full package of benefits.

Please email your resume to: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occassionally. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday - Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NOPHONECALLSPLEASE

EXCAVATOR & DOZER OPERATORS NEEDED

Experience, references & TDL required. Call Mike @ (830)832-7729 M-F 8 to 5 ONLY. Acme Bridge Co. is EOE & A DRUG FREE WORK ZONE

Gate Attendants needed

Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer. Please call Patty for more information @ 361-949-6992.

GATE GUARD SERVICES, L.P.

McCOY'S BUILDING SUPPLY

McCoy's Building Supply is proud to announce that we are NOW HIRING for open positions for our Midland location!

The positions currently available are
Class A CDL Delivery Driver (Full Time)
Commercial Sales Support (Full Time)
Inventory Coordinator (Full Time)
Retail Inside Floor Sales (Full Time)
Yard Crewmember (Full Time & Part Time)
Yard Leader (Full Time)

APPLY ONLINE TODAY AT: http://www.mccoys.com/careers
You will need to click on the link under "Browse Open Positions", which will take you to our job postings. Sort or search for Midland, TX. Please apply for any position that you are interested in.

Candidates should be able to work effectively with people and have prior experience in the retail industry. Previous experience in the building supply industry is preferred, but not required. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to work in the yard, and 23 years of age to work as delivery drivers.

Pre-employment drug screen is required for all candidates
Motor vehicle record check is required for all driver candidates
EOE, AAP, D, F, VA

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm-4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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NOPHONECALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

PT Merchandiser for State wide Beverage Distributor
Flexible Hours-Weekends REQUIRED.
Please send resume to: dustinbrown@benekeith.com

RESTAURANT FOOD SERVICES

The Hemingway Cigar & Wine Bar
Experienced waitstaff and barback needed. 3pm-11pm Mon-Sat. shifts. Retail experience is a plus. TABC certification needed. Come in between 10am-3pm Mon-Fri. to apply or pick up an application. Resume preffered but not required.

Schlotzskys
Now hiring at **both** Midland locations, 5211 W. Wadley & 1109 Andrews Hwy.
- Promotions from within
- Flexible scheduling
- Grease free environment
- Vacation plan
- Discounted meal plan
- Family environment

SKILLED LABOR

Heavy Equipment Operators
Hiring experienced heavy equipment operators for oilfield dirt work - multiple open positions. 2+ years O&G experience required. Dozer, blade, crusher experience a plus. Pay DOE. Health, vision, and dental insurance 100% paid! Apply in person: 9400 S. Service Rd, Coahoma, TX, or call 432-394-4604 for more information.

Find It! Buy It! Sell It!
432-682-6222

SKILLED LABOR

UNIVERSAL PRESSURE PUMPING, INC.

***** Interviewing Immediately *****
Universal Pressure Pumping is Hiring for the following:

- **Equipment Operators (Must Have A Class A CDL)**
- **Cement Equipment Operators (Must Have A Class A CDL)**
- **Truck Driver (Sand Haulers) (Must Have A Class A CDL and a manual shift experience)**
- **Mechanics 2 & 3's**

Please visit us at online at:
http://external.patenergy.com/OA_HTML/IrcVisitor.jsp

Universal Pressure Pumping, Inc. is a drug-free workplace/EOE

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

CDL MIXER DRIVERS
As a rapidly growing concrete manufacturing company, Ingram Concrete is currently seeking CDL MIXER DRIVERS for our Midland facility. We are looking for full time and permanent employees. Full benefits starting Day 1. New pay rates and compensation based on driving experience. Paid weekly and home daily/weekends. Guaranteed hours and no waiting period on medical insurance. Come be a part of our family style atmosphere. Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 in Midland or call (432) 561-8922 for additional information. Ingram Concrete is an EOE. M/F/D/V

INGRAM CONCRETE LLC

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Drivers
Purity Oilfield Services, LLC. (EOE) is now hiring Class A CDL drivers with winch and/or vac truck experience. Competitive pay and excellent benefits. $1,000 Signing Bonus. Please contact 432-699-8600 for more information, submit a resume at mkiker@purityoilfieldservices.com, or stop by in person to apply at 11109 West CR 46, Midland, TX 79707.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

DRIVERS & SPOOLERS
JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers & Spoolers** with Class A CDL. Must have good driving record and pass drug screen. Competitive wages and on the job training for spooling. Pay DOE.
Contact 432-770-1190 or 432-664-3408 for more information.
Serious inquires only.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Service Driver
B&W Chemical Toilets Inc
Service driver needed. Good driving record required. Apply in person 4500 S. State Hwy 349, Midland, TX 79706.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

LIGHT DUTY MECHANIC
JW Enterprise is hiring a **light duty mechanic or general shop help.** Must be able to pass drug test and have a Class C drivers license with a clean driving record. Flexible pay to be determined by experience.
Contact 432-664-0954.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Warehouse/Delivery Driver
CDL not required.
Please apply in person at: **Sims Plastics** 2700 W Front Midland, TX 79701

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Legal and Public Notices

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Housing Authority of the City of Midland, ("HA") will accept sealed proposals for:

BANKING SERVICES
RFP No. 2017-14-(H/C)-01, 2017-14 (L/V)-01, 2017-14 (P/P)-01

Responses to the HA's RFP will be accepted by the HA Main Office until 07/14/2017 **by 5:00 p.m.** (CDT). All responses are to be submitted on the form(s) and format provided with the following designations:

Banking Services
RFP No. 2017-14(H/C)01, 2017-14(L/V)01, 2017-14(P/P)01
The Housing Authority of the City of Midland
Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place
Attn: Teressa Thompson
700 W. Scharbauer Drive
Midland, Texas 79705

Respondents must submit one (1) original response to the Request for Proposal and three (3) copies in a sealed package plainly marked with the above noted information.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) seeking proposals from subcontractors and suppliers for earthwork, site utilities, building foundation, and structural steel for the new K-12 school located in Van Horn, TX. Proposal due date is June 20, 2017, no later than 2:00 P.M. Project name: CCAISD New Pre-K-12 School, Package II - Earthwork, Site Utilities, Foundation, and Structural Steel. Bids shall be delivered via hard copy or email to CMAR. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the CMAR. CMAR is: HB Construction, Inc., 3010 Monte Vista Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Contact for CMAR is Lucas Ford at (505) 856-0404, LucasF@hbconstruction.com.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

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Generally located 200 feet north of Solomon Lane extension and 2,130 feet west of Fairgrounds Road.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Lost and Found

FOUND: BROWN pomeranian puppy in the vicinity of Robert Lee Jr. High on Oak Ave. No chip insert. Contact Mary at 432-570-8101 or 432-352-2838.

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

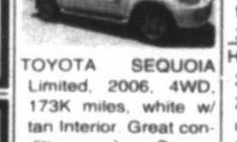
Work Wanted

A.M PRO CONSTRUCTION providing metal shops, outdoor kitchen additions, kitchen & restroom remodeling, paint texture, electrical & stoneblock work c. 432-214-5793 office 432-262-3138

General Announcement

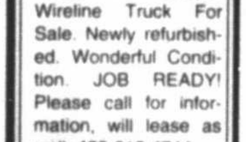
Mark Berryhill.com Ministering for Christ Teach the Lord's Word 1-4

4WD and SUV



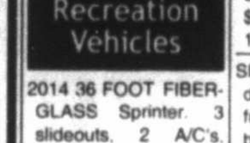
TOYOTA SEQUOIA Limited, 2006, 4WD, 173K miles, white w/ tan Interior. Great condition. 1 Owner $9,900. 432-349-8330.

Specialty Vehicles



2005 KENSWORTH T800B T/A Sleeper Wireline Truck For Sale. Newly refurbished. Wonderful Condition. JOB READY! Please call for information, will lease as well. 432-213-4744.

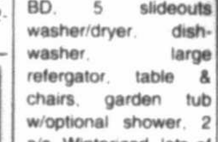
Recreation Vehicles



2014 36 FOOT FIBERGLASS Sprinter, 3 slideouts, 2 A/C's, W/D, awning, microwave & Ashley leather furniture. Four Seasons RV, all climate control, much more! $24,200. In Midland. 214-534-4937.

2017 44' Monte Carlo 5th Wheel. 5 Slideouts, 2 bedrooms, washer, dryer, large hot water heater, fireplace. All the bells and whistles. Mint condition. In Gardendale 720-362-0739.

FIBERGLASS 2016 5th wheel self contained 2 BD, 5 slideouts washer/dryer, dishwasher, large refergator, table & chairs, garden tub w/optional shower, 2 a/c Winterized, lots of living/storage space $42,500 (obo) will deliver. 505-307-1954.



FOR SALE by owner 2007 Yamaha Midnight Star. $1700. Black motorcycle, serviced regularly. New tires, brakes and accent lights. Mileage 36,377. Contact Ray at 432-634-7272.

HARLEY Davidson 2013 Street Bob Custom bike Saddlebags, windshield, Lizard lights, etc. 11,500 Miles. $5,500 Call or text for pictures. 432-352-7470.

HOLIDAY RAMBLER 2011 32' trailer trailer, 2 slide outs, fully self contained. Sleeps 6, Family owned, not oil workers. Non smoker. $13,500 OBO 432-234-5090.

IN MONAHANS 2005 35' Fleetwood Bounder motorhome. Has 2 super slideouts, backup camera, washer & dryer, generator, automatic awning, has 2004 Ford Explorer 55,000 with car, or $52,000 without car. 432-940-1184

PRICE REDUCTION 2010 KEYSTONE Larado Super Lite, 29' bumper, 1 slide, Most bells & whistles. Low mileage new tires. Excellent condition. $19,500 432-889-1006.

SILVERBACK BY Cedar Creek, 2007, 32 ft fully self contained, fiberglass full private bedroom great condition, two slideouts $13,500 Must sell 432-413-0394

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
BY JOSEPH AND TEAM
116 Solomon Lane - (Midland)
Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM

For pictures go to...
http://www.estatesales.net/TX/Midland/79705/1568250

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

FREON 12 WANTED
Certified buyer will pick up and pay CASH for cylinders & cases of R12 cans.
(312)291-9169, sell@refrigerantfinders.com

Furniture

OFFICE FURNITURE for sale. Glass display case, standing clothes rack, two desks, two bookcases and more. Call 432-553-7311.

Miscellaneous 4-Sale

14' Trampoline w/ Enclosure. Great condition. $100. Call 432-260-0835.

2 Medium to Large Dog Houses. $20 Each Call 432-260-0835.

Musical Instruments

BEAUTIFUL, ANTIQUE oak piano. $250.00 Please call 432-664-0688.

Pets-Animals

Cats

FREE KITTENS: 8 Weeks only gray/white and gray/white tabby Please call or text 432-559-0949 if interested.

Dogs

$500 REWARD! Lost Chihuahua named Ruby. Lives near Storey Ave. No questions asked! Please call if found 432-661-4390.

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

Apartment Rent Unfurn

Furnished garage apt. Bills paid. $300/$700 432-853-9341

SENIOR LIVING 55+ non smoking complex Near Midland Memorial. 2 bedroom 1 bath Covered parking by your door. $850 to $900 month. 694-9853

Condo Thome Rent Unfurn

3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 car garage. Nice & clean townhome in Highland Park. No pets. No small children. No smoking. $2,850/mo. $2,000 Deposit. No calls before 9am 432-634-3283.

SAGEWOOD 1 BEDROOM 1 bath, all updated, covered parking. $900 per month $500 deposit 432-352-9791, nttpproperties.com

SAGEWOOD CONDO 1 bedroom 1/1/2 bath loft. Super nice, fireplace, enclosed patio. Covered parking. $1,000 month, $600 deposit References required. 432-296-0952

House Rent Unfurn

1904 PECOS 3 bedroom 2 bath completed remodeled. $1,700 mo. $1,000. deposit. 432-352-9791, nttpproperties.com

Residential Rentals

House Rent Unfurn

1 BR, 1 Bath, Central Heat & Air. Small Fenced Yard. 2002 W Michigan. Rear. $800.00 Per Mo. 634-6445

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1 1/2 car garage plus storage building in the back. 3224 Sycamore Ave. Midland, TX 79701 off of Midkiff Rd. $1,500 /month and $1,500 deposit. Allow pets with deposit. $35 application fee and credit check/ Call or text 432-770-3243

3 BEDROOM 2 bath with office country home. Very nice, private. $1,850 month, $1,500 deposit. No pets. References. 432-296-0952

3 BR, 2 BA, 2 car rear entry, large walk-in, large master BR, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, sunroom, low maintenance yard. $2,200/mo + $2,200 deposit. Lease with option to purchase 3316 Haynes Text 432-967-3535.

4700 Sunshine Pkwy Exceptional, just updated 3 bedroom $1,900/mo 694-9853.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, newly remodeled 1600 sq. ft. $1,600 month $1,000 deposit 3305 A Moss Court 432-557-5557

DUPLEX FOR LEASE
3 bedroom, 2 bath fireplace, remodeled kitchen, 2 car garage. 1880 sq. ft. $1,850 month $1,000 deposit 3306 A Moss Court 432-557-5557

NICE 3 BEDROOM, 1.5 bath, carport $1,250/ mo. 694-9853.

Residential Sales

Single Family Homes

FIXER UPPER, 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1 carport. $67,000 as is. 3100 E Franklin. 432-230-5281.

Vacation Resort

OAK CREEK LAKE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, walk in closets, beautifully remodeled, fireplace, central heat/air, 2 car garage, 2 stall boat house, guest house. Too many amenities to list. $89,500 325-277-9910.

Lots and Land

Ranches

RANCH FOR SALE
4,212 Acres near Snyder, Tx Water, 3 houses, great hunting Owner Financing $795/ Acre (432) 664-7764

Commercial

SHOP/ YARD FOR LEASE
8800 ANDREWS HWY. ODESSA TX 12K SQ. FT. SHOP W APPROX. 3 ACRE FENCED YARD. $9500/ MONTH 3N. 432-664-7764 OR 432-967-1010.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING for lease off West Wall Street. Offices or retail sales. 2,186 sq. ft. $1,500/mo. Call 432-553-7311.

COMMERCIAL YARD/ BUILD TO SUIT FOR LEASE
5 ACRES, FENCED
2 AC CALICHED
$2350/MONTH
JUST EAST OF MIDLAND
432-664-7764

Lots and Land

Acreage

17.78 AC. COKE COUNTY NEAR ROBERT LEE. COUNTY RD. FRONTAGE. ELECT. MESQUITE & CEDAR COVER. ABUNDANT NATIVE GAME. $2,885 DOWN. $477/MO. 800-879-9720. CALL/ VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO 866-286-0199 ranchenterprisesltd.com

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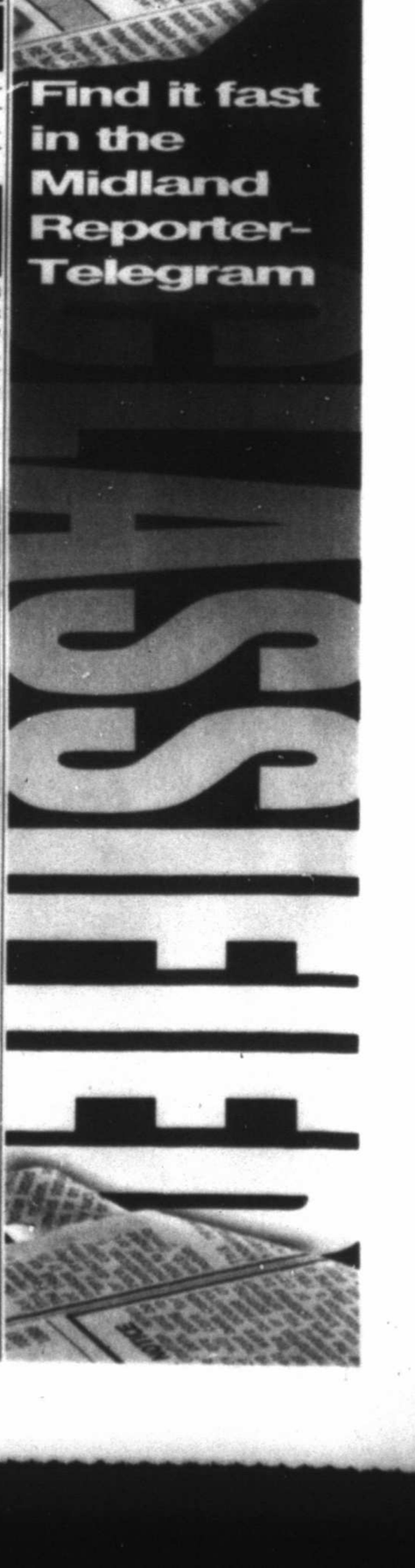

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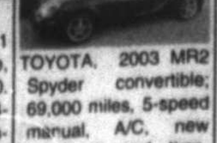

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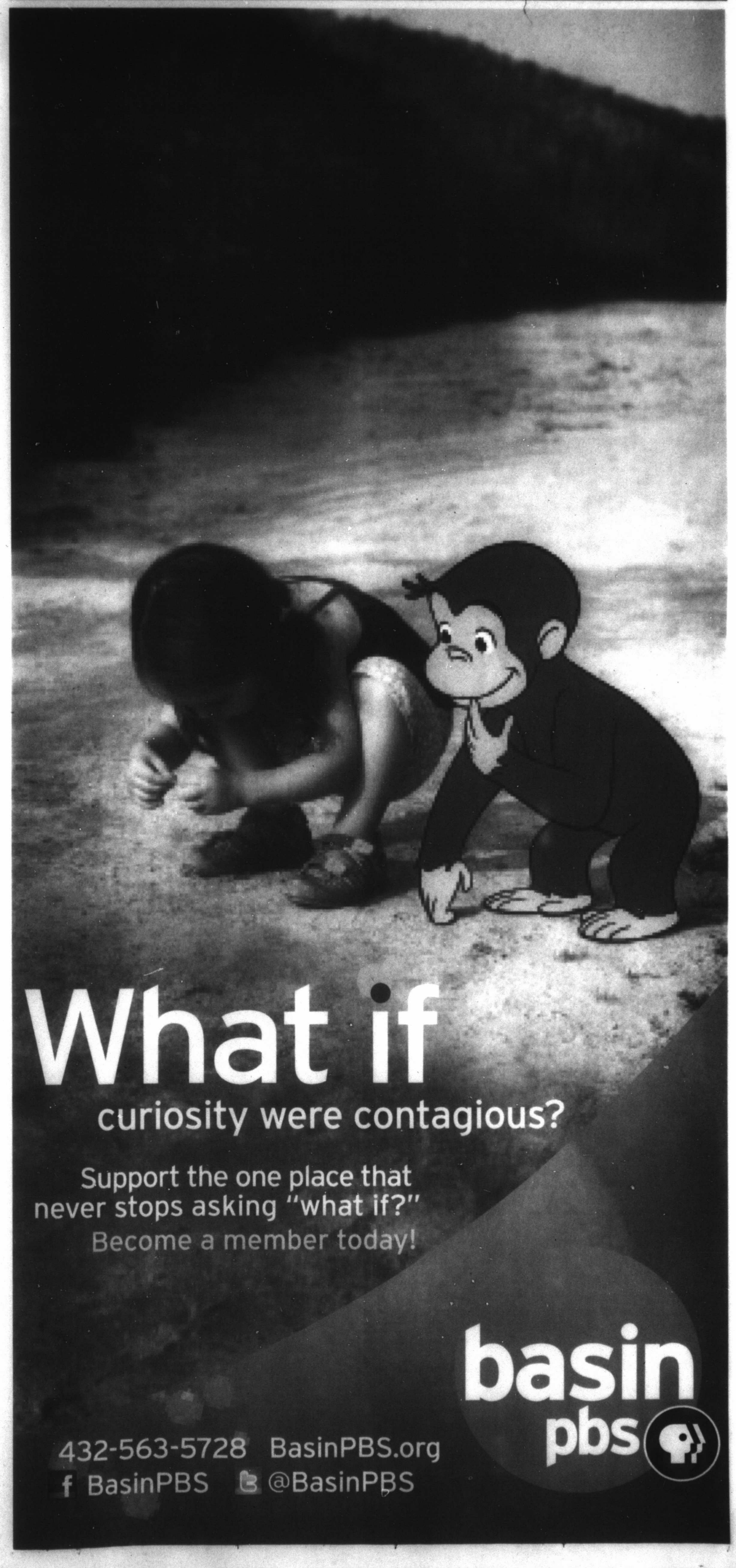
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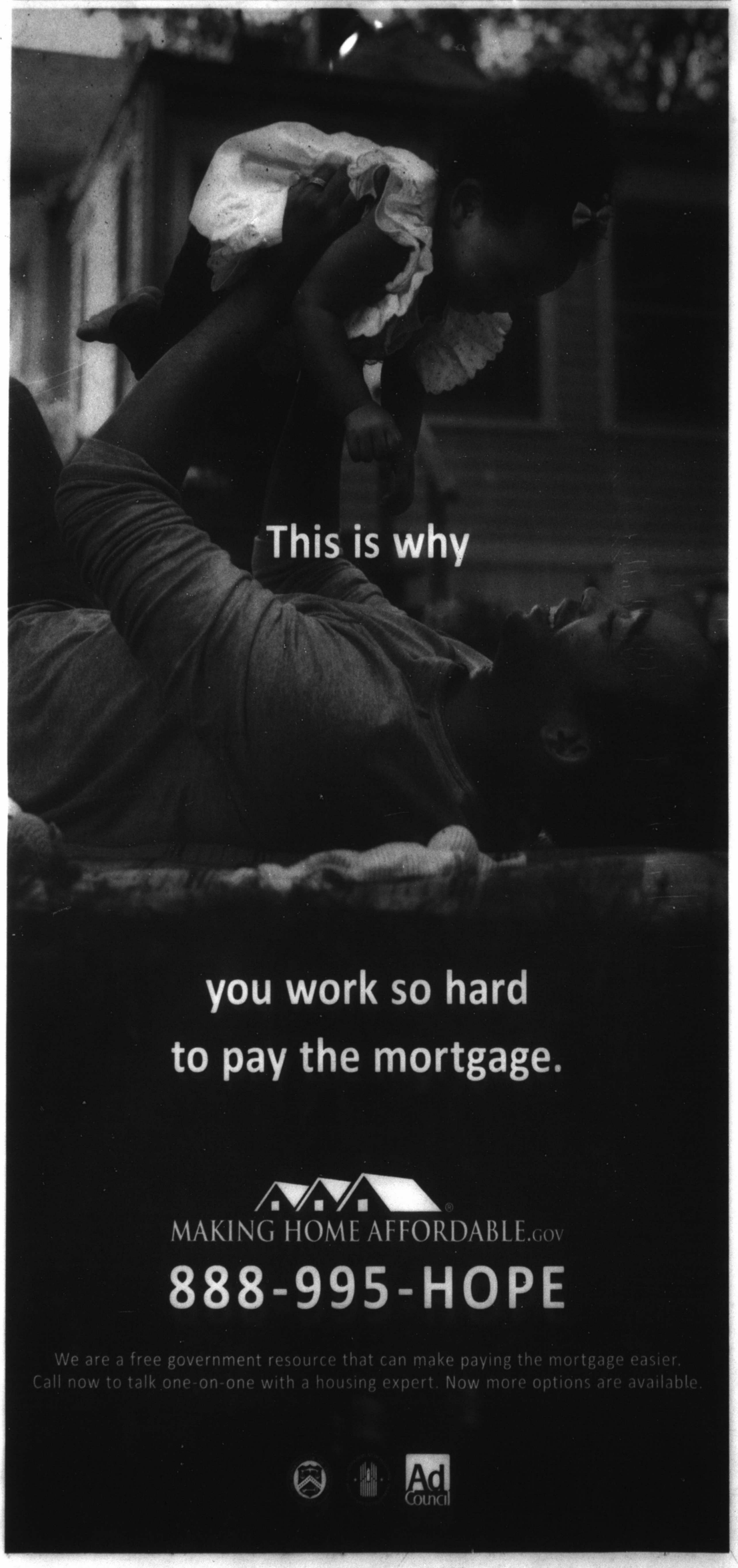
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