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TXOGA: Infrastructure will maintain growth

By Mella McEwen
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Capping a strong 2017, the Lone Star State's oil and gas industry hopes to keep the momentum going in 2018.

Texas' energy future lies beyond oil and natural gas production to infrastructure such as pipelines, refining and petrochemicals, said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association.

While he said he was hesitant to "look into my crystal ball," he said he is bullish on the industry in 2018, saying it will be the year of production, pipelines, refineries and ports.

In a media conference call on Tuesday in which he released the association's annual energy and economic impact, Staples said smart policy is key to maintaining that momentum.

"We need policies and regulations that encourage safe, responsible production," he said. "Operators need to move production from West Texas and South Texas and expand energy infrastructure. Pipelines, tanks, terminals and refining capacity is the best way to shield ourselves from natural disasters like Hurricane Harvey."

That storm last summer prompted the shutdown of refineries along the Gulf Coast, shutting in 20 percent of the nation's fuel supplies, illustrating the importance of the industry not just to Texas but

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NEW FACILITIES NEEDED

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dogs are seen at the city's animal shelter on Tuesday. Members of the City Council believe the city needs a new shelter and on Tuesday approved calling for request for qualifications for architects to design the facility.

Robnett: It's necessary to consider new animal shelter

By Stewart Doreen
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Is a new animal shelter in the works?

That is the goal for the Midland City Council, which on Tuesday approved calling for request for qualifications for architects for the design of a new animal shelter.

The city is still working to identify final funding, but "we are well on our way," according to Councilman Spencer Robnett. He also wrote in an email to the Reporter-Telegram that a tentative schedule calls for a design this year, construction in 2019 and an opening in 2020.

Robnett also said the city wants to explore the idea of a new shelter and there is a sense of urgency about getting a new facility. He said that after multiple tours of the shelter, he thinks it is "undersized, overcrowded and out of date."

This request for qualifications is to engage an architectural/engineering firm to provide design, plans, specifications, and architectural services for the construction of a new animal shelter and he demolition of the existing facility, according to city documents.

Robnett said a possible location for a new shelter is just to the east of the current facility, which is located on Fairgrounds Road. He said if there is enough space, the old facility would remain open while the new shelter is being built. Once the new shelter is completed, the old one would be demolished to make way for parking.

Project costs are unknown at this time, but funding will be sought from the private sector and from the city, which he said is ready to step up and contribute.

Paul O'Neill, former Animal

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Yearly animal totals

	Impounded	Euthanized
2013	6,884	2,883
2014	6,720	2,652
2015	6,873	2,241
2016	7,033	2,609
2017	5,974	2,630
Totals	36,986	13,015

Council awards contracts for three road bond projects

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland Road Bond continues to move along "under budget" and "ahead of schedule," according to Councilman J.Ross Lacy.

The Midland City Council on Tuesday approved a pair of paving project contracts for three of the four first-year projects. The fourth project is expected to come before the council next month.

The council awarded both contacts to the low bidder, Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving Contractors of Odessa. The first was the contract for East Hicks Avenue and East Taylor Avenue. The total cost of that project will be $1.3 million, plus more than $130,000 in contingencies, for a project total of $1.43 million.

The total cost of the second contact for Green Tree Boulevard included a $1.179 million bid, plus nearly $118,000 in contingencies, for a project total of $1.297 million. In both cases, Jones Bros. beat out Reese Albert for the low bid.

Lacy said after the meeting that utility work has been completed on the East Hicks and East Taylor projects. Utilities isn't part of the Green Tree project. He said both bids were competitive and came in under budget.

The council is expected to award the contract for the fourth first-year project — Cuthbert Avenue, between Garfield Street and "A" Street – in March, Lacy said. Construction for all projects should be done no later than Sept. 1, although some projects are expected to finish sooner.

The City Council on Tuesday also approved authorizing the issuance of a request for qualifications for engineering, planning and design services for two third-year projects — Garfield Street, north of Midland Memorial Hospital, and "A" Street, between Cuthbert Avenue and Indiana Avenue.

Lacy said most of the second-year projects already are designed, and engineering work for all second-year projects will be completed by the end of July. Third-year projects are more complex and require 18 months-plus to do design and engineering, he said.

All projects listed are part of the Midland Road Bond campaign. In November, Midland voters passed a $100 million road bond referendum. The campaign involves 26 projects that are scheduled to be completed over five years. Next year, there are nine projects on the schedule.

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100 pounds is how much a Georgetown assistant police chief lost. Page 1B

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Oklahoma-based WPX Energy sells northwest New Mexico assets

Associated Press

FARMINGTON, N.M. — An Oklahoma independent oil and gas company has moved out of northwest New Mexico to concentrate on operations in the Permian Basin and North Dakota.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma-based WPX Energy Inc. recently announced the sale of the last of its Four Corners assets for $700 million, the Daily Times of Farmington reports .

WPX sold some 150 oil wells on about 100,000 acres in Gallup to an undisclosed party in a transaction that is expected to close by the end of March, WPX spokesman Kelly Swan said.

Swan said WPX has been shifting its focus and funneling its resources to its operations in the Permian Basin of southeast New Mexico and west Texas and in the Williston Basin of North Dakota over the past few years.

"The decision was made basically to focus capital in those two areas, so that essentially then frees up that capital to flow to those areas where we're a little more active," Swan said.

WPX's Aztec office has approximately 40 employees remaining after the company sold its natural gas assets in the San Juan Basin to Farmington-based Logos Resources II, LLC in December. Swan said WPX's employees "should all have the opportunity to transition" to the incoming company.

WPX leaves San Juan Basin after 35 years in the Four Corners region, according to its website.

Last week, WPX reported a loss of $38 million in its fourth quarter. The company said it had a loss of 11 cents per share. Losses, adjusted for non-recurring costs and to account for discontinued operations, came to 2 cents per share.

The results surpassed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 12 analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for a loss of 8 cents per share.

SHELTER

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Services director, told the Reporter-Telegram last year that the shelter — which had been renovated — had another 20 to 25 years of life. He said at the time that the shelter needed a larger staff, an increase to its air flow and lighting and repairs to its floor.

The Reporter-Telegram reported last year that the city had a tough time with the shelter and sickness being spread around because of issues with the floors and walls. Tracye Gearhart with Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables (MASA) previously told the Reporter-Telegram that the number of animals coming into the shelter every day — 15 to 20, she said, — is putting too much pressure on current shelter facilities (48 regular-size kennels and two puppy pen kennels for litters and mothers).

The impact is more animals having to be euthanized, she said.

The city reports that from the beginning of 2013 through 2017, there were 36,986 animals impounded and 13,015 euthanized.

Robnett said a new shelter will put the city in a better position to take care of all animals, which could mean having to kill fewer dogs and cats.

"This is something we need to change," Robnett said. "We want to build a world-class animal shelter that meets the needs of the community."

GROWTH

From 1A

to the country, he said. As the Gulf Coast rebuilds, he said energy infrastructure needs to be part of that conversation. He said the budget signed by President Trump earlier this year included $13 million for the Corpus Christi Ship Channel Expansion Project.

Transportation is needed to move crude and natural gas from West Texas and South Texas to end-users — whether in the U.S. or overseas via exports. Staples said that exports of refined products have jumped to 5.6 million barrels a day, and crude exports were averaging 1.4 million barrels a day as of Jan. 26, more than double the average in January 2017. He also said exports of natural gas are expected to increase more than 10-fold in 2019 as the seven liquefied natural gas facilities planned or under construction in Texas come online.

Staples said the association is closely watching ongoing negotiations over the North American Free Trade Agreement, which resumed this week in Mexico City. He said TXOGA understands the need to revisit a 30-year-old agreement, but said the agreement has been an essential framework that has allowed the oil and natural gas industry to attain the growth and prosperity it has today and resulted in hundreds of thousands of jobs for Texans.

"We have a lot at stake as NAFTA negotiations continue because Texas is home not only to the oil and natural gas and the pipelines that transport it to Mexico, but also the refineries and petrochemical plants that make the products we export to our neighbors. It's imperative to maintain the NAFTA provisions that enforce fair trade practices and allow our industry to remain competitive, grow jobs and invest with certainty."

If Texas were its own nation, it would be the sixth largest oil producing nation in the world, he said. As it is, Texas was responsible for 40 percent of the nation's crude production — 3.89 million barrels a day in November — as the nation's output exceeded 10 million barrels a day.

"This remarkable and sustained recovery in our oil and gas industry is the primary reason the U.S. is a global power broker," he said.

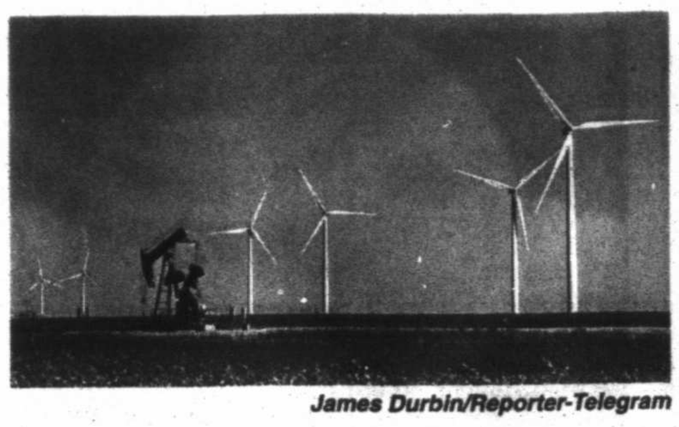
By the numbers

- $11 billion and $8.4 billion: State and local taxes and state royalties paid by the Texas oil and gas industry in FY 2017 and 2016, respectively
- $30 million: Amount industry paid per day
- $1.1 billion: Amount paid to Texas school districts in property taxes paid from mineral properties (production, pipelines and gas utilities)
  - $32.5 million received by Midland ISD (third highest statewide)
- $330 million: Amount Texas counties received in mineral property taxes
  - $4.5 million: Amount Midland County received (up 18.8 percent from FY 2016)
- 309,000 — Direct energy-related jobs
- $127,500 — Average earned in those jobs (24 times the pay of any other industries sector)
- Bonus: The amount of state and local taxes and state royalties per energy-related job is seven times that of any other industry

Source: Texas Oil & Gas Association

Utility reaches agreement in Texas over proposed wind farms

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press



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Wind turbines and oil pumpjack in action Oct. 27, 2015, north of Stanton.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A utility has reached an agreement with rural electric cooperatives and others as it looks for regulatory approval to build two massive wind farms along the Texas-New Mexico border.

Xcel Energy on Tuesday announced the proposed deal with several parties in Texas, which would guarantee customers see a positive net benefit from the wind farms for the first 10 years of operation. The agreement also caps related construction costs that could be recovered through customer rates.

A similar agreement was reached in recent months with the New Mexico attorney general's office, consumer advocates and others in New Mexico. It's now up to utility regulators in both states to approve the $1.6 billion project. Final decisions could come as early as March.

Xcel officials say the proposed wind farms would take advantage of what has become the least expensive generating resource in the region to reduce fuel costs and ultimately save customers money on their monthly bills.

"We know these projects will deliver lower-cost electricity, protect the environment and stimulate local economic development," David Hudson, Xcel's New Mexico and Texas president, said in a statement.

Wind turbines already dot the plains, from central New Mexico to the Texas Panhandle, and Texas leads the nation by far when it comes to installed wind-power capacity .

Analysts with the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicted earlier this year that wind power is expected to surpass hydroelectric power as the largest renewable electricity generation source. That is based on weather patterns as well as the expectation of new wind farms coming online in 2018 and 2019.

Plans by Xcel call for adding wind farms near Portales, New Mexico, and in Hale County, Texas, and purchasing more wind power from facilities owned by NextEra Energy Resources. Xcel estimates the steps would result in enough electricity to serve more than 440,000 homes.

While renewable-energy advocates have supported plans to install more turbines in eastern New Mexico, examiners with the state Public Regulation Commission have been careful to consider the financial effects on customer rates.

For example, a hearing is planned in early March to consider a proposal that would allow Xcel to recover lost earnings that accumulate between the time when the wind farms actually come online and when the commission approves new rates for cost recovery and profits on the projects.

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COLLEGE STATION

Spring in Texas means snakes ending hibernation

Texas A&M University experts say spring-like temperatures in areas of Texas mean snakes are coming out of winter hibernation, increasing the likelihood of people and pets getting bit.

A veterinarian with the school's Small Animal Clinical Services, Christine Rutter, says she's already seen cases this year of snakebites on dogs.

Dr. Jill Heatley, an associate professor of veterinary medicine, says snakebite treatment for people can be painful and cost up to $50,000 for venomous cases.

Texas is home to four venomous snakes: the coral snake, copperhead, rattlesnake and cottonmouth, which also is called a water moccasin. Heatley says only the cottonmouth is considered somewhat aggressive and that most snakes probably are "more afraid of you than you are of them."

She says snakes do help control rodents, lizards and bugs.

OKLAHOMA

Oil, gas regulator modifies earthquake guidelines

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Oklahoma Corporation Commission has developed new requirements for oil and natural gas operators in the event of an earthquake.

The commission announced the new protocol Tuesday for operators in the newest and largest areas of oil and gas development, known as SCOOP and STACK in central and southern Oklahoma.

The guidelines say operators must have access to real-time seismic readings and must take action such as reducing the volume of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, after a magnitude 2.0 earthquake, rather than magnitude 2.5.

Operators must also pause operations for six hours after a 2.5 magnitude quake, rather than a magnitude 3.0 quake.

The new protocol does not address wastewater injection, which is linked to more and stronger earthquakes and has separate requirements for reducing or pausing activity following temblors.

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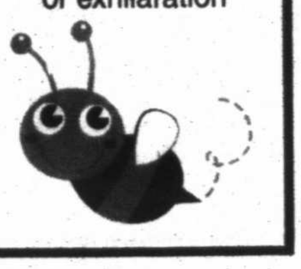
2. to show liveliness or exhilaration



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Primary elections

Early voting centers
■ Midland County Elections Office – county annex building, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N
■ Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.
■ Fellowship Community Church, 5206 N. Midland Drive
■ Manor Park (Cowden Clubhouse), 5212 Sinclair Ave.

Times
■ Elections Office
Through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
■ Other four locations
Through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Turnout
Tuesday: 534
Wednesday: 358
Thursday: 443
Friday: 702
Saturday: 400
Sunday: 175
Monday: 694
Total in person: 829 (Republicans 756, Democrats 73)
By mail: 647
Total: 4782

Things to do

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

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

■ Shen Yun, 7:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $82-$122. wagnernoel.com.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

■ Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayyva Nevaeh, 9 p.m., The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Novel Martinez, Derek Greetan, Lance Lessard and Jeremiah Polito enjoy breakfast and free pancakes Tuesday in honor of National Pancake Day. Donations were accepted for the pancakes to benefit Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Local donations from IHOP are going to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa.

Meetings

■ **Commissioners' Court**
1:30 p.m
Auxiliary Courtroom
Midland County Courthouse, 500 North Loraine St.

■ **Midland ISD**
5:30 p.m.
Alamo Junior High Auditorium
3800 W. Storey

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Daily 4 night: 7-0-1-4
Cash Five: 1-6-8-26-33
Triple Chance: 2-8-16-19-20-21-29-32-42-49
Mega Millions: 10-17-21-38-43 BB: 23 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-7-9-11-12-13-14-17-18-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-5-6-7-8-11-12-13-14-15-19-24
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All or Nothing night: 3-5-7-8-12-13-15-16-17-18-23-24

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 78
Low 46
Normal high 66
Normal low 37

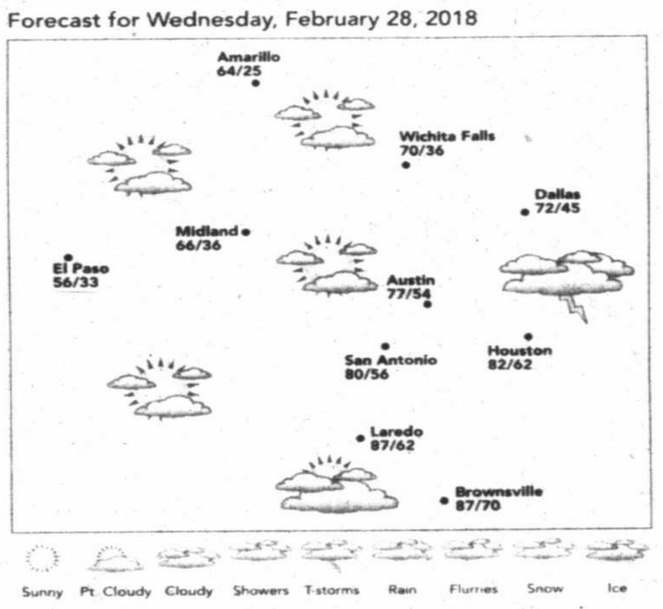
Feb. 27's records
Record high: 84 set in 2011
Record low: 17 set in 1934

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.04 in.
Year total ..... 0.05 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 1.24 in.

Winds
Average speed: 10.4 mph
Highest speed: 18 mph
Highest gust speed: 22 mph

Today's forecast
High: 65
Low: 48
Conditions: Mostly cloudy during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 20-30 mph (gusts as high as 45 mph) during the day/10-20 (gusts up to 40 mph) at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:17 a.m.
Sunset ..... 6:46 p.m.

Forecast for Wednesday, February 28, 2018



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 Pisces and a Moon in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018:**
This year you welcome new ideas and others' support. You can be willful, and often will want to have your way. However, your sense of well-being becomes unusually strong, which allows you to be more fluid and open. Your ideas and suggestions tend to impress others. If you are single, you are in a state of re-evaluating many aspects of your life, so take your time committing to someone. What feels right today might not be the case in a few months. If you are attached, the two of you work well together in daily life, handling any issues that come up. You have a tendency to dominate at times, but that seems to be OK with your sweetie. LEO knows how to get your attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You have energy and enthusiasm, but even more so than usual right now. You might be very difficult to deal with at this point, even if you believe that others are overreacting. Opportunities come from a partner or close friend. **Tonight:** Revise plans, if need be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Passion marks your actions at the moment. You seem to experience and exhibit some strong feelings. Optimism will win the day and help you breeze through an unanticipated event. Trust yourself. You know that you won't do anything halfway. **Tonight:** Go with an unusual solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ How you communicate your message has a lot to do with how it will be received. With a smile, you can convince someone that the not-so-good news is excellent. You see events and people differently from how many other signs do. Pressure builds. **Tonight:** Join your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A conversation means a lot to you right now, as you might be feeling a bit emotional. A misunderstanding causes some tension. Make time for some exercise in order to relieve stress. Your insight about a close associate or loved one is right-on. **Tonight:** Clear out some errands.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ No one questions your effectiveness. You have a way with words and a gift for dealing with people. Others allow their defenses to drop, and they open up to you and your concepts. Allow goodwill to flourish, and listen to exciting news. **Tonight:** Take a midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Your creativity emerges when you hit a wall of disagreement. You might not verbalize your emotions, but you will experience them. You also pick up on what others are feeling. You might choose to take on someone who is stuck in his or her ways. **Tonight:** Make it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Associates and acquaintances seem to demand your time. As a result, you might find yourself going to meetings or responding to a slew of calls. Rethink your attitude toward a family member. You could be coming off more hostile than you feel. **Tonight:** Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be more levelheaded than you realize, especially at work or within your community. The unexpected seems to occur when you least expect it. You could encounter a problem in a facet of your life that you take for granted; let it go. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Open up to new ideas that are presented to you. You might have to imagine what it is like to walk in someone else's shoes in order to get a better sense of his or her life and choices. Know that this person might be quite different from you. **Tonight:** Take a hard look at your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Ask questions in order to find out what you want or need to know. Be direct with a key person in your life. A one-on-one conversation could reveal more information than you had thought was available. As a result, you can make a strong decision. **Tonight:** Opt to be a duo.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to key people in your life. You enjoy relating to others and hearing about their ideas. Though you often can be very different from those around you, you have a common bond and can understand their thoughts when they're properly verbalized. **Tonight:** Collaborate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will want to handle a problem that keeps popping up in your daily life. A friend or co-worker stars in the process of problem-solving. You might want more excitement in your life. A friend naturally warms up the atmosphere around him or her. **Tonight:** Maximize your time.

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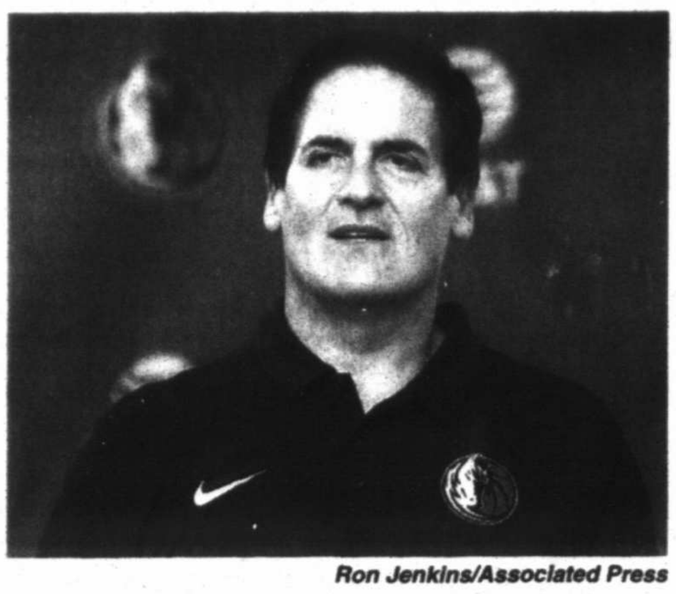

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Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban stands on stage before Cynthia Marshall, new interim CEO of the team, is introduced during a news conference Monday in Dallas.

Mavericks allegations could dog potential Cuban campaign

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Mark Cuban, the billionaire owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks and driving force behind TV's "Shark Tank," has for months teased the notion of running for president in 2020 in a campaign that could mirror President Donald Trump's blend of reality television and politics in a ride to the White House.

But Cuban's would-be political career could be derailed before it even gets started by sexual harassment and misconduct allegations within his team. The allegations range from a history of sexually suggestive remarks by a former team executive, to another employee being accused of domestic assault.

They leave Cuban facing deep questions about his leadership and how a team owner with a reputation for meticulous attention to detail could not be aware of nearly two decades of problems.

At his first public appearance since allegations were first reported by Sports Illustrated on Feb. 20, Cuban on Monday deflected questions about how much he knew was going on under his watch. The Mavericks have hired outside investigators to look into the allegations raised by the magazine.

Cuban said he's talked to the investigators who will issue a report. He previously had told SI, "this is all new to me."

"Today's not the time for me to talk about anything," Cuban said Monday. "This is about us moving forward."

Cuban has dangled the prospect of a 2020 presidential run and seems to relish the attention. In several interviews, he has said he is "seriously considering" or "actively considering" it.

He's wealthy enough to cast an aura of not being beholden to special interest. With more than 7 million Twitter followers, he's brash and outspoken both in the media and on social media, where he's taken potshots at Trump and his policies. He's a star on ABC's "Shark Tank," where he critiques hopeful entrepreneurs' business ideas. He's even explored a corner of the reality TV universe Trump never did: Turns and dips on "Dancing With the Stars."

"Donald Trump's election as president encouraged all kinds of people with fame and success but no real political experience to be thinking, 'I can do it too,'" said Cal Jillson, political science professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

That it took Cuban a week to hold a news conference on the allegations after they were first reported indicates he's got a long way to go as a politician, Jillson said.

"If Mark Cuban were serious (about running), he would already have a half-dozen people whose job it is to lay the ground work to react ... There would already be a war room," Jillson said. "A person in the post-Trump world that thinks you can stagger your way to a nomination ... that was a one-off deal."

Like Trump, Cuban's politics are pliable enough that it would be hard to mold him into a Republican or Democratic platform in the primaries. Cuban endorsed Hillary Clinton in 2016 and had a front-row seat at one of the televised debates to support her. But he also has said if he does run he would probably be a Republican because he considers himself a fiscal conservative and a centrist on social issues.

Trump, "tapped into a populism in the GOP electorate that was underrepresented. Cuban's more centrist views don't seem to be in line with a similar phenomenon in a Democratic primary," said Tim Miller, a former spokesman for Jeb Bush's 2016 campaign.

"Someone like (Cuban) would be a very tough out for the president," Miller said, adding he didn't know enough about the allegations within the Mavericks to comment on their potential damage to Cuban.

Trump was elected in 2016 despite facing a cascade of accusations of sexual harassment and misconduct, while Cuban hasn't faced any personal misconduct allegations.

But the claims of an abusive culture thriving within the Mavericks have surfaced in the "MeToo" movement of women speaking out and standing up against sexual harassment and misconduct, a wave that has taken down powerful men in Hollywood, business, the media and politics.

A problem for Cuban could be that his national brand is built upon the Mavericks and any major crack in that foundation could prove costly.

The impact of the team's allegations has yet to be measured against Cuban's business and media interests. Sponsors haven't bailed on his team or his television show. Two days after the Sports Illustrated report, Cuban pulled out of a scheduled appearance next month at the South by Southwest music, technology and film festival in Austin. Festival organizers said it was Cuban's choice to cancel.

Even if Cuban can show he was unaware of misconduct and reacted swiftly to correct it, the episode has already created a new target in politics, said Republican strategist Matt Mackowiak. Media and political strategists from both parties will be looking into how Cuban runs his businesses. Any lawsuits or complaints will get new scrutiny, Mackowiak added.

"There may be nothing more, but all those things become much more relevant, more interesting, more valuable," Mackowiak said. "The best thing he could do right now is say 'I'm not running for president in 2020' and figure out how to get the Mavericks in the playoffs next season."

Kushner security status reduced, cutting access to secrets

By Zeke Miller and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The security clearance of White House senior adviser and presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner has been downgraded, significantly reducing his access to classified information, according to two people informed of the decision.

Kushner had been operating with an interim clearance at the "top secret/sensitive compartmented information" level for more than a year. Now he is authorized to access information only at the lower "secret" level, according to a White House official and a person familiar with the decision, both of whom spoke on condition of anonymity. Neither source was authorized to discuss the decision publicly.

Tuesday's news set off rampant speculation among Trump allies that Kushner's days in the White House might be numbered. On the same day, the departure of a third Kushner ally in the West Wing in as many months was announced. And the selection of a Kushner ally to serve as Trump's 2020 campaign manager appeared to suggest the campaign could provide Kushner with a convenient place to land after his White House duties end.

Kushner lost his access to the nation's deepest secrets after chief of staff John Kelly ordered that White House officials with interim clearances pending since before June 1, 2017, be cut off if they hadn't received permanent clearances by last Friday. A White House official confirmed to The Associated Press that Kelly's order has been implemented.

President Donald Trump could have reversed Kelly's decision and unilaterally offered Kushner a clearance, but deferred to Kelly. Kushner is one of dozens of White House aides who have been working without permanent security clearances for the better part of a year.

His attorney told the AP that Kushner's ability to do his job won't be affected by any change to his clearance.

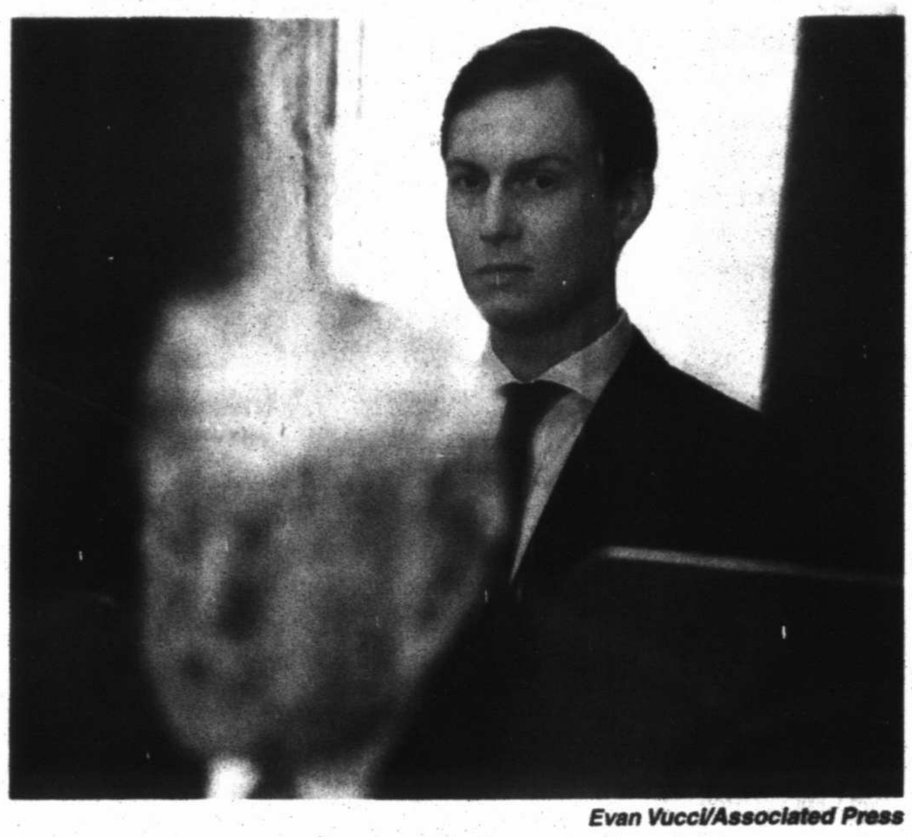
"Those involved in the process again have confirmed that there are dozens of people at Mr. Kushner's level whose process is delayed, that it is not uncommon for these clearance reviews to take this long in a new administration, and that the current backlogs are now being addressed," said Peter Mirijanian, a Kushner spokesman.

Kushner's portfolio once included the U.S. relationships with China and Japan and a host of domestic priorities, including infrastructure, trade and economic development. But his freewheeling reach in the foreign policy space — which was viewed as undermining Secretary of State Rex Tillerson — already had been curtailed somewhat under Kelly.

Still, Kushner is reportedly said to have reviewed the highly secret presidential daily brief and has been in the room for some of Trump's most consequential domestic and foreign policy decisions.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Tuesday that she would not comment on individual security clearances but called Kushner "a valued member of the team, and he will continue to do the important work that he's been doing since he started in the administration."

The Washington Post reported Tuesday that officials in at least four countries had privately discussed ways they could manipulate Kushner by taking advantage of his complex business arrangements, financial difficulties and lack of foreign policy experience.



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White House senior adviser Jared Kushner listens Nov. 1, 2017, as President Donald Trump speaks during a cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington. Politico is reporting that the security clearance of White House senior adviser and Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner has been downgraded.

The nations included the United Arab Emirates, China, Israel and Mexico, the Post reported, citing current and former U.S. officials familiar with intelligence reports on the matter. The newspaper said it was unclear if any of those countries had acted on the discussions, but said Kushner's contacts with foreign government officials had raised concerns within the White House and were among the reasons Kushner had not yet been able to obtain a permanent security clearance.

Intelligence officials expressed concern that Kushner's business dealings were a topic of discussion in conversations he was having with foreign officials about foreign policy issues of interest to the U.S. government, a former intelligence official said.

The official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity to discuss Kushner's security clearance review, said there was a difference of opinion among intelligence officials about the significance.

Some believed Kushner knew his business dealings would likely come up in the conversations and was too naive or inexperienced to know how to exit the topic in light of his position as Trump's adviser, the official said. Others thought Kushner knew the topic would likely surface and used the opportunity while talking to the foreign officials to engage in conversations about his business interests.

Either way, intelligence officials were concerned because there were instances where the discussions either crossed the line or straddled the fence of what would be appropriate given his White House position, the official said.

The official said Kushner's conversations themselves were not surveilled, but details about what was discussed in meetings with the president's son-in-law came from surveillance conducted on certain foreign individuals abroad. According to the official, the information was known from the beginning of the FBI's background investigation work, which started after Kushner joined the White House. In some cases, the intelligence revealed discrepancies in the information Kushner disclosed on his security clearance application about foreign contacts, the official said.

Kushner's contacts with foreign officials also have been a part of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation, a former U.S. official told the AP. Mueller's team, in its interviews for the ongoing Russia probe, has asked people about the protocols Kushner used when he set up conversations with foreign leaders.

The Kushner Cos., for example, had attempted to raise money for its struggling 666 Fifth Avenue skyscraper in New York from a large Chinese insurer with ties to the ruling Communist Party.

Those talks ended after lawmakers and government ethics experts expressed worry that China could be using a deal to curry favor with the White House.

Kushner stepped down as CEO of his family's real estate company to join his father-in-law's administration.

With a top-secret clearance, Kushner would have had access to information about covert operations and intelligence sources and methods. With a secret clearance, he would still have access to intelligence assessments, but not necessarily the information behind why the U.S. knows what is being shared with him.

The downgrade would mean that anyone giving top-secret material to Kushner could be accused of mishandling classified material, according to David Priess, who wrote a history of the President's Daily Brief, the highest-level intelligence document produced in the United States. Still, a president has the ultimate authority to classify or declassify information, so he could show the brief — covering hot spots around the globe, U.S. covert operations and intelligence about world leaders — "to whomever he damn well pleases," Priess tweeted.

The White House's handling of security clearances has come under intense scrutiny in the wake of revelations that former White House staff secretary Rob Porter had worked for more than a year with only interim clearance. Porter, whose job gave him constant access to the most sensitive of documents, had been accused of domestic abuse by his two ex-wives. The White House has repeatedly changed its timeline about who knew what and when about the allegations.

Kushner has been forced to repeatedly correct omissions in his "SF-86," the government-wide form used to apply for clearances, as well as his financial disclosure forms, which experts said could delay or even nix his chances of earning a clearance through the normal process.

Top intel official: US must do more to stop Russian meddling

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. response to Russian meddling and disinformation campaigns has not been strong enough to deter Moscow's activities, a top intelligence official said Tuesday.

Adm. Mike Rogers, director of both the U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency, said he's taken steps to respond to the threat, but that neither President Donald Trump nor Defense Secretary James Mattis has granted him any additional authorities to counter Russian efforts to sow discord in the United States.

"I've never been given any specific direction to take additional steps outside my authority. I have taken the steps within my authority, you know, trying to be a good, pro-active commander," Rogers said at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. "I have not been granted any additional authorities."

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders wouldn't discuss what authority Rogers was referencing, but said the president was looking at ways to prevent Russian meddling. "I can tell you that we are taking a number of steps to prevent this and we are looking at a variety of other ways that we're going to continue to implement over the coming weeks and months," Sanders said.

Rogers told Congress that he thinks a more aggressive response is needed, but that he doesn't set policy and doesn't want to tell the president what to do.

"I believe that President (Vladimir) Putin has clearly come to the conclusion that there's little price to pay and that therefore, 'I can continue this activity,'" Rogers said. "Clearly what we have done hasn't been enough."

Rogers' statements fueled Democrats on the committee.

"We're watching them intrude in our elections, spread misinformation, become more sophisticated ... and we're just, essentially, just sitting back and waiting," said Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, the ranking Democrat on the committee.

Rogers said he didn't fully agree with the characterization that the U.S. was just sitting back and waiting. But he said: "It's probably fair to say that we have not opted to engage in some of the same behaviors that we are seeing" from Russia.

Rogers said he doesn't have the day-to-day authority to try to deter Russian activities at their source. He said that authority is held by Trump and Mattis. "There are some things I have the authority to do and I'm acting on that authority."

He said U.S. sanctions and recent indictments of Russians have had some impact. But Rogers said: "It certainly hasn't generated the change in behavior that I think we all know we need."

Earlier this month, Democratic Sens. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut, Bill Nelson of Florida and Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire sent a letter to Mattis urging him to order the U.S. Cyber Command to prepare to engage Russian cyber operators and disrupt Russian activities if they conduct any clandestine influence operations against the upcoming midterm elections.

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The National debt is shown Tuesday behind Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, left, as he makes the semiannual monetary policy report to the House Financial Services Committee in Washington.

Powell's bullish outlook on US economy rattles markets

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell delivered a message Tuesday that wasn't quite what Wall Street had expected: The U.S. economy is doing well, maybe even better than he thought late last year.

Powell emphasized in his first Congressional testimony that the central bank plans to raise rates gradually. Nonetheless, his growing optimism about the economy rattled investors. Treasury yields climbed and stocks fell amid fresh speculation that the Fed would accelerate the pace of hikes in its benchmark policy rate this year. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 299 points.

The Fed raised rates three times in 2017 and had projected in December that it would raise rates another three times this year. However, many private economists said they now expected the Fed will boost rates four times this year rather than three.

"My personal outlook for the economy has strengthened since December," Powell said when asked whether the Fed might boost its projection for rate hikes from three to four when it updates its outlook next month.

Powell would not say whether the Fed's projection for rate hikes would change. But he noted a number of ways that the economic outlook has improved since December, including stronger data on growth and inflation, the passage of a $1.5 trillion tax cut in late December and an increase in government spending in a January budget deal.

Powell said that he would not speculate on whether the number of hikes would be boosted since any change will depend on the individual forecasts of each of the 15 members of the Fed's policy committee.

But private economists said they saw Powell's comments as a strong signal that the Fed will be raising its rate forecast at its next meeting in March.

Powell's comments came as he delivered the Fed's semi-annual monetary report to the House Financial Committee. He will appear before the Senate Banking Committee on Thursday.

His reception before the House panel stood in marked contrast to how the committee interacted with Janet Yellen. Republicans often challenged Yellen, a Democrat, during exchanges in which she was often interrupted by male lawmakers who dismissed her answers on a wide variety of topics.

A frequent flash-point was Yellen's objection to GOP-sponsored legislation to limit the Fed's independence by requiring the Fed to follow a specific monetary rule in setting interest-rate policies.

Powell, a Republican tapped by President Donald Trump in November when the president decided against giving Yellen a second term, expressed support in his opening statement for using various monetary formulas to help guide setting interest rates.

During a hearing that lasted more than three hours, Powell enjoyed a far more placid exchange with the GOP-controlled committee. A number of Democrats, however, sought to force Powell to criticize a range of Trump economic policies, from tax cuts the Democrats claimed would worsen income inequality, to huge budget deficits that are expected to make deficits climb toward $1 trillion annually.

Powell, however, was adept at staying out of political controversies, frequently saying that the subjects he was being asked about were in the realm of policies controlled by Congress and the administration and not the Federal Reserve.

In his statement, Powell praised Yellen for the important contributions she made during her four years as the first woman to lead the Fed. He said the two had worked together to ensure "a smooth leadership transition and provide for continuity in monetary policy."

Referring to the wild swings in the stock market that occurred earlier this month, Powell said the Fed does "not see these developments as weighing heavily on the outlook for economic activity, the labor market and inflation."

Powell, who took office on Feb. 5, had been an investment banker before joining the Fed board in 2012.

Even with three hikes last year, the Fed's policy rate remains at a still-low 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. But various market rates, including home mortgage rates, have begun rising in anticipation of further Fed rate increases.

In his comments, Powell did not express worries that the economy was starting to overheat, stressing instead a number of developments showing economic strength.

"The robust job market should continue to support growth in household incomes and consumer spending," Powell said.

Some economists have raised concerns that recent moves by the Trump administration and Congress to boost economic growth through tax cuts and spending increases could raise the risks of overheating and inflation.

But Powell said that the government's fiscal policy was now "more stimulative," which he said would help to boost chronically low inflation in recent years. He said that the Fed expected inflation to move up this year and then stabilize around the Fed's 2 percent target.

Trump reaches deal with Boeing on new presidential planes

By Zeke Miller and David Koenig
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has reached an informal deal with Boeing to provide the next generation of presidential aircraft, the White House says.

Deputy press secretary Hogan Gidley said Tuesday that the president negotiated a $3.9 billion "fixed price contract" for the new planes, known as Air Force One when the president is on board. It follows years of negotiations between Boeing and the U.S. Air Force — and Trump's personal intervention since his election.

In December 2016, Trump tweeted that costs for the program were "out of control, more than $4 billion," he added. "Cancel order!"

The White House now says the original cost estimate was actually over $5 billion for the two airplanes and development program.

Boeing chief executive Dennis Muilenburg met multiple times with Trump to discuss the Air Force One contract, most recently last week.

Gidley said the agreement would save the taxpayers more than $1.4 billion.

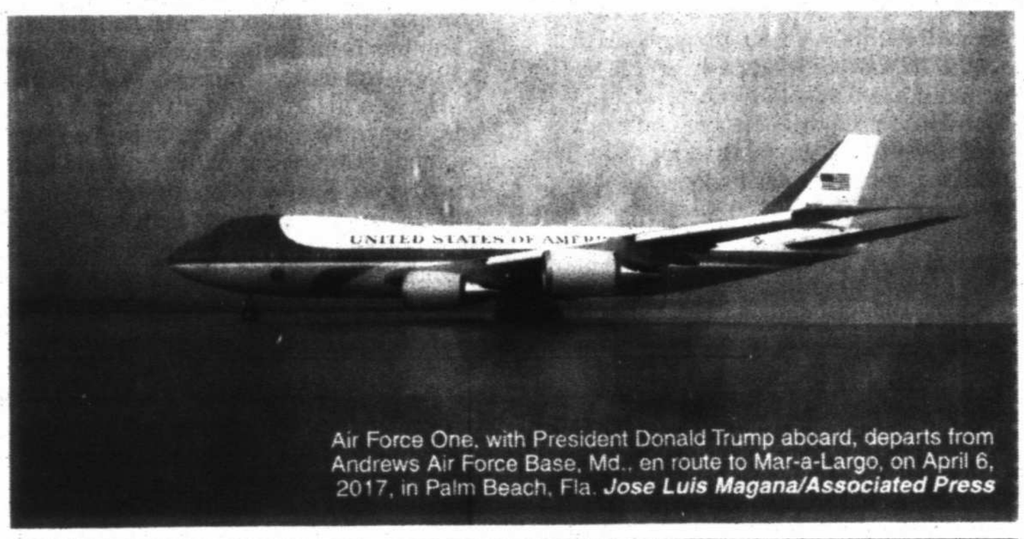
Boeing, in a statement, said it is "proud to build the next generation of Air Force One, providing American Presidents with a flying White House at outstanding value to taxpayers."

"President Trump negotiated a good deal on behalf of the American people," they said.

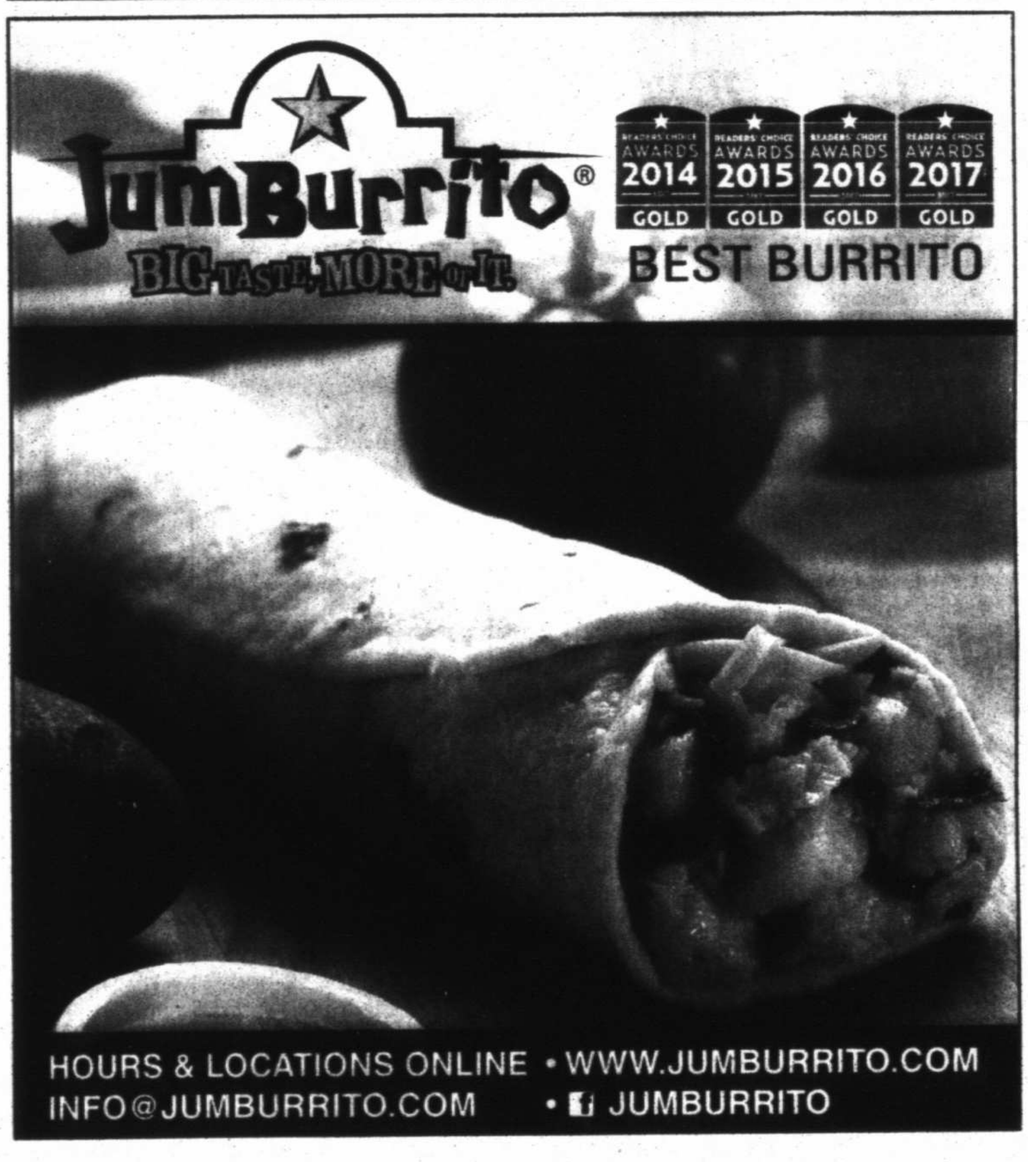
The agreement includes the two 747-800 aircraft, and the cost of modifying the commercial planes with the equipment needed to support the president, including external stair, large galleys and a secure communications suite.

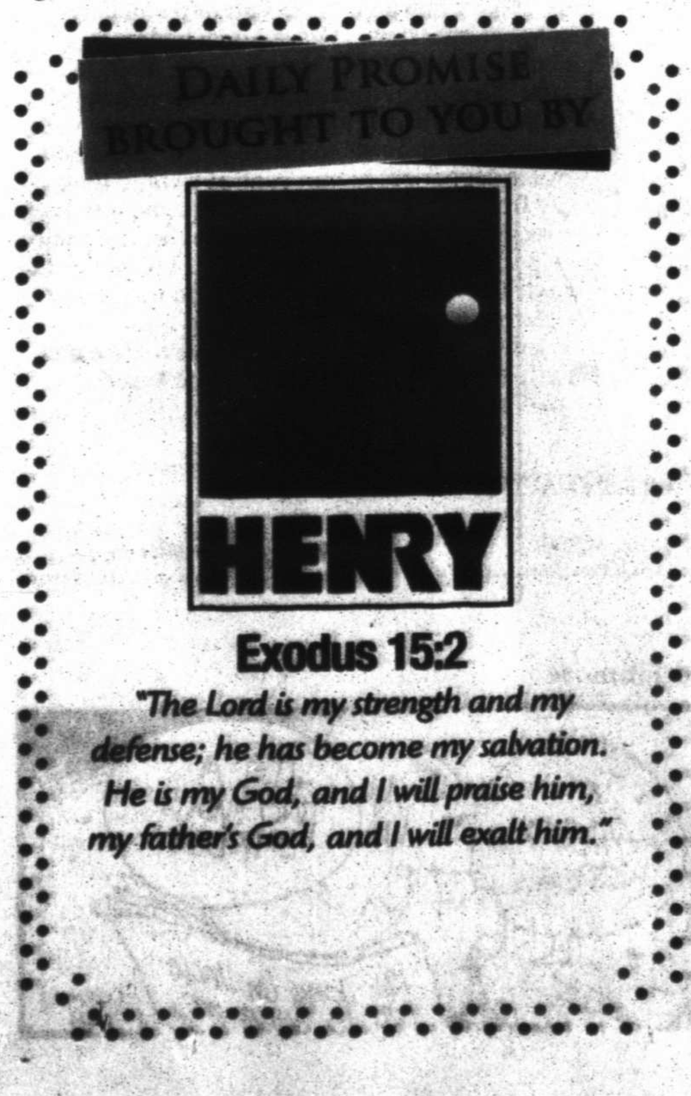
As an example of the unusually high costs associated with Air Force One, the Pentagon announced in December that Boeing was given a $23.7 million contract to design, make and install refrigerators for the president's planes.

The White House said the deal would put Boeing on the hook for cost overruns. In 2011, Boeing agreed to a $4.9 billion fixed-price contract with the Air Force for a refueling tanker, the KC-46. Through late last year, cost overruns had reached about $2.9 billion in pretax costs.



Air Force One, with President Donald Trump aboard, departs from Andrews Air Force Base, Md., en route to Mar-a-Largo, on April 6, 2017, in Palm Beach, Fla. *Jose Luis Magana/Associated Press*





OPINION

Guns, immigration part of change in cultural politics

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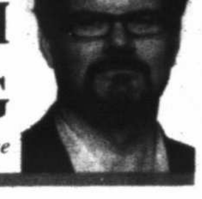

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Set aside what you think of guns or immigration as a matter of public policy or even morality. Instead, think of them as dye markers of how our cultural politics and the nature of the two parties have changed over time.

In the 1990s, it was common for Democrats to fret over both illegal and legal immigration. "All Americans," President Clinton said in his 1995 State of the Union address, "are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country."

Barbara Jordan, the civil rights icon and onetime Democratic congresswoman, headed a commission that concluded legal immigration rates should be modestly cut.

Meanwhile, countless Republicans championed immigration. "I'm hard-pressed to think of a single problem that would be solved by shutting off the supply of willing and eager new Americans," then-House Majority Leader Dick Armey said in 1995. "If anything ... we should be thinking about increasing legal immigration."

After a 1995 meeting with the National Restaurant Association, newly elected House Speaker Newt Gingrich said, "I think we would be a very, very self-destructive country if we sent negative signals on legal immigration."

Back then, boosting legal immigration was seen by many on the left as a sop to big business. The ruling industrial class allegedly wanted a reserve army of cheap labor. As recently as 2015, avowed socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders sounded downright Bannonesque in telling Vox.com that "open borders" was a "Koch brothers proposal ... a right-wing proposal, which says essentially there is no United States."

Sanders is an intriguing example of how political and cultural currents swirl around us. He won his first bid for Congress in 1990 in part because he received the full-throated endorsement of the National Rifle Association. Sanders, the former mayor of Burlington, Vermont, was noncommittal on an assault-weapons ban while his GOP opponent, Peter Smith, flip-flopped and came out in favor of a ban.

"It is not about Peter Smith vs. Bernie Sanders," the NRA's Wayne LaPierre explained. "It is about integrity in politics."

This history was just one reason why it was amusing to listen to LaPierre at the Conservative Political Action Conference last week railing against the "socialists" determined to grab everyone's guns. The man who helped launch the most prominent American socialist since Norman Thomas suddenly thinks socialism is an existential threat to liberty.

What's going on?

On the immigration front: Democrats are increasingly invested in permissive policies in large part because they've bought into the theory that diverse populations are their key to electoral victories going forward. In dialectic fashion, Republicans are increasingly invested in restrictive policies in large part because they're chasing after ever-larger segments of the white vote.

As for firearms: Democrats passed an assault-weapons ban in September 1994. Even Bill Clinton credited that decision as one of the chief reasons the GOP took back the House two months later.

True or not, the more important consequence was that gun rights increasingly became a partisan issue, and the NRA had little choice but to become an adjunct of the GOP. The dynamic became centrifugal, with Democrats and Republicans becoming ever more defined by the issue.

All of these changes were driven by facts on the ground. To listen to Democrats, Republicans support gun rights because the NRA tells them to. In reality, Republicans support gun rights because their voters tell them to, just as Democratic voters tell their representatives the opposite.

But guns and immigration are not simply drivers of polarization; they are examples of its power. Politics has become a lifestyle, part of the "Big Sort" driving so much in our culture. That's why the NRA's marketing these days has so little to do with gun policy and so much to do with smash-mouth cultural resentments.

These days, if you're a Democrat, you're likely to be a down-the-line Democrat on a host of unrelated issues. Same if you're a Republican. Like our representatives, many of us won't buck party orthodoxy on any matter of importance.

Liberals such as Sanders have talked about "two Americas" for generations, but they worked on the assumption that this divide was class-based. It's not. It's cultural, and the divide is becoming a chasm.

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OUR VIEW

Precinct 3 constable saga appears to be over

The constable dilemma for Midland County Precinct 3 appears to be coming to an end.

Congratulations seem to be in order for Precinct 3 residents, as commissioners on Monday appointed Midland Police Department veteran Larry Woodruff as the new constable for the precinct.

The constable office in that precinct needs stability and a trustworthy person. The last two Precinct 3 constables let down their community in that respect. It is our expectation that the appointment of Woodruff checks those and other boxes.

Among the many endorsing Woodruff for the post was Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Billy Johnson, whose comments about Woodruff were topped with the sense of urgency that the precinct should have in regards to its Constable Office. Not only will the new constable be in charge of regular duties — including serving warrants and civil papers (such as subpoenas and temporary restraining orders) — but also will be tasked with rebuilding the office's image. And because of that, Johnson believes Woodruff is the perfect candidate.

"It is important that when we go out and serve the public that they trust us," Johnson said. "I believe some of that trust has been eroded. We will have to work our tails off to rebuild it."

Woodruff's current position with MPD is in community relations. He is a native Midlander and longtime resident of the precinct. Even more importantly, he gets that the office is in need of a person to "stop the bleeding," as he said on Monday.

Woodruff said after the meeting that he wants to make sure the residents of Midland are being treated fairly.

"There are guys who have not been doing what they are supposed to have been doing, and that is serve the community," Woodruff said. "That is my intention — to do as I have been doing for 21 years, and that is making sure the citizens are aware."

Midland County residents, specifically those in Precinct 3, will be the biggest winners if Woodruff can live up to the billing and be that public servant who has been needed for some time.

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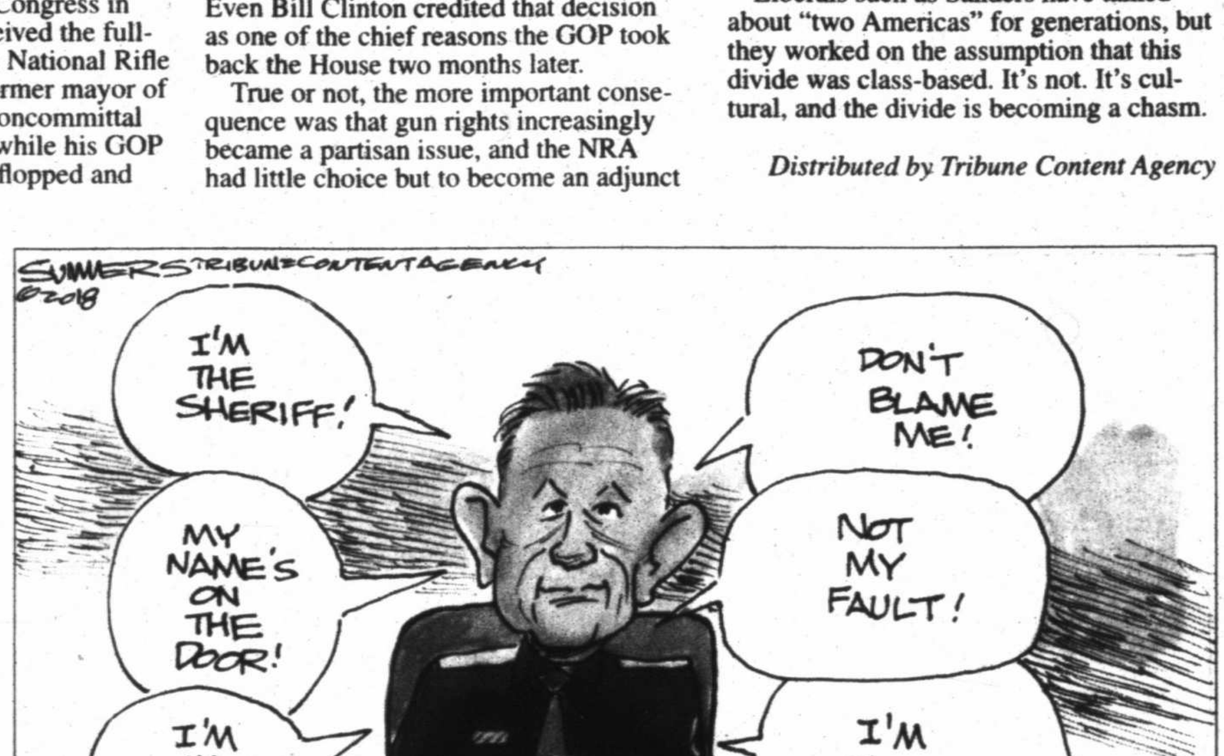

Broward County sheriff is everything that's wrong with American authority

RICH LOWRY
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The sheriff is an outsized figure in the American imagination. He is Wyatt Earp, shooting it out with outlaws at the O.K. Corral. He is John Wayne, a lonely instrument of frontier justice. He is Rick Grimes, the resourceful survivor of a zombie apocalypse in "The Walking Dead."

Now, along comes Scott Israel to remind us, despite the legend, how a sheriff can be a hack politician whose primary concern is protecting his own political reputation and little fief.

The Broward County sheriff, whose disgraceful performance in the Stoneman Douglas shooting has been a master class in evasion of responsibility, is the latest entry in why we don't trust our public institutions.

It's hard to imagine a more comprehensive and catastrophic failure from beginning to end than that of the sheriff's office in the Parkland massacre. It ignored warnings that were specific and chilling about the shooter, and at least one of its deputies waited outside the school while the shooting occurred (and perhaps others did as well in the immediate aftermath).

Sheriff Israel appropriately pronounced himself disgusted with the deputy, who has lost his job. But asked in an interview with CNN's Jake Tapper on Sunday if he acknowledges that had his department acted differently, the shooter might have been foiled, the sheriff responded with a flip rhyme, "ifs and buts and candy and nuts."

It's not as though the sheriff, mindful of the need to get a handle on his department's conduct, has been quietly tending his own shop. At the CNN town hall last week, he turned in a crowd-pleasing performance. He opined about the new authorities that the police require and joined in lambasting National Rifle Association spokeswoman Dana Loesch to cheers from the audience.

He was emphatic about everything not touching on what officers under his authority did or didn't do. When attention turned to that, he suddenly became mincingly precise and demanded to know more detail about reported warning signs.

When Loesch cited media accounts of 39 calls to the police, Israel denounced the figure as categorically false. And the lawman was right — it was at least 18 calls.

What were these warnings? In 2016, a caller to the sheriff's office said the perpetrator "planned to shoot up a school." More recently, last Nov. 30, a caller told the sheriff's office that the shooter was amassing weapons and "could be a school shooter in the making."

The motto is that when we see something, we should say something. In the case of the Parkland shooter, people said something, over and over again, to little or no effect. The cliche after disasters is that no one "connected the dots." In the case of the Parkland shooter, the dots were connected with bright lines.

Yet nothing happened, and the sheriff's office had a large hand in that. Israel's performance at the CNN town hall was even more shamefully dodgy when considering it is likely that he already knew one of his deputies had done nothing to stop the shooter at the scene.

The sheriff's theory of leadership apparently doesn't extend down to the people working for him. "I gave him a gun," he said of the deputy in another interview. "I gave him a badge. I gave him the training. If he didn't have the heart to go in, that's not my responsibility." The buck doesn't stop with the sheriff, in other words; it stops with whomever he happens to give a badge and a gun.

Some supporters of gun control want to look away from the failures of law enforcement to keep the focus on the guns. But this is foolish for their own purposes — politically, there is no chance of significant new laws if no one is held to account for glaring mistakes under the status quo.

If we take seriously the imperative to do better, Sheriff Israel and all his bureaucratic excuses should get the hell out of town.

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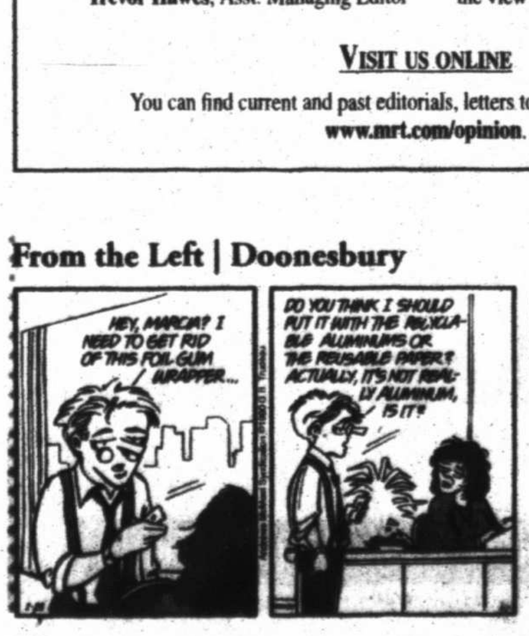

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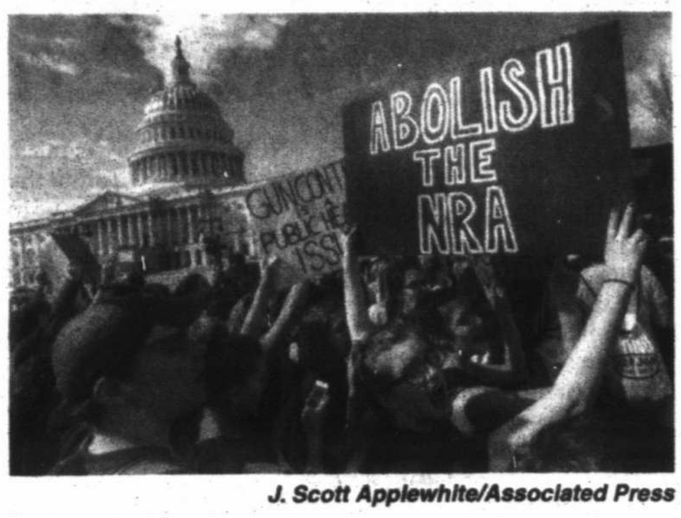
Congress returns amid pressure to act on gun violence

By Lisa Mascaro and Matthew Daly
Associated Press



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School students from Montgomery County, Md., in suburban Washington, rally in solidarity Monday with those affected by the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida, at the Capitol in Washington.

WASHINGTON — After a 10-day break, members of Congress are returning to work under hefty pressure to respond to the outcry over gun violence. But no plan appears ready to take off despite a long list of proposals, including many from President Donald Trump.

Republican leaders have kept quiet for days as Trump tossed out ideas, including raising the minimum age to purchase assault-style weapons and arming teachers, though on Saturday the president tweeted that the latter was "Up to states."

Their silence has left little indication whether they are ready to rally their ranks behind any one of the president's ideas, dust off another proposal or do nothing. The most likely legislative option is bolstering the federal background check system for gun purchases, but it's bogged down after being linked with a less popular measure to expand gun rights.

The halting start reflects firm GOP opposition to any bill that would curb access to guns and risk antagonizing gun advocates in their party. Before the Feb. 14 shooting at a high school in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 people, Republicans had no intention of reviving the polarizing and politically risky gun debate during an already difficult election year that could endanger their congressional majority.

"There's no magic bill that's going to stop the next thing from happening when so many laws are already on the books that weren't being enforced, that were broken," said Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., the third-ranking House GOP leader, when asked about solutions. "The breakdowns that happen, this is what drives people nuts," said Scalise, who suffered life-threatening injuries when a gunman opened fire on lawmakers' baseball team practice last year.

Under tough public questioning from shooting survivors, Trump has set high expectations for action.

"I think we're going to have a great bill put forward very soon having to do with background checks, having to do with getting rid of certain things and keeping other things, and perhaps we'll do something on age," Trump said in a Fox News Channel interview Saturday night. He added: "We are drawing up strong legislation right now having to do with background checks, mental illness. I think you will have tremendous support. It's time. It's time."

Trump's early ideas were met with mixed reactions from his party. His talk of allowing teachers to carry concealed weapons into classrooms was rejected by at least one Republican, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., both spoke to Trump on Friday. Their offices declined comment on the conversations or legislative strategy.

Some Republicans backed up Trump's apparent endorsement of raising the age minimum for buying some weapons.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said he would support raising the age limit to buy a semi-automatic weapon like the one used in Florida. Rubio also supports lifting the age for rifle purchases. Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., a longtime NRA member, wrote in The New York Times that he now supports an assault-weapons ban.

Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., said he expects to talk soon with Trump, who has said he wants tougher background checks, as Toomey revives the bill he proposed earlier with Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., to expand presale checks for firearms purchases online and at gun shows.

First introduced after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2012 in Connecticut, the measure has twice been rejected by the Senate. Some Democrats in GOP-leaning states joined with Republicans to defeat the measure. Toomey's office said he is seeking to build bipartisan support after the latest shooting.

"Our president can play a huge and, in fact, probably decisive role in this. So I intend to give this another shot," Toomey said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

The Senate more likely will turn to a bipartisan bill from Sens. John Cornyn and Chris Murphy, D-Conn., to strengthen FBI background checks — a response to a shooting last November in which a gunman killed more than two dozen people at a Texas church.

That bill would penalize federal agencies that don't properly report required records and reward states that comply by providing them with federal grant preferences.

It was drafted after the Air Force acknowledged that it failed to report the Texas gunman's domestic violence conviction to the National Criminal Information Center database.

The House passed it last year, but only after GOP leaders added an unrelated measure pushed by the National Rifle Association. That measure expands gun rights by making it easier for gun owners to carry concealed weapons across state lines.

The package also included a provision directing the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to review "bump-stock" devices like the one used during the shooting at a Las Vegas music festival that left 58 people dead and hundreds injured.

Murphy told The Associated Press he was invited to discuss gun issues with the White House and he was interested in hearing the president's ideas.

He said he did not expect the Florida shooting to lead to a major breakthrough in Congress for those who've long pushed for tighter gun laws.

"There's not going to be a turning point politically," he said. Rather, it's about "slowly and methodically" building a political movement.

Senate Democrats say any attempt to combine the background checks and concealed-carry measures is doomed to fail.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he was skeptical Trump would follow through on proposals such as comprehensive background checks that the NRA opposes.

"The real test of President Trump and the Republican Congress is not words and empathy, but action," Schumer said in a statement. He noted that Trump has a tendency to change his mind on this and other issues, reminding that the president has called for tougher gun laws only to back away when confronted by resistance from gun owners. The NRA's independent expenditure arm poured tens of millions into Trump's 2016 campaign.

"Will President Trump and the Republicans finally buck the NRA and get something done?" Schumer asked. "I hope this time will be different."

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FedEx trucks are parked Aug. 22, 2017, in New York. Companies with ties to the National Rifle Association have been dealing with increasing public pressure since the Parkland, Florida massacre that killed 17 people earlier this month. FedEx is the latest company prompted to make a statement, saying it "opposes assault rifles being in the hands of civilians" but strongly supports the right to own a firearm. The delivery service, which offers discounts to NRA members, said it is sticking with the organization.

Companies face mounting pressure to pick sides in gun debate

By Damian J. Troise
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the gun debate heats up following the massacre at a Florida high school, companies are under growing pressure to pick a side: whether to stand by the National Rifle Association or walk away.

Metlife, Delta and more than a dozen others have decided to end benefits deals offered to the organization's members. Others, including FedEx, are staying put. The decision to stay or go for many companies involves walking a fine line that can impact their image for better or worse.

"How well can they position themselves so that they're being viewed as honest and supportive of what is a national crisis and not walking away from the Second Amendment?," said Robert Passikoff, president of Brand Keys, a consumer research firm.

The calls for boycotts have been cutting both ways, with gun rights and gun-control supporters threatening to take their dollars elsewhere, depending on a company's decision.

FedEx is the latest company to respond to consumer pressure, saying it will maintain its discount for NRA members and supports the right to own firearms, but does not believe civilians should own assault rifles.

That response shows the nuances many companies are dealing with in the current debate over guns. Several other companies have also affirmed support for gun rights, but decided to cut ties with the NRA over its positions.

Over the weekend, Delta said it would end its discount rates deal for NRA members' group travel and requested it be removed from the organization's website. But, it also said it continues to support the Second Amendment.

Delta's balancing act in particular sparked a harsh response from Georgia's Republican Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle. He threatened to use his position to derail the $38 million-per-year sales tax exemption on jet fuel that would primarily benefit Delta Air Lines, calling it an attack on conservatives. Delta is based in Atlanta.

The NRA has also pushed back, calling the departure of its corporate partners a "shameful display of political and civic cowardice."

Other companies that have cut ties with the NRA include First National Bank of Omaha, Hertz, Avis, Budget, Enterprise, Best Western, Wyndham, United Airlines, Chubb, and Starkey Hearing Technology.

Still, many others have maintained their relationship, including FedEx and the less-well-known Hotel Planner and eHealth.

The decisions come during an uptick in consumer activism, fueled by social media empowering more people to voice their opinions and values. Companies have become more aware of public sentiment that can be amplified over Twitter and other platforms.

That activist consumer atmosphere — coupled with the Feb. 14 Parkland, Florida, school massacre and the always heated gun-control debate — make this a potentially tricky situation for companies looking to protect their image and bottom line.

"It's a different communication paradigm than it was five years ago and that's the thing," Passikoff said. "The sense of immediacy has increased."

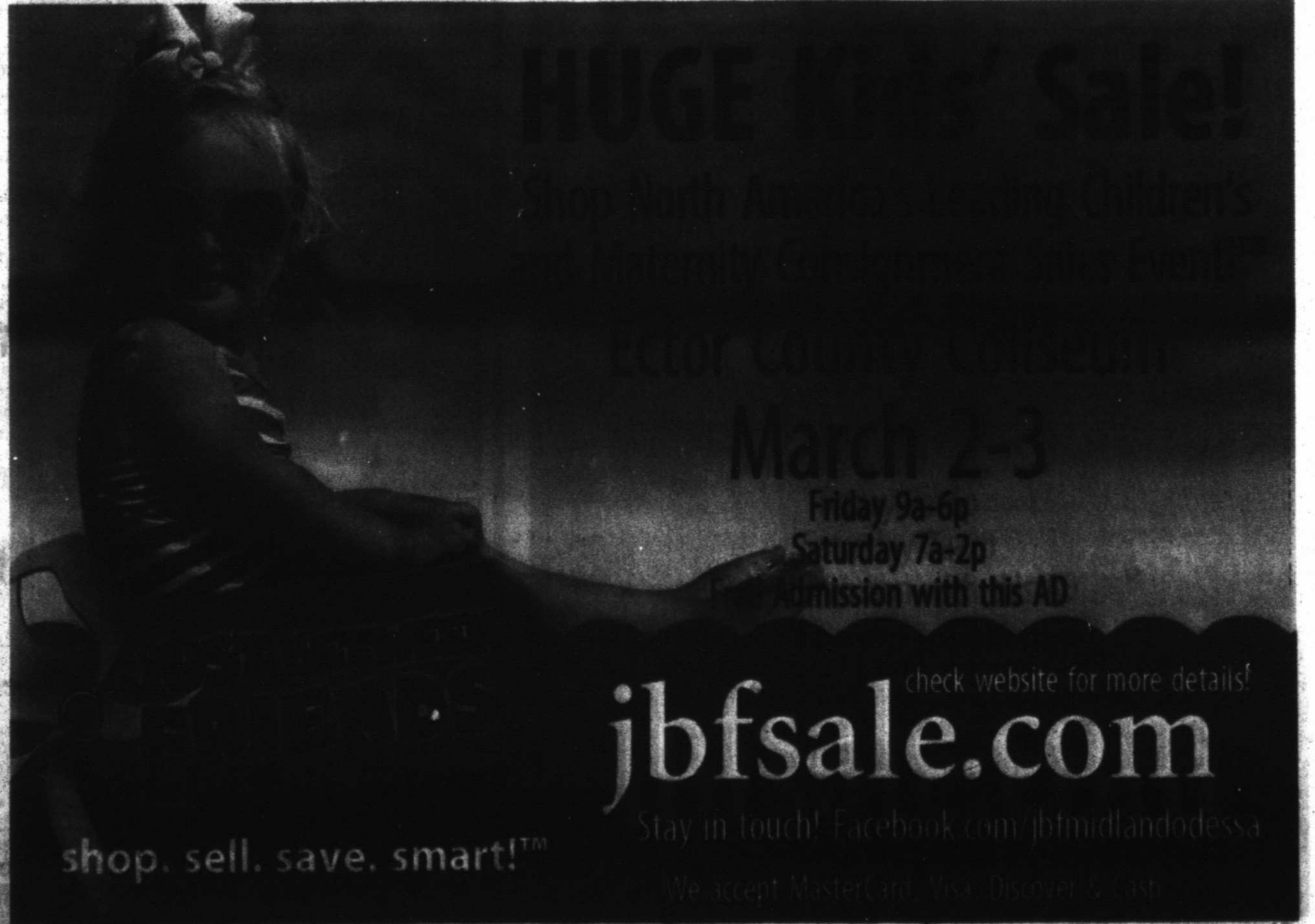
The boycott movement is not just about image. Companies have to take into account their other constituents, particularly shareholders and whether ties to the NRA will have any impact on their financial performance.

Elliot H. Lutzker, chair of the corporate law practice group at Davidoff Hutcher & Citron LLP, said the boycott movement may have little impact on companies financially. Several of the hospitality firms that have cut ties can figure out just how much of an impact cutting a discount benefit will have and act accordingly.

"It's really a question of fiduciary duty," he said.

The real power lies with credit cards and media companies, he said. Specifically in allowing or blocking purchases of firearms and NRA advertisements.

So far, credit card companies have resisted calls by some consumers to limit their cards' use to purchase guns. Visa said it strives to make its payment services available to everyone within the confines of national and international laws.



Trump administration family planning strategy is under fire

By David Crary
Associated Press

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President Donald Trump shakes hands Jan. 29 with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, left, after he is sworn in by Vice President Mike Pence, right, in the Roosevelt Room at the White House in Washington. Major reproductive health organizations are voicing serious concerns about the Trump administration's new approach to federal family-planning grants, which may reduce the role of Planned Parenthood, place greater emphasis on "natural family planning," and stress to adolescents the value of abstinence.

NEW YORK — The Trump administration has adopted a new strategy for how it issues tens of millions of dollars in federal family-planning grants, giving preference to groups that stress abstinence and making it harder for Planned Parenthood to do business.

Major reproductive health organizations are voicing serious concerns about changes that the president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on Monday described as turning "back the clock on women's health."

Dr. Haywood Brown depicted the shift as part of the administration's "continued move away from scientific, evidence-based policies and toward unscientific ideologies."

The catalyst for the criticism was an announcement Friday by the Department of Health and Human Services of its guidelines and priorities for the next round of Title X grant applications, projected to total about $260 million.

The new HHS document makes repeated favorable mention of "natural family planning" — which encompasses the rhythm method and other strategies for avoiding pregnancy without using contraceptives like the birth-control pill. According to HHS, of 100 couples each year that use natural family planning methods, up to 25 women may become pregnant.

Planned Parenthood, which currently serves about 1.6 million of the 4 million beneficiaries of Title X, expressed concern that the guidelines were crafted to reduce or eliminate its role in the program.

"It reads as them trying to stack the deck against any specialized reproductive health provider," said Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Erica Sackin.

Planned Parenthood has been the target of repeated attempts by the administration and congressional Republicans to cut off its federal funding and weaken its nationwide operations because it provides abortions.

For example, President Donald Trump signed last year a bill lifting protections established under President Barack Obama and giving states the option of blocking Title X funding to Planned Parenthood.

Some conservative states like Arizona took steps to cut off that funding after the Trump-signed measure became law.

The organization says abortions make up only 3 percent of its business, with the bulk of its services focusing on birth control, screening for sexually transmitted diseases and cancer prevention.

Valerie Huber, who oversees the Title X office at HHS, said Planned Parenthood was eligible to apply for the new round of grants.

"It's impossible to speculate who's going to get funded," Huber said. "An objective grant committee looks at every proposal."

Before joining HHS, Huber headed Ascend, an advocacy group previously called the National Abstinence Education Association.

That organization opposes comprehensive sex education and advocates that adolescents be urged to practice "sexual risk avoidance" — a concept promoted in the new guidelines.

The administration says it will favor programs for adolescents that "that do not normalize sexual risk behaviors, but instead clearly communicate the research-informed benefits of delaying sex or returning to a sexually risk-free status."

Asked if organizations receiving grants would be required to counsel adolescents in this manner, Huber replied, "It is encouraged."

Throughout its nearly 50-year existence, Title X has stipulated that adolescents, as well as adults, were entitled to obtain contraception through the program on a confidential basis.

Clare Coleman, CEO of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association, expressed concern that HHS might be shifting priorities in a way that would disrupt the steady progress in reducing the U.S. rate of teen pregnancies and unintended pregnancies.

"We know different administrations have had different approaches," she said. "But if this announcement indicates a deliberate shift away from Title X being strongly focused on increasing access to contraceptive care to a model more focused on behavior change ... that would be a significant concern to public health."

Haywood Brown said his obstetrician/gynecologists group had hoped the Trump administration would adhere to long-established, evidence-based Title X practices.

Instead, he said, the changes "will effectively block Title X patients from the qualified providers of their choice, steering them toward organizations or providers singularly focused on abstinence and fertility awareness methods — political interference at its worst."

Lewinsky calls Clinton affair a 'gross abuse of power'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Monica Lewinsky says the affair that led to impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton "was not sexual assault" but "constituted a gross abuse of power."

Lewinsky writes in the March issue of "Vanity Fair" that she is "in awe of the sheer courage" of women who've been confronting "entrenched beliefs and institutions."

The former White House intern says she was recently moved to tears when a leader of the #MeToo movement told her, "I'm so sorry you were so alone."

Lewinsky says she's been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress from being "publicly outed and ostracized," and lauds the "#MeToo" movement for providing "the safety that comes from solidarity."

"There are many more women and men whose voices and stories need to be heard before mine. (There are even some people who feel my White House experiences don't have a place in this movement, as what transpired between Bill Clinton and myself was not sexual assault, although we now recognize that it constituted a gross abuse of power,)" Lewinsky wrote.

Clinton initially denied the affair before admitting to it in 1998; the Democrat was acquitted by the Senate.

Clinton's representative did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

"Now, at 44, I'm beginning (just beginning) to consider the implications of the power differentials that were so vast between a president and a White House intern," Lewinsky said.

"I'm beginning to entertain the notion that in such a circumstance the idea of consent might well be rendered moot. (Although power imbalances — and the ability to abuse them — do exist even when the sex has been consensual,)" she wrote.

"But it's ... very, very complicated. The dictionary definition of "consent"? 'To give permission for something to happen.' And yet what did the 'something' mean in this instance, given the power dynamics, his position, and my age? Was the "something" just about crossing a line of sexual (and later emotional) intimacy? (An intimacy I wanted — with a 22-year-old's limited understanding of the consequences.)

"He was my boss. He was the most powerful man on the planet. He was 27 years my senior, with enough life experience to know better. He was, at the time, at the pinnacle of his career, while I was in my first job out of college," she said.

Lewinsky added that "none of the above excuses me for my responsibility for what happened. I meet Regret every day.)"

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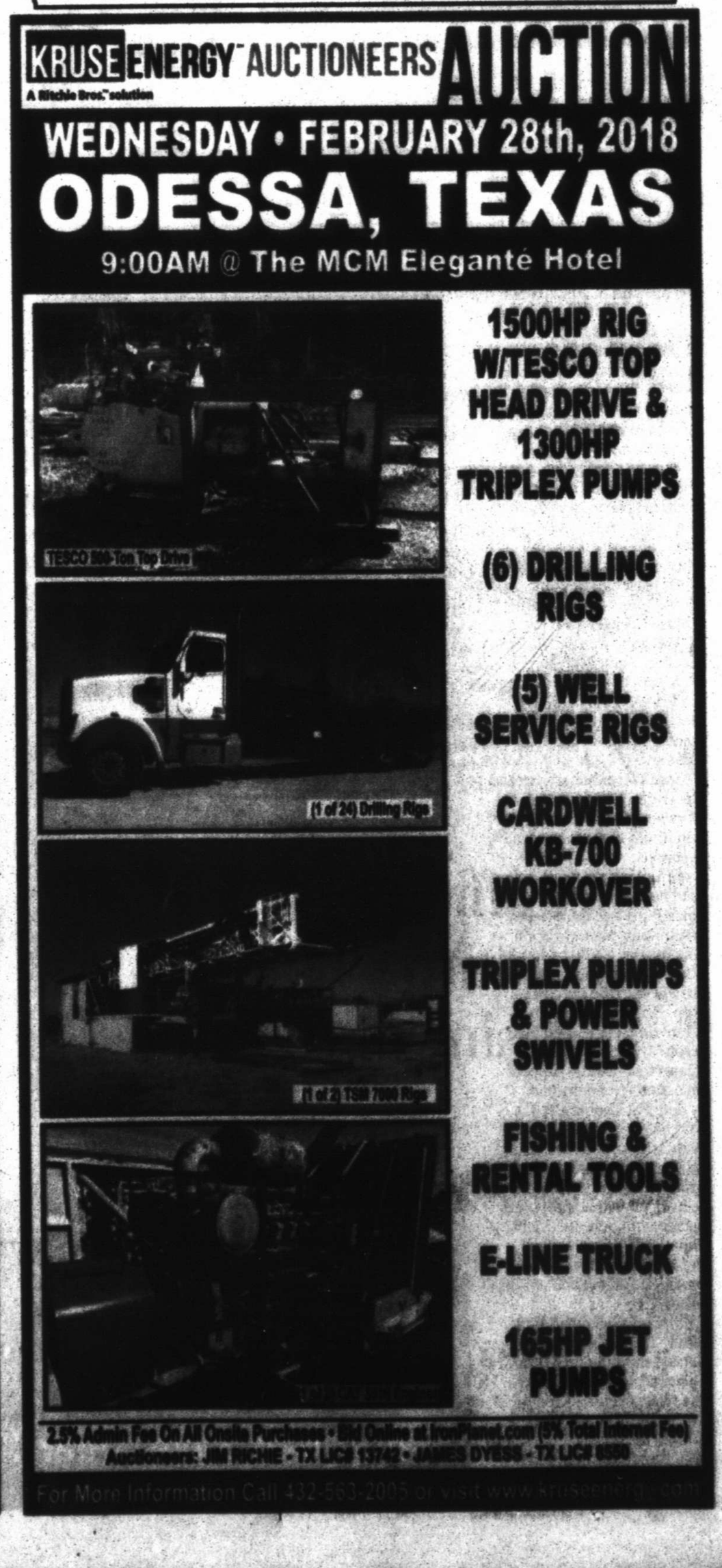


Studies show safer option than saline in IV bags

By Marilynn Marchione
Associated Press

New research calls into question what's in those IV bags that nearly every hospitalized patient gets. Using a different intravenous fluid instead of the usual saline greatly reduced the risk of death or kidney damage, two large studies found.

The difference could mean 50,000 to 70,000 fewer deaths and 100,000 fewer cases of kidney failure each year in the U.S., researchers estimate. Some doctors are hoping the results will persuade more hospitals to switch.

"We've been sounding the alarm for 20 years" about possible harms from saline, said Dr. John Kellum, a critical care specialist at the University of Pittsburgh. "It's purely inertia" that prevents a change, he said.

Kellum had no role in the studies, which were discussed Tuesday at a critical care conference in San Antonio and published by the New England Journal of Medicine. Federal grants helped pay for the work.

IVs are one of the most common things in health care. They are used to prevent dehydration, maintain blood pressure or give patients medicines or nutrients if they can't eat.

Saline — salt dissolved in water — has been the most widely used fluid in the U.S. for more than a century even as evidence has emerged that it can harm kidneys, especially when used a lot.

Other IV solutions called balanced fluids include saline but also contain potassium and other things that make them more like plasma, the clear part of blood. They're widely used in Europe and Australia.

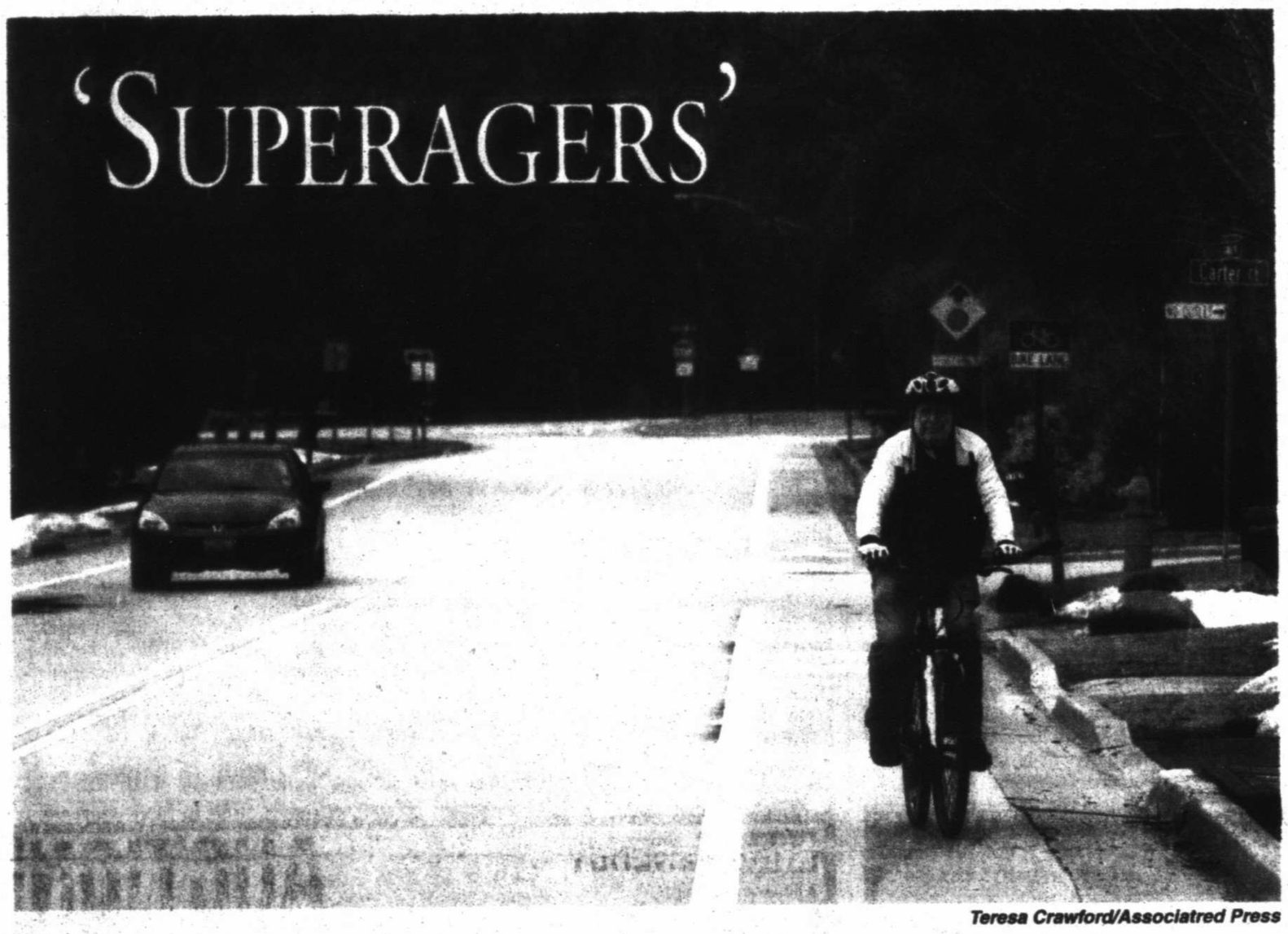
The studies involved 28,000 patients at Vanderbilt University who were given IVs of saline or a balanced fluid. For every 100 people on balanced fluids, there was one fewer death or severe kidney problem.

Since there are about 30 million people hospitalized in the U.S. alone each year, "there are tens or hundreds of thousands of patients who would be spared death or severe kidney problems by using balanced fluids instead of saline," said one study leader, Vanderbilt's Dr. Matthew Semler.

After seeing the results two months ago, Vanderbilt hospital officials decided to primarily use balanced fluids. The University of Pittsburgh also has largely switched to them, Kellum said.

The fluids cost about the same — a dollar or two per IV — and many suppliers make both types, so switching should not be hard or expensive, doctors said.

IV fluids have been in the news since Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico last fall, shutting down electricity to three plants owned by Baxter International, one of the biggest makers of these fluids. The shortage has eased, but some supply issues remain.



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Bill Gurolnick rides his bike near his home in Northbrook, Ill., on Feb. 20. Gurolnick, who turns 87 in March, is participating in a study at Northwestern University that researchers hope will help them understand why some people in their 80s and 90s are able to keep the same sharp memory as someone 20 or 30 years younger.

Elders' youthful brains offer clues to retaining memory

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's pretty extraordinary for people in their 80s and 90s to keep the same sharp memory as someone several decades younger, and now scientists are peeking into the brains of these "superagers" to uncover their secret.

The work is the flip side of the disappointing hunt for new drugs to fight or prevent Alzheimer's disease.

Instead, "why don't we figure out what it is we might need to do to maximize our memory?" said neuroscientist Emily Rogalski, who leads the SuperAging study at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Parts of the brain shrink with age, one of the reasons why most people experience a gradual slowing of at least some types of memory late in life, even if they avoid diseases like Alzheimer's.

But it turns out that superagers' brains aren't shrinking nearly as fast as their peers'. And autopsies of the first superagers to die during the study show they harbor a lot more of a special kind of nerve cell in a deep brain region that's important for attention, Rogalski told a recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

These elite elders are "more than just an oddity or a rarity," said neuroscientist Molly Wagster of the National Institute on Aging, which helps fund the research. "There's the potential for learning an enormous amount and applying it to the rest of us, and even to those who may be on a trajectory for some type of neurodegenerative disease."

What does it take to be a superager? A youthful brain in the body of someone 80 or older. Rogalski's team has given a battery of tests to more than 1,000 people who thought they'd qualify, and only about 5 percent pass. The key memory challenge: Listen to 15 unrelated words, and a half-hour later recall at least nine. That's the norm for 50-year-olds, but the average 80-year-old recalls five. Some superagers remember them all.

"It doesn't mean you're any smarter," stressed superager William "Bill" Gurolnick, who turns 87 next month and joined the study two years ago.

Nor can he credit protective genes: Gurolnick's father developed Alzheimer's in his 50s. He thinks his own stellar memory is bolstered by keeping busy. He bikes, and plays tennis and water volleyball. He stays social through regular lunches and meetings with a men's group he co-founded.

"Absolutely that's a critical factor about keeping your wits about you," exclaimed Gurolnick, fresh off his monthly gin game.

Rogalski's superagers tend to be extroverts and report strong social networks, but otherwise they come from all walks of life, making it hard to find a common trait for brain health. Some went to college, some didn't. Some have high IQs, some are average. She's studied people who've experienced enormous trauma, including a Holocaust survivor; fitness buffs and smokers; teetotalers and those who tout a nightly martini.

But deep in their brains is where she's finding compelling hints that somehow, superagers are more resilient against the ravages of time.

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Confusion continues about freestanding emergency rooms

■ Six months after law went into effect, many facilities' websites don't disclose if they are 'in-network'

By Sabriya Rice
Dallas Morning News

A Texas law aimed at protecting patients from shocking medical bills after visits to free-standing emergency rooms may not be reducing consumer confusion as intended.

The law, which went into effect in September, requires the ERs to say on their websites and at their facilities whether they are in-network or out-of-network for insurance carriers.

"I wanted it to be crystal clear," said state Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, who introduced the bill last year. It seemed to garner near unanimous support from trade, consumer and insurance groups.

But now — six months after the law took effect — a survey of dozens of free-standing emergency room websites finds that the required disclosures are confusing at best, and misleading at worst.

That is, if the language is there at all.

"It's not exactly what I had in mind," Oliverson said.

By February, some sites had posted only a description of the HB 3276 law. Others displayed logos of insurers that they "accept," which is not the same as being in-network from a billing perspective. And many pointed to the fact that they "always" bill at in-network rates.

Whether or not this language is what the law intended, depends on whom you ask. Oliverson, for one, doesn't think so.

"A patient trying to avoid a large surprise medical bill needs to know is this an in-network facility or is it not. Period," he told The Dallas Morning News.

That sentiment was echoed by a Keller woman who was hit by a big bill at a free-standing facility in

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Police officer gets award for losing 100 pounds

■ Georgetown assistant police chief shed weight by running, following Keto diet

By Claire Osborn
Austin American-Statesman

Georgetown Assistant Police Chief Cory Tchida, 46, has lost about 100 pounds in the past year. He was recognized for his weight-loss efforts (earlier this month) when Chief Wayne Nero gave him a chief's award for fitness at a Georgetown City Council meeting.

Tchida, who now weighs 219 pounds, said he lost the weight by following the Keto diet and running. The diet is a high-fat, low carbohydrate eating plan. Tchida, who is 6 feet 1 inch tall, said that before he started the diet, he weighed 323 pounds.

"I weigh less now than I did in high school," he said.

He also started running in the past year and is training for the Marine Corps marathon in October, he said. He now runs about 32 miles a week.

Tchida said he went on the diet and exercise program because he thought it was important as a law enforcement leader "to model behavior for your troops and the people that work for you."

"I also realized I'm in my mid-40s and I see people in my age group starting to have health problems, heart attacks and a lot of it is related to diet and exercise."

He also said he started the diet because he wants to be "around for my family for a long time."

Tchida said he does not eat carbohydrates and avoids sugar. Breakfast for him one day … was a bacon and cheese

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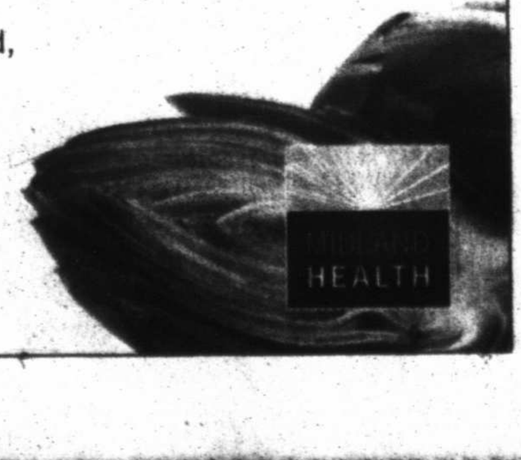

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Consuelo F. Ramirez

Mass of Christian Burial for Consuelo Ramirez, 87, of Midland, Texas, will be celebrated Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Iglesia de San Jose with Reverend Ramon Molina, pastor, as celebrant.

A Prayer Vigil will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Parkside Chapel. Mrs. Ramirez passed away, surrounded by her loved ones, and was called by the Lord from her home in Midland, Texas after a short illness on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

She was born on September 21, 1930 to Eulalio and Severa Sanchez Fernandez. She was raised in Midland where she met the love of her life, Antonio L. Ramirez, and they married in 1947.

Her joy was to have all her family together. These gatherings consisted of games, food, love and hugs, music, singing, and lots of dancing.

Waiting for her in Heaven are her husband, Antonio (49); her sons, Jesus (3) and George (52); her daughter; Elva (43); and two grandchildren, Little Ed (1) and Marty Blea, Jr. (17).

Her surviving children are five sons, Ismael Ramirez and wife Maria, Ruben Ramirez and wife Sylvia, both of Hereford, Rudy Ramirez of Amarillo, Nick Ramirez and wife Sylvia of Andrews, and Antonio Ramirez, Jr. of Midland; two daughters, Ellie Mae Gutierrez and Angie Blea and husband Marty, both of Midland; and 32 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She will greatly be missed and she will always be loved and remembered, but we know she is now in a better place without any pain and rejoicing with the Lord.

David Griffith Liebmann

April 11, 1956 - February 21, 2018

David Griffith Liebmann, 61, of Midland, Texas, passed away on February 21, 2018 in Dallas, Texas, after a long illness.

David was the son of David D. Liebmann and Edith Wolf Liebmann. He was born on April 11, 1956 and grew up in San Antonio. David graduated from Alamo Heights High School in San Antonio in 1974. He graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 1980 with a degree in geology.

David was a highly regarded geophysicist for Chevron and its predecessor companies for over 35 years. In the course of his career, he lived and traveled all over the world, from Houston, to Russia, and North Africa, finally settling in Midland. Outside of work, David was active in promoting interest and education in the sciences of geophysics and geology as a leader in the Permian Basin Geophysical Society.

David was a quiet, kind, and patient gentleman. He was understanding, compassionate, and always willing to lend an ear and a hand to help wherever he could. He was a loving son, loyal brother, favorite uncle, valued colleague, and true friend.

David is survived by his sister, Laura Liebmann Miller and husband, Sandy, of Dallas; brother, Wilhelm Liebmann and wife, Diana, of San Antonio; step-brother, Robert Rigney and wife, Elizabeth, of Houston; and step-brother, Spencer Rigney and wife, Sissy, of San Antonio.

He is also survived by his nephew, Walt Miller and wife, Traci, and their children Luke and Evan of Austin; niece, Shelly Wolf Carmichael and husband, Jeff, and their daughter Claire of Keller; nephew, Brent Miller and wife, Alix, of Houston; and niece, Lauren Liebmann, of Waco. He was preceded in death by his father, David D. Liebmann, and his mother, Edith Wolf Liebmann.

A memorial service honoring David will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Walnut Hill United Methodist Church located at 10066 Marsh Lane in Dallas, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial contribution to the Permian Basin Geophysical Society (*pbgsmidland.org*) or to the Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children (*sunshinecottage.org*.)

Doris Cooper

Doris Couch Cooper of Odessa was born October 16, 1925 in Ennis, Texas to Vesta Virginia and Harry Couch. Doris was a red-haired beauty with a vivacious personality and captivated everyone who knew her. She was deeply loved by her family and friends. After a brief illness, she passed away on February 19, 2018 at the age of 92.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Odessa, under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Visitation will be Friday, March 2, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

Doris grew up in Gainesville, Texas and attended Gainesville High School where she played clarinet in the band, was a cheerleader, and was voted Most Beautiful.

After graduating from high school, Doris attended Southern Methodist University for a semester and then returned to Gainesville. One evening at the local drug store, Doris met a young red-haired soldier named John Cooper III and the two began dating. They soon fell in love. After John completed his military service during World War II and graduated from Texas A&M, the couple was married on August 30, 1947 in Gainesville.

Doris and John first lived in Dallas and then Tennessee before moving to Odessa in 1951 where John eventually started Cooper Construction Co., Inc. in 1954.

Doris was active in St. John's Episcopal Church, the Odessa Country Club, Symphony Guild, Junior League of Odessa, Crystal Ball Board, and Medical Center Hospital Auxiliary.

She enjoyed entertaining in her home designed for that purpose and hosted many gatherings there. Among the special guests was well-known Benny Goodman. She also enjoyed spending time with her friends, especially those in her many bridge clubs. Needlepointing and working in the yard were among her favorite hobbies. She enjoyed traveling with her husband to Hawaii, Las Vegas, Mexico, Europe, and Russia, and to their lake house at Horseshoe Bay.

Survivors include a son, John W. Cooper IV (Lana) of Midland; a daughter, Deborah Cooper Farrell (Pat) of Katy; four grandchildren, Andrew Roberts (Kerri) of Belton, Jack Roberts of San Antonio, Rosemary Roberts (Mitchel Wilson II) of Los Angeles, California, and Christopher W. Cooper of Midland; and four great-grandchildren, Caroline, Asa, and Clara Roberts of Belton, and Xyola Wilson of Los Angeles.

The family gives special thanks to the caregivers: Janette De Alba, Noelia Escontrias, Juana Huarneros, Irma Manriquez, and Nora Elias Romero.

Memorials may be made to the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale.

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Condolences may be offered at www.frankwwilson.com

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

Edward Horst Leede

July 17, 1927 - February 24, 2018

On February 24, 2018, Edward H. Leede passed away peacefully in Denver surrounded by his wife of 62 years, Margaret, his children, grandchildren, and other loved ones.

Leede distinguished himself in every respect throughout his college and professional career, including service with the United States Marine Corps. He earned a degree in chemistry from Dartmouth College in 1949 while starring for the basketball team, becoming the first Dartmouth player to score 1,000 points in a career. Leede held the Dartmouth scoring record with 1,331 points for more than two decades, serving as captain of the team as a senior and earning all-league honors in the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League each of his four years on the team.

From 1949 to 1951, Leede played two seasons with the Boston Celtics, during which time he scored nearly 1,000 points and, importantly, earned enough money to enter the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. After completing his MBA in 1953, Leede joined White Eagle Oil Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In 1956, Leede moved to Midland, Texas and became an independent oilman in 1959. His successful career in the oil and gas business evolved to include business interests in a variety of industry sectors, including oil and gas, oilfield services, real estate, IT, and e-commerce.

While in Midland, Leede served on the Board of Directors of the Midland National Bank for many years and was a competitive tennis player at the Midland Racquet Club. In 1988, Leede moved to Denver where he served on the Board of Directors of the Denver Art Museum for many years and became a regular golfer as a member of the Castle Pines Golf Club and The Country Club at Castle Pines. He was an avid swimmer his entire life.

Leede's service to Dartmouth College included serving as Vice-Chairman for major gifts in the Campaign for Dartmouth, a four-year term on the Dartmouth College Athletic Council, and Gift Chairman for a class reunion. In 1985, he and his wife, Margaret, established the Margaret Anne and Edward Leede 1949 Distinguished Professorship. In 1987, Dartmouth recognized Leede for his many contributions to the College by naming the Dartmouth Basketball Leede Arena in his honor. In 2017, he was selected to be a member of the 16-member inaugural class of the "Legends of Ivy League Basketball."

Leede was a long-standing supporter of The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, the nation's oldest and largest provider of need-based scholarships for military children.

Leede is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margaret, along with five children, 10 grandchildren, and many other loving family members.

The family will honor his legacy with a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations be made to The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (*www.mcsf.org*).

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Ethel J. Trotter

Ethel J. Trotter, 94, entered Heaven on February 24, 2018.

She was born December 3, 1923. She was the daughter of Newton (Newt) and Myrtle Trotter of the community of Eula, Texas, near Abilene. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Sam, of San Diego, California, and a nephew, Glenn, of Prescott, Arizona.

She is survived by a niece, Gail, of Washington state and by a close friend, Marion Axe, of Midland.

For many years, Ethel was the manager of Walker Auto Parts in Big Spring, Texas, where she made many friends. After retirement, she moved to Midland, where she lived out her life. Because of her humility, kindness, and interest in others' lives, she continued to form many friendships, especially those associated with Senior Link in Midland and specifically at the Senior Citizens Garage Sale each fall. Puzzles and games were her responsibility. During her recent illness, many of these caring people made their way to Ethel's room at Senior Care in Midland.

Having grown up in a small community, Ethel was very fond of sports, especially basketball and baseball.

Most importantly, Ethel knew Jesus Christ as her Savior, so her eternal home is secure with Him in Heaven.

Memorials may be directed to Texas-Size Garage Sale, 3301 Sinclair, Midland, TX 79707, or to a charity of your choice.

No service is planned at this time.

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

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

Jerry De Ann Pickering

Jerry De Ann Pickering, 73, of Midland, Texas, passed away on February 25, 2018.

Jerry was born in Healdton, Oklahoma on May 14, 1944 to Leon and Virgie Lloyd. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend. She loved teaching children's Sunday school at First Baptist, Midland, and caring for her husband, pets, and home. She enjoyed working in the yard, walking the dogs, and visiting with friends and neighbors. Jerry will be deeply missed by all those that knew her.

Survivors include her mother, Virgie; husband, W. H. "Pick" Pickering; daughter, Shelley and husband Mike of Dallas; daughter, Misty and husband Stephen of Kerrville; daughter, Katherine and husband Steven of Madisonville; grandchildren, Lauren, Hanna, Stephen, Claire, Ana, Samuel, Jacob, and Andrew; brother, George; sister, Linda; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her father, Leon.

Jerry willed her body to the Texas Tech Health Science Center and no service is planned.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, 4200 N. Fairgrounds Rd., Midland, TX 79705, 432-683-7387.

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Margaret Vaughan

Margaret Vaughan passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018.

She was born on November 28, 1931 in Crowell, Texas where she went to school and attended the United Methodist Church. After graduating from high school, she worked as a dental assistant in Vernon, Texas. Margaret then moved to Midland and was a long-time resident.

In Midland, she was a receptionist and switchboard operator at Borden Milk Company, Phillips Petroleum, and then at Drilco Industrial until she retired. She was active in AARP and served as president of the local chapter. She played bridge regularly and enjoyed dancing at the Petroleum Club.

Margaret is preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Vaughan; parents, John Kenny and Mary Jane Woods; brother, Douglas Woods; and her sisters, Lennis Woods, Catherine Clark, and Mary Frances Espy.

She is survived by her step-daughters, Karron Vaughan of Canyon Lake, Texas and Karla Vaughan of Granbury, Texas; niece, Cindy Cochran and husband Robert of Midland; great-nephew, Ryan Cochran and wife Jennifer; and great-great nieces, Mialynn and Keira Cochran, all of Midland.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

There will be a funeral service in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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Martha Belle Holland Conine

Martha Belle Holland Conine died peacefully on February 20, 2018 in Austin, Texas. Marty was born July 17, 1932 to Lan Morgan Holland and Minnie O'Dell Holland and grew up in McAllen with her sister and brothers. After their mother died unexpectedly when Marty was just two years old, she spent many summers with her Aunt Willie and Uncle Dewey in Rotan, Texas and later with her sister Doris and brother-in-law Bill in Monahans. She graduated from Baylor in 1953 and taught school in Galveston before moving to Midland in 1955. Marty loved Midland and lived there until last November.

Known for her sweet and elegant demeanor, Marty was generous and kind to all. She also had a wonderful sense of humor. When her oldest niece would visit during the summer, Marty would buy an old-fashioned pinwheel, hold it out the window of the car and drive down the street singing Moon River at the top of her lungs, much to the delight of her niece. Marty took her nieces and their friends to see The Music Man many years ago and marched up and down the aisle of the movie theater during Seventy-Six Trombones, playing an imaginary trombone. She made every activity fun.

Marty was a fiercely loyal friend and defender of her family. She was overjoyed when she became a mother to Nancy Lynn and was heartbroken when Nancy passed away in 2001. Marty taught English and speech before Nancy was born and again from 1997 until 2003. Ever the teacher, she felt compelled to correct blatant errors in grammar right up until she died. Marty was a member of First United Methodist Church in Midland and was active in the Junior League and Midland Community Theatre. Marty excelled at play readings and acting. Among her roles were the ghost Elvira in Blithe Spirit, and in 1963 she starred in Midland's very own movie production of High Noon. Marty loved her monthly Chocoholics gatherings and frequent lunches with her treasured Midland friends. The highlight of every summer was the visit from her beloved granddaughters. She adored them and was so thankful to have living reminders of Nancy.

Marty was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Nancy Conine Hester, her sister Doris Holland Parker and her brothers O'Dell Holland, John A Holland, and Nick Holland. She is survived by her granddaughters Jordyn and Jodi Hester of Superior, Colorado; sisters-in-law Clo Holland of El Paso and Joy Holland of Houston; nieces Marty Parker of Austin, Mary Parker of Austin, Cathy Holland of Coppell, Jenny Holland Miller (Clay) of Mandeville, Louisiana; and nephews Johnny Holland (Kathryn) of El Paso and Keith Holland of Georgetown. She also loved and was loved by her nieces' and nephew's 12 children and grandchildren. A celebration of Marty's life will be held at 2:00 pm Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Glass Chapel, First United Methodist Church in Midland. For those who wish, memorial donations to the charity of your choice will be greatly appreciated by Marty's family.

Nell Jo McKissack

Nell Jo McKissack, 94, of Midland, Texas, passed away on February 26, 2018 in Midland.

Visitation in lieu of services will be 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Sunset Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas. Clark Racca of Hospice will be officiating.

Nell was born in Brookhaven, Mississippi to Thomas L. and Lora Smith on December 21, 1923. She went to school at East Lincoln. She married E.J. McKissack on March 7, 1942. Nell was a devout homemaker, wife, and mother.

Nell is preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years; her sister, Joyce and her husband Clifton Crane; brother-in-law, R.C. Leggett; and son-in-law, Charlie Shipley.

Nell is survived by her sister, Tommy Leggett; daughters, Lynda Shipley, and Micki McCulloch and husband Joe; and by nine grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Nell McKissack to Hospice of Midland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

To sign guest registry go to *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

SUNSET MEMORIAL GARDENS & FUNERAL HOME

Patsy Tull Pederson

Patsy Tull Pederson passed away peacefully to her Savior Thursday, February 22, 2018

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at the age of 91. She lived her life faithfully worshipping our Lord and loving her family and dear friends.

Patsy was born on September 15, 1926 to Conrad Charles Tull and Ruth Evelyn Sweatman Tull in Waco, Texas. She grew up in Midland, graduating from high school in 1938 and attended Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas.

She met her husband Pat Pederson in Clifton, Texas where her parents owned a pharmacy. They moved to Midland where their son Pete was born. Patsy and Pat owned Tull-Pederson Drugstore on Florida Street for many years.

After retirement, Patsy continued to enjoy living in Midland where she was an avid reader and loved playing bridge. She is remembered for her sweet loving spirit and nurturing soul. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Pat; her son, Pete; her parents, C.C. Tull, Sr. and Evelyn Tull; and brother, C.C. Tull, Jr.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Betty McCain Tull; her niece, Candice Tull McPherren; her nephew, Doug Tull and wife, Marcy Tull; great nephew, Miles McPherren and wife Katie McPherren; great nieces, Ashley McPherren, Allison Tull, Michelle Tull Ryan and husband Chris Ryan, Carly Tull Mundy and husband John Mundy, Sara Tull, Marilyn Pederson Hill and husband Mike Hill, and Sherry Pederson Kimbrow and husband Mike Kimbrow; cousins, Jim Walton and wife Dawn, Jamie Walton Howard and husband Stephen Howard, and Julie Walton McIvor and husband Scott McIvor; and by many more relatives.

Graveside services are at Resthaven Memorial Park, on Friday, March 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Cimarron Place Nursing Home for their wonderful care.

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

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Marian Elizabeth Huggins

"There on the mountains, as you get near the real high places, the air is fresh and invigorating. It strengthens the whole body and there are streams with wonderful healing properties, so that those who bathe in them find all their blemishes and disfigurements washed away". - Hannah Hurnard "Hinds Feet on High Places"

The Lord God maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon mine High Places. - Psalm 18:33 and Habakkuk 3:19

Marian Elizabeth Huggins finds herself in the High Places with her Lord and Savior. Marian and her family walked the long journey of Alzheimer's together.

Marian Elizabeth Huggins passed away in Jacksonville, Texas on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

Marian was born on July 9, 1942 to Marion Ralph Haddox and Ruby Elizabeth Haddox in Garfield, New Mexico and was the second of five children. Her early years were spent in the Hatch Valley of New Mexico. She was a 1960 graduate of Yuma Union High School in Yuma, Arizona. Her mother and grandmother shared the gift of sewing and needlework with Marian as a child.

During high school, Marian worked for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, giving sewing lessons to students, and for her service, she was awarded her first sewing machine. That sewing machine changed her life. She was a brilliant seamstress, who throughout her life, had a great love of fabric, lace, needles, and thread. Her father relied upon her good sense and her mother considered her to be her assistant and thus the nickname "Gabby," because she always had the last word.

She met and fell in love with Jim Daugherty in Yuma, Arizona and they married on December 30, 1959. As a young Air Force wife, she made her home with two small children, James and Lisa, in several places including two foreign countries, but ultimately Midland, Texas became her home.

Providence brought Marian to Midland in 1972. She settled in with her two young children and began her life in Midland. On September 5, 1976, Marian married Bob Huggins, and they began a journey spanning almost four decades together. With love and patience, they blended a family that was formed out of their union of 40 years. Marian and Bob were members of Midland Christian Fellowship, Cornerstone Fellowship, and First Baptist Church of Midland.

During her years in Midland, Marian raised a family and worked as a Bookkeeper, but in her private time, she was a Bible teacher. She loved reaching out to women by hosting weekly Bible studies and prayer groups. Her love of the scriptures, combined with her love of fabric and needles, were displayed in the beautiful tapestry that she stitched into the lives of those she taught, counseled and prayed over.

Marian is rejoicing with those who have gone before her into Heaven!

Among many dear friends and loved ones, she has been reunited with her parents Ralph and Ruby, three sisters, Patty, Jane and Shirley, and her beloved husband, Bob Huggins.

Marian is survived by her children, James Daugherty and wife Karen of Midland; and Lisa Zachry and husband Jimmy of Midland; and Shawn Axworthy and husband Bob, of Bullard and Darren Huggins and wife Paula Vachon of Copper Canyon. Marian is also survived by her brother Wayne Haddox of Camarillo, California. She was blessed with six grandchildren, Zachary Huggins, Molly Axworthy, Libby Axworthy, Derek Daugherty, Casey Zachry, and Robyn Zachry Wendel, and by seven great-grandchildren. The birth of her eighth great grandchild is expected in May of this year.

A memorial service honoring Marian will be held at a later date.

A gentle heart has stopped beating
Loving hands that now lay still
The Good Shepherd brought her home
According to his will
New heavenly eyes are open
And oh the glory she must see
Praise you Lord that in your presence
She soars like an Eagle now set free
Her long journey here on earth is through
Oh the joy that she is now with you
Her feet are set upon the high places
And she's welcomed by familiar faces
Reunited when we are all made new
That bright morning covered in Heaven's dew
Until that blessed reunion
We will continue to seek your will
And at the end to embrace Jesus
God's love and grace fulfilled
- Lisa Zachry

Death Notices

Audree Holland Winston

Audree Holland Winston, 91, of Midland, peacefully passed away February 23, 2018 surrounded by her loving family.

A wake service will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road, Midland.

Funeral service will be on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Macedonia Baptist Church, 201 S. Carver, Midland at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include her daughter, Sherrye Winston; a son, Bobby Calloway; and two sisters and one brother.

Delbert "Pete" Klein

Delbert "Pete" Klein passed away on Saturday, February 24 at the age of 64.

There will be a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2018 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Jerlyn "J.D." Campbell

Jerlyn "J.D." Campbell passed away February 25, 2018.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa, Texas from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow service at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Merle Linda Pitcock

Merle Linda Pitcock, 58, of Midland, peacefully passed away February 23, 2018.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road.

Chapel service will be held Friday, March 2, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors include her mother, Margie Pitcock; a daughter, Shaunna Lee Knittel; and two sisters.

Novelette Barrett

Novelette Barrett, 98, of Midland, passed away on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday, March 2, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Antioch Baptist Church.

Heart disease kills more women than breast cancer, doctor says

■ Cholesterol levels worse in women than men, according to CDC report

By Jill U. Adams
Special to The Washington Post

High cholesterol, a risk factor for heart disease, affects nearly 1 in 5 American women who are at least 40 years old. Although heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in women, there is little agreement on what to do about managing cholesterol.

A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that 17.7 percent of women 40 to 59 had high cholesterol, as did 17. 2 percent of those 60 and older. That's a higher percentage than men in the middle-age cohort (16.5 percent) and dramatically higher than men in the older cohort (6.9 percent).

The CDC report didn't address why women are faring worse than men in the amount of cholesterol circulating in their blood. Women take cholesterol-lowering medications (the vast majority of which

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ERs

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August 2016.

"I want to know am I covered? How much is this going to cost me?" Lou Marchant, told NBC 5 (KXAS-TV) after reviewing a few of the websites this month, including the one she originally visited.

"When I read this, they're really not telling you what things are going to cost. It is such a challenge and you don't feel like you have any champion on the consumer side."

If a free-standing ER doesn't post the required in-network notice, it risks losing its license.

But, the state agency that is supposed to be monitoring compliance has only checked 10 of the more than 200 facilities in Texas. Officials say they have seen no problems.

And the operators of free-standing emergency rooms and the trade organization that represents them in Texas say that state laws are clear. They stand by the descriptions they post.

"All emergency care claims should be processed at the in-network benefit level," said Brad Shields, executive director of the Texas Association of Freestanding Emergency Centers.

"If processed properly by the health insurance company, the patient responsibility shouldn't be any different, whether that facility is in-network or out-of-network," he said.

State of confusion

A free-standing emergency room is a facility that is structurally separate from a hospital and offers emergency care services. While some are affiliated with larger hospitals systems, many are run by independent operators and are not a part of a health care system.

Insurance companies negotiate reduced rates for providers in the networks of hospitals and clinicians they form. Frequently free-standing ERs are not included. So patients who go to them could face higher out-of-pocket expenses, and get billed the balance of what the insurer doesn't pay.

Insurers in Texas are required to pay the in-network rate for any emergency care. As Shields of TAFEC notes, a medical emergency isn't the right time to stop and ask about the status of the insurance plan a person has chosen.

"The most important thing in a time of emergency is seeking care as quickly as possible. And the statutes in Texas protect the patient," he said.

But it's sometimes hard for patients to know whether their symptoms are emergencies; which is why they seek expert help in the first place. And that's what may send the patient to an emergency room when they probably should have gone to an urgent care facility instead.

That's why it's important to know who is in network, consumer advocates say.

Blake Huston, associate state director of advocacy for AARP of Texas, warns people to be wary of phrases like "we accept your insurance" and "we take your insurance." Even though out-of-network facilities will make an attempt to seek reimbursement from insurers, payment is not guaranteed.

"What they're not saying is that no matter what the insurance pays, that free-standing ER still has the right to hit you with a surprise medical bill because they are out of network," Huston said.

"If they were in-network, they wouldn't have that right."

Since words matter, the language used should help consumers make distinctions, and not just be marketing tools to bring in new business, said Stacey Pogue, a senior analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

"Consumers want to know: Am I going to pay more than I expect based on the terms of my insurance?" she said. "But none of the words they use drill down to that. You can have technically correct language that is still confusing."

Keeping them accountable

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission, which licenses the stand-alone facilities, has inspected 15 free-standing facilities since the new law took effect.

Despite language that Oliverson calls misleading, HHS has not cited any for deficiencies.

"We generally try to work with facilities to get them into compliance," the agency said in an emailed statement. "We welcome consumer complaints and if any facility is not compliant with the law, we would want to know about it."

But visitors may not realize that language is a problem until after a visit, when the bill arrives.

Advertisements can exacerbate that issue.

For example, one Houston free-standing emergency room encourages patients who are "feeling under the weather" to come in for flu tests. Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says only people with more severe flu symptoms should go to the emergency room. That can include fever, rash, difficulty breathing and bluish skin in children, and chest or abdominal pain, confusion and persistent vomiting in adults.

Consumers are often told to check ahead of time to make sure that a free-standing facility is included in the network of the health insurance plans they have.

At least one company updated its website only after The Dallas Morning News pointed out that language required by law was missing.

But even when the language is there, it can be confusing. And consumers don't always get straight answers.

"I presented my insurance card, and I said, 'You take my insurance, correct?' and they said, 'Oh yeah, we take your insurance,'" Marchant, a 60-year old account executive, told NBC-5.

In 2016, she received a $4,325 bill when she went in for pain caused by an intestinal issue. But when NBC5 started making calls, the facility decided to take care of Marchant's bill

Likewise, The News made calls to several local facilities to find out if they were in-network for Blue Cross and Blue Shield PPO.

When the question was posed to the Frontline Emergency Room on Gaston Avenue, the person who answered first said all insurance was accepted. When pressed, the employee said the facility charges the in-network rate. The third time, the person said yes, the facility was in-network. When contacted, Blue Cross said that the facility is not in its network.

Marcus Gurske, director of communications for Frontline, later reviewed the call, which the emergency room had recorded for quality assurance.

He said in response that although Frontline does not have an agreement with Blue Cross, a separate Texas law, HB 425, requires all emergencies be billed in-network, and that therefore the staffer was correct.

"If you're having a medical emergency, we can't turn you away. Your care is always in-network," he argued. But when pressed on whether that would be confusing for an everyday Texan who calls ahead and could opt to skip Frontline and go to a hospital emergency room — one that does have a network agreement with an insurer — he backpedaled.

"He should have just said no. But this is a flaw in the system," Gurske said. "Unless you're standing at the front desk, we can't make that call."

In other words, a facility can't decide if insurance will be billed at an in-network rate until after it's determined that you're having an emergency.

What's next?

Consumer advocates say they are checking into whether Oliverson's legislation, which required clarity on facilities' in-network status, is effective or needs to be even stronger.

Jamie Dudensing, CEO of the Texas Association of Health Plans, called it "an important step in the right direction" but said more can be done to make health care prices transparent. There is incentive to remain out of network when a patient can be balance billed for more money, she said.

The AARP of Texas says it plans to do its own investigation before the end of the year.

"We need to take another look to make sure consumers aren't purposefully misled," Hutson said.

And Oliverson said he's following up with HHS about its process for evaluating compliance.

"I just wanted [consumers] to see a sign that clearly identified that the facility either was an in-network provider and with whom, or that they were not in network with anyone," he said.

"Any additional verbiage that we add to that confuses patients. The enforcement agency side of this is probably going to have to police it," Oliverson said.

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Brains

From 1B

Early on, brain scans showed that a superager's cortex — an outer brain layer critical for memory and other key functions — is much thicker than normal for their age. It looks more like the cortex of healthy 50- and 60-year-olds.

It's not clear if they were born that way. But Rogalski's team found another possible explanation: A superager's cortex doesn't shrink as fast. Over 18 months, average 80-somethings experienced more than twice the rate of loss.

Another clue: Deeper in the brain, that attention region is larger in superagers, too. And inside, autopsies showed that brain region was packed with unusual large, spindly neurons — a special and little understood type called von Economo neurons thought to play a role in social processing and awareness.

The superagers had four to five times more of those neurons than the typical octogenarian, Rogalski said — more even than the average young adult.

The Northwestern study isn't the only attempt at unraveling long-lasting memory. At the University of California, Irvine, Dr. Claudia Kawas studies the oldest-old, people 90 and above. Some have Alzheimer's. Some have maintained excellent memory and some are in between.

About 40 percent of the oldest-old who showed no symptoms of dementia in life nonetheless have full-fledged signs of Alzheimer's disease in their brains at death, Kawas told the AAAS meeting.

Rogalski also found varying amounts of amyloid and tau, hallmark Alzheimer's proteins, in the brains of some superagers.

Now scientists are exploring how these people deflect damage. Maybe superagers have different pathways to brain health.

"They are living long and living well," Rogalski said. "Are there modifiable things we can think about today, in our everyday lives" to do the same?

Police

From 1B

omelette, he said.

"Any diet where you can have bacon is a great diet," he said.

Nero also gave awards to three other police department and city of Georgetown employees for losing a total of 115 pounds among them in the past year. Those employees were Amanda Chron, a public safety information specialist; Anthony Rector, the victim services coordinator, and Shawn Gunnin, an animal shelter marketing coordinator, Nero said.

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WOMEN

From 3B

are statins) at somewhat lower rates than men: 26.2 percent vs. 30.1 percent, according to the CDC.

Some experts think those cholesterol levels are a reason to raise women's awareness of heart disease risk factors; others think cholesterol gets too much attention already.

"More women die of heart disease than all cancers put together," says Carl Pepine, a cardiologist at the University of Florida and a co-chair of the American College of Cardiology's Cardiovascular Disease in Women Committee. And yet, he says, women are more worried about breast cancer.

Heart disease accounts for 1 in 4 deaths in women, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. However, cholesterol is not the only risk factor for heart disease. High blood pressure plays a larger role. (Age is a big factor, but there's not much you can do about that.)

"In the hierarchy of things that contribute to cardiovascular risk, I'd put cholesterol way at the bottom," says Rita Redberg, a cardiologist at the University of California at San Francisco.

"You can have high cholesterol and low cardiac risk," Redberg says. Also, "you can have low cholesterol and high cardiac risk."

Cholesterol is a risk factor in part because it is a component of the plaques that build up inside blood vessels, narrowing and stiffening them. This condition, called atherosclerosis, increases the chance of a clot blocking blood flow, which can result in a heart attack or stroke.

Cholesterol is an umbrella term for several subsets of fats that circulate in blood. There's LDL cholesterol (often called "bad" cholesterol) HDL cholesterol ("good" cholesterol) and triglycerides. A blood test for cholesterol levels usually lists all three, in addition to total cholesterol.

The American Heart Association describes the interplay of bad and good cholesterol this way: "Think of LDL cholesterol as being like a family member who carries stuff all through the house and drops it along the way. HDL cholesterol is like someone who picks up the dropped stuff and puts it away. This (good!) person helps keep the house from becoming impassable."

In the past, people were encouraged to keep their total cholesterol under 200 milligrams per deciliter. Current thinking is more nuanced, considering the interplay of LDL and HDL levels. Guidelines for when to begin cholesterol-lowering drugs are complex, taking into account overall risk profile for heart disease, including whether someone's already experienced a cardiac event such as heart attack or stroke. Controversy continues among doctors about whether people who have only risk factors but no personal history of cardiac events should be treated with statins at all.

People can use a number of calculators to gauge their personal risk for heart disease. Pepine recommends the Reynolds Risk Score because it includes a measure of an inflammation called high sensitivity C-reactive protein. (Inflammation plays a role in atherosclerosis.)

Redberg recommends what is known as the Framingham calculator because it includes HDL cholesterol.

"HDL cholesterol is generally higher in women," Redberg says. She adds that clinical guidelines for the treatment of high cholesterol tend to focus on the bad cholesterol, in part because that's what the drugs target: Statins lower LDL cholesterol. By focusing on the bad, such guidelines overlook the good. And high levels of good cholesterol are associated with protection against heart disease.

There are some things people can do to lower cholesterol levels that are deemed too high. Quit smoking, get regular exercise, eat a healthy diet and maintain a healthy body weight. Those are four of the American Heart Association's Life's Simple recommendations for heart-healthy practices. The other three are knowing your numbers for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar.

"Lifestyle changes should be the cornerstone of all management and prevention," Pepine says. That means diet and exercise overhauls come first, before considering cholesterol-lowering drugs. Statins are effective at lowering LDL cholesterol, but they also can cause side effects, such as muscle pain and diabetes.

And even if you do take statins, it's still important to exercise and eat healthfully.

A 2014 study examined nationwide surveys over a 10-year period when overall statin use doubled. In the first year studied (1999-2000), statin users ate fewer calories and less fat than other people, but by the last year (2009-10), statin users were eating more calories and more fat. (These weren't necessarily the same subjects; researchers used available survey data.) The researchers speculated that statin use makes people think they needn't work so hard at eating a healthy diet.

There are good reasons to address heart disease risk in women. However, cholesterol may not be the best vehicle with which to do so, says Redberg.

As always, the best person to consult on your cholesterol levels is your doctor.

Volkssport club to meet

Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club is to meet 6 p.m. Monday at Murray's Deli, 3211 W. Wadley Ave.

The March walk is March 10 at Big Spring State Park. Participants who want to carpool will meet 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot of JumBurrito, 4509 N. Midkiff Road.

For more information, call 687-2588 or visit midlandwalkabout.org.

Midland soon will have second community garden

Midland soon will have a second community garden. The YMCA is planning a 32-plot garden that will open this summer. For more information or to donate funds for the Midland YMCA garden, visit facebook.com/midlandymcacommunitygarden, or email Elizabeth Harris at eharris@midlandymca.org.

Midland Health Community Garden accepting applications

The Midland Health Community Garden at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus is accepting applications for spring and summer. Plots are available for $16 per season. To download an application, visit www.midlandhealth.org/garden or email midlandhealthgarden@gmail.com.

Meal planning lifestyle class

The Lifestyle Medicine Center's next class is on meal planning. It's set for 6 p.m. Thursday. Classes are open to the public and patients of the Lifestyle Medicine Center.

Each class is $5. To register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events. For more information, call 221-5433.

Upcoming classes are:

March 8 - Benefits of Physical Activity

March 22 - Plant-based Nutrition and Diabetes

March 29 - Meditation and Finding Balance

Conference on aging is planned

Midland College is partnering with various nonprofit agencies to offer the annual West Texas Conference on Aging. The conference is 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday at Golf Course Road Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road.

Late registration is $75. Seven Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are available to health care professionals.

Registration is available online at www.midland.edu/agingconference or by phone, 681-6354. For more information, contact Kimberly Daw at 681-6338 or kdaw@midland.edu.

Midland Health events

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus dining room, Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Find a Job Friday, 9 a.m. Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital; 221-4305.

■ Breastfeeding Support Group, 11 a.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org.

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

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

■ Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C. noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

■ 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, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

Midland Memorial Hospital 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701

Phone: 221-1111

Website: www.midlandhealth.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MidlandMemorialHospital Twitter: twitter.com/MidlandMemorial

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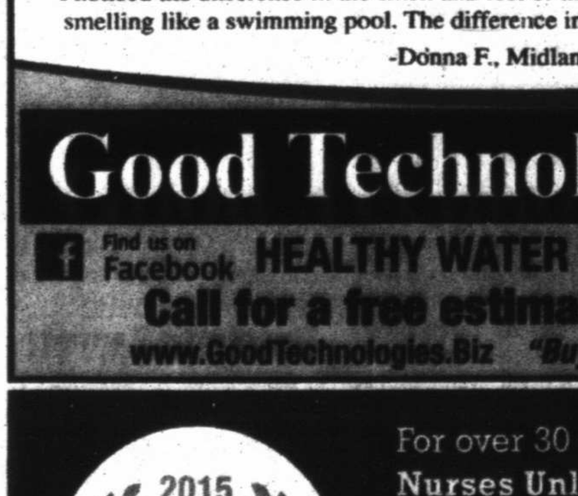

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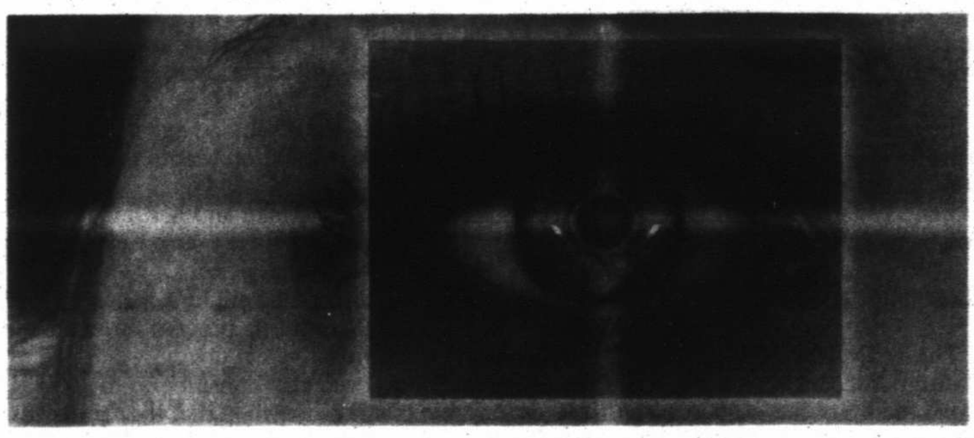

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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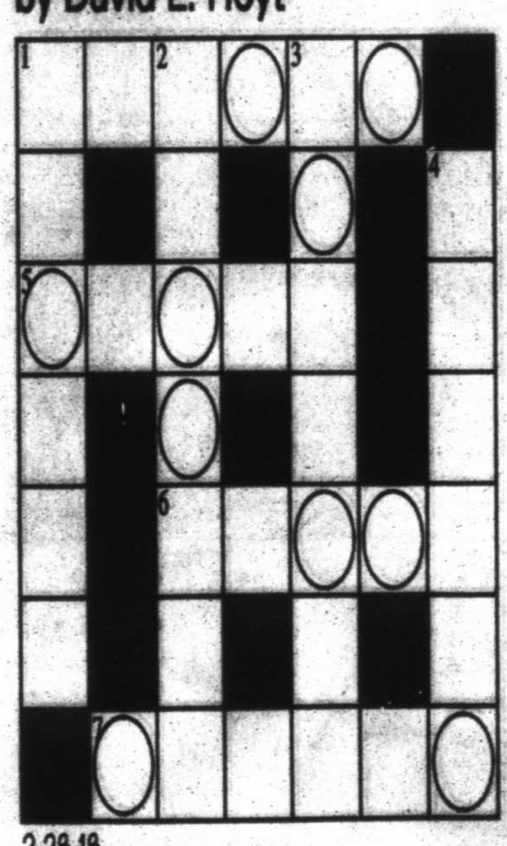

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Atomic no. 27	BTCOLA
5. ___ martini	KAVDO
6. ___ coffee	SIHRI
7. Snoopy's breed	GABEEL

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Sturgeon delicacy	VRACIA
2. ___ story	BDEEIMT
3. Departing	ENIGVLA
4. ___ Bunker	RHCAEI

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.

2-28-18 CLUE: ____ was named the #2 actress on the American Film Institute's list of the "Greatest American Screen Legends.

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ANSWERS: 1A-Cobalt 5A-Vodka 6A-Hash 7A-Beagle 1D-Cancer 2D-Dashing 3D-Leaving 4D-Adobe B-Beta Theta

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Fitting the season
7 Innermost part
11 Gp. known for travelers' checks?
14 Ancient markets
15 Erelong
16 Bow (out)
17 See 3-Down
18 Sullen look
19 "Well, __-di-dah!"
20 Nutmeg spice
21 NY engineering sch. near Albany
23 See 13-Down
25 Enero to enero
26 Charcuterie fare
27 Tippi of "The Birds"
28 Black bird's call
29 Necessitate
31 Goes on and on
32 Fish often fried
33 "The Thin Man" actress
34 Zeta follower
35 Pack away
37 Ratings for family-friendly films
38 Rathskeller draft
39 __ goo gai pan
40 Wine-and-cassis drink
41 Cooped-up female
42 Break in the action
43 20 Questions category
45 Food scrap
48 More unsightly
50 Minor body-shop job
51 Lipton product
52 See 42-Down
53 Inc., in London
54 Wild guess
55 Class-conscious org.?
56 Bouncing effect
58 See 45-Down
60 "Spring forward" letters
61 À la mode
62 Confessor
63 Enzyme suffix
64 Watch word?
65 Word on a lost-dog poster

DOWN

1 Airport surface
2 Galápagos lizard
3 With 17-Across, where the Duma sits
4 Hebrides language
5 French narrative poem
6 Like closing financial reports
7 Legislative impasse ... and what occurs at this puzzle's circles?
8 "Oh Yoko!" dedicatee
9 Or so
10 __ nous
11 Stand
12 Long key
13 With 23-Across, where the Hellenic Parliament sits
22 Bit of butter
24 Enter cautiously
26 Cat call
30 Platform for Siri
32 "Cookin' With __": rapper/chef's web show
35 Overconfidence
36 Bridge entrance structure
37 ATM code
38 One-swallow drink
40 Pakistani port
41 Railroad maintenance vehicle
42 With 52-Across, where the Assembleia Nacional sits
44 Bumped into
45 With 58-Across, where Parliament sits
46 Library patron
47 "The Canterbury Tales" inn
49 Campaign poster word
54 White flakes
57 Hawaiian Punch alternative
59 Hail, to Caesar

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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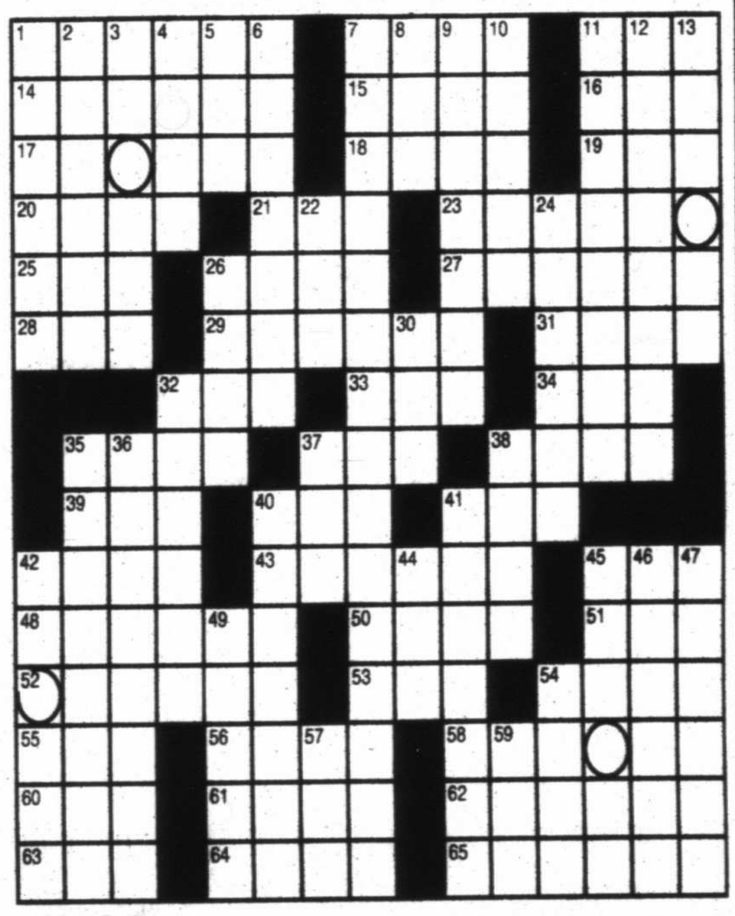

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Today's Answers:
1. Peninsula
2. Uprising or Rising up

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There's a little bit of everything in
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Resilience can help in recovery from trauma

The events of 9/11 provided society with a natural experiment, similar to the events of war. The research done regarding the horrific events of 9/11 has increased the understanding of how the brain responds to trauma and the causes of PTSD. This research has allowed for a better understanding of what can be done to help people recover from such horrific events. This research indicates that there may be a window of time during which resilience was discovered to be one of the biggest elements for recovery.

The components of resilience include:

■ Appraisal: the way in which one interprets events.

■ Physical resilience: physical "toughening" and "tempering.

■ Psychological resilience: viewing situations as challenges.

■ Social networks of family and friends and external support such as support groups.

Learning about resilience and how to obtain it, recover it and teach it has implications for how we prepare young people for adulthood. We live in a world that has increasingly huge problems without clear solutions. In attempting to cope with all of the stresses in ones' life, the question is, "what can help?"

In a world of endless fear, resilience is the key to coping with real or perceived threats. Teaching resilience to our children and society as a whole can be beneficial in handling our fears.

Psychological elements and characteristics of resilience include:

■ Optimism

Extremely optimistic people tend to show greater resilience. They have the skill of planning and problem- solving as well as healthier cognitive responses.

■ Altruism

Helping others is one way to handle stress and can be used as a therapeutic recovery tool.

■ Faith and spirituality

Using daily prayer as a ritual seems to help. Having a moral compass or a set of beliefs that cannot be shattered.

■ Humor

Being able to find the "funny" side of adverse events may contribute to resilience.

■ Having a role model.

Many people with role models draw strength from them. Having social competence and openness to social support promotes resilience.

■ Facing fear (or leaving one's comfort zone).

Challenging oneself to complete a task within reason and within one's abilities is related to resilience. Resilient individuals may be better at reappraisal or might use reappraisal more frequently.

■ Having a mission or meaning in life

A sense of purpose and an internal framework of beliefs about right and wrong are characteristic of resilient individuals. Religious and spiritual beliefs might also facilitate recovery and finding meaning in life after the trauma.

■ Training

One can be trained to become a resilient person or to develop resilience by experience in meeting and overcoming challenges.

Wrist pain is common issue for yogis

By Gabriella Boston
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You know that pain or discomfort in the wrists that you or your fellow yogis might feel in downward dog? "Wrist pain is one of the most common issues we see in yoga," said Alyson Shade, yoga instructor and co-owner of Realignment Studio in Washington, D.C. "But it can be addressed with proper modifications and progressions."

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"Good alignment applies to everything you do, from riding your bike to how you set up your keyboard," Gillanders said.

When the wrist is hiked upward, or extended, it puts stress on all the soft tissue, especially tendons, in the wrist. When it comes to typing with hiked wrists, as opposed to the correct position of neutral wrists, the stress is low but frequent; in exercise like yoga or CrossFit, the stress is high but infrequent, he said.

High stress can trigger pain and eventually injury, said Angelo Dacus, an associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Virginia, who specializes in hand and other upper extremity disorders.

"People walk on their feet, not on their hands," said Dacus. "So when we load the wrists, it's important that we allow for a certain adjustment period."

So if we are using our hands as feet in exercises such as arm balances, planks and downward dog, we need to give them a chance to get stronger gradually — not go from couch to 100 chaturanga (a triceps-focused yoga plank) push-ups in one practice.

The problem is compounded if the core also lacks strength, as the yogi is likely bring the weight forward toward the shoulders and away from the weak core, creating even more extension in the wrists, Gillanders said.

"Now you're asking your wrists to work in a very strained position," he said.

Another reason for wrist pain is the position of the fingers, specifically the weight distribution on the fingers. If you roll the weight out toward the pinkie you are more likely to feel wrist pain than if you place more weight into the "L" shape of the hand — the thumb and index finger, Shade said.

"I'll say during class, 'Place your hands shoulder-width apart' — unless someone has very muscular shoulders, then they might need to be a little wider — 'and then spread your fingers out wide,'" she said.

But the issue can also be inflexibility. For example, if you're doing a downward dog and your hamstrings are very tight, you are likely to lean forward into your shoulders and wrists and cause a similar type of strained position of the wrists.

Along with alignment, it's important to progress and modify according to ability and fitness level, all three experts agree.

"Don't compare yourself to other people in the class. Know your limitations," Dacus said. "Build your own pose and talk to the instructor for guidance."

For example, if someone complains about low-level wrist discomfort, Shade might suggest the following modifications:

■ Instead of downward dog, do dolphin (dolphin is a downward dog done on the forearms.)

■ Instead of doing a wheel pose, you can place blocks at an angle against a wall and place your hands on those blocks.

■ Instead of cobra or upward dog, the modification can be a baby cobra or sphinx (a cobra on the forearms).

■ Instead of doing a plank on your hands, do a plank on your forearms and come down to the knees if the core is too weak to hold up the hips.

If the pain is mild but persistent during yoga, try wrist wraps, Dacus suggests: "They provide compression and support but they also advise you that you have something to be extra mindful of."

So what exactly are we being mindful of — carpal tunnel syndrome, tendon inflammation, joint impingement? It is more likely to be inflammation or an impingement in the wrist joint, Dacus said. Carpal tunnel syndrome is less likely if the pain is felt on the back of the wrist, he said, as the condition usually expresses itself with pain in the palm side of the hand and wrist.

For light to moderate discomfort, Dacus suggests using these modifications and monitoring the pain. But if the pain lingers and worsens, it's time for a doctor.

Gillanders often asks his patients what their level of pain is on a scale of 1 to 10:

1-3: pain is tolerable; modification can be used but might not be necessary

4-6: pain is moderate; modifications are suggested

7-10: rest and treatment

"And if you have any stiffness or swelling, then it's time to get it checked out," Gillanders said.

Shade suggests yogis alert their teachers about discomfort and injuries so that the teacher can either suggest modifications or a different level or class, or even just rest.

"Mindfulness has to be part of any practice," Shade said. "Keep observing your body and don't let anything go unnoticed. That's when injuries happen."

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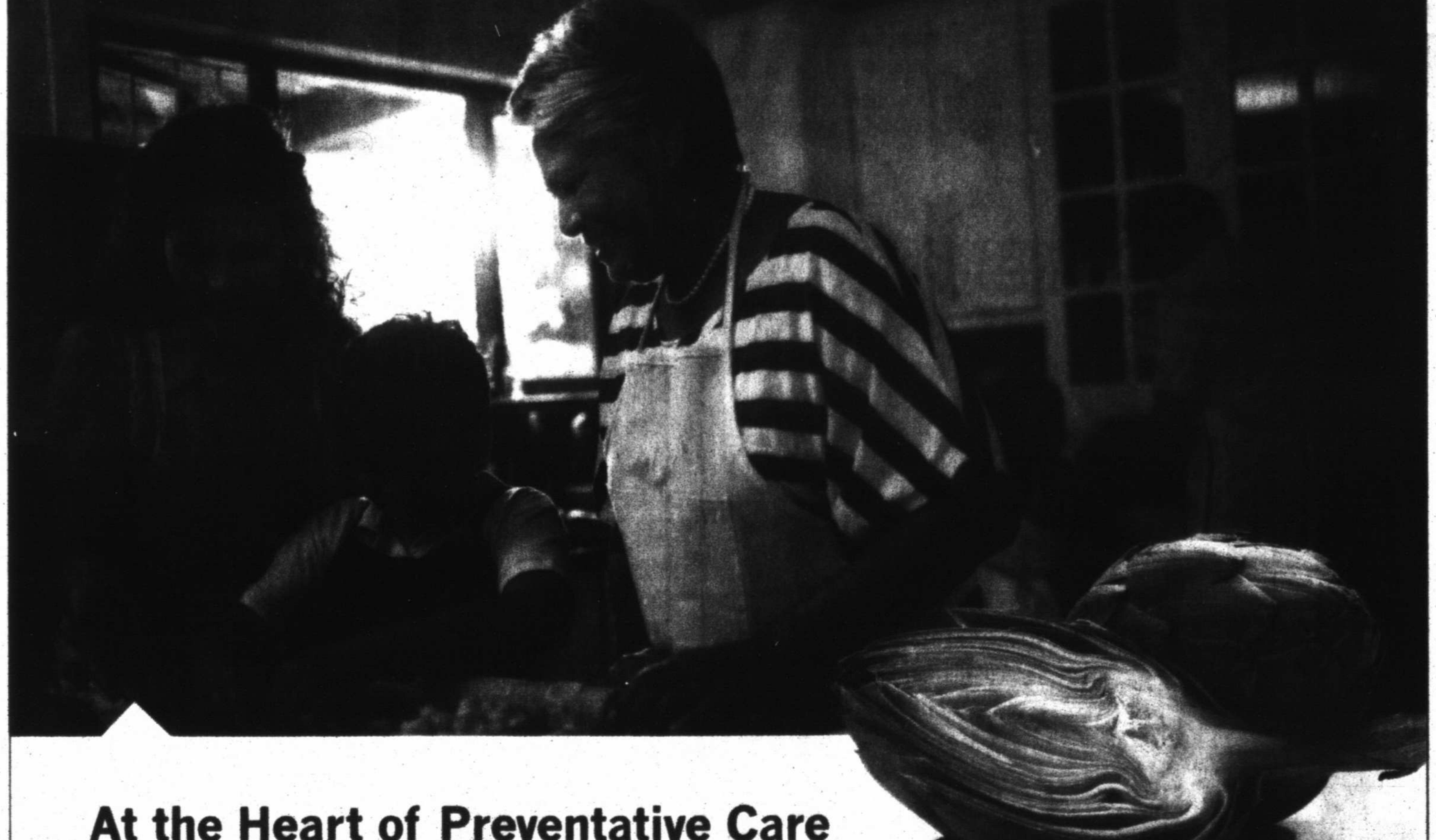

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Big 4th quarter lifts No. 18 Forsan to region tournament

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Hergert

Richardson

LAMESA – Doubt never crept in for the No. 18-ranked Forsan boys basketball team in its Class 2A regional quarterfinal game against Morton on Tuesday night.

The Buffaloes wouldn't allow it.

Even though they had turnovers and shots weren't falling for the better part of three quarters, Forsan has a way of turning it up a notch when it matters most.

After Morton took a 30-29 lead heading into the fourth quarter, the Buffaloes looked like a different team as shots started falling and turnovers were limited in a 32-point outburst to race past Morton, 61-42 at a raucous O.W. Follis Gymnasium.

With the win, the Bufffaloes (29-4) qualify for their first regional tournament since 2009 and will face Stratford, a 58-55 overtime winner over Sanford-Fritch in a Region I-2A semifinal game at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Levelland's Texan Dome.

Whatever the Buffaloes face this weekend, they can refer to this game where no obstacle seemed to difficult to overcome after being down 22-18 at the half and down by one heading into the decisive quarter.

"For whatever reason we played a little tired, a little timid, a little tight," Forsan coach Cory Richardson said. "I think we were trying not to make mistakes and didn't push it as much as we should have. We opened it up, that's our style, and it got us in a groove."

Picking up the pace was huge for the Buffalos as that seemed to tire the Indians (17-8).

"They were getting tired, so we just kept pushing it," said Forsan senior Bryce Hergert, who had 18 points. "We started hitting shots too and that helped a lot.

"This atmosphere is great, our bench is great. The thought of going to a regional tournament is amazing. I think we're such a great team that we feed off each other. That's what motivated us."

Hergert had nine of his points in the fourth quarter, while junior Kobe Richardson had 12 of his game-high 19 points in the fourth.

Richardson said the loud Forsan crowd, which filled up a half of the gym spurred his team on to victory.

"We started off really slow and I knew the crowd would have a big impact," Richardson said. "We just had to come out and play our game and I think the team played really unselfish. That's why we came out with the win."

Kobe Richardson added that having that playoff experience and the ability to block out the negative things contributed to his team's comeback.

"If you go 0 for 3 in the first half you better believe that you're going come out lights out in the second half," he said. "We told everybody in the locker room, 'We're down four. That's easy.' We had to trust each other."

Added Cory Richardson: "We've only

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Familiar territory

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Big Spring head coach Daniel Carrillo, a former assistant coach at Lee, chats with Lee's Ty Coleman during a game against Big Spring on Tuesday at Ernie Johnson Field.

No. 8 Rebels defeat Big Spring in Carrillo's return

By Will Korn
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Things were familiar but still much different for Daniel Carrillo when he stepped onto the grass at Ernie Johnson Field Tuesday.

Dressed in Big Spring's newest uniform – No. 24, a black top with crisp gold and white trim and pinstripe pants – the Steers' second-year head coach taped his lineup card to the visitor's dugout wall as his team prepared to face Lee, the No. 8-ranked Class 6A team in the state.

Across the way was Lee head coach Brian Roper and the Rebels, including a group of senior Lee players who would remember Carrillo's three seasons as Lee assistant quite well.

In his return to his old playing and coaching stomping grounds, Carrillo's Steers battled hard for 5 ½ innings before Lee reeled off six runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull away for an 11-3 victory on an overcast afternoon.

But for Carrillo, the defeat was a miniscule part of Tuesday's heartwarming experience.

"Going against one of my mentors in coach Roper – he's not only just a mentor to me, he's like a second dad," said Carrillo, who helped the Rebels to the 2007 Class 5A state tournament as a catcher. "Everything that I have accomplished is due to him, he's taught me everything and competing against him, it's a little humbling. Wearing a different uniform at Ernie Johnson Field just didn't feel right. But I'm at a place now in Big Spring that feels good and I have great support, great kids and I'm happy be to here."

Carrillo said his relationship with Roper was always strong and the two remain close, now separated by about 40 miles.

"I talk to him every weekend and he keeps my hopes up," Carrillo said. "He's always optimistic about everything. He may not know what's going on in Big Spring per se, but he knows the type of person I am and the person he is. I have the biggest respect what he's done. I'm happy for him. I don't know where I'd be if I didn't coach under him those past three years when I was at Lee."

Please see **REBELS**/2C

Maston sparkles as Baylor beats Oklahoma 87-64

By Jason Orts
Associated Press

WACO — Terry Maston scored 23 points and Baylor beat cold-shooting Oklahoma 87-64 on Tuesday night.

Maston made his first career start on senior night, his 102nd game played for the Bears, and made the most of it with a 10-for-14 shooting night despite being saddled with three fouls in the first half. Baylor shot 51 percent as a team and controlled the boards, 44-29.

Jo Lual-Acuil had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Bears (18-12, 8-9 Big 12), who also received 16 points from Manu Lecomte.

Oklahoma made both of its shots from the floor in the opening minute to break out to a 5-0 lead but missed its next 15 and 19 of its next 20. The Sooners were 5 for 25 in the first half and finished shooting 38 percent for the game.

Baylor took advantage with a 22-2 run that took it from trailing 10-9 to leading 31-12 despite four of its players picking up two fouls apiece in the game's first eight minutes.

Trae Young scored 18 to lead Oklahoma (17-12, 7-10), but that was a far cry from the 44 he dropped on the Bears in their first meeting. Young, the national leader in scoring and assists, had 5 assists and eight turnovers.

Big picture

Oklahoma: The Sooners were doubled up in the paint 52-26 and were only 12 of 21 from the free throw line, continuing their late-season slide. The Sooners have dropped seven of their last eight and will likely need to win their final regular season game and a game or two at the Big 12 Championships to find a way into the NCAA Tournament.

Baylor: The Bears have been up and down in recent weeks, following a five-game winning streak with two straight losses before Tuesday. The Bears' NCAA Tournament hopes would be bolstered greatly by a win against Kansas State, but they'll need to reverse their fortunes on the road, where they are 2-6 in the Big 12.

Up next

Oklahoma closes the regular season at home against Iowa State on Friday.

Baylor goes on the road for its regular season finale against Kansas State on Saturday.

Astros dynamo Altuve looks to build off MVP season

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — After winning American League MVP last season with another great performance in a stellar young career, many wonder what Jose Altuve will do for an encore.

The Astros aren't among those with questions.

"We joke with him that he's going to be good because he's Jose Altuve," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Altuve led the majors with a career-high .346 average and finished with 204 hits for his fourth straight 200-hit season to become the first Astro to win the MVP since Jeff Bagwell won the NL award in 1994. His heroics continued in the playoffs when he had an MLB-best seven homers, with 14 RBIs and a .310 average to lead the Astros to their first World Series title.

For the 5-foot-6 former underdog who was told repeatedly that he was too small to play in the majors, the honor was something that he always dreamed of.

"You feel like you did something to help your team," he said. "When they gave me the MVP, it was like: 'OK, I was part of this. I love it.' That makes you keep working hard and trying to get better."

It's hard to imagine how Altuve can be much better than he was last season when was

Please see **ALTUVE**/4C

Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

Houston Astros infielder Jose Altuve smiles during spring training baseball practice Feb. 19 in West Palm Beach, Fla. After winning American League MVP last season with another great performance in a stellar young career, many wonder what Jose Altuve will do for an encore.

Rod Aydelotte/Waco Tribune Herald

Baylor forward Mark Vital (11) scores over Oklahoma forward Khadeem Lattin, left, and guard Kameron McGusty during the first half Tuesday in Waco.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Softball
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi at Texas, 6 p.m., LHN

Golf
LPGA: HSB World Championship, 1st Round, 9 p.m., GOLF
EPGA: Yshwane Open, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball
Spring Training: Minnesota at Houston, Noon, ATTSW
Spring Training: St. Louis at Baltimore, Noon, MLB

Men's College Basketball
Providence at Xavier, 5:30 p.m., FS1
LSU at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m., SEC
Ole Miss at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Pittsburgh at Notre Dame, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Temple at UConn, 6 p.m., CBSSN
Villanova at Seton Hall, 7:30 p.m., FS1
Texas A&M at Georgia, 7:30 p.m., SEC
Houston at SMU, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Florida State at Clemson, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Butler at St. John's, 8 p.m., CBSSN
Syracuse at Boston College, 8 p.m., FSSW+
New Mexico at Colorado State, 8 p.m., ATTSW+
Nevada at UNLV, 10 p.m., CBSSN

Men's Soccer
FA Cup: Tottenham Hotspur FC vs. Rochdale AFC, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Nacional vs. Estudiantes, 4 p.m., FXDEP
Copa Libertadores: Teams TBA, 6:30 p.m., FXDEP

National Basketball Association
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Houston at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

National Hockey League
Detroit at St. Louis, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Tennis
ATP: Acapulco, 4 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships, 5 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Basketball
SEC 1st Round: Vanderbilt vs. Arkansas, 11 a.m., SEC
ACC 1st Round: North Carolina vs. Boston College, Noon, FSSW
SEC 1st Round: Florida vs. Ole Miss, 1:30 p.m., SEC
ACC 1st Round: Georgia Tech vs. Clemson, 2:30 p.m., FSSW
ACC 1st Round: Wake Forest vs. Pitt, 5:30 p.m., FSSW+

RADIO

National Basketball Association
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1

LATE HS BASKETBALL

MONDAY'S LATE BOYS BOX , CLASS 3A REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL
CRANE 54, WO 21 WALL 44

Wall (30-4) – Brandon Dusek 4, Isaiah Guerra 6, Stedyn Hartman 8, Colton Chistsey 14, Mason Kindle 2, Baylor Halfmann 3, Zack Dusek 7
Crane (25-4) – Ivan Esparza 4, Carlos Carrasco 5, Ryan Hartman 2, Carlos Montes 38, Kobe Henderson 3

Wall	9	14	10	11 –44
Crane	14	10	12	18 –54

Free throws – Wall 20-25, Crane 7-18. 3-point goals – Wall 4 (Guerra 2, Chitsey, Halfmann), Crane 11 (Montes 9, Henderson, Carrasco). Total fouls – Wall 19, Crane 19. Fouled out – Dusek.
Next: Crane vs. Pleaster/Bowie winner in Region I-3A semifinal, 6 p.m. Friday, Chaparral Center

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Tyler Bashlor, Gerson Bautista, Jamie Callahan, Chris Flexen, Robert Gsellman, Seth Lugo, Kevin McGowan, Marcos Molina, Rafael Montero, Corey Oswalt, Jacob Rhame and Paul Sewald; INFs Gavin Cecchini, Luis Guillorme, T.J. Rivera, Amed Rosario and Dominic Smith; OFs Michael Conforto and Brandon Nimmo; LHP Steven Matz and Cs Tomas Nido and Kevin Plawecki on one-year contracts.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed RHP Rob Rogers.

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Brian Bass and RHP Tyler Vail.
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed 3B Xavier Turner.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed C Karl Ellison, OF Cameron Newell and RHP Sean Renzi.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed OF Andrew Godbold to a contract extension.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Named Brad Childress offensive consultant.
DETROIT LIONS — Designated DE Ziggy Ansah as their franchise player.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Named Tom Rathman running backs coach, Alan Williams secondary coach, Marcus Brady assistant quarterbacks coach, Bobby Johnson assistant offensive line coach, Tom Manning tight ends coach, Kevin Patullo wide receivers coach and Gunnard Twyner offensive quality control coach.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Announced the retirement of P Donnie Jones.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed OL Garry Gilliam to a two-year contract extension through 2019.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Assigned C Kalle Kossila and G Reto Berra to San Diego (AHL).
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled F Seth Griffith from Rochester (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Recalled G Spencer Martin from San Antonio (AHL).
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Cory Schneider to Binghamton (AHL) on a conditioning loan.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Signed F Patric Hornqvist to a five-year contract extension through the 2022-23 season.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled F Michael Bournival from Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Recalled F Travis Boyd from Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Announcid D Ethan Bear was recalled by Edmonton (NHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled G Joe Cannata and F Brady Shaw from Colorado (ECHL).

ECHL
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Traded F Colin Jacobs to Toledo for D Davis Vandane.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LOS ANGELES FC — Signed M Eduard Atuesta from Independiente Medellin using Targeted Allocation Money.
NEW YORK CITY FC — Transferred D Sebastien Ibeagha from San Antonio (USL).
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed D Kim Kee-hee.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Signed G Tim Melia, D Ike Opara and F Daniel Salloi.

North American Soccer League
NASL — Canceled the 2018 season.

COLLEGE
BERKELEY (NJ) — Named Joanna Ciavarella men's and women's tennis coach.
CS NORTHRIDGE — Promoted Victor Garcia to men's assistant soccer coach.
MIDLAND — Named Eric Crouch running backs and special teams coach.
WASHINGTON STATE — Named Mason Miller offensive line coach. Matt Brock special teams coordinator. Steve Spurrier Jr. outside receivers coach and Tyson Brown strength and conditioning coach.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	42	17	.712	—
Boston	43	19	.694	½
Philadelphia	32	27	.542	10
New York	24	38	.387	19½
Brooklyn	20	42	.323	23½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	25	.590	—
Miami	32	29	.525	4
Charlotte	28	33	.459	8
Orlando	18	42	.300	17½
Atlanta	18	43	.295	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	24	.600	—
Indiana	34	26	.567	2
Milwaukee	33	27	.550	3
Detroit	28	32	.467	8
Chicago	20	41	.328	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	47	13	.783	—
San Antonio	36	25	.590	11½
New Orleans	34	26	.567	13
Dallas	19	42	.311	28½
Memphis	18	41	.305	28½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	26	.594	—
Portland	34	26	.567	2
Oklahoma City	35	27	.565	2
Denver	33	27	.550	3
Utah	31	30	.508	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	47	14	.770	—
L.A. Clippers	31	27	.534	14½
L.A. Lakers	26	34	.433	20½
Sacramento	18	42	.300	28½
Phoenix	18	44	.290	29½

Tuesday's Scores
Charlotte 118, Chicago 103
Cleveland 129, Brooklyn 123
Miami 102, Philadelphia 101
Washington 107, Milwaukee 104
Sacramento at Portland, late
L.A. Clippers at Denver, late

Today's Games
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	63	43	17	3	89	227	170
Toronto	66	39	20	7	85	218	185
Boston	61	36	15	8	84	199	153
Florida	60	29	25	6	64	178	195
Detroit	62	26	26	10	62	165	183
Montreal	62	23	29	10	56	157	194
Ottawa	62	21	31	10	52	168	219
Buffalo	63	19	33	11	49	151	206

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	64	36	21	7	79	198	191
Philadelphia	63	34	19	10	78	189	178
Pittsburgh	64	36	24	4	76	208	190
New Jersey	63	33	22	8	74	188	190
Columbus	63	32	26	5	69	168	175
N.Y. Islanders	63	29	27	7	65	207	225
Carolina	63	27	25	11	65	167	193
N.Y. Rangers	63	27	30	6	60	177	201

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	62	39	14	9	87	202	160
Winnipeg	63	37	17	9	83	213	170
Minnesota	63	36	20	7	79	190	177
Dallas	63	36	23	4	76	196	164
St. Louis	64	34	26	4	72	176	172
Colorado	62	33	24	5	71	190	186
Chicago	63	27	28	8	62	178	179

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	62	41	16	5	87	217	169
San Jose	63	33	21	9	75	182	176
Anaheim	64	31	21	12	74	176	178
Los Angeles	63	34	24	5	73	180	157
Calgary	64	32	23	9	73	182	187
Edmonton	62	27	31	4	58	177	204
Vancouver	63	24	32	7	55	188	204
Arizona	62	18	34	10	46	148	205

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Scores
Washington 3, Ottawa 2
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 2
Boston 4, Carolina 3, OT
Florida 3, Toronto 2, OT
Nashville 6, Winnipeg 5
Minnesota 6, St. Louis 3
Dallas 2, Calgary 0
Edmonton at San Jose, late
Los Angeles at Vegas, late

Today's Games
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING GLANCE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	5	0	1.000
Houston	5	1	0.833
Kansas City	3	0	1.000
Boston	4	1	0.800
Detroit	4	1	0.800
Minnesota	2	1	0.667
Los Angeles	3	2	0.600
Chicago	3	2	0.600
Tampa Bay	3	3	0.500
Oakland	2	2	0.500
Cleveland	2	2	0.500
Seattle	2	3	0.400
Texas	1	2	0.333
Baltimore	1	4	0.200
Toronto	1	4	0.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Milwaukee	5	1	0.833
Chicago	3	1	0.750
Miami	3	1	0.750
Arizona	3	3	0.500
San Francisco	2	3	0.400
St. Louis	2	3	0.400
San Diego	2	3	0.400
New York	2	3	0.400
Los Angeles	2	3	0.400
Atlanta	1	3	0.250
Washington	1	3	0.250
Philadelphia	1	4	0.200
Colorado	1	4	0.200
Cincinnati	1	4	0.200
Pittsburgh	0	3	0.000

REBELS

From 1C

The Steers started out shaky against the Rebels in Tuesday's first inning, as starting pitcher Chris Ibanez was victimized by an early error, a pair of walks and a hit batter. A wild pitch advanced runners to second and third before Junior Alvarez drove them home with a single to center field to give the Rebels a 2-0 lead.

Lee added two more runs in the third on a dropped third strike that plated Alvarez and Omar Ruiz, but the Steers battled back in the fifth. Catcher Brett Berringer launched a leadoff solo home run to left center, before Noah Gonzales and Elijah Munoz ripped back-to-back RBI singles to cut the deficit to 4-3. To many in attendance that know , Carrillo, the Steers' grit was no surprise. Carrillo has instilled many of the same techniques into his own program that Roper uses at Lee and added that he learned the value of being competitive from his former head coach.

Roper and Lee senior Ty Coleman said they saw that grit Tuesday. Rebels' senior pitcher Tyler Madrid managed to escape a bases loaded jam in the fifth to preserve the 4-3 Lee lead.

"It was good. He's a good young coach and he does a phenomenal job," Roper said. "Everybody I run into that (Big Spring) plays (tells me) 'They've got it going on there.' That's not surprising. (Big Spring) will be really good. He's a great friend and I enjoyed all my time I had with him and still enjoy hanging out with him."

Coleman, a normal shortstop who was playing third base Tuesday, said getting to converse with Carrillo on the third base line was energizing.

"It was fun," Coleman said. "We talked like we hadn't been apart for two years. Seeing that guy and his smile, it brought energy and fun to the game like it did for the first two years I was here. All I could do was smile and think about the run we had sophomore year and him being a part of that, it was like seeing your best friend after a long time."

Carrillo, whose Steers (4-2) next head to the Levelland Tournament Thursday, said getting the opportunity to play Lee is second to none, even if it was a bit emotional.

"We played the No. 8 team in the state in 6A," Carrillo said. "If I want to win, I want to beat the best. (Lee) is great and we could have played somebody else lower level and got a win. But if we want to get to where we want to get to – for me, that's Austin – we've got to compete against the best teams. We have a tough district and we've got to get comfortable playing those kind of teams."

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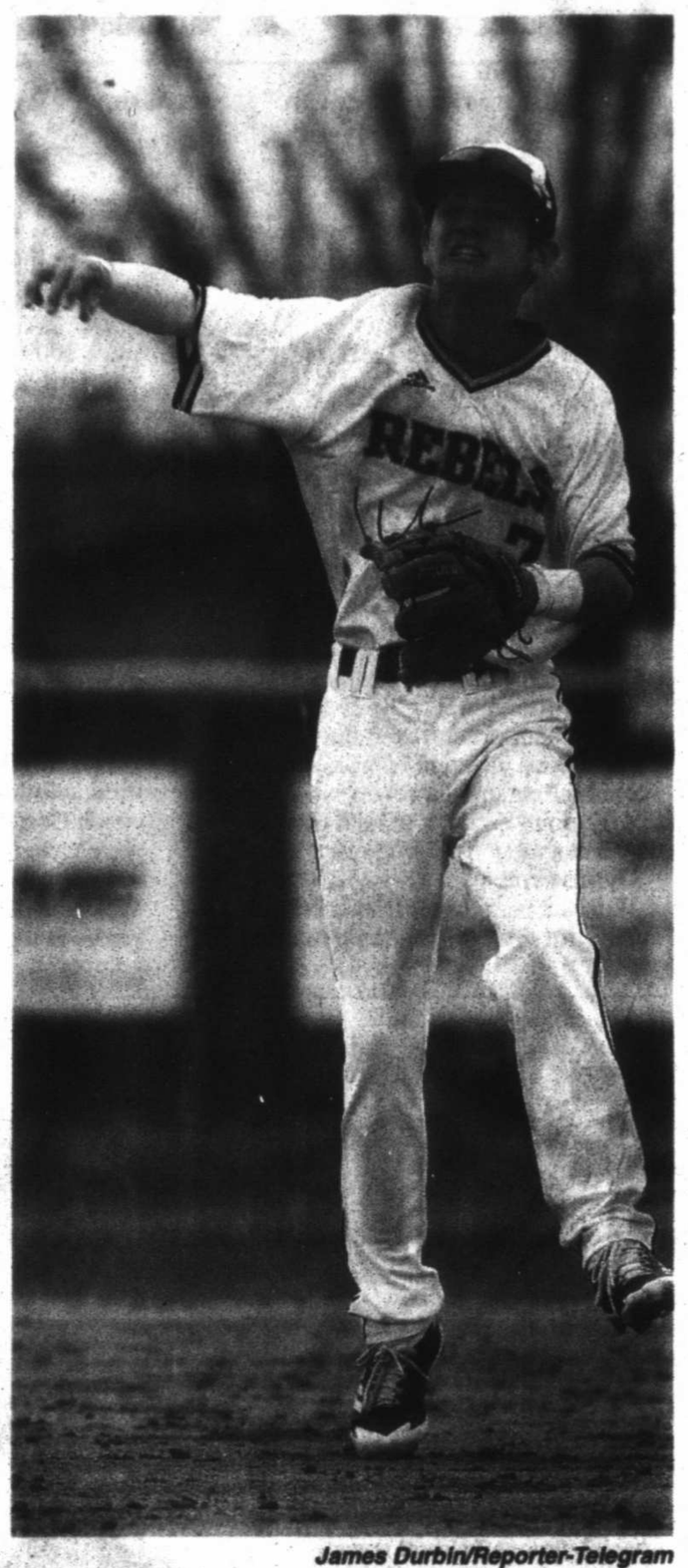
NO. 8 LEE 11, BIG SPRING 3

Big Spring	000	030	0	–3	4	1
Lee	202	016	x	–11	9	4

Chris Ibanez, Tristan Myrick (4), Luke Edwards (6), Jeremiah Cooley (6) and Brett Berringer; Isaac Madrid, Noah Harrison (4), Austin Day (5), Tyler Madrid (5), Junior Alvarez (7) and Chase Pederson. W – Madrid. L – Ibanez. 2B – Lee: Junior Alvarez, Tyler Madrid, Omar Ruiz. 3B – Lee: Tyler Madrid. HR – Big Spring: Brett Berringer.
Records: Big Spring 4-2; Lee 5-1
Next: Big Spring vs. TBA in Levelland Tournament, Thursday; Lee vs. TBA in Tournament of Champions, Thursday



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Trevor Roper (7) makes a play against Big Spring on Tuesday at Ernie Johnson Field.

HS BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Baseball
LUBBOCK COOPER 6, MHS 3

LUBBOCK – Lubbock Cooper scored four runs over the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to rally past Midland High in a non-conference game Tuesday.

The Bulldogs (6-2) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first on a single to left field by Sam Matchus. Cooper answered with two runs in the bottom half, but MHS knotted the game at 2-2 in the top of the fourth on an infield single by Mitchell Murphy.

Murphy finished 1-for-3 with the RBI, while Matchus was 1-for-4 with an RBI. Junior pitcher Cooper Jauz got the start for the Bulldogs and took the loss, after two earned runs on five hits over two innings.

LUBBOCK COOPER 6, MIDLAND HIGH 3

MHS	100	101	0	–3	5	3
Cooper	200	112	x	–6	10	1

Cooper Jauz, Austin Price (3), Mitchell Murphy (5), Hunter Ingram (5) and Wyatt Taylor, Sam Matchus (5), Denham and Ford. W – Denham. L – Jauz. 2B – Cooper: Lewis, Carter.
Records: MHS 6-2
Next: El Paso Franklin at MHS, 4 p.m. Thursday in the Tournament of Champions

CRANE 8, MIDLAND CLASSICAL 2

CRANE – Midland Classical dropped its season opener against Crane Tuesday.

No other information was available at press time.

The Knights (0-1) next play Trinity (1-6) at 4 p.m. Friday at Simon Field.

Softball
COLORADO CITY 2 GREENWOOD 1

COLORADO CITY – Colorado City scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh to edge Greenwood in a non-district game Tuesday.

The Rangerettes (5-4-1) trailed 1-0, before starting pitcher Kyndall Dove singled home Mollie Snowden in the top of the sixth to tie the game at 1-1.

Dove took the loss the in a complete game effort in the circle.

COLORADO CITY 2, GREENWOOD 1

Greenwood	000	001	0	–1	6	2
Colorado City	100	000	1	–2	9	2

Kyndall Dove and Peyton Sims. Pierce and Espinoza. W – Pierce. L – Dove. 2B – Colorado City: Epperson, 3B – Colorado City: Epperson.
Record: Greenwood 5-4-1
Next: Greenwood at Fox County Softball Tournament, El Paso, Thursday

Ben Bishop makes 37 saves, Stars beat Flames

Associated Press

DALLAS — Ben Bishop made 37 saves in his 24th career shutout, and the Dallas Stars beat the Calgary Flames 2-0 on Tuesday night.

Bishop's shutout was his fifth this season. He had 17 saves in the second period, when Dallas increased its lead to 2-0 on a power-play goal by Tyler Seguin, his 32nd.

Devin Shore scored the first goal with just 39 seconds left in the first period. He skated past Calgary's Dougie Hamilton to the left faceoff circle and lifted a wrist shot over goalie Jon Gillies.

The Stars maintained their hold on the first Western Conference wild card spot and prevented Calgary, which sits just outside the second wild card position, from moving ahead of them.

Gillies took his first loss in six NHL games. He stopped 24 shots.

Calgary had the best chances early. In the first five minutes, Bishop stopped a 2-on-1 and Radek Faksa cleared the rebound.

The Flames had a 5-on-3 power play for 1:55 midway through the period but managed only two shots on goal.

Midway through the second period, Seguin scored on the power play, taking a cross-ice pass from Jamie Benn low in the right circle. Seguin beat Gillies with a wrist shot into the upper right corner.

On the Stars' third power play of the period, Bishop stopped 3-on-2 and 2-on-1 short-handed rushes by the Flames.

NOTES: Bishop's 37 saves were his most in a shutout this season. His best save total for any game this season is 39. ... Dallas LW Antoine Roussel went off for interference in the first period, bringing his penalty minutes over 100 for the fifth time in seven seasons. Five seconds later, D Marc Methot joined Roussel in the penalty box. ... Gillies had won his first three decisions, including the two games before Tuesday. ... The Stars had been 1 for 20 on the power play over eight-plus games before Seguin's goal. ... Calgary was 9 for 21 with a man advantage in the previous six games but failed to score on six power plays.

Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Dallas Stars goalie Ben Bishop (30) deflects a shot from Calgary Flames left wing Johnny Gaudreau (13), as Stars defensemen Marc Methot (33) and Stephen Johns (28) look to clear it during the second period on Tuesday in Dallas.

Up next

Flames: Complete a two-game trip on Wednesday at Colorado.

Stars: Play the third in a five-game homestand on Thursday against Tampa Bay.

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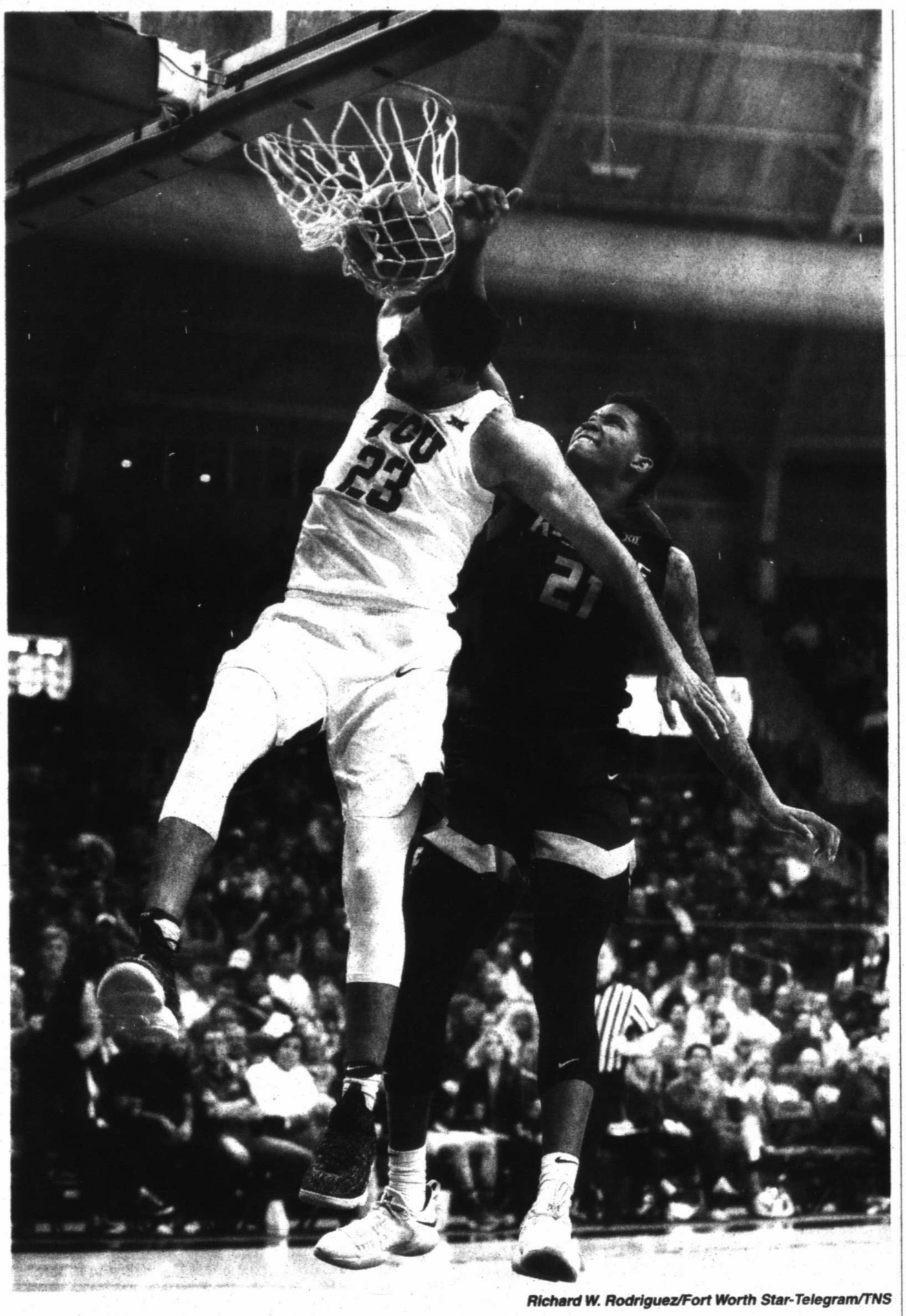


Richard W. Rodriguez/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS

Texas Christian's Ahmed Hamdy-Mohamed (23) dunks as Kansas State's James Love III (21) defends in the second half at Schollmaier Arena in Fort Worth on Tuesday. The host Horned Frogs won, 66-59.

Grady falls to Buena Vista in regional quarters

From staff reports

KERMIT – The Grady boys basketball team fell 72-52 to Imperial Buena Vista in a Class 1A Region quarterfinal final game, Tuesday at Kermit High School.

No other information was available at press time.

With the win, Buena Vista (21-7) advanced to the 1A Region II semifinal to face Eula (29-6), 78-46 winners over Eden Tuesday. Grady ended its season at 22-8 overall.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 91, Auburn 82
Baylor 87, Oklahoma 64
TCU 66, Kansas St. 59
SOUTH
Charleston Southern 68, Presbyterian 51
Florida 73, Alabama 52
Longwood 68, High Point 55
Miami 91, North Carolina 88
Missouri 74, Vanderbilt 66
Tennessee 76, Mississippi St. 54
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 75, Ball St. 51
Creighton 82, DePaul 57
E. Michigan 74, W. Michigan 58
Kent St. 90, Miami (Ohio) 83, OT
Ohio 75, Bowling Green 59
Oklahoma St. 80, Iowa St. 71
Toledo 97, N. Illinois 67
EAST
Albany (NY) 71, Binghamton 54
Buffalo 80, Akron 68
Lafayette 93, American U. 86
Loyola (Md.) 82, Army 79
Mass.-Lowell 92, New Hampshire 77
Saint Joseph's 78, Rhode Island 48
UMBC 62, Hartford 53
Vermont 74, Maine 62

Top 25 Fared

1. Virginia (26-2) did not play. Next: at Louisville, Thursday.
2. Michigan State (28-3) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland or Wisconsin, Friday.
3. Xavier (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.
4. Villanova (25-4) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.
5. Duke (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 North Carolina, Saturday.
6. Kansas (24-6) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
7. Gonzaga (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount or Portland, Saturday.
8. Purdue (26-5) did not play. Next: Big Ten quarterfinals, Friday.
9. North Carolina (22-8) lost to Miami 91-88. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Saturday.
10. Cincinnati (25-4) did not play. Next: Next: at Tulane, Thursday.
11. Wichita State (23-5) did not play. Next: at UCF, Thursday.
12. Texas Tech (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
13. Ohio State (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State or Northwestern, Friday.
14. Auburn (24-6) lost to Arkansas 91-82. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.
15. Michigan (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa or Illinois, Thursday.
16. Tennessee (22-7) beat Mississippi State 76-54. Next: vs. Georgia, Saturday.
17. Rhode Island (23-5) lost to Saint Joseph's 78-48. Next: at Davidson, Friday.
18. Clemson (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Wednesday.
19. Arizona (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Thursday.
20. West Virginia (22-8) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.
21. Nevada (25-5) did not play. Next: at UNLV, Wednesday.
22. Saint Mary's (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara or Pepperdine, Saturday.
23. Kentucky (20-9) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Wednesday.
24. Middle Tennessee (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Thursday.
25. Houston (22-6) did not play. Next: at SMU, Wednesday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Texas 79, Oklahoma 66
SOUTH
Campbell 63, Gardner-Webb 55
George Mason 89, St. Bonaventure 79
Liberty 73, Longwood 36
Presbyterian 72, UNC-Asheville 63
Radford 63, High Point 48
Richmond 62, Davidson 53
Winthrop 62, Charleston Southern 56
FAR WEST
Air Force 57, Wyoming 47
Boise St. 64, San Diego St. 53
Nevada 75, UNLV 55
New Mexico 54, Colorado St. 48
Utah St. 86, San Jose St. 78
MIDWEST
Iowa St. 65, Kansas 56
Saint Louis 70, UMass 64
EAST
Fordham 75, Rhode Island 53
George Washington 69, La Salle 45
Saint Joseph's 72, VCU 63

Top 25 Fared

1. UConn (29-0) did not play. Next: AAC quarterfinals, Sunday.
2. Mississippi State (30-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama or Kentucky, Friday.
3. Baylor (28-1) did not play. Next: Big 12 quarterfinals, Saturday.
4. Louisville (29-2) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse or Virginia Tech, Friday.
5. Notre Dame (27-2) did not play. Next: ACC quarterfinals, Friday.
6. Oregon (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Utah or Colorado, Friday.
7. Texas (24-5) beat Oklahoma 79-66. Next: Next: Big 12 quarterfinals, Saturday.
8. South Carolina (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Tennessee or Auburn, Friday.
9. UCLA (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. California or Washington, Friday.
10. Oregon State (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State or Arizona, Friday.
11. Florida State (24-5) did not play. Next: ACC quarterfinals, Friday.
12. Tennessee (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
13. Ohio State (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue or Rutgers, Friday.
14. Missouri (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Florida or Mississippi, Thursday.
15. Texas A&M (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt or Arkansas, Thursday.
16. Stanford (20-9) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal or Washington State, Friday.
17. Maryland (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana or Michigan State, Friday.
18. Duke (22-7) did not play. Next: ACC quarterfinals, Friday.
19. Georgia (24-5) did not play. Next: SEC quarterfinals, Friday.
20. South Florida (24-6) did not play. Next: AAC quarterfinals, Sunday.
21. Green Bay (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Kentucky or Detroit, Saturday.
22. Belmont (28-3) did not play. Next: vs. Murray State, Wednesday.
23. N.C. State (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina or Boston College, Thursday.
24. LSU (19-8) did not play. Next: SEC quarterfinals, Friday.
25. Mercer (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Carolina, Thursday.

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Associated Press

Men

TCU 66
KANSAS STATE 55

FORT WORTH — Kenrich Williams had 16 points and 11 rebounds in his final home game for TCU, leading the Horned Frogs to their first four-game conference winning streak in 20 years with a 66-59 victory against Kansas State on Tuesday night.

Williams stopped a season-high streak of six games without a double-double by recording his 11th of the season. The last four-game league winning streak for the Horned Frogs (21-9, 9-8 Big 12) was in 1997-98, when they went 14-0 in the Western Athletic Conference under Billy Tubbs.

TCU, which pulled even with the Wildcats for fourth place in the conference standings, appears headed to its first NCAA Tournament appearance since that year. Jamie Dixon, a former player for the Horned Frogs, is in his second season as their coach.

A year ago, a seven-game losing streak to finish the regular season cost TCU an NCAA berth before the Horned Frogs won two games in the Big 12 Tournament and took the NIT championship.

Dean Wade scored 24 points for the Wildcats (20-10, 9-8), who missed a chance for 10 conference wins for the first time in five years but are still in good shape for a second straight trip to the NCAAs under Bruce Weber. Barry Brown Jr. had 17 points and six assists.

TCU's Vladimir Brodziansky, hit his only field goal with 1:49 remaining, a crucial 3-pointer from the top of the key for a 60-56 lead after Desmond Bane had run down a loose ball on the sideline and raced in for the go-ahead layup. Bane scored 15 points, and Brodziansky seven points with three blocks.

Women

NO. 7 TEXAS 79
OKLAHOMA 66

AUSTIN — Brooke McCarty and Ariel Atkins celebrated their senior night by scoring 17 and 15 points, respectively, helping No. 7 Texas beat Oklahoma 79-66 on Tuesday night in the final regular season game for both teams.

The two guards contributed in other areas well. Atkins produced seven rebounds, six assists and four steals. McCarty had six rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Junior Lashann Higgs pitched in 16 points.

Texas (24-5, 15-3 Big 12) is 104-30 since Atkins and McCarty joined the program.

Vionise Pierre-Louis led Oklahoma (16-13, 11-7) with 19 points. Shaina Pellington and Ana Ilanusa, both candidates for Big 12 freshman of the year, scored 15 and 14 points for the Sooners.

Atkins tweaked her ankle while landing after making a jump shot with 6:35 left in the third quarter. She went straight to the bench but returned less than two minute later and made a 3-point basket and an assist before the period ended.

Texas made an 8-0 push during the final 1:42 of the first half to take a 40-32 lead. Atkins led the surge with two baskets, an assist and a steal that led to a fast-break layup by Higgs for the final points of the half.

Atkins finished the half with 10 points, three assists and two steals.

NBA ROUNDUP

Associated Press

CAVALIERS 129
NETS 123

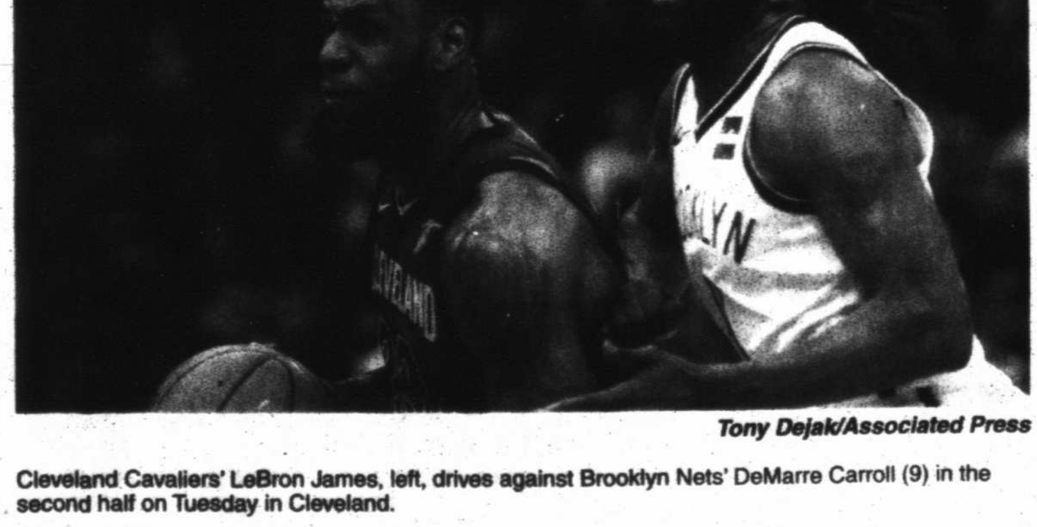
CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 31 points and finished a month averaging a triple-double for the first time in his career, and the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the Brooklyn Nets 129-123 on Tuesday night.

James had 12 rebounds and 11 assists for his 12th triple-double of the season and 67th of his career. He also reached 8,000 assists and became the first player in NBA history to reach that milestone, along with 30,000 points and 8,000 rebounds.

Rodney Hood's three-point play with 40 seconds remaining gave Cleveland a 123-121 lead. James and George Hill hit two free throws each in the final 16 seconds to seal the win.

Jarrett Allen's two free throws gave Brooklyn a 119-117 lead with 1:18 to play. Jordan Clarkson's 3-pointer put Cleveland ahead, but Allen Crabbe's runner in the lane put the Nets up 121-120.

Hood hit a jumper from the wing and made the foul shot that gave Cleveland a two-point lead. D'Angelo Russell attempted to draw a foul but barely got off a wild shot from the corner, which led to James' foul shots.



Tony Dejak/Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, drives against Brooklyn Nets' DeMarre Carroll (9) in the second half on Tuesday in Cleveland.

HEAT 102
76ERS 101

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade scored a season-high 27 points, the last of those coming on a jumper that gave Miami its only lead of the fourth quarter with 5.9 seconds left, and the Heat rallied to beat the 76ers.

Wade had 15 of his points in the fourth quarter, and the Heat won a game where they never led by more than three.

Goran Dragic scored 21 for the Heat, who got 16 points from Tyler Johnson and 15 points and 11 rebounds from Hassan Whiteside.

Joel Embiid scored 23 points for Philadelphia, which got 21 from Dario Saric. The 76ers led by as many as 10 in the fourth and had a chance to win at the buzzer, but JJ Redick's wide-open 3-point try bounced off the rim.

Redick finished with 15 for the 76ers.

HORNETS 118
BULLS 103

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 31 points and Dwight Howard added 24 after returning from a first-quarter back injury as the Hornets knocked off the Bulls to win their season-best fifth game in a row.

Zach LaVine led seven Bulls players in double-digits with 21 points as Chicago (20-41) dropped its fifth consecutive game.

The Hornets improved to 28-33 as their suddenly hot shooting helped them continue their push to make the playoffs. In all, Charlotte sank 53.7 percent of its field-goal attempts, and 42.9 percent from 3-point range.

Walker hit 11-of-19 attempts — including 6-of-10 of 3-pointers — while Howard missed only two shots in 12 attempts. Nicolas Batum also added 10 points, 12 assist and seven rebounds.

WIZARDS 107
BUCKS 104

MILWAUKEE — Bradley Beal scored 21 points, hitting a clutch 3-pointer and a free throw down the stretch, to help the Wizards hang on for a victory over the Bucks.

Otto Porter Jr. added 17 points and Markieff Morris 14 for Washington which stayed hot after snapping the Philadelphia 76ers' seven-game winning streak Sunday with a 109-94 victory.

The Bucks lost a chance at clinching the season series with the Wizards who hold the fourth spot in the Eastern Conference. Washington improved to 2 1/2 games ahead of the sixth-place Bucks. The road team won both games of the series.

HS BASKETBALL PAIRINGS

HS BOYS BASKETBALL
UIL Region I
Class 6A
Regional quarterfinal
North Crowley (30-5, W4) 71, Arlington Martin 58
Allen (31-5, R6) 65, Killeen Ellison 54
Odessa Permian (31-3, W2) 47, Arlington Bowie 43
Denton Guyer (37-1, W6) 79, South Grand Prairie 77

Class 4A
Regional quarterfinal
Seminole (24-8, R2) 61, Levelland 46
Midlothian Heritage (31-6, W8) 81, Burkburnett 73
Lubbock Estacado (25-5, W2) 91, Monahans (19-12, R4) 46
Abilene Wylie (32-3, W5) 58, Wichita Falls Hirschi 52 OT

Class 3A
Regional quarterfinal
Crane (25-6, W3) 54, Wall (30-4, W4) 44
Bowie (27-9-1, W6) 68, Pleaster 42
Shallowater (34-2, W2) 55, Canadian 47
Brock (34-3, R7) 77, Jim Ned 34
Region I-3A Tournament, Chaparral Center
Crane (25-6, W3) vs. Bowie (27-9-1, W8), 6 p.m. Friday
Shallowater(34-2, R7) vs. Brock (34-3, R7), 7:30 p.m. Friday

Class 2A
Regional quarterfinal
Sanford-Fritch (21-7, T1) 58, Stratford 55
Forsan (28-4, W7) 60, Morton 42
Stinnett West Texas (W1) 60, Memphis 39
McCamey (19-11, W6) 70, Albany 67
Class 1A Region II
Borden County (W12) 74, Rankin (W10) 53
Menard (16-9, W16) 44, Bronte 40
Buena Vista (19-7, R10) 72, Grady (22-7, T11) 52
Eula (29-6) 78, Eden 46
TAPPS 5A
State semifinal
Cedar Hill Trinity Christian (32-6) vs. Fort Worth All Saints (18-16), Thursday, Robinson
San Antonio St. Mary's Hall (28-7) vs. Houston Second Baptist (28-7), Thursday, Robinson
TAPPS 3A
Regional
El Paso Faith Christian (13-3) vs. Fort Worth Calvary Christian (22-10), Saturday
Willow Park Trinity Christian (21-8) vs. Dallas Yavneh (30-0), Saturday
Austin Veritas (10-8) vs. Spring Frassati Catholic (26-0), Saturday
Kerrville Our Lady Hills (27-6) 66, Brownsville First Baptist 49

HS GIRL BASKETBALL
March 1-3
Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas
Thursday, March 1
Class 1A Semifinals
8:30 a.m - Dodd City (36-1) vs. Slocum (27-10)
10 a.m - Nazareth (34-3) vs. Hermleigh (27-7)
Class 3A Semifinals
1:30 p.m - Vanderbilt Industrial (34-5) vs. Marlin (31-8)
3 p.m - Brock (32-6) vs. Mount Vernon (26-9)
Class 5A Semifinals
7 p.m - Mansfield Timberview (39-2) vs. Kerrville Tivy (33-6)
8:30 p.m - Amarillo (38-2) vs. Temple (31-5)
Friday, March 2
Class 2A Semifinals
8:30 a.m - Martin's Mill (38-1) vs. Mason (33-6)
10 a.m - LaRue LaPsynor (33-2) vs. Claude (26-9)
Class 4A Semifinals
1:30 p.m - Wheatley (31-3) vs. Argyle (32-7)
2:30 p.m - Denver City (30-6) vs. San Antonio Veteran's Memorial (32-9)
Class 6A Semifinals
7 p.m - Cypress Creek (34-4) vs. Plano (33-6)
8:30 p.m - Converse Judson (33-4) vs. Garland Sachse (30-7)
Saturday, March 3
8:30 a.m - Class 1A Final
10 a.m - Class 3A Final
1:30 p.m - Class 2A Final
3 p.m - Class 5A Final
7 p.m - Class 4A Final
8:30 p.m - Class 6A Final

FORSAN

From 1C

lost four games, and maybe with the exception of one game, we had a chance to win the other ones. We told them before the game that it's the regional quarterfinals. It's going to be close, it's going to be a tight game and there are going to be ebbs and flows and you've got to fight through the struggles and just have faith in each other and in the system and we're going to win it in the fourth."

That belief has the Buffaloes back in the regional tournament with a chance to make some more noise.

Garrett Evans added 13 for the Buffaloes.

Morton was led by Nash Willingham with 15 points and Malachi Villarreal with 13.

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FORSAN 61, MORTON 42

Morton (17-8) – Nash Williamson 15, Noah Rodriguez 7, Melichi Villarreal 13, Aizik Garcia 7
Forsan (29-4) – Garrett Evans 13, Bryce Hergert 18, Kobe Richardson 19, Nathan Vidal 3, Zane Riffe 2, Jaeden Ceasar 6.

Morton	7	15	8	12 –42
Forsan	11	7	11	32 –61

Free throws – Morton 2-7, Forsan 12-20. Total fouls – Morton 16, Forsan 12. Fouled out – None. 3-point goals – Morton 5 (Villarreal 3, Willingham, Rodriguez), Forsan 5 (Richardson 2, Hergert 2, Evans).

Next: Forsan vs. TBA, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Region I-2A semifinal, Levelland

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NASCAR veterans aren't pulling over for the rookies

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kevin Harvick put the brakes on the "New NASCAR!" movement with a dominating victory on a weathered old racetrack.

Away from Daytona, the veterans showed the young new drivers how to race on the dogged surface at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Harvick put on a clinic, and the top eight finishers were the familiar faces that seem to compete for wins every week.

All the new kids who sparkled in the Daytona 500 had their hands full at Atlanta, a track that requires an entirely different skill-set. In the season-opening showcase, the idea is to go as fast as you can while avoiding the mishaps of others.

But the style of racing at Daytona, as well as Talladega, comes just four times a year. The rest of the NASCAR schedule is where the true talent rises. So at Atlanta, where experience matters, the finishing order showed five former series champions — four Daytona 500 winners — cross the finish line in order.

"This is a racetrack that takes a lot of experience, and there's a lot of things that you have to know about your car and know about the racetrack to get the car around," Harvick said. "This is where experience pays off."

That doesn't fit the fresh narrative that came out of Daytona, where the new crop of NASCAR drivers ruled. Alex Bowman won the pole, Chase Elliott and Ryan Blaney won qualifying races, Blaney led the most laps in the Daytona 500, Austin Dillon won the race and Bubba Wallace finished second in his debut. At 27, Dillon is the oldest driver in that bunch.

Harvick, meanwhile, is 42.

The shift in focus to the new generation is not lost on anyone who follows NASCAR, particularly the veteran drivers. Some have nitpicked about the marketing push behind this "New NASCAR!" and they had to have felt the change in dynamic at Daytona.

Denny Hamlin, a former Daytona 500 winner who finished third in the 500 and fourth at Atlanta, shared his thoughts on Twitter on Monday night by posting a video of pro bowler Pete Weber screaming "Who do you think you are? I am!" after winning his fifth U.S. Open title in 2012. Hamlin added his own message: "All the old drivers after Sunday."

A reply chided Hamlin that Elliott is the future, and "In a couple years you will be watching him win from your recliner," the fan wrote. Hamlin didn't back down. "Agree. But I won't be on that recliner for some time," he posted.

This isn't about jealousy, rather reality. The older drivers know their laps are limited, but they aren't going to simply go away. Experience matters and it's going to take seat time for the newcomers to figure out how to contend on a weekly basis.

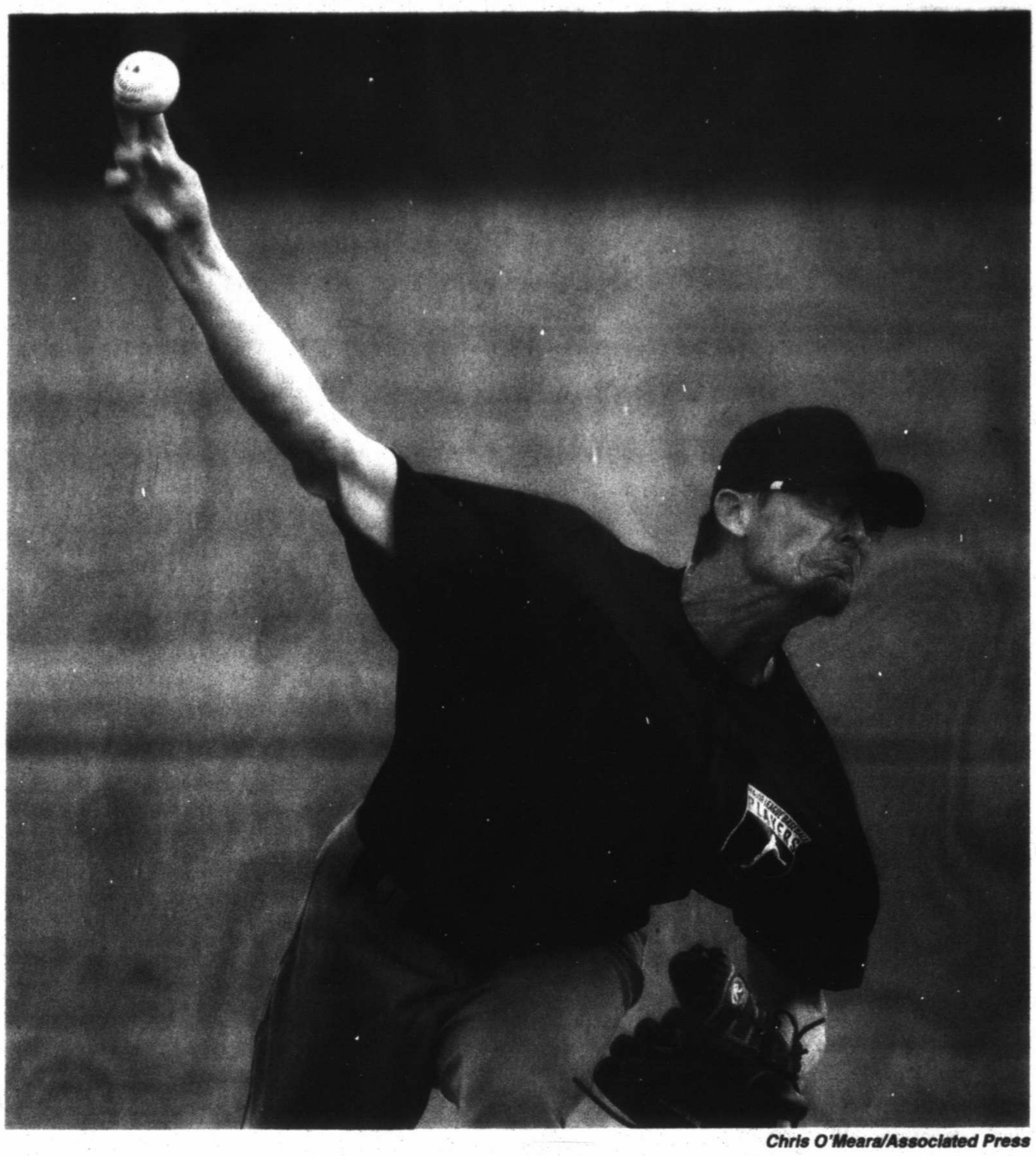
Elliott, for example, is winless in the Cup Series but has seven runner-up finishes. He's still working on closing races. Kyle Larson was the same, and when he finally figured it out, he knocked out four wins last season and was a legitimate title contender.

Harvick noted there's going to be a balance all season between the radically different ends of the spectrum. The younger drivers may have better finishes this weekend at Las Vegas because the track is "a little calmer with things that you don't have to have in your memory bank."

Clint Bowyer, who finished third behind teammate Harvick at Atlanta, believes there will be a better mix at Las Vegas because "it's qualifying laps every single lap, and those kids will show back up."

And when they do, there will be room for both new and old. Harvick, who has started the transition from race car driver to analyst with a radio show on Sirius and a recurring spot in Fox's broadcasting lineup, understands its going to take everyone for NASCAR to go through these current growing pains.

"We're in a great spot in our sport because we have these young guys that are fired up and can drive the car fast and have great stories and have ties to great family heritage," he said.



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Major League Baseball free agent pitcher Tyler Clippard delivers to a East Japan Railway Company on Tuesday in Bradenton, Fla.

Sign me: Free agents play Japanese amateurs in exhibition

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla. — Tyler Clippard wore a black jersey with a white players' union logo and pitched hitless ball for two innings against amateurs in the green shirts of the East Japan Railway Company.

He had the poorest personal results of his nine major league seasons, yet ended the year with a celebration in the clubhouse of the World Series champion Houston Astros. This is not how the 33-year-old right-hander envisioned spring training.

"We know that my year last year was a bad year, but at the end of the day how bad was it? And it wasn't as bad as some that got significant contracts," he said Tuesday after appearing in the first of two exhibition games for free agents scheduled for this week at the IMG Academy.

Thirty-eight players have attended the camp since workouts started Feb. 14. They wonder why they are on the outside while several teams have jettisoned veterans to fill a higher percentage of their roster spots with lower-salaried youth.

The players' association filed a grievance Friday against the Miami Marlins, Oakland Athletics, Pittsburgh Pirates and Tampa Bay Rays, accusing the teams of failing to appropriately spend revenue-sharing money.

"Isn't the goal to win the World Series every year? I think every team should want to win the World Series every year," 35-year-old left-hander Tom Gorzelanny said. "You're not trying to go out there and say I'd rather save money than win games."

Two players agreed to minor league deals after attending camp: right-hander Carlos Torres with Cleveland and left-hander Tommy Layne with Boston. First baseman Mike Napoli had been on the roster for the exhibition, but left for Arizona and a physical needed to finalize a minor league contract with the Indians. Second baseman Neil Walker arrived this week.

This camp is similar to the one run by the union at Homestead, Florida, following the end of the 1994-95 strike. Dave Gallagher attended then as a player and signed with Philadelphia. Now he is a coach under manager Bo Porter.

"They start to lose hope," he said. "And it's a little bit humiliating."

The starting lineup included center fielder Alejandro De Aza, catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, designated hitter Juan Francisco, first baseman Tyler Moore, right fielder Luke Scott, third baseman Chris Johnson, shortstop Omar Infante, left fielder Nolan Reimold and second baseman Tyler Ladendorf. The free agents won 2-0 in five innings, allowing just one hit. Several scouts looked on from the small stands, which had three rows of blue seats and nine rows of metal bleachers.

"It's not like anybody here that I've talked to is here waiting for a 10-year deal or a five-year deal. These are guys just waiting to get a job," said the 32-year-old Saltalamacchia, who went 1 for 25 for Toronto last season.

"I've called six or seven teams myself. My agent's called teams and we've told them, hey, I'll go to Triple-A. I'll go to Double-A. I just want to play. Let me be an insurance policy."

Top free agents have skipped the camp to continue working out on their own, a group that includes pitchers Jake Arrieta, Alex Cobb, Tommy Lynn and Greg Holland, and third baseman Mike Moustakas.

"It's been absolutely remarkable to me some of the articles that I have seen suggesting that veteran leadership and a veteran presence is overvalued and doesn't have what it used to have," said union head Tony Clark, a former All-Star first baseman. "That's disheartening, to believe that that is the philosophy of some of those making personnel decisions."

Gorzelanny is trying to prove he's healthy after hurting his pitching shoulder in spring training last year and spending the season in the New York Mets' minor league system. Clippard has turned down minor league offers, saying he considers himself a big leaguer and deserves a spot on a 40-man roster.

Walker remains confident, coming off a decent season when he hit .265 with 14 homers and 49 RBIs for the Mets and Milwaukee.

"Certainly going into this offseason I didn't envision myself at this time of the year not having a team to play for," he said. "I've always played at a high level, so I've kind of just assumed that at least by late January, early February that I would be having serious discussions with somebody, and that hasn't happened yet."

Clark said only Boston and Washington project to be over the luxury-tax threshold level this year.

Baseball's labor contract set restraints on signing bonuses for draft picks starting in 2012 and for international amateurs beginning last summer. The changes last summer, which included steeper penalties for teams exceeding the luxury tax threshold by more than $40 million, coincided with more teams deciding to rebuild their rosters with youth.

Clark said it would have been hard to anticipate unless "had we known that there was going to be upward of a third of the league that may not be as interested in being the last in team standings and therefore wouldn't value experience on some level."

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third in the AL with 32 steals and hit 39 doubles to go with his other gaudy numbers. But he and Hinch don't believe the 28-year-old has hit his ceiling yet and are excited to see what he'll do in 2018.

"He's the first one to tell you that he's got things to work on," Hinch said. "Which for most of us brings a smile to our face, to me brings a smile to my face because I love the fact that he's driven like that."

When asked exactly what he needs to work on, Altuve quickly rattles off a list of things he's focusing on this spring to elevate his game.

"Plenty of things like baserunning and defense. Hitting too," he said. "I can go out there and walk more. I can get on base more. I can make little things on a daily basis better. Be consistent on a daily basis, that's what I want to do."

Entering his eighth major league season, Altuve still approaches each day with the exuberance of a rookie. He's so thankful to have been a part of Houston's turnaround after being one of only a handful of players around when the Astros rebuilding process left them with the worst team in baseball for years.

"I don't know how my teammates feel about the World Series, but I can tell you the way I feel," he said. "I was here when we lost 300 games in three seasons and I was kind of like a little depressed when that happened. You want to win. But I think that gave me the opportunity to keep playing, keep getting better and stay here when our team became World Series champions."

Staying positive during those three straight 100-loss seasons from 2011-13 was no easy task, but Altuve said believing in the vision of Houston's front office helped ease the pain of losing night after night.

"I don't know why, but I felt in those times that OK we're going to be good," he said. "I believed in (owner) Jim Crane, I believed in (general manager) Jeff Luhnow. I believed in what they were doing, so I definitely wanted to be part of this when we get there."

Altuve, who has won the AL batting title in three of the last four seasons, doesn't set number goals for himself, but believes that if he helps the team contend for a title again this season that will mean he's done his job.

"Hopefully I can go out there and help my team," he said. "If I can do that for me that's getting better."

Hinch loves Altuve's attitude and smiles broadly when asked what the second baseman's presence does for his teammates.

"When one of your best players or your best player is your best examples, it's something to hold onto and something to treasure as a coach or a manager," he said. "I don't have to worry about guys playing hard. I don't have to worry about energy. I don't have to worry about attention to detail primarily because there's guys like Jose that are built that way."

Moore seeks revival with Rangers after rough 2017

Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Matt Moore had plenty of time to ponder the worst season of his career when he made the long drive last fall from San Francisco to his home in Florida.

The left-hander concluded, among other things, that he relied too much on his cut fastball, a theory that he'll be testing with a new team.

The Giants traded Moore to the Texas Rangers in December after he matched the National League high with 15 losses and had the worst ERA in the majors (5.52) among pitchers with at least 162 innings.

"Last year I was throwing it considerably more than certain pitches," Moore said. "I think the overall usage of the pitch is going to be reformed a little bit. It is definitely a very usable pitch, but I just want to make sure everything else is coming along with it."

Moore is set to put the troubling 2017 season behind him. The 28-year-old's first spring start is Wednesday against the Chicago White Sox.

There's plenty to forget beyond the 6-15 record. How about lefties hitting .373 against him, a big league high? Or allowing 80 extra-base hits, second-most in the NL?

In the last two starts before his cross-country drive, Moore threw six scoreless innings in a 4-0 win over Colorado before eight of the 13 batters he faced scored in an 11-4 loss to Arizona.

"I think that's when the reflection started, coming off a bad last start of the season," Moore said. "The one before that was pretty sharp so I wanted to finish up stronger. I think just trying not to be too tough on myself."

The Giants, who acquired Moore at the trading deadline in 2016, wanted to dump his $9 million salary.

The Rangers are hoping they acquired a version of the Moore, who went 17-4 with a 3.32 ERA in 2013 for Tampa Bay. Or the Moore who allowed two hits in seven scoreless innings for Tampa Bay to beat Texas in the opener of an AL Division Series in 2011, when the Rangers made the second of two straight trips to the World Series.

"I didn't realize the moment I was in," said Moore, who was a 22-year-old rookie making just his second big league start.

Moore had season-ending elbow surgery after two starts in 2014. He was ineffective after his return from Tommy John surgery and spent a month in the minors in 2015 before going 13-12 combined with a 4.08 ERA with the Rays and Giants two years ago.

There was another playoff highlight in 2016 when Moore allowed two hits and two runs in eight innings, helping the Giants take a 5-2 lead into the ninth inning of Game 4 of the NL Division Series. But the Cubs scored four runs against the San Francisco bullpen to clinch the series.

The only highlight for last season came late, when Moore backed off the cutter and threw more four-seam fastballs.

"Toward the end of the season I was up to 94-95-96 (mph)," Moore said. "Just to see that still in there was encouraging as far as velocity."

Now Moore and the Rangers are hoping to see better results.

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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature "Snowbound: Animals of Winter"		Nova "Prediction by the Numbers" (N)		Frontline "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail"		Aman-pour (N)	News (N)		Stories
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TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Delta Force		★★ Kingpin ('96, Com) Woody Harrelson.				Attack of the Killer Donuts		★★ Battlefield Earth			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Rooster & Butch (N)		(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
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BRAVO	65	76		41		Vanderpump Rules		Beverly Hills		Housewives Atlanta		Medic. "D.N.A.-DAY"		Watch (N)	Housewives Atlanta		Beverly
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HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		★★★ The Outlaw Josey Wales ('76, West) Clint Eastwood.						(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) The Outlaw...	
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NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at St. Louis Blues (L)						(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		The Nagano Tapes (N)	
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SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.						Waco "Day 51" (N)		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation				The Magicians (N)		Channel Zero (N)		★★ G.I. Joe: Retaliation			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N)		Full Frontal	Conan
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DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Al," and I have been together for two years off and on. We dated casually for six months before we decided to be exclusive. Unbeknownst to him, I was also sleeping with someone else, "Brandon."

Al and I had a fight and broke up for a few months, and during that time I slept with another good friend of mine, "Marc." When Marc and I decided it wasn't serious and moved on, Al and I got back together.

I didn't feel obligated to tell Al about it at the time, since "technically" I did nothing wrong. But as we became more and more serious, it occurred to me that it was a lie of omission, since we interact with both men on a social level. I told Al, and he isn't handling it well, so now I'm at a loss about what to do.

Honesty and time are key, I know, but he is distancing himself from me. Do I let him go? I am fighting hard right now, but I'm feeling beaten down at every turn. — WRONG IN THE EAST

DEAR WRONG: Not all relationships last forever. It's possible that this one has run its course.

If you and Al had agreed you would both be abstinent after the separation, he has reason to be upset. If you had promised each other there would be an accounting of who each of you had been with and you didn't live up to it, I can see why he would be distancing. However, if an understanding wasn't in place, then you were free to be with others and you did nothing wrong.

If Al no longer wants to be with you — for whatever reason — you have no choice but to let him go. For your sake, quit allowing yourself to be beaten down and make it as painless for yourself as possible.

DEAR ABBY: Is it wrong to paint my 2 1/2-year-old boy's fingernails when he begs me to? I'm a stay-at-home mom and very close with my son. When I paint my nails (I paint them pink), my son sees me and insists I paint his toes and fingers "just like Mommy."

I see it as all in fun, but my mother-in-law makes snide comments about him being a boy and that boys shouldn't have their nails painted. My husband has also said I should stop.

I know my son will want me to paint his nails only a little while longer. It's not harming anyone, and I'm sick of all the gender barriers. Am I wrong here? — PRETTY IN PINK

DEAR PRETTY: Your mother-in-law appears to think that polishing your 2-year-old's nails will "make" him effeminate. It's no more valid than her not doing it has "made" your husband masculine. Ignore the snide remarks because you are not going to change her.

Whether your little boy wants you to continue painting his nails pink — or, for that matter, to wear something pink — is far less important than making sure he knows you love and support him and it's OK to be HIMSELF. That's the way parents raise confident and successful children.

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WEST
♠ 10 8 4
♡ K J 10 5 4 3 2
◇ 10 2
♣ 3

EAST
♠ 7 5
♡ Q
◇ Q J 9 8 5 3
♣ K 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J
♡ 9 7
◇ 4
♣ Q J 9 5 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	3♡	Dbl*	Pass
4♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	All pass

*Negative

Opening lead: Three of ♣

North-South were using Key Card Blackwood, so the five spade bid promised two key cards, among the four aces and the king of trumps, plus the queen of trumps.

Andrew Robson, England's leading player, published a bridge tip that was featured in this space not long ago: "When a pre-emptive bidder leads a plain suit against a trump contract, play for the lead to be a singleton. When he leads from a broken holding in his own suit, play him for a singleton trump". South in today's deal took full advantage of that tip.

South rose with dummy's ace on the opening club lead and then drew trumps in three rounds. West following to all three rounds reinforced the idea that the club lead had been a singleton. Declarer saw that he could not afford to lead the queen of clubs from his hand.

East could win and lead a heart and South would not have the entries to ruff a club and then get back to his hand to enjoy the established club suit. Instead, he crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds and led dummy's remaining club, inserting his nine when East played low. South continued with the queen of clubs to East's king. Dummy won the heart switch with the ace and declarer cashed the king of diamonds to shed his last heart. A heart ruff to his hand allowed him to claim the balance.

South is busy composing his thank you note to Robson.

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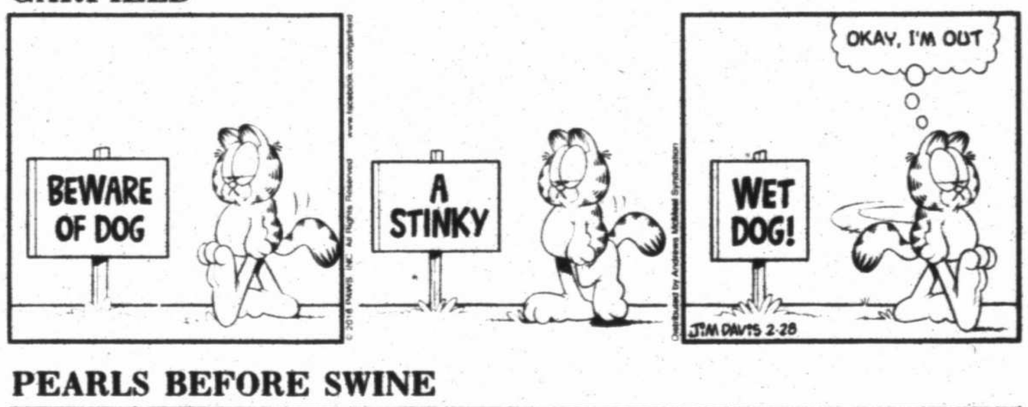

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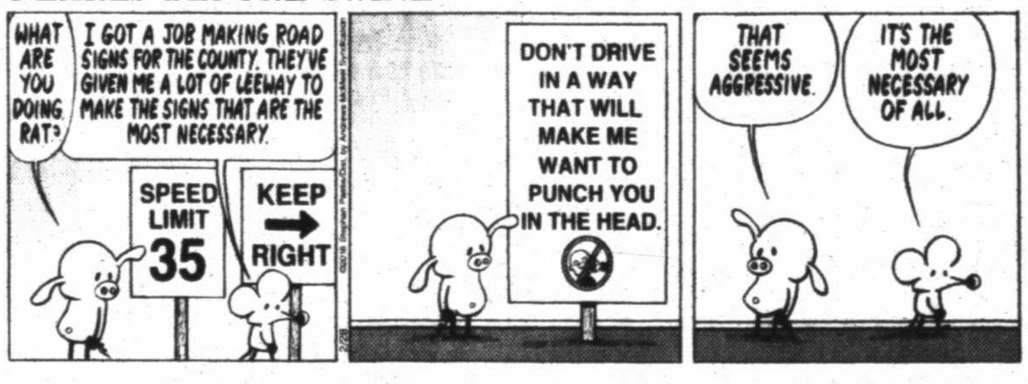

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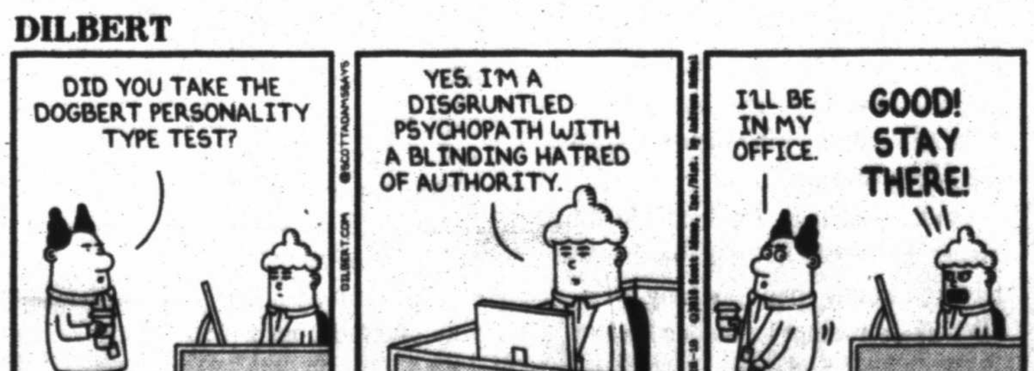

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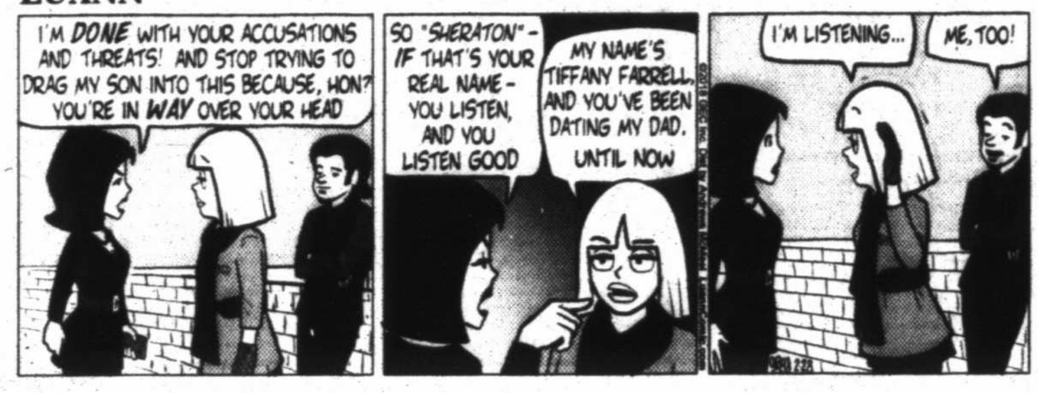

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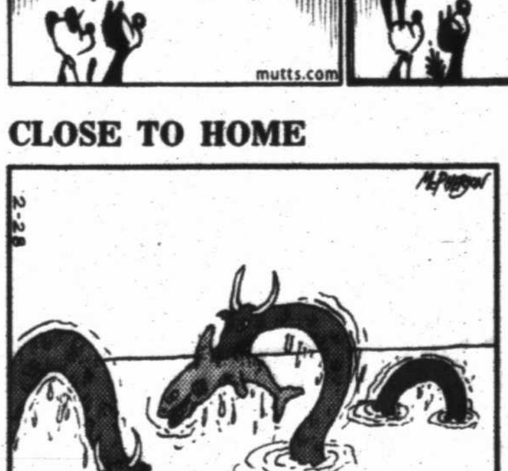
BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

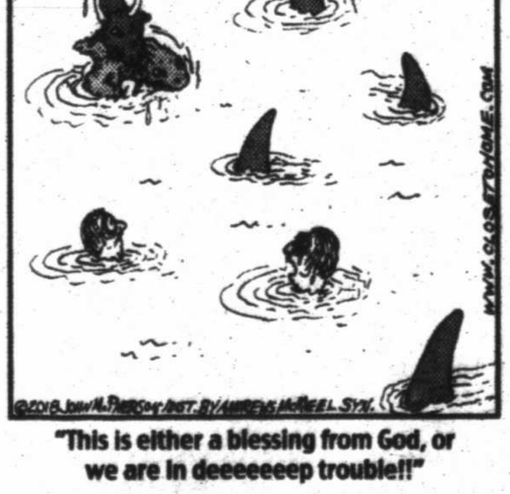


"This is either a blessing from God, or we are in deeeeeeep trouble!!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

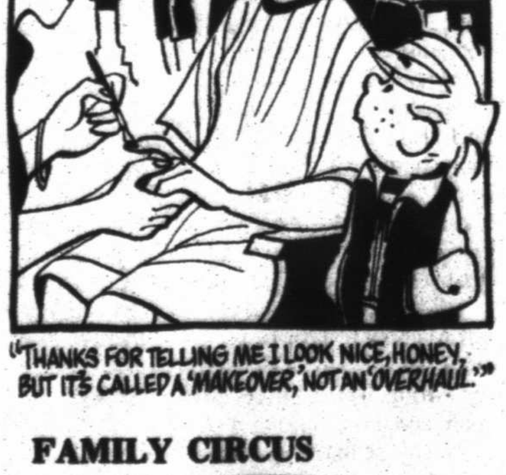
"THANKS FOR TELLING ME I LOOK NICE, HONEY... BUT IT'S CALLED A 'MAKEOVER,' NOT AN 'OVERHAUL.'"

LOCKHORNS



"HOW CAN KNOWLEDGE BE POWER IF WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW WON'T HURT YOU?"

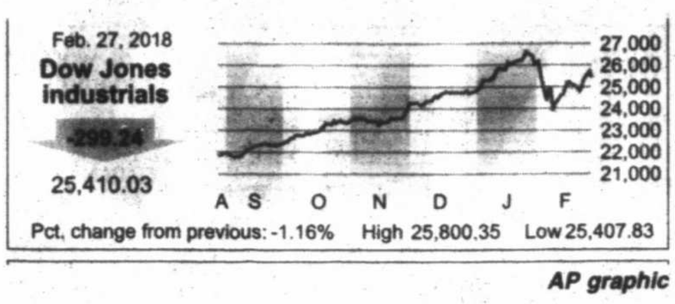
FAMILY CIRCUS



"Grandma can do lots of things around the house. She learned them from Mommy!"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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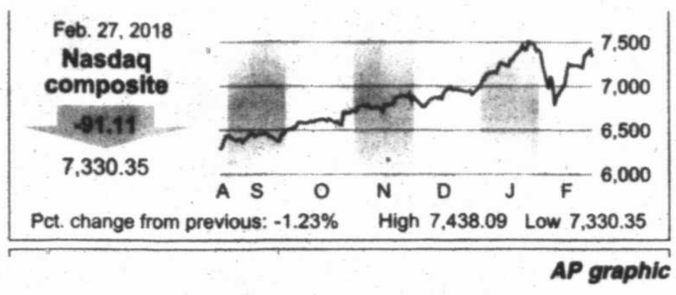

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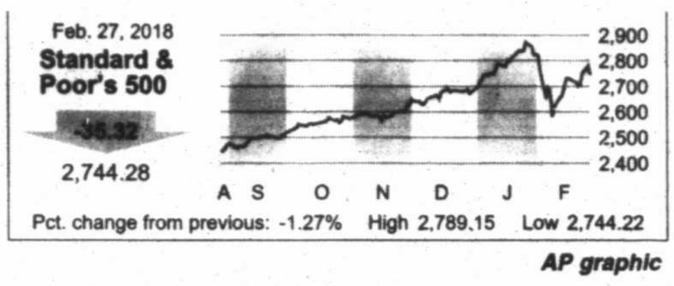

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $63.01
Previous: $63.91

POSTED

Tuesday: $59.50
Previous: $60.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $57.35
Previous: $58.35

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.683
Previous: $2.686

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	982822	274.55	-3.36
GenElec	927996	14.51	-.14
iShEMkts	900503	48.77	-1.42
SPDR Fncl	727012	29.29	-.27
VanEGold	693711	21.48	-.70

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Intelsat	4.50	+.99	+28.2
Dillards	82.91	+11.98	+16.9
DougDyn	44.00	+6.15	+16.2
Mallinckdt	18.86	+2.47	+15.3
LSB Inds	7.95	+.81	+11.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
iPLgEEmM	80.80	-39.19	-32.7
CS InvBr n	45.74	-13.57	-22.9
CallRes rs	15.72	-4.39	-21.8
SanchezEn	3.28	-.61	-15.8
BasicEn n	17.13	-2.86	-14.3

DIARY

Advanced	647
Declined	2,265
Unchanged	88
Total issues	3,000
New Highs	93
New Lows	54
Volume	3,727,518,159

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	103145	2.50	-.16
B2gold g	56523	2.99	-.15
TransEnrx	51337	2.02	+.05
22ndCentry	40083	2.47	-.22
iShIndia bt	34570	34.81	-.77

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Libbey	6.71	+.70	+11.6
RxVrmxWk	22.91	+1.86	+8.4
Friedmind	6.06	+.45	+8.0
TalrisEI	2.29	+.14	+6.5
NuverEnv n	21.40	+.95	+4.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVrmxInF	2.88	-.38	-11.6
22ndCentry	2.47	-.22	-8.0
Zedge n	3.02	-.26	-7.9
VoltInfoSci	4.05	-.30	-6.9
NwGold g	2.50	-.16	-6.0

DIARY

Advanced	96
Declined	211
Unchanged	22
Total issues	329
New Highs	2
New Lows	11
Volume	142,002,855

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Comcast s	690312	36.68	-2.90
MicronT	441814	48.60	+.82
Intel	431581	49.98	+.87
PwShs QQQ	421430	168.31	-2.10
CSVlxSh rs	390077	7.94	+1.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVlxSh rs	7.94	+1.12	+16.4
T2 Biosys	5.18	+.72	+16.1
NatGenHld	23.20	+3.05	+15.1
AldHillPrd rs	3.49	+.45	+14.8
AscentCap	7.32	+.80	+12.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Akorn Inc	18.69	-11.59	-38.3
Gulfisland	8.10	-3.65	-31.1
AlcoaETh n	16.81	-5.77	-25.6
Lantheus n	15.40	-4.60	-23.0
NutriSyst	31.30	-8.60	-21.6

DIARY

Advanced	694
Declined	2,159
Unchanged	162
Total issues	3,015
New Highs	99
New Lows	54
Volume	2,123,485,247

Amazon agrees to buy smart-doorbell startup Ring Inc.

Bloomberg

Amazon.com Inc. has agreed to buy connected-doorbell startup Ring Inc. for about $1 billion, a person familiar with the matter said.

The move helps Amazon expand further into the consumer market, including providing security for package deliveries. JPMorgan Chase & Co. advised Ring on the sale, said the person, who asked not to be identified because the matter is private.

"Ring's home security products and services have delighted customers since day one," an Amazon representative said in a joint statement with Ring. "We're excited to work with this talented team and help them in their mission to keep homes safe and secure."

A representative for JPMorgan declined to comment.

Amazon has been pushing further into consumers' homes through connected devices such as its Echo smart speaker with the voice-activated assistant named Alexa. Last year, the e-commerce giant introduced a new service called Amazon Key, which incorporates a smart lock that can open doors for verified delivery drivers to deposit packages directly into a shopper's home. Package thefts from doorsteps have increased in recent years with the spread of online shopping and deliveries.

The acquisition puts Amazon in more direct competition with security camera makers such as Nest Labs Inc., Honeywell International Inc. and Canary Connect Inc.

Ring makes video doorbells and security cameras that connect to users' phones or computers, letting them see and speak to anyone on their property from afar. The company, based in Santa Monica, California also sells related products such as security systems and smoke detectors.

"We'll be able to achieve even more by partnering with an inventive, customer-centric company like Amazon," a representative for Ring said in the joint statement.

The video surveillance industry is seeing a spell of deals. Motorola Solutions Inc. agreed this month to by commercial security camera and video analytics maker Avigilon Corp. for about $1 billion, including debt.

Fox News wins appeals ruling over media monitoring company

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A media monitoring company is cheating Fox News out of revenue by failing to pay for some content it resells, a federal appeals court said Tuesday in a decision closely watched in the news broadcasting industry.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against TVEyes Inc., a Fairfield, Connecticut-based company distributing television clips and snippets of transcripts to its customers.

"The success of the TVEyes business model demonstrates that deep-pocketed consumers are willing to pay well for a service that allows them to search for and view selected television clips, and that this market is worth millions of dollars in the aggregate," the appeals court said.

It said TVEyes was depriving Fox of licensing revenues and it should be left up to Fox whether it wants to create a similar service itself or license it to others.

"At bottom, TVEyes is unlawfully profiting off the work of others by commercially redistributing all of that work that a viewer wishes to use, without payment or license," the 2nd Circuit said in an opinion written by Judge Dennis Jacobs.

Attorney Dale Cendali, who represented Fox News, called it "a significant win in the field of fair use law."

"We cannot emphasize enough the practical effect this win should have for content holders of all stripes," Cendali said.

In a statement, TVEyes said it was disappointed by the ruling and was evaluating it and considering its options.

"We continue to believe that TVEyes offers an irreplaceable public service to its customers, including elected officials and government agencies, the military, law enforcement and the news media itself, within the bounds of the law," the company said.

The appeals court said the company, which enables customers for about $500 monthly to sift through large quantities of television clips to find what interests them, was unlawfully profiting off the work of others because its product was only modestly transformative, not enough to be considered fair use of the television content.

However, the appeals court noted that Fox News did not challenge the media monitoring company's creation of a text-searchable database. The company's clients include journalists, government and political organizations, law enforcement, the military, for-profit companies and non-profits, the court said.

District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan, sitting temporarily on the 2nd Circuit three-judge panel, wrote separately that he agreed with the majority's conclusion but thought it went too far in finding the TVEyes product "modestly transformative." "It does no more than repackage and deliver the original works. It adds no new information, no new aesthetics, and no new insights or understandings. I therefore doubt that it is transformative," Kaplan said.

The majority opinion from the three-judge panel said some claims by TVEyes were similar to those made by Google Inc. when it successfully defended its creation of a text-searchable database of millions of books.

Treasury yields rise, stocks slide following Fed testimony

NEW YORK — Treasury yields rose Tuesday, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index slid to its first loss in four days after the head of the Federal Reserve said that he's feeling more optimistic about the economy.

The testimony by Fed Chairman Jerome Powell before Congress was highly anticipated, and he gave encouraging words about the economic data that have arrived in recent weeks. But some investors speculated they could mean the central bank will get more aggressive in raising interest rates than the market has prepared for.

"My personal outlook for the economy has strengthened since December," Powell said in response to a question about whether the recently passed tax cut and other moves by Congress have changed his outlook for how quickly the Fed will raise interest rates.

The immediate reaction in the bond market was to send Treasury yields higher, and the yield on the 10-year note climbed to 2.90 percent from 2.86 percent late Monday. It had been down earlier in the morning.

Higher interest rates can hurt stock prices by making bonds more attractive. Generally, when interest rates are rising, companies need to produce bigger profits just for their stock prices to stay flat.

The S&P 500 fell 35.32 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,744.28. It had been bouncing between modest gains and losses early in the morning, but the losses accelerated after Powell began answering questions on Capitol Hill.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $153.09 Down 1.86

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Closing Price $5.63 Down 0.25

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $126.17 Down 1.55

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $3.55 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.52 Down 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.95 Down 0.40

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $16.37 Down 0.14

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.82 Down 0.88

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.67 Unchanged

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $23.60 Down 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AES Corp	.52f	11	11.22	+.77	+3.6
AT&T Inc	2.00f	14	36.87	-.59	-5.2
Abraxas	...	67	2.27	-.04	-7.7
AdaptvsEq	1.32e	...	15.99	-.10	+3.1
AMD	...	...	12.53	+.11	+21.8
AlexisBios	...	...	.74	+.17	+453.7
Akorn Inc	...	21	18.69	-11.59	-42.0
Alibaba	...	53	189.26	-5.93	+9.2
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.32	-.08	-4.4
Amgen	5.28e	17	186.08	-2.42	+7.0
Anadarko	1.00f	68	59.47	-1.69	+0.8
Apache	1.00	...	34.95	-1.18	+17.5
Apple Inc	2.52	21	178.47	-.50	+5.5
ApldMatl	.80f	18	57.66	-1.18	+12.8
Archrock	.48	25	10.10	+.05	-3.8
ATMOS	1.68f	15	91.05	-1.14	-5.6
AutoData	2.52	31	118.55	-1.35	-.5
BP PLC	2.38	21	39.50	-.79	-6.0
BlackRock	.48	21	32.33	-.09	+9.5
B rPVxST rs	...	...	42.39	+3.64	+51.6
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	14.75	-.14	-3.3
BarrickG	.12	25	11.76	-.43	-18.7
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	2531434	345.00	-1781.00	+5.6
BioPhrmX	...	...	.23	+.05	+108.2
BlkHillsCp	1.76	15	61.89	-.38	-14.3
BrkBgBg	1.60f	67	67.84	-.79	+10.7
BrownFA s	.79	40	68.29	+.80	+1.6
BrownFB s	.79	...	69.67	+.81	+1.7
CNX Resc	.04	...	15.92	+.94	+6.8
CVS Health	2.00	12	68.25	+.02	-5.9
CalionPet	...	34	10.80	-.32	-11.1
Carrizo	...	10	14.38	-3.27	-32.4
Caterpillar	3.12	28	161.26	-2.43	+2.3
Celestic g	...	9	10.92	+.03	+4.2
Cemex	.29t	...	8.73	-.23	+10.3
CntryLink	2.16	8	18.09	-.37	+8.4
ChesEng	...	5	3.06	-.15	-22.7
Chevron	4.48f	80	113.61	-.98	-6.2
Chicos	.33	12	8.67	-.42	-1.7
Cimarex	.64t	21	97.90	-.42	-19.7
Cisco	1.32f	23	45.06	-.31	+17.6
Citigroup	1.28	15	76.59	-1.27	+2.6
CitrixFinl	.52	19	43.75	-.79	+4.2
CocaCola	1.56f	81	43.62	-.41	-4.9
ColgPalm	1.60	24	69.92	-1.15	-7.3
Comcast s	.76f	18	36.68	-2.90	-8.0
ConAgra	.85	20	36.20	-.33	-3.9
ConchoRes	...	23	153.09	-1.86	+1.9
ConocoPhil	1.14f	45	55.83	-.76	+1.7
CrackerB	4.80	19	157.01	-4.36	-1.2
CSVlxSh rs	...	...	7.94	+1.12	+43.3
CroeTim	.97e	15	15.30	-.02	+4.4
DCP Mid	3.12	51	36.25	-.07	-.2
DTE	3.53f	18	102.03	-1.73	-6.8
DeavenE	.24	20	31.86	+.25	-23.0
DrGMBll rs	...	...	13.11	-1.22	-26.2
Disney	1.68f	15	104.87	-4.94	-2.5
EOG Resrc	.67	...	106.94	-2.55	-.9
Energen	.08	20	56.10	-1.44	-2.6
EnPro	.88	43	75.36	-1.04	-19.4
ENSCO	.04	...	4.89	-.31	-17.3
EntProdPt	1.70f	20	25.67	-.14	-3.2
Ericsson	.13e	...	6.78	-.22	+1.4
ExxonMbl	3.06	17	77.50	-1.04	-7.3
Facebook	...	34	181.56	-3.37	+2.9
FibbI n	...	...	4.86	-.68	-14.9
FordM	.60a	5	10.61	-.28	-15.1
FrptMcM	...	16	19.09	-.44	+.7
GATX	1.76f	15	71.07	-1.10	+14.3
GabelAuT	.94e	...	9.38	-.12	+2.0
GAInv	1.16e	...	34.69	-.08	+.6
GenElec	.48	...	14.51	-.14	-17.0
GenMotors	1.52	...	40.17	-1.37	-2.0
GlfPlainEn	1.16	14	29.28	-.77	-9.2
Groupon	...	...	4.30	-.04	-15.7
HP Inc	.53	14	23.52	+.06	+11.9
Hallibrtn	.72	...	47.62	-.61	-2.6
HP Ent n	.56f	47	18.62	+.27	+31.1
iShGold	...	...	12.98	-.14	+1.2
iSh HK	.61e	...	25.88	-.11	+1.7
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	46.20	-2.14	+4.4
iShEMkts	.59e	...	46.77	-1.42	+3.5
iSh20 yT	3.05	...	118.02	-.15	-7.0
iS Eafe	1.86e	...	70.92	-1.09	+.9
iShiBdsYB	5.09	...	86.31	-.22	-1.1
iShR2K	1.77e	...	152.76	-2.19	+2
Intel	1.20f	19	49.98	+.87	+6.3
InterDig	1.40	10	72.13	-3.33	-5.3
iShCorEM	.95e	...	58.77	-1.66	+3.3
JD.com	...	28	47.04	-1.76	+13.6
JPMorgCh	2.24f	19	117.36	-1.41	+9.7
JohnJn	3.36	19	131.67	-.40	-5.8
Keycorp	.40f	17	21.16	-.02	+4.9
KimbClk	4.00f	18	112.34	-2.12	-8.9
LegacyRes	...	...	3.53	-.04	+119.3
Lubys	...	...	2.86	-.05	+8.0
Macys	1.51	10	28.40	+.95	+12.7
MallinckIt	...	...	18.66	+2.47	-17.3
MarathnO	.20	...	15.00	-.34	-11.4
McDnldsl	4.04	27	160.66	-2.92	-5.7
Merck	1.92	20	54.72	-1.34	-2.8
MerMMed	...	54	46.85	-.95	+8.4
MexcoEn	...	...	3.52	-.07	-10.4
MicronT	...	10	48.60	+.82	+18.2
Microsoft	1.68	68	94.29	-1.13	+10.2
Mondelez	.88	23	44.04	-.74	+2.9
MorgStan	1.16f	16	56.72	-.29	+8.2
Nabors	.24	...	6.66	-.26	-2.5
NOilVarco	.20	...	36.26	+.08	+.7
NobleCp	.17e	...	5.87	-.06	+26.0
NSTPtl	.55e	...	14.22	+.03	-6.4
NTXQI	.85	...	13.45	-.01	-8.2
OcciPet	3.08	...	66.75	-.52	-9.4
Oracle	.76	22	50.73	-.44	+7.3
PDC Engy	...	...	53.94	-.76	+4.7
ParTech	...	29	11.35	+.23	+21.4
ParkDrl	...	...	.56	-.02	-8.0
PattUTI	.08	...	18.99	-.83	-17.5
Penney	...	21	4.21	+.05	+33.2
PennaRE	.84	14	19.94	-.47	-13.0
Pmian	.63e	27	9.56	+.08	+7.8
Petrobras	...	...	14.21	-.18	+38.1
Pfizer	1.28	15	36.80	-.29	+1.5
PloNrl	.32f	...	174.67	-5.02	+1.1
PlatneAAP	2.20	28	21.43	-.22	+3.8
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	168.31	-2.10	+8.1
Praxair	3.36f	35	154.00	-1.85	-.4
PrmEngy	...	...	53.76	+.60	+8.4
PUVlxST rs	...	...	16.12	+2.53	+57.8
ProShtVix s	...	...	12.44	-1.21	-60.3
ProctGam	2.76	22	80.84	-1.09	-12.3
PSNQQQ rs	...	...	16.38	+.58	-23.9
PUShtSPX	...	...	10.17	+.35	-10.6
Qualcom	2.28	...	66.39	-.02	+3.7
RangeRs	.08	14	13.16	-.39	-22.9
RegionsFn	.36	20	19.62	-.18	+13.5
RiteAid	...	...	2.03	-.06	+2.8
Rowan	.40	8	13.20	-.40	-15.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	97	63.93	-.36	-4.2
SpdrDJIA	3.99e	...	254.10	-2.82	+2.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	274.55	-3.36	+2.9
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	38.25	-.09	-1.3
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	33.98	-.83	-8.7
SabinR	2.29m	21	44.05	-.95	-1.2
SandRFin	1.28	9	124.13	+.89	-10.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	46	66.91	+.18	-.7
SiriusXM	.04	35	6.31	-.03	+17.6
Smucker	3.12	17	126.64	-.38	+1.9
SnapInc A n	3.26	...	16.32	-.77	+11.7
SwstnEngy	...	26	3.69	-.03	-33.9
Square n	...	...	45.91	-.64	+32.4
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SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	29.29	-.27	+4.9
SP Tech	.78e	...	68.70	-.66	+7.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.41	-.79	-6.2
TOP Shi rs	...	...	.16	-.01	-35.9
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	9.70	-.24	+.2
3M Co	5.44f	30	240.78	-3.36	+2.3
Torchmark	.60	7	86.99	-.61	-4.1
Transocn	...	...	9.62	-.05	-9.9
TriContl	1.07e	...	27.33	-.25	+1.4
21stCFoxA	.36	18	37.67	-1.14	+9.1
Twitter	...	...	31.32	-.84	+30.4
TylerTech	...	48	203.31	-2.35	+14.8
UBSI	1.36	23	36.50	-1.10	+5.0
US OilFd	...	...	12.66	-.21	+5.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	14.49	-.16	+18.5
ValeantPh	...	5	18.50	-.37	-11.0
ValeroE	3.20f	25	92.77	-.54	+.9
VanEGold	.06e	...	21.48	-.70	-7.6
VanE JrGld	...	...	31.54	-.93	-7.6
VerizonCm	2.36	7	48.04	-1.05	-9.2
Vipshop	...	35	17.33	-.93	+47.9
VulcanM	1.12f	25	118.87	-2.88	-7.4
WEC Engy	2.21f	19	60.57	-1.05	-8.8
WalMart	2.08f	20	91.52	-1.60	-7.3
WalgBoots	1.60	14	69.20	-1.40	-4.7
WeathInt	...	...	2.83	-.14	-32.1
WellsFargo	1.56	14	59.21	-.76	-2.4
WmsCos	1.36f	11	28.36	-.05	-7.0
XcelEngy	1.44	19	43.72	-.82	-8.1
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26,616.71	20,379.55	Dow Jones Industrials	25,410.03	-299.24	-1.16	+2.79	+22.09
11,423.92	8,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	10,523.79	-246.05	-2.28	-.83	+11.72
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	672.02	-11.71	-1.71	-7.10	-4.43
13,637.02	11,324.50	NYSE Composite	12,819.22	-180.40	-1.39	+.06	+11.35
7,505.77	5,769.39	Nasdaq Composite	7,330.35	-91.11	-1.23	+6.18	+25.89
2,872.87	2,302.51	S&P 500	2,744.28	-35.32	-1.27	+2.64	+16.10
2,001.46	1,573.30	S&P MidCap	1,887.21	-27.72	-1.45	-.70	+8.13
29,760.60	24,131.40	Wilshire 5000	28,336.84	-389.80	-1.29	+1.90	+15.16
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JOB DESCRIPTION: Job responsibilities include local (within Midland City and County) transportation by truck for Endeavor Energy completions or production crews. Cargo transport varies depending on driver's licensing.

Essential Functions:
- Follow instructions, and maintain compliance with all DOT, company and customer safety and operational policies and procedures
- Properly load and unload product at various customer locations in a professional, courteous, timely, safe, and efficient manner
- Connect and disconnect hoses, operating pumps and valves for loading and unloading
- Complete all paperwork accurately and timely, if applicable
- Complete other related tasks as assigned by manager

Minimum Requirements:
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's license is required
- Class A CDL and Haz Mat is preferred but not required
- Must be able to pass background screening including MVR and criminal
- Must be able to work nights, weekends, and an extended workweek.
- Strong customer service skills, and the ability to effectively prioritize, multi-task, manage time, organize and execute tasks in a high-pressure environment

Supervisory Responsibilities:
No supervisory responsibilities are associated with this position.

Work Environment:
Work is often outdoors. Working conditions range from frigid to hot temps, high winds, flying dust, slipping hazards and conditions and frequently exposed to loud noise from heavy equipment and machinery.

Physical Demands:
Ability to sit, stand, walk, reach with hand and arms, climb, squat, kneel, and bend is required. Must also be able to occasionally lift, carry, push, pull, move, and drag up to 50 lbs.

Position type and expected hours of work:
This is a full-time position. The ability to work overtime is a requirement to performing this job.

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Endeavor Energy Resources, LP

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he Field Technician will provide advanced refueling services to support the Frac operations on location. Endeavor Energy will provide all necessary training for new employees. **This is a non-driving position.**

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- Safely using pipe wrenches, crescent wrenches and other hand tools
- Immediate reporting and cleaning of any spills during shift
- Maintain professionalism through working courteously with supervisors, despatchers, fellow co-workers and customers
- All other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Proven capability to work both independently and collaboratively with different levels of management and individual contributors
- Demonstrated ability to manage work in stressful situations
- High school diploma or GED required, must be at least 18 years of age
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively required
- Computer proficiency is required
- Valid Texas Driver's License is required
- Experience working on Frac site or similar responsibilities is preferred

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OTHER JOBS

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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.
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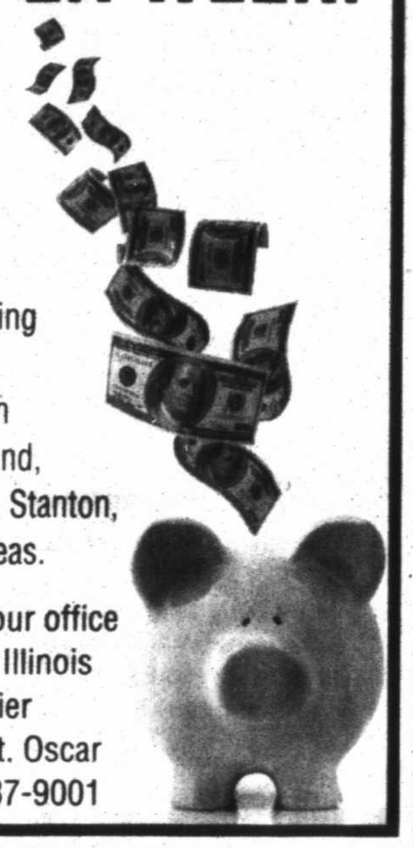

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Multi-Media Sales Executives maximize advertising sales potential, through the development of quality business relationships and promotion of new/existing advertising products. This position requires a heavy amount of prospecting and lead-development with local businesses. We pride ourselves on simplifying the marketing process for our customers, while helping advertisers track the impact of their campaigns and understand their advertising options. In short, we help our customers grow their business.

Responsibilities include:
- Consistently meets/exceeds all print and digital revenue goals.
- Understanding the clients' advertising needs, and develop the ideal marketing solution for them
- Delivering customized sales presentations in person, or by phone/web-demos
- Generating new leads by making cold calls and maintaining an awareness of new businesses opening in the area
- Be the face of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and ensure a superior customer experience

The Ideal Candidate:
- You're self-motivated and results oriented
- You have an outgoing, resilient personality
- You enjoy the thrill of the hunt by bringing in new business
- You're confident and not willing to accept average

Required Skills & Experience:
- 2+ years of sales experience with a proven record of successfully exceeding goals
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Qualifications:
- High school education or equivalent.
- Experience can range from commercial truck driving experience preferred to one year as a water truck driver required.
- Valid Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement.
- Clean driving record.
- Salary competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12 Noon, Tuesday, March 20, 2018.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1243-022818"**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected until **March 20, 2018.**

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Offerors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy and procedures of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Amy Jean Fultz
Director of Supply Chain
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway
Midland, Texas 79701
Amy.fultz@midlandhealth.org

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Midland County Hospital District is Requesting Proposals for:

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Notice to Vendors

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Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Proposal for Portable Building Movers

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #18-09 Portable Building Movers** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **3:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 20, 2018**. Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Purchasing department at (432) 240-1965.

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  - 1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great whitetail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
- **Baden County**
  - 646 ac. over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak $3,550/ac
  - 568 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop. 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders. windmill..... $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  - 842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oil/ind traffic..... $750/ac
  - 150 ac. big canyon, SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, an $895/ac
- **Martin County**
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Miscellaneous 4 Sale

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Lots and Land

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Lots and Land

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Lots and Land

FEATURED RANCHES FOR SALE

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10,666 acres located in Terrell County, Texas – This outstanding hunting ranch is located north of Sanderson. Big Canyon runs through the ranch creating a combination of limestone hills, ridges, valley bottoms and upland plateaus. The ranch features both mule deer and whitetail, and in recent years, elk have migrated to the property. Classified Minerals. $525 per acre.

25,785 acres located in Ector County, Texas – This ranch is located near Penwell in the heart of the Permian Basin. It has proven frac sand reserves on the east side of the Monahans Sandhills. The property has access off I-20 with extensive railroad frontage. There are three new Carrizo Aquifer water wells. Sand test results, survey and other pertinent information is available. Because of the proven frac sand availability, this ranch has great upside potential. $1,047 per acre.

14,393 acres located in Pecos and Brewster Counties – The terrain varies from wide, productive valley bottoms to rocky limestone hills and mountains. Extensive brush work has been done on portions of the ranch and approximately 4,000 acres are established to Klein grass pasture. Excellent hunting, including elk. Classified Minerals. $650 per acre.

7,705 acres located in Pecos County, Texas – The terrain is gently sloping on portions of the ranch, transitioning to rugged limestone hills, divides and deep canyons. The property is well known for producing large whitetail and mule deer, with elk now common. Classified Minerals. $550 per acre.

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Legal and Public Notices

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC is hereby providing notice of intent to move in equipment and spud the Hogan 1-24-2815H well, whose surface location is located at 2281' FSL and 209' FEL. Situated in Section 1, A-11, Block X,H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas within the city limits of Midland, Texas.

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC is hereby providing notice of intent to move in equipment and spud the Hogan 1-24-4215H well, whose surface location is located at 2311' FSL and 209' FEL- Situated in Section 1, A-11, Block X,H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas within the city limits of Midland, Texas.

Parsley Energy Operations, LLC is hereby providing notice of intent to move in equipment and spud the Hogan 1-24-4315H well, whose surface location is located at 2341' FSL and 209' FEL- Situated in Section 1, A-11, Block X,H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas within the city limits of Midland, Texas.

This notice is given pursuant to a requirement of the City of Midland under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23, labeled Ordinance No. 8769, more particularly found under Section L (7), effective January 1, 2010.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The School Land Board and the General Land Office (GLO) will hold an online sealed bid Oil, Gas, and Other Minerals Lease Sale on EnergyNet.com. Bids received will be opened at the GLO in Austin, Texas on April 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. For more information about the lands to be offered for lease call (832) 403-3122 or (512) 475-1512, write to Mineral Leasing, Rm. 840, 1700 N. Congress, Austin, TX 78701, or visit www.energynet.com or www.glo.texas.gov.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2018, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Stephen Arnold Adams, Deceased, were issued to Cinda Ann Brooks by the Honorable Probate Court of Midland County, Texas, in Case No. P19342, pending upon the Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law in care of Cinda Ann Brooks as the representative of the estate, the residence address of the said Cinda Ann Brooks being in Travis County, Texas, and the post office address of the said representative being:

Cinda Ann Brooks
24311 Pedernales Cliff Trail
Spicewood, Texas 78669

Dated the 28th day of February, 2018.

Legal and Public Notices

CrownQuest Operating, LLC, is hereby providing Notice of Intent to move Equipment and Spud the City Hall #1 well located 800' FEL 1950' FSL, Section 36, Block 38, T-1-N, T&P RR Co Survey, Martin County, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland. This notice is a requirement of the City of Midland under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8769" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

General Announcement

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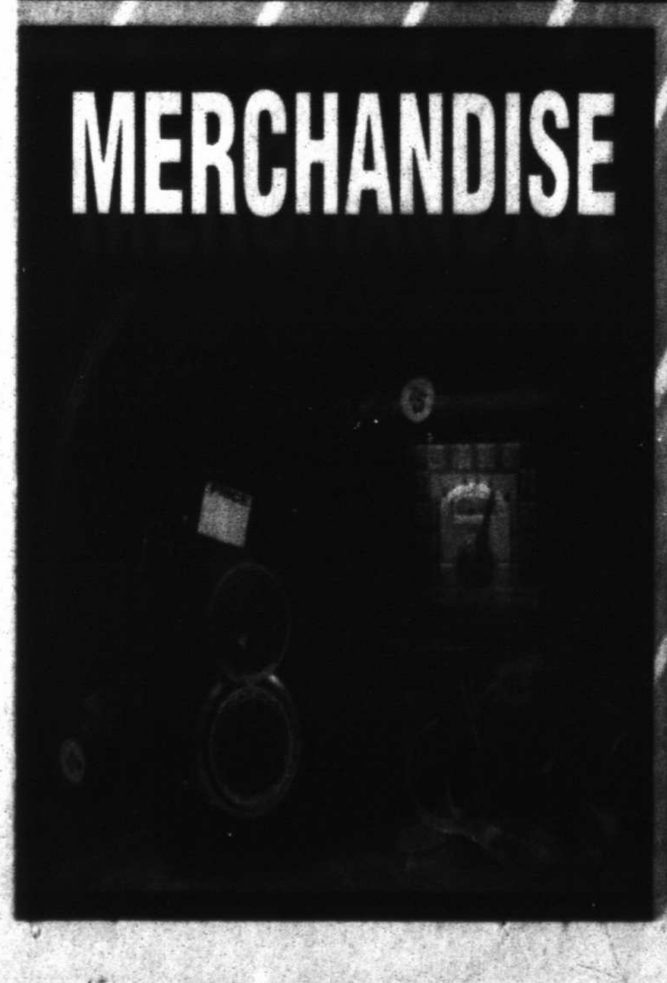

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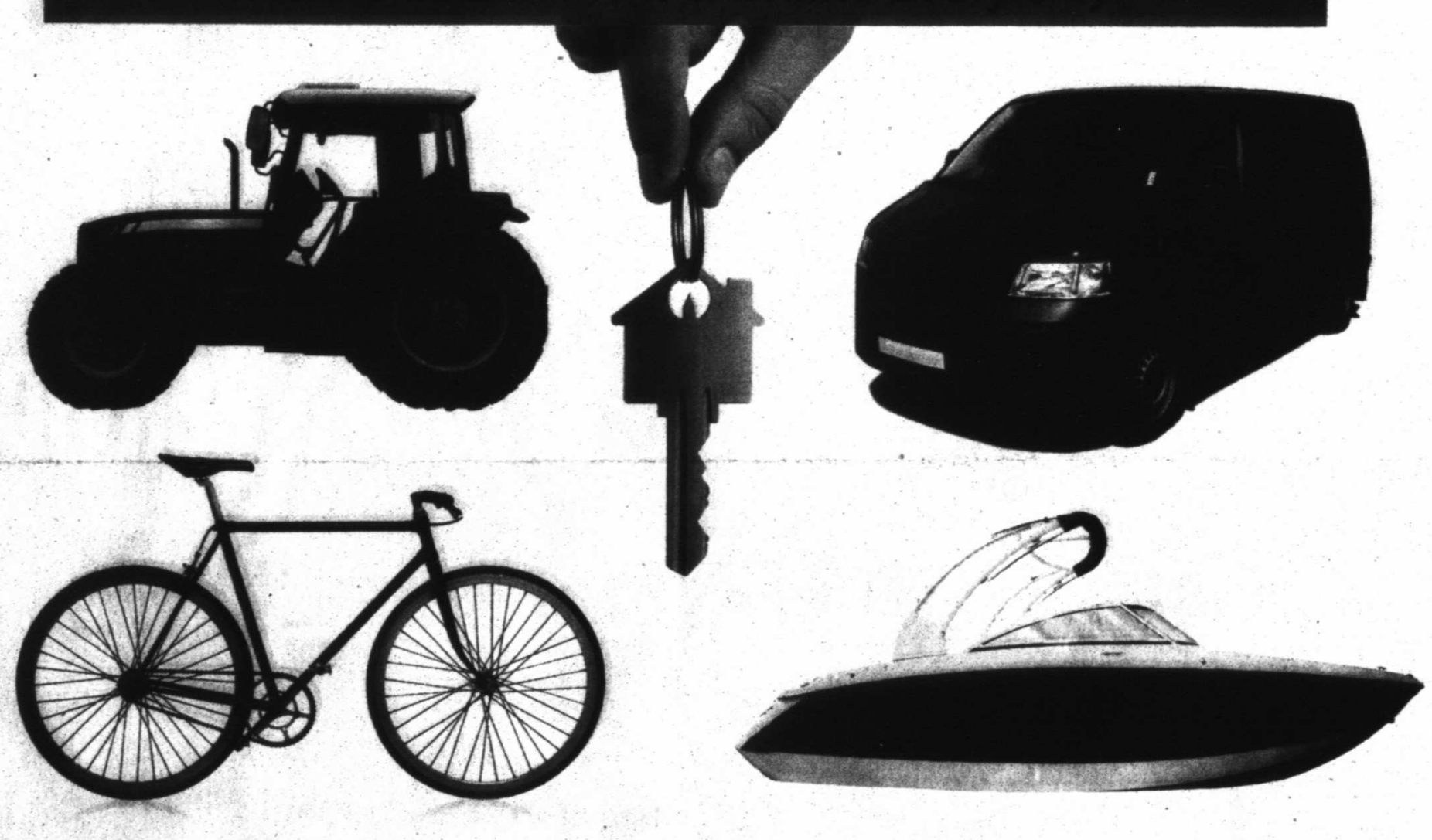

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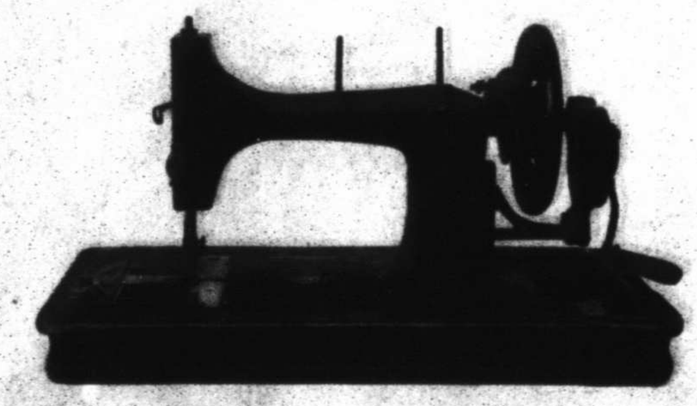

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