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Man being held in connection with stabbing Midlander Willie Henderson charged with first-degree felony murder

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Monday in connection with a fatal stabbing, according to court documents.



Henderson

Willie Otey Henderson, 30, is being held on a first-degree felony murder charge. Bond has not been set.

Midland police and EMS responded to the Midland Square Apartments, 2613 N. Midland Drive, at about 2:15 p.m. Sunday in reference to an unconscious person, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

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Authorities determined that the man identified as Michael Joel Rubio, 29, was dead. Officers found one apparent stab wound to the torso area, according to Henderson's arrest affidavit. A weapon was not found in the crime scene, according to the affidavit.

During the investigation, officers searched a neighboring apartment to try and locate any evidence, but nothing was found, according to the affidavit. Officers were called Monday by the

neighboring apartment tenant who said she was scared Henderson might be in her apartment. While assisting the woman, officers discovered items that were not there during the apartment search the previous day. They found bloody clothes and items that correlated with items taken from the crime scene, according to the affidavit. Investigators found a pair of shoes that had the same shoe pattern that was found in Rubio's apartment.

Henderson turned himself in at the Midland Police Department at about 2 p.m. Monday. He admitted to wearing the clothes with blood on it and tennis shoes, according to the affidavit.

Upon further investigation, police discovered a steak knife on the apartment kitchen countertop next to the sink and a

bottle of bleach, according to the affidavit. Detectives believe Henderson used the knife to stab Rubio after robbing narcotics from him.

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

Also arrested on a murder charge this month was Angel Luis Lebron-Rivera. He was charged with capital murder of multiple persons in connection with the deaths of Ashley Marie Cruz-Rodriguez, 19, and John Raymond Iglesia-Alvarez, 20.

The two had been staying with Lebron-Rivera in Midland County when they went missing in October 2015. The victims were shot, and their remains were found

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Stephen Beal speaks Tuesday morning during the groundbreaking ceremony for new buildings and renovations at High Sky Children's Ranch.

High Sky breaks ground on new facilities

■ Project includes shelter, administration building and therapy center

By Rich Lopez
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High Sky Children's Ranch staff, board and board of governors joined with

community partners Tuesday morning for the groundbreaking of the new therapy center and shelter. The new buildings will provide added space and modern furnishings to better provide for at-risk children. Executive Director JaLynn Hogan and Stephen Beal, who spearheaded the capital campaign, and architect Walter Pate spoke at the event. Under Beal's lead, the campaign

reached its \$11 million goal in seven months.

"This is such an exciting time in the life of High Sky Children's Ranch and what we're accomplishing out here," Beal said. "This is a gift to our staff out here. I felt like we need to give them the tools and that's exactly what this

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Early voting numbers are setting record in Midland

By Stewart Doreen
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Early voting numbers for the Nov. 6 general election are setting records in Midland County. Who does that favor? Depends on who you ask.

What isn't subjective are the numbers. On the first day of early voting, 3,546 registered voters cast a ballot in Midland County. Elections Administrator Deborah Land reported via email Tuesday it was a "Record Turnout!" She also said that the total buried the general election total in 2014 (736) and was even more than the first day during the presidential election in 2016 (2,636).

By 1 p.m. Tuesday, more than 2,000 Midland County residents had voted, she said.

"We love it," Land said in a call with the Reporter-Telegram. "All these people who registered are showing up and voting."

Land said more "check-in computers" are in place at the county annex and Midland County Public Library Centennial branch during early voting to speed up the process. More than 2,300 — or around two-thirds of those voting on the first day — cast a ballot at those two locations.

Democrats in Odessa on Monday celebrated the reports of higher early voting reports across the state. Congressional candidate Jennie Lou Leader, gubernatorial candidate Lupe Valdez and lieutenant governor candidate Mike Collier appeared at an event at Democratic Party headquarters and fired up the crowd with comments that people across the state are energized enough to finally elect a Democrat statewide for the first time since 1994.

"We have reached the boiling point on a number of issues, such as public

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City Council OKs possibility for tax abatements

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland City Council approved an area of downtown that includes the Western United Life Building and Building of the Southwest as a tax abatement reinvestment zone.

The move will allow the city to have the ability to enter into tax abatement agreements with potential property owners for the revitalization of the two buildings, according to the city.

Both buildings are located in the 300 block of West Texas Avenue. The city reports that per Section 312.202 of the Texas Tax Code — these properties meet the criteria for a reinvestment zone since these buildings "constitute an economic or social liability and (are a) menace to the public health, safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use because of the presence of: (A) a substantial number of substandard, slum, deteriorated, or deteriorating structures; (D) unsanitary or unsafe conditions; and (E) the deterioration of site or other improvements."

Affordable housing meeting set for Friday

The Midland College Business and Economic Development Center will host a free event for home builders on Friday. The meeting is set for 8-9:30 a.m. at the Midland College Capital Learning Center, 201 W. Florida Ave. The focus of the meeting will be the construction of affordable housing. The aim of the meeting is to introduce builders to existing refund and incentive programs.

The city said that because these properties are located in the core of downtown, any improvements to these buildings would attract additional investment to the area. If approved, the designation of this tax abatement reinvestment zone has a duration of five years but may be renewed for successive periods of up to five years. Any future tax abatement agreements must adhere to the guidelines and criteria for tax abatement agreements adopted by the resolution that was passed Tuesday. While the city reports there is no direct fiscal impact to the city to designate the tax abatement reinvestment zone, future tax abatement agreements might impact property taxes collected. The 2018

property value of 304 W. Texas Avenue is \$295,000, which generates an estimated \$1,204.75 of property taxes for the city. The 2018 property value of 310 W. Texas Ave. is \$741,639; however, since it is currently owned by the city, it does not generate any property taxes. Based on the tax rate of \$0.392349 per \$100, the property would generate an estimated \$2,909.07 of property taxes for the city.

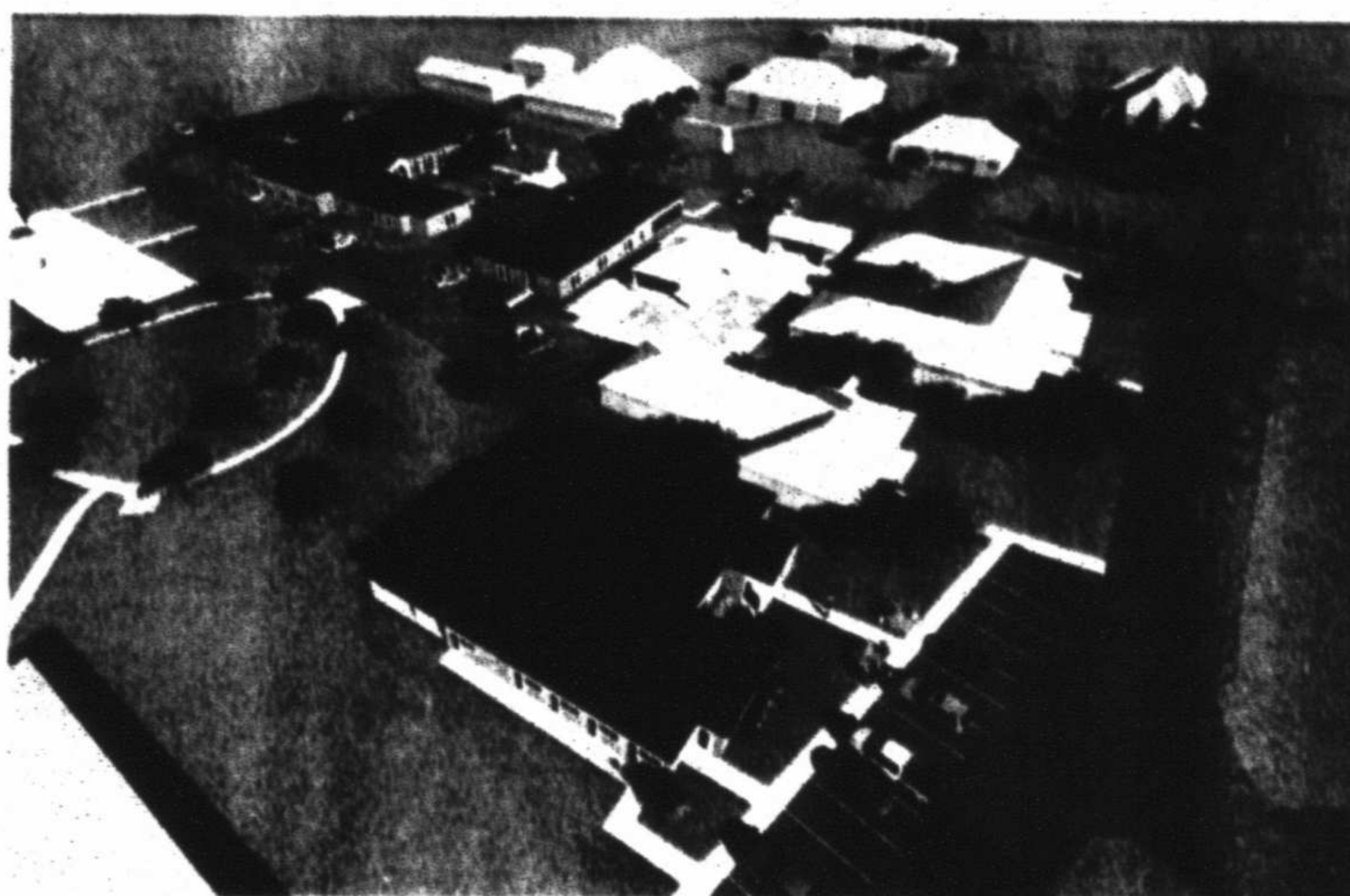
Brent Hilliard, chairman of the Midland Development Corp. board, told the Reporter-Telegram those buildings have been vacant for decades and abatements provide an option to encourage someone to use the building and make a positive impact on downtown.

Midland expansion westward continues

The Midland City Council also approved on Tuesday two annexation petitions that likely will result in more development west, including the possible home of a future Midland ISD school.

City leaders approved the annexation of 25.4 acres located about 300 yards west of Avalon Drive extrajurisdictional jurisdiction and a little less than 300 yards south of State Highway 191. Developers told the council on Tuesday that apartment complexes and other commercial properties are expected in that location. Also, the extension of water and sewer in that direction is likely to bring more developers to surrounding area.

The second piece of annexed land is about 230 yards west of the intersection of Tradewinds Boulevard and Thomason Drive extrajurisdictional jurisdiction. During the meetings, city officials said the land likely will be the site of a new Midland ISD school, maybe a new high school.



Architect drawings are displayed Tuesday morning for the groundbreaking ceremony for new buildings and renovations at High Sky Children's Ranch.

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building is. It's only a tool. The people are what make this place what it is."

The groundbreaking marked the start of construction for High Sky's new state-of-the-art shelter, an administration building and Frank Cremer Therapy Center. The project is expected to be completed in 2020. Attorney Frank Cremer, a longtime High Sky supporter, died in the spring, just as the capital campaign was completed.

"Frank was a long-time servant who passed away recently. He served out here for almost two decades and had a heart for kids," Beal said. "It's with great privilege and honor to name the therapy center after Frank so that his memory can live on

there."

Before the event, Hogan spoke about moving forward. "I'm feeling both excitement and trepidation," she said by phone. "I never dreamed we'd be rebuilding the campus. What a legacy to prepare this facility for the future. But we will have to shut down some sections of the campus for a year or so."

While construction is underway, High Sky will temporarily have to reduce some of its services and space. One of the emergency shelters had a capacity of 30; now it's 17. But High Sky is working with Child Protective Services in the meantime.

"In the long run, we'll have more services available to help all the children who need it," she said. Some of the original structures

date to 1963. Hogan said that High Sky needed homes that were more commercial grade.

"This started out as just a remodel but putting on a Band-Aid was only going to be a very short-term fix," Hogan said.

Working with the architect, Hogan and the board visited other facilities and began figuring High Sky's needs. Among the services High Sky provides are therapeutic foster care, community foster care, Stay Together Runaway Prevention, P.A.I. Life Skills (Preparation for Adult Living) and LIFE Aftercare (Living Independently, Financially and Emotionally), and emergency shelters. High Sky currently serves more than 1,500 families and children in the Permian Basin annually.

Oil at one-month low as Saudi Arabia pledges adequate supply

By Alex Longley and Heesu Lee
Bloomberg

Oil traded at the lowest level in more than a month after Saudi Arabia reiterated its plan to lift oil output and as tumbling equities weakened sentiment.

Futures in New York fell as much as 1.8 percent. Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said the world's biggest oil exporter will meet any shortfall in supply as a result of Iranian crude sanctions. Stock markets in Europe and Asia declined alongside U.S. futures as investors flocked to haven assets.

Oil has dropped after reaching a four-year high earlier this month as fears over demand persist. Al-Falih's promise of adequate supply comes even as crude inventories in the U.S. are forecast to have increased for a fifth week, the longest streak since March 2017. Concerns about the health of the world economy, leading to the equities selloff, are seeping into the oil market.

"Equities are weighing on oil prices," said UBS Group AG analyst Giovanni Staudeno. "We likely will have more equity volatility going

forward with higher rates."

U.S. crude, according to the Associated Press, fell 4.2 percent to settle at \$66.43 per barrel. Brent crude, used to price international oil, dropped 4.2 percent to close at \$76.44 per barrel. Heating oil slid 3 percent to \$2.25 a gallon. Wholesale gasoline lost 3.7 percent to \$1.84 a gallon. Natural gas gained 2.4 percent to \$3.21 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Saudi Arabia may boost its oil output by between 1 and 2 million barrels a day in the future, Al-Falih said at a conference in Riyadh. He said earlier this week that OPEC's largest producer would continue to separate oil and politics. The comments come as the oil market remains on edge following the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul.

In the U.S., crude stockpiles probably increased 3 million barrels last week, according to a Bloomberg survey before a government report due Wednesday. Inventories have risen more than 22 million barrels over the past four weeks as domestic drillers raised output, while refiners halted some operations for seasonal maintenance.



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Voting

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education, property taxes and gerrymandering," Collier said afterward. "People are turning up and voting because they are clearly unhappy with what is happening. The question for us is are they voting Republican or are they voting Democrat. I think they are voting for Democrats because of the issues we are campaigning on. We are on the right side of all the issues."

Midland County Republican Party Chair Sherry Market said Tuesday the higher voter turnout in Midland is "great" regardless of the speculation of which party will benefit. She said she voted Monday and stood in line with "a lot of first-time voters," which she believes could be residents new to the community.

Market said that Republicans also stand to benefit from the higher turnout. She said any notion of her party being complacent in November went away after the politically divisive hearings involving Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. "People are energized and fired up a little more,"

Market said.

Texas also haven't had a statewide race with so much interest as the race between Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican, and Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, a Democrat, for one of Texas' two Senate seats. O'Rourke burst on to the political scene with impressive fundraising totals and large campaign crowds. Over the past month, Republicans rallied behind Cruz to let O'Rourke know that it's "game on" between the two of the biggest political stars in the state.

"I do think there is so much energy in the air," Collier said. "There will be more thought to who you are going to vote for. I think party will mean less this time around, and the person will mean more. In my case, I want people to look at the candidates."

Land said there shouldn't be an impact on Midland County voters except for a longer line. She said the decision was made to use the 2016 general election as the standard for supplies and personnel, so in the end, there will be the forms and "I voted" stickers for anyone who wants and needs one.

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this year in pits, according to previous Reporter-Telegram stories.

This weekend's murder was at least the sixth that occurred in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records. Details about the other alleged crimes are as follows:

■ Midland police in June began a search for Julio Cesar Lopez-Beltran, the suspect in a shooting that killed David Morales, 29, and injured another man, according to the city

spokeswoman. Warrants were issued for murder and attempted murder.

■ Three people in June were arrested in connection with the shooting death of Jordan Weston Baker, 26, according to previous Reporter-Telegram stories.

A teenager allegedly confessed to the murder and was taken to Culver Juvenile Justice Center. Two adults — Spring Denise Robinson and Brian Allen Wright — were being held Tuesday on \$300,000 bonds for first-degree felony charges of murder, which included

counts of tampering with physical evidence.

■ Midland police in April responded to a residence where Francisca Sanchez, 41, died at the scene, according to court documents. Don Del Real Herrera allegedly stabbed her and was being held Tuesday on a \$200,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of murder.

■ Murder suspect Juan Garcia Alvarez was killed in an officer-involved shooting in March after he allegedly fatally stabbed Dolores Marquez Alvarez, 46, according to a press

release from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

■ First responders in January investigated an incident as a murder-suicide after Steven Kuzminski, 29, and Shakira Vega, 21, were found dead from gunshot wounds, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

MPD in 2017 reported two criminal homicide offenses, according to its FBI Uniform Crime Report data webpage. The resource lists one such crime this year but indicates there may be a one- to three-month delay in reporting.

Austin boil-water notice could last 2 weeks, official says

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Nearly 900,000 people in Texas' capital may have to boil their tap water for two weeks, an official said Tuesday, as authorities struggled to treat a water supply filled with silt, mud and debris after recent heavy rains and flooding.

Austin's mayor subsequently suggested that the situation may be under control faster, however, and could be resolved within a "handful of days."

The Austin American-Statesman reports that Travis County Chief Emergency Management Coordinator Eric Carter told a county commissioners court meeting that 888,000 people may have to wait 10-14 days for the system to settle.

On Monday, the city told 1 million-plus residents to boil water for drinking, cooking and making ice. Officials are also urging drastic

reductions in water use and banning outdoor watering, car washing and using water to fill pools and spas.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler tweeted later Monday that officials do "not anticipate our water issues to last beyond a handful of days" depending on consumption rates. The city suggested that calls to conserve water were working.

There has been no indication of bacterial infiltration. But Austin Water warned that insufficiently treated water could contain bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches and other illness. It said infants, young children, some of the elderly and people with severely compromised immune systems would be at risk.

The boil-water notice has prompted a rush on grocery and convenience stores where shelves previously filled with bottled water stand

empty. Some restaurants closed, while school districts modified their menus to make it easier to use bottled water.

Area jails say they are distributing bottled or boiled-and-cooled water to inmates. In a statement, Travis County said it has 500 cases of water arriving Tuesday for use in lockups and has ordered nearly 4,500 cases to arrive in the coming days, enough for 15,000 bottles per day for a week. It is also working with the Office of Emergency Management "to get a water tanker with the capacity of 5,000 to 5,500 gallons of potable water."

Neighboring Williamson County declared its own emergency Tuesday, allowing officials to create a distribution point for providing potable water to about 80,000 people in its territory affected by Austin's boil water notice and to help affected schools.

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- Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wedley Ave. For more information call 682-8595
- Pool tournaments, 7 p.m. at The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway
- Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway Free
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment 8 p.m. at Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road challengeentertainment.com
- Karaoke Wednesdays with DJ Savage and host Ayva Nevseh, 9 p.m. at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: [therecoveryroom432](https://www.facebook.com/therecoveryroom432)
- Touch of Soul, 9:30 p.m. at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W.

The Federal Communications Commission held an auction of station bandwidth to provide more channels for wireless internet broadband services. Basin PBS did not participate in this auction, but the FCC mandated that the station

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2018. There are 68 days left in the year.

On this date:

- In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.
- In 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.
- In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower

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

CEMENT (May 21-June 20)
 ☛ Your industry might

drive you to react strongly, when there really is no reason for that kind of response. Take in all the facts, and consider the pros and cons of proceeding as you have been. In fact, the less said, the better. Stay on top of your game. **Tonight:** Hang out with a friend

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You feel pressured by a friend to make a choice that you normally wouldn't. You could get moody and might want to distance yourself. Remain optimistic that things will go well. A visit and a chat with a loved one help make you feel cared about. **Tonight:** Get into the moment.

1.24.73 (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ ★ Pressure to smile and say that everything is all right might be high. You probably need to speak your mind and allow others to get a better sense of what is going on in your mind. Someone greets you with a big smile; listen to his or her news. **Twilight:** Dinner for two.

VINGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** Reach out to someone you care about. You could have difficulty getting past all the activity around you, or around this person. Do not give up, and you'll find a way to break through. Caring flows naturally between you. A child becomes more responsive. Tonight: Time for fun.

LJIMA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** A partner or loved one might give in to a desire to be extremely overindulgent. You might go along for the ride until



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you are faced with reality. No matter what is going on, stay centered, even if you do not have the self-discipline you might desire. **Tonight:** Explore a new place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ You might be unusually energized. Try to funnel some of this energy into a creative project rather than allow it to dissolve. Your sense of direction could play an important role in what goes down. A loved one enjoys hanging out with you. Tonight: Just act natural.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Even if today's Full Moon has the effect of making you want to be around friends and visit with several different

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people, pace yourself. Your nerves could become jangled with everything that is occurring. You might want to open up to new ideas. **Tonight:** Kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
☆☆ You could be in the position of needing to be in two places at once. Despite being unable to meet the immediate demand, you somehow manage to make everyone happy. Express your caring and concern to a friend who will appreciate your thoughtfulness. Tonight: Let it happen.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Your instincts might point to staying close to home. You are likely to do just that.

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Whether you just need some time off or are needed elsewhere when something occurs, a change of pace is appropriate. You are able to read between the lines. **Tonight:** Lie low if possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ The Full Moon encourages you to daydream. You also might decide to fulfill a long-term wish. You see beyond the obvious when dealing with others. You even might notice a missed detail or two. Stay centered. A trip might be in the offing. **Tonight:** Read between the lines.

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TRUCK OR TREAT



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The Midland Fire Department hosted its fifth annual Truck or Treat Halloween Carnival on Saturday at Central Station and seven blocks on West Texas Avenue. More than 5,000 pounds of candy were given out at the event, which also included a bean bag toss, football throw, cupcake walk, haunted house, jumper and fire hose practice. Attendees had the opportunity to receive CPR training and stroke recognition education, complete child ID kits and witness a simulated vehicle rescue operation. Between 8,000 and 10,000 people attended, according to an email from the city's spokeswoman, and at least 750 of them were trained in CPR. More than 200 people from 33 local organizations volunteered at the event, she said. See more photos from the event at MRT.com



Putin pokes fun at US seal amid pact dispute

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin poked fun at the official seal of the United States while hosting U.S. President Donald Trump's national security adviser Tuesday, saying he wondered if the American eagle had plucked all the olives from the branch in its talon.

While sitting down with John Bolton at the Kremlin, Putin mentioned Trump's stated intent to pull the U.S. out of a pivotal arms control treaty. He said Moscow also was aware of Washington's doubts about extending another landmark nuclear treaty and its plans to deploy elements of missile defense in space.

The Russian leader then referred to the Great Seal of the United States, which includes a bald eagle holding a bundle of 13 arrows in one talon and an olive branch with 13 olives in another.

"I have a question: Has your eagle picked all the olives and only has arrows left?" Putin asked with a laugh.

But while underlining the differences between Russia and the U.S., Putin also emphasized the need to maintain a dialogue, saying he would be ready to meet with Trump in Paris during centenary commemorations next month marking the end of World War I.

Putin said his last meeting with Trump in Helsinki in July was useful despite their tough discussion, adding that he would be open to meet with Trump in France "if the U.S. side is interested in such contacts."

Bolton responded that Trump would look forward to seeing Putin in Paris on the sidelines of events marking 100 years since Armistice Day, which is Nov. 11.

"Despite our differences which exist because of our different national interests, it's still important to work in areas where there is a possibility of mutual cooperation," Bolton said.

Bolton's Kremlin meeting with Putin followed two

days of talks with top Russian foreign policy and security officials.

"Hopefully, I will have some answers for you," he said. "But I didn't bring any more olives."

"That's what I thought," Putin quipped.

The Russian leader further demonstrated his knowledge of U.S. symbols, citing the motto written on the scroll the eagle holds in its beak: "Out of Many, One" — as reflecting the need to find common ground despite various viewpoints.

Putin and Bolton laughed as they exchanged the quips at the start of the meeting, setting an easy tone ahead of what was expected to be a tense discussion given Trump's weekend statement about abandoning the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

Speaking at a news conference after the talks with Putin, Bolton emphasized that the U.S. has been confident that Russia has violated the treaty by testing and deploying a ground-based cruise missile.

He said that the U.S. hasn't yet filed a formal notice of withdrawal from the pact and emphasized that the threat isn't the prospective U.S. pullout from the pact but "the threat is the Russian missiles already deployed."

He also pointed at China's massive intermediate-range capability as another key concern.

"The treaty was outmoded, being violated and being ignored by other countries," Bolton said. "Under that view, exactly one country was constrained by the INF Treaty — the United States."

He scoffed at critics' claims that the U.S. pullout would be destabilizing, pointing at the U.S. pullout from another Cold War-era arms control pact — the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that was described as a cornerstone of strategic stability.

"It wasn't true then, and it will not be true now with the withdrawal from this treaty," he said.

Turkish president: Saudis must name those who ordered writer's killing

By Christopher Torchia and Jon Gambrell
Associated Press

Shifting Saudi account of writer's death confirms key parts

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Saudi Arabia must identify those who ordered the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi and turn over the suspects for trial, the Turkish president said Tuesday in remarks that carefully ratcheted up pressure on a country that is a source of investment for Turkey, but also a rival for influence in the Middle East.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan delivered a sharp rebuttal of Saudi Arabia's widely criticized account that the writer for The Washington Post died accidentally in a brawl, saying Saudi officials had planned the killing for days.

Some analysts believe Turkey is also calculating whether it can capitalize on outrage over the killing to extract political capital from the world's largest oil exporter without alienating it altogether.

Addressing ruling party lawmakers in parliament, Erdogan used the word "murder" 15 times to describe Khashoggi's death after the writer entered the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2 for paperwork related to his marriage plans.

Erdogan also cast Turkey in the role of global statesman, echoing calls for full Saudi accountability from Western allies whose relationships with the Turkish government have often been edgy in the past.

"To blame such an incident on a handful of security and intelligence members would not satisfy us or the international community," he said. Earlier, Turkey's foreign minister said it would cooperate with any international or U.N. probe into the killing, a nod to transparency that only seemed to accentuate an emerging pariah status for Saudi Arabia.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stood by his earlier call for an independent and transparent investigation, said Farhan Haq, a deputy spokesman for the world body. Haq reiterated that Guterres can initiate a probe if key parties request it or if there is a legislative mandate from a U.N. body.

"Turkey is playing the long game. And today's speech is part of a very careful — in my opinion — escalation strategy," said Ahmet Kasim Han, an international relations analyst at Atinbas University in Istanbul.

"Turkish authorities seem to be concentrated on turning this into a multi-lateral issue" because they don't want "to be left alone with Saudi Arabia on all of this," he said.

WASHINGTON — Facing global outrage over the killing of Jamal Khashoggi, Saudi officials are now acknowledging that the journalist was targeted inside the kingdom's consulate in Turkey and a body double was on hand to aid in a cover-up — the latest twist in the kingdom's evolving efforts to explain Khashoggi's death.

This new version of events — which was described in The Associated Press by two Saudi officials — comes three weeks after the kingdom said Khashoggi left the consulate on his own and insisted Turkish claims he was killed by an assassination squad were unfounded.

Now Saudi officials tell AP they did in fact send a team to Turkey that included a forensic expert and a member whose job was to dress in the 55-year-old writer's clothes and pretend to be him — though they still insist that his death was an accident.

This account attempts to distance Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman from the killing, even though officials linked to the 33-year-old ruler have been implicated. But the fact that the Saudis are acknowledging some aspects of the account provided by Turkish authorities suggests that the kingdom is feeling intense global pressure, including from President Donald Trump and members of Congress, some of whom have called for cutting off arms shipments and imposing sanctions.

Maha Yahya, director of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut, speculated that Saudi Arabia could now be vulnerable to pressure, including from the U.S., to end a boycott of Turkey-backed Qatar.

"As far as Erdogan is concerned, he will use this incident to try and get as much mileage and concessions out of it, to the advantage of Turkey, as he possibly can," Yahya said.

Erdogan focused on the investigation in his speech, saying he wants the 18 suspects detained by Saudi Arabia in the killing to face trial in Turkish courts, a demand the kingdom will probably resist. Saudi Arabia has said it will punish those involved and has described the suspects as rogue operators, even though officials linked to Saudi Arabia's assertive Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman have been implicated.

Although he didn't mention Prince Mohammed, Erdogan likely knows that the kingdom's major decisions always require the approval of those at the top of the ruling Al Saud family.

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O'Connor announces likely Alzheimer's diagnosis

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman on the Supreme Court, announced Tuesday in a frank and personal letter that she has been diagnosed with "the beginning stages of dementia, probably Alzheimer's disease."

The 88-year-old's letter was addressed to "Friends and fellow Americans." And it was a farewell of sorts from a woman who was not only a trailblazer for women in the law but also for much of her quarter century on the high court a key vote on issues central to American life.

O'Connor said doctors diagnosed her some time ago and that as her condition has progressed she is "no longer able to participate in public life." After her 2006 retirement from the high court O'Connor had appeared around the country championing an educational organization she founded and serving as a visiting appeals court judge, among other activities. But she stopped speaking publicly more than two years ago.

"While the final chapter of my life with dementia may be trying, nothing has diminished my gratitude and deep appreciation for the countless blessings in my life," she wrote. She added: "As a young cowgirl from the Arizona desert, I never could have imagined that one day I would become the first woman justice on the U.S. Supreme Court."

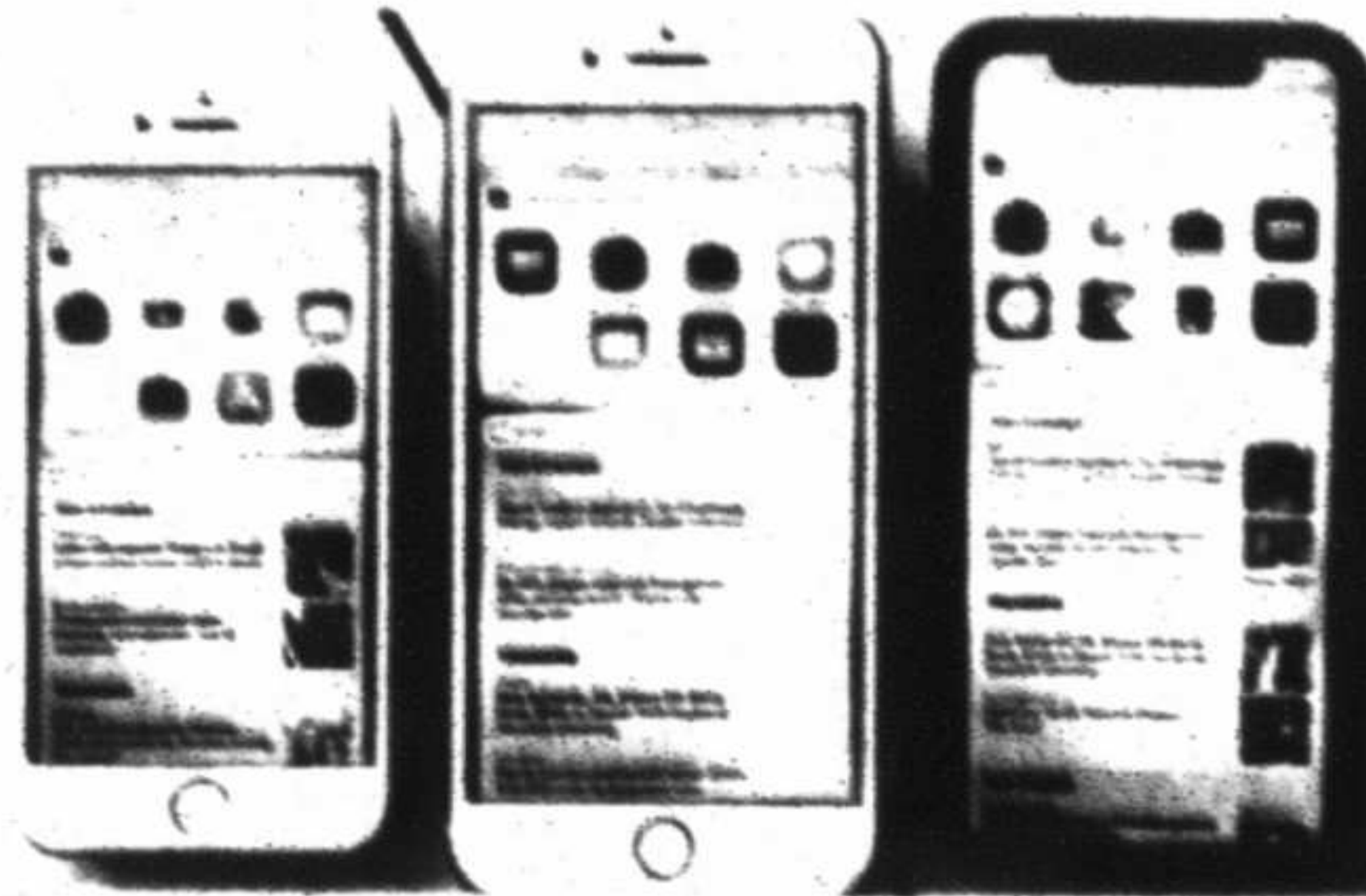
O'Connor's announcement of her diagnosis came a day after an Associated Press story in which her son Jay O'Connor said that his mother had begun to have challenges with her short-term memory.

The story noted that O'Connor had stopped making public appearances and recently turned over an office she had kept at the Supreme Court to newly retired Justice Anthony Kennedy. Jay O'Connor also said that hip issues have meant his mother now primarily uses a wheelchair and stays close to her home in Phoenix.

O'Connor wrote that since "many people have asked about my current status and activities" she wanted to be "open about these changes."

O'Connor was a state court judge before being nominated to the Supreme Court in 1981 by President Ronald Reagan, who fulfilled a campaign promise by nominating a woman to the high court. O'Connor's letter Tuesday was reminiscent of Reagan's 1994 letter announcing that he had Alzheimer's disease. He died in 2004.

During her more than two decades on the court O'Connor was often the deciding vote in important cases, providing the crucial fifth vote when the court divided 5-4.



From left the iPhone 8, iPhone 8 Plus, and the iPhone XR are shown Monday in New York. The new XR phone has a larger display and loses the home button to make room for more screen.

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iPhone XR makes right trade-offs for cheaper price

By Anick Jesdanun
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REVIEW

NEW YORK — Apple offers you a simple trade-off with its new iPhone XR, the middlebrow cousin to the top-of-the-line iPhone XS.

On one hand, the XR lacks the high-resolution screen and dual-lens camera found on the XS. On the other, you'd save at least \$250 and still get most of the other cutting-edge features found on the more expensive model.

Based on several days of testing, it looks like Apple made the right cost-cutting trade-offs with the XR, which starts selling Friday for about \$750. The standard XS starts at about \$1,000; its supersized cousin, the XS Max, goes for \$1,100 more.

The XR falls between the XS and the Max in size. Its screen is about 7 percent larger than the XS and 12 percent smaller than the Max. But the XR is closer in width to larger iPhones such as the Max and older Plus models, so anyone upgrading from an iPhone 7 or 8 will have to get used to a new grip.

As with the XS, the XR's display extends close to the phone's edges, translating to 45 percent more screen space than the iPhone 8 and 6 percent more than the 8 Plus. The XR and the XS both use facial recognition to unlock the phone, and both have a notch at the top for sensors, similar to shades on a car's windshield. The notch will take getting used to.

Speaker quality on the XR and the XS were comparable, and the mics on all new models offer stereo recording for the first time. The phone displays, however, are different, and those disparities can make a difference. The screens on both XS models have better contrast and more

vibrant colors than the standard LCD screen on the XR. Autumn leaves in the cartoon "The Secret Lives of Pets" stand out more, while greater hints of orange appeared in a space drama's rocket exhaust flames. Whites are whiter, making the screen appear brighter even though it's not.

The XR screen also falls short of full high definition, unlike the XS displays, although it can display video at 720p quality. Apple says that with LCD screens, higher resolution drains the battery faster, a trade-off that's minimal with the XS because its screen doesn't need a backlight.

That said, the differences are often hard to spot, even with the phones side by side. Where quality really matters, you'll probably want a bigger screen such as a tablet or a TV anyway.

Although the Max has the largest battery in an iPhone, the XR was typically on par with or exceeded the Max in battery performance when viewing video, at least at lower or medium brightness. In any case, either phone should give you enough battery life for routine use.

Cameras improve with each generation, and the new iPhones are no different. For many shots, the new iPhones blend four exposures rather than two, allowing for better lighting balance and more detail. In some shots taken in suboptimal conditions against direct sunlight, the XR still showed trees in dimly lit areas, while last year's iPhone X produced pitch black. The new cameras also have better focus and low-light capabilities.

What's missing in the XR is a second rear lens for double the magnification. Instead, the XR uses

software zoom, which reduces quality. Of course, the standard iPhone 7 and 8 didn't have a second lens either, although their Plus models did, as did the iPhone X. Both XS models also have two lenses. Despite lacking a second lens, the XR lets you blur backgrounds in some shots, a feature many phones are now getting. The XR does this with software, though it works only with people in the foreground, while the XS can do statues and monuments.

Two more points of comparison: The XS has slightly better water resistance — good to a depth of 2 meters (2.2 yards), compared with just 1 meter on the XR. But the XR offers a budget storage-upgrade option: \$50 for 128 gigabytes (up from 64 gigabytes in the base model). Both XS phones also start at 64 gigabytes, but their cheapest upgrade is \$150 for 256 gigabytes.

The only knock is the XR's size. Though it's fine for people with adequate pockets or bags, not everyone wants a phone that's nearly as wide as the Max or the Plus. Perhaps Apple will one day design a smaller XR and revive a trend of offering both standard and larger versions for each major model.

Apple offers a range of iPhones, from \$450 to \$1,100

By Anick Jesdanun
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NEW YORK — Apple's new iPhone XR has most of the features found in the top-of-the-line iPhone XS Max, but not its \$1,100 price tag. The XR offers the right trade-offs for just \$750.

For something cheaper, you'll need to look in the iPhone history bin. Older models are still quite good. If you're shopping for a new phone, it pays to think hard about what you really want and what you're willing to pay for it. Improvements over the previous generation tend to be incremental, but can add up over time — and so do the sums you'll pay for them.

iPhone 7 (\$649)
The big jump in iPhone cameras came a generation earlier with the iPhone 6S, when Apple went from 8 megapixels to 12 megapixels in resolution. With the iPhone 7, the front camera goes from 5 megapixels to 7 megapixels, so selfies don't feel as inferior.

The iPhone 7 is Apple's first to lose the standard headphone jack. Headphones go into its Lightning port, which is used for both charging and data transfer. It's a pain when you want to listen to music while recharging the phone. For that, you need \$159 wireless earphones called AirPods. Apple no longer includes an adapter for standard headphones, one will set you back \$9 if you need it.

iPhone 7 Plus (\$849)
This larger version of the iPhone 7 has a second camera lens in the back, allowing for twice the magnification without any degradation in image quality. It also lets the camera gauge depth and blur backgrounds in portrait shots, something once limited to full-featured SLR cameras. The dual-lens camera alone is a good reason to go for a Plus, though the larger size isn't a good fit for those with small hands or small pockets.

iPhone 8 (\$599)
New color filters in the camera produce truer and richer colors, while a new flash technique tries to light the foreground and background more evenly. Differences are subtle, though. The year-old model, similar in size to the iPhone 7, restores a glass back found in the earliest iPhones. That's done so you can charge it on a wireless-charging mat, which also solves the problem of listening to music while charging. But with more glass, it's even more important to get a case and perhaps a service plan.

iPhone 8 Plus (\$899)
Again, the Plus version has a larger screen and a second lens. For those shots with blurred backgrounds, a new feature lets you add filters to mimic studio and other lighting conditions.

iPhone XR (\$749)
The display on Apple's latest model, which comes out Friday, lacks the vivid colors, contrast quality and resolution of the prior iPhone XS and XS Max. As with the XS models, though, you'll still get a display that largely runs from edge to edge. Gone is most of the surrounding bezel along with the home button. Many tasks now require swipes rather than presses. The fingerprint ID sensor is replaced with facial recognition to unlock the phone. There's more display than the regular XS, but the phone itself is also larger — just not as large as the Max. The camera continues to improve, with better focus and low-light capabilities. Many shots now blend four exposures rather than two for better lighting balance in suboptimal conditions. The XR doesn't have the dual-lens camera, though it can offer some of the blurred-background effect with software.

iPhone XS (\$999)
As with the iPhone X it replaces, the new XS also has an edge-to-edge display. The display has about the same surface area as the iPhone 7 Plus and 8 Plus, while the phone itself is only slightly larger than the regular iPhone 7 and 8. Improved display technology means vivid colors and better contrast, including black that is black rather than simply dark. You also get a dual-lens camera.

iPhone XS Max (\$1,099)
This is essentially the "Plus" version of the iPhone XS. The phone itself is about the size of the Plus, but with more room for the display. This phone won't feel big for existing Plus users, but think twice if you have small hands or small pockets.

While supplies last
Apple no longer sells the iPhone SE, which is essentially a three-year-old iPhone 5S, packed in a body that's smaller but thicker than the iPhone 7 and 8. Though the trend in phones has been to go bigger, some people preferred the smaller size — and the \$350 price tag. You can try to get it from some wireless carriers and other retailers, at least for now.



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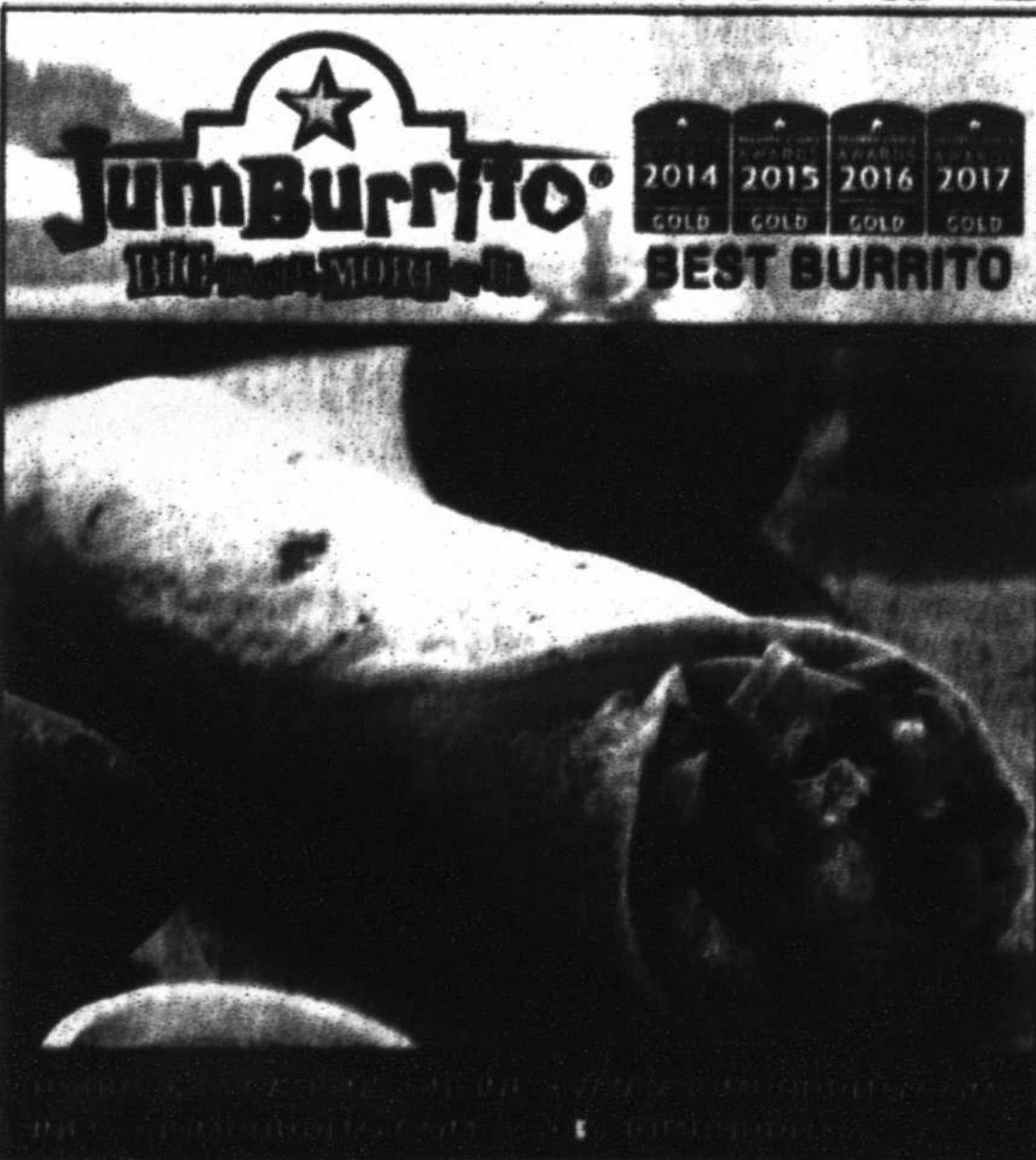
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Past mistakes complicate the Khashoggi affair

■ When dealing with murderous regimes, the choice is often between the more tolerable of murderers

The biggest mistake the Trump administration made in the Jamal Khashoggi case occurred while Khashoggi was still alive. Letting Saudi Arabia's crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, think he could get away with something so heinous — and so heinously stupid.

But the bell was rung, as it were, and there is no way to unring it. The Saudis surely made everything worse by lying about it. But the aftermath is such a complicated mess because it illuminates decisions made long before Prince Mohammed's goons brought a bone saw to Istanbul.

It's a bit analogous to the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. That murder sparked World War I, yet the war was about far more than the murder of a single official.

I look at the situation from the Saudi perspective. The U.S. has turned a blind eye to far larger horrors, including the Saudi-led war in Yemen. Prince Mohammed's forces reportedly target civilian centers and tolerate rape, torture and the conscription of children. The Iranian side

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is just as guilty.

Saudi Arabia also executes about 150 people a year, mostly by beheading and occasionally by stoning. In recent years, several women were executed for practicing "witchcraft" or "sorcery." Yet the U.S. doesn't say how about that.

Instead, the Saudis have gotten two mutually reinforcing messages from the White House. First, President Trump has repeatedly said that every country has a sovereign right to protect its own distinct culture.

Well, in Saudi Arabia's distinct culture, rulers can do whatever they can get away with, particularly with regard to their own citizens. From Prince Mohammed's perspective, Khashoggi — a longtime supporter of the Muslim Brotherhood and an operator in the Saudi court — was an obstacle to reform and a tool of his enemies. That he had a U.S. tourist visa and a column in the Washington Post didn't change that. It made him a greater threat. The second message is that Saudi

Arabia is our ally. This isn't new, but the Trump administration has taken it to new, personalized extremes. So long as Saudi Arabia helps contain Iran, softens on Israel and keeps the oil flowing out (and the weapons in), they can have a free hand.

To paraphrase FDR, the man who forged the U.S.-Saudi alliance, the Saudis may be STUs, but they're our STUs.

The Saudis are also getting a third message, one that is coming more from the world of NGOs, op-ed pages and Wall Street than from the West Wing. Saudi Arabia needs to reform its economy and culture.

Indeed, Prince Mohammed jumped the line of succession to do precisely that. It's thanks to him that women are finally allowed to drive in the kingdom.

One of the more cynical talking points among those calling for new leadership in Saudi Arabia is the idea that reformers in backward authoritarian nations don't do terrible things.

The shahs were reformers, supporting Western-style modernization and women's rights. They were also brutal dictators.

Mikhail Gorbachev was a reformer. But I would be stunned if he'd never had anyone murdered. Regimes founded on mistaken principles have few nice options when seeking to reform.

The point isn't that the ends justify

the means, but that when dealing with murderous regimes, the choice is often between the more tolerable of murderers.

Some of the most outraged American voices in the Khashoggi affair had no problem working with Iran's brutal regime. The Obama echo chamber made realist arguments about the nature of reform under the mullahs, but these same people are now usually aghast at our realpolitik with the House of Saud.

The Turks are even worse. Along with Iran, Turkey is competing with Saudi Arabia for regional dominance, and Khashoggi's death is merely a propaganda tool for them. The Turks are brilliantly feeding evidence in drips and drabs to an indignant Western press.

I get the indignation, but has no one followed the mass arrests and periodic assassinations of journalists under President Recep Tayyip Erdogan? Do people really believe the Turkish tyrant and NATO ally who calls journalists the "gardeners of terrorism" is sincerely offended? Should we call for Erdogan to step down? Why not?

I have no good idea for what we should do next, because the problem isn't really the killing of Khashoggi. As outrageous as it is, Khashoggi's murder is a symptom of a far longer series of mistakes.

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OPINION EXTRA

Democrats learned to stop worrying and love federalism

In today's polarized political environment, I'm often asked how I think America can come back together. My answer is pretty simple: we learn to leave each other alone. I didn't like President Obama much, folks on the left don't like President Trump. I wanted President Obama and Democrats interfering as little as possible in my life. Democrats presumably feel the same about President Trump and the Republicans. So, here's a solution: the Founders' solution. It's called checks and balances, federalism and localism.

For too long, the Democratic Party has operated under a certain assumption. The tides of history are in its favor. Aggregation of power to the federal government, usurpation of power by the judiciary, centralization of power in the executive branch — all of that would redound to their political benefit. And for decades, they were largely correct. Not only did the federal government continue to grow but federal policymaking also shifted consistently leftward, with brief points of stagnation during eras of Republican rule.

But President Trump's ascension to power has shocked the Democrats awake. Suddenly, some Democrats have realized that they are not fated to rule forever — and that powers handed to the federal government by Democrats can be turned against Democrats, too.

This shock has resulted in two Democratic responses. The first, a determination to change the system of government itself to forestall any future Republican victory. Thus, we've heard calls to abolish the Electoral College (not happening), to pack the Supreme Court (not happening), to apportion the Senate based on population (not happening). The second response, however, is more tenable and far more appealing across the political aisle: a restoration of the founding promise to devolve authority to local authorities.

This week, Hillary Clinton hit upon this unique strategy — a strategy some centuries old but fought tooth and nail by the left seemingly by accident. She tweeted, "A reality of a Supreme Court with a right-wing majority is that the states are a new important front in protecting civil rights — especially the rights of the most vulnerable among us."

The states aren't that new. They've been around for a couple of centuries, and they've always been designed to protect the interests of local populations. Sometimes those interests have been brutal and terrible — see, for example, slavery and Jim Crow — but sometimes those interests have been positive and welcome. In designing a system determined to please the greatest number of human beings, localism is usually, but not invariably, the solution. As James Madison wrote in Federalist No. 39, our government is "neither wholly national nor wholly federal." There's a reason for that.

It's good to see members of the left finally discovering some founding philosophy. But there is one problem with the left's view of federalism and devolution of power: That view seems temporary. The minute Democrats seize power once more, the glories of federalism will surely recede into the background in favor of the club of federal power. That's just one more reason that Democrats shouldn't be handed that power anytime soon.

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Dog whistles are also for liberals

I often hear other Hispanic journalists talk about being attacked, criticized and picked on by racist conservative Republicans — usually over immigration — and the assumption that anyone with a Spanish surname is soft on border security.

Amateurs. You haven't lived until you've had to put up with all that noise — while also getting attacked, criticized and picked on by racist liberal Democrats because you challenge their nonsense.

It happens to me all the time. In fact, I can't figure out who despises me more — conservatives who believe I hate America, or liberals who resent that I think for myself.

I recently wrote that Senate Democrats owed an apology to newly confirmed Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh for their insulting treatment of him. That fired up an opinionated woman from San Francisco who believes Kavanaugh is a rapist, Hispanics are inferior, and Catholics are degenerates. She responded:

"I smell a sexual predator sympathy in your op-ed. A Hispanic male, probably raised in the pedophile Catholic Church, should NOT take on women's civil rights. You have been raised in a culture of hatred toward women and help disempower them. I hope your misogynist views send you to the nearest unemployment line."

Apparently, dog whistles are not just for conservatives anymore. The reader goes after Hispanic men, and a Hispanic culture that she claims hates women.

Dis mi. Another clueless reader whose understanding of Hispanics is a two-part of a combination plate. Sure, Hispanics hate women — so much so that Mother's Day is the most important holiday on the calendar.

Over 30 years of writing for newspapers, I've encountered more than my share of closed-minded lefties. Consider the white liberal in Phoenix who — after I criticized U.S. Attorney Janet Napoliitano, the future Democratic governor of the state and Homeland Security Secretary — told me that I ought to be more grateful to the Democratic Party for delivering the affirmative action that took me to the Ivy League. Then there was the white liberal in San Antonio who insisted on calling me "senior" and claimed my admiration for George W. Bush made me a traitor to the Hispanic community. And who could forget the delightful woman who, after I criticized Hillary Clinton during the 2016 election, told me to "go back to Mexico" — and take Donald Trump with you.

I understand that the mainstream media —

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which is still largely run by liberal white people only has one frequency when it comes to covering racism and ethnicism in America. They will talk our ears off about intolerance on the right. It makes them feel morally superior, and gives them a shot at winning Latino votes without actually having to break a sweat and work for them.

Luckily for the media, racist Republicans play into that narrative by saying or doing the wrong thing.

In fact, the modern GOP — which has really descended down a rat hole since Ronald Reagan won 35 percent of the Latino vote in 1984 and George W. Bush won 40 percent in 2004 — now approaches Latinos not with hope and optimism but with fear and loathing. The cultural right portrays Latinos as dumb, dangerous, diseased and determined to change the complexion of the United States.

That line of attack used to be offensive and hurtful. Now it's boring and predictable.

Still, as a Hispanic who votes — and writes — the liberal media made sure I heard about the interview that Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, gave to a far-right publication in Austria. It was filled with white nationalist racism.

The interview, which was published in September but only last week came to light in the United States, makes clear that King is obsessed with the birthrates of Muslim and Latino immigrants. He thinks demographics point to a "slow-motion cultural suicide" for Western Civilization, which will soon be "subjugated by the people who are the enemies of faith, the enemies of justice." It all comes down to nativist malice.

"The U.S. subtracts from its population a million of our babies in the form of abortion," King said in the interview. "We add to our population approximately 1.8 million of somebody else's babies who are raised in another culture before they get to us."

Get the picture? Whether they're conservatives or liberals, racists are like cars. To see what you're dealing with, you have to look under the hood.

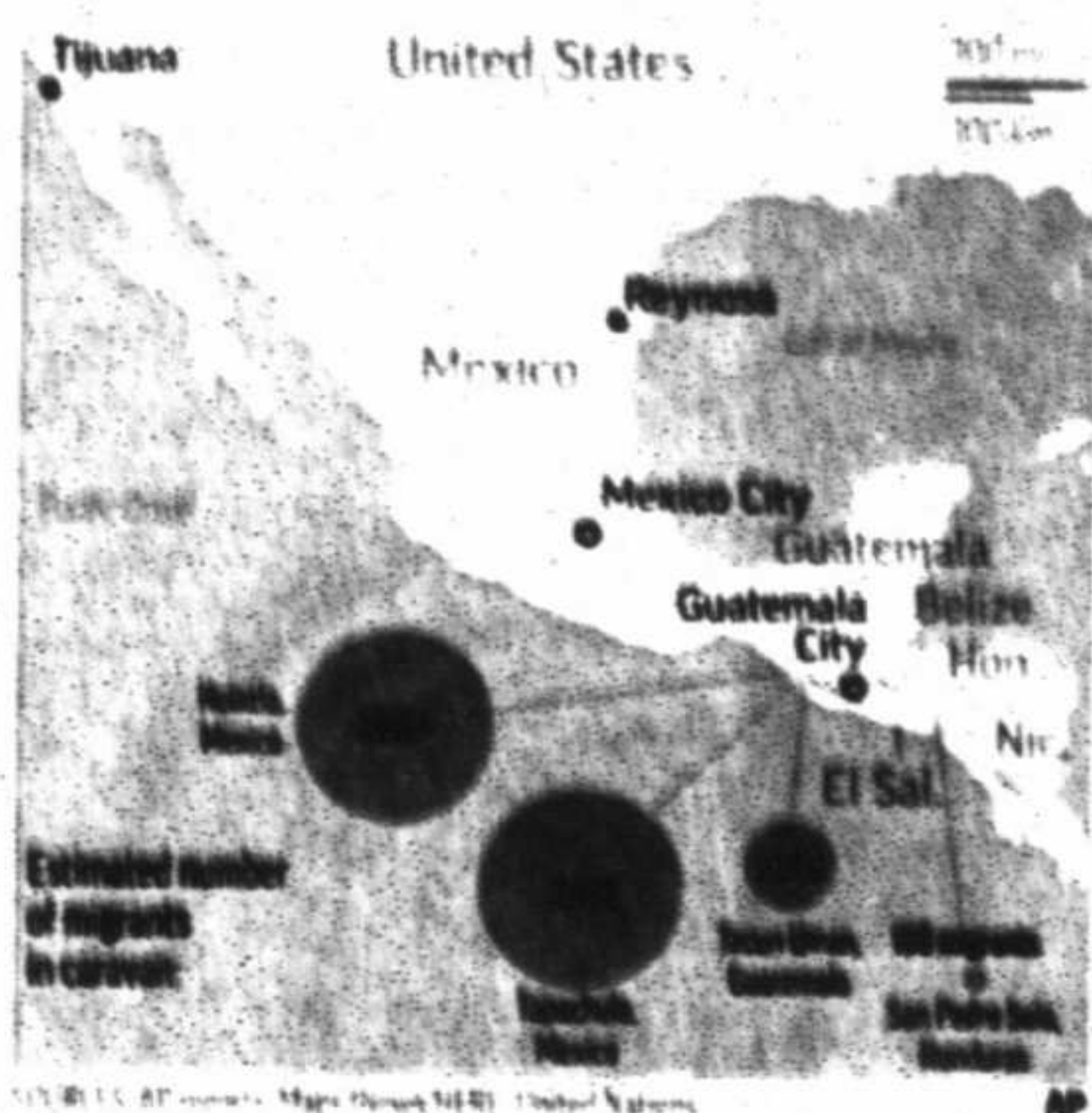
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Caravan grows as it moves toward US



Migrants pause to honor dead man, rest, still far from US

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

HUIXTLA, Mexico — Still more than 1,000 miles from their goal of reaching the United States, a caravan of Central American migrants briefly halted their arduous journey Tuesday to mourn a fellow traveler killed in a road accident, and to rest weary, blistered feet and try to heal illnesses and injuries suffered on the road.

Thousands awakened as the sun rose over a makeshift encampment in a rain-soaked square in the far southern Mexican town of Huixtla, a chorus of coughs rattling from the shapeless forms wrapped in blankets and bits of plastic sheeting.

Sunbaked from the daytime heat and chilled by the overnight cold, many appeared to be developing respiratory problems.

Edwin Enrique Jimenez Flores, 48, of Toluca, Honduras, had one of those persistent coughs, but still vowed to reach the U.S. to seek work.

"My feet are good," he said. A mobile medical clinic truck pulled into the square in the morning to offer the migrants treatment. Municipal worker Daniel Lopez said the town was offering food and water as well as basic painkillers and rehydration liquids, and some children were running high temperatures.

Overnight, candles arranged in the shape of a cross were lit in a simple memorial to the dead Honduran man, who fell from the back of an overcrowded truck Monday as it traveled on a highway.

"Today we won't move. Today is a day of mourning," said activist Irineo Mujica of the Pueblo Sin Fronteras group, which is aiding the migrants. He added that they would leave before dawn Wednesday headed for Managua, about 38 miles up the coast.

Such caravans have taken place regularly over the years, generally without great fanfare, but U.S. President Donald Trump has seized on the phenomenon this year and made it a rallying call for his Republican base ahead of Nov. 6 midterm elections.

Trump has blamed Democrats for what he said were weak immigration laws and claimed — with no evidence — that MS-13 gang members and unknown "Middle Easterners" were hiding among the migrants.

The caravan, estimated to include more than 7,000 people, has advanced about 45 miles since crossing the border from Guatemala and still faces more than 1,000 miles to the closest U.S. border crossing at McAllen — and more than twice that to reach the distant Tijuana-San Diego crossing. Many in the caravan have low odds of qualifying for asylum even if they do make it, as the United States does not consider things like fleeing from poverty or gang violence as a qualifying factor.

A smaller caravan earlier this year headed for the California crossing, dissipating as it advanced, and only about 200 of the 1,200 in that group reached the border.

Nearly 1,700 from the current caravan have already dropped out and applied for asylum in Mexico, according

to Mexican authorities, and another 500 have decided to voluntarily return home to Honduras. And the numbers could thin out far more as people decide to take their chances in Mexico or strike out on their own.

In Huixtla, the morning routine began with lines of people brushing their teeth and spitting toothpaste into the gutters. Donations of food and other supplies were brought in, and as garbage piled up in the square, the migrants tried to organize it into piles so it could be carted away.

Wilfredo Anaya of San Pedro Sula, Honduras, passed among them collecting coins in a foam cup to buy plastic garbage bags to leave the plaza clean.

"We all pitch in among ourselves," Anaya said, "because this thing will go on for a while."

Portable toilets were set up in one corner of the overflowing plaza. A few hundred people were also camped out on a basketball court outside of town, where there were no bathrooms and little donated food.

Slender and sunbaked, Selvin Antonio Guzman of Santa Barbara, Honduras, said, like many others, that he left home because gangs were making life impossible.

Guzman would have joined his mother and sister in the United States years ago but never had the thousands of dollars needed to pay a smuggler. So he jumped at the chance for the relative safety in numbers and for cheaper alternative than the caravan offered.

Despite the rough conditions, he said that "every day we feel stronger. You see the women and children walking, and feel that there's no turning back. ... I know I am going to make it. We are giving each other strength."

Adrian Edwards, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Geneva that "in any situation like this it is essential that people have the chance to request asylum and have their international protection needs properly assessed, before any decision on return (or) deportation is made."

Trump has criticized Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador for not stopping people from leaving their countries and said in a tweet on Monday that the U.S. would "now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them." He has also threatened to use the military to close down the United States' southern border.

Still, administration officials have not indicated any action in response to what Trump tweeted was a "National Emergency."

Mujica, the migrant rights activist, said Trump is trying to stir up his Republican base by making political hay out of the caravan and border security ahead of the November vote.

Willa threatens Mexico's Pacific coast

By Maria Veran
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A potential catastrophic Hurricane Willa swept toward Mexico's Pacific coast with winds of 145 mph Monday night, threatening a stretch of high-rise resort hotels, surfing beaches and fishing villages.

Farther south, Mexican officials reported 12 deaths related to heavy rains from Tropical Storm Vicente.

After briefly reaching Category 5 strength, Willa's maximum sustained winds weakened some. But it remained "extremely dangerous" and was forecast to bring "life-threatening storm surge, wind and rainfall" to parts of west-central and southwestern Mexico ahead of an expected Tuesday landfall, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Hotel workers started taping up windows, and officials began evacuating people and shuttered schools in a low-lying landscape where towns sit amid farmland tucked between the sea and lagoons. A decree of "extraordinary emergency" was issued for 19 municipalities in Nayarit and Sinaloa states, the federal Interior Department announced.

Officials said 7,000 to 8,000 people were being evacuated from

low-lying areas, mostly in Sinaloa state.

The hurricane was expected to pass over or near the Islas Marias — a set of islands about 60 miles offshore that include a nature preserve and a federal prison — early Tuesday.

Forecasters said Willa would then blow ashore in the afternoon or evening somewhere along a 140-mile stretch extending from the resort town of Mazatlan to San Blas.

It was projected to weaken somewhat before hitting land but was still expected to be extremely dangerous.

Yamilé Bustamante, assistant general manager at the Crown Plaza de Mazatlan, said hotel executives were not ruling out the possibility of evacuating guests but were awaiting instructions from authorities.

The governments of Sinaloa and Nayarit ordered coastal region schools to close and began preparing emergency shelters.

Enrique Moreno, mayor of Escuinapa, a municipality of about 60,000 people on Willa's track, said officials were trying to evacuate everybody in the seaside village of Teacapan. He estimated 3,000 were affected but he expected some would try to stay.

"The people don't want to evacuate, but it's for their security," he

said.

About 60 miles up the coast in Mazatlan, with a metropolitan-area population of about 500,000, Mayor Jose Joel Boucicquez said officials prepared shelters and were closely monitoring low-lying areas. Mazatlan is a popular vacation spot and home to a large number of American and Canadian expatriates.

Late Monday, Willa was centered about 85 miles southwest of the Islas Marias and 195 miles south-southwest of Mazatlan. It was moving north at 9 mph.

Hurricane-force winds extended 35 miles from the storm's center, and tropical storm-force winds were up to 125 miles out.

The U.S. hurricane center warned that Willa could bring 6 to 12 inches of rain — with up to 18 inches in some places — to parts of Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa states, with flash flooding and landslides possible in mountainous areas.

Farther south, Tropical Storm Vicente weakened and was expected to dissipate soon, but it still dropped heavy rainfall that caused dangerous flooding in southern and southwestern Mexico.

Officials in Oaxaca state said seven adults and five children had lost their lives in drownings or mudslides.

Issue of married Catholic priests gains traction

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — As the Vatican copes with the growing clergy sex abuse scandal and declining number of priests worldwide, it is laying the groundwork to open formal debate on an issue that has long been taboo: opening up the priesthood to married men in parts of the world where clergy are scarce.

Pope Francis has convened a meeting of South American bishops next year focusing on the plight of the church in the Amazon, a vast territory served by far too few priests. During that synod, the question of ordaining married men of proven virtue — so-called "viri probati" — is expected to figure on the agenda.

This week, a two-hour documentary on Italian television is likely to contribute to the conversation. "The Choice: Priests and Love" profiles more than a dozen men in four European countries who are either living clandestinely with women, have created their own unsanctioned church communities where married priests preside at Mass, or left the Catholic priesthood altogether to marry.

The documentary, to be aired today on Discovery Italia and previewed to The Associated Press, makes the case that many of these men would gladly return to the priesthood and offer their pastoral services.

Their plight has found a sympathetic ear in Francis, who has long expressed a willingness to consider "viri probati" to address pastoral needs in the Amazon. He has also expressed sympathy for priests who have made the anguished choice to leave.

Vocatio, an Italian association of these "married priests," wrote Francis earlier this month pledging their solidarity as he copes with the global fallout of the sex abuse scandal, and once again offering their services in ministry.

"We would like you to take into consideration — without prejudice or pretense — the opportunity of allowing us an active presence in diocesan activity, given our experience and competence in the sacraments we have lived: ministry and matrimony," the group wrote.

The head of Vocatio, former priest Rosario Moccia who married civilly in 1977, estimates there are about 5,000 men in Italy alone who have left the priesthood, a third of whom would seek a



Pope Francis meets Colombia's President Ivan Duque on Monday at the Vatican.

return to married ministry if allowed. He said he was hopeful for progress under Francis and some sympathetic Italian bishops, saying they brought "a new air and atmosphere" to a long-standing problem.

"The possibility of having 'viri probati' would be a great opening, a great step forward," he told AP, adding it would begin to sensitize the church and public opinion to the prospect of both a married and a celibate priesthood.

The celibate priesthood has been a tradition of the Latin rite Catholic Church since the 11th century; no doctrine requires it, and many eastern rite Catholic Churches allow married men to be ordained. In addition, the Catholic Church allows married Anglican clergy who convert to remain in priestly ministry.

Francis has long said he appreciates the discipline of celibacy, but that it can change given it is discipline, not doctrine. History's first Latin American pope has been particularly attentive to the argument in favor of the "viri probati" in the Amazon, where the mostly indigenous faithful can go months without seeing a priest, and where Protestant and evangelical churches are wooing away Catholic souls.

While the situation is particularly grave there, overall the number of priests worldwide has dropped for another consecutive year — down 687 to 414,969 — while the global Catholic population has grown by 14.25 million, according to recent figures from the Vatican's Fides missionary service.

Opening the priesthood to married men, even in limited and localized places, would open the question of providing financially for the priests' families — an expense long cited as a key reason

for the imposition of celibacy in the 11th century. The church didn't want its assets to pass down to priests' heirs.

The issue of providing for the children of priests, however, is already on the agenda at the Vatican and in bishops conferences and religious orders around the world, given the cases of priests who violate their celibacy vows and have children secretly.

An Irish psychotherapist and son of a priest, Vincent Doyle, has founded an online resource, Coping International, to offer assistance for priests' children, who often endure depression, anxiety and other mental health issues

blamed on the silence imposed on them by the church.

Doyle has successfully petitioned the pope's Pontifical Council for the Protection of Minors, his hand-picked sex abuse advisory committee — to consider the issue of priests' children to be part of its mandate, given some of these children are born to minors.

"Our expectation is that from this process will emerge initiatives that can contribute to the healing of those impacted by this issue," wrote commission member Neville Owen, who heads the commission's committee on guidelines.

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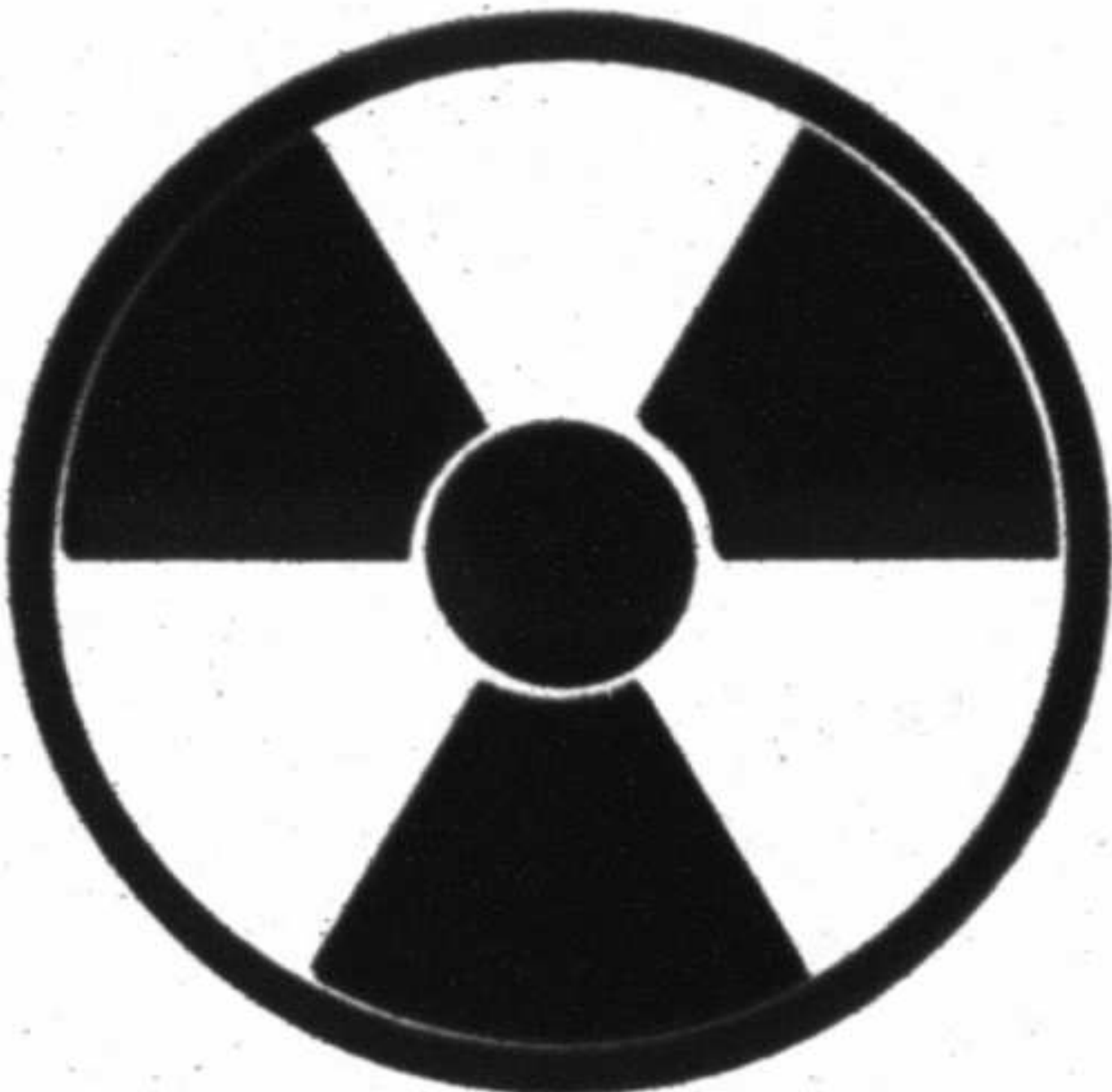
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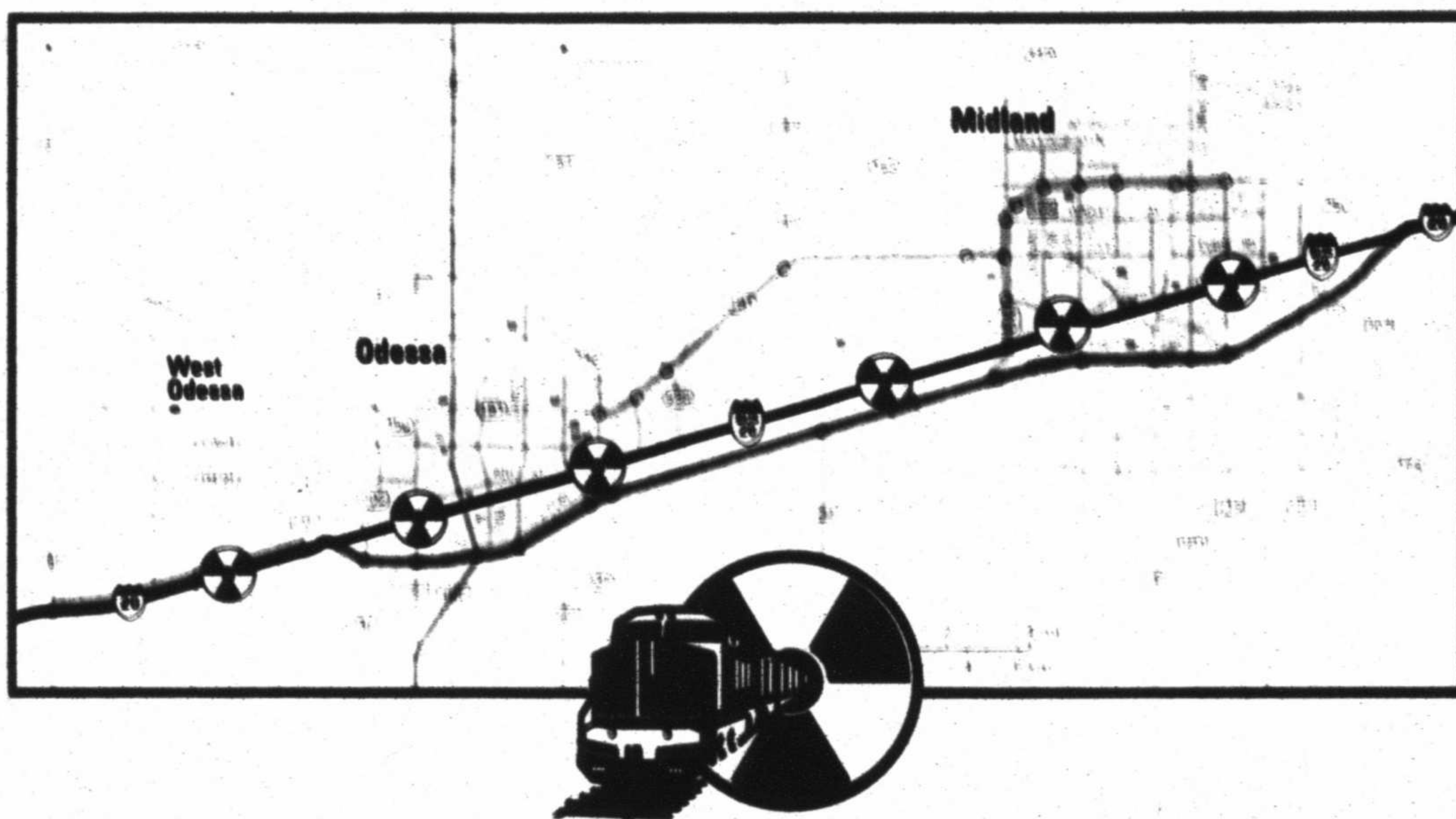
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Lifestyle medicine can transform nation's health care

You may be unaware that a movement is gaining momentum across this country focused on transforming health and redefining health care. It's been sparked by the recognition that the status quo approach of treating symptoms with ever-increasing quantities of pills and procedures is unsustainable and not in the best interest of medical professionals or their patients.

This movement is led by medical professionals, myself included, who are members of the American College of Lifestyle Medicine, a medical professional association. ACLM even more so is a galvanized force for change: physicians and allied health professionals who have awakened to the fact that a pill for every ill is not the ideal answer and that real health care reform is not about determining who will pay for the ever-increasing cost of care.

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Learn more

For more information about lifestyle medicine and how to transform health and redefine health care, visit www.RealHealth-CareReform.org.

Real health care reform is about using what we know — evidence-based lifestyle medicine — to rein in costs and deliver far superior health outcomes by treating the root causes of chronic disease.

Lifestyle medicine doesn't replace traditional, modern medicine. We need traditional acute care medicine and are thankful for it. This being said, lifestyle medicine must become the foundation of a transformed and sustainable system of

health care delivery — again, focused on identifying and eradicating the root cause of disease. We must recognize that what we eat, how we move, how we sleep, how we deal with stress — these are foundational pillars that, to a large extent, determine our own and our patients' health outcomes.

Lifestyle medicine has the potential to arrest and even reverse chronic disease, adding years to lives and life to years. The result is far less demand for costly

medical services and prescription drugs. Lifestyle medicine's focus is that 80 percent or more of all health care spending is tied to the treatment of conditions rooted in unhealthy lifestyle behaviors.

Our nation can reduce demand, improve health and stop the senselessness of ever-increasing prescribing of procedures and medications for symptom management that is draining the pocketbooks of Americans. Seventy percent of all Americans and 90 percent of all seniors take prescription meds, the U.S. spends more on pharmaceuticals than the rest of the world combined.

We can reverse our chronic disease and the associated cost trends with a lifestyle medicine-first approach to health care. Lifestyle medicine prevents, treats, and

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EXPANDING SHOP



Courtesy photos

ABOVE: Midland Memorial Hospital on Monday celebrated the grand opening of its new and expanded gift shop. After a ribbon cutting by Midland Health President Russell Meyers, auxiliary President Donna Newsom presented him with a check in the amount of \$322,233 to cover construction expenses for the new shop. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Gathering after the Midland Memorial Hospital Gift Shop ribbon cutting were Noel del Bosque, back row from left, Russell Meyers, Kim Modisell, Donna Newsom and Bob Dent; and Laurie Barrett, front row from left, Ann Polest, Beverly Achar and Maggie Leonard. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Bill Bujnoch, left, and Billie Stacy are among volunteers who staff the Midland Memorial Hospital Gift Shop. Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Kim Modisell, Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary director, at 312-6906 or email kim.modisell@midlandhealth.org.



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Obesity has become national security risk

■ US Army can't fully staff its ranks because too many young people are overweight or not fit enough to serve

My 17-year-old son and I lock horns nightly when bedtime approaches and he hasn't consumed his pre-negotiated 7 ounces of milk for the day.

It's the same battle that comes up at dinner if he didn't eat his daytime serving of fruit. Our meal then becomes a slog of cramming the bare minimum of fruit and vegetables down him to aid his growing skeleton.

"You don't want to be like your brother, do you?" I ask, referencing his older sibling who was raised under the influence of early-2000s parenting books that said to ignore how our own parents did things and not force toddlers and young children to clean their plates or eat foods they didn't care for until their palates matured. "He had two broken bones by the time he was your age!"

So, my younger son powers through dinners garnished with his short list of tolerated green vegetables, a multivitamin and vitamin C supplement, and a dose of fish oil because he'd sooner saw off his own leg than let fish pass through his lips.

He's a young adult who spent his formative years in a day care setting and then a public school system that made him believe that French-toast sticks drenched in pancake syrup with fruit-flavored sugar-water mislabeled as juice was a proper breakfast. He was habituated to cheese crackers as a "snack" and to pizza and chocolate milk as daily lunch options.

At least he's trim and fit. But I fear that the day he moves out, his nutrition will start suffering.

Hey, we tried — in no small part because my husband and I had the privilege of going to college, where we learned about nutrition and the importance of physical fitness. In that sense, we breathe the same rarified air as the policymaking elites. Yet these influential power players fail to recognize that America's obesity crisis is not only a health emergency, but also a national security risk.

"I talk a lot about this in Washington, D.C., where people look at each other in disbelief when I say obesity is a national security threat," said Tom Spoeht, a retired lieutenant general who served in the Army for 36 years and is a member of "Mission: Readiness," a bipartisan coalition of more than 700 top retired military leaders who advocate for children's wellness. "They say, 'How can this be? Everyone I see is healthy, they're out running. I see everyone at SoulCycle; this doesn't resonate.' That's especially how the media outlets on the coast see it."

Spoeht told me it's a constant struggle to get people to understand that millions all over the country are overweight and suffer from malnutrition (a seemingly oxymoronic state that occurs when people take in too many high-calorie, low-nutrient foods) to the point that the

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Treatment plan can help counter unwanted feelings

'I'm just tired of feeling like this!'

Who hasn't said this to a friend or family member? You might have said you have been feeling sad, anxious, frustrated, overwhelmed, exhausted or simply tired of being tired. Someone may have recommended a good book, a new Podcast with a focus on healing or numerous articles that discuss emotions. But what if these unwanted feelings just won't go away? Individuals with persistent feelings of sadness, worry, etc., often turn to professional therapists for solutions. Some of my clients don't know why they feel the way they do but just know that their marriage, home life and relationships are being threatened because they unsuccessfully manage their overwhelming unwanted feelings.

In the case of excessive worry or anxiety, I begin sessions by inquiring what avenues of help clients have tried

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in the past or are presently trying to feel better. I ask if medications have been prescribed by their physician, and if so, are they being taken according to directions? The client is then asked to share any family history relating to anxiety, one's daily routine, diet, exercise and any significant life changes. Discussing the answers to these questions will lead to creating an appropriate treatment "PLAN."

A Psychiatrist referral might be given. Sometimes one might need to be

under the care of a doctor who can prescribe medications to help stabilize mood swings, thoughts or sleep deprivation or increase energy level. For clients who do not wish to take meds, natural or herbal supplements might prove beneficial.

One might also make sure they are up to par physically with a routine doctor's visit.

L. Look for support from family and friends who make you feel safe and are supportive, empathetic and nonjudgmental.

Even though one might not feel like it, try to stay social, get out of the house, work out or just take a walk, volunteer, get back into or begin attending religious services, call a friend to go to dinner or attend groups that are sponsored by counseling centers. Do not spend too

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Obituaries



Ann L. Semple

Ann Lee Semple, age 78, was born in Denison, Texas on October 29, 1942 to Frank Flowers Semple and Mildred Crumpton Semple. She lived her early life in Sulphur, Massachusetts and graduated from high school there. She attended Southeastern State University in Durant, Oklahoma. After graduation she moved to Midland, Texas where she began her 17 year career with MSD as a 4th grade teacher at Henderson and Emerson elementary schools.

Ann had a remarkable memory of the students she taught, and many would approach her as adults remembering her and saying that she was their favorite teacher.

Ann loved to travel and had many wonderful trips to China and other European countries with many of her closest friends. She was involved with the Midland Community Theatre and was a long time member of "Hamhocks" and served "suds, popcorn and fun" to many of us for many years.

Ann was pre-deceased by her Mother, Father and a brother, John C. Semple.

She is survived by cousins Charles Semple and wife Margaret of Midland, Robert Semple and wife Ann of Fort Worth, Joe Crumpton of Grand Prairie, Billy Francis Robinson of Portland, Oregon, Janie Umstead and Susan Owen of Durant, Oklahoma, Laura Hider of Caddo, Oklahoma, Frank H. Semple of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Sara Brown of Denver, Colorado.

Memorial services and

burial will be held at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road in Midland, Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Joe "Jody" M. Orona

Joe "Jody" M. Orona, 64, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, October 20, 2018 after courageously battling four years of cancer. He is preceded in death by his father, Joe Orona.

Jody was born January 19, 1954 in Sweetwater, Texas to Joe and Rosalva Orona. He was raised in Odessa, Texas and graduated from Fort High School in 1973. Jody first started his music career at the age of 14 when his mom brought him an electric guitar and amplifier. Shortly thereafter, Jody was asked to play the bass in a band. Learning to play the bass guitar led Jody to be named one of the best bass players in West Texas. Throughout his career, he played with numerous bands, including Cruz Carrasco and the Sing Rays, Rhythm Aces and Lady Blue, and Tortilla Factory, whose Grammy nominated All That Jazz album included 5 tracks with Jody playing bass.

Jody is survived by his mother, Rosalva Orona, wife, Sandra Kay Orona, sons Jacob Orona and wife

Sandra, Israel Orona, Jason Orona and wife Decida, Daniel Orona, Joe Orona, and daughter, Dana Martinez and husband Vito, 14 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Jimmy Orona and wife Cynthia, four sisters, Bethel Jones, Yolanda De La Garza and husband John, Norma Rivers and husband Raymond, and Carla Ontiveros and husband Frank, and numerous loving nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

The family would like to thank the Emergency Room Staff at Midland Memorial and Hospice of Midland for the care they provided to Jody.

A Celebration of Life will be held January 19, 2019, time and location to be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jody's name to The Musicians Cancer Fund at Sweet Relief (www.sweetrelief.org)



Michelle Ann Parton

Michelle Ann Parton, age 24, of Dallas, Texas passed away Thursday, October 18, 2018 after a hard-fought battle with a rare form of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. Michelle was born in Odessa, Texas on May 30, 1994 to Kit and Penny Parton.

Michelle graduated from Midland High School in 2012. After high school she attended Texas Christian University where she graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Electrical Engineering. She was a past president of the TCU chapter of the Society of Woman Engineers and continued to

be a member after beginning her career at Texas Instruments. She also mentored young women who were interested in pursuing STEM careers and volunteered as a mentor to the J.J. Pearce High School robotics team.

Michelle is survived by her spouse, James Benton, her parents, Kit and Penny Parton, her brother, Christopher Parton, her grandparents, Robert and Carol Parton, her aunt, Elizabeth Rhoads and her uncles, Neal Sparks, Glen Seal and Howard Parton.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Rachel and Wilma Seal. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to <https://tcdedf.org>, a wonderful charity who provides much needed support to young adult cancer patients and their families.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign her guestbook at www.sunsetfunerals.com

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Sarah Norris Porter

Sarah Norris Porter passed peacefully in her sleep Sunday, October 14, 2018. We had her for 90 years, and now she can rest.

She is survived by her husband, William Porter of Midland and his family: her son and daughter-in-law, William and Deborah Kerr of Bryan; her grandsons, Brandon Kerr, Jason Kerr, and John Kerr; her daughter-in-law, Terri Kerr; and her great granddaughter, Mari.

The youngest of nine children, she was preceded in death by her six brothers and two sisters. Memorial service will be at First Presbyterian Church, Midland on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwfh.com

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Virginia Mae (Hoffman) Rachal

Virginia Mae (Hoffman) Rachal passed away October 21, 2018 at the Woodlands Assisted Living Facility at Eastland, Texas.

Virginia had a long and blessed life and was just one month short of her 103rd birthday. Virginia was born November 23, 1915. She married Hal Francis Rachal on October 8, 1938. They spent most of their married life in Midland, Texas.

Virginia is survived by sons, Hal F. Rachal, Jr., Paul Rachal, Richard Rachal and 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. A brief memorial will be

held at the Woodlands in Eastland at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 26, 2018, honoring the Woodlands staff and Kimbrell Hospice staff.

Her ashes will be scattered at a family gathering at the former family ranch near De Rio, Texas. Memorial may be made to the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 1412 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.woodlandsfuneralhome.com

Death Notices

Dorothy Mae Statts

Dorothy Mae Statts died peacefully in Odessa, Texas October 21, 2018 at the age of 73. A service for Dorothy will be held Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Rev. Dewayne Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. An open visitation will take place Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Virginia Forest

Virginia Forest, 93, of Midland, Texas passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 in Brownwood, Texas. Graveside service will be held 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 26, 2018 at Fairview Cemetery in Midland, Texas. Floral arrangements may be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland, Texas.

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Fort Worth saves \$5M on health care after years of rising costs

By Mitchell Schnurman
The Dallas Morning News

The costs of health care have been climbing so fast, so long that most experts don't talk about reversing the trend. The best they can aim for is to slow the increase or "bend the cost curve."

The city of Fort Worth has a more promising story. Its health plan, which serves nearly 14,000 employees, dependents and retirees, is projected to be \$4.8 million under budget for fiscal 2018.

From January through June, spending in emergency rooms dropped 34 percent. Visits to the ER declined sharply, in network and out. Much of the credit goes to a new approach that bets heavily on the value of primary care.

Three health clinics were opened exclusively for city workers and their families, and five other satellite clinics were added to the mix. Members who see a doctor in those facilities — and wait times are less than five minutes, officials said — don't have to pony up a co-payment or deductible.

That's right. Office visits are free, as are about 40 of the most common prescriptions.

If the nearby clinics aren't convenient, members can call a doctor line for a consultation. So-called virtual visits (via smartphone, computer or landline) are also free for those enrolled in the city's health center plan.

This year, 59 percent of members chose that new option while the rest enrolled in a high-deductible plan with more traditional out-of-pocket costs.

"We want to drive as much health care as possible to primary care doctors, and we want to cut down on all the time it takes," said Brian Dickerson, the city's human resources director. "This is turning out to be pretty popular. We couldn't be happier."

They'll have more to cheer if the program continues to deliver. It's part of an accountable care organization whose providers work together to lower costs and improve health outcomes.

If the plan surpasses expected savings, the city gets part of them.

The ACO is run by Southwest-

ern Health Resources, the affiliation created in late 2015 by two of the region's top medical operators, Texas Health Resources and UT Southwestern. The ACO is expected to have over 600,000 members next year.

WHAT IS AN ACO?

ACOs encourage providers to form networks to better coordinate care. They share electronic records, try to eliminate duplicate tests and work with case managers and others to help patients stick with their regimen.

They resemble HMOs except that members are allowed to go outside the preferred network. They just have to pay more — at least \$60 for an office visit in Fort Worth's plan.

Teaming with Southwestern Health was projected to save at least \$7 million from three areas: the new health clinics, discounts from Southwestern Health providers and improved management of diseases and other conditions.

"They're confident this model can save money," Dickerson said. Using more primary care doctors tends to reduce visits to specialists.

Add in a telemedicine option, and that also reduces trips to the ER.

ACOs have grown rapidly, starting with Medicare patients and expanding into the commercial market. But many experts were disappointed with the savings in the early years.

The government said ACOs increased Medicare spending by \$344 million from 2013 to 2015. But more recent studies, which use a different analysis, reported significant savings from the program — more than half a billion dollars over the same period.

THE LONG VIEW

Texas Health has spent millions to create the affiliation with UT Southwestern, and both systems are taking the long view.

"Health care is being disrupted everywhere and we're trying to create a new model," said Marianne Williams, Southwestern Health's senior executive officer for market relations.

"We're still in the infancy

phase, and it's going to take some time."

Southwestern's ACO has succeeded in key measures: delivering care at lower prices and meeting the quality criteria required by the program.

Its Medicare ACO had over \$73 million in shared savings over a three-year period. In 2016, it ranked second in Texas for performance and No. 6 in the nation, officials said.

Last year, Southwestern's ACO was selected for the government's next-generation model, which offers the prospect of more savings — or losses.

Just over 1,000 ACOs were operating in the U.S. in the second quarter, covering over 33 million people, according to Leavitt Partners' Torch Insight. Participation grew 25 percent in the last three years.

The numbers increased faster here. ACOs covered almost 2.6 million Texans, and in Dallas, 15.3 percent of the population enrolled in such plans, according to Leavitt Partners, a health intelligence business in Salt Lake City.

When Fort Worth started considering options for the insurance plan, officials didn't call Southwestern Health initially. It seemed too risky to contract directly with a health system, Dickerson said.

But over 4,000 doctors and 30 hospitals are part of that network, including many in Fort Worth. City employees wanted access to those providers, Dickerson said. And Southwestern Health responded quickly to its requests, agreeing to set up three new clinics by January 1.

The city wanted employees to get in the habit of going to the clinics first — and paying nothing for a visit.

By early October, the clinics had received almost 9,500 visits. Next year, Fort Worth expects the health plan's costs to come in almost \$4 million below budget — with no changes to employee co-pays, deductibles or premiums.

"It's working out wonderfully," Dickerson said.

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often, reverses chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease and Alzheimer's by addressing root causes, with evidence-based lifestyle therapeutic approaches such as a predominantly whole-food, plant-based diet, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, stress management, avoidance of risky substance use and other non-drug modalities. Lifestyle medicine is quietly becoming the fastest-growing medical specialty here in the U.S. and around the world.

Hundreds of physicians took the first-ever board certification exam in lifestyle medicine in October 2017, and the next cohort will sit for the exam in just a few weeks. Medical schools, which for the most part never included more than basic nutrition in their curricula, are beginning to offer "food as medicine" and other lifestyle medicine courses. The Association of American Medical Colleges recently referred to the lifestyle medicine physician as one of the top five emerging medical careers.

Membership in ACLM is growing rapidly, and attendance at the association's annual national conference is at record levels. ACLM advocates for evidence-based lifestyle medicine to become the foundation of all health care, as it is synonymous with value-based care.

Other like-minded organizations are experiencing similar growth. And respected publications such as The Permanente Journal are taking up the charge, publishing articles on the dramatic impact of lifestyle medicine on health and survival.

In the face of epidemic levels of physician burnout and trends showing physicians leaving

the current "sick care" field, lifestyle medicine is the antidote

wherein clinicians find anew their passion and inspiration to become true healers by educating, equipping and empowering their patients to restore health and vitality.

It's up to all of us to turn the tide and create real health care reform.

All of us — including those of us in the medical field — can all start by adopting healthy lifestyle choices to protect our own health. For those who already have chronic diseases, making specific and significant lifestyle changes has the power to arrest and even reverse these degenerative conditions.

Recognize that you are not a victim of your genes. To a very large extent, you have the ability to protect your health and fight disease through the power of lifestyle choices.

Look for a board-certified lifestyle medicine physician. Urge your doctor to learn more and to become certified in lifestyle medicine.

Finally, help get out the word about lifestyle medicine to local health care executives, insurers, employers and elected officials. Let them know that you want to be cared for by a real "health" care system, with a lifestyle medicine-first approach — identifying and eradicating root causes as a first treatment option.

ACLM has issued a call for the U.S. health care delivery system to focus health care reform efforts on treating the root cause of chronic disease, thereby reversing the current escalating disease and associated cost trends.

Dr. Padmaja Patel is director of the Lifestyle Medicine Center.

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much time alone.

A. Avoid talking to yourself negatively.

Some possible negative thoughts that need to be reversed might include "always a failure," "never smart or good enough," "never catch a break," or "why do things always happen to me?"

With the help of counseling and concentrating on a less

negative look at life, the words "never" and "always" can be challenged to help a client begin seeing themselves in a more positive light.

N. Now, no reason to work through issues of sadness, frustration, anxiousness, etc. alone.

Support and an appropriate treatment plan is available for those who are "just tired of feeling like this!"

GoFundMe means big bucks for dubious care

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

People seeking dubious, potentially harmful treatment for cancer and other ailments raised nearly \$7 million over two years from crowdfunding sites, a study found.

Echoing recent research on campaigns for stem cell therapies, the findings raise more questions about an increasingly popular way to help pay for costly, and sometimes unproven, medical care.

Soliciting money on GoFundMe and other sites eliminates doctors, hospitals, insurance companies and other "gatekeepers" that can be a barrier to expensive treatment, said lead author Dr. Ford Vox, an ethicist and brain injury expert at Shepherd Center rehabilitation hospital in Atlanta. He calls it "the democratization of economic power through social media" but says it can pose an ethical dilemma.

Online fundraising "has a big bright side" when it helps patients pay for legitimate care, he said. "Communities are really being able to rally around people in rough times. That's fantastic, but there is this very clear dark side" when treatments sought are worthless or even dangerous.

His study was published Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

GoFundMe says campaigns for medical care are increasing and are among the most numerous on its site. They include solicitations for conventional treatment and for unproven alternative therapies.

"We always encourage people to fully research whatever it is they are raising money for and to be absolutely transparent on their GoFundMe page, so donors can make an informed decision on what they're donating to," GoFundMe said in an emailed statement.

The researchers examined campaigns posted from November 2015 through mid-December 2017, mostly on GoFundMe. They focused on five treatments sought in about 1,000 campaigns: homeopathy or naturopathy for cancer; hyperbaric oxygen for brain injuries; stem cells for brain or spinal cord injuries; and long-term antibiotics for persistent Lyme disease.

While some patients swear they've benefited from some of the treatments, there is no rigorous scientific evidence that any of them work for the conditions involved, the researchers said.

The most numerous were solicitations for



Captain for a Cancer Cure-Update

In this image from video posted on YouTube on Aug. 11, Michelle Drapeau, a stomach cancer patient in West Palm Beach, Fla., speaks about her condition. Drapeau set up a GoFundMe account to help pay for her medical expenses. Drapeau has raised about \$7,000 for homeopathy and other alternative remedies since being diagnosed with advanced stomach cancer in February 2017. "I wanted to make sure I explored every and all options," Drapeau said. "It's vital for everyone to have that opportunity."

Courtesy Michelle Drapeau via AP

homeopathy or naturopathy for cancer. 474 requests seeking more than \$12 million. About one-quarter of that was raised.

Homeopathic products typically contain heavily diluted drugs, vitamins or minerals said to promote healing, although some have been found to contain toxic amounts. Naturopathy, another alternative medicine practice, sometimes uses homeopathic products, herbs and dietary supplements or body cleanses.

Michelle Drapeau has raised about \$7,000 on GoFundMe for homeopathy and other alternative remedies since being diagnosed with advanced stomach cancer in February 2017. The 45-year-old investment banker from West Palm Beach, Florida, credits them with keeping her alive since she stopped chemotherapy over a year ago.

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everyone to have that opportunity."

Dr. Leonard Lichtenfeld, the American Cancer Society's deputy chief medical officer, said it's important to consider what may drive some patients to turn to unproven remedies. U.S. health care costs are exorbitant and many patients run out of money trying to pay them.

And despite considerable progress against cancer and other illnesses, conventional treatment can't cure every patient, he noted.

"We should not be judgmental and come out and say this is terrible," Lichtenfeld said. "No one wants to hear, 'You have cancer,' and especially no one wants to hear that there's no treatment available that can help you," he said. "You begin to understand why people may turn to unproven treatments and you can understand why others reach out to try to support them."

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military can't fully staff its ranks.

Nationwide, 71 percent of young people between the ages of 17 and 24 don't qualify for military service. And out of that group, obesity disqualifies 31 percent of them from serving, according to "Unhealthy and Unprepared: National security depends on promoting healthy lifestyles from an early age," the third and latest health report from Mission Readiness.

Last year, the Army fell short of its recruiting goal by 6,500 people because they couldn't find young people who wanted to serve and were in good enough shape to pull it off.

What's more, even those who do make it fare worse in the field than previous generations.

"While not all injury can be traced to obesity, one study found that there were 72 percent more medical evacuations from Iraq and Afghanistan for stress fractures, serious sprains, and other similar injuries — injuries associated with poor fitness and nutrition — than for combat wounds," noted the report.

Spoehr underscores that there are no easy fixes. "We're going to need a web of solutions — there's no one federal law that is going to change this."

It's going to take everything from more recess and gym classes in schools to enabling a culture of cooking real, healthful food at home, better food consumer education and many other changes to modern life.

Most of all, our citizenry must recognize how truly unwell are the 40 percent of adults and 20 percent of kids 6 to 19 who are obese.

And then they must understand that countless political, economic and sociocultural factors such as the interests of big-food corporations and our fetishization of junk food will need to be upended in order to restore a bare minimum of health to vast numbers of Americans.

Medicare Advantage plans shift financial risk to doctors

By Phil Galewitz
Kaiser Health News

STUART, Fla. Dr. Christopher Rao jumped out of his office chair. He'd just learned an elderly patient at high risk of falling was resisting his advice to go to an inpatient rehabilitation facility following a hip fracture.

He strode into the exam room where Priscilla Finamore was crying about having to leave her home and husband, Freddy.

"Look, I would feel the same way if I was you and did not want to go to a nursing home, to a strange place," Rao told her in September, holding her hand. "But the reality is, if you slip at home even a little, it could end up in a bad, bad way."

After a few minutes of coaxing, Finamore, 89, relented and agreed to go into rehab.

Keeping patients healthy and out of the hospital is a goal for any physician. For Rao, a family doctor in this retiree-rich city 100 miles north of Miami, it's also a wise financial strategy.

Rao works for WellMed, a physician-management company whose doctors treat more than 350,000 Medicare patients at primary care clinics in Florida and Texas. Instead of being reimbursed for each patient visit, WellMed gets a fixed monthly payment from private Medicare Advantage plans to cover virtually all of their members' health needs, including drugs and physical, hospital, mental health and rehabilitation services.

If they can stay under budget, the physician companies profit. If not, they lose money. This model — known as "full-risk" or "global risk" — is increasingly used by Medicare plans such as Humana and UnitedHealthcare to shift their financial exposure from costly patients to WellMed and other physician-management companies. It gives the doctors' groups more money upfront and control over patient care.

As a result, they go to extraordinary lengths to keep their members healthy and avoid expensive hospital stays.

WellMed, along with similar fast-growing companies such as Miami-based ChenMed, Boston-based Iora Health and Chicago-based Oak Street Health,

say they provide patients significantly more time with their doctors, same-day or next-day appointments and health coaches. These doctors generally work on salary. ChenMed doctors encourage their Medicare patients to visit their clinic every month — for no charge and with free door-to-door transportation — to stay on top of preventive care and better manage chronic conditions. If patients are not feeling well after hours, ChenMed even will send a paramedic to their home.

"We can be much more creative in how we meet patient needs," said Iora CEO Rushika Fernando. "By taking risk, we never have to ask, 'Do we get paid for this or not?'"

Some patient advocates, pointing to similar experiments that failed in the 1990s, fear "global risk" could lead doctors to skimp on care — particularly for expensive services such as CT tests and surgical procedures.

"At the end of the day, this is a way to keep costs down and provide less care," said Judith Stein, executive director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy.

Dr. Brent Mittler, a Texas cardiologist and trial attorney who has followed the issue, said Medicare Advantage members should be suspicious.

"Patients don't know that decisions made on their behalf are often financially based. There may be pressure on doctors to cut corners to save money and that may not be in the best interests of a patient's health," he said.

The insurers and physician groups disagree. They said limiting necessary care would only exacerbate a patient's health problems and cost the doctors' group more money.

Noting that Medicare members stay with Humana an average of eight years, Roy Beveridge, the insurer's

chief medical officer, said the plan would be unwise to skimp on care because that would eventually leave the company with sicker patients and longer hospitalizations.

"It makes even less sense for physicians at financial risk to skimp on care because patients are typically with their physicians much longer than they are with a health plan," he said.

A study that examined care at ChenMed, published last month in the *American Journal of Managed Care*, found health costs were 28 percent lower among patients who had more than double the number of typical visits with their primary physician. The study was conducted by researchers at ChenMed and the University of Miami.

To offer more personal care, ChenMed doctors typically see only about a dozen patients per day — about half as many as is usual for a doctor who gets paid for each individual service.

Medicare beneficiaries, who can choose a private health plan during the open-enrollment period that runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, generally have no idea if their health plan has ceded control of their care to these large doctors' groups.

After choosing a Medicare Advantage plan, they generally sign up for a medical group that is part of their health plan's network, often because doctors are close to where they live or because the doctors offer extra benefits such as free transportation to appointments.

Eloy Gonzalez, 71, of Miami, said that before switching to ChenMed a couple of years ago his doctors always seemed to be in a hurry when he saw them. He's happy with his ChenMed physicians.

On a recent visit, he spent nearly 20 minutes with Dr. Juana Sofia Recabarren-Velazquez talking about keeping his blood pressure and lung condition under control. She

also showed him exercises to manage back and shoulder pain.

"If she thinks she needs to see me once a month to monitor my blood pressure and see if anything else is happening, it's OK with me," said Gonzalez, who pays nothing for the office visits or generic drugs under his Humana Medicare Advantage plan with ChenMed.

Nearly one-third of the 57 million Medicare beneficiaries are covered by private Medicare Advantage plans — an alternative to government-run Medicare — and federal officials have estimated that the proportion will rise to 41 percent over the next decade. The government pays the plans to provide medical services to their members.

The "global risk" system has been used in South Florida and Southern California since the late 1990s and nearly half of Medicare Advantage members in those regions get care in the model. The use has spread further in the past two years as large physician companies have become more common, and about 10 percent of Medicare Advantage plan members across the nation are in them now.

health consultants say.

In addition, new information technology allows these groups to better track their patients. With mixed results, Medicare Advantage insurers for years offered doctors bonuses to meet certain quality care standards, such as getting members vaccinated against the flu or controlling diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Under the "global risk" arrangements, the health plans give the physician companies the bulk of their Medicare funding when they take on the mantle of being financially responsible for all patient care.

For the doctors' groups, the arrangement means they get paid a large amount of money upfront for patient care and don't have to worry about billing or having to get insurers to always preapprove treatments.

Because the "global risk" arrangements are designed to reduce plans' costs, they potentially allow the companies to lower premiums and attract more customers, said Mark Fedrick, director of the University of Michigan's Center for Value-Based Insurance Design.

"I see this trend continuing to grow as clinicians will be accountable for the

first time for the care they provide," he said.

But Ana Gupta, a securities analyst with Leerink Partners in New York, noted providers can also lose money if not successful.

That's what happened in the late 1990s when some physician-management companies such as FPA Medical Management and PhyMatrix took on financial risk from insurers only to later go bankrupt, interrupting care to thousands of patients. Health insurers say they now trust only doctors' groups that have shown they can handle the financial risk. They also retain varying levels of control. Insurers set benefits, handle member complaints and review which doctors are allowed in its network.

Martin Grief, a partner with consulting firm Oliver Wyman, said the old financial arrangements failed because provider groups did not manage the risks facing their patients.

"Now they know physician groups must be vigilant about their patients — whether they are in the office or not," he said. "Everyone is aware of the failure of the past."

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The National Center for Transgender Equality, NCTE, and the Human Rights Campaign gather Monday on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House for a #WontBeErased rally. Anatomy at birth may prompt a check in the "male" or "female" box on the birth certificate — but to doctors and scientists, sex and gender aren't always the same thing. The Trump administration purportedly is considering defining gender as determined by sex organs at birth, which if adopted could deny certain civil rights protections to an estimated 1.4 million transgender Americans.

Pediatricians: Sex and gender aren't the same

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Anatomy at birth may prompt a check in the "male" or "female" box on the birth certificate — but to doctors and scientists, sex and gender aren't always the same thing. The Trump administration purportedly is considering defining gender as determined by sex organs at birth, which if adopted could deny certain civil rights protections to an estimated 1.4 million transgender Americans.

But variation in gender identity is a normal part of human diversity, the American Academy of Pediatrics, says in a new policy that outlines how to provide supportive medical care for transgender youth. Here are some questions and answers about what can be sometimes blurry lines.

Q: Aren't sex and gender interchangeable terms?

A: Sex typically refers to anatomy while "gender goes beyond biology," says Dr. Jason Rafferty, a pediatrician and child psychiatrist at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Rhode Island, and lead author of the AAP's transgender policy. Gender identity is more an inner sense of being male, female or somewhere in between — regardless of physical anatomy, he said. It may be influenced by genetics and other factors, but it's more about the brain than the sex organs.

And transgender is a term accepted across science and medical groups to mean people whose gender identity doesn't match what Rafferty calls their "sex assigned at birth."

Q: How early can people tell if they're transgender?

A: It's normal for chil-

dren to explore in ways that ignore stereotypes of masculinity and femininity. Rafferty says it's whether those feelings and actions remain consistent over time that tells. Sometimes that happens at a young age, while for others it may be adolescence or beyond.

Regardless, the pediatricians' policy calls for "gender-affirmative" care so that children have a safe, nonjudgmental and supportive avenue to explore their gender questions.

Q: What kind of care might they need?

A: Transgender people of all ages are more likely to be bullied and stigmatized, which can spur anxiety and depression and put them at increased risk for suicide attempts.

For children, medicine to suppress puberty may be considered, to buy time as the youth grapples with questions of gender identity.

Q: Can't a genetic test settle if someone's male or female?

A: "It's not like we're going to find a magic transgender gene," Rafferty says, noting that a mix of genes, chemicals and other factors contribute but is not well-understood.

Generally, people are born with two sex chromosomes that determine anatomical sex — XY for males and XX for females.

But even here there are exceptions that would confound any either/or political definition. People who are "intersex" are born with a mix of female and male anatomy, internally and externally. Sometimes they have an unusual chromosome combination, such as men who harbor an extra X or women who physically appear female but carry a Y chromosome. This is different than being transgender.

UTPB, TTUHC announce partnership

ODESSA — University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center have announced a new partnership designed to provide greater opportunity for students and to fill a gap in the work force.

The agreement will allow students interested in health care administration to receive a master's of business administration from UTPB and a graduate certificate in health systems policy and management from TTUHC.

There will be a few added credits and the courses can be completed in an accelerated eight-week online format, according to a press release from UTPB.

Initiative takes aim at sugar-packed foods

NEW YORK — New York City has announced a national effort to reduce sugar in packaged foods by 20 percent.

The city's health department said Friday the endeavor is being undertaken by the National Salt and Sugar Reduction Initiative, a partnership of about 100 health departments and related groups.

Public health officials say eating too much added sugar can lead to weight gain, diabetes and heart disease.

The initiative is urging the industry to voluntarily meet sugar-reduction goals in 13 food and beverage categories by 2025.

The Philadelphia health department says it "strongly supports" the effort.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association says the industry already offers "low sugar, no sugar and lower calorie products."

The health partnership first took aim at salt in 2009. It says about 30 food companies have committed to work toward sodium reduction.

MMH accepts unwanted medications

Midland Memorial Hospital recently has implemented a drug take-back program for residents to safely dispose of their unwanted and expired medications. They may be dropped into the green receptacle inside the emergency department entrance. Items that are not accepted include: inhalers and other aerosols, creams or ointments, needles or sharps and liquids.

For more information, call 221-1111 and ask for the pharmacy.

Midland Health events

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center class: Nutrition for Healthy Kids, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Basic Childbirth Class, 9 a.m. Saturday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; \$40 a couple; to

register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Drug Take-Back Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Midland Memorial Hospital emergency department entrance.

■ Breastfeeding Class, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; \$10 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

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

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous

hotline 580-7868.
■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100, 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 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.

■ Xodas 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.

COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

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).

Hope Chest

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

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

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

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

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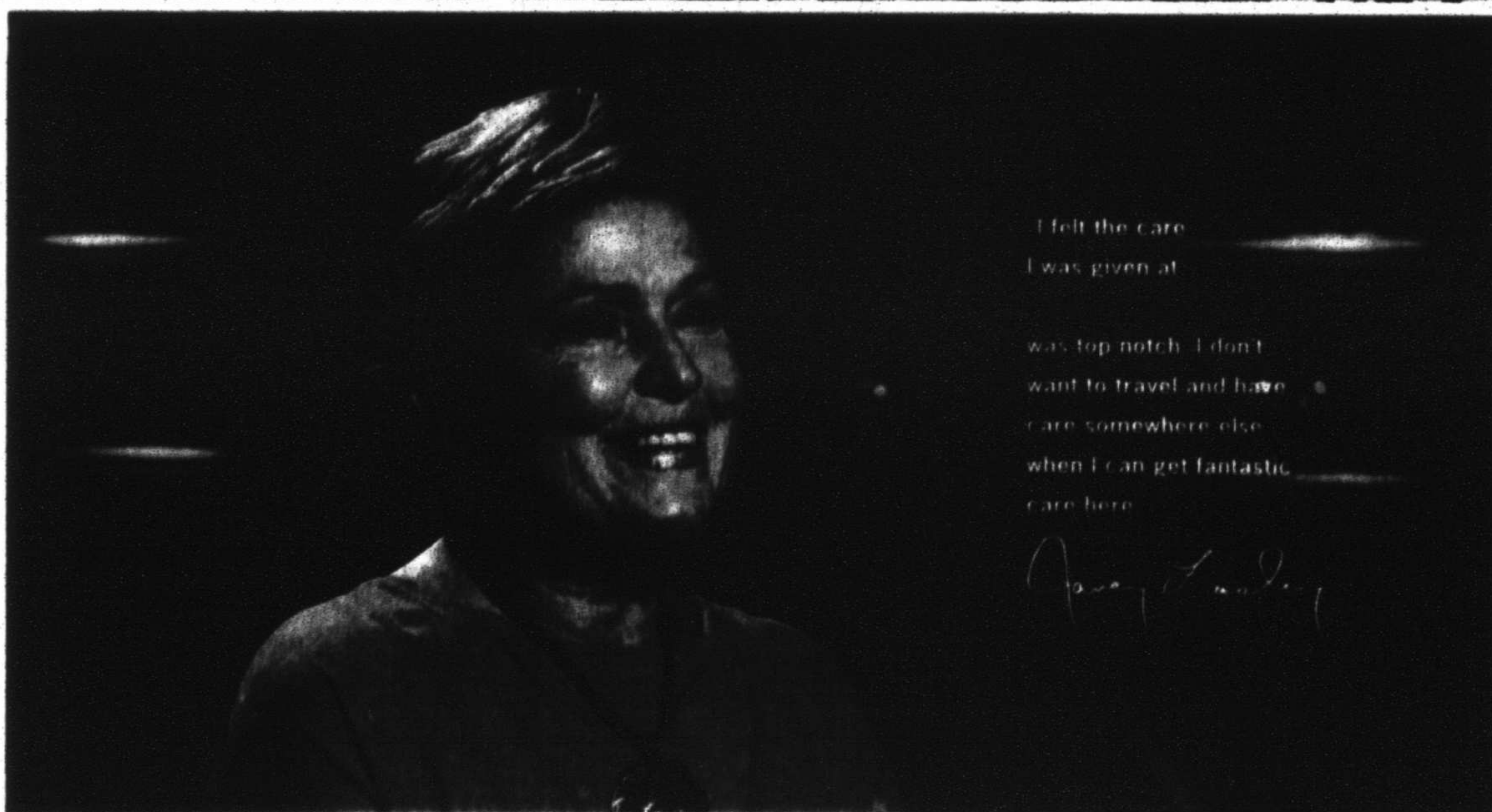
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Pink the park



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Cancer survivors, care givers and family members walk around Grahn Park on Saturday for Pink the Park. Cancer survivor Janette Classen was the guest speaker.



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Janette Classen

Janey Lasley had little reason to worry when she went in for her routine mammogram. She had never had any problems before and breast cancer did not run in her family. However, on October 29th 2016, Janey got the phone call that would change her life.

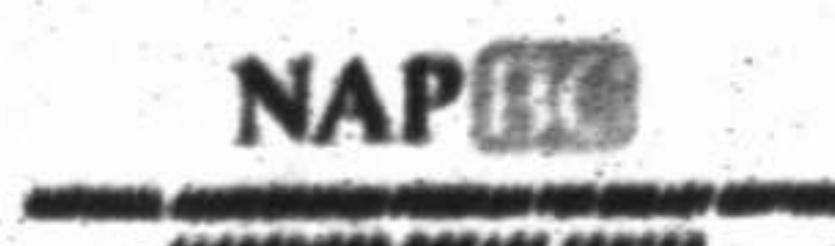
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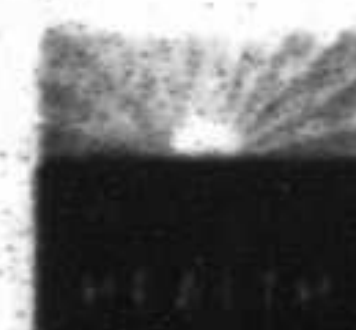
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MCS ready to bounce back after first loss

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said his team was quick to get its focus back following the first loss of the season.

He said the Mustangs came back to work Saturday morning, watched film of their 41-14 loss to Argyle Liberty Christian and were ready to work hard in practice on Monday.

"They came in on Monday with a lot of energy. It was one of our best Monday practices. I couldn't have asked for anything more," McClendon said. "It just continues what I've said all season, I'm pleased to come to work with them. I don't have to be in a tug of war with this team like some years. The leadership on this team is really



McClendon

something special."

The loss was a rarity for a team that had found different ways to win throughout the season. But Argyle Liberty was not only better than what its record showed but the Warriors made enough key plays to win the TAPPS Division I District 1 road game.

"We had some opportunities to make some plays and didn't make them," McClendon said. "Plus, this is the first time all year we faced a team that had not only the talent level but was in good of condition and as in shape as we were. Coming down the stretch, they beat us and they wore us down physically."

"I have a lot of respect for Liberty Christian. When we look at each other, it's almost a mirror image with the two teams. Their kids did a good job but we had some opportunities to put them away and didn't get it done. We talk about having a killer instinct

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AREA HS FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Greenwood plays at high level in rout of Snyder

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson said his team probably played its best game of the season in a 49-7 victory at Snyder last Friday.

The second-year coach didn't have to worry about second-half letdowns or coming out of the gate slowly as the Rangers started out with a bang and continued their strong play against a quality opponent like the Tigers and on the road.

"It was a good team effort. We played well in all three phases of the game," Sanderson said. "It's the best we've played as a team. We started strong and continued to play well throughout the game. If you're going to find a negative,



Sanderson

we turned the ball over and they returned a kickoff on us for their only score of the game. But other than that, I was pleased with the way we came out of the locker room to start the game and the second half."

The game started off with some Ranger fireworks as Jake Somers completed a 75-yard touchdown pass to Brody Ray on the first play of the game.

It was 21-0 before Snyder answered with a long kickoff return for a TD, but Greenwood (6-2, 4-0 in District 1-4A Division II play) took a 35-7 lead at the half.

Greenwood out-gained Snyder, 482-137, for the game and were led by Somers and Ray. Somers had 140 yards passing and three TDs, while Ray had 135 yards receiving on five catches and two TDs. Trey Cross was one of nine Rangers who had a carry in the game and finished with 90 yards and a TD on 16 carries. Ryan Snodgrass added two rushing TDs. Andrew

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A LONG-AWAITED VICTORY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee volleyball players celebrate after scoring against Midland High on Tuesday at Lee High School.

Lee beats MHS to win first outright title since 1999

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Lee volleyball team couldn't have asked for a better scenario to secure an outright District 2-6A title on Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels were hosting their crosstown rival and 2017 District 2-6A champion Midland High in the district finale at the Lee High gymnasium.

Lee rose to the occasion by sweeping the Lady Bulldogs, 25-22, 25-21, 25-21, to clinch the outright District 2-6A title, its first district title since 1999.

The Lady Rebels (28-10, 9-1) won their 10th straight to capture the No. 1 seed ahead of runner-up Amarillo Tascosa and they will face El Paso Montwood or El Paso American in their bi-district playoff match at 7 p.m. Monday at Sul Ross State in Alpine. Meanwhile, third-place MHS (27-14, 6-4) will meet El Paso Franklin in its bi-district playoff match at 5:30 p.m. MDT Tuesday in Roswell, New Mexico.

"It was very important for us," Lee

head coach Robert Blakley said of the outright title. "But to do it at home against your district rivals to secure first place in your district, it speaks volumes. It's huge. I think the confidence going forward, I think it kind of reenergized our team. To take it like we did and in the fashion that we did, I think moving forward it's going to be great."

The Lady Bulldogs were competitive in each set against Lee Tuesday, but they couldn't generate the run at the opportune time, as they trailed most of the match.

In the third set, MHS overcame a 21-14 deficit, getting a kill and two blocks from freshman Anya Clinton in succession to cut Lee's lead to 23-21.

But Lady Rebels senior outside hitter Emily Hillman closed out the match with consecutive kills, delivering the season sweep of the Lady Bulldogs in district play.

Hillman posted match highs with 13 kills and six aces.

"Honestly it's phenomenal," Hillman

said. "I can't even explain the feeling. It's unreal."

"It was amazing. I'm proud of what my team did tonight and I'm proud of how everybody played. I don't think we could have done any better."

The first set between MHS and Lee was a back and forth affair, as neither team was able to lead by more than three points. With the Lady Rebels leading 23-22, Lee struck first when Hillman delivered the 24th point with a kill, and middle blocker Kelsey Harrington closed it out with a block.

After leading five times in the first set, the Lady Bulldogs didn't lead again until they took a 5-1 lead to begin the third stanza.

"They've got great hitters," MHS head coach Amanda Lopez said of Lee. "They've got great defense. All-around, they are a great, strong team. They come at you very consistently and hard and strong and make you work. They didn't

Please see VOLLEYBALL 2C

MHS coach comes to aid of OHS runner at meet

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High cross-country coach Desiree Stephenson came to the aid of an Odessa High runner that ran off course and collapsed in a pond at the Mae Simmons Park course during Monday's Region 1-6A Cross-Country Championships in Lubbock.

Stephenson said during the race she noticed a runner on the OHS girls team that was having difficulty running on the backside of the course around the 1.5-mile mark.

"She was out of it," Stephenson said. "She was stumbling. It looked like she was blacked out. She was swaying back and forth."

Just as Stephenson tried to hustle toward the Lady Broncho runner, the girl veered off toward the pond and fell in. "As soon as she fell, I got there," Stephenson said. "She was face down in the water, no movement. It wasn't very deep. It was about three, four feet."

Stephenson carried the OHS runner out of the pond and got her to a first aid cart and added that the girl was having trouble standing.

"She was loopy and bobbing around like she didn't know where she was," Stephenson said.

After receiving medical attention on the aid cart, Stephenson said the runner recovered.

Odessa High coaches Berry and Tracey Borchardt thanked Stephenson for her heroics.

"They expressed their thanks," Stephenson said. "They were super appreciative of that. They had her wrapped in a towel. She recovered just fine. I was just glad I was there."

The Midland ISD athletics twitter account posted Tuesday "Desiree Stephenson should be applauded for her heroism at yesterday's regional in Lubbock."

Stephenson said she was thankful that she was in the right place.

She said there has been a heightened awareness of student athlete safety following the death of Lee girls basketball player Essence Glover during a practice in September.

"In the midst of what recently happened at Lee, they've expressed so much thanks," Stephenson said. "I am just doing my job."



Stephenson



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College Football
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Hockey
 SHL, Djurgården vs Brynäs, Noon, ELVN
Major League Baseball
 World Series, Gm 2, LA Dodgers at Boston, 7 p.m., FOX, FXDEP
Men's Soccer
 UEFA Champions Tottenham Hotspur vs PSV Eindhoven, 11:50 a.m., TNT, UniMas, UDN
 UEFA Champions Monaco vs Club Brugge, 11:50 a.m., GALA
 UEFA Champions FC Barcelona vs Inter Milan, 2 p.m., TNT, UNIV, UDN
 UEFA Champions Atletico Madrid vs Borussia Dortmund, 2 p.m., UniMas
 UEFA Champions PSG 1899 Hoffenheim vs SSC Napoli, 2 p.m., GALA
National Basketball Association
 Dallas at Atlanta, 8 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2, FSWW
 Utah at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW
 Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSWWSA
 Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2
National Hockey League
 Toronto at Winnipeg, 6 p.m., NBCSN
 Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8:30 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
 ATP Vienna, ATP Basel, 6 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Volleyball
 South Carolina at Tennessee, 6 p.m., ESPN
 Nebraska at Ohio State, 8 p.m., BTN
 Baylor at TCU, 7 p.m., FSWW, FCSP
 Oklahoma at Kansas State, 7 p.m., FCSC
 Arkansas at Mississippi State, 7 p.m., SEC
 Texas at Iowa State, 8 p.m., ESPN
 Northwestern at Iowa, 8 p.m., BTN
Wrestling
 UWW Wrestling Championships, Day 4, 11 a.m., OLYHD
RADIO
National Basketball Association
 Dallas at Atlanta, 8 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
 Indiana at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Volleyball
 Midland College at Odessa College, 7 p.m.

MC VOLLEYBALL

MC heads to OC for key match

The Midland College volleyball team will look to stay in second place when it travels to face Odessa College at 7 p.m. today.

MC (18-8, 6-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference) moved into sole possession of second place in the league standings after it defeated Clarendon College in straight sets, while OC fell in five sets to Frank Phillips College on Saturday.

OC (19-9, 5-3) defeated Midland College in five sets at Chaparral Center on Sept. 26. Alex Parish had 14 kills

and Mariana Ferreira added 31 digs to lead OC, while MC was led by Akor Maywin and Hayden Smyers with 14 kills each and Lauren Watanabe with 11 kills and 22 digs.

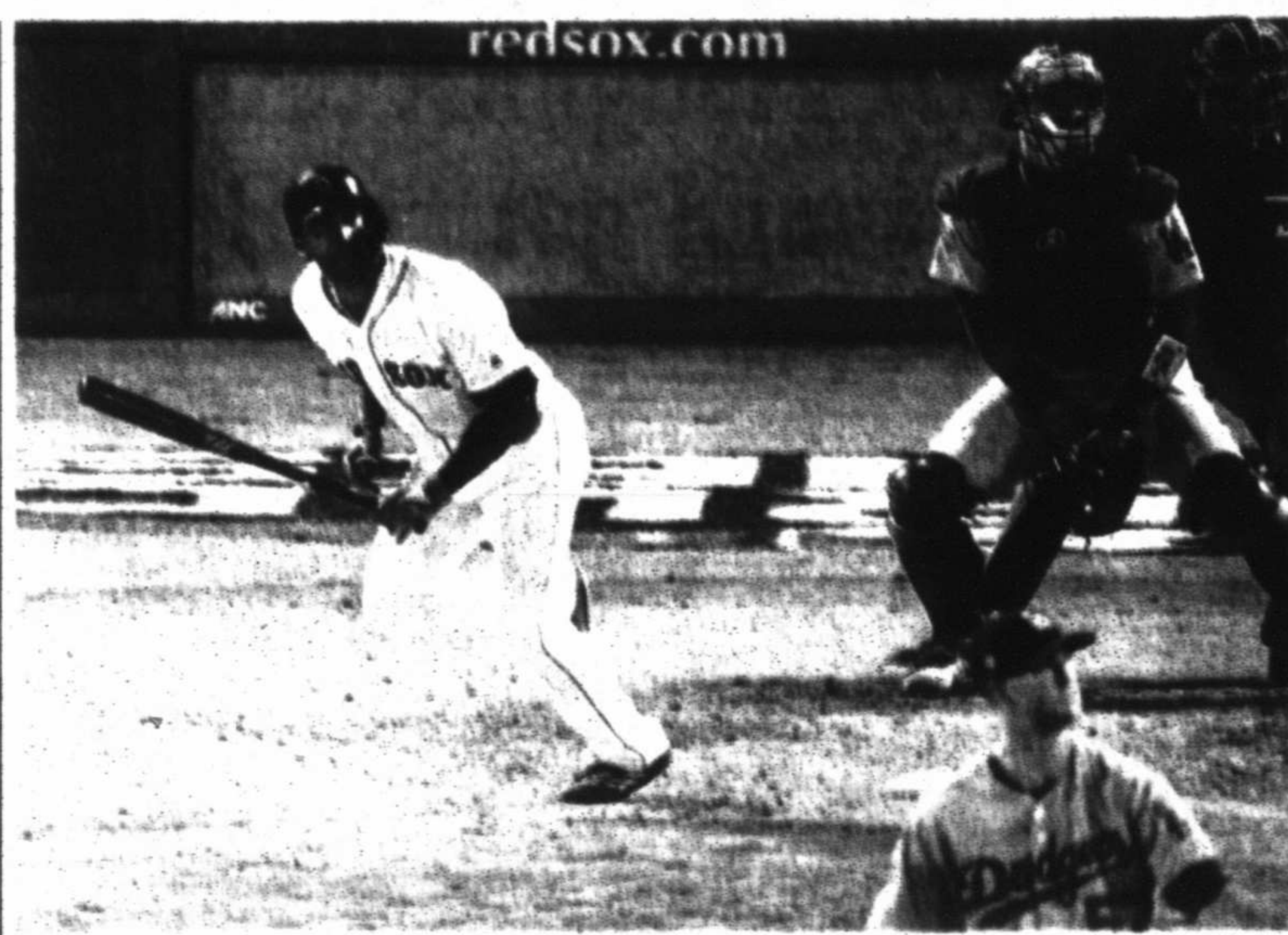
2018 WJCAA volleyball standings	Conf	Overall
Midland College	6	18-8
Odessa College	5	19-9
Frank Phillips	4	19-10
Clarendon College	3	17-12
Western Texas	2	17-12
Midland College	1	17-12

Saturday Oct. 20 results
 Midland College 3B Clarendon College 1-0
 Frank Phillips College 3B Odessa College 3-2
 New Mexico Military Institute 3B Western Texas College 3-0

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

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX — Traded RHP Brian Kintner from the active roster. Acquired LHP Drew Pomeroy from the World Series roster.
National League
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Traded LHP Cash Frazier from the active roster. Acquired LHP Scott Alexander from the World Series roster.
Football
 RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RB Travis Anderson to a contract extension.
 SCHALMERS EXPLORERS — Signed QB Connor O'Neil.
 WASH-STATE WILD THINGS — Signed QB James Hackett in Winnipeg (AA) for RB Jordan East.
BASKETBALL
NBA
 SOUTH BAY LAKERS — Acquired F Russell Westbrook from the Washington Wizards.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released DE Sean Cliver. Signed DE Chris Adams. Acquired CB Derrick Nix from the practice squad.
 CHICAGO BEARS — Signed TE Mattison Smith from the practice squad. Signed TE Jordan Foster from the practice squad and LB Brandon Bar in the practice squad.
 CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released LB James Carpenter. Signed TE Pharaoh Brown from the practice squad and CB Dwayne Miller in the practice squad.
 KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DE Jordan Trevisi and LB Terrence Smith on injured reserve. Signed C James Murphy and TE Devon White from the practice squad and OT Pace Murphy and LB Raymond Cannon to the practice squad.
 NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed CB Ty Apple in free agency for 2019 fourth-round and 2020 seventh-round picks.



Elise Amendola/AP

Boston Red Sox's Eduardo Nunez watches his three-run home run off Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Alex Wood, front, Tuesday during the seventh inning of the World Series in Boston.

Red Sox beat Dodgers 8-4

Associated Press

BOSTON — Andrew Benintendi, J.D. Martinez and the Boston Red Sox came out swinging in the World Series opener, seizing every advantage in their quirky ballpark to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-4 on a chilly, windy Tuesday night.

Benintendi delivered four hits, Martinez drove in two early runs and pinch-hitter Eduardo Nunez

golfed a three-run homer to seal it.

The 108-win Red Sox got a solid effort from their bullpen after an expected duel between aces Chris Sale and Clayton Kershaw never developed.

Xander Bogaerts grounded into a go-ahead forceout in the fifth and Rafael Devers followed with an RBI single for a 5-3 lead.

After Manny Machado hit a sacrifice fly in the

seventh for his third RBI, Nunez homered over the Green Monster off Alex Wood in the bottom half.

Boston's David Price faces Hyun-Jin Ryu in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

This marks just the third World Series in which both starting pitchers in the first two games are lefties, after 1961 and 1973.

WORLD SERIES
 (Boston 2, Los Angeles 1)
 All games on FOX

Boxing 1, Los Angeles 0
 Tuesday, Oct. 23
 Boston 8, Los Angeles 4
Wednesday, Oct. 24
 Los Angeles (Ray 7, 2) at Boston (Price 10, 7)
 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 26
 Boston at Los Angeles (Boggs 8, 5) 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
 Boston at Los Angeles 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28
 Boston at Los Angeles 7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 30
 Los Angeles at Boston 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 31
 Los Angeles at Boston 7:00 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

From 1C

make very many mistakes." Tuesday's district title was the culmination of a remarkable journey for the Lady Rebels, who didn't make the postseason from 2012-16 before breaking through with a 2017 second-place finish in Blakely's first season.

"It's just crazy to think about it," Hillman said. "I like my freshman and sophomore year, we finished second to last. And now it's crazy, we finished first in district. Wow. Just wow."

Blakely said his team was expecting an inspired effort from the Lady Dawgs, given the circumstances.

"Coach Lopez does a great job at Midland High," Blakely said. "We knew coming in, this was their opportunity to be a spoiler and I'm sure that was on their mind. They wanted to come in here. They didn't want to lose twice to Lee and they wanted to pretty



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

much make us co-champs. I would have done the same thing if I was in the same position. I wouldn't want them to be the out-right champ and that's just the rivalry. Now that it's over, I just want to wish them the best of luck in the playoffs."

For Lee, Yali Flores had 11 kills; Allie Gomez posted 14 assists and Harrington recorded three blocks and nine kills. Clinton had 12 kills and three blocks; Demmi Anders notched 10 digs and Macy Kidwell had 14 assists for MHS.

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District 2-6A Volleyball Standings

Team	W	L	Overall
Lee	9	0	18-0
Midland High	8	1	17-1
Odessa High	7	2	14-2
Frank Phillips	6	3	11-3
Clarendon High	5	4	10-4
Western Texas	4	5	9-5
Midland College	3	6	8-6

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Permian's Powell commits to Texas

From staff reports

Former Midland Christian quarterback and Odessa Permian senior Peyton Powell announced his verbal commitment to the University of Texas football program on Twitter Tuesday.



Powell

Powell, who is rated a three-star athlete recruit by rivals.com, made an official visit to Texas on Oct. 12.

Powell also had offers from Ohio State, Oklahoma, Texas Tech and TCU. Rivals.com indicated that Powell made official visits to Texas Tech on June 11

and Ohio State on June 22.

The 6-foot-2, 182-pound Powell has completed 60.8 percent of his passes for 1,010 yards, 10 touchdown passes and four interceptions for Permian (5-2, 2-0 in District 2-6A) this season. He also has rushed 54 times for 374 yards and seven TDs.

With Midland Christian, Powell rushed for 1,594 yards and 26 rushing TDs in 2016, and followed that performance up with 1,003 rushing yards and 10 rushing TDs during an injury-plagued 2017. Powell transferred to Permian after the fall of his junior season.

Other schools that extended offers to Powell included Baylor, Arkansas, Nebraska, Virginia, Georgia Tech, Utah, UTEP, Tulsa, SMU, New Mexico, Kansas and Illinois.

Coolley leads MC to win at Tyler Invitational

From staff reports

TYLER Midland College freshman Luke Coolley led the Chaparrals to a win at the Tyler JC Fall Invitational on Tuesday.



Coolley

Coolley, who is from Andrews, shot a 68-67-135 win the medalist title by one shot over teammate and NJCAA All-American Callum Bruce.

As a team, Midland College shot 276-278-554 to win the tournament by 13 shots over McLennan Community College.

Fellow Chap Adam Syed finished in sixth with a 140, while MC teammates Max Charles and George Saunders finished in a tie for ninth with 143 totals.

Tyler JC Fall Invitational
All-Purpose Spring Golf Club, Tyler
Tuesday's final round results
Team standings - 1. Midland College 276-278-554; 2. McLennan Community College 288-278-567; 3. Ranger College 295-285-579; 4. Texas Junior College 298-285-583; 5. Murray State College 299-291-590; 6. Jacksonville College 307-295-602; 7. Southern College 308-298-606; 8. LeTourneau University 317-298-604.
Individual standings (top 10) - 1. Luke Coolley, Midland, 68-67-135; 2. Callum Bruce, Midland, 68-68-136; 3. Max Charles, Ranger, 73-64-137; 4. Matt Lorenzen, McLennan, 68-69-137; 5. Porter Sealing, McLennan, 71-67-138; 6. Austin Syed, Midland, 69-71-140; 7. Justin Kim, Ranger, 70-71-141; 8. Jonte Dale Guevara, Baylor, 73-68-141; 9. Matt Brandon Guevara, Baylor, 73-68-142; 10. Denny Ferguson, Kyle, 74-69-143; 11. George Saunders, Midland, 71-72-143; 12. Adam Syed, Midland, 70-73-143; 13. Alex Shaw, Kyle, 75-68-143; 14. George Saunders, Midland, 70-73-143; 15. Jonte Dale Guevara, Baylor, 73-68-141.

Spezza, Klingberg score, the Stars top Kings 4-2

DALLAS — Jason Spezza and John Klingberg each had a goal and an assist, and the Dallas Stars snapped a three-game losing streak with a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday night.

Blake Comeau and Tyler Pitlick scored their first goals of the season. Eight Dallas players had at least one point; Devin Shore finished with two assists. Ben Bishop made 31 saves for Dallas, which never trailed.

Anze Kopitar and Tyler Toffoli scored second-period goals for the Kings, who lost their fifth straight.

Jonathan Quick stopped 19 shots for Los Angeles. Comeau scored for the Stars at 5:14 of the first period. Jason Dickinson skated behind the net from the left side for a possible wraparound, but couldn't control the puck and had to reach for it with his stick extended.

The puck came off his stick to Comeau in the slot, and he beat Quick with a shot inside the left post. Spezza also received an assist on the goal.

The Kings outshot the Stars 9-8 in the first, but Dallas had better chances. Included were two more for Comeau. Quick stopped another shot from the slot barely five minutes before the period ended, and Comeau's shot from the left faceoff circle in the final minute soared into the netting above the glass.

Los Angeles failed to score on the period's only power play.

For Spezza's goal at 8:59 of the second, Justin Dowling carried the puck into the Kings' end and sent a wrist shot off Quick's right foot. The rebound went to Spezza, who scored over the goalie.

The Kings pulled within 2-1 when Kopitar slid a backhand under Bishop, but the one-goal difference last just 22 seconds



Andy Jacobson/AP

Dallas Stars goaltender Ben Bishop makes a save against the Los Angeles Kings on Tuesday in the second period in Dallas.

before Klingberg scored on a wrist shot from the right point at 14:26.

Dallas held a 3-2 lead after Toffoli scored from inside the left circle at 17:09. Klingberg put the puck in the net at the end of the second, but after time expired.

Pitlick scored on a Stars power play at 4:23 of the third period, with assists going to Tyler Seguin and Klingberg.

With an extra skater, Los Angeles put the puck in the net with 30 seconds to play, but the goal was disallowed because of

goaltender interference.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	9	5	3	1	11	27	21
Toronto	9	4	3	2	10	24	24
Montreal	9	5	2	2	12	21	24
San Jose	7	1	1	1	3	10	18
Buffalo	9	5	4	0	10	22	25
Chicago	9	4	3	1	9	29	29
N.Y. Rangers	7	3	3	1	7	20	20
Florida	9	1	6	2	4	20	30
Detroit	9	1	6	2	4	20	30

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	9	5	3	1	11	20
Washington	8	4	2	2	10	34
New Jersey	6	4	2	0	8	22
Pittsburgh	8	3	1	2	8	30
Columbus	8	4	4	0	8	24
Philadelphia	9	4	5	0	8	31
N.Y. Rangers	9	3	5	1	7	24
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	4	0	6	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	9	7	2	0	14	31	20
Colorado	9	6	1	2	14	30	20
Winnipeg	9	6	2	1	13	29	24
Chicago	9	5	2	2	12	30	35

Pacific Division

Dallas	8	4	4	0	8	23	23
St. Louis	8	2	3	3	7	25	29
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	9	5	3	1	11	31	25
Anaheim	10	5	4	1	11	25	25
Vancouver	9	5	4	0	10	27	29
Calgary	9	5	4	0	10	32	27
Vegas	8	4	4	0	8	18	21
Edmonton	8	3	3	0	6	13	19
Arizona	8	3	4	0	6	15	18
Los Angeles	9	2	6	1	5	17	32

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.

Today's Scores

N.Y. Rangers 5, Florida 2
Boston 4, Chicago 1
Montreal 3, Calgary 2
San Jose 5, Nashville 4
Chicago 3, Anaheim 1
Dallas 4, Los Angeles 2
Pittsburgh 4, Edmonton 2
Toronto at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Vegas, 9 p.m.

Edwards headlines preseason All-America team

By John Marshall
Associated Press

Carson Edwards went through the NBA draft combine and multiple workouts before deciding to return for his junior season at Purdue.

The Boilermakers are sure happy he did after losing four seniors and most of their scoring.

The prolific guard was the leading vote getter in The Associated Press preseason men's All-America team released on Tuesday, appearing on 63 of 65 ballots from a national media panel. Edwards was joined by North Carolina forward Luke Maye, Duke freshman R.J. Barrett, Kansas big man Dedric Lawson, Nevada's Caleb Martin and Wisconsin's Ethan Happ.

The 6-foot-1 Edwards

was a third-team All-American last season after averaging 18.5 points, 3.8 rebounds and 2.8 assists. He's expected to play a bigger role as the leader and go-to player on a young team.

Edwards is Purdue's first preseason AP All-American since JaJuan Johnson in 2010-11.

"He's a very dynamic player. He's unique from a physical standpoint," Purdue coach Matt Painter said. "He's kind of got the body and the explosiveness like a Saquon Barkley. He plays through his offense. I think for guys like that, as you get older, you get more experience, more responsibility, but you don't change who you are."

Like Edwards, Maye was a third-team All-American who entered his name into

the draft before withdrawing. Last season, the 6-foot-8 forward averaged 16.9 points and 10.1 rebounds while shooting 49 percent from the floor and 43 percent from 3-point range.

Maye hit the shot that beat Kentucky to send the Tar Heels to the Final Four as a sophomore during their 2017 title run.

"I don't know how much more we can ask of him," North Carolina teammate Kenny Williams said. "I mean, 17 and 10, that's hard to do, especially in the ACC."

Barrett arrived at Duke as the marquee player in coach Mike Krzyzewski's latest stellar recruiting class. An athletic 6-7 forward from Canada, he was widely regarded as the top recruit in the 2018 class and has

been projected as the No. 1 overall pick in next year's NBA draft.

"Besides his ability, he has a passion to compete," Krzyzewski said. "This young man has it. I love him and I'm glad I'm going to have the opportunity to spend some time with him."

Lawson averaged 17.5 points and 9.6 rebounds in two seasons at Memphis before opting to transfer to Kansas. The 6-8 swingman is expected to have a huge impact on the Jayhawks after sitting out last season, both in leadership and multiple roles on the floor.

"He needs to be able to play everywhere for us," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "There's times where he can be our best point guard. I think there are times he could be our best low-post

scorer, so we've got to move him around and come up with some creative ways to do that."

Martin and Happ are the first players to tie for the fifth spot on the AP All-America team since 2012-13.

Martin became Nevada's first preseason All-American after testing the NBA draft waters with his twin brother, Cody, during the offseason. The 6-7 senior averaged 18.9 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.6 assists while leading the Wolf Pack to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament. Nevada has its highest preseason ranking in program history at No. 7 entering this season.

Happ was another player who withdrew from the NBA draft after going through the evaluation

process. The 6-10 senior averaged 17.9 points, 8.0 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game while shooting 52.8 percent.

ALL-AMERICA TEAM STATISTICS

The Associated Press 2018-19 preseason All-America team, with scoring, height, year and votes from a 65-member national media panel (top 2017-18 statistics in parentheses):

60 Carson Edwards, Purdue, 6'4", 200, sophomore, 48 votes (15.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 2.8 apg, 40.6 spg by pct, 1.1 steals)
61 Luke Maye, North Carolina, 6'4", 200, senior, 32 (18.5 ppg, 10.1 rpg, 2.4 apg, 40.1 spg by pct, 1.0 steals, 1.0 blocks)
62 R.J. Barrett, Duke, 6'7", 200, freshman, 50 (high school 28.7 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 4.5 apg)
63 Dedric Lawson, Kansas, 6'8", 200, junior, 39 (18.9 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 2.6 apg, 54.9 spg by pct, 2.1 steals, 1.3 blocks)
64 Ethan Happ, Wisconsin, 6'10", 207, senior, 33 (17.9 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 3.7 apg, 52.8 spg by pct, 1.0 steals)
65 Caleb Martin, Nevada, 6'7", 200, senior, 33 (18.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 2.6 apg, 49.3 spg by pct, 1.3 steals)
66 Other coaching votes: Grant Williams, Tennessee, 18; Tyus Battle, Syracuse, 11; Reece Beekman, Gonzaga, 10; Shamar Phillip, St. John's, 10; Ryan O'Quinn, St. John's, 10; Darius Garland, Cleveland State, 9; Marcus Howard, Mississippi State, 8; Jaden McDermott, Kentucky, 8; Devin Williams, Duke, 8; Tabor White, LSU, 8; Cameron Winston, Mississippi State, 8; Reggie Howard, West Virginia, 7; Norman Longshot, Indiana, 1; Eric Paschall, Villanova, 1; Jontay Porter, Missouri, 1.

Brooks Koepka's biggest feat as No. 1 is getting there

Reaching No. 1 in the world felt even sweeter to Brooks Koepka because of how he got there.

Golf is about winning, and the world ranking is merely a result of that. For all the math involved in a formula that tries to measure performance over two years, it's a lot easier to understand when the new No. 1 is posing with a trophy.

Dustin Johnson knows that feeling. So does Rory McIlroy.

"I always wanted to earn my way to No. 1 in the world," Koepka said after his four-shot victory at the CJ Cup in South Korea. "And I felt like if I played and won, that would be exactly how I could draw it up."

Justin Rose would have preferred it that way instead of reaching No. 1 last month by missing a 4-foot putt to lose in a playoff at

DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press



the BMW Championship. Tiger Woods got to No. 1 for the first time with a tie for 19th in the 1997 U.S. Open. There were no fist pumps that day.

Lee Westwood and Nick Faldo did not even play the week they rose to No. 1.

Of the 23 players who ascended to the top of the world ranking, Koepka became the 11th to get there for the first time by winning.

Nick Price remains the only player to reach No. 1 for the first time by winning a major, the 1994 PGA Championship at Southern Hills. Vijay Singh had

one of the more gratifying moments in 2004 when he not only ended the five-year reign of Woods by winning the Deutsche Bank Championship, he played with Woods in the final group.

Ultimately, though, it's all about getting there.

And that's why it was such a big deal for Koepka. As much as he was trending as the best player in the world — especially after a double major season — there is no guarantee of being No. 1 until your name is at the top of the 8,712 others listed in the Official World Golf Ranking.

This was the sixth tournament where Koepka had a chance to reach No. 1. He was poised to get there at the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs until Johnson birdied his last four holes for a 61 to stay No. 1 by a slim margin. The next week, Johnson closed with a 64 to finish one shot ahead of Koepka. And the following week, Rose went from No. 4 to No. 1 with his playoff loss in the BMW Championship.

Koepka shot 78 in the second round at East Lake to squander another opportunity. He tied for seventh at the Dunhill Links Championship.

And then, finally, he won the CJ Cup with a birdie-par-eagle finish for a 29 on the back nine.

Inevitable? There was another multiple major champion who would any otherwise.

Because while golf celebrates a new No. 1 — the

fourth this year, matching the most in a single year since 1997 — Koepka becoming the 23rd player at No. 1 is another reminder that the list does not include Phil Mickelson.

Lefty looked to be a lock to reach No. 1 in 2010, when Woods was recovering from the downfall in his personal life and the gap was shrinking by the week.

Mickelson won the Masters to get back to No. 2. He was runner-up at Quail Hollow. The Players Championship was the first time in his career that he had a mathematical chance to be No. 1. Needing a victory, he bogeyed three of his opening six holes, closed with a 74 and tied for 17th. Then it was off to Colonial, where he had won two years earlier. He missed the cut. At the Memorial, he tied for fifth.

"I don't know the ranking system or world points or

how that works, nor do I care," Mickelson said that year. "I just know that if I continue to play well, ultimately in the long run, it will happen."

But it never did.

He had nine more chances that year and except for a tie for fourth at the U.S. Open, never came particularly close. And when he showed up in Shanghai, golf finally had a new No. 1 — Westwood, which had to sting even more.

Westwood never won a major. He just played some of his best golf at the right time, which was the time Woods went on hiatus.

Mickelson played some of his best golf when Woods was at his peak, which is why Lefty might forever hold the distinction of being No. 2 longer than any player who has never been No. 1.

That's one problem Koepka won't have.

Texas requires large schools to report player concussions

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas officials are requiring that the state's largest schools report concussions suffered by high school athletes in a move seen as the nation's biggest effort to track brain injuries among young athletes.

The University Interscholastic League, Texas' governing body for public high school sports, on Monday ordered the schools to submit individual concussion reports. Texas has more high school athletes than any other state with about 825,000.

The requirement applies to schools in the most populous Class 6A UIL designation. Staff at those schools must answer more than a dozen questions on each player, such as when the concussion occurred, whether it came from contact with the ground or another player, and so on, that are relayed to researchers with the O'Donnell Brain Institute at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

"This is the first of its kind quality-improvement program in the country, certainly the largest," UIL



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Amarillo Tascosa's Evan Enos is tackled by Midland High's Alejandro Barreda (54) Oct. 12 at Grande Communications Stadium.

Deputy Director Jamey Harrison said Tuesday.

All 50 states by 2014 had passed rules or laws to address concussions in youth athletics, with all including some provision that an athlete suspected of having a concussion be removed from play.

But it's believed that Texas is one of just a few states, Michigan being another, that requires mandatory reporting. Michigan's requirement that all head injuries be reported went into effect in 2015, while the mandate in Texas begins next August. Smaller Texas schools can participate on a voluntary basis.

The change in Texas means the collaboration with the O'Donnell Brain Institute becomes the largest study of head trauma to young athletes.

"We're pleased about mandating at least a subset of schools to report because that will enhance the information that we're able to obtain," said Dr. Munro Culham, a professor of psychiatry, neurology and neurotherapeutics with the institute.

A primary goal is to determine the frequency of concussions, Culham said. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that upward

of 3.8 million athletic- and recreation-related concussions occur each year in the U.S., but Culham noted that CDC figures are based on emergency room visits and many cases go unreported.

He wants to then gather other information that can be a guidepost for school and public health officials. For instance, if a school gets a new turf field that's meant to better cushion players when they fall, then is it also minimizing head injuries?

"What changes in rules, safety or equipment in some areas of the state are reducing concussions?" he asked. Dawn Comstock, a professor of epidemiology with the Colorado School of Public Health, credits the move by the UIL but said it tracks concussions after they occur and doesn't prevent them in the first place.

She draws a distinction between primary prevention — keeping a concussion from happening — and secondary prevention — helping an athlete recover once an initial concussion occurs.

The change by the UIL "does absolutely nothing to prevent initial concussions," Comstock said by email. "That is frequently lost during these discussions."

Turpin dismissed from TCU after 2nd charge surfaces

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — TCU receiver and returner KaVontae Turpin was dismissed from the team Tuesday after a second charge surfaced against him following his weekend arrest on an assault charge for an alleged altercation with his girlfriend.

Coach Gary Patterson initially suspended Turpin after the senior was arrested by Fort Worth police following an incident Saturday night. But Turpin was kicked off the team after Patterson later learned of a battery charge pending against him in New Mexico from last March.

"Our players are like our kids, just like my own sons, but the bottom line is if they cross the line, then there's always a penalty to be paid," Patterson said. "It's not something that can be tolerated."

A criminal complaint from New Mexico revealed that Turpin was charged March 15 while there during spring break to visit a girlfriend. Court records show he entered pleas of not guilty to charges of battery of a household member and criminal damage to property of a household member valued under \$1,000.

When Turpin failed to appear for a pretrial hearing in July, a bench warrant was issued by a Las Cruces magistrate judge.

Patterson said Tuesday that he knew about a property damage allegation in the spring, but that records obtained by the team from New Mexico then didn't list the battery charge that was also part of the case. The coach said he also didn't know until Monday about the out-of-state bench warrant.

"I've got the sheet right here, criminal property damage, bond amount zero," Patterson said during his weekly media availability, holding up the copy of the report he received in March.

Asked if Turpin faced any team discipline then, the coach responded: "Not knowing exactly about what happened, no."

A statement Tuesday from the university, not the athletic department, said the "football staff was aware there was an incident in New Mexico, but not

that charges included an alleged battery. The publicly available information they reviewed at the time only showed a charge related to property damage."

University officials said they were unaware until Monday that Turpin's legal issues there were unresolved. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram first reported the New Mexico case.

According to a criminal complaint obtained Tuesday, a Las Cruces police officer wrote that Turpin grabbed and bruised both arms of the victim, ripped her shirt and slammed her phone on the counter, causing the screen to break. Turpin admitted to the officer that he slammed the phone down.

The victim's name was redacted from that report, but the officer wrote that Turpin and the victim had been in an ongoing personal relationship for approximately four years.

That is believed to be the same woman that Turpin was with Saturday night when, according to an arrest affidavit, he was charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member after Fort Worth police responded to a domestic disturbance call at an off-campus apartment complex.

In the Fort Worth affidavit, a 22-year-old woman who said she had been in a relationship with Turpin for five years told police he "dragged her across the parking lot" and that "he slammed her to the ground," causing her pain. She eventually got away and knocked on a neighbor's door, asking them to call police.

The arrest Saturday night came hours after Turpin had a 99-yard kickoff return for his school-record sixth career special teams touchdown and a 41-yard TD catch in TCU's 52-27 home loss to Oklahoma on Saturday. He was second in the Big 12 in all-purpose yards with 132.7 yards per game.

Police said a witness who lived at the complex said he and two friends heard screaming in the parking lot and then saw Turpin "manhandle" the woman "by grabbing her from behind with one arm across her neck, her feet dragging as she kicked and yelled at him," according to the affidavit.

Defense fuels optimism for Iowa State

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

Iowa State is fresh off a much-needed bye week and seemingly set up for a strong finish after a 3-3 start.

The biggest reason for the Cyclones' optimism is a defense that is playing as well as any in the Big 12.

Iowa State (3-3, 2-2 Big 12) has held each of its six opponents below their season average in points scored, a trend capped when it held then-No. 6 West Virginia to just one offensive touchdown in a 30-14 upset on Oct. 13.

The Cyclones, who continue to confuse opponents by giving them multiple looks and alignments, host high-flying Texas Tech (5-2, 3-1) on Saturday in what should be another major test for a defense that's shown it is built to handle them.

"I think we're still a creature of

we play best when we know what we're doing," Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said. "We all like to draw a lot of things up, because we all like the scheme part of things. But at the end of it, what's allowed the defense to play really well is ... knowing who they are, knowing where their alignment and assignment is and then once the ball is snapped, play really fast."

Iowa State was expected to have a strong defense after returning many of the starters who helped guide the program to its best finish in over a decade a year ago. Veterans including lineman JaQuan Bailey and Ray Lima, linebackers Marcel Spears and Willie Harvey and defensive backs Brian Peavy and D'Andre Payne, have been crucial for a unit that leads the Big 12 with just 316.7 yards allowed per game — despite facing the likes of Iowa, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and the

Mountaineers.

But Iowa State is also getting help from some somewhat unexpected faces.

Safety Braxton Lewis, a walk-on junior, has three interceptions to go along with 38 tackles, third-best on the team, with four of those for a loss. Nose guard Jamahl Johnson has teamed up with Lima — who missed the win over West Virginia with a concussion but could return on Saturday — to form one of the better interior lines in the country.

In the secondary, freshman Datrone Young and Anthony Johnson have emerged as contributors, which is key because Peavy and Payne are seniors.

"Both guys are guys that really fit into that role you've heard me talk about so many times (of) 'Make me play you,'" Campbell said. "I'm really confident in both those guys."

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James had a TD reception and Bailey Casteel added an interception return for a touchdown.

"The confidence level is really high and the kids are getting more comfortable in doing the things we need to do to be successful," Sanderson said.

The Rangers will now turn their focus toward Fort Stockton (6-1, 2-1), a team that has been playing well and is coming off a 14-7 overtime win over Monahans.

If the Rangers defeat the Panthers, they will win the outright district title.

"(The Panthers) are finding a way to win ballgames," Sanderson said. "Our kids have to be ready to play a full football game."

Coahoma sees progress despite losses

Despite going through a five-game slide, including losing the first two District 2-3A Division II games, Coahoma coach Chris Joslin said he has seen his team improve.

The Bulldogs (2-5, 0-2) had to start off district against Idalou and then Abernathy (a 34-7 loss) last

week, which wasn't ideal for a team that is still learning under first-year coach Chris Joslin.

"It was real tough going against those teams as both were playing really well," Joslin said. "I felt like our kids this past week rose to the occasion and played well in the first half (Abernathy led 14-7), especially on defense. We just need to keep working to get some things fixed, especially on offense."

Joslin said a key for his team moving forward is getting more consistent on offense. He said a penalty or a mistake has been setting his team back and that is something the Bulldogs have to overcome.

"We need to get back to having positive things happen on every play," he said. Coahoma travels to Stanton (1-6, 0-2) on Friday in a key district game for both teams. The Bulldogs will also be wearing special uniforms with gold pants for "Gold Out" as the team will be looking to help raise money to donate to children's cancer research facilities.

Grady continues strong play

Grady won its sixth straight game last week

when it kicked off District 6-1A Division I action with a 54-30 victory over O'Donnell.

"We needed that," Grady coach Brent Lucas said. "We played pretty well offensively. Defensively, we struggled a little bit when they tried to spread it out on us. We're still kind of hobbled but they had a good game plan. We're still working on trying to improve on the things that give us trouble. We just need to do a better job of adapting to the spread offenses and keeping them contained."

Jordan Rodriguez had another great game for the Wildcats (6-1, 1-0) as he rushed for 320 yards and five TDs on 25 carries and also passed for another TD. Lucas said Rodriguez even sat out the second quarter to take care of a hand injury.

"He's a big part of what we do," Lucas said.

Grady looks to keep rolling when it travels to play rival Sands (1-7, 0-2) on Friday.

"It's a big game and a rival game," Lucas said. "We owe them as they've beaten us the last few years. We need to win that game. Considering it's a rivalry game, anything crazy can happen."

Notre Dame

"They're probably the most athletic and best team we've faced up to this point. It's a pretty big underdog situation for us," McClendon said.

But McClendon was quick to point out that his team is not the kind to back down from a challenge.

"I want to make one thing clear: We're not going for anything else but to knock them off and win," he said. "Our kids are not standing around and licking their wounds, they're getting their stuff together and sharpening their spears to go there to win a game."

Trinity looks to bounce back

Trinity will look to shake off a 61-0 home loss to Lubbock Christian in TAPPS Division III District I play when it hits the road to face Willow Park Trinity on Friday.

The Chargers (2-4, 0-2) have been shut out in their two district games as they continue to work on learning more about the nuances of the 11-man game.

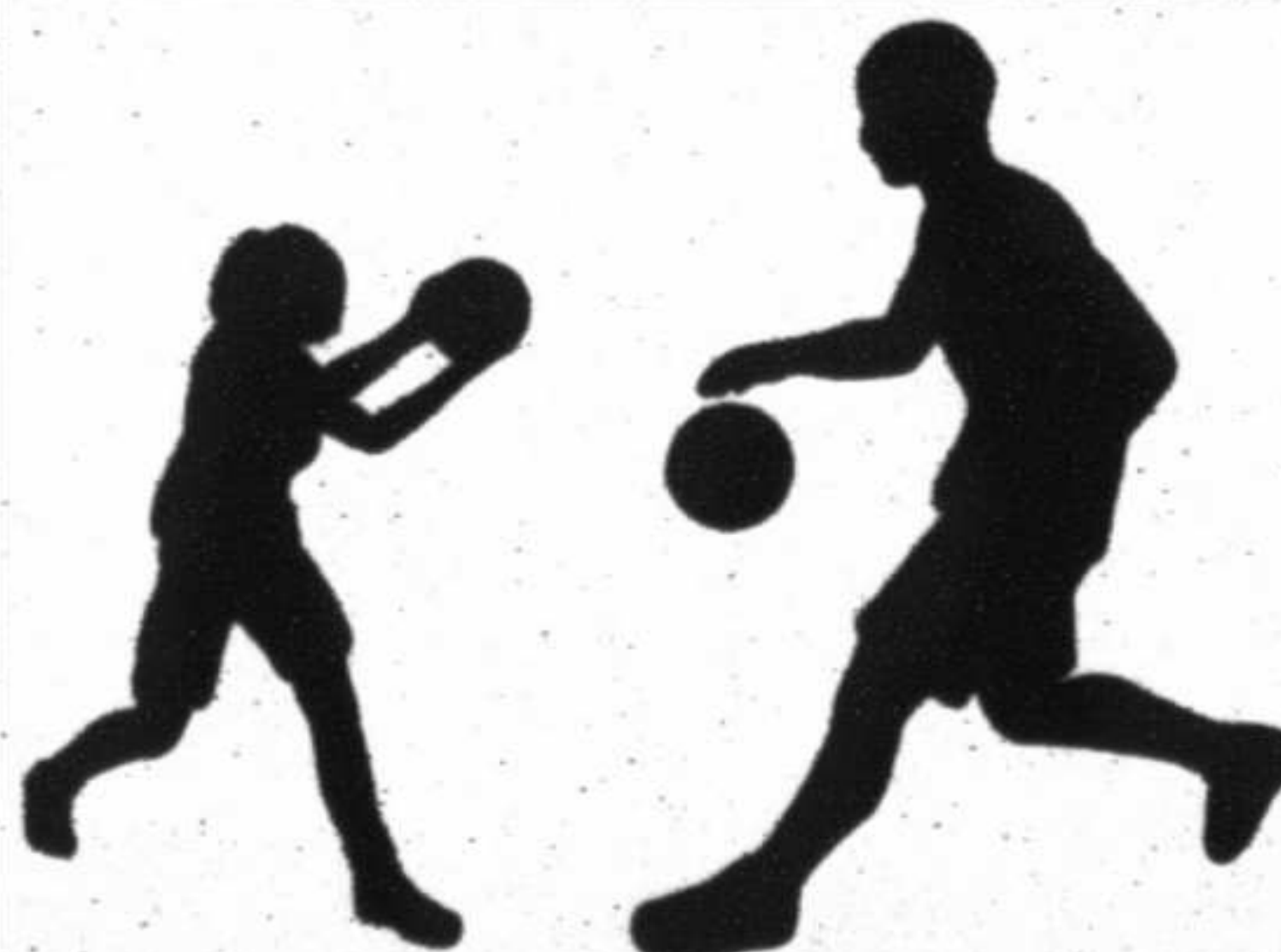
Willow Park Trinity (4-3, 2-0) is coming off a 37-14 win over Lubbock Trinity.

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which would have shown an invitational hand.

Gower won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and led a heart to his queen. He then cashed the ace of hearts and exited with the jack of clubs to East's queen. East cashed the king of hearts and led a club, ruffed by Gower as West followed with the deceptive ace of clubs. This didn't matter to Gower, who had an almost perfect count on the hand at this point.

Gower led a spade to dummy's queen and was not at all surprised that the queen held the trick.

Gower could have led a spade to his 10 at this point, as East was likely to have the jack for his first opening bid, but Gower found an even better play. He ruffed a club with his last trump, then cashed the king and queen of diamonds. He exited with his last diamond, which forced West to give him a trick with the king of spades. Well ahead!

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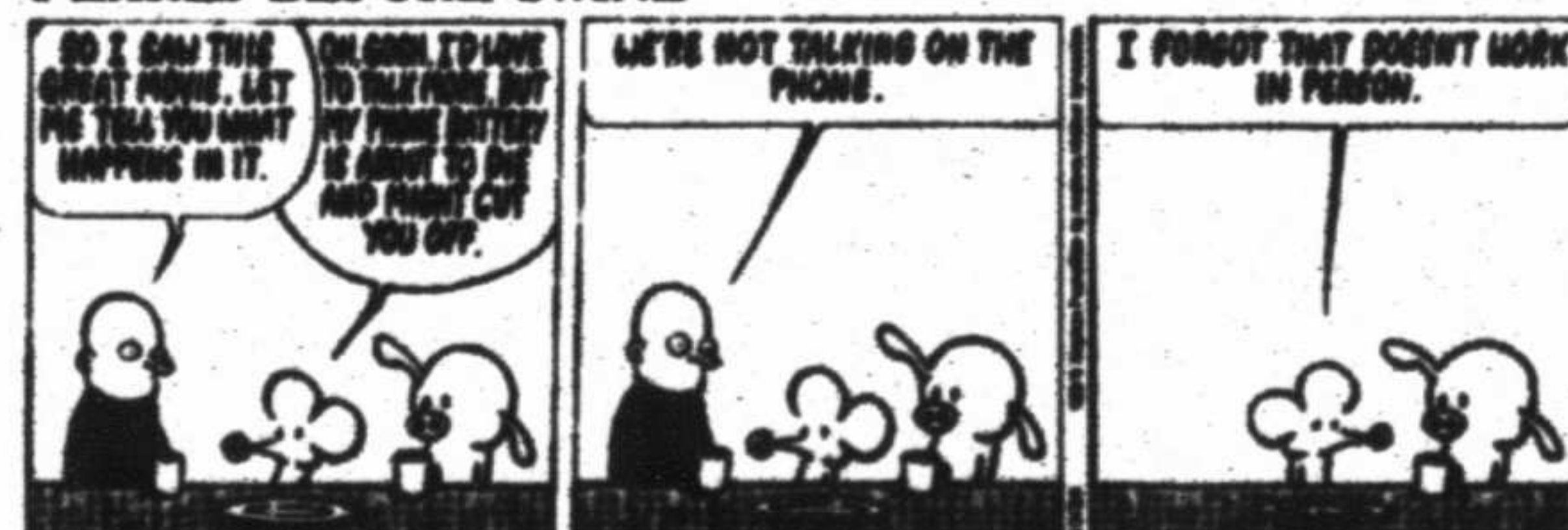
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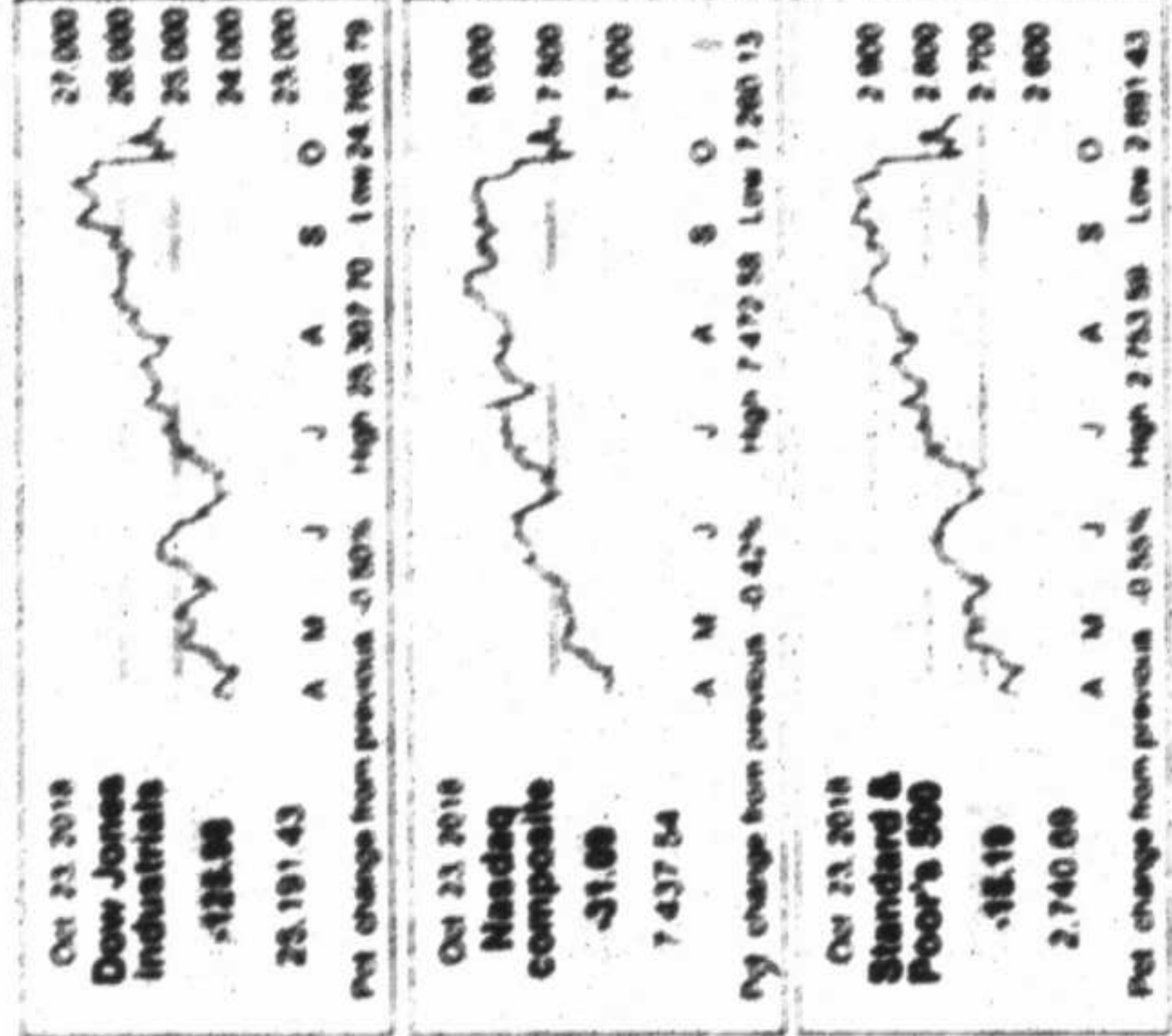


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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Symbol	Price	Change	Volume
NYSE Composite	100.00	+0.10	1,200,000
Dow Jones Industrial	1,000.00	+10.00	1,000,000
NYSE 30	100.00	+0.10	1,200,000
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MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Name	Assets	Value	Change
Fidelity Puritan	\$1.2B	\$1.2B	+0.10
Putnam Fund	\$1.1B	\$1.1B	+0.05
Investment Co	\$1.0B	\$1.0B	+0.02
Wellington	\$0.9B	\$0.9B	+0.01
Putnam Fund	\$0.8B	\$0.8B	+0.01
Fidelity Puritan	\$0.7B	\$0.7B	+0.01
Putnam Fund	\$0.6B	\$0.6B	+0.01
Fidelity Puritan	\$0.5B	\$0.5B	+0.01
Putnam Fund	\$0.4B	\$0.4B	+0.01
Fidelity Puritan	\$0.3B	\$0.3B	+0.01
Putnam Fund	\$0.2B	\$0.2B	+0.01
Fidelity Puritan	\$0.1B	\$0.1B	+0.01
Putnam Fund	\$0.05B	\$0.05B	+0.01

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Symbol	Price	Change	Volume
NYSE Composite	100.00	+0.10	1,200,000
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Symbol	Price	Change	Volume
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Dow Jones Industrial	1,000.00	+10.00	1,000,000
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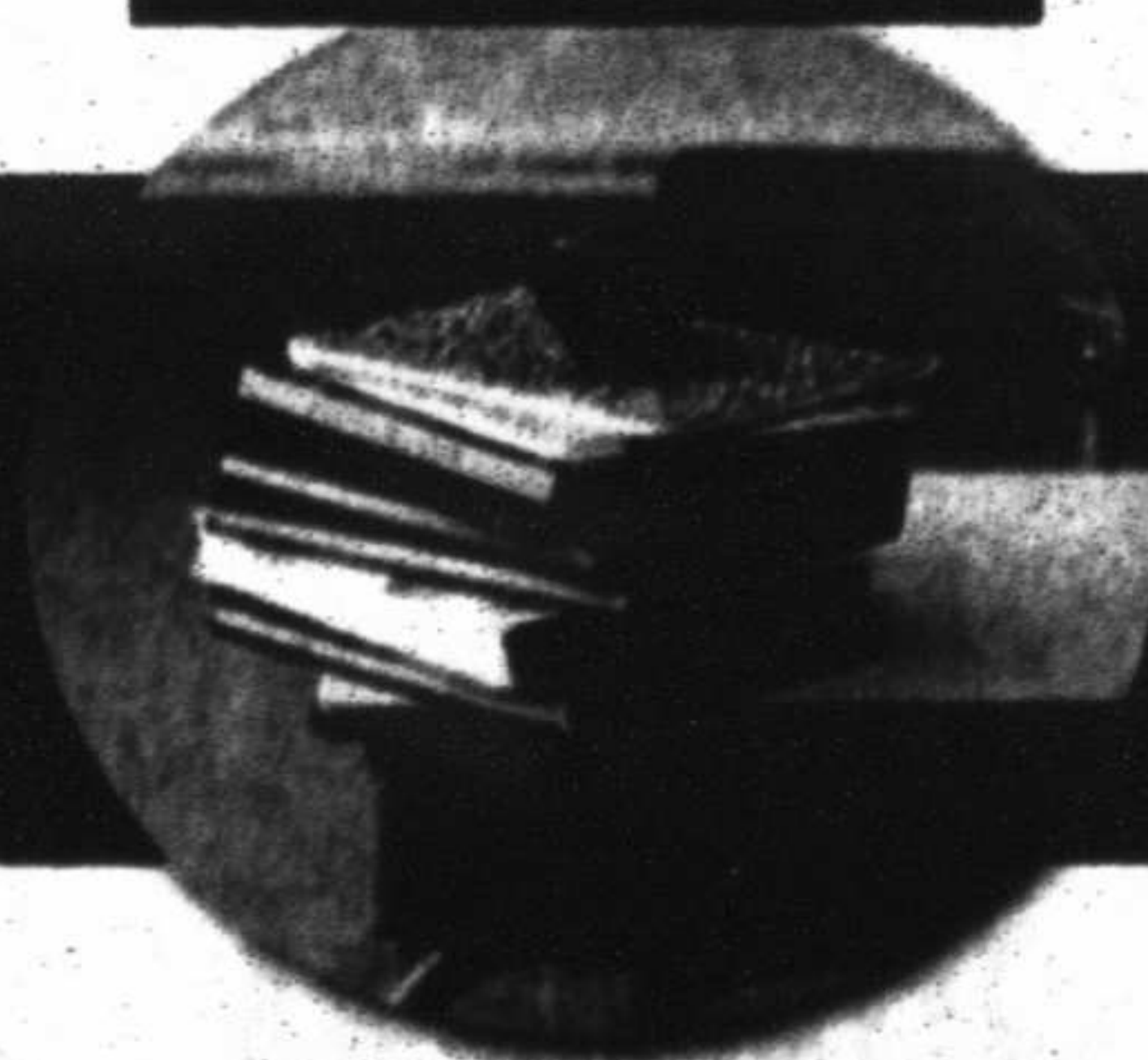
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CAREGIVER NEEDED - job is for 5 Days a Week - 5 Hours per Day. Salary is \$20 per Hour. For more details about the position, email me (bob.deputy@gmail.com).

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Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

OXY USA INC. is applying to the Railroad Commission to surface commingle production at Shortes and Shaw leases. Production is from the Spraberry (Trend Area) field. Production will be commingled into the Shaw Battery located in RRC District 08 in Midland County.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Sandra Musalem at (713) 366-5106.

Legal and Public Notices

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, Case No. 18-06-1530P. The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 60-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/firm/fis, or call the FEMA MAP Information Exchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627).

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Sealed proposals addressed to Midland County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 (MCFWSD #1) will be received at MCFWSD #1 District Office, 1700 W. Wall St., Suite 210, Midland, Texas 79701, until Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 2 p.m. for MCFWSD #1 Water System Improvements, T-Bar Well Field Boreline Application.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at MCFWSD #1 District Office. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to MCFWSD #1 for action at a later date.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans are on file at MCFWSD #1 and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. (PSC), Consulting Engineers, 1700 W. Wall St., Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701.

Copies of the plans, specifications, and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 1700 W. Wall St., Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701, 432.697.1447, as follows:

1. Download documents (PDF file extension format) from the PSC Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. No cost or deposit required for this option.
2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00.
3. A digital copy (PDF file extension format) upon a non-refundable deposit of \$20.00 per each CD.

Deposit shall be company or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets issued.

Legal and Public Notices

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Board of Trustees of Glascock County ISD is requesting qualifications for ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES to assist the District with possible bond projects for the construction and/or renovation of existing school facilities. Qualifications will be accepted until 3:00 pm on October 31, 2018 (the "deadline"). Interested parties may request an information packet and questionnaire from Scott Bicknell, Superintendent, at (432) 354-2230. Please enclose one (1) original and seven (7) copies of your completed response with the appropriate notation. All responses are due no later than the deadline at the following address:

Glascock County ISD
ATTN: Scott Bicknell, Superintendent
308 West Chambers Street
Glascock County, TX 79739

All responses must be annotated with the following:
**Potential 2019 Bond Projects
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER SERVICES
RFQ #2019-01**

Failure to have a response physically in the possession of the school district by the deadline shall result in the response not being considered.

The selection of the architect shall be in accordance with Texas Government Code §2254.004 and Chapter 2209 of the Texas Government Code.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A RESPONSE TO THIS RFQ, THE ARCHITECT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A RESPONSE AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING THE BEST ARCHITECT. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A RESPONSE, THE ARCHITECT FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, RECOMMENDATION OR SELECTION OF AN ARCHITECT IN RESPONSE TO THIS RFQ.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1993-9-20437 MIDLAND

The Texas Facilities Commission seeks a lease of approx. 15,135 sq. ft. of office and conditioned warehouse space in Midland, TX for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Proposal deadline is November 15, 2018. For details contact Evelyn Esquivel at (512) 463-6496 or go to <http://www.tsmartbuy.com/sp003-0-20637>.

Legal and Public Notices

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 5205 N O'Connor Blvd., Irving, Texas 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Mahee Foundation D Lease, Well Number 1D1. The proposed disposal well is located 6.1 miles NE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4470 to 5220 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12987, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0315009
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 16, 2018 Status/Permit No. 845585
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 20, 2018
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, (RRC Operator No. 217012) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 7, Blk. 40 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-50, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 10.6 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6948. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6781.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY 5:00 P.M. 2018 AT 5:00 P.M. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: WARFIELD EAST L
Lease/Unit Well No.: 101WA
Lease/Unit Acres: 680.03
Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R): 167.0

Lease Lines: 2429.0 F EAST L, 779.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines: 2429.0 F EAST L, 779.0 F SOUTH L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2429.0 F EAST L, 779.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location
SH County: MIDLAND
Section: 19
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 488.0 F WEST L, 89.0 F SOUTH L, 2672.0 F EAST L, 89.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines:

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3285, 60.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 16480 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Paula Brownson, at (432) 3217642.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR AN AIR QUALITY PERMIT

PROPOSED PERMIT NUMBERS
 150841.005, 150843.005, AND 150844.005

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION: Victory Rock Texas, LLC, 215 Rocky Coast Drive, Austin, TX 78758-1778, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Numbers 150841.005, 150843.005, and 150844.005, which would authorize construction of a Rock Crushing Plant located using the following description: from the intersection of West County Road 330 and State Highway 345, travel south 1.8 miles, at entrance to 2.2 miles west, Midland, Upton County, Texas 79755. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on March 8, 2018. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Midland regional office, and at the Upton County Public Library, 212 West 7th Street, Midland, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance fee, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Midland Regional Office, 9900 West Interstate 20 Suite 100, Midland, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING: You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. You may submit additional written public comments within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice in the manner set forth in the AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION paragraph below.

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION: After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. Because no timely hearing requests have been received, after preparing the response to comments, the executive director may then issue final approval of the application. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application, and will be posted electronically to the Commission's Integrated Database (IDB).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE: When they become available, the executive director's response to comments and the final decision on this application will be accessible through the Commission's Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/permits. Once you have access to the IDB using the above link, enter the permit number for this application which is provided at the top of this notice. This link is an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permits/published/150841.005-150844.005>

MAILING LIST: You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION: Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/permits/Comments or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, Mid-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-2087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4245. If access information in Spanish, please contact at 1-800-687-4245.

Further information may also be obtained from Victory Rock Texas, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jay Lindholm, Project Manager at (512) 258-8500.

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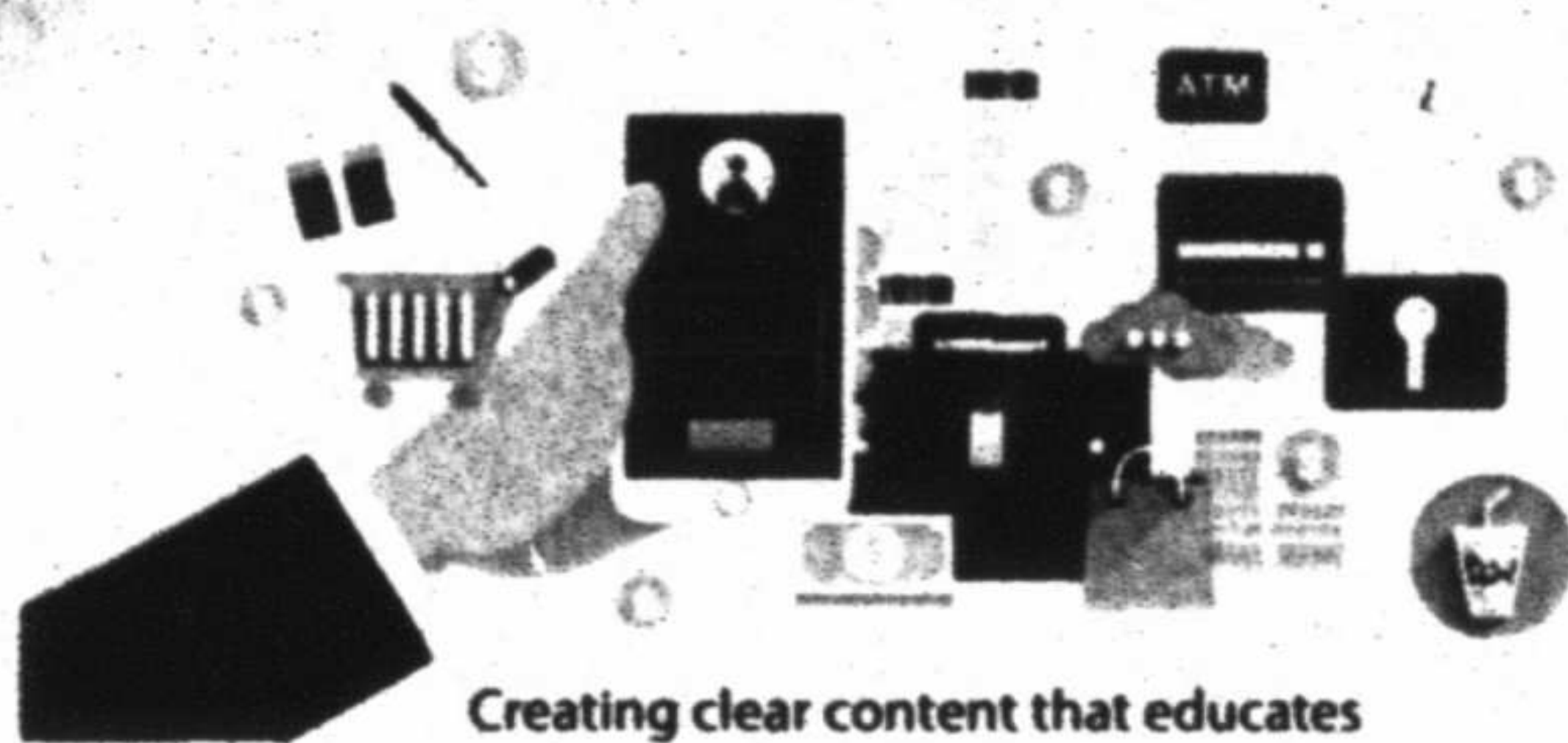
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