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SHOWDOWN

The Tall City is a football town, but tonight it's volleyball's time to shine. The focus and attention will be on volleyball when Midland High hosts Lee in a showdown of first-place teams in District 2-6A.

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INTOXICATED DRIVING & ITS EFFECT ON THE COMMUNITY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers work the scene of a motor vehicle accident that took the lives of two bicyclists and sent at least one to the hospital April 25 on State Highway 158 between County Road 1250 and State Highway 191.

DA: Man pleads guilty in deaths of cyclists

■ Ricardo Madera agrees to 18-year sentences for intoxication manslaughter charges and 10-year sentences for hit-and-run charges

From staff reports

The Eagle Pass man charged with killing two bicyclists with his vehicle on April 25 pleaded guilty as part of a plea agreement, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office. The charges against Ricardo Madera are two counts of intoxication manslaughter, one count of intoxication assault



Madera

and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident. The charges carried a maximum sentence of 20 years prison for each manslaughter count, with the possibility of sentences being stacked by a judge had he proceeded to trial, according to a press release.

Madera, according to the DA's Office, agreed to sentences of 18 years in prison for each intoxication manslaughter charge with findings of a deadly weapon, along with sentences of 10 years for each hit-and-run charge. Those will run concurrently.

Michael Mestas, 47, and Camron Stotts, 42, died after being struck by Madera. Jason Haislip, the third bicyclist hit that night on State Highway 158 in northwest Midland, continues his physical recovery, according to the DA's Office. The three men, according to the

DA's Office, were training for a race in Colorado. Madera veered out of his lane, striking the three bicyclists who were riding on the shoulder of SH 158, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. Madera did not stop to check on any of the three men and allegedly never slowed down.

Witnesses who saw the bicycles fly up and over Madera's pickup followed Madera at speeds of up to 90 mph as he attempted to flee to the man-camp where he was living, according to the DA's Office.

After being confronted by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies and Department of Public Safety troopers that evening, Madera reportedly cooperated with the investigation.

Lab tests revealed a Madera had 0.126 blood alcohol level, more than 1.5 times the legal limit.

DA: Intoxicated driving has caused higher than usual number of deaths

From staff reports

The Midland County District Attorney's Office announced Thursday that the man responsible for the deaths of two cyclists had a blood-alcohol level 1.5 times the legal limit when law enforcement officials finally caught up to him on the night of April 25.

Officials also reported that intoxicated driving has caused a "higher than usual" number of deaths in Midland County over the past nine months.

"On behalf of all the families in our community touched by this epidemic of selfish folly, the District Attorney's Office is again reminding the public to please drink responsibly, have a designated driver and get an Uber or a taxi instead of getting behind the wheel," the press release from the DA's Office states. "Our office will continue to prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the law. There is no excuse for people to continue drinking and driving in our community."

The DA's report states Ricardo Madera of Eagle Pass left Buffalo Wild Wings on April 25 after consuming "more than six drinks." On his way back to the man-camp where he was living, he veered out of his lane on State Highway 158 in northwest Midland and struck three bicyclists; two of the men died.

Please see DEATHS/2A

County judge candidates agree on nuclear waste transport

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County judge candidates Steven Schafersman and Terry Johnson seem to agree with a nuclear waste transportation resolution passed by the Commissioners' Court.

The proposed shipments of used nuclear fuel again entered local conversation after the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it would review an application for

Interim Storage Partners. If the plan is approved, nuclear waste could be transported across the country for interim storage at a site in Andrews County, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

"If I'm elected county judge, I would be strongly in favor of not having this waste coming through," said Schafersman, the Democratic candidate. "And I would be vocal about it."

Schafersman shared his comments Saturday after participating in a stop for the Protect Texas from Radioactive Waste

Tour. The press conference raised awareness about the possible transportation as well as the Oct. 19 deadline for submitting comments about it to the NRC.

Commissioners last year passed a resolution stating they recognize residents oppose the transportation of high-level nuclear waste through Midland County. The elected leaders at the time also said they didn't have authority over the federal issue.

Please see TRANSPORT/2A



Sharon and Marlon Yeager and others gathered at the renovated Best PBS home. 2A

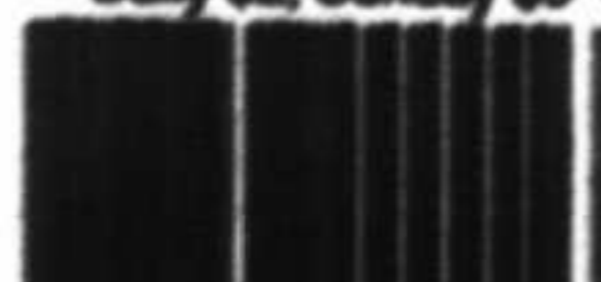
Price of oil
\$74.33 ▼ \$2.08

The big number
The average gasoline price was \$3.87 per gallon in Midland this week, up about 3 cents from the previous week. Page 2A

Word of the Day
malm
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.



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BASIN PBS IS PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

TRANSPORT
From 1A



ABOVE: The Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris welcomes guests Thursday during the dedication of the Elizabeth Reid Yeager Media Center in the newly renovated Basin PBS home in the historical Ritz Theater on Main Street. LEFT: Guests are given a sneak peek inside. —

Average price of gas goes up with \$76-plus price of oil

By Stewart Doreen
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With the price of oil climbing higher than \$76 a barrel, an increase in the price of gas was inevitable.

Inevitable showed its face this week in the form of a 3-cent increase in the average price of gas across Midland, according to AAA Texas.

The organization reports the two-month period of prices either dropping or remaining flat came to an end as Midland drivers face an average price of \$3.07 — again the highest average for any larger metropolitan area in the state.

Drivers in Midland can take comfort in the fact that the price hike could have been worse. Average increases of 6 cents were reported in Odessa and San Angelo. The organization reported an average increase of 9 cents in Abilene, and in El Paso, the average soared

by 17 cents. Across the state, the average hike was 3 cents. AAA Texas reports an average increase of 4 cents across the nation.

Midland and Odessa are the only two cities with an average above \$3 a gallon (Odessa is second at \$3.03). The average price in Midland is 16 cents higher than the national average and 42 cents higher than the state average, according to AAA Texas. The lowest average price of gas can be found in McAllen and San Antonio \$2.58 a gallon, which is 49 cents less than the average in Midland.

Across the region, the following averages were reported: \$2.63 in San Angelo, \$2.64 in Lubbock, \$2.66 in Amarillo, \$2.77 in Abilene and \$2.85 in El Paso.

Distributors have told the Reporter-Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and

Midland's distance from pipelines. There are also issues with the high cost of living, at least in Midland and Odessa, where rents are climbing at rates incomparable around the nation. There's also the supply-and-demand factor. There is a great demand in Midland and Odessa relative to the amount of supply.

Last year at this time, the average price in Midland was \$2.54 a gallon, 1 cent higher than the national average, 14 cents higher than the state average and 23 cents higher than the lowest price in the state.

Market analysts, according to AAA Texas, attribute the rise in gas prices to continued global supply-and-demand concerns, as well as high summertime crude oil prices. This is leading to gas prices that are more like summer than fall, according to the organization. "This is the second week in a row gas prices have gone up during a time of year when drivers

normally see them go down," said Daniel Armbruster, AAA Texas AAA New Mexico spokesman, in an email.

Gas price report

Cheapest gas: \$2.85 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): \$2.88 (H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250; H-E-B, Midkiff/Wadley; Texaco, Midkiff/Wadley)
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock \$2.47, El Paso \$2.49, San Angelo \$2.51, Amarillo \$2.51, Abilene \$2.59, Odessa \$2.79, Midland \$2.85

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$3.031	\$2.640
Last week	\$2.974	\$2.633
Last month	\$3.015	\$2.605
Last year	\$2.524	\$2.390

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Man arrested on aggravated assault charge

From staff reports

A Louisiana man was arrested Tuesday after he allegedly assaulted a female, according to court documents.

Brandon Michael Washington, 28, was being held Thursday on a \$75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault causes serious bodily injury.

Midland police were dispatched to a hotel about 1 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a disturbance. Washington threw a female to the floor and choked her, impeding her breathing, according to his arrest affidavit. He also hit the female repeatedly, causing pain, according to the affidavit. Washington allegedly later threw the female out of a hotel room before pulling her back inside by her forearm.

A responding detective observed a knot on the female's forehead, and EMS determined she appeared to have a fractured forearm, according to the affidavit. If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Washington could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Volatile power plant fire prompts evacuations

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A 7,000-gallon oil tank is on fire and billowing thick, black smoke at an Oklahoma City power plant. Battalion Chief Benny Fulkerson says the immediate area was evacuated Thursday morning out of concern that the tank at the Oklahoma Gas & Electric plant could explode. He says that the danger has since subsided.

Navy veteran arrested in suspicious mailings

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A U.S. Navy veteran in Utah was arrested Wednesday in connection with suspicious envelopes that were sent to President Donald Trump and top military chiefs.

William Clyde Allen III, 39, was taken into custody in the small northern Utah city of Logan, said Melodie Rydahl, a spokeswoman for the state's U.S. attorney's office.

The arrest comes after authorities confirmed an investigation into two envelopes once thought to contain ricin and later found to be castor seeds,

the substance from which the poison is derived. They can cause injury if swallowed.

The FBI said there were potentially hazardous chemicals involved with their operation in Utah on Wednesday, but they declined to give additional details. No attorney was immediately listed for Allen.

The envelopes addressed to Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the Navy's top officer, Adm. John Richardson, were isolated at a mail screening facility and sent to the FBI. No one was injured, and neither envelope entered the Pentagon. Mattis is traveling in Europe this week.

An envelope also was sent to the president Monday with unknown contents. The Secret Service says it didn't reach the White House.

Allen served in the Navy from 1998 to 2002, according to Navy

records. He worked as a damage control fireman apprentice.

Two years after his Navy tenure ended, he was charged in a child sexual-abuse case involving two girls he had an unspecified "relationship of trust" with, court documents state. He later pleaded guilty to lesser neglect and abuse charges and did not have to register as a sex offender.

That same year, a woman filed a protective order against him in a separate case. He disputed her allegations, the details of which are not public, but agreed to the protective order.

In 2008, he pleaded guilty to attempted aggravated assault and served about 2 1/2 years in prison, authorities said. He was released in 2011.

New charges are expected to be filed later this week.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MESQUITE: 1 child killed, 3 injured after school bus crashes

School officials say one child was killed and three others were injured after their school bus crashed in North Texas.

The Mesquite Independent School District says a bus carrying 42 students from Terry Middle School crashed Wednesday afternoon. Aerial video showed the bus lying on its side in a ditch with its rear half showing scorch marks.

Mesquite police say a power line struck by the bus ignited a fire, but the exact cause of the wreck remains under investigation.

Civilians joined police and fire crews to rescue the children. Police say one student was dead at the scene. The child wasn't identified. Three students,

the bus driver and three officers were taken to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

The 38 other students were returned to the school where counselors met them and their families.

DALLAS: Man's shooting by police overshadowed despite momentum

It was the kind of shooting that had spurred national interest before: A police officer had opened fire into a vehicle, leaving a black man dead.

For residents in the Dallas area, the Sept. 1 killing of 24-year-old O'Shae Terry in Arlington brought to mind the shooting of Jordan Edwards in another

Texas city last year. The 15-year-old Edwards and four other black teenagers were in a car and leaving a house party in Balch Springs when a white officer shot into the moving vehicle, killing the high school freshman who was in the front passenger seat.

The officer was fired and, in a rare move, sentenced to 15 years in prison. The shooting, like Terry's, highlighted a use-of-force tactic that law enforcement experts say is dangerous: firing into a moving vehicle.

Five days after Terry's shooting, police released footage and the case was starting to gain momentum. But hours after the video images of Terry's fatal traffic stop made headlines, attention was

already turning to the Sept. 6 shooting of another black man, 26-year-old Botham Jean, a St. Lucia native killed by a white off-duty officer who lived in the same Dallas apartment complex as him.

The shooting resonated with people in a way that Terry's didn't.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

WALKING THE RUNWAY



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A fashion show was part of the annual Pink The Basin luncheon featuring guest speaker Scott Hamilton, Olympic gold medal ice skater and cancer fighter Tuesday at Horseshoe Pavilion.

- Things to do**
- M.C.L. Jewelry Trunk Show. Designer Matthew Campbell Laurenza will be in attendance, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Julian Gold, 2101 W. Wadley Ave.
 - Pretend and Play, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
 - Tattoo and Barber Convention presented by West Texas Tattz and Fades at Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail.
 - Evening Storytime at the Library, 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
 - Writing is Magic Critique Circle, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. For ages 13-19.
 - Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.
 - Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave., ranchlandhills.com.
 - Fire and Glass, Interlute, 6 p.m., The Club, 1023 S. Grant Ave., Odessa.
 - Sound Healing and Relaxing Yoga, 6:30 p.m., Friday at Dharma Art, 2034 W. Culbert Ave. \$20, mydharmaart.com.
 - Old Town Midland Haunted House, 7 p.m., 2512 W. Ohio Ave.
 - First Friday Family Game Night by Perman Basin LGBTQ (plus), 7-10 p.m., Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Blvd. ptbigot.org.
 - "Alice in Wonderland" by the Pickwick Players, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28, mctmidland.org.
 - Party on the Patio with live music, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave., ranchlandhills.com.
 - ClubNights with DJ Bookie and DJ Danny G, 8 p.m., The Reserve in the DoubleTree, 117 W. West St.
 - Reik, Matissa, 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191, 552 haciendamidland.com.
 - Runnin' Blind, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.
 - DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St., Odessa.
 - DJ Boris, 9 p.m., Supermoovs Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive, #10.
 - Karaoke, 9 p.m., Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.
 - Karaoke with DJ Cosco, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

15 for people running for Midland ISD and Midland City Council positions. The forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Carrasco Room at Midland College. Also, Tuesday is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 6 election. The League of Women Voters will be at the Elections Office from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. that day to register voters.

League of Women Voters
The League of Women Voters has a candidate forum planned for Oct. 13-14 and Oct. 18-21. There are seven custom homes in Midland and Odessa on the tour. Visit pbbsales.org to purchase tickets and for more information.

Pink extensions will benefit Pink the Basin
The Midland College Cosmetology Department is offering temporary pink hair extensions for \$5 each through the month of October as a fundraiser for Pink the Basin, a nonprofit that provides mammograms for women who can't afford them. Extensions are available 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and by appointment on Mondays and Wednesdays at Advanced Technology Center. For more information, contact Michael Fields at 685-6723 or mfields@midland.edu or Michaela Saucedo at 432-685-6721 or msaucedo@midland.edu.

day of 2018. There are 87 days left in the year.

On this date:
In 1947, President Harry S. Truman delivered the first televised White House address as he spoke on the world food crisis.
In 1988, Democrat Lloyd Bentsen lambasted Republican Dan Quayle during his vice presidential debate, telling Quayle, "Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy."
In 2011, Apple founder Steve Jobs, 56, died in Palo Alto, California. Source: Associated Press

Today in history
Today is Friday, Oct. 5, the 278th

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-4-5-8-9-10-15-16-18-19
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-5-6-9-10-12-13-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 6-8-9-10-13-15-17-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-6-9-12-14-15-16-19-20-22
Cash Five: 15-16-22-29-30

Daily 4 morning: 6-0-4-7
Daily 4 day: 0-9-0-7
Daily 4 night: 5-0-1-3
Pick 3 morning: 5-4-8
Pick 3 day: 6-0-2
Pick 3 evening: 1-0-0
Pick 3 night: 8-6-8
Two-Step: 11-17-26-28
Bonus: 33

Weather

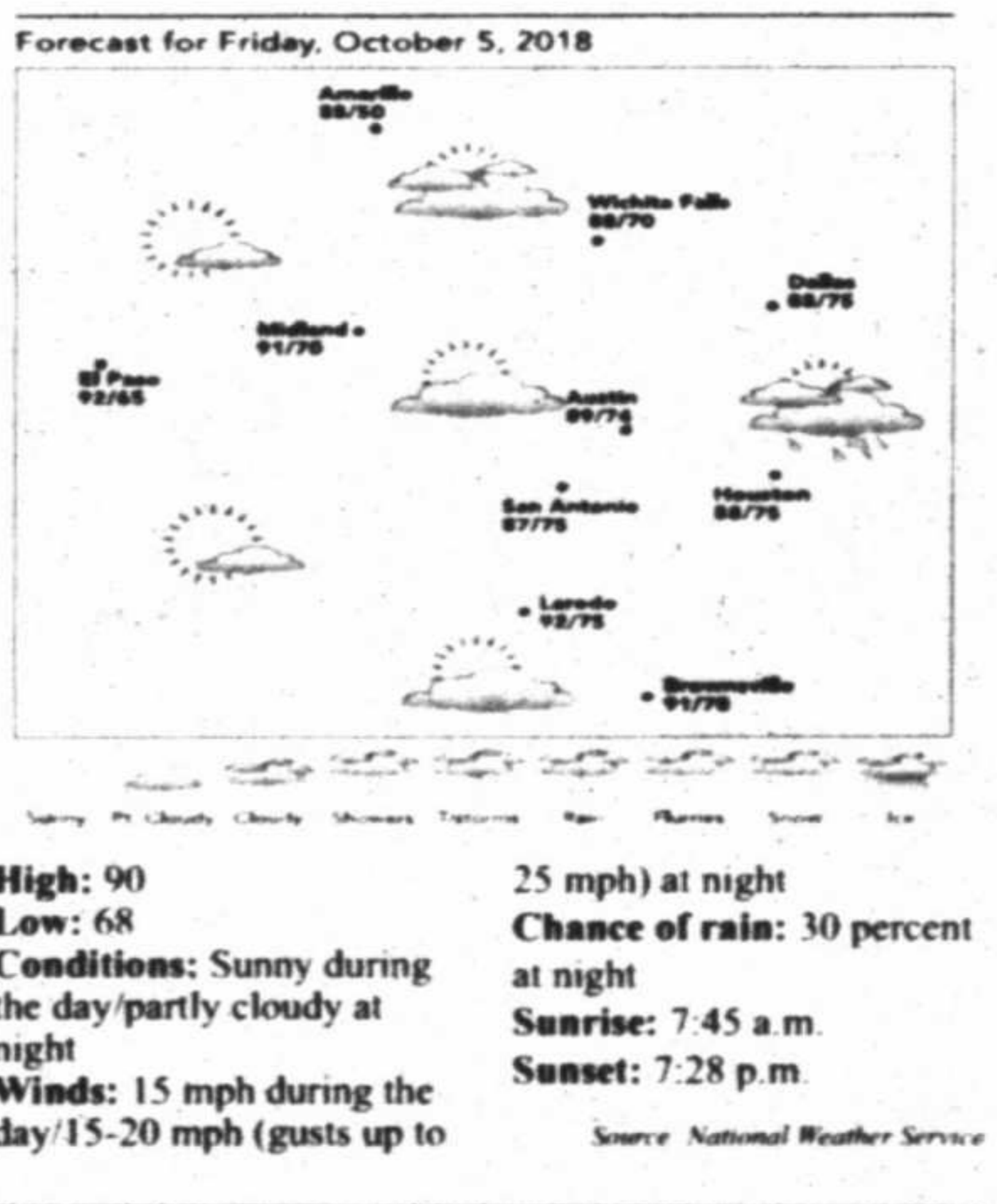
Thursday's temperatures
High: 92
Low: 72
Normal high: 82
Normal low: 56

Oct. 4 records
High: 97, set in 1931 and equaled in 1937 and 2000
Low: 41, set in 1932

Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00
Thursday: 0.00
Month total: 0.00
Year total: 11.19 inches
Normal total (year to date): 11.84 inches

Winds
Average speed: 11.9 mph
Highest sustained: 17 mph
Highest gust: 21 mph

Today's forecast
High: 90
Low: 68
Conditions: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 15 mph during the day/15-20 mph (gusts up to 25 mph) at night
Chance of rain: 30 percent at night
Sunrise: 7:45 a.m.
Sunset: 7:28 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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Kavanaugh says he 'might have been too emotional' at hearing

By Alan Fram and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh acknowledged Thursday he "might have been too emotional" when testifying about sexual misconduct allegations as he made a bid to win over wavering GOP senators on the eve of a crucial vote to advance his confirmation.

The 53-year-old judge said in an op-ed that he knows his "tone was sharp, and I said a few things I should not have said" during testimony last week to the Judiciary Committee. He forcefully denied the allegations.

"Going forward, you can count on me to be the same kind of judge and person I have been for my entire 28-year legal career: hardworking, even-keeled, open-minded, independent and dedicated to the Constitution and the public good," he wrote in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Kavanaugh's column appeared aimed at winning over the three GOP senators who remain undecided. He got an additional boost late Thursday from President Donald Trump, who praised his nominee's "incredible intellect" and scoffed at detractors during a campaign rally in Minnesota.

Trump said the protesters and "their rage-fueled resistance is starting to backfire at a level nobody has ever seen before." He was referring to polling that shows some improvement for Republicans heading into the midterm election.

Earlier Thursday, a pair of undeclared Republican senators accepted a confidential new FBI report into sex-abuse allegations against Kavanaugh as "thorough," bolstering GOP hopes for confirmation as the Senate plunged toward showdown votes.

One of the senators hinted he was open to supporting Kavanaugh as party leaders set a pivotal preliminary vote for 9:30 a.m. today. If that succeeds, a final roll call was expected Saturday as the long, emotional battle over the conservative jurist drew toward its climax.

Six days after Trump reluctantly ordered the FBI to scrutinize the accusations — which allegedly occurred in the 1980s and Kavanaugh has denied — leading GOP lawmakers briefed on the agency's confidential document all reached the same conclusion: There was no verification of the women's past claims and nothing new.

Democrats complained that the investigation was shoddy, omitting interviews with numerous potential witnesses, and accused the White House of limiting the FBI's leeway. Those not interviewed in the reopened background investigation included Kavanaugh himself and Christine Blasey Ford, who ignited the furor by alleging he'd molested her in a locked room at a 1982 high school gathering.

A week after a televised Senate Judiciary Committee hearing at which Kavanaugh and Ford testified, the Capitol campus remained a stew of tension as the election-season cliff-hanger neared its conclusion. A hefty police presence added an air of anxiety, as did thousands of noisy anti-Kavanaugh demonstrators who gathered outside the Supreme Court and in Senate office buildings. U.S. Capitol Police said 302 were arrested — among them comedian Amy Schumer, a distant relative of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

"What we know for sure is the FBI report did not corroborate any of the allegations against Judge Kavanaugh," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters about the document, which was sent to Congress overnight. On the Senate floor, he wistfully called the accusations "unsubstantiated mud."

Earlier, Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, one of the publicly undecided Republicans, told reporters "we've seen no additional corroborating information" about the claims against the 53-year-old conservative jurist and said the investigation had been comprehensive.

A second undeclared Republican, Susan Collins of Maine, also expressed satisfaction with the probe, calling it "a very thorough investigation." She paid two visits to the off-limits room where the document was being displayed to lawmakers. She told reporters she would not announce her position until today.

Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, said she was "still reviewing" her decision.

While GOP leaders were not saying they'd nailed down the support needed, backing from two of those three would ensure Kavanaugh's confirmation because every other Republican was poised to back him. Republicans have a narrow 51-49 Senate majority, and Vice President Mike Pence will be available to cast a tie-breaking vote.

The trio of GOP moderates, leery of three women's claims of alcohol-fueled sexual misconduct by Kavanaugh, had refused to let his nomination proceed last week until Trump ordered the FBI probe. The three were briefed together on the investigation in the secure room senators were using to view the report. They skirted reporters for much of the day, sometimes shielded by Capitol Police.

Underscoring the hardening partisan lines, one of the two undecided Democratic senators said she'd oppose Kavanaugh. North Dakota Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, who faces a difficult re-election race next month, cited concerns about his "past conduct" and said she felt his heated attacks on Democrats during last week's Judiciary Committee hearing raised questions about his "current temperament, honesty and impartiality."

West Virginia's Joe Manchin, the other undeclared Democrat, spent time looking at the report and said he would resume reading it Friday.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, the Judiciary Committee's top Democrat, said

Who was questioned by the FBI in the Kavanaugh probe?

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI has wrapped up its background investigation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, but much of what it did remains a mystery, including its decisions about whom to interview.

Investigation details have not been publicly disclosed. Republicans say the probe was thorough and reinforces their support of President Donald Trump's nominee. But Democrats deny it as incomplete and constrained, and Kavanaugh's accusers say the FBI didn't interview witnesses who could have corroborated their accounts.

Republicans say nine people were interviewed. Six have been identified by The Associated Press and other news outlets.

Among those not interviewed were Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, the California college professor who testified last week to Congress that a drunken Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her when they were high school students. Kavanaugh denies the allegations.

Here's a look at who was questioned — and who was not.

Who has the FBI interviewed?

White House spokesman Raj Shah said the FBI contacted 10 people and interviewed nine of them. Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., said several witnesses were questioned about allegations by Deborah Ramirez, who knew Kavanaugh when they were students at Yale University.

But the only publicly identified witness linked to Ramirez's accusation is Ramirez herself. She told the FBI that Kavanaugh exposed himself to her at a party in the early 1980s when they were students at Yale. Her interview was Sunday, according to a person close to Ramirez, who wasn't permitted to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

All of the five remaining witnesses who have been publicly identified are associated with Ford's claim.

The FBI questioned Mark Judge, a high school friend of Kavanaugh. Ford says Judge was in the room when Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her in an early 1980s. Judge has said he did not recall the events described by Ford and that he never saw Kavanaugh act in the manner that she describes.

Agents also spoke with two people who Ford said attended the party where she said she was attacked, though she says they did not witness the incident.

Ford's friend Leland Keyser was questioned Saturday and said she didn't know Kavanaugh and doesn't remember being at a party with him. Keyser believes Ford's account but is "unable to corroborate it because she has no recollection of the incident in question," her attorney, Howard Walsh, said.

Patrick "P.J." Smyth, who Ford said had also attended the party, told investigators he had "no knowledge" of the gathering. Ford described or any allegation of misconduct by Kavanaugh, according to his attorney, Eric Bruce.

The FBI also spoke with two more of Kavanaugh's high school classmates, Chris Garrett, whom Ford has said she "went out with for a few months," and Timothy Gaudette, who is listed in Kavanaugh's calendars as having hosted a July 1, 1982, gathering that Kavanaugh attended.

Who hasn't been interviewed?

Top on the list are Ford and Kavanaugh. The FBI also hasn't interviewed several potential witnesses identified by Ford's attorneys as people who could corroborate that she provided details of the attack years ago — a court point to claims that her allegations may be politically motivated.

Ramirez's lawyers provided the agents with a list of more than 20 witnesses, but as late Wednesday, the FBI hadn't interviewed any of the people who Ramirez believes could corroborate her account, according to the person close to Ramirez.

Several of Kavanaugh's Yale classmates also reached out to the FBI, but were never contacted. They include Charles "Chad" Ludington, who has challenged Kavanaugh's testimony about his drinking and said Kavanaugh was "a frequent drinker, and a heavy drinker."

Another classmate, Kerry Barcham, said she made multiple submissions to a tip line but has not received a return phone call or substantive response from the FBI.

The FBI also never contacted Julie Swetnick, who has alleged she was victimized at a party attended by Kavanaugh and his friends. Swetnick accused Kavanaugh and Judge of excessive drinking and inappropriate treatment of women in the early 1980s, among other accusations. Kavanaugh has called her accusations a "joke." Judge "categorically" denies the allegations.

Also not questioned: Judge's former girlfriend, Elizabeth Raso, who said Judge told her in 1988 that he and several Georgetown Prep classmates took turns having sex with an intoxicated woman. Raso sent an affidavit to the Senate Judiciary Committee, but her lawyer says the FBI didn't respond to her client's request to be interviewed. Judge's lawyers have said he denies her account.

Why weren't more people interviewed?

The answers aren't clear. The White House and the FBI aren't saying.

The Trump administration said it cleared the FBI to interview any witnesses it deemed relevant. But a retired FBI assistant director, Joseph Campbell, said the White House nonetheless sets the parameters for the people it wants contacted.

"It's not like a typical type of investigation, where the FBI has wide latitude to pursue facts and evidence and interview anyone necessary to develop a case or develop information for national security purposes, that type of thing," Campbell said.

The absence of interviews of Kavanaugh and Ford has particularly raised eyebrows.

Chris Quick, a retired FBI special agent with experience in background investigations, said the White House and the FBI may be reluctant to have been relevant things they both already stated under oath to the committee — especially given the one-week time constraint.

"Part of it is she already testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee, both of them," Quick said. "So what's to ask them that hasn't already been asked?"

while her party had agreed to a week-long FBI probe with a finite scope. "We did not agree that the White House should tie the FBI's hands."

Democrats also objected to a statement by committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who said the investigation "found no hint of misconduct." The Judiciary panel's 10 Democrats said in a statement that based on their briefing and study of the document, "That is not true."



John L. More/AP

Jim and Claire Silliman speak with nine-term incumbent Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas, who was campaigning on foot Sept. 22 through the neighborhoods of the Texas 7th Congressional District in Houston. Culberson is locked in a tight race against his Democratic challenger Lizzie Pannill Fletcher in a district that voted for Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election.

Texas House race may test educated women's dismay over Trump

By Will Weisert
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lizzie Pannill Fletcher was about to start her senior year of high school when she locked arms with other demonstrators and kept anti-abortion activists from overrunning a Planned Parenthood clinic near the famed Astrodome, where the 1992 Republican National Convention was in full swing.

Now running for Congress as a political novice, Fletcher wants to win a seat representing some of Houston's toniest enclaves that had already been Republican-controlled for 25 years on that scorching August day — and have remained so for the quarter century-plus since.

The district chose Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in 2016, and Fletcher is hoping that voters disillusioned with the president — especially well-educated women — can help her topple nine-term Republican incumbent Rep. John Culberson.

Suburban women souring on Trump, even when they previously supported Republicans, have lifted Democrats to upset victories or near ones during recent elections in the Washington suburbs of northern Virginia, in Pennsylvania, Georgia and Ohio. Similar party-switching women could help flip congressional seats in states like New York, New Jersey, Illinois and California in November.

But such defections may be harder in a race where the challenger is so proudly pro-abortion rights, especially in deep Texas. Couple that with Fletcher's background as an ambitious, high-powered attorney and bona fide glass-ceiling breaker, and the result could test whether many right-leaning women are angry enough at the president to embrace a candidate they'd normally shy away from.

Fletcher says it's a test she'll pass, saying she believes many women "understand that family planning is essential to women's economic and emotional wellbeing and the wellbeing of their families."

"That value crosses party lines," Fletcher said. "When I was in high

school and volunteering at Planned Parenthood, there were a lot of women who were Republican women that supported Planned Parenthood."

More Texans generally support abortion rights than not, but the issue could be a tough sell among Republicans. A Quinnipiac University Poll from August showed that 56 percent of GOP voters favored a full or partial ban on the procedure. And Republicans are numerous here — more than 38,000 people voted in the Republican primary in March compared to around 33,000 on the Democratic side.

Running west of downtown to upscale neighborhoods around Rice University and into well-to-do suburbs, Culberson's district features mansions on manicured lawns, gated communities, French-style villas, top-dollar boutiques and the Houston Country Club. The median annual household income over \$71,000 is 25 percent higher than the rest of Texas and the nation, and nearly a fifth of residents have post-graduate degrees.

Republicans have dominated here since first sending George H.W. Bush, who still lives in the district, to Congress in 1966. But Trump lost to Clinton by 1.4 percentage points after Mitt Romney topped Barack Obama by 21 four years earlier. Culberson won re-election by 12 points two years ago.

The 62-year-old congressman says it's a mistake to assume that women offended by Trump's reputation, notably the allegations of philandering, payoffs to mistresses and coarse remarks, would react by lashing out at him. One of his campaign offices shares space with a political group called the Village Republican Women and he's planning an event in two weeks with Gov. Greg Abbott's wife, Cecilia, to energize female supporters.

"This district will simply not support that kind of extreme left-wing agenda," Culberson said of Fletcher's abortion rights advocacy. He argues he's used his post on the powerful House Appropriations Committee to secure federal funding for post-Hurricane Harvey rebuilding, for cutting taxes and for reducing federal

spending. His yard signs declare, "Culberson keeps his word."

That's good enough for supporter Claire Silliman, who said she's voting for Culberson despite Trump being a possible liability.

"It could be a tough year for Republicans," Silliman conceded.

Julianne Blodgett, a 47-year-old stay-at-home mom, said the president "knows he has no filter on his mouth" adding, "I didn't vote for him to be my pastor. Some of the things he said and did make me cringe."

But she also said she can't see many in the district voting for an ardent abortion rights supporter.

Polls showing women's support softening for Trump and congressional Republicans come amid anger fanned by the #MeToo movement and about GOP efforts to weaken the Obama administration's health care law without devising an alternative.

Some women "would normally vote Republican," said Washington-based Democratic strategist Brad Bannon, "but they're not this year."

A graduate of Kenyon College in Ohio and Virginia's College of William & Mary Law School, Fletcher, 43, became the first female partner of a high-profile corporate law firm in 2015.

She says she'd like to appeal to the 33,000 people of both sexes who voted for Clinton and Culberson in 2016. But she also says 55 percent of district voters are women and has organized fundraisers and other events geared toward them, helping her outpace her opponent and rake in \$1 million-plus heading into November.

She stresses that it's time for women to have more power, not fears about losing it. "They're concerned about the rollback of rights that they've fought hard to achieve."

But some Houstonians say that her empowering women message isn't enough to change their minds.

"It's not a woman versus a man," said Shelly deZavallas, a 50-year-old co-owner of a private West Houston Airport. "It's who's going to be right for the job."

NY AG fires another salvo at Trump Foundation

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York has a strong case that President Donald Trump ran his charitable foundation with disregard for state and federal law, the state's attorney general said Thursday in a new court filing.

Attorney General Barbara Underwood is suing the foundation, saying it broke rules prohibiting charities from engaging in political activity.

"The law is clear — private foundations cannot use their funds for the personal or business benefit of their directors, and they cannot engage in political activities," the court filing argued.

Trump's lawyers have asked a judge to dismiss the case, saying it was politically motivated.

In its latest salvo, state lawyers reiterated their demand that Trump be barred from being involved in running any charities for 10 years.

They said the foundation was improperly used to benefit Trump personally several times and was turned into a wing of his campaign organization during the 2016 election.

"The Board abdicated its fiduciary duties entirely, leaving the Foundation to operate without any oversight, and permitted Mr. Trump to use the Foundation's assets to satisfy his and his for-profit companies' legal obligations, to promote Trump hotels, to purchase personal items, and, in 2016 — at the direction of Mr. Trump and his presidential campaign — to promote Mr. Trump's candidacy for political office, court papers said.



U.S. Secretary for Defense Jim Mattis, right, talks to NATO's Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg on Thursday in Brussels.

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Mattis: Russia violation of missile treaty 'untenable'

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Thursday said Russia's deployment of nuclear-capable missiles in violation of an arms treaty is "untenable" and unless Moscow changes, the U.S. will have to match that military capability.

Speaking to reporters at the close of a NATO defense ministers meeting, Mattis said the U.S. is reviewing its diplomatic and military options because of Russia's continued violation of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

"Russia must return to compliance with the INF Treaty or the U.S. will need to respond to its cavalier disregard of the treaty's specific limits," Mattis said in prepared remarks. "Make no mistake: The current situation, with Russia in blatant violation of this treaty, is untenable."

Mattis said that he and his NATO counterparts looked at options for a possible response and that he answered questions from allies.

"There was no disagreement about the fact that the Russians were in violation here among the nations," he said, but declined to say what options the U.S. is considering.

"We will respond as we think is appropriate. But we are trying to bring them still back into compliance. Now is the time. It's gone on long enough," Mattis said.

His comments underscored assertions made Tuesday by Kay Bailey Hutchison, the U.S. ambassador to NATO. She warned that unless Russia complies with the treaty, the U.S. will be looking at ways to "take out" the system. America, she said, doesn't want to violate the treaty but Russia could force its hand.

She later said she wasn't talking about pre-emptively striking Russia, but making the point that Moscow needs to adhere to the treaty.

The U.S. has argued that Russia's 9M729 system violates the Cold War-era pact that bans an entire class of weapons — all nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles of intermediate range. The treaty was a landmark in arms control in the final years of the Cold War.

The U.S. first accused Russia early last year of deliberately deploying a land-based cruise missile in order to pose a threat to NATO.

Russia has claimed that U.S. missile defenses violate the pact. In the past, the Obama administration worked to convince Moscow to respect the INF treaty but made little progress.

Pence accuses China of meddling in US

By Deb Riechmann and Zeke Miller
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WASHINGTON — Vice President Mike Pence charged Thursday that Russia's influence operations in America pale in comparison with the covert and overt activities China is taking to interfere in the U.S. mid-term elections and counter President Donald Trump's tough trade policies against Beijing.

Pence laid out measures Beijing is employing to undermine the Trump administration. They include public steps such as targeting Chinese tariffs to industries in states that are crucial to Trump in the mid-terms as well as behind-the-scenes actions like coercing U.S. businesses to speak out against the Trump administration and intimidating scholars.

China issued a firm denial later Thursday of any interference, but Pence said Beijing's actions add up to a simple message: "China wants a different American president."

"Beijing has mobilized covert actors, front groups and propaganda outlets to shift Americans' perception of Chinese policies," he said. "As a senior career member of our intelligence community recently told me just this week, what the Russians are doing pales in comparison to what China is doing across this country and the American people deserve to know."

Pence said China has responded to Trump's tough trade policies against Beijing with tariffs of its own designed to inflict maximum political damage.

"By one estimate, more than 80 percent of U.S. counties targeted by China voted for President Trump and I (sic) in 2016," Pence said during a speech delivered at the Hudson Institute, a conservative think tank. "Now, China wants to turn these voters against our administration."

He also noted a multi-page advertising supplement that was inserted last week in the Des Moines Register in Iowa, the home state of the U.S. ambassador to China and a pivotal state in this year's elections and the 2020 presidential election. "The supplement, designed to look like news articles, cast our trade policies as reckless and harmful to Iowans."

Pence's speech served as a follow-up of sorts to Trump's charge before the U.N. Security Council last month that China was meddling in U.S. elections to help Democrats.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying repeated China's insistence that it does not interfere in other countries' domestic affairs and said it has "no interest" in meddling in U.S. elections.

After Trump's remark, intelligence and homeland security experts said they didn't know of any Chinese influence operations akin to Russian activities during the 2016 presidential election.

U.S. intelligence agencies assess that Russia interfered in 2016 to boost Trump over his Democratic rival Hillary Clinton through hacking and releasing sensitive documents and social media manipulation.

Experts say China is more known for conducting economic espionage. A recent intelligence report said China uses joint ventures to try to acquire technical know-how, seeks partnerships with U.S. government labs to learn about specific technology and information about running such facilities, and uses front companies to hide the hand of the Chinese government and acquire technology under U.S. export controls.

The Trump administration also asserted Thursday that Chinese "economic aggression" has helped undermine the global competitiveness of defense-oriented U.S. industries. In a lengthy report released Thursday evening, the administra-

tion asserted that China "represents a significant and growing risk to the supply of materials and technologies deemed strategic and critical to U.S. national security." It said these include specialized alloys and rare earth metals. The report said U.S. competitiveness also has been hurt by U.S. policies.

The report, which resulted from a Trump directive in July 2017 to assess the health of industries whose products and services are important to national defense, also accused China of "systematic theft" of U.S. weapons systems and the illicit transfer of dual-use technology that has upset the military balance between the U.S. and China.

"China's economic strategies, combined with the adverse impacts of other nations' industrial policies, pose significant threats to the U.S. industrial base and thereby pose a growing risk to U.S. national security," the report said.

In his speech, Pence offered only two examples related to the upcoming elections — the targeted tariffs and the advertising supplement — which did not rise to the level of the Russian effort to meddle in the 2016 election. But he pointed to a document Beijing circulated in June titled "Propaganda and Censorship Notice," which laid out a broader influence campaign, similar to Russia's ongoing disinformation campaign against the U.S.

The document stated that China must "strike accurately and carefully, splitting apart different domestic groups" in the United States, the vice president said.

Pence also said more U.S. companies should think twice before entering the Chinese market if it means turning over their intellectual property.

He urged Google to "immediately end development of the 'Dragonfly' app that

will strengthen Communist Party censorship and compromise the privacy of Chinese customers." Google employees and others have protested the company's plan to build a search engine that would comply with Chinese censorship.

Pence said other examples of "proactive and coercive" ways that China is meddling in the U.S. include:

- "The Chinese Communist Party is rewarding or coercing American businesses, movie studios, universities, think tanks, scholars, journalists and local, state, and federal officials."

- Senior Chinese officials have tried to influence business leaders to condemn U.S. trade actions, "leveraging their desire to maintain their operations in China." Pence said in one recent example, China threatened to deny a business license for a major U.S. corporation "if it refused to speak out against our administration's policies."

- Beijing compelled Delta Airlines to publicly apologize for not calling Taiwan a "province of China" on its website, he said. It also pressured Marriott to fire a U.S. employee who liked a tweet about Tibet.
- Beijing's censors edit or outlaw U.S. movies that criticize China. The movie "Red Dawn" was digitally edited to make the villains North Korean, not Chinese, Pence said.

- China provides money to U.S. universities, think tanks and scholars with the understanding that they will avoid ideas that the Communist Party finds offensive, Pence said. "Even scholars and groups who avoid Chinese funding are targeted by that country, as the Hudson Institute found out firsthand," he said. After the institute offered to host a speaker from Beijing that Chinese officials opposed, its website was hit with a cyberattack that originated from Shanghai, he said.

United States to offer cyberwar capabilities to its NATO allies

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Acting to counter Russia's aggressive use of cyberattacks across Europe and around the world, the U.S. is expected to announce that, if asked, it will use its formidable cyberwarfare capabilities on NATO's behalf, according to a senior U.S. official.

The announcement is expected in the coming days as U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis attends a meeting of NATO defense ministers on Wednesday and Thursday.

Katie Wheelbarger, the principal deputy assistant defense secretary for international security affairs, said the U.S. is committing to use offensive and defensive cyber operations for NATO allies, but America will maintain control over its own personnel and capabilities.

The decision comes on the heels of the NATO summit in July, when members agreed to allow the alliance to use cyber capabilities that are provided voluntarily by allies to protect networks and respond to cyberattacks. It reflects growing concerns by the U.S. and its allies over Moscow's use of cyber operations to influence elections in America and elsewhere.

"Russia is constantly pushing its cyber and information operations," said Wheelbarger, adding that this is a way for the U.S. to show its continued commitment to NATO.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters on Wednesday that the inclusion of offensive cyber operations in alliance missions "is just one of many elements in our strengthened NATO cyber defenses." And he said that it's important to have cyber capabilities that can be used against the Islamic State group to destroy the networks they use for recruiting, financing and communicating.

He said that the British and Denmark have also agreed to make cyber contributions to NATO and he expects other allies will follow.

"We have seen an increasing number of cyber-attacks. They are more frequent, they are more sophisticated," Stoltenberg said. "We see cyber being used to meddle in domestic political processes, attacks against critical infrastructure. Cyber will be an integral part of any future military conflict."

Wheelbarger told reporters traveling to NATO with Mattis that the move is a signal to other nations that NATO is prepared to counter cyberattacks waged against the alliance or its members.

Much like America's nuclear capabilities, the formal declaration of cyber support can help serve as a military deterrent to other nations and adversaries.

The U.S. has, for some time, considered cyber as a warfighting domain, much like air, sea, space and ground operations. In recent weeks the Pentagon released a new cybersecurity strategy that maps out a more aggressive use of military cyber capabilities. And it specifically calls out Russia and China for their use of cyberattacks.

China, it said, has been "persistently" stealing data from the public and private sector to gain an economic advantage. And it said Russia has used cyber information operations to "influence our population and challenge our diplomatic processes." U.S. officials have repeatedly accused Moscow of interfering in the 2016 elections, including through online social media.

"We will conduct cyberspace operations to collect intelligence and prepare military cyber capabilities to be used in the event of a crisis or conflict," the new strategy states, adding that the U.S. is prepared to use cyberwarfare along with other military weapons against its enemies when needed, including to counter malicious cyber activities targeting the country.

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Prosecutor picks apart case against Kavanaugh

The decision by Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley to have Arizona sex crimes prosecutor Rachel Mitchell question Christine Blasey Ford may well be remembered as a brilliant — and quite possibly pivotal — choice.

No doubt, allowing Mitchell to ask questions instead of Republican senators served a defensive purpose, avoiding the spectacle of a bunch of old, white men publicly questioning a woman who says she was a victim of sexual abuse. But Mitchell's methodical, genial approach left many supporters of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh deeply frustrated, with some complaining that Mitchell was "not laying a glove" on Ford.

That view is wrong. First, the audience for Mitchell's questions was not the media or even the general public. It was the three Republican senators who will determine Judge Kavanaugh's fate: Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Jeff Flake of Arizona. And it turns out that Mitchell's orderly questioning actually elicited a lot of information that undermined Ford's case against Kavanaugh. This was not obvious during the hearing, because Mitchell was not able to deliver a summation. But she was able to do so later, first during a closed-door meet-

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ing of Republican senators and then in a memorandum, in which she explains why, based on her quarter-century of experience prosecuting sex crimes, no "reasonable prosecutor would bring this case based on the evidence before the Committee."

To begin with, Mitchell lays out how Ford had "not offered a consistent account of when the alleged assault happened" or her age when it happened, and how "her account of who was at the party has been inconsistent." For example, Mitchell points out that Ford listed Patrick "PJ" Smyth to the polygrapher and in her July 6 text to a Post reporter, but "she did not list Leland Keyser even though they are good friends. Leland Keyser's presence should have been more memorable than PJ Smyth's."

Ford has "no memory of key details of the night in question — details that could help corroborate her account," Mitchell writes. Ford does not remember who

invited her to the gathering, how she heard about it, how she got there, or where that house was located with any specificity. "Most importantly," Mitchell writes, "she does not remember how she got from the party back to her house. Her inability to remember this detail raises significant questions. ... Given that this all took place before cell phones, arranging a ride home would not have been easy." Furthermore, Mitchell notes, Ford "testified that her friend Leland, apparently the only other girl at the party, did not follow up with Dr. Ford after the party to ask why she had suddenly disappeared." This seems highly unlikely.

And, Mitchell demonstrates, Ford's inconsistencies are not limited to events three decades ago. For example, Ford delayed the hearing because she said her symptoms prevented her from flying from California to Washington, but then acknowledged under questioning that she flies to the East Coast "at least once a year to visit her family," and has flown to Hawaii, French Polynesia and Costa Rica for hobbies and vacations.

Moreover, Mitchell points out, Ford also testified that she was not "clear" that Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, had offered to send committee investigators to interview her in California. Either this

statement under oath was untrue or her attorneys failed to share Grassley's offer with her — which is a serious violation of the American Bar Association's rules of professional conduct.

Mitchell also shows that "Dr. Ford struggled to remember her interactions" with The Post, which wrote that she provided "portions" of her therapist's notes to a reporter. But in her testimony, Ford could not recall if she showed The Post full or partial therapist notes or her own summary of those notes.

She could not remember whether she took a polygraph the day of her grandmother's funeral or the day after. She was unsure whether she was videotaped or recorded during the polygraph. She did not explain how she knew to call the receptionist at her congresswoman's office but could not figure out how to contact her senator, Dianne Feinstein, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Ford's supporters say it is unfair to pick apart her testimony, because victims of sexual assault often have trouble remembering key details. Fair enough. But if her memory is the only evidence against Kavanaugh, then inconsistencies matter. And without any corroboration, senators cannot rely on her imperfect memories alone — no matter how sympathetic a witness she was.

GUEST VIEW

Trump surprises the world in a good way with the new NAFTA

The surprises of the Trump administration just keeping coming, and frankly, sometimes they are welcome. In this case, we are talking about the sudden inclusion of Canada in the new trade agreement this administration is trying to cobble together in place of that old, hated pact referred to as NAFTA.

We, of course, are actually fans of the North American Free Trade Agreement. So we will take a minute to enjoy a little glee that Donald Trump now appears to be coming around to our point of view.

OK, that's actually a bit of a stretch. The truth of it is that the Trump administration launched into this particular trade imbroglio on the promise (often dismissed by critics) that tossing the entire deal up into the air would serve as a good bargaining position. Count us among the skeptical about the soundness of such a strategy generally.

But in this specific case, the trade terms are being redrawn. And the new terms offer a few points to issue sighs of relief about. We'll name just a few.

Throughout this process, the administration pushed for a sunset clause to the new trade deal of just five years. That would be very damaging because no multinational corporation would want to invest hundreds of millions of dollars if trade terms could change radically just about the time a new factory opened its doors. Thankfully, the deal that emerged sunsets in 16 years.

The dispute resolution of this agreement also has been streamlined in such a way as to make it less likely that foreign corporations could lodge complaints that are needlessly costly.

The revised deal also updates provisions on new technologies. Trade deals are extremely complex, not least because now we will have to see how a number of multinational corporations reorder their supply chains. But the broad takeaway here is that we should be encouraged by the fact that the Trump administration managed to open a door for Canada to walk through. Now let's continue the project of expanding the American economy through a trading system that ensures North America rivals every other economic bloc in the world.

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Probes of destruction don't care about lack of evidence, Kavanaugh's entire past

Americans shouldn't suffer from the delusion that the attempted ruin of Kavanaugh, his career and family has solely to do with Christine Blasey Ford

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As we continue examining Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's high school and college life, it has been easy to forget what this was originally all about.

In a word: abortion. Until a few weeks ago, opposition to Kavanaugh's confirmation had been driven by fear among Democrats that he, as a Catholic (ergo pro-life) swing vote on the divided Supreme Court, would single-handedly overturn *Roe v. Wade*. This was never a *fait accompli* but rather a mere presumption.

But when a credible woman materialized with a charge of high school sexual assault, who were Democrats to deny her a voice? And who are we to question — ever — the credibility of an alleged survivor? Not only is Kavanaugh an alleged predator but he has also been accused — although less credibly — of possibly being present at a party where a gang rape supposedly occurred.

And, finally, according to others, he sometimes (or often) got drunk and became belligerent.

In all my high school and college days, I never saw anyone behaving in such a fashion. You? I'm lying, of course. Many of the young-and-stupid from my youth later grew up to become high-achieving doctors, lawyers, judges, professors, athletes, presidents, CEOs, fathers, mothers — and columnists. I don't believe in the boys-will-be-boys excuse, not remotely, but neither do I automatically believe every woman's "truth."

Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, said Tuesday on CNN, "That's the crux of all these allegations: his aggressive behavior when he is drunk."

I couldn't agree more — but particularly in the context of the here and now. Does Kavanaugh get staggeringly drunk nowadays? Doubt it. Does he get aggressive and belligerent now? He was certainly rather animated last week, but wouldn't you be, too, if your character were suddenly scrutinized for hours in a public court?

I've interviewed more than a dozen women who have known and worked with Kavanaugh in the grown-up world. Without exception, they love and admire him as a gentleman — compassionate, thoughtful and honest. Speaking of which,

by what distortion of virtue does a man such as Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Connecticut, who lied about serving in Vietnam, get to challenge another's honesty?

I've written this before — in a book prematurely titled "Save the Males" — but hating men, and specifically old, white men (OWM), is both trite and counterintuitive. The justification seems connected to some sort of retributive justice combined with concerns that OWM want to restore the 1950s. (I would support this only if it meant continuous reruns of "Queen for a Day.") Meanwhile, they conveniently forget that OWM created the Constitution, the three branches of government and the ideas of due process and the rule of law.

Americans shouldn't suffer from the delusion that the attempted ruin of Kavanaugh, his career and family has solely to do with Christine Blasey Ford. And the fact that she sincerely believes what she remembers does not without evidence diminish Kavanaugh's sincere denial of wrongdoing.

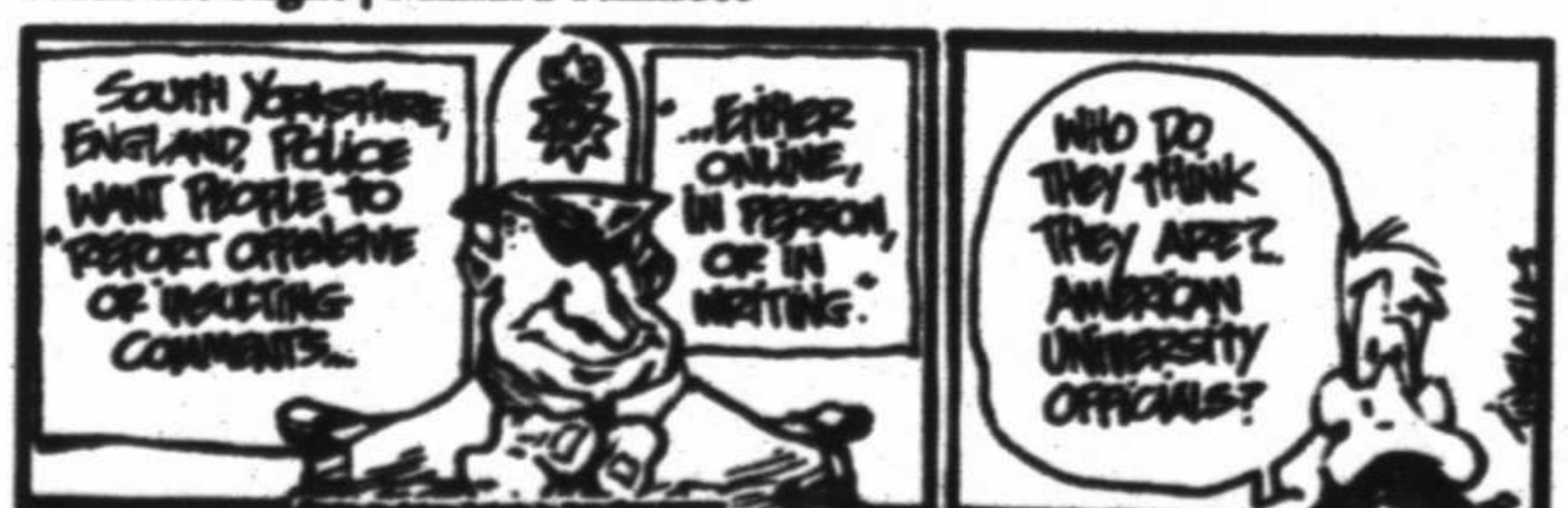
As for Kavanaugh's views on abortion, it is also possible to believe in something in one's personal life but also believe in settled law. Just as President John F. Kennedy, a Catholic, said that he didn't take orders from the Vatican, Kavanaugh may feel the same. On a personal note, although I would try to dissuade a woman from aborting her baby, I strenuously oppose state involvement in an individual's corporal autonomy. A government that can force a woman to have a child can also force her to abort her fetus, as China has done.

Kavanaugh may have been a rowdy, at times unruly, youth. But barring future evidence to the contrary, this doesn't make him a sexual predator. Nor does it negate three decades of good citizenship as a husband, father, judge, coach. If we can't judge a man or woman by his or her entire life's record, then we have no business judging at all.

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Thursday	\$70.75
Previous	\$73.00
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Thursday	\$55.10
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Thursday	\$3.165
Previous	\$3.230

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Legacy Reserves (LGCY)	Closing Price: \$12.15 (down 1.6%)
Mexco Energy (MXC)	Closing Price: \$1.12 (down 0.9%)
Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)	Closing Price: \$1.12 (down 0.9%)
ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)	Closing Price: \$1.12 (down 0.9%)
Ring Energy (REI)	Closing Price: \$8.14 (down 1.2%)
Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)	Closing Price: \$1.12 (down 0.9%)

Financial roundup

Stocks slide

Stocks tumbled Thursday as this week's spike in U.S. interest rates rippled through global markets. Investors sold high-flying technology and internet stocks and the Nasdaq composite took its biggest loss in three months.

Strong reports on job gains and the service industry have sent bond prices tumbling over the last two days as traders bet the U.S. economy will keep growing at about its current clip. Government bonds are stable investments that look most appealing when economic growth is shaky, so investors sold those bonds in the U.S. and Europe.

But the big drop in bond prices is sending interest rates sharply higher, a development that worries investors because it can eventually slow economic growth by making borrowing more expensive for consumers and businesses. It also makes bonds a more intriguing investment compared to stocks.

Samuel Samana, strategist for the Wells Fargo Investment Institute, said that other months of positive economic data, traders in the bond market are selling because they've decided yields are too low for them to get a good return on their investments.

The S&P 500 index slidded 23.90 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,901.61. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 200.91 points, or 0.7 percent, to 28,627.48. The Nasdaq composite fell 146.57 points, or 1.8 percent, to 7,879.51. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 24.38 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,846.91.

Bond prices fell again. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed to 3.18 percent from 3.16 percent. Yields began climbing Wednesday following encouraging signs on hiring by private companies and growth for services companies.

Alphabet, Google's parent company, fell 2.8 percent to \$1,177.07. That was its worst loss in five months. Apple slid 1.8 percent to \$227.99 and Microsoft lost 2.1 percent to \$112.79. Facebook shed 2.2 percent to \$198.85 and Amazon declined 2.2 percent to \$1,508.42.

The same pattern played out in Europe as stocks and bond prices fell. France's CAC 40 sank 1.5 percent and Britain's FTSE 100 tumbled 1.2 percent. The DAX in Germany lost 0.4 percent as trading resumed after a national holiday.

Shares sank in India as the rupee continued to weaken and investors worried about the country's trade deficit thanks to surging costs for oil imports. The Sensex index fell 2.2 percent.

Oil falls

Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 2.7 percent to \$74.33 per barrel in New York. U.S. crude oil futures for higher this week. Brent crude, used to price international oil, lost 2 percent to \$64.98 per barrel in London.

Metals fall

Gold fell 0.1 percent to \$1,201.00 an ounce. Silver lost 0.5 percent to \$14.38 an ounce. Copper dropped 2 percent to \$2.75 a pound.



AP file photo

In this Sept. 10 photo, a contractor works near the main entrance of the rebuilt WTC Cortlandt station at the MTA's Oculus transportation hub and shopping center in New York. On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, issues its index of non-manufacturing activity for September.

Here's 5 things to watch for in jobs report

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy is humming, unemployment is skating near a half-century low and businesses are eager — desperate, in some cases — to hire. And when the government issues its September employment report today, expectations are high for another sunny picture of the job market.

Economists have forecast that the government will report that employers added a solid 184,000 jobs, according to the data provider FactSet, and that unemployment dipped from 3.9 percent to 3.8 percent, matching an 18-year low.

The Trump administration's trade fights are unlikely to have had any measurable effect on last month's pace of hiring and probably won't until sometime next year, economists say. President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs on imported steel and aluminum as well as on roughly half of China's imports to the United States. Most U.S. businesses will try to absorb the higher costs themselves, at least for now, and avoid any layoffs.

Still, should the tariffs remain fully in effect a year from now, roughly 300,000 jobs could be lost by then, according to estimates by Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

The monthly jobs report provides a wealth of information beyond the number of jobs added and the unemployment rate. Here are five things to watch in today's jobs report

for September:

Will unemployment hit a nearly 50-year low?

If the jobless rate should fall two ticks to 3.7 percent, it would reach the lowest level in nearly five decades. The unemployment rate hit 3.5 percent in December 1969, after a streak of brisk economic growth had kept joblessness at or below 4 percent for four years.

If the rate keeps dropping, it will heighten two concerns. Has the economy soaked up nearly all the people who want or are able to work? And if it has, will a shortage of workers compel businesses to raise pay quickly and sharply? Higher pay is good for workers and would likely fuel faster growth. But it could also accelerate inflation, which would arouse concern at the Federal Reserve and among stock and bond investors.

Are more Americans looking for work?

If people who aren't working are encouraged by steady hiring and pay increases to begin looking for a job, their influx could prevent unemployment from falling further.

Here's why: The government counts people as unemployed only if they're actively looking for a job. If more people start looking and don't immediately find a job — the government will count them as unemployed. And the unemployment rate could rise or — as other unemployed workers find jobs — stay the same.

For "prime age" workers

— those who are 25 through 54 — the proportion who either have a job or are looking for one has crept up in the past year. Yet it's still below its pre-recession levels. And the rising presence of prime-age people in the job market has been offset by the steady retirements of older members of the vast baby boom generation.

Still, if the prime-age workers increasingly enter the job market, their numbers could expand the workforce a bit and help accelerate economic growth.

Are full-time jobs still growing?

The healthy economy hasn't only produced lots more jobs, it's also allowed people to work more hours.

A rising number of companies are converting part-timers who have wanted more hours to full-time workers and are posting more full-time jobs. At a time of intense competition in some industries for hires, offering full-time work is one way for employers to attract more applicants.

More hours, of course, mean larger weekly paychecks. The number of people working part time who would prefer full-time work has reached its lowest point since the Great Recession in 2008-2009.

Will pay keep rising?

In August, average hourly wages rose 2.9 percent from 12 months earlier — the biggest year-over-year increase since the recession officially ended in June 2009. The strength of that gain, if it can

be sustained, would suggest that the low unemployment rate is pressuring more companies to raise pay in order to attract and keep workers.

Amazon's announcement this week that it would increase its minimum hourly wage to \$15 for all its U.S. employees elevated the pressure on other employers to lift their wages as well. This is particularly true for retail and shipping companies, which are starting to increase hiring for the holiday shopping season.

Still, higher inflation is offsetting much of the wage gain. Consumer prices, for example, rose 2.7 percent in August from 12 months earlier.

Effect from Hurricane Florence?

Many economists have forecast that Hurricane Florence, which flooded parts of North and South Carolina last month, depressed September's job growth by roughly 30,000. In particular, hiring might have been constrained in construction and restaurants because the storm likely closed construction work sites and restaurants.

In part, that's because the Labor Department counts people as employed only if they were actually paid during the period of each month when it conducts its jobs surveys. So any hourly workers who weren't paid during the survey period because Florence forced their employer to close temporarily wouldn't have been counted as employed during September.

Trump's request to OPEC may not bring down prices

By Dina Khrennikova, Jack Farchoy and Elena Mazneva
Bloomberg

If OPEC is the central bank of oil, the Trump administration is commanding it to extend its branch hours.

The State Department took the unusual step of issuing a statement on Wednesday asking the cartel to boost production by tapping the supply buffer it maintains in case of unexpected disruptions. It even gave a figure for how much more the group could pump: 1.4 million barrels a day.

If the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries were to fill this request — and Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said on Thursday that it could — the oil market would enter uncharted territory. Even during the worst crises of the past two decades — including the U.S. invasion of Iraq and Libya's civil war — the cartel has never been forced to pump flat-out.

But even if President Donald Trump gets what he wants from OPEC, it may not bring down the high oil prices he has been complaining about for months. U.S. crude futures responded on Wednesday to the news that Saudi Arabia had joined Russia in pumping at close to record levels by rising 1.6 percent to \$76.41 a barrel — the highest since 2014.

In his 30 years covering the oil market, Jefferies analyst Jason Gammel said he can't recall ever seeing anything like the

State Department request.

"This is the lowest level of spare capacity in the global system relative to demand that I've ever seen," Gammel said in an interview on Bloomberg television. "Spare capacity is moving to a precariously low point" and \$100-a-barrel crude is a realistic possibility, he said.

The U.S. is making these demands for one reason: Iran. The sanctions that Trump imposed on the country after tearing up the international nuclear deal have had a more severe impact on its oil exports than many people in the market were expecting. Even Russian President Vladimir Putin says it's been the main driver of higher prices, and the situation may get worse when sanctions formally start on Nov. 4.

"I don't think we're reflecting the full impact of Iranian sanctions as yet in the price," said Gammel. From early November "the market is probably susceptible to further upside moves in price."

Trump has made clear that he expects OPEC's largest producer, Saudi Arabia, to fill the gap in the market created by his Iran sanctions and to stop prices from going too high. It's the only nation that deliberately maintains a large supply buffer — at a cost of about \$2 billion a year, according to Al-Falih. As a result, it holds almost all of the group's spare capacity.

The president has been putting intense pressure on the kingdom to pump more, going so far as to threaten the military alliance between the two countries that has underpinned the balance of power in the

Persian Gulf for decades.

"The strategy has worked in one sense. We're doing everything we can, and then some," the Saudi minister said at the Russian Energy Week conference in Moscow on Thursday. The kingdom's production has risen from below 10 million barrels a day in the first five months of the year to about 10.7 million currently, Al-Falih said.

November will probably be higher again, he said, potentially breaking the Saudi production record set in November 2016. The kingdom is willing to tap all of its spare capacity of 1.3 million barrels a day, if necessary, Al-Falih said.

But promises like this don't seem to be reassuring the market. There are echoes of 2008, when prices hit an all-time high above \$140 a barrel and pledges for more supply only increased the fear of disruptions.

"Such a sharp oil-price increase scares us," said Lukoil PJSC Chief Executive Officer Vagit Alekperov. It's not easy for oil companies to significantly increase sales quickly after years of underinvestment, he said in Moscow.

On Wednesday, crude surged higher as traders focused on the dangers posed by OPEC's threadbare safety net. Futures lost a few cents on Thursday, but Brent is still up 29 percent this year.

"Blame speculators if you want, but this is how oil markets work," IHS Markit analyst Roger Dixon said in a post on Twitter. "Oil markets will read it that spare production is at an all-time low."

Suspect in shooting of 7 officers bragged about gun skills

By Jeffrey Collins and Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

FLORENCE, S.C. — The Vietnam veteran and disbarred lawyer accused of shooting seven law enforcement officers, killing one, bragged online about his marksmanship and love for the "smell of gunpowder" in the years before the deadly standoff, records and social media posts unearthed Thursday showed.

Frederick Hopkins lost his law license in the 1980s for mishandling money and faced several minor criminal charges in recent years, including disorderly conduct in 2014. It was around the time of his disbarment that he got serious about amateur target-shooting, according to the records and posts.

More details also emerged about the two-hour standoff in which authorities say Hopkins' gunfire prevented officers from rescuing comrades who lay bleeding on the ground. The slain officer, a 30-year veteran, was tearfully described by his chief as the "epitome of a community police officer."

Two wounded city officers were released from the hospital. A third officer was listed in serious but stable condition, the police chief said. He said he did not know the conditions of three wounded sheriff's deputies.

Hopkins is accused of opening fire Wednesday from his home in an affluent South Carolina neighborhood after deputies tried to carry out a search warrant. He also allegedly held children hostage inside, authorities said.

It was not clear exactly how the confrontation ended. Authorities would say only that the gunman released the children as he was taken into custody, authorities said.

Hopkins was hospitalized with a head injury and unable to speak with officers, Columbia, South Carolina, television station WIS reported Thursday.

The warrant involved an accusation that a 27-year-old person at the home sexually assaulted a foster child who lives there, Florence County Chief Deputy Glenn Kirby said.

Back in 2016, the 74-year-old Hopkins posted photos on Facebook of guns set up for target practice, bragging that he was the state's 2011 "3-Gun Silhouette Champion." In a 2014 post, he said he celebrated his 70th birthday at a range by repeatedly firing his M14 rifle, which he "set up exactly like the one I used in Vietnam."

"I have been shooting competitively since 1984 and lovin' it. I just love the smell of gunpowder in the mornin'."

the post said.

His competitive shooting would have begun around the time he lost his law license over \$18,000 in wrongfully collected attorney fees. A court order shows that the state Supreme Court in 1984 allowed Hopkins to pay back the debt over time and surrender his license rather than complete a six-month jail term.

Court documents also show that he was injured in Vietnam and received disability payments. The filing does not elaborate on the injury.

During the standoff, the sheriff's armored personnel carrier was brought in to recover the wounded.

"Fire was being shot all over. The way this suspect was positioned, his view of fire was several hundred yards. So he had an advantage," Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone told reporters.

Florence Police Chief Allen Heidler estimated Thursday that it took a half-hour to reach some of the wounded officers.

The slain officer, Terrence Carraway, 52, of Darlington, was just shy of 31 years of service with the Florence Police Department.

Heidler described Carraway as the "epitome of a community police officer" and a guy who "laughed all the time."

Carraway "was a giant of a man, but he was the proverbial gentle giant, and I loved him," the police chief said.

Authorities did not identify any of the wounded officers.

The violence stunned the area, where many people have been dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Florence.

Florence, a city of 37,000 in South Carolina's northeastern corner, sits at the convergence of Interstates 95 and 20 northwest of the state's well-known "Grand Strand" of beaches.

Byron Black, who lives near the subdivision where the shooting happened, said he knew both the slain officer and the children of the suspect and described the Hopkins family as "good people."

"You never know how stuff will happen," he said.

He said Carraway, his youth football coach in the late 1990s, was a down-to-earth community leader with whom young people felt comfortable discussing their problems.

"If you got in trouble, he would try his best to get you out of it or tell you the steps you need to take to get out of it," he said, later adding: "He was one of the good cops."

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY



ANIMAL DAYS: Take your pets to church when St. Nicholas' Episcopal hosts its annual Blessing of the Animals. Donations of treats, toys and supplies will also be accepted for animal rescues. 10 a.m.

The Best of the West Weekend features the Forever Home 5K and 1K Pet Parade benefiting the Midland Humane Coalition. See pets strut their stuff in and out of costumes at the Bush Tennis Center after the 5K run. 9:30 a.m. The event continues with Pat Green in concert at 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY



COMPUTER HACKS: The Nonprofit Management Center hosts the workshop Cyber Insecurity: Help Keep Your Organization Safe with John Ansbach at the ATMOS Energy Community Room. 11:30 a.m. Register at nmc-pb.org.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS: The West Texas Food Bank's Midland facility continues its free Fall Nutrition Education Classes with "Start Your Day a Better Way ... with Breakfast." Participants will discuss the meal benefits with recipes to be shared. 10-11 a.m.

THURSDAY



MESSAGE MUSIC: A night of Christian hip-hop comes to La Hacienda Center headlined by Texas' own Lecrae. The concert also features Andy Mineo, Wordsplayed, Nobigdyl and Whaturg. 6:30 p.m.

IN NEED

BE A MENTOR for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Permian Basin. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and serve as positive role models. Visit bbbsmidland.org.

DONATION NEEDS Crisis Center of West Texas is looking for magazines as part of a self-esteem lesson for students. Take your issues to the offices at 910-B S Grant Ave. in Odessa.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

HOSPICE HELP Volunteer opportunities for two to four hours a shift. Call 682-2855 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

Stock up at Texas Sized Garage Sale

Editor's note: Save the Date is a snapshot look at upcoming fundraisers and special events.

By Rich Lopez
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Senior Link of Midland will hold its annual Texas Size Garage Sale next weekend for people to stock up on everything from holiday decor to clothes, books and some antique

treasures. Here are the details to know before you go.

Event details: The 29th annual Texas Size Garage Sale is Oct. 12-14 at 407 E. Scharbauer Drive. The sale features antiques, electronics, baby items and more. Cash, check and credit card accepted. Early Bird Friday runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with \$5 admission. Saturday, the sale runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with free admission. Half-off Sunday features everything half

price from 2-5 p.m. and free admission. Any remaining inventory will be sold at 75 percent off on Oct. 27.

The mission: Senior Link of Midland addresses challenges related to the aging community while working to improve the quality of life for local seniors. Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals to the elderly.

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Pink ribbons tied to Grata Park fence in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

THE DATEBOOK

NONPROFIT EVENTS ARE IN AND OUTDOORS FOR OCTOBER

By Rich Lopez
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mark on your calendar.

October was off to a fast start with fundraisers. On Tuesday, the Pink the Basin benefit luncheon with Olympic gold medalist Scott Hamilton was held at the Horseshoe Pavilion and kicked off the month of special events. October is jam-packed but turns out to be a good month for bargain hunters.

The Datebook returns with a quick look at upcoming events to

Today | The seventh annual Shoot for Great Futures sporting clay event benefiting Boys and Girls Club of Midland. The event will feature two rotations at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for six-man teams at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. basinkids.org.

Today | St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch, 3100 W. Louisiana Ave.,

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Local Big Brothers Big Sisters rolls out new name and brand

From staff reports

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland, along with more than 270 Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliates across the country, unveiled a new, modern look and brand on Monday. Simultaneously, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland revealed its new name - Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Permian Basin - to reflect its expansion into Ector County.

"We are excited to be able to serve children and families in both Midland and Ector County," executive director Kay Crites said in a press release. "The need in the Permian Basin for young people to have a role model is more urgent than ever. To attract more volunteers of all generations, we needed a modernization of our brand to make an impact in the community and meet the need of the essential work of matching youth with mentors."

Months of research showed that the former brand was not effectively connecting with younger, prospective mentors or conveying the urgent mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"In our community, we know that youth are facing numerous challenges. Our organization's new brand is designed to help us ensure we can serve more children in Midland and Odessa by recruiting more volunteers," Crites added in the release.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Permian Basin will transition to a new, modern, nationwide technology system, participate in new training and refocus efforts on recruiting local volunteers, according to the release.



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Busboy who comforted Robert Kennedy after he was shot dies

By John Rogers
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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Robert F. Kennedy decided to duck through the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after declaring victory in the 1968 Democratic presidential primary, Juan Romero revealed at his good fortune. It meant the 18-year-old busboy might get to shake hands with his hero — the man he'd assured himself would be the next president of the United States — for the second time in two days.

Romero had just grasped Kennedy's hand when gunshots rang out, one of them striking the senator in the head. Kennedy would die the next day and the teenage Mexican immigrant who had idolized him would carry the emotional burden of that encounter for most of his life.

"I remember him one time saying he felt guilty," his daughter, Josefina Guerra, said Thursday. "He thought it was his fault."

Her father explained: "If I wouldn't have extended my hand, he wouldn't have gotten shot," she said.

Romero died Monday in a Modesto, California, hospital following a heart attack, Rigo Chacon, a longtime family friend and former TV newsman, told The Associated Press on Thursday. He was 68. Romero, who moved from Los Angeles decades ago, spent most of his life in the Northern California cities of San Jose and Modesto, Chacon said.

He worked in construction, including concrete and asphalt paving, enjoying the often-grueling physical labor with no intention of retiring any time soon.

"Juan was a big, brawny guy, a muscular guy and seemingly in good health," said Chacon, adding his death came as a shock to family and friends.

The divorced Romero had recently met a woman and moved in with her in Modesto. He wanted to buy a house and to travel, his daughter said.

"He was happy, he was so happy," she

said. "It was just such a short time."

For decades, each time Romero saw black-and-white news photos of himself — a baby-faced busboy gently cradling Kennedy as he lay sprawled on the hotel's concrete kitchen floor — he would wonder what more he should have done to save Kennedy.

Only recently, he said during rare interviews this year, did he finally come to terms with that struggle.

He said he still carried the example Kennedy had set as he campaigned for equality and civil rights.

"I still have the fire burning inside of me," Romero said.

Born in the small town of Mazatan, in the Mexican state of Sonora, Romero lived in Baja California until his family received permission to bring him to the U.S. as a 10-year-old.

The family lived in blue-collar East Los Angeles and Romero was a student at Roosevelt High School in 1968, the year Chicano students started organizing walkouts to protest discrimination against Mexican-American students. As the son of a tough disciplinarian father, however, he said he was too afraid to take part.

He was working at the Ambassador Hotel the day before the June 1968 California primary when Kennedy and his aides ordered room service and he was called on to help deliver it.

"All I remember was that I kept staring at him with my mouth open," he would say later.

Finally, Kennedy approached, grabbed Romero's hand with both of his and said, "Thank you."

"I will never forget the handshake and the look ... looking right at you with those piercing eyes that said, 'I'm one of you. We're good,'" Romero said. "He wasn't looking at my skin, he wasn't looking at my age ... he was looking at me as an American."

After Kennedy won the primary he thanked supporters in the hotel's Embassy Room then cut through the kitchen for a meeting with reporters.

Romero jumped at the chance to meet him again

Obituaries



Joyce Rader Leach

Joyce Rader Leach went to be with Jesus on Sunday, September 30, 2018. She was born on October 26, 1924 in San Antonio, Texas to Kathryn North Crawford and Vance Rader Joyce graduated from Horace Mann High School in San Antonio in 1942. She attended The University of Texas at Austin for one year before meeting the love of her life, Albert Gordon Leach. They were married in San Antonio on July 26, 1944. They were married fifty years before he passed away.

Joyce was an amazing bridge player. At one time she was a member of four bridge clubs. She would not miss bridge for anything. Joyce was a member of Delta Gamma social sorority and the Texas Garden Club. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Midland for over fifty-five years where she was in the Fellowship Class.

She is survived by her daughter, Debra (Debbie) K. Wallace and her husband Edward (Eddie); granddaughter Amy Bishop Akins and her husband David of Waco, Texas, grandson Taylor C. Wallace of Denver, Colorado, and great grandchildren Abigail Lane (Abby) and David Asher (Dash) of Waco, Texas. Joyce is also survived by nieces Kimberly Ann Owen of Richmond, Virginia and Robbie Grace Wood of Roseland, Virginia.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her best friend and caretaker Anna Cordova, her husband Pete and daughters Martha, Melissa and Marissa and all of the Cordova family of Midland. Also the family is thankful to Dr. Shylesh Ganta for all the special care he gave her. And a grateful appreciation to Ann Smith for her management services

over the years.

Services are scheduled Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Glass Memorial Chapel at First United Methodist Church of Midland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to UT Southwestern Lung Transplant Team, Dallas, Texas and Saint Paul's Episcopal School, Waco, Texas or to the charity of one's choice.

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

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Robert Reece Bivens

Robert Reece Bivens, 53, passed away on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in Midland, Texas. Reece was born on June 14, 1965 in Amarillo, Texas to Bob and Kay Bivens.

The family moved to Midland in 1980, where he graduated high school from Midland High in 1983. He went on to attend Midland College where he earned his Associate Degree, followed by UTPB. He spent the greater part of his adult life working in sales, as a landman and eventually found his passion in real estate at Legacy Real Estate.

Reece had a quick wit and many interests. He was an avid reader, music lover, art enthusiast, trivia master, movie collector and passionate about all things architectural.

He was chosen as the Volunteer of the Year for Basin PBS in 2017. He was an active member at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church where he was involved in the choir and Newcomer Meeting Ministry. He was always known for

helping out wherever he could, and getting things done. He never met a stranger and made friends wherever he went, especially with the baristas at Starbucks as he enjoyed his daily, (sometimes twice daily), venti Americano.

Reece was welcomed to Heaven by his grandparents, Reece Bivens, Ahlene Bivens Lane, and Richard Lane; Doc and Leslie Castleberry.

He will be dearly missed by his parents, Bob and Kay Bivens; sister Missy Floyd and husband, Jay, and their daughters, Taylor and Addison Floyd. The highlight of his life were his two precious nieces. They shared countless hours building Barbie dream houses, having slumber parties, baking cookies, watching movies and writing New Year's Resolutions to start the New Year off right. He is also survived by his uncle, Billy Castleberry, his aunt, Beth Castleberry and several cousins. Reece will be remembered as a wonderful son, brother, uncle and friend.

The family would like to express gratitude for the outpouring of love and support from numerous friends across the community.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church or First Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends at the visitation, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A celebration of life service will be held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 6, 2018 at First Baptist Church Chapel.

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Death Notices

Don Cates

CATES, Don of Keller, Texas passed away September 2, 2018 in Grapevine, Texas. Family and Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Service for Don at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home Chapel, 5725 Colleyville Boulevard, Colleyville, Texas.

DATEBOOK

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will begin operating today and be open until Oct. 31 or until organizers run out of pumpkins, according to St. Luke's United Methodist Church's website. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. Pumpkins are priced by size and begin at \$1. Payment is by cash only. Activities include story time, coloring sheets, picture opportunities.

Today and Saturday

Best of the West Weekend puts four fundraisers in one. The Valor Farm Eagles and Aces Golf Tournament at Ranchland Golf Club benefiting Permian Basin first responders kicks off at 8:30 a.m. On Saturday, the Henry Resources 5K and 1K Pet Parade at the Bush Tennis Center will benefit the Midland Humane Coalition. At 11:30 a.m., the Navigator Barbecue Cook-off and Tailgate will follow the parade benefiting Bynum School. And Pat Green headlines a concert at BTC at 8 p.m. The concert benefits the Bush ACE Outreach Program. Bush Tennis Center is located at 5700 Briarwood Ave. For details and prices, visit bushtenniscenter.org.

Saturday | The Midland Animal Shelter Adoptables (MASA) Rescue will host a fundraiser garage sale benefiting the organization. Shop from an assortment of items while helping MASA provide for rescues and finding them homes. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at MASA Rescue, 3101 S. Country Road 1220. masarescue-dog.org.

Sunday | The ninth annual Permian Basin Out of the Darkness Walk hosted by Anthony's Hope. The event will also feature an honor head celebration and live DJ. 2-5 p.m. at Buffalo Walkway, 4100 E. 42nd St., Odessa. suicideprevention-lifeline.org.

Thursday | Sibley Nature Center's Distinguished Lecture Series: Yossi Ghinsberg. The adventurer and author will speak about his survival in the Amazon jungle and his work with ecological issues. 7 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado St. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Oct. 12-14 | The Texas Size Garage Sale will open with Early Bird Shopping from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. with a \$5 admission. Saturday

sales will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Half-off Sunday will go from 2-5 p.m. The sale benefits Senior Link of Midland's Meals on Wheels and Homebound Services programs and will be located at 407 E. Scharbauer Drive.

Oct. 12-13 | The 18th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Chili and Bar-B-Que Cook-off by Patsy's Cookoff benefiting Gifts of Hope. This sanctioned event begins with the Kids Que for a Cause with live music by Marfa Lake Social Club at 5:45 p.m. The following day will feature the competition with live music, karaoke, a tribute to veterans and active duty military and a thank-you dinner with raffles and auctions at the American Legion Woods Lynch Post 19, 501 Veterans Airpark Road. patsyscookoff.com.

Oct. 13 | The Jabez Crisis Ministry Outreach will host the community walk "Unmasking Domestic Violence One Step at a Time" in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event will include resource vendors, food trucks, a children's corner and more. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park 2300 Butternut Lane.

Oct. 13 | The Teen Challenge 2018 Banquet will feature testimonies from Teen Challenge students and graduates with live entertainment from Crystal River, the Teen Challenge Choir and more. 6 p.m. at Horseshoe Arena, 2514 Arena Trail. \$35. teenchallengepb.com.

Oct. 13 | Join CASA of West Texas and the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for the Hispanic Heritage Celebration, a night of music and dancing with Ballet Nuestra Herencia and Mariachi Nueva Generacion. The keynote speaker will be retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, who became the highest ranking Hispanic woman in combat support. 7-9 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 2018 N. Colorado St. free. Casa-wtx.org.

Oct. 15 | The annual National Business Women's Week Awards joins Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women's for the 2018 Woman of Achievement awards dinner. This year's honoree is Cathy Eastham, owner of Cathy Eastham Fine Jewelry. 6 p.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland, 501

W. Wall St. midlandBPW.com.

Oct. 19 | Clays 4 Kids is 3:11 Ministries' annual fundraiser that helps to provide holiday cheer for children in need. The event will feature lunch and prize drawings with rotations beginning at 1 p.m. at Windwalker Farms, 2551 County Road C2801, Stanton. \$160. 311ministries.org.

Oct. 20 | Pink the Park is a tribute ceremony for those affected by breast cancer. The event will feature guest speaker Janetta Olaseni, a photo booth, live performances and more. 9 a.m.-noon at Grafia Park, 1908 Midkiff Road.

Oct. 20 | Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Permian Basin hosts its annual Wildcatters Ball with a concert by Reckless Kelly, Jason Boland and the Stragglers and the State-line Band. The event also features dinner, outdoor games and more at Rolling 7's Ranch Event Center, 11700 W. County Road 122, Odessa. bbbsmidland.org.

Oct. 25 | Clay 4 Kids Dinner will feature a concert by Koe Wetzel, Muscadine Bloodline and Max Stalling as well as live and silent auctions and more. 6 p.m. at 12610 State Highway 191. \$75. 311ministries.org.

Oct. 27 | Next to New Rummage Sale is a fundraising shopping event with proceeds benefiting Junior League of Midland programming that provide services to women and children. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Junior League of Midland, 902 W. Dengar Ave. jlmidland.org.

Oct. 27 | West Texas Haunted Half 10K/5K/1K presented by Downtown Midland Management District. Costumes and characters encouraged. The race benefits the John Butler Scholarship Fund. 4-9 p.m. in downtown at Centennial Park space. midlandathleticcompany.com.

Oct. 30 | The Fall Fundraiser benefiting the Life Center will feature keynote speaker Jay Sekulow, chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. \$100. thelife-centers.org.

For updates to October events, visit mrt.com.



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SALE

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disabled and homebound persons who qualify. Volunteer drivers are needed for delivery. For information about volunteering, visit seniorlinkmidland.org.

Proceeds go toward: Meals on Wheels and Homebound Services for the elderly and disabled. Every \$7 from the sale provides a meal. In 2017, the sale raised \$113,000, an amount sufficient to provide more than 16,000 meals. Along with Meals on Wheels, Homebound Services also includes Handyman, which provides minor home repair; One Day at a Time which addresses unique needs as they arise; and Meals on Wheels for Paws, which provides pet food with the Meals on Wheels deliveries.

Extra tidbit: The organization partners with estate sales and storage facilities to provide a diverse and eclectic shopping experience that includes high-end clothing labels, well-priced collectibles and

vintage pieces. Steven Porterfield of The Cat's Meow and "Antiques Roadshow" partnered with Senior Link to determine the value of some of the items for sale this year.

Shopping hint: Wear comfortable shoes because of the concrete warehouse floor. Shopping bags and small carts are welcomed. Consider a truck or SUV if possible for any large or bulky purchases. Be patient at checkout as volunteers are totaling items and processing payments.

The last word: "In its 29th year, this sale relies on the generosity of the community to be a success," executive director Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie said. "Items are donated all year and a very dedicated group of more than 90 volunteers work each week devoting their time to sort, clean, organize and prepare for the sale. This is a tradition where Midlanders come together to improve the lives of our home-town seniors they may never meet. That's the spirit of Midland."

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TODAY

OPENING: St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch. The patch includes pumpkin sales, story times and photo opportunities. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 31 at St. 3100 W. Louisiana Ave.

"Judgment Seat of Christ" discussion and fellowship. 6:30 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

CODA Group: 12-step program for relationships. 7 p.m. Friday and Sunday at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 432-599-4400.

SATURDAY

MASA Rescue Fund-raiser Garage Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at 3101 S. Country Road 1220.

The Henry Resources 5K and Pet Parade benefiting the Midland Humane Coalition and the BTC ACE Outreach Program at Bush Tennis Center, 5700 Brantwood Ave. \$35. 8:30 a.m. Participants receive a complimentary ticket to the Pat Green concert set for at 6 p.m. active.com.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market celebrates its 11th season. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

Free Yoga. Open class; bring mat. 9 a.m. Saturdays through Dec. 29 at Unitarian Universalist Church of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. Free.

Volunteer Orientation. Volunteers under the age of 16, or those with special needs should be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. 9:30 a.m. at Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, 4200 N. Fairgrounds Road.

Blessing of the Animals. 10 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stricksmt.org.

SUNDAY

Soul Surfers Youth Bible study. 9:30 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

"The Bible in 90 Days." This fall class will guide through reading the entire Bible. B90 is a group-oriented, Bible reading plan that engages people in a 90-day, cover-to-cover reading of the Bible. 11 a.m. Sunday through Dec. 16 or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday through Dec. 19 at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stricksmt.org.

The ninth annual Permian Basin Out of the Darkness Walk hosted by Anthony's Hope. 2-5 p.m. at Buffalo-Wallow, 4100 E. 42nd St., Odessa.

MONDAY

Learn English: Classes for adults. Fee covers materials required for class. Through Nov. 15 at Midland Need to Read. \$25. Register online at midlandneedtoread.org.

Cyber Insecurity: Help Keep Your Organization Safe with John Ansbach, vice president of engagement management at Stroz Friedberg's. Hosted by the Nonprofit Management Center. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the ATMOS Energy Community Room, 2304 Loop 40. \$35-\$45. nmc.pb.org.

Odessa Optimist Club is a group dedicated to recognizing youth in the community. Noon Monday at the Zant Community Room at Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd.

BYOB: Bring Your Own Baby Book Club. The group encourages readers to discuss books with other parents as children play in the activity room. 4 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. myurl.com/mcplbyob.

Gentle Healing Yoga.

This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero. 5:30 p.m. at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3609.

Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation will show how volunteers can work with animals and the staff of Midland Humane Coalition. Must be 18 and older. 6-9 p.m. at MHC, 4206 W. Loop 250 N. (inside PetSmart). midlandhumane.org.

TUESDAY

Book Study: "Girl, Wash Your Face." 1 p.m. at 3-11 Ministries, 12 E. Industrial Loop.

Tuesday Ask is an in-depth Bible study for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. 3:45-5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. midlandask2.cbseclass.org.

Permian Basin Buddhists meet with a free discussion group and meditation basics. Open to all. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/PermianBasinBuddhists.

The 12 Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 432-553-7220.

Project Literacy: Mac Barnett author appearance. 4:30-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N.

Support Meeting for LGBTQ persons, families and allies. 7:30 p.m. at Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. pbhq.org.

WEDNESDAY

Fall Nutrition Education Classes: Start Your Day a Better Way ... with Breakfast. Participants will discuss the benefits of eating breakfast with recipes to be shared. 10-11 a.m. at West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. Free. wtfoodbank.org.

Project Literacy: Nathan Hale author appearance. 4:30-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N.

Before You Say I Do Fall 2018. Conclusion of a seven-week class for dating or newly married couples. Free childcare provided. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Kelview Heights Baptist Church, 402 W. Scharbauer Drive. Free but registration is required by emailing will@kelview.com.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor" Study of the documentary about

television's Mr. Rogers. 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Docent Training. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 N. Interstate 20 W. Contact the education department at 432-683-4403 for more information. pbpetm.org.

Project Literacy: Katherine Applegate author appearance. 4:30-6 p.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N.

Fund Academy is an eight-week program that cultivates and trains people to better serve, build a possible career and accelerate their knowledge in nonprofit fund development. 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday through Oct. 30 at the Nonprofit Management Center, 3500 N. A St. fundacademy.org.

English and Citizenship Class will offer three levels of ESL, citizenship studies and spiritual encouragement. 6:30-8:15

p.m. Thursday through Dec. 13 at First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave. Free. Register by calling 432-683-0600. FBC.midland.org.

Lecrae, Andy Mineo, Wordsplayed, Nobigdy and Whatuprg. 6:30 p.m. at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. \$25. markccredent.com.

Take the Money and Run 2018. This backyard event will feature music by Current Nine and dinner catered by Ranchland Hills Golf Club. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, 802 Ventura Ave. \$300. midlandchildrems.org.

La Hacienda Alumni: Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 432-553-7220.

Sibley Nature Center's Distinguished Lecture Series: Yossi Ghinsberg. The adventurer and author will speak about his survival in the Amazon jungle and his work with ecological issues. 7 p.m. at the Yucca Theatre, 208 Colorado St. sibleynaturecenter.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Garden City hosts Strawn in battle of six-man titans

By Oscar LeRoy
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Through the first five games of the season, the Garden City football team has had a business-like approach. While the competition has been tough at times, the Bearkats have played at a very high level with their focus remaining on getting ready for district play and beyond.

At 7:30 p.m. today, the Bearkats (5-0) — ranked No. 2 in Division I by sixmanfootball.com — host Division II defending champion and No. 1-ranked team Strawn (4-1) in a titanic matchup.

"We're feeling pretty good about this game," said Garden City senior quarterback and corner back Trae Jost. "It will be a real good test for us. They've been a successful program and it will show what we need to work on in a playoff-type game."

After today, the Bearkats will have played four straight games against

ranked opponents. Outside of a 53-32 victory over Balmorhea on Sept. 14, the last two games for the Bearkats have ended by halftime, with the latest being a 54-8 victory at No. 8 Rankin.

"It's always fun to play a respectable and good rival like Rankin," said Jost, who was 5-for-5 passing for 58 yards and three touchdowns. "It was a good game for us and we came out with a win. Everything went well for us. We did a good job of coming out with the mindset of doing what we needed to do and executing."

Despite the lopsided scores, Garden City coach Jeff Jones said it's good for his team to play ranked opponents with that kind of track record.

"The schedule helps quite a bit and it's big to be able to win all those games and play teams with plenty of playoff experience," he said.

Jost credits the coaching staff for helping the team stay focused. He said it all starts with their practices, which

then translates into the games.

"Coach Jones always tells us to take it one week at a time and to focus on getting better," Jost said. "This week is another chance to get better. That approach has worked out well so far. I also feel we're very close as a team this year and we're working really well together."

It also helps that the Bearkats have been playing championship-caliber defense thanks in part to five starters who returned from last year's state quarter-final team. Other than the game against Balmorhea, the Bearkats have not allowed more than 16 points in a game and have shut out two opponents.

"(Defensive coordinator Ollie Wilburn) does a really good job of having the defense in the right spots," Jost said. "We're usually in a good position to make plays when the ball is snapped."

The Bearkats will need its defense once again to step up as the Greyhounds

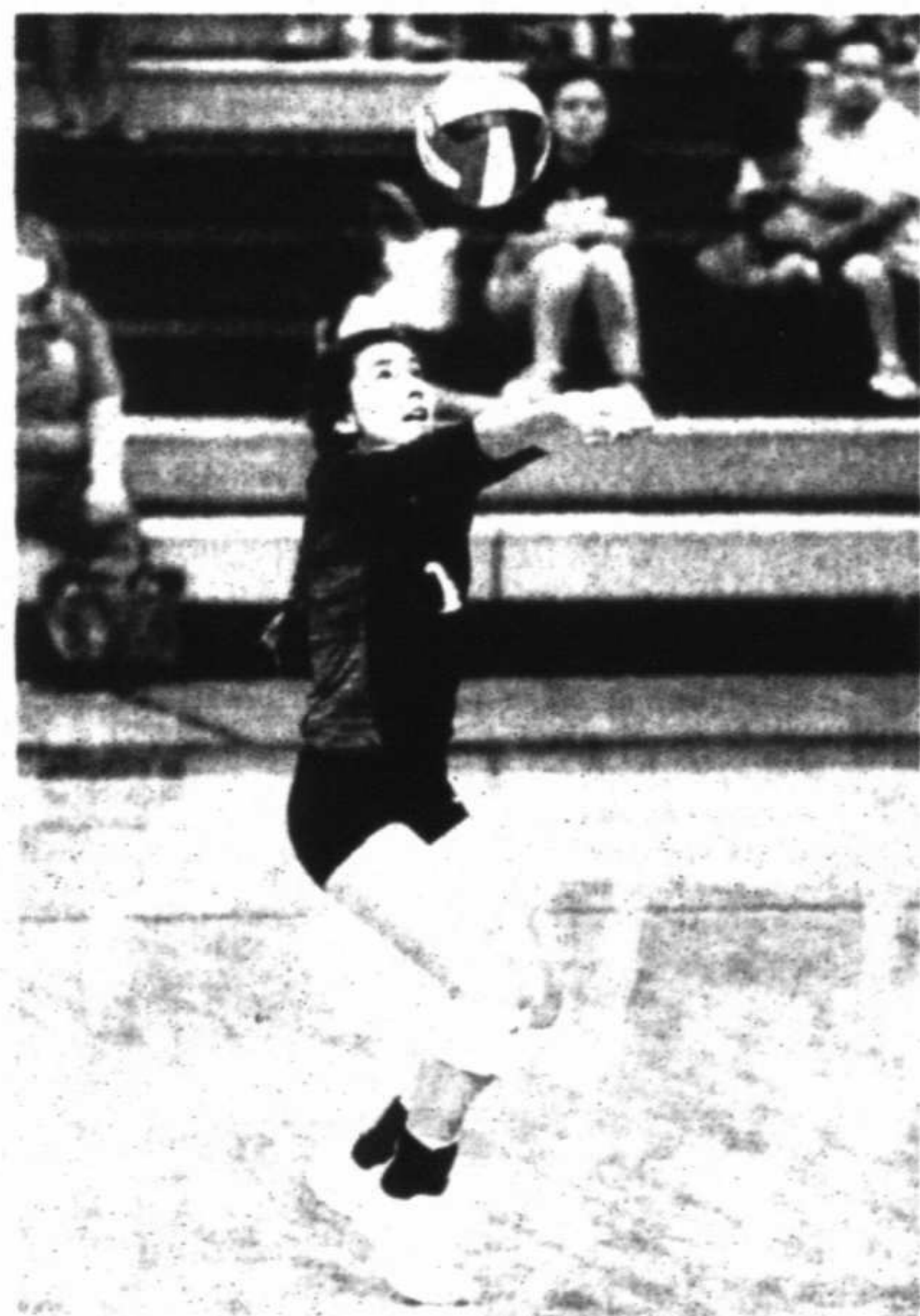


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Garden City's Trae Jost during practice Aug. 16.

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SHOWDOWN AT THE NET



LEFT: Lee's Allie Gomez sets the ball against Amarillo Tascosa Sept. 18 at LHS. RIGHT: Midland High's Macy Kidwell (2) blocks against Amarillo Tascosa on Sept. 26, 2017, at MHS.



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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

MHS, Lee ready for intense rivalry match

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Tall City is a football town, but tonight it's volleyball's time to shine.

The focus and attention will be on volleyball when Midland High (24-11, 3-1 in District 2-6A) hosts Lee (19-9, 3-1) at 6 p.m. in a showdown of first-place teams in District 2-6A. Both teams are anticipating a large and raucous crowd at the Midland High gymnasium with the Lee and Midland High football teams both being idle.

"This is volleyball's Friday night lights right here," Lady Rebels head coach Robert Blakley said.

MHS and Lee have always engaged in an intense crosstown rivalry, but the stakes have been raised over the past two seasons.

The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Rebels finished first and second in last season's District 2-6A standings.

This year the two teams currently sit

in a three-way tie for first along with Amarillo Tascosa (20-13, 3-1) with six matches to play.

"You don't have to talk about being in a first-place tie as much as you would in maybe another game," MHS head coach Amanda Lopez said. "Naturally they just want it more."

Midland High's gym is much smaller and intimate than Lee's, so the crowd noise will be a factor in today's match. Blakley anticipated that Lee drew 3,000 fans in last year's home match against MHS.

"I expect a packed gym," Blakley said. "I doubt the girls will even be able to hear me. It will probably be that loud in that gym. I will be standing 10 feet away and they won't be able to hear me. What we have to do (Thursday) to make sure that they're ready to play because I'm not going to be that big of a factor in the game."

With no football game to attend, both teams are expecting their student bodies

to come out in full force.

"I love our gym just because it is so close," Lady Bulldogs setter Macy Kidwell said. "You can hear the fans screaming just because they are right there screaming at us. It will be fun."

Kidwell said there's quite a bit of familiarity between both squads because the team's players cross paths in the club season of volleyball. Kidwell played on the same club team with Lee outside hitter Emily Hillman.

"I know quite a few (Lady Bulldogs), but across the net, we're not friends," Lady Rebels setter Allie Gomez said. "Outside of the gym, we are (friends), but across the net, we are competitors."

Added Lopez: "Kids know each other from both schools. Sometimes it can even get personal. It's just intense. It's just one word — intense."

Both teams' only blemish in district occurred against Tascosa. Lee has won

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In October of openers, Indians and Astros will ride starters

By Kristie Rieken
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HOUSTON — This postseason may be best remembered for its bullpen openers. Just not in the AL Division Series between the Houston Astros and Cleveland Indians.

Relief pitchers are covering entire games for other championship contenders this October, but the Astros and Indians are ready to roll old school, starting with Cy Young Award winners Justin Verlander and Corey Kluber facing off in Game 1 on Friday.

"I love starters," Astros manager AJ Hinch said Thursday. "Why? Because I've got good ones. I think that's the easiest way to fall in love with a rotation and have that mindset, do I want my starters to go deep in the game? Yeah, they're good."

Cleveland knows the feeling. This series will feature some of the best pitchers in the American League, with Cleveland's Carlos Carrasco opposing two-time All-Star right-hander Gerrit Cole in the second game Saturday, and Mike Clevinger of the Indians and 2015

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A CLOSE CALL



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Midland High's Jacob Philler finishes eighth as Midland Christian's Jacob Mitchell follows in the boys' 100-meter race at the Odessa Cross-Country Invitational on Thursday at UTPB Park. See results on Page 2C.

Finally healthy, Jadeveon Clowney dominates for Texans' defense

By Kristie Rieken
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HOUSTON — Jadeveon Clowney pounced on a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown on Sunday against the Colts. On the next drive, he shoved a lineman out of his path and tossed Andrew Luck to the ground for a 9-yard loss to force a punt.

This is what the Houston Texans envisioned when they selected the defensive end with the first overall pick in the 2014 draft.

After missing all but four games as a rookie because of a knee injury, Clowney has steadily improved each year and had the best season of his career in 2017 when

he played all 16 games for the first time.

He's had some good games in the past, but Sunday was perhaps the finest performance of his career, a game where he made play after play to help the Texans to their first win of the season.

Clowney finished with two sacks, four quarterback hits, four tackles for losses and that fumble recovery for a touchdown to earn AFC defensive player of the week honors for the first time in his career.

The recognition meant a lot to Clowney after the struggles he's had since being



Clowney

drafted out of South Carolina.

"I've been through a lot from the day I walked in here, the first game ever I got hurt, battled back, got hurt again, battled back," he said. "My back's against the wall. Just keep battling, competing and showing up. That's the way I live and that's what I'm going to keep bringing every week, hopefully."

Cowh Bill O'Brien said there's a simple reason why Clowney has been playing so well this season.

"I think he feels better," O'Brien said. "I think with JD, when he feels good, body-wise, he goes out there and he's hard to handle."

Clowney missed most of training camp recovering from offseason arthroscopic

knee surgery and sat out in Week 2 with a back injury. But he's feeling great now and it showed on Sunday.

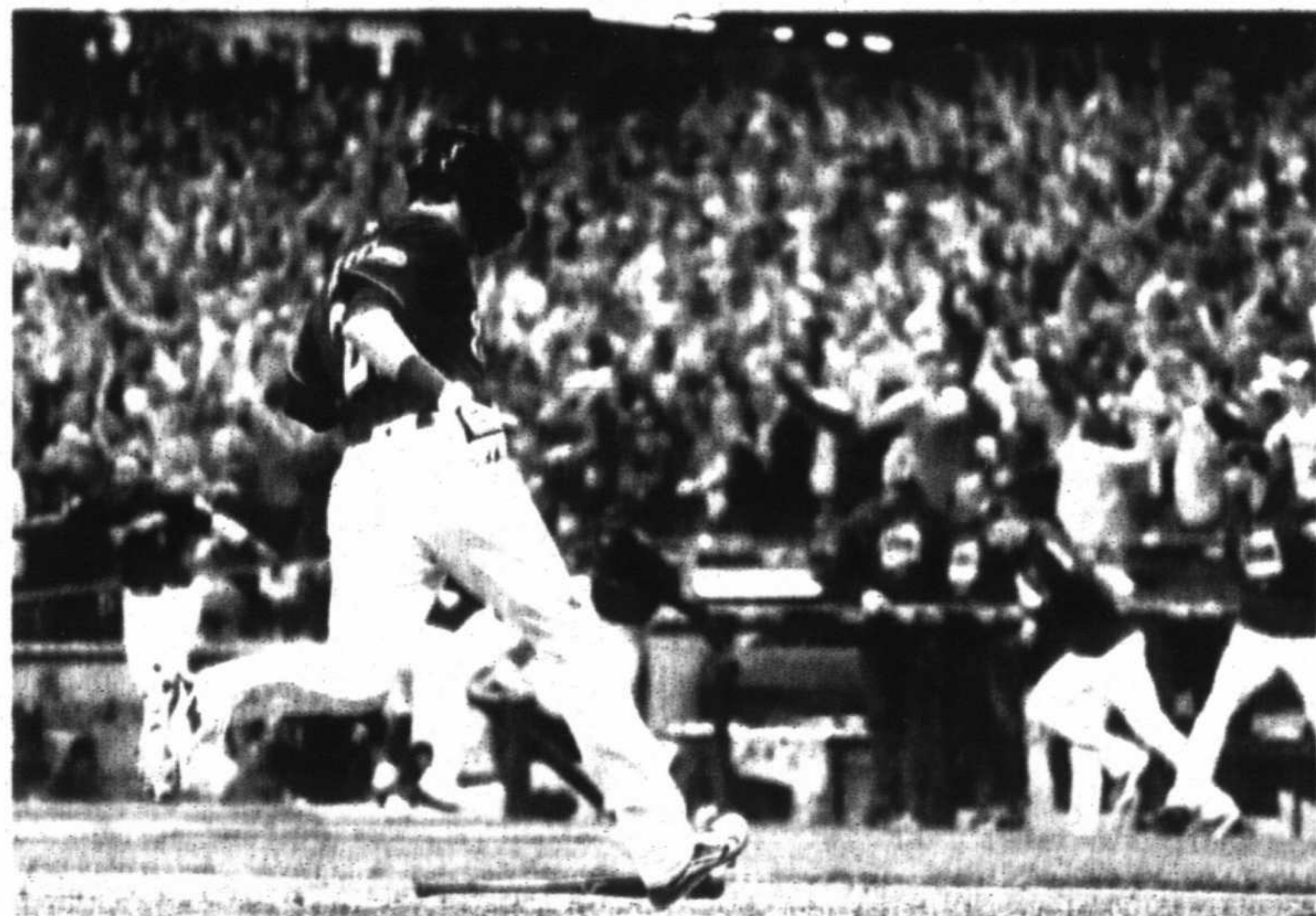
He said now that he's not dealing with any injuries it makes it easier for him to improve during the week at practice.

"I'm going to practice every day, working on my craft and just working on stuff I wasn't good at, trying to get better at it and enhancing stuff I was already good at," he said.

The 25-year-old is trying to use his hands better and come off the corner quicker and said being healthy makes trying new things much easier.

After his big game, the question is if

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Jeff Roberson/AP

Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich scored the game-winning run during the 10th inning of Game 1 of the National League Divisional Series against the Colorado Rockies Thursday in Milwaukee.

Brewers top Rockies in opener

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Mike Moustakas scored MVP front-runner Christian Yelich with a two-out single in the 10th inning, and the Milwaukee Brewers bounced back to beat the Colorado Rockies 3-2 Thursday in their NL Division Series opener.

After giving up two runs in the ninth that made it 2-2, the Brewers regrouped and soon celebrated. Making their first postseason appearance since 2011, they won their ninth straight game overall. Yelich hit a two-run homer in the third inning, then opened the 10th with a walk against Adam Ottavino. Yelich advanced to second on a wild pitch and came home on Moustakas' line drive to right field. After almost winning the Triple Crown this year, Yelich got two hits, scored twice and stole a base in six playoff debut.

Josh Hader and the Brewers allowed just one hit over eight innings in a dominant bullpen game and led 2-0 before Jeremy Jeffress gave up three straight singles to open the ninth. Charlie Blackmon grounded an RBI single shortly after his ground-rule double was overruled on replay review, and Nolan Arenado added a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to tie it. Game 2 is Friday in Milwaukee.

with Colorado's Tyler Anderson opposing Jhoulys Chacin, who led Milwaukee with 35 starts this year. He started Monday when the Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 3-1 in the NL Central tiebreaker at Wrigley Field. Joakim Soria picked up the win in the opener with a scoreless 10th. Chants of "Moose!" echoed through the stands as the Brewers celebrated on the field.

This was the just the situation that the Brewers had in mind for Moustakas when they got him from Kansas City in a late July trade. The two-time All-Star third baseman had 15 RBIs in 31 postseason games while with the Royals.

Make it 16 now in Milwaukee. Back in the postseason for the first time in seven seasons, the Brewers might not be leaving any time soon with the way Yelich keeps getting big hits and a deep bullpen mows down batters.

The big-hitting Rockies, meanwhile, are still struggling to find their stroke. They outlasted the Cubs 2-1 in 13 innings to win the NL wild-card game at Wrigley on Tuesday, and this visit to Miller Park meant them playing in a different city for the fourth time in five days.

With more and more teams relying exclusively on relievers in the regular season, the Brewers tried to take the new-wave approach to a new level in

October. Yelich, meanwhile, kept up his smooth, lefty swing. He hit .367 after the All-Star break to spark Milwaukee's surge, and his hot streak has carried over to the playoffs.

"MVP! MVP!" chanted Brewers fans following the two-run shot in the third off starter Antonio Senzela. Just another highlight in Yelich's breakout season. The Brewers acquired him in an off-season trade with Miami, hoping his five-tool potential could translate to a franchise looking to contend.

A group effort from the pitching staff played just as big a role in limiting the Rockies.

Colorado was 1 of 23 with 10 strikeouts over the first eight innings. They were 3 of 6 in the ninth.

Up next

Anderson (7-9, 4.55 ERA) starts Game 2 in Milwaukee, coming off 7 2/3 shutout innings in a 12-0 win on Sunday over Washington that set up the NL West tiebreaker game the next day against the Dodgers. It was the left-hander's first victory since July 4. Chacin (15-8, 3.50) turned into the Brewers' most consistent starting pitcher this season. He will work on three days' rest after allowing one run and one hit in 5 2/3 innings in that win over the Cubs.

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SCORES & SCHEDULE

Day	Game	Time
Thursday, Oct. 4	Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings	7:15 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5	Colorado at Milwaukee (Chacin 15.8) 7:15 p.m. (FS1)	7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 6	Milwaukee at Colorado 3:37 p.m. (MLB.TV)	3:37 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 7	Milwaukee at Colorado 8:40 p.m.	8:40 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8	Colorado at Milwaukee 3:35 p.m.	3:35 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9	Los Angeles 1, Atlanta 0	7:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 10	Los Angeles 8, Atlanta 0	7:07 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11	Atlanta (Sanchez 7.6) at Los Angeles 7:07 p.m. (FS1)	7:07 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12	Los Angeles (Bauer 8.5) at Atlanta 7:07 p.m. (FS1)	7:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 13	Los Angeles at Atlanta 4:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 14	Los Angeles at Atlanta 7:07 p.m.	7:07 p.m.

STARTERS

From 1C

Cy Young winner Dallas Keuchel pitching in Monday's Game 3.

Verlander, a 14-year veteran, believes the AL West champion Astros and AL Central champion Indians have the top two rotations in the AL. He thinks the performance of each team's starters will be paramount to success in this series.

"Us and the Indians probably being 1 and 2, however you like to slice it, us and them, them and us," he said. "Pick your poison. We both have very defined starters who have a great track record and have good stuff. This should be a really fun series."

Kluber pitched well in the postseason in 2016 when the Indians fell to the Cubs in the World Series. But he struggled in the ALDS last year against the New York Yankees while dealing with an aching back. He's feeling healthier this time around and expecting a stronger performance.

"Whether a game I pitch or a month I have or a year I have is good or bad, the way I look at it is I'm looking forward to the next one... not dwelling on previous outings or games, whether they're good or bad," he said.

Some things to look for as the Indians and Astros open this best-of-five series.

Correa's back

Houston shortstop Carlos Correa hit 26R and 49 RBIs in the first half this season but struggled with a back injury for most of the second half. He missed about six weeks and hit just 180 with two homers and 16 RBIs in 37 games after the All-Star break.

Though it wasn't bothering him Thursday, the top overall pick in the 2012 draft said he isn't sure that the problem is completely behind him.

"One day I wake up and I'm fine and one day I wake up and my back is tight again," he said. "Right now, I feel great. I feel ready to go and hopefully it doesn't come back."

Morton and Bauer

Houston's Charlie Morton and Cleveland's Trevor Bauer could end up starting Game 4, if necessary. However, they might also come out of the bullpen before that if any of their starters struggle. Manager Terry Francona has indicated Bauer could be used to eat up multiple innings like Andrew Miller did for the Indians in the last couple

of postseasons. "Our job now is to take what we have now and get the best out of them... If we get where we want, my guess is that Trevor's going to be used a ton," Francona said.

Donaldson's season

Third baseman Josh Donaldson, the 2015 AL MVP, spent most of the season on the disabled list with various injuries before being traded from Toronto to Cleveland on Aug. 31. He looked good in limited action at the end of the season, hitting .280 with three homers and seven RBIs in 16 games. The Indians hope he regains the form he's shown in five career postseasons where he's hit .292 with four homers and 13 RBIs.

He's looking forward to contributing after the tough path it took to get back on the field this year.

"I definitely didn't know if I was going to make it back this season," he said. "But I was trying to do everything possible that I could, and I feel very fortunate and blessed to be in the position that I am right now and to hopefully help these guys achieve their ultimate goal."

Value of speed

Both the Astros and the Indians used one of their final roster spots on players who are valuable for their speed. Houston picked rookie Myles Straw over carrying a third catcher and the Indians went with Rajai Davis over backup shortstop Erik Gonzalez.

Straw has been used almost exclusively as a pinch-runner since being called up on Sept. 15, and Hinch raved about what a player like him can do for a team in the postseason. "Straw can be a huge impact on the bases. He is so fast he forced the third catcher off the roster," Hinch said. "And that gives us a lot of weapons."

Davis was big for the Indians during their 2016 playoff run, hitting a tying home run in Game 7 of the World Series that Cleveland lost to the Cubs in 10 innings. The speedy Davis has proven to still be a threat on the bases this season and has 21 steals despite approaching his 38th birthday.

Donaldson said the speed of Davis could really help Cleveland this postseason.

"In the playoffs, I think what you look for is being able to score in a multitude of different ways. One, the home run ball. It's small ball, and then, three, just pure speed," he said. "And that's what he brings."

Stars beat Coyotes 3-0 in Montgomery's debut

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Devin Shore, Alexander Radulov and John Klingberg scored less than two minutes apart in the second period and the Dallas Stars made Jim Montgomery a winner in his NHL coaching debut, beating the Arizona Coyotes 3-0 on Thursday night.

Ben Bishop stopped all 30 shots for his first season-opening shutout and the 25th of his career. Bishop has a four-game winning streak on opening night.

Shore broke a scoreless tie by putting in a rebound as he was going to his knees. Radulov beat backtracking former Dallas defenseman Alex Goligoski one-on-one in a battle for the puck as they skated up the ice and shipped it between Antti Raanta's pads 27 seconds later.

A little more than a minute after that, Klingberg skated alone up the right side in 4-on-4 and beat Raanta inside the far post.

Defenseman Connor Carrick, acquired in a trade with Toronto three days before the opener, assisted on the first two goals.

Jamie Benn also had two assists in the Stars' eighth straight win over the Coyotes — all in regulation by a combined score of 30-13. It was Dallas' 11th consecutive home win over Arizona, a streak dating to February 2012.

The Coyotes — who opened last season with 10 straight losses, nine in regulation — hit the post twice when the game was scoreless. Clayton Keller did it in the first period, and Oliver Ekman-Larsson in the second less than a minute before Shore's goal.

Montgomery, who played his final game with Dallas in 2007, was making his debut less than two years after winning an NCAA championship at



Michael Ainsworth/AP

Arizona Coyotes defenseman Jordan Oesterle (82) tries to clear the puck as he is chased by Dallas Stars left wing Blake Comeau (15) on Thursday during the first period of a game in Dallas.

Denver. He is one of three current NHL coaches who made the jump from college.

General manager Jim Nill chose Montgomery as the club's third coach in three seasons after one year under Ken Hitchcock, who led the Stars to their only Stanley Cup title in 1999 but missed the playoffs in his return 15 years after he was fired.

Missing several injured forwards, they figure to count on fast scoring. The Coyotes outshot the Stars 30-25 but didn't generate many good chances.

Bishop finished a season-opening shutout after getting injured when he was working on one in his Dallas debut last season. He had stopped all 19 shots for a 1-0 lead over Vegas

when Bishop took a puck to the mask early in the third period and left the game. The Golden Knights rallied for a 2-1 win.

Notes

Stars D Stephen Jones started the season on injured reserve. He was dealing with headaches during the preseason. He says they might be related to concussions sustained last season... Coyotes D Jordan Oesterle went to the locker room in the second period after a hard check from Tyler Frisick but returned to the game. Stars F Tyler Seguin was scoreless in his first game since signing a \$78.8 million, eight-year contract extension.

MCA stays perfect in district play with sweep

From staff reports

The No. 1-ranked Midland Classical volleyball team rolled past Fort Worth Cary Christian with a 25-8, 25-3, 25-16 victory in TAPPS 1-3A.

play, Thursday at the MCA gymnasium.

Jenny Coco led the Lady Knights (23-3-2, 6-0 in TAPPS 1-3A) with 15 kills and six digs. Kenna Bayley tallied 33 assists, while Lizabeth Russell and Leta

Beattie each had seven aces for MCA. The Lady Knights host Fort Worth Lake Country at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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VOLLEYBALL

From 1C

three consecutive district matches since losing its 2-6A opener in five sets to Tascosa, while MHS has bounced back with two straight victories in district after falling to Tascosa in its second match. With so much at stake, Whitley hopes that his Lady Rebels can keep their emotions in check. This cross-town rivalry match is unlike any other contest that

either team experiences all season.

"I expect it to be crazy and loud and intense," Lopez said. "It's exciting that kids get to play in an atmosphere like that, and work through it. Nothing feels more intense than this game, than this night. It's neat. It's a good feeling."

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Midland Christian's Joe Rawicki tries to get away from El Paso Chapin's Eric Saenz Aug. 31 at Gordon Awtry Field

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AREA PREVIEW CAPSULES FOR WEEK 6

GREENWOOD AT LAMESA

When/where: 7 p.m., Toronado Stadium, Lamesa
Online: towntalkradio.com/greenwood-sports-radio/

Records: Greenwood 3-2, 1-0 in District 1-4A Division II; Lamesa 1-4, 0-1

Last game: Greenwood 65, Sweetwater 20, Monahans 48, Lamesa 41

Last meeting/series: Greenwood defeated Lamesa 43-20 last year and leads the all-time series 15-3

Notes

Greenwood turned a 23-20 halftime lead last week into a 45-point blowout thanks to a big second half. Leading the charge was sophomore RB Trey Cross, who scored four of his five TDs in the second half and rushed for a career-best 269 yards. As a team, the Rangers rushed for 459 of their 542 total yards. Monahans jumped out to a 20-0 lead after the first quarter but Lamesa took a 34-28 lead thanks to 21 unanswered points in the third quarter. QB Jackson Napper threw for 165 yards and three TDs. WR Josh Marquez caught five passes for 88 yards and a TD. Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson said Lamesa is an improved team and the Golden Tornados seem to be believing in the system.

Former Midland High assistant coach and Lee grad Rodney Sims is in his second season as head coach in Lamesa. Sanderson said it's going to be important for his team to be ready to play because he expects the Golden Tornados to play their best.

Next: Pecos at Greenwood, 7 p.m. Oct. 12; Pecos at Sweetwater, 7 p.m. Oct. 12

SAN ANTONIO CORNERSTONE AT

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

When/where: 7 p.m., Gordon Awtry Field
Online: Live streaming available at <http://bit.ly/watchmcs>

For live updates: Follow @chris_mrt on Twitter

Records: Midland Christian 5-0, Cornerstone 3-1

Last game: Midland Christian 33, Fort Worth Christian 27, Cornerstone 28, Paralete (Calif.) 27

Last meeting/series: First meeting

Notes

Midland Christian looks to stay unbeaten as they host a team that recently left TAPPS and is playing an independent schedule. The Warriors are led by sophomore QB General Booty, who is the nephew of former college stars and NFL quarterbacks Josh Booty (LSU) and John David Booty (USC). MCS coach Greg McClelland said the Warriors also have a really good running back and a couple of 300-pound defensive linemen. McClelland said the Warriors are a talented team and hopes his team is not distracted by all the homecoming festivities.

McClelland said he is looking for more consistency out of his team, especially on offense, which turned the ball over four times last week. The Mustangs got the come-from-behind win last week despite the turnovers as they got consistent play out of their defense and a 39-yard TD pass from Riggs McDonald (246 yards passing) to JT McCollum with 14 seconds left in the game. RB Ben Gibbs added 135 yards rushing.

Next: Midland Christian at Addison Trinity Christian, 7 p.m. Oct. 12; Stellar Prep (Calif.) at San Antonio Cornerstone, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12

HEREFORD AT ANDREWS

When/where: 7 p.m., Mustang Bowl, Andrews
Radio: KACT (105.5 FM, 1360 AM), Andrews

Records: Andrews 4-1, Hereford 4-1

Last game: Andrews 72, Mountain View 11, Hereford 37, Plainview 0

Last meeting/series: Hereford defeated Andrews 29-14 in 1999 and leads the all-time series 3-1

Notes

Andrews turned a 24-3 halftime lead into a blowout when they scored 40 points in the third quarter against Mountain View. QB Brett Leach threw for 193 yards and three TDs and added 94 yards rushing and a TD. Like Andrews, Hereford has won four straight games. Against Plainview, Seth Dixon rushed for 156 yards and two TDs, while QB Dodge DeLozier added 127 yards passing and two TDs. Dixon has been tough to stop this season, as he has already rushed for 907 yards and 12 TDs. Turnovers will be the deciding factor in a game that features two high-powered offenses.

Next: Andrews at Canyon, 7 p.m. Oct. 12; San Angelo Lake View at Andrews, 7 p.m.

CANYON AT BIG SPRING

When/where: 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium, Big Spring
Radio: KBEST-FM (95.7), KBYG (106.1 FM, 1400 AM), Big Spring

Records: Big Spring 2-3, Canyon 5-0

Last game: Wall 40, Big Spring 12, Canyon 55, Borger 6

Last meeting/series: Canyon defeated Big Spring 35-7 last year but Big Spring leads the all-time series 3-2

Notes

Big Spring got shut out for three quarters against Wall before scoring all of its points in the final quarter. Big Spring coach Mitch McLemore said his team made too many mistakes execution-wise and that is something that needs to get corrected before the program can take the next step. Canyon is averaging 46 points per game this season, led by QB Lawton Rikel. "We've got to slow their offense down," McLemore said. "We have to make them earn first downs, keep them bottled up as much as we can and force them to make plays. And then we've got to respond and make plays. It's going to be a challenge on both sides of the ball."

Next: Big Spring at Dallas, 7 p.m. Oct. 12; Andrews at Canyon, 7 p.m. Oct. 12

WINK AT FORSAN

When/where: 7:30 p.m., Buffalo Stadium, Forсан
Radio: KXCS (105.5 FM), Big Spring

Records: Forсан 6-5, Wink 4-1

Last game: Reagan County 28, Forсан 27, Wink 55, New Home 6

Last meeting/series: Wink defeated Forсан 47-31 last year but Forсан leads the all-time series 3-2

Notes

Forsan is coming off one of its best performances of the season, as the Buffaloes had a late lead before Reagan County scored a fourth quarter touchdown and added the deciding 2-point conversion. Forсан QB Kobe Richardson had 190 yards passing and accounted for three TDs in the loss. Wink is coming off a dominating performance as the Wildcats outgained New Home 408-94. QB Nick Gray threw for 134 yards and

Next: Forсан at Wink, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12

ROBERT LEE AT GRADY

When/where: 7:30 p.m., Tunnell Field, Lenora
Records: Grady 4-1, Robert Lee 4-1

Last game: Grady 58, Westbrook 8, Highland 62, Robert Lee 14

Last meeting/series: Robert Lee defeated Grady 50-34 last year to take a 2-0 lead in the series

Notes

Grady is coming off its fourth straight victory after defeating Westbrook by the 45-point rule after three quarters. Jordan Rodriguez led Grady by rushing for 202 yards and four TDs, and also had a 32-yard TD reception. Teammate Caden Hayes added 123 yards rushing and two TDs. Both of the teams only losses came against Highland, although Grady's was much closer, 32-28. Grady coach Brent Lucas said the both teams are similar but Robert Lee can sometimes spread it out, which tends to give the Wildcats trouble at times. Lucas said it's going to be important that his team defends but doesn't break on defense. "Our defense sets the stage for everything else we do," Lucas said.

Next: O'Donnell at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 14; Robert Lee at Veribest, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12

BEARKATS

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have averaged more than 57 points in their four victories.

But while this is a big match-up for both teams, the Bearkats believe that they will come out of it as a better team, win or lose.

"Our mindset going in is to use this as a learning game," Jost said. "It will be like a playoff game but unlike the playoffs, neither team has to go home afterwards if we lose."

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NO. 1 STRAWN AT NO. 2 GARDEN CITY

When/where: 7:30 p.m., Bearkat Stadium, Garden City
Live updates: Follow @OscarRoy_MRT on Twitter
Records: Garden City 5-0, Strawn 4-1

Last week: Garden City 54, Westbrook 8, Strawn 54, Milford 46

Last meeting/series: Garden City defeated Strawn 122-88 in the 2009 Six-Man Division I state championship game in the teams-only meeting.

What to watch

Garden City is coming off an impressive victory at Rankin in which the Bearkats scored 40 points in the first quarter. QB Trae Jost threw for three TDs, and Armando Alegria added 76 yards rushing and two TDs. Defensively, the Bearkats held the Red Devils to 116 yards.

Strawn defeated the No. 3 team in Division I last week as it took a 30-26 lead at the half and then held on.

The Greyhounds return four starters on offense and five on defense off a team that won 15-0 and defeated Balmorhea 78-42 in the Class 1A Division II state championship in 2017.

Garden City coach Jeff Jones said the Greyhounds play with a lot of intensity and their aggressiveness is hard to duplicate in practice.

"I have not seen anything like it," Jones said. "Not to take anything away from their talent, but the way they fly around, they look like a bunch of kids just playing the game, and that's how it is supposed to look."

He added that they are good tacklers, they can run and they can block well.

This is the final non-district game for Garden City before it opens District 8-1A Division I play.

Next: Water Valley at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19; May at Strawn, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 12

CLOWNEY

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this is the Clowney the Texans can expect every week, starting on Sunday night when they host the Dallas Cowboys.

"Yeah, I hope so," he said. "That's what I expect out of myself. Just go and put all my effort to this team and my teammates and go out there and compete at a high level."

Clowney has paired with three-time Defensive Player of the Year JJ Watt to power a fearsome defensive front.

Injuries to both players over the past few years have made it rare for both Watt and Clowney to play together. Now that they are both back on the field they believe that they'll only get better.

"We know what our team is capable of when everybody is out there and healthy and flying around," Watt said. "We've all had our issues in the past with health. If we can stay healthy and we can all put it together at the same time and play the game we know how to play, we have a chance to be pretty good, but it's a matter of doing it, not talking about it."

Dallas coach Jason Garrett discussed the difficulty of dealing with both Watt and Clowney and how they might try double-teaming them or using tight ends or running backs to try and help slow them down.

"Every time those guys go out there, they seem like they're disrupting what the offense is trying to do," Garrett said. "They're both really good run defenders. They can pressure the passer and make those impact plays throughout a game. It's obviously critical for the guys who are blocking them to be able to handle it and block them well."

But Clowney doesn't care who they try to block him with, he has just one thought.

"Go run through him, get to the quarterback, no matter who I'm going against," he said. "Just try to run through this guy and get to that quarterback as quickly as possible."

DeMarcus Lawrence showing he's no 1-year wonder

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — As DeMarcus Lawrence prepares to share the field with JJ Watt for the first time in the regular season, Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli figures it's time to say his best defensive end shares the elite company of the Houston Texans star.

Lawrence leads the NFL in sacks early in the season for the second straight year, and has 20 sacks over 20 games since the start of last season. It's not quite the territory of Watt, who had 29½ sacks in a season twice while earning All-Pro honors four straight years starting in 2012.

But it's at least proving another thing Marinelli believes.

"People ask, 'Is he a one-year wonder last year?'" Marinelli said Thursday. "I said, 'Two years before that, he had eight sacks and played well.' He, to me, is on a course, because of his work habits, how much he cares, to be great. I think we see him on the rise."

The 26-year-old Lawrence tied his career high with three sacks in

last week's 26-24 win over Detroit and leads the NFL with 5½. That's half a sack better than a three-year tie that includes Watt and Chicago's Khalil Mack, who got the nod over Lawrence for NFC defensive player of the month in September.

It's the second straight year that Lawrence has started fast. He had a seven-game sack streak after going without one in the 2017 opener and ended up tied with Jacksonville's Calais Campbell for second in the NFL with 14½ sacks.

This year, Lawrence has at least half a sack in all four games with the Cowboys (2-2) set to visit the Texans (1-3) on Sunday night.

"I look at it like this," Lawrence, who hasn't been available to reporters in the locker room this week, said before the season started. "This is my job. I'm passionate about it. I love it. Yeah, I'm eager to get back out there and show what went on in the offseason and different moves I picked up on. Just to go after the gold."

By "gold," Lawrence meant a championship, something that's been 23 years in the making for a franchise with five Super Bowl titles. But he's chasing the other kind of gold, too.

Lawrence is playing on a \$17.1 million franchise tag after the sides didn't even get close to a long-term extension during the off-season. He happily signed it and shrugged off repeated questions about it during training camp, usually with something along the lines of, "I ain't trippin'."

As the sack numbers pile up again, Lawrence could be looking at a huge payday — or another year on the franchise tag, which he probably wouldn't sign so happily again. At the same time, Lawrence has made it clear he can't afford to dwell on such things.

"I love this game so much," he said. "This game can wrap you up around so many different obstacles of money, the streets, all the outside BS. I just try to stay focused and get the job done."

Marinelli and coach Jason Garrett frequently point to a pair of key moments in Lawrence's career.

The first was late in a wild-card win over the Lions four years ago when Lawrence tried to run with a fumble after Matthew Stafford was sacked and fumbled it back to Detroit. The coach stood by sucking Stafford, forcing a fumble

and recovering it to secure just the team's second playoff win since its last Super Bowl victory.

"He made one of the more memorable plays, sequence of plays, that I've been around in my life," Garrett said. "In a lot of ways, that followed what we had seen already. I think we all know good things were to come."

The second was Lawrence choosing to play through back troubles when the Cowboys returned to the playoffs in 2016 even though he was on his way to his second surgery in as many off-seasons.

The playoff has been his health since then, and the carry over on production from his breakthrough season to the next.

"I just think it's mindset, understanding once the season ends, that player ends," Marinelli said. "You've got to start over again. He's brought that mindset with him every day. His routine, his practices. Some of his practices are just really terrific, how hard and fast he goes."

It's carrying over to games as well.

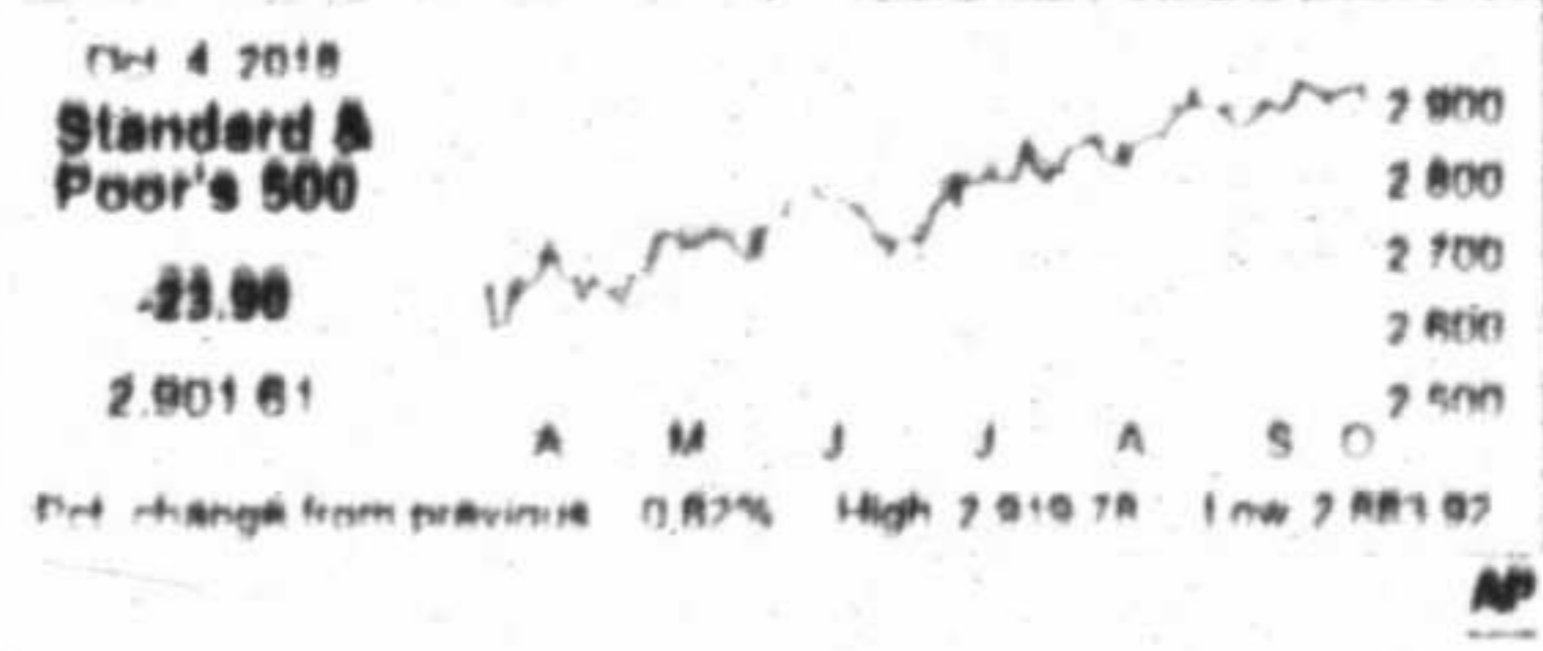
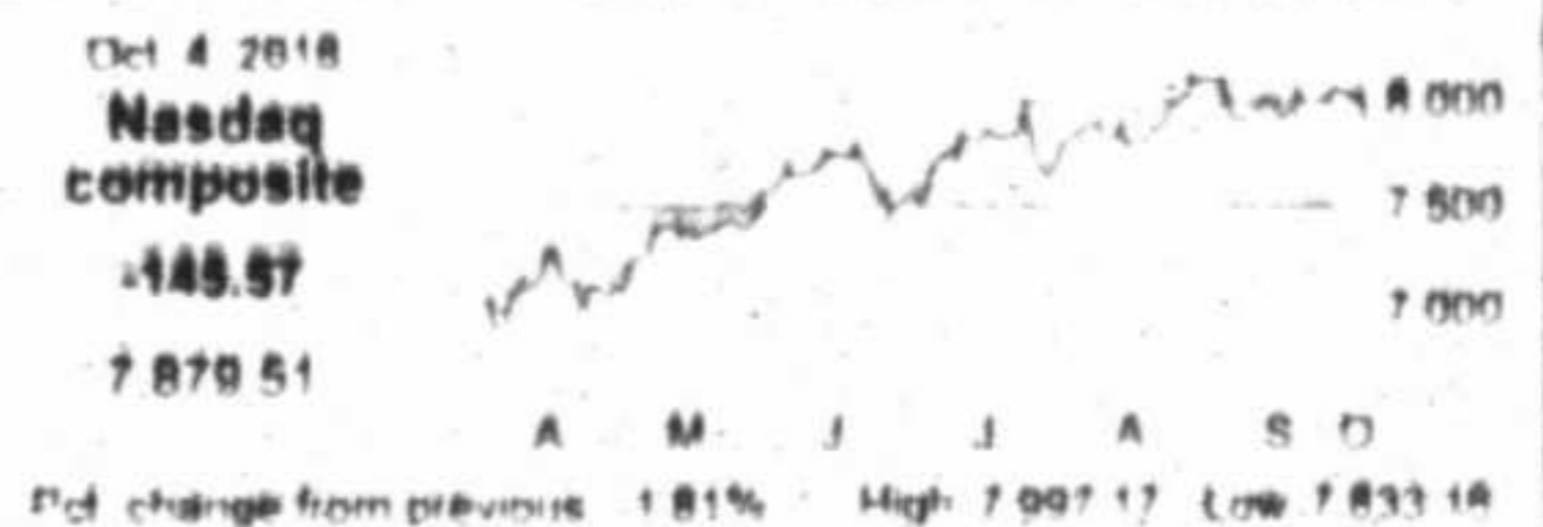
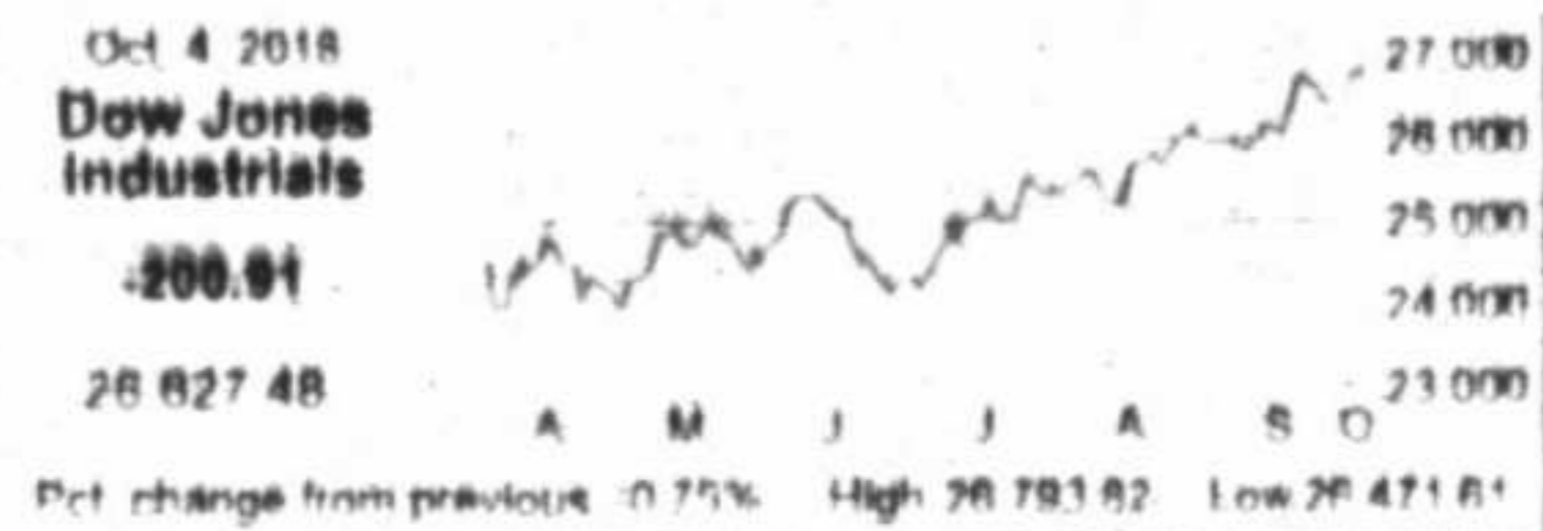
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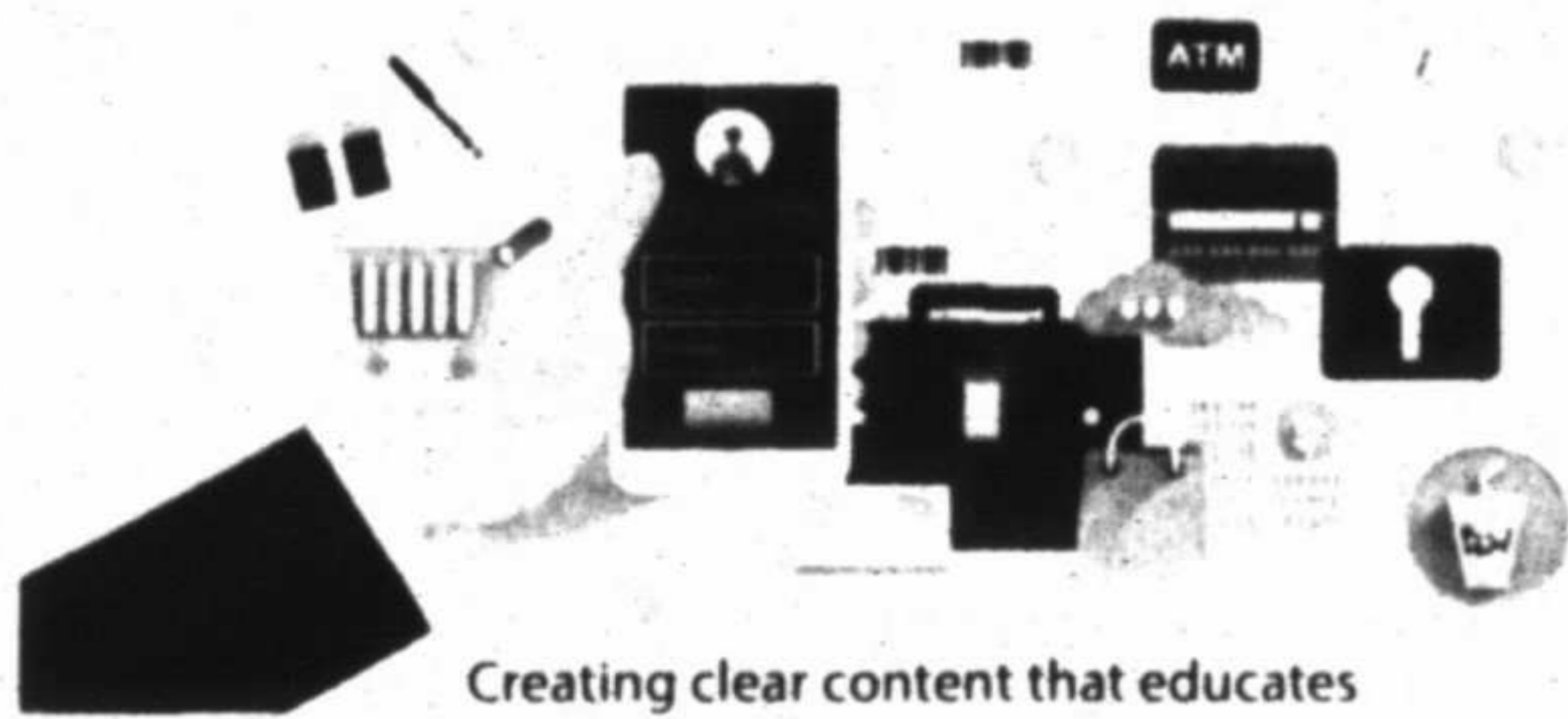
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0314933
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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	MILLIKEN YATER 34E
Lease/Unit Well No	5H
Lease/Unit Acres	487.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	279.0

Lease Lines	227.0 F SOUTH L.	1086.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines	227.0 F SOUTH L.	1591.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 227.0 F SOUTH L., 1086.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section 27
Survey: T&P RR CO
Block: 39 T2S Abstract: 319
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L., 1201.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines: 2569.0 F SOUTH L., 1459.0 F WEST L.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330D, 80.0 acres
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kim Brand, at (972)989-0000.

**Notice of Application for
Fluid Injection 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 inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Devonian/Fuselman/Montoya/Eisenburger, Mabes Foundation D Lease, Well Number #1DD. The proposed injection well is located 6.1 miles NE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 11,645 to 13,584 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 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) 512/463-6792.

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time, November 7, 2018, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 19000267 Request for Proposals for Stop Loss Insurance

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 11/07/18 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland, in determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0314938
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 19, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844542
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Oct 24, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12987
Austin, Texas 78711-2987
Fax: (512) 483-8780
Email: SWR37@RRCC.TEXAS.GOV

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Leasor/Well Name	MILIKEN YATER 34P
Leasor/Well No.	84
Leasor/Well Acres	487.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	272.0
Lease Lines	227.0 E SCOTT L 1086.0 E EAST L
Survey Lines	227.0 E SCOTT L 1086.0 E WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: 114'

Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 227.0 E SCOTT L 1086.0 E EAST L

Terminus Location:
Belt County: MIDLAND
Section: 27 Block: 39 12S Abstract: 319
Survey: 14P RR CC
Lease Lines: 100.0 E SCOTT L 337.0 E WEST L
Survey Lines: 2587.0 E SCOTT L 2302.0 E WEST L

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0314938
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 19, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844543
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Oct 24, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12987
Austin, Texas 78711-2987
Fax: (512) 483-8780
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND) AREA

Leasor/Well Name	MILIKEN YATER 34P
Leasor/Well No.	74
Leasor/Well Acres	487.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	272.0
Lease Lines	197.0 E SCOTT L 1168.0 E EAST L
Survey Lines	197.0 E SCOTT L 1111.0 E WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: 114'

Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 197.0 E SCOTT L 1168.0 E EAST L

Terminus Location:
Belt County: MIDLAND
Section: 27 Block: 39 12S Abstract: 319
Survey: 14P RR CC
Lease Lines: 100.0 E SCOTT L 337.0 E WEST L
Survey Lines: 2587.0 E SCOTT L 2302.0 E WEST L

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0314938
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 19, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844545
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Oct 24, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12987
Austin, Texas 78711-2987
Fax: (512) 483-8780
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND) AREA

Leasor/Well Name	MILIKEN YATER 34P
Leasor/Well No.	84
Leasor/Well Acres	487.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	272.0
Lease Lines	197.0 E SCOTT L 1126.0 E EAST L
Survey Lines	197.0 E SCOTT L 1051.0 E WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: 114'

Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 197.0 E SCOTT L 1126.0 E EAST L

Terminus Location:
Belt County: MIDLAND
Section: 27 Block: 39 12S Abstract: 319
Survey: 14P RR CC
Lease Lines: 100.0 E SCOTT L 337.0 E WEST L
Survey Lines: 2587.0 E SCOTT L 2302.0 E WEST L

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0314937
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 19, 2018 Status/Permit No. 844544
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM Oct 24, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12987
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Fax: (512) 483-8780
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Leasor/Well Acres	487.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	272.0
Lease Lines	197.0 E SCOTT L 1146.0 E EAST L
Survey Lines	197.0 E SCOTT L 1021.0 E WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal
Lateral: 114'

Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 197.0 E SCOTT L 1146.0 E EAST L

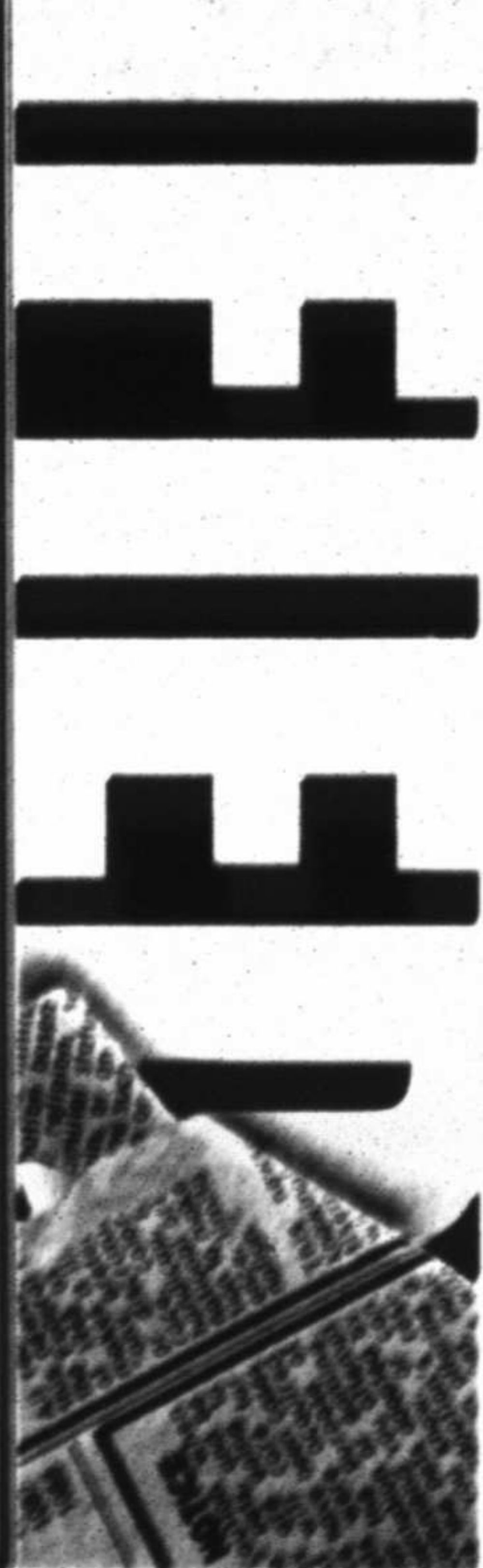
Terminus Location:
Belt County: MIDLAND
Section: 27 Block: 39 12S Abstract: 319
Survey: 14P RR CC
Lease Lines: 100.0 E SCOTT L 337.0 E WEST L
Survey Lines: 2587.0 E SCOTT L 2302.0 E WEST L

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LEGAL NOTICE

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RFP 19000178 Request for Proposals for Agrometric Compliance Consulting for the USBLES Department

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtx.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 10/24/18 at 4:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Lorraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code.

City of Midland, Texas

Notice of Application for Commercial Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Velocity Water Solutions, LP, 106 E 8th Street Ste 900, Austin, Texas 78701 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 Grayburg/San Andres formation, Parks Family SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 11.7 miles Northeast of Big Spring, in the Luther, SE (Silurian Devonian) Field, in Howard County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3100 to 5800 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended; Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended; and the Statewide Rule of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of this application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin, Texas (Telephone: 512-463-6792).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P.S. # 217012) is filing with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingling oil and casinghead gas production from leases: Blackfoot West Unit (RRC Lease ID 5000) and the Blackfoot East Unit 705WB (RRC DP 831241). All wells are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for oil lease, casinghead gas, common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering by allocation by well test. Production will be allocated by W-10 Tests. Any royalty or working interest owners or other operators who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

NOTICE OF INTENT

Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. is hereby providing Notice of Intent to move in equipment and start the Fee CR No. 1H well located 483 FMI & 285 FWL, Section 30, Block 39 T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland, Texas, within the City Limits of Midland, under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23 labeled "Ordinance No. 8789" more particularly found under Section L (7) effective January 1, 2010.

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland, Texas, for a Specific Use Permit with Term, for the of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant, on the following described property:

On a 10,250 square foot portion of Lot 1, Block 8, Polo Park, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of North Garfield Street and West Loop 250 North Council District 1.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located at Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Lorraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 1:00 PM, Local Time, October 26, 2018. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 1:05 PM, Local Time, October 26, 2018.

Generally, the Commissioners Court session will be made within 30 days interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 1800088 - PAVING HORSESHOE PARKING LOTS

A MANDATORY survey will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Midland County Horsehoe. We will meet in front of the Midland County Horsehoe Pavilion.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Friday, October 5, 2018 information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4872 or at 1033 So. Midland St. or at the Midland County Purchasing webpage www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/buy.htm

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Midland County Purchasing Agent

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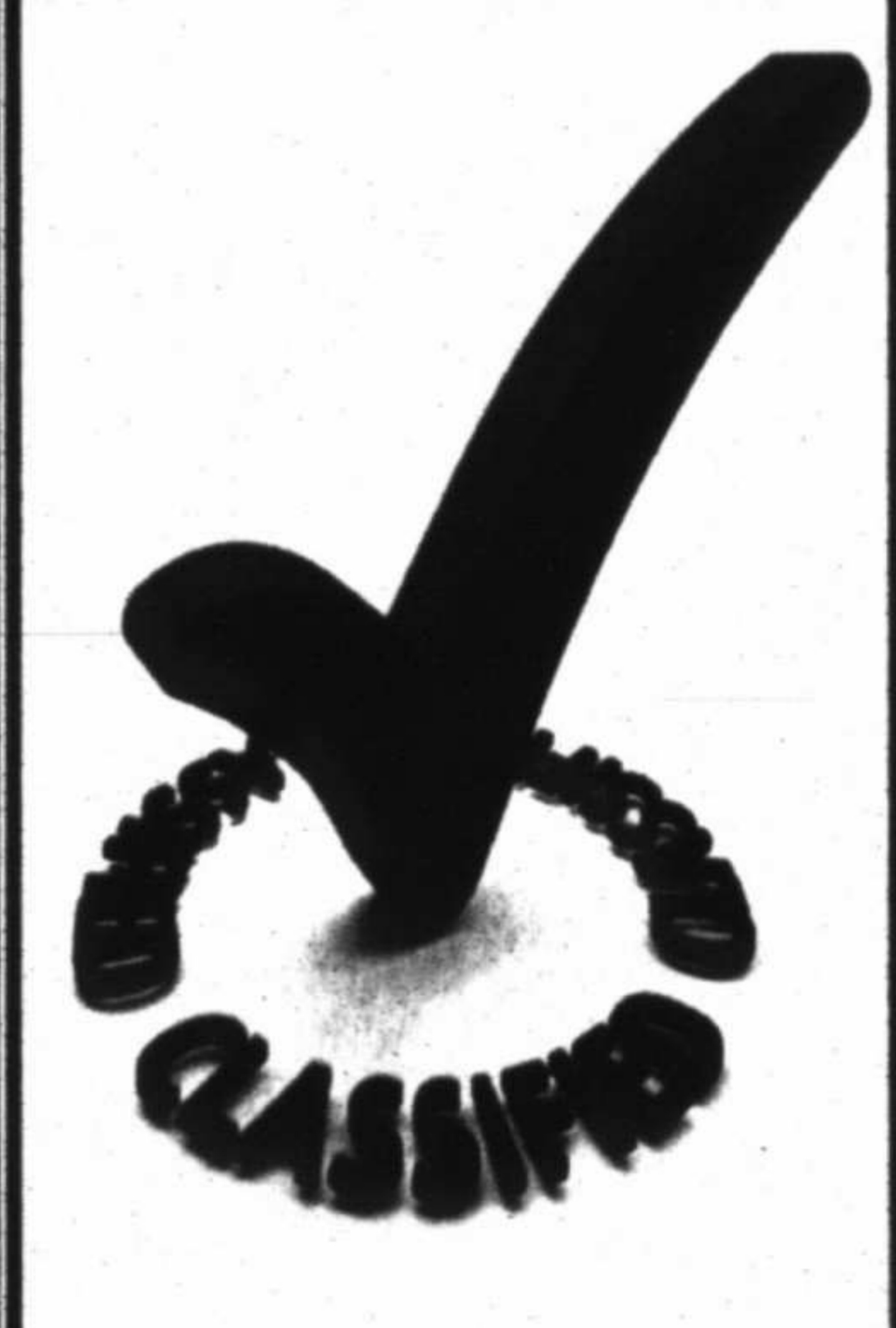
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