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ROAD FATALITIES

Number of deaths on roads inside Midland County rises to 20.

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PINK THE BASIN

The Reporter-Telegram turns pink on Thursday to bring attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Coverage includes a preview of the annual Pink the Basin luncheon.

Coming Thursday

Midlander recounts standing in Las Vegas 'kill zone'

CycleBar instructor: 'I just don't know how we're here right now'

By Rich Lopez
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Midlander Shauna Vasquez, an instructor at CycleBar, kept herdaughter home from school on Tuesday. She wanted to have the 8-year-old by her side after returning from Las Vegas where she, her husband, Mason, and four friends had attended the Route 91 Harvest Festival. The annual excursion, which also served as the couple's anniversary celebration, turned into the deadliest shooting in the country's history.

Vegas coverage

Amid the terror, there were acts of compassion and countless heroics.

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Fifty-nine people died and more than 500 people were injured.

"I just don't know how we're here right now," Vasquez said Tuesday. "Where we stood, in the 'kill zone,' we should not have made it out alive."

The Vasquezes moved to Midland six years ago. Mason owns a brokerage firm; Shauna was a landman before helping open CycleBar earlier this year. She also is a fashion and lifestyle blogger at myskinnybeet.com.

They have attended the festival on the Las Vegas strip since it began four years ago, she said.

At the time Stephen Paddock opened fire, country singer Jason Aldean was performing. When he took the stage, the Vasquezes moved closer to the stage from their VIP seats where their friends remained. Then they heard what they thought were fireworks.

"That's what we thought, and then there was this pause in between. The fireworks began again and the guy behind us just dropped," she said.

She saw the woman next to him trying to get him up and then noticed her husband had blood on his shirt.

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GREAT RECOGNITION

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland County Judge Mike Bradford laughs with Gary Vandergriff and County Commissioner Scott Ramsey on Tuesday at the League of Women Voters luncheon honoring Bradford.

LWV honors county judge for 'making democracy work'

■ Mike Bradford: Good government happens when taxpayers' money is invested for the betterment of the community

By Stewart Doreen
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The League of Women Voters-Midland honored County Judge Mike Bradford on Tuesday at its Making Democracy Work luncheon at the Petroleum Club.

Bradford has been a stalwart in county government for nearly two decades. He represented Precinct 2 for two terms before winning the election as county judge in 2007.

The graduate of Texas Christian University, an oil and gas investor, credited the "600 contributors" inside the county, along with Commissioners' Court members he worked with over the years. He said a culture of "doing it the right way" has been established at the county, which resulted in the current county courthouse and the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

Bradford also said good government happens when representatives remember they are spending taxpayers' money and it should be invested for the betterment of the community.

"You need everybody going in the same direction," Bradford said after the event. "You do that by culture, you do that by explaining, and you do that by visiting with people and getting their buy-in or answering their questions."

The LWV-Midland describes the honor

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Number of potholes to shatter previous mark

By Stewart Doreen
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If one believes potholes are an indication of how poor a community's streets are, then Midland has serious issues.

The city of Midland Transportation Department is on pace to fill more than 18,000 potholes this year. That number is 3,400 more than the previous record for pothole maintenance.

"It means our streets are old," said Gabe McClelland, transportation manager for the city of Midland. "Age of the streets is the No. 1 factor."

As of the end of August, 12,143 potholes had been filled, according to statistics from the city. That means 2017 has already eclipsed 2016 for the number of potholes filled (11,421). In 2015, the current record was established — 14,801 potholes filled — as the city staff's ability to respond to road conditions increased because of specialized equipment.

"The potholes have always been there," McClelland said.

Road conditions have garnered considerable attention recently.

City officials cite a study that shows more than 30 percent of Midland streets have a pavement condition index score that is less than 50, which requires replacing pavement or a complete reconstruction. Also, the Midland City Council this summer voted to call a $100 million bond election that would rebuild some of those streets. The election will take place Nov. 7. Early voting begins on Oct. 23. McClelland said his department's job stays the same. He and city leaders have repeatedly said Midland has streets in poor condition and that

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28 organizations in Houston will receive $7.5 million in grants, from area leaders. Page 2A

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DeLeon man dies in wreck on SH 158

From staff reports

A 27-year-old DeLeon man died Saturday night after a two-vehicle wreck on State Highway 158, 11 miles east of Midland, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Blake Aaron Sepulvado was driving a Dodge Ram west on SH 158, and a 44-year-old Houston man was driving a Peterbilt truck tractor towing a tanker trailer eastbound on the highway.

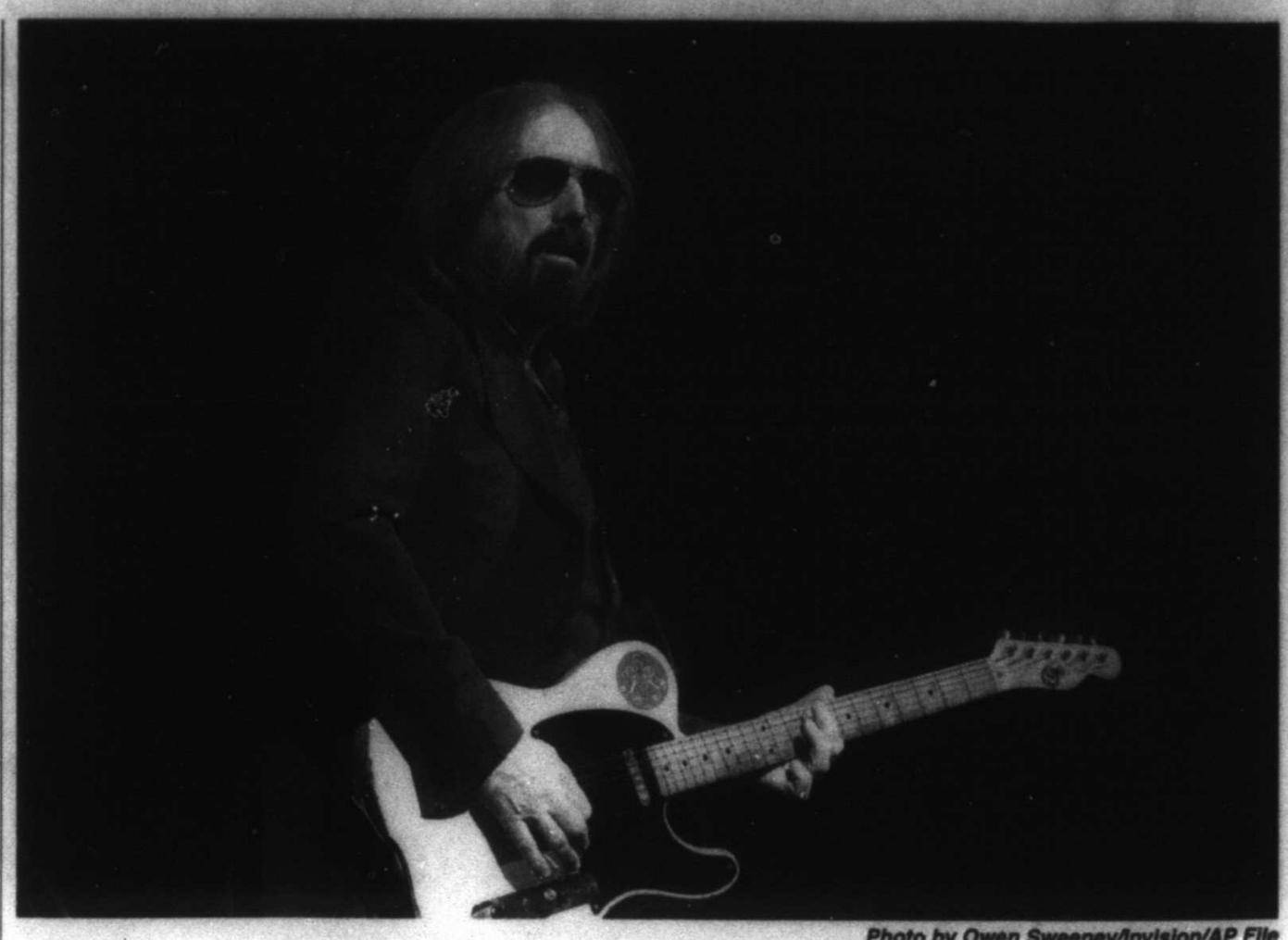
The Peterbilt hydroplaned on the wet road, and the trailer slid into the pickup, according to the press release that DPS sent on Tuesday. Sepulvado, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.

The wreck occurred at about 7 p.m. Saturday.

Sepulvado is the 29th person who was reported to have died on roads in Midland County this year, and the second in as many days, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Galindo

A 24-year-old Midland County woman died Sunday morning when her car was hit by a pickup at the intersection of Midland Drive and Illinois Avenue. Odessan Juan Lujan Galindo Jr., 21, is being held on a $100,000 bond on a charge of intoxication manslaughter, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. He was driving at least 60 mph at the time of the wreck, according to his arrest affidavit.



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Tom Petty of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers performs during their "40th Anniversary Tour" July 1 in Philadelphia. Spokeswoman Carla Sacks says Petty died Monday night, at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles after he suffered cardiac arrest.

Houston leaders start providing grants for Harvey recovery

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Harvey relief fund established by Houston's top elected leaders has issued its first grants, giving out $7.5 million to 28 organizations with an emphasis on getting people still displaced by the storm into temporary housing.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and other leaders of the fund announced the grants Tuesday. They amount to less than 10 percent of the nearly $80 million raised so far by the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. More grants are expected to go out next month.

The groups receiving money are expected to spend it within 90 days and report back to the relief fund's board on how they used the money. Nearly half of the organizations say their purpose for the money is to provide temporary housing or home repair.

Several groups also have committed to using the money for case management, linking people in need of help with the right aid groups to serve them.

At least $500 million has been raised by national and local groups serving the Texas Gulf Coast after the August storm, which killed at least 80 people, destroyed 200,000 homes and inundated much of Houston, the nation's fourth-largest city. Piles of rotting debris still sit outside many homes in Houston, and thousands of people remain in hotels or temporary housing after losing their homes.

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as being for a "citizen who demonstrates the League of Women Voters' mission and core values."

Grant Billingsley, executive director of the Scharbauer Foundation, during his introduction of the county judge, said innovative solutions require people with great energy and intellect. He said the residents of Midland County have benefited from Bradford's time spent in Austin, where he talked to representatives about what is best for counties across the state. Billingsley described Bradford as that trusted resource who is a good listener and who cares about his constituents.

As far as determining what's next, Bradford said he is considering whether to seek a fourth term as county judge. Bradford, a Republican, is one of [illegible]e commissioners who will come up for re-election in 2018; Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly and Precinct 4 Commissioner Randy Prude are the others.

Bradford said with the budget out of the way, he can talk with his family and other commissioners about what's next for the county and their respective political futures.

POTHOLES

From 1A

will be the case, no matter how Midlanders vote next month.

He said the elements that are part of the West Texas region are harsh on roads. Extreme temperature and the lack of water runoff expose roads to elements other cities in the state don't have to worry about. For instance, Austin filled 3,154 potholes in 2014. That same year, Midland filled more than 5,900.

McClelland said city leaders have provided more money to the Transportation Division to be proactive and not reactive when it comes to maintenance. McClelland said more than $7 million was spent on maintenance this past fiscal year, and the City Council has budgeted for more than $7 million to spend again this year. City leaders anticipate increasing that amount to more than $10 million annually in upcoming years.

Proactive maintenance means proper treatment of roads early, so cracks are sealed, the exposure to elements is lessened and there are fewer breakdowns; therefore are fewer potholes and less deterioration of streets. "We want to make streets last longer and extend future life," McClelland said, explaining why people are seeing maintenance efforts on newer roads across the city. "We want people to know what we are doing. We have to catch up a little bit."

Tom Petty, down-to-Earth rock superstar, dies at 66

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

Tom Petty, an old-fashioned rock superstar and everyman who drew upon the Byrds, the Beatles and other bands he worshipped as a boy and produced new classics such as "Free Fallin'" "Refugee" and "American Girl," has died. He was 66.

Petty died Monday night at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles a day after he suffered cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, California, spokeswoman Carla Sacks said.

Petty and his longtime band the Heartbreakers had recently completed a 40th-anniversary tour, one he hinted would be their last.

"I'm thinking it may be the last trip around the country," Petty told Rolling Stone last year. "We're all on the backside of our 60s. I have a granddaughter now, I'd like to see as much as I can. I don't want to spend my life on the road. This tour will take me away for four months. With a little kid, that's a lot of time."

Usually backed by the Heartbreakers, Petty broke through in the 1970s and went on to sell more than 80 million records. The Gainesville, Florida, native with the shaggy blond hair and gaunt features was loved for his melodic hard rock, nasally vocals and down-to-earth style. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which inducted Petty and the Heartbreakers in 2002, praised them as "durable, resourceful, hard-working, likeable and unpretentious."

He was a beloved member of the rock community and musicians sent their condolences. Bob Dylan, a longtime friend, tweeted "I thought the world of Tom. He was great performer, full of the light, a friend, and I'll never forget him." Ringo Starr, featured in the video for "I Won't Back Down," tweeted "God bless Tom Petty." Eric Clapton issued a statement that Petty was "such a huge part of our musical history, there'll never be another like him."

Petty's albums included "Damn the Torpedoes," "Hard Promises" and "Full Moon Fever," although his first No. 1 did not come until 2014, and "Hypnotic Eye." As a songwriter, he focused often on daily struggles and the will to overcome them, most memorably on "Refugee," "Even the Losers" and "I Won't Back Down."

"It's sort of the classic theme of a lot of the work I've done," he told The Associated Press in 1989. "I think faith is very important just to get through life. I think it's really important that you believe in yourself, first of all. It's a very hard to thing to come by. But when you get it, it's invaluable."

Petty didn't just sing about not backing down, he lived it. In 1979, he was enraged when his record label was sold and his contract transferred. Stating that he would not be "bought and sold like a piece of meat," he self-financed what became "Damn the Torpedoes" and declared bankruptcy rather than allowing his label, MCA, to release it. He eventually reached a new deal with MCA, for better terms. In the early 1980s, he was again at war with MCA, this time over the label's plans to charge extra money, a dollar higher than the standard $8.98, for his album "Hard Promises." He again prevailed.

Petty was both a musician and obsessive fan, one who met his childhood heroes and lived out the fantasies of countless young rock lovers. He befriended Byrds leader Roger McGuinn and became close to George Harrison, who performed on "I Won't Back Down" and joined Petty, Dylan, Roy Orbison and Jeff Lynne in the impromptu supergroup the Traveling Wilburys. Petty inducted Harrison into the Rock Hall in 2004; two years earlier, Dylan's son Jakob inducted Petty. In the 1980s, Petty and the Heartbreakers supported Bob Dylan on a nationwide tour.

He would speak of being consumed by rock music since childhood, to the point where his father, whom Petty would later say beat him savagely, thought he was "mental." Awed by the chiming guitars of the Byrds, the melodic genius of the Beatles and the snarling lyrics of Dylan, he was amazed to find that other kids were feeling the same way.

"You'd go and see some other kid whose hair was long, this was around '65, and go, 'Wow, there's one like me,'" he told The Associated Press in 1989. "You'd go over and talk and he'd say, 'I've got a drum set.' 'You do? Great!' That was my whole life."

By his early 20s, Petty had formed the group Mudcrutch with fellow Gainesville natives and future Heartbreakers (guitarist) Mike Campbell and (keyboardist) Benmont Tench. They soon broke up, but reunited in Los Angeles as the Heartbreakers, joined by bassist Ron Blair and drummer Stan Lynch. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' eponymous debut came out in 1976 and the band's following steadily grew, fitting in well with the New Wave sounds of the time and appealing to those who loved the rock music of the '60s. "Damn the Torpedoes" was Petty's first top 10 album and included his first top 20 singles, "Refugee" and "Don't Do Me Like That."

His music was always popular, a staple on classic rock stations and used in the films "Cars 3," "The Silence of the Lambs," "Mad Love" and "Sing," among many others. On recent TV, his songs were featured in "The Office" and "Criminal Minds" (which both used "Here Comes My Girl"), "The Goldbergs" (which used "American Girl") and "Cold Case" (which used "Free Fallin'" and "Don't Come Around Here No More," among others.) The band Haim paid homage to Petty's classic video for "Free Fallin'" in their own video this year for "Want You Back."

The world changed more than Petty did over the past few decades, even his marriage to Jane Benyo (with whom he had two children) broke up and he battled heroin addiction in the '90s. In 2014, around the time he received an ASCAP Founders Award, he told The Associated Press that he thought of himself as "kind of a music historian."

"I'm always interested in the older music, and I'm still always discovering things that I didn't know about," said Petty, married to Dana York since 2001. "To be honest, I really probably spend more time listening to the old stuff than I do the new stuff."

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Obfuscate
[ob-fuh-skeyt, ob-fuhs-keyt]
verb
1. to confuse, bewilder, or stupefy.
2. to make obscure or unclear.

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Things to do

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

■ Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup. 6 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

■ Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson, 6:30 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothing. $5.

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

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

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

Pink the Basin

Pink the Basin: 2017 Benefit Luncheon with television host and breast cancer survivor Samantha Harris, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. $150. Sponsorships $1,250 to $10,000. Pinkthebasin.com.

First Friday Science Lecture

The Delaware Basin Wolfcamp Formation is the topic of this month's First Friday lecture series, set for noon Friday at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. The speaker is to be Larry Wollschlager, founder and CEO of Wolf Energy.

Attendees may bring lunch or purchase lunch at the student center grill.

Life Chain 2017

ProLife Midland will host Life Chain 2017 from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Life Chain, according to a press release, is an "international hour of prayer for our nation and a peaceful, prayerful public witness on behalf of the unborn at risk of abortion."

ProLife Midland will distribute signs beginning at 1:45 p.m. near the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Andrews Highway. The life chain will extend in the form of a cross, north and south on Andrews Highway and east and west on Illinois Avenue.

For more information, call 686-7709 for local or go to lifechain.net.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of the Greenwood High School football team stand for the national anthem before their homecoming game Friday in Greenwood.

COM Aquatics brings in Olympian divers for exhibition

Former Olympic gold medalist and world champion Laura Wilkinson, 2016 Olympic medalist Sam Dorman and 2017 World Champion high diver Steven LoBue will be performing along with COM divers, including 2016 World Championship Team member Tarrin Gilliland, Saturday during the "Big Show" diving exhibition.

The exhibition is at the Abell-Hanger Pool at COM Aquatics. The evening program starts at 6 p.m. with cocktails and music in the COM courtyard. The dive show will last approximately 30 minutes.

Tickets are $60 for dinner and the show and $15 for just the show.

For those interested in tickets, contact COM Aquatics, 684-7755 or go to comaquatics.com/bigshow.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)
■ Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2017. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's highlights:

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit. The family sitcom "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS.

On this date:

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 2002, "American Taliban" John Walker Lindh received a 20-year sentence after a sobbing plea for forgiveness before a federal judge in Alexandria, Virginia. In a federal court in Boston, a laughing Richard Reid pleaded guilty to trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives in his shoes (the British citizen was later sentenced to life in prison).

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-4-5
Pick 3 day: 0-3-9
Pick 3 evening: 6-9-9
Pick 3 night: 4-0-5
Daily 4 morning: 6-3-4-6
Daily 4 day: 8-0-4-2
Daily 4 evening: 3-4-1-0
Daily 4 night: 2-7-2-6
Cash Five: 4-10-16-22-32
Triple Chance: 2-11-13-16-19-22-36-37-42-52
Mega Millions: 12-18-19-25-67 **MB:** 7 **Megaplier:** 5
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-5-9-10-12-13-15-18-20-22-23
All or Nothing day: 2-4-7-8-9-13-14-15-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-5-6-10-13-15-17-18-20-22-24
All or Nothing night: 3-5-6-9-11-12-15-19-21-22-23-24

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 81
Low 70
Normal high 82
Normal low 56

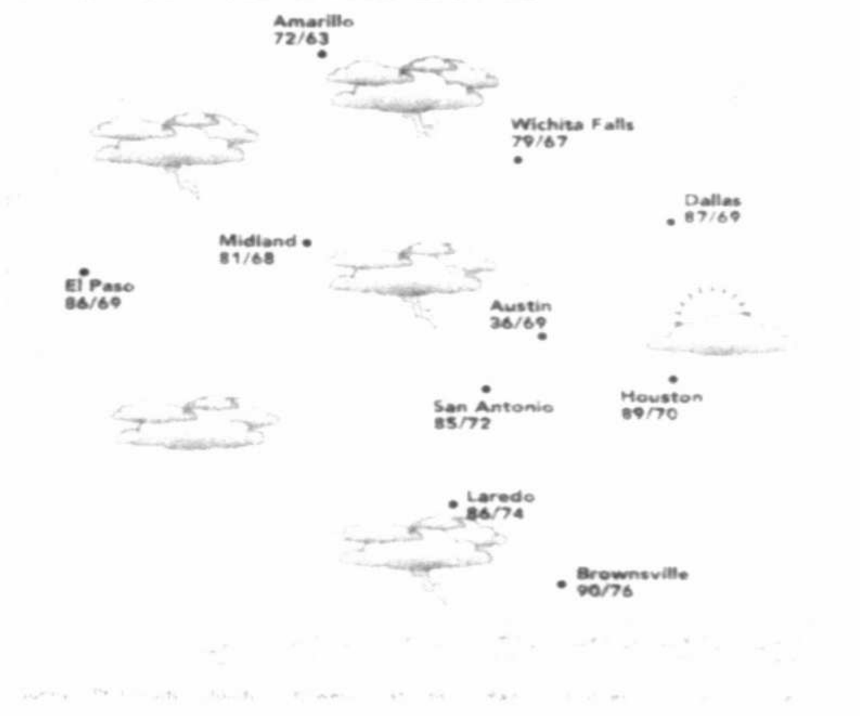
Oct. 3's records
Record high: 99 set in 2000
Record low: 39 set in 1987

Precipitation
Monday .... 0.00 in.
Tuesday .... 0.00 in.
Month total .... 0.00 in.
Year total .... 16.81 in.
Normal total (year to date) .... 11.78 in.

Winds
Average: 15.3 mph
Highest sustained: 22 mph
Highest gust: 23 mph

Today's forecast
High: 80
Low: 70
Conditions: Cloudy during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: 40 percent during the day/30 percent at night
Sunrise 7:45 a.m.
Sunset 7:29 p.m.

Forecast for Wednesday, October 4, 2017



Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Pisces if born before 4:42 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017:

This year you can be intuitive and sensitive at times, yet at other times you can be assertive, direct and demanding. Relating to you is exciting, to say the very least. You will be more direct and accepting. Your popularity depends on your ability to accept others as they are. If you are single, you will learn how to relate to people who are different from you. Enjoy this process. If you are attached, the two of you seem to spend endless hours chatting together. You will experience many intense but fun moments together. ARIES can be very challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You will have a premonition of some sort that could be worth following. You will wonder how you got this feeling. Don't ask questions, just follow it through. Sometimes insecurity prevents you from taking a leap of faith. Try to be more self-confident. **Tonight:** All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the morning for any heartfelt project or important matter with which you are involved. Though you might have to deal with some stress, the results probably will be better than if you had waited until later. In the afternoon, make time for yourself. **Tonight:** Vanish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ All eyes turn to you. You might not be sure which way you should turn, but you will accept the immediate responsibility and do your best. By the late afternoon, you will feel more vibrant and alive. Stop stressing, and fit in some networking. **Tonight:** Visit with a relative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. You might want to find an expert and ask for his or her feedback. You have many different perspectives to weigh and consider. Pressure builds to have a discussion with a boss about accepting more responsibility. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating points to success right now. Though you might add extra time to your workday, you will decide that this type of communication is well worth it. Touch base with a dear friend at a distance toward the end of the day. **Tonight:** Consider a weekend getaway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Others seem to want what they want, and will settle for nothing less. Forget negotiating, but feel free to walk away from a difficult situation. A family member could be touchy or difficult. You have no control over this person's attitude, but you can be nice. **Tonight:** Order in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ You might wonder what is motivating an associate. Know that you are unlikely to be able to change this person's mind. Resist making any judgments. Defer to others and listen to what they say. Understand what is happening around you. **Tonight:** Go along with a loved one's desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Focus on the job at hand. You don't need to make a costly mistake. Know what you need to do, then follow through. Schedule an important appointment, which could be for a checkup. Refuse to be negative about how you feel today. **Tonight:** Know when to call it a night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You might be overly serious or depressed, which is creating unnecessary negativity. Try to eliminate your emotional reaction to different statements, and understand where others are coming from. Later, you will feel better and much more spontaneous. **Tonight:** Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Reach out to someone whose opinion means a lot to you. Investigate new possibilities more openly. Ask questions, and figure out how to handle a situation that seems to be bothering you. You might want to head home earlier than you had anticipated. **Tonight:** As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding in the direction that a friend has suggested. You might find the costs literally or figuratively prohibitive. Do not feel pressured. Initiate a discussion in the late afternoon. Others will hear you loud and clear. **Tonight:** Meet a friend for munchies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are charming and have a way of melting others' resistance. A boss, parent or some other authority figure could cause you a lot of problems. Make no major decisions. Make a point of buying a token of affection in the afternoon for a new friend. **Tonight:** Just don't be alone.

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Midland Police Department Deputy Chief Jeff Darr poses for a photo with the Melo family during a National Night Out party at La Roca The Rock church on Wednesday.

Kennedy is key to Supreme Court outcome on partisan maps

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a case that could reshape American politics, the Supreme Court appeared split Tuesday on whether Wisconsin Republicans gave themselves an unfair advantage when they drew political maps to last a decade.

If Justice Anthony Kennedy, whose vote almost certainly controls the outcome, is prepared to join his liberal colleagues, the court could rule for the first time that districting plans that entrench one party's control of a legislature or congressional delegation can violate the constitutional rights of the other party's voters. That could lead to changes in political maps across the country.

While both parties seek maximum partisan advantage when they can, Republicans controlled more state governments after the 2010 census and aggressively used redistricting to lock in electoral advantages to last for the next 10 years.

Kennedy suggested, as he did in another redistricting case 13 years ago, that courts perhaps could be involved in placing limits on extremely partisan electoral maps.

But he did not tip his hand about whether the Wisconsin map that favors Republicans crossed a constitutional line.

Throughout the session, the justices and lawyers alike appeared to cast their questions and remarks with the hope of attracting Kennedy. He wrote in 2004 that he would be open to ruling for the challengers if the court could be shown a good way to measure and manage excessively partisan districts.

Paul Smith, the same lawyer who failed to get Kennedy's vote and thus a majority 13 years ago, said technology and data analysis had so improved since then that there are good ways to measure when one party gives itself an unfair edge in creating districts.

Without the court's intervention, Smith said on behalf of the Democratic voters, the next round of redistricting after the 2020 census will see far more extreme partisan maps.

"You are the only institution in the United States that can solve this problem just as democracy is about to get worse," Smith said.

"You paint a very dire picture," Justice Samuel Alito replied dryly. He seemed unpersuaded.

The conservative justices were skeptical about striking down the state's map or even involving courts in the inherently political process of redistricting.

Chief Justice John Roberts worried about involving the Supreme Court in a glut of partisan redistricting claims that would follow if the Wisconsin Democrats prevail.

"We'll have to decide in every case whether the Democrats win or the Republicans win," Roberts said, a scenario that he said would damage the court's credibility.

The liberal justices appeared to favor the Democratic voters who challenged the Wisconsin plan. Republicans who controlled the legislature and the governor's office adopted electoral maps that have given themselves a significant advantage in the state Assembly in a state that is otherwise roughly divided between the parties.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said that a decision upholding the Republican-drawn districts in Wisconsin would encourage one party's lawmakers to stack the deck against their opponents when they control the process and reduce the number of legitimately contested elections.

"What becomes of the precious right to vote?" she asked.

Representing Wisconsin, Misha Tseytlin urged the court not to succumb to the other side's "scare tactics about what will happen next."

People waited in line for hours for a chance to view the argument on the second day of the court's term. Roberts turned down a request for live audio of the argument.

The packed house included former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, among a handful of prominent Republicans who want the court to rein in partisan redistricting.

The Supreme Court has never thrown out a political map because it is too partisan. Courts have struck down districts as racially biased for decades, and other partisan districting lawsuits are moving through the courts in Maryland and North Carolina.

In Wisconsin, a lower court sifted through evidence showing that Republicans packed Democrats into some districts and spread them out across others to maximize gains for the GOP. In one analysis, Democrats captured far fewer state Assembly seats even when they won roughly the same percentage of the statewide vote as Republicans.

The lower court concluded that the districting plans were drawn to discriminate against Democrats, the Republicans' advantage would endure even in the face of a strong Democratic showing at the polls and the plans could not be explained by other, nonpartisan reasons.

The state is arguing the justices should put an end to courts' consideration of partisanship in districting plans and cautioning that far from being manageable, a ruling for the Democratic voters would open the door to a flood of lawsuits that would be based on cherry-picked evidence and hard for judges to manage.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, the newest member of the court, likened the court's task in finding a way to measure partisanship with his preparations for grilling steak. "I like my turmeric and other spices, but I'm not going to tell you how much. What's this court supposed to do, a pinch of this, a pinch of that?" Gorsuch asked.

A decision in Gill v. Whitford, 16-1161, is expected by spring.

Supreme Court weighs case on detention of immigrants

By Jessica Gresko
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court wrestled for a second time Tuesday with whether the government can indefinitely detain certain immigrants it is considering deporting without providing a hearing.

An eight-member court, deadlocked 4-4, didn't decide the issue last year. Now that Justice Neil Gorsuch has joined the court he will presumably break a tie. But the justices seemed to struggle Tuesday with the issue just as they did when the case was first heard last November.

The case the justices were hearing is a class-action lawsuit brought by immigrants who've spent long periods in custody. The group includes some people facing deportation because they've committed a crime and others who arrived at the border seeking asylum.

The San Francisco-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled for the immigrants, saying they generally should get bond hearings after six months in detention, and then every six months if they continue to be held. The court said the government must show why they should remain locked up. The government disputes that ruling, a position shared by the Obama and Trump administrations.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which brought the case on behalf of the immigrants, says about 34,000 immigrants are being detained on any given day in the United States, and 90 percent of immigrants' cases are resolved within six months. But some cases take much longer. In the case before the justices, Mexican immigrant Alejandro Rodriguez was detained for more than three years without a bond hearing. He was fighting deportation after being convicted of misdemeanor drug possession and joyriding, and was ultimately released and allowed to stay in the United States.

The court's liberal justices suggested sympathy for immigrants like Rodriguez who face lengthy detention. Justice Stephen Breyer said that in most other cases where someone is detained they get a hearing to determine whether they should be freed.

"We give triple ax murderers, at least people who are accused of such, bail hearings," Breyer said.

Justice Elena Kagan told the government's lawyer, Malcolm Stewart, that asylum seekers have some constitutional rights, such as "not to be tortured, not to be placed in hard labor." She suggested a similar right "not to be placed in arbitrary confinement."

But the appeals court's decision that a hearing is necessary at six months and every six months thereafter seemed to give other justices pause. Justice Samuel Alito told ACLU lawyer Ahilan Arulanantham that "it's quite something to find six months in the Constitution."

Texas death row inmate who won at high court gets life term

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A black Texas prison inmate who earlier this year won a U.S. Supreme Court order for a new punishment hearing because his death sentence may have been tainted by references to race has accepted a life prison term plus two 60-year sentences.

"After reviewing the evidence and the law, I have concluded that, 22 years after his conviction, a Harris County jury would likely not return another death penalty conviction in a case that has forever been tainted by the indelible specter of race," Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said Tuesday.

In return for 54-year-old Duane Buck pleading guilty to two additional counts of attempted murder, Ogg said her office won't pursue the death penalty against him.

Buck's attorneys had tried for years to get federal courts to look into claims that his rights were violated when jurors were told by a defense expert witness that Buck was more likely to be dangerous in the future because he is black.

In Texas death penalty trials, one of the "special issues" jurors must consider when deciding punishment is whether the defendant they've convicted would be a future danger. The high court, in a 6-2 ruling in February, said the race reference in testimony was improper.

"Our law punishes people for what they do, not who they are. Dispensing punishment on the basis of an immutable characteristic flatly contravenes this guiding principle," Chief Justice John Roberts said in his majority opinion.

Roberts wrote that the testimony of Dr. Walter Quijano "was potent evidence. Dr. Quijano's testimony appealed to a powerful racial stereotype — that of black men as 'violence prone.'"

Buck was convicted of killing his ex-girlfriend and another man in 1995. His case was among six in 2000 that then-Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, now the state's senior U.S. senator, said in a news release needed to be reopened because Quijano's statements were racially charged. In the other five cases, new punishment hearings were held and each convict again was sentenced to death.

SUPREME COURTBRIEFS

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ALABAMA

Inmate asks high court to keep execution on hold

BIRMINGHAM — An Alabama inmate is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to keep his execution on hold.

Lawyers for 56-year-old Jeffery Lynn Borden on Tuesday asked justices to uphold the injunction currently blocking Borden's execution scheduled for Thursday.

Borden has challenged the humanness of Alabama's lethal injection procedure. His lawyers said the state is making a "macabre and cynical attempt" to end that legal challenge by executing him.

Alabama asked the high court to overturn an injunction issued last week by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The state argued justices have allowed other executions to proceed using the same drug combination, and Borden's should go forward as well.

Borden was convicted of killing his estranged wife, Cheryl Borden, and her father, Roland Harris, during a 1993 Christmas Eve gathering.

FLORIDA

Man asks US Supreme Court to halt planned execution

STARKE — A Florida inmate convicted of killing two people decades ago has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to halt Thursday's scheduled execution.

Attorneys for Michael Lambrix filed the appeal Tuesday. Lambrix was convicted of killing Clarence Moore and Aleisha Bryant. Prosecutors said he killed the pair in 1983 outside his trailer near LaBelle, northeast of Fort Myers, after an evening of drinking.

Lambrix argued that the execution, scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, should be halted after Florida's death penalty sentencing method was found to be unconstitutional. The state has since required a unanimous jury vote in death cases.

The jury was not unanimous in either of Lambrix's death sentence decisions, but Florida's Supreme Court has said the new rules do not apply to cases as old as his.

Care for a corporate tax cut? Pushing the cause at doorsteps

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WORMLEYSBURG, Pennsylvania — The idea of cutting taxes for corporations is something Americans have long felt was a bad idea.

That's what they've told pollsters, anyway. Yet President Donald Trump and his allies are betting that many voters just need someone to explain to them how a corporate tax cut would unleash an economic bonanza, with new jobs, faster growth and ample pay raises. And they're taking that message right to some voters' doorsteps in hopes of igniting a surge of support.

So on an unseasonably hot Saturday recently, a chipper Ashley Klingensmith canvassed a neighborhood of stately colonial homes outside Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Using an iPad, she rang the doorbells of people presumed to be sympathetic to the notion of revamping the federal tax code. And indeed, all but one of the nine she and a colleague interviewed agreed that corporate taxes should be lowered as Trump and Republican leaders have proposed in hopes of further strengthening the job market.

Yet not everyone saw it as an urgent problem that a president who is facing tough problems involving North Korea, Iran, Afghanistan, trade deals and natural disasters must solve this year.

"He has so much on his plate that it's going to be hard to get the Congress to focus on that, what with how many thousands of pages of the IRS tax code that's out there, that need to be redone," said Leora Kirkpatrick, a retiree.

At some other homes, Klingensmith encountered people prepared to blame Republicans in Congress — rather than the president — if a tax overhaul failed, whether or not it included a corporate tax cut.

"We've got a Congress that doesn't do anything," said Harold DeGarmo, who retired after working for the Army for 40 years. "I think (Trump) is doing good, trying to. The Republicans are fighting him."

The canvassing was part of a 35-state operation spearheaded by Americans for Prosperity, a group backed by the billionaire Koch brothers' network and where Klingensmith, 31, works as Pennsylvania field director. There are also phone bank operations and TV ad campaigns run by outside groups that have met with White House officials as part of the push. The outreach is expected to continue in coming months in hopes of helping drive the plan through Congress.

The operation is meant to remedy a perceived flaw in Trump's failed drive to repeal President Barack Obama's 2010 health insurance law. That effort lacked a base of voters ready to push lawmakers to back the repeal. By contrast, the outreach on taxes is aimed at loyal conservative voters who are seen as open to applying pressure to lawmakers via phone calls and meetings.

It was impossible to gauge around Harrisburg just how intense the follow-through will be by targeted voters. But the state directors of Americans for Prosperity held more than 100 meetings with federal lawmakers and staff last week.

On paper, it isn't an easy sell. Trump's tax plan would slash business taxes by $2.65 trillion over a decade while increasing the tax burden on families and individuals by $471 billion, according to a preliminary analysis by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

The sales job amounts to a test of whether Trump's allies can galvanize ordinary people on an issue as complex and polarizing as taxes. Among their talking points is that the tax code is a deplorable mess that favors special interests. U.S. companies, they argue, pay an inflated tax rate compared with those in other countries. So reducing the 35 percent corporate rate to 20 percent and eliminating unspecified loopholes, they say, would kick economic growth into a higher speed.

Vanessa Williamson, a fellow at the Brookings Institution who studies public attitudes toward taxes, noted that cutting corporate taxes has remained consistently unpopular with voters despite the efforts of conservative groups.

"They've been trying for decades at the elite levels of the Republican Party to make pro-big-business issues something that motivates their base — and I don't think they've had much success," Williamson said.

In April, the Pew Research Center found that 62 percent of Americans said they were bothered "a lot" by their belief that some corporations don't pay their "fair share" of taxes. That perception concerned people far more than the amount of taxes they paid or the complexity of the tax code. A Washington Post-ABC News poll in September reported that 65 percent of Americans said they believed large companies paid too little in taxes.

Trump might be the rare politician who can bridge the gap between corporations and ordinary voters who feel let down by the political establishment. He campaigned against trade deals and illegal immigration while casting himself as a corporate success in a way that reassured voters who sought a stronger economy.

"He is somewhat uniquely positioned to make that argument because he ran and is governing as a populist," said Rohit Kumar, a former tax counsel to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who is now an executive in PwC's tax policy services practice.

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It's getting easier to hate mass murderers

JACQUIELYNN FLOYD
Dallas Morning News

It's getting harder for us to be shocked at mass killings. Disconcertingly, it's getting easier — for some of us, at least — to feel real hatred for the monsters who carry them out.

Sadness, dismay — yes, certainly. But shock — in the unreal, it-can't-happen-here sense of the word? Not anymore.

That's the real horror of the modern American gun massacre: its familiarity.

It's not familiar, of course, for the people who were in Las Vegas Sunday night. No amount of world-weariness can prepare a human being for the sight of people running for their lives or dropping to the ground with blood exploding from their bodies; nothing will ever erase the traumatic memory.

For the rest of us? It's the worst-mass-shooting-in-American-history. Again. It's a stale round of gridlocked debate about guns, about political orientation, about public security. Again. It's a fresh opportunity for fools who have no clue what it was actually like to be in the line of fire to make idiotic pronouncements about how "good guys with guns" could have prevented the carnage.

Again.

"These types of stories always wind up being political, whether it's about gun control or the sources of the dark forces in a gunman's life," writes ABC News political director Rick Klein. "There's a numbing familiarity to it all."

Yes, there is. And I feel a familiar-if-uncharitable emotion about it all: anger bordering on rage. On real hatred.

It is perhaps shameful to feel this way, but it's the truth. I feel a bitter fury toward these gunmen, toward the narcissism and entitlement that make them deliberately seek a maximum body count.

That's what they have in common, from do-it-yourself terrorist Omar Mateen, who established the previous record for slaughter when he killed 49 innocent partyers at an Orlando nightclub, to the self-pitying man who murdered his ex-wife and eight of her guests at a football watch party in Plano two weeks ago.

Faced with the problems, slights, and disappointments with which many of us have to cope in this life, these megalomaniacs feel justified in responding by murdering as many innocent strangers as they can manage.

I recognize that there is a faulty reasoning mechanism in their mental apparatus, and perhaps the more humane attitude toward them should be pity. But with human blood still pooling on the pavement, I can't help hating their selfishness, their obsessive desire to inflict suffering.

Our generous cultural attitude toward personal firepower keeps allowing them to up the ante. Early reports suggest that the man identified by law enforcement as the Las Vegas gunman, 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, prepared an efficient murder machine. He reportedly had multiple weapons and at least two firing platforms in his 32nd-floor hotel room, creating a deer blind for hunting humans.

A popular outdoor country music festival, crowded with happy, relaxed concert fans, provided easy and endless targets. The crude cliche "fish in a barrel" was already making rounds within hours of the killings, which, witnesses say, seemed to go on and on. Paddock reportedly killed himself when police stormed his perch.

By midmorning Monday, the death toll stood at 50. And the toll of those injured — some, if not many, by devastating gunshots — was at more than 400.

That's a staggering number, an appalling level of damage. How many of those will die, or be permanently maimed, or unhinged for the rest of their lives? All because one person, one anonymous man, cherished his grievances and gorged on murderous fantasies until he made them come true.

I admit it: The temptation to say something bitter, something spiteful, such as "I hope he's happy in hell," is profound.

Instead, I will stick with established convention. I'll do a little hand-wringing over why can't we make it harder for these lunatics to stockpile powerful weapons. And I'll wonder why we don't do a better job identifying heavily armed men who seem to have an outsized sense of grievance and entitlement.

Why can't we offer a better response than well-intended but trite "thoughts and prayers"?

And when will our dithering and flummoxed government devote some real resources to science-based study in gun violence reduction?

Those are all the familiar post-murder queries, the ones we have grown to expect. We voiced them after the Batman movie killings in Aurora, Colorado, and after Adam Lanza murdered all those heart-breakingly young grade-schoolers, and after a pissed-off ex-soldier murdered five of our Dallas police officers. Every time some fruitcake with murderously well-engineered weaponry tries to set a new killing record, we ask these things.

We ask the same questions again and again, and we seem to be getting used to not having them answered. The terrible-but-no-longer-shocking event occurs; oh-my-God; thoughts-and-prayers. Then it's over until the next one.

As wrong as it seems, I am beginning to hate the people who do this. I am beginning to hate the triviality of their grievances and the sameness of these ugly stories. I hate the familiarity of the events and of the predictable response; and I loathe the nothing-we-can-do amnesia that overcomes us until next time.

But I'm not sure I'm shocked anymore. I wish I were.

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GUEST VIEW

Focus on the victims, heroes instead of politics of the shooting

Dallas Morning News

The Pandora's box of evil that has increasingly defined America this past decade cracked open once again Sunday night, leaving the nation to grieve the worst mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

One of the terrified survivors, the back of his shirt marked with footprints from fellow concertgoers trying to flee the sniper's aim, spoke what's in the hearts of many Americans. Mike McGarry said his only thought was to protect his children: "They're 20. I'm 53. I lived a good life."

We all want to safeguard those around us, whether it's our family, friends or the strangers standing anxiously alongside us in line for coffee, all of us in shock that yet another madman has been at work.

The "whys" that would settle our minds are in short supply. Perhaps that is unsurprising, given the senselessness of the act. But this grim fact is clear: The bad guys just don't seem to take a day off.

This time the toll is already more than 50 dead. And with at least 500 injured, it's probably naive to think the body count won't rise. Already the debates — over gun control, over "which side" this killer was on, over the definition of "a terrorist" — are raging.

Can we just take a breath from the politics and focus instead on the countless fellow Americans whose lives will never be the same? Ordinary folks who set out to attend a country music festival and wound up in a fish-in-a-barrel horror show.

The shots that spun out in repeated spurts late Sunday came from the 32nd floor of a hotel adjacent to the concert venue near the Vegas Strip. As the gunman picked off victims from his towering perch, he looked down on confused targets struggling to make life-and-death decisions to flee or huddle among one another for cover.

The still-unfolding grim scenes are enough to make us all want to just hunker down at home with our loved ones. #PrayForVegas is the latest of a too-many-to-count march of #prayfor(fillintheblank) hashtags that Americans have awakened to on Twitter.

But we can't let killers win. Not 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, who took his own life surrounded by a cache of weaponry as law enforcement approached his hotel room. And not any of those evil men who came before him.

Focus not on Paddock's cowardice, but on the bravery of so many. The off-duty police officers who stood up amid the barrage of gunfire, directing people on what to do. The concertgoers, some trained and some not, plugging bullet holes in fellow concertgoers with their fingers while they awaited first responders. Fathers such as Philadelphia native McGarry, who were determined that their children would survive.

Brave. Selfless. Heroic. If only the opportunities to show those fine traits weren't so many.

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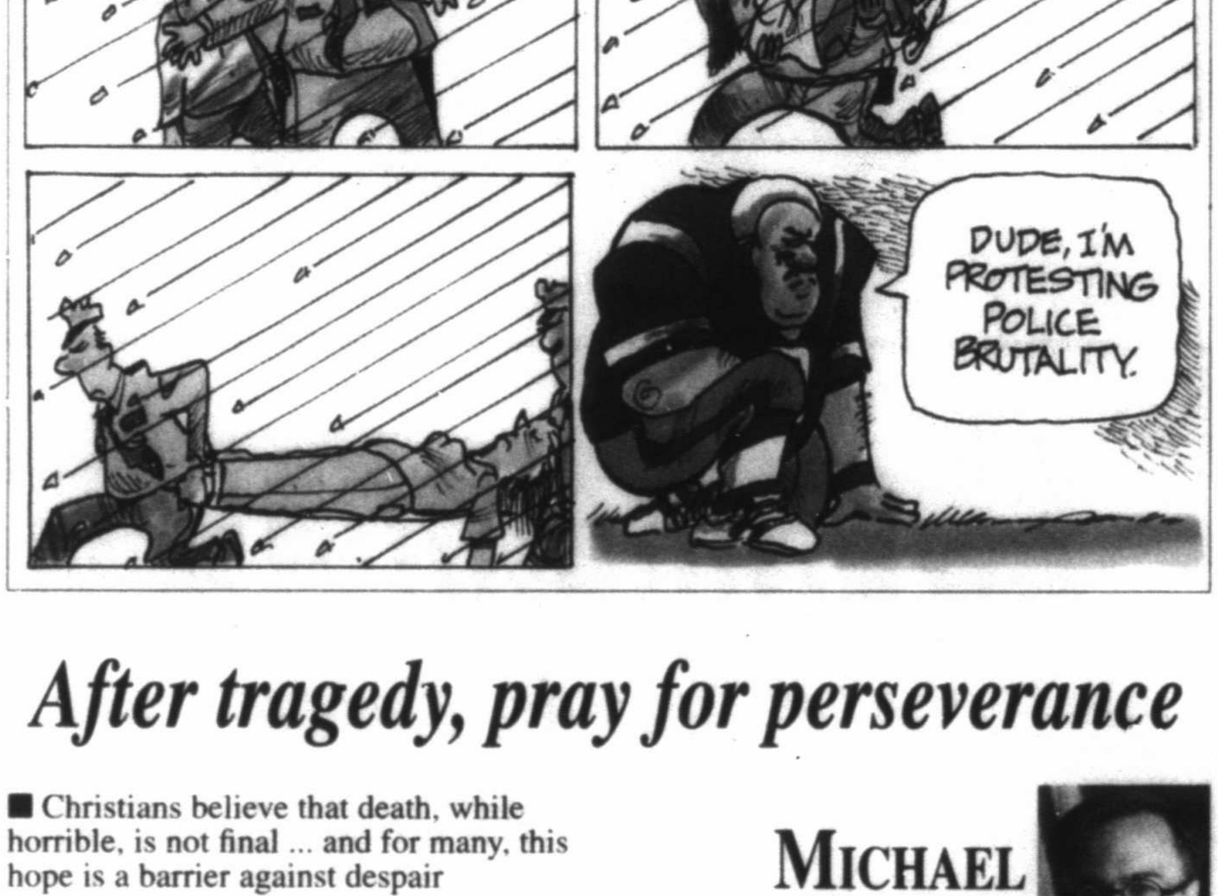

After tragedy, pray for perseverance

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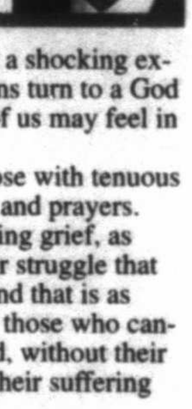

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One thing we learn from tragedy: there is always more to come.

We experience the death of a loved one, the suicide of a friend, the suffering of a child, and the harshness and pain of the world break in, unannounced and unwelcome. Few have been spared, and then only temporarily.

But sometimes there are moments when we experience tragedy, not individually, but collectively, as a country, in events that seem too terrible for a single day. This is what happened in Las Vegas, with bullets from the sky, bringing death, sudden and unearned. In days to come, we may learn the dark reasons or manias that produced homicide on such a scale. We will also hear more stories of self-sacrifice, as friends helped friends, and parents instinctively reached out to shield the bodies of their children. "They're 20," said one man. "I'm 53. I lived a good life."

All of us who interpret events for a living look into the abyss of tragedy and tend to see reasons for what brings us comfort. For some, it is passage of a law. For others, support for a religious or philosophic belief. The alternative, after all, is impotent silence. Some of these insights from the abyss may be profoundly true. But they are mainly about us. What matters more is the grief and loss of families, and the defiant remembering of each life. This will be the proper focus of the next few days.

That said, I do come at these events from a religious perspective, as some of the victims surely did, and as some of their loved ones surely do. The Christian faith involves a whisper from beyond time that death, while horrible, is not final — that the affirmations of the creeds and the inscriptions on tombstones are not lies. And for many, this hope is a barrier against despair.

Yet faith also encompasses something deeper and more difficult — what theologian Jurgen Moltmann has called "God's terrible silence." In that silence, only the scarred God, the weak and victimized God, the God of the cross seems to communicate. Not in words, but in a shocking example of lonely suffering. Christians turn to a God who once felt godforsaken, as all of us may feel in the nightmare of loss.

At this type of moment, even those with tenuous ties to religion offer their thoughts and prayers. But how should we pray? Concerning grief, as many can attest, it is not strength or struggle that matters most; it is perseverance. And that is as good a thing to pray for as any, for those who cannot see a future without their friend, without their child. Our attention is temporary; their suffering will not fade easily, if ever.

For the rest of us, there is the short, fragile unity found in sympathy. It is a good thing to take a break from hate and strife, to remember the victims and survivors and to recall our common vulnerability and humanity. There is ultimately no isolation from evil and death. But there is solidarity in facing the worst of it together, by caring for these people, our people, in their hour of loss.

Grief, it's been said, is the price of love. And events like this one naturally turn our minds to those we love. We are reminded by tragedy that life is temporary and precious. We hold others briefly in our arms, and try to reach out and shield them from harm. But it is the uncomfortable truth of our nature that our days together are counted and finite. And we should find a fierce pleasure in each one of them, even in those we think are the dullest and worst.

As time passes, of course, both our unity and sense of life's fragility will fade, which is also a truth of our nature. But they are somewhere, just below the surface, waiting to be summoned by joy or grief.

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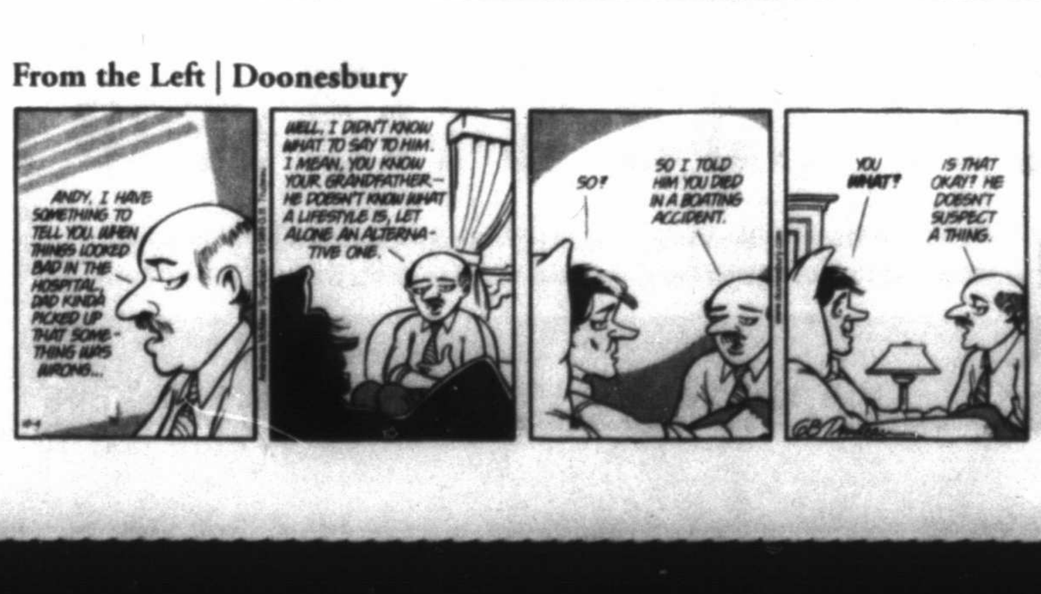

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Gunman transferred $100K, set up cameras at hotel room

By Ken Ritter and Michael Balsamo
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A sign asking for prayers is displayed at the MGM hotel on Tuesday, in Las Vegas. A gunman opened fire on an outdoor music concert on Sunday killing dozens and injuring hundreds.

LAS VEGAS — The Las Vegas gunman transferred $100,000 overseas in the days before the attack and planned the massacre so meticulously that he even set up cameras inside the peephole of his high-rise hotel room and on a service cart outside his door, apparently to spot anyone coming for him, authorities said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, investigators are taking a harder look at the shooter's girlfriend and what she might have known about the attack at a country music festival, with the sheriff naming her a "person of interest" and saying the FBI is bringing her back to the U.S. on Wednesday for questioning.

Authorities are trying to determine why Stephen Paddock killed 59 people in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

They have been speaking with girlfriend Marilou Danley, 62, who was out the country at the time of the shooting and in the Philippines on Tuesday, and "we anticipate some information from her shortly," Sheriff Joseph Lombardo said.

Lombardo said he is "absolutely" confident authorities will find out what set off Paddock, a 64-year-old high-stakes gambler and retired accountant who killed himself before police stormed his 32nd-floor room.

Authorities released police body camera video that showed the chaos of the attack as officers tried to figure out the location of the shooter and shuttle people to safety. Amid sirens and volleys of gunfire, people yelled "they're shooting right at us" while officers shouted "go that way!"

Clark County Undersheriff Kevin McMahill said the shooting spanned between nine and 11 minutes.

Paddock transferred $100,000 to the Philippines in the days before the shooting, a U.S. official briefed by law enforcement but not authorized to speak publicly because of the continuing investigation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Investigators are still trying to trace that money and also looking into a least a dozen financial reports over the past several weeks that said Paddock gambled more than $10,000 per day, the official said.

The cameras Paddock set up at the Mandalay Bay hotel casino were part of his extensive preparations that included stockpiling nearly two dozen guns in his room before opening fire on the concert below. McMahill said the cameras included one in the peephole and two in the hallway.

"I anticipate he was looking for anybody coming to take him into custody," Lombardo said.

During the Sunday night rampage, a hotel security guard who approached the room was shot through the door and wounded in the leg.

"The fact that he had the type of weaponry and amount of weaponry in that room, it was preplanned extensively," the sheriff said, "and I'm pretty sure he evaluated everything that he did and his actions, which is troublesome."

Lombardo said the investigation is proceeding cautiously in case criminal charges are warranted against someone else.

"This investigation is not ended with the demise of Mr. Paddock," the sheriff said. "Did this person get radicalized unbeknownst to us? And we want to identify that source."

In addition to the cameras, investigators found a computer and 23 guns with him at the hotel, along with 12 "bump stock" devices that can enable a rifle to fire continuously, like an automatic weapon, authorities said. Nineteen more guns were found at Paddock's Mesquite home and seven at his Reno house.

Video shot outside the broken door of the room shows an assault-style rifle with a scope on a bipod. The sheriff said an internal investigation has been launched to find out how that footage was obtained.

Some investigators turned their focus Tuesday from the shooter's perch to the festival grounds where his victims fell.

A dozen investigators, most in FBI jackets and all wearing blue booties to avoid contaminating the scene, documented evidence at the site where gunfire rained down and country music gave way to screams of pain and terror.

"Shoes, baby strollers, chairs, sunglasses, purses. The whole field was just littered with things," said Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt after touring the site Monday. "There were bloodstains everywhere."

More than 500 people were injured in the rampage, some by gunfire, some during the chaotic escape. At least 45 patients at two hospitals remained in critical condition. All but three of the dead had been identified by Tuesday afternoon, Lombardo said.

As for what may have set Paddock off, retired FBI profiler Jim Clemente speculated there was "some sort of major trigger in his life — a great loss, a breakup, or maybe he just found out he has a terminal disease."

Clemente said a "psychological autopsy" may be necessary to try to establish the motive. If the suicide didn't destroy Paddock's brain, experts may even find a neurological disorder or malformation, he said.

He said there could be a genetic component to the slaughter: Paddock's father was a bank robber who was on the FBI's most-wanted list in the 1960s and was diagnosed a psychopath.

"The genetics load the gun, personality and psychology aim it, and experiences pull the trigger, typically," Clemente said.

Paddock had a business degree from Cal State Northridge. In the 1970s and '80s, he worked as a mail carrier and an IRS agent and held down a job in an auditing division of the Defense Department, according to the government. He later worked for a defense contractor.

He had no known criminal record, and public records showed no signs of financial troubles, though he was said to be a big gambler.

Nevada's Gaming Control Board said it will pass along records compiled on Paddock and his girlfriend to investigators.

His brother, Eric Paddock, said he was at a loss to explain the massacre.

"No affiliation, no religion, no politics. He never cared about any of that stuff," he said outside his Florida home.

The FBI discounted the possibility of international terrorism early on, even after the Islamic State claimed responsibility for the attack.

Eric Paddock said his brother did show a confrontational side at times. He apparently hated cigarette smoke so much that he carried around a cigar and blew smoke in people's faces when they lit up around him.

VASQUEZ

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Courtesy Shauna Vasquez

Midlanders Mason and Shauna Vasquez attended the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas Sunday night and were standing in "the kill zone" when the shooting began.

"I kept feeling it on his back but he wasn't hit," she said. "We went to the ground and had no idea where it was coming from. We laid there what felt like forever, and I just thought 'We're not gonna make it here.' The bullets kept coming."

The Vasquezes were in the area that has been dubbed the "kill zone."

They crawled toward the field first before breaking into a run.

"The direction we ran was running with the line of fire. We saw the gate and were just running so fast. I couldn't look back," she said. "My focus was just making sure my husband was with me."

Vasquez said she thought more than one person was shooting and the shooter was chasing them. She and her husband found their way into the basement at the Tropicana. Hiding under a table, Vasquez called her sister who was watching the couple's only child.

"I had to make that phone call to my sister to please watch over our baby girl," Vasquez wrote in an Instagram post on Monday. "To please let her know how much she is loved and was loved by us. That we probably weren't going to make it, but how we fought so hard to get back to her and our family."

With the strip on lockdown, the couple made their way back to their hotel.

"We had to walk on the back roads, which felt so unsafe because they're darker and you see other people and you just don't know," she said. "Walking those empty streets was so frightening."

When they got to their room, they turned on the news.

"At that time, the news had only reported two dead but I had crawled over many more than that," she said. "We didn't sleep. We just sat in silence but had to keep the news on."

Vasquez would later learn the shooting was by a lone gunman.

"We couldn't get that through our heads. All that damage and how long it lasted -- it just felt like that there were more. That was hard to grasp," she said.

Her friends -- Midlanders Geoff and Brandi Bell of Midland and Jeremy and Whitney Lunsford of Dallas -- had scattered in different directions but everyone made it out safely. The Vasquezes returned to Midland on Monday afternoon, and Vasquez is trying to process the tragedy.

"I'm still in shock. Noises, visions, music are all triggers. I'm still hearing those screams. I have these flashbacks to that moment where I gave up and knew that was it," she said.

Vasquez said she and her husband love live music and already have tickets for another festival in January, but right now, it's hard for her to talk about the future.

"I don't know how we're ever going to feel safe again in an open crowd. You're so defenseless. And music is a big thing in our family, and it's a big part of CycleBar, so it breaks our hearts. I just don't think we'd ever go back," she said.

At the same time, she understands her experience is far different from others who attended the festival.

"I'm bruised and cut, but that is absolutely nothing compared to those who lost their lives that night," she said.

For now, she plans to stay in. Her cycling classes have been reassigned. Vasquez doesn't want to be out in the open.

"I don't know where to go from here," she said.

Acts of heroism emerge in chaos of Las Vegas shooting

By Amanda Lee Myers and Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

"Everybody there is going to have emotional problems. I know that. There was blood everywhere I went: Excalibur, Luxor, on the Strip, on the street. All these people are going to have PTSD. I feel bad for all of them."

Rob Ledbetter, U.S. Army veteran

LAS VEGAS — Rob Ledbetter's battlefield instincts kicked in quickly as bullets rained overhead.

The 42-year-old U.S. Army veteran, who served as a sniper in Iraq, immediately began tending to the wounded, one of several heroes to emerge from the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history. Amid the massacre in Las Vegas, which left 59 people dead and more than 500 injured, there were acts of compassion and countless heroics that officials say saved many lives.

There was a man one survivor knows only as Zach who herded people to a safe place. There was a registered nurse from Tennessee who died shielding his wife.

Like many people in the crowd of some 22,000 country music fans Sunday night, Ledbetter heard the pop-pop-popping noise and figured it was fireworks. Then he saw people dropping to the ground. When more booms echoed in the night air, he recognized the sound of automatic weapons fire.

The gunman, identified as Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retired accountant from Mesquite, Nevada, created his own sniper's perch inside the 32nd floor room at the Mandalay Bay casino hotel, across from the concert grounds. He appeared to fire unhindered for more than 10 minutes, according to radio traffic, and then killed himself before officers stormed in and found 23 firearms.

"The echo, it sounded like it was coming from everywhere and you didn't know which way to run," said Ledbetter, who was at the concert with seven people including his brother, who was shot and injured, and his wife. They found cover in a VIP area of the concert. Once out of harm's way, he turned to injured strangers.

Thanks to a man who took the flannel shirt off his back, Ledbetter says he put a makeshift tourniquet on a wounded teenage girl, whose face was covered with blood.

"Some random guy, I said, 'I need your shirt,' "said Ledbetter, who is now a mortgage broker and a resident of Las Vegas. "He just gave me the flannel off his back."

Ledbetter said he compressed someone else's shoulder wound, and he fashioned a bandage for a man whose leg was shot through by a bullet.

"There was a guy that looked like he had a through and through on his leg, that we just put a T-shirt around and just did a bandanna tie," said Ledbetter, who was outside University Medical Center on Monday, where his brother was being treated for a gunshot that went through his arm and into his chest. He is expected to survive.

Ledbetter and others grabbed the injured man, carried him out to Las Vegas Boulevard, put him in the back of a utility truck with five to 10 other people that was headed to the hospital.

Ledbetter said he would have helped more people but couldn't clear the barrage of gunfire.

"I'm saving people, or trying to do my best. But it got to the point, I saw people all over, laying where we used to be standing ... just laying there and nobody getting to them and I couldn't get out there. The shots just kept coming in and bouncing. I would have been in harm's way," he said.

He worries that those

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unfamiliar with battlefields will suffer what they have survived.

"Everybody there is going to have emotional problems. I know that. There was blood everywhere I went: Excalibur, Luxor, on the Strip, on the street," Ledbetter said. "All these people are going to have PTSD. I feel bad for all of them."

Another concertgoer, Anna Kupchyan, credits a man she knows only as Zach for saving her life and about nine others when he herded them into an outdoor trailer serving as a restroom.

Kupchyan, a 27-year-old law student from Los Angeles, said bullets were raining down on the crowd as she and a horde of others began running in search of a way out of the outdoor venue.

The man, Zach, opened a door and ordered people inside and then joined them and shut the door, Kupchyan said. They stayed inside as the shooting continued, everyone paralyzed in fear, she said.

"Then security came and they shouted for us to get out, to run," she recalled. Outside the trailer, dead bodies were sprawled on the ground, including a man who had been shot in the head, she said.

She and her best friend Leslie Aguilar, a 26-year-old therapist, eventually jumped in a cab that was driving by and befriended two other women survivors who let them stay in their hotel room until the danger subsided.

Not all of Sunday night's heroes survived.

Sonny Melton, a registered nurse, died in the shooting, according to The Henry County Medical Center in Paris, Tennessee, where he worked.

His wife, Dr. Heather Melton, an orthopedic surgeon who was with him when shots were fired, survived.

She told WZTV in Nashville, Tennessee, that her husband "saved my life and lost his." She said her husband was the most kind-hearted, loving man she ever met.

Complicated recovery awaits victims injured in Vegas attack

By Amanda Lee Myers and Matt Sedensky
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Their concert turned into a siege, and now their lives may become a battle.

The staggering count of people injured in the shooting at a Las Vegas music festival means their recoveries are likely to be as varied as the victims themselves. Some injuries are as simple as broken bones, others gunshot wounds involving multiple surgeries and potential transplants, and all come with the added emotional scars of enduring the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history, with 59 killed.

At least 130 people remained hospitalized Tuesday, with 45 listed in critical condition. Hospitals said 185 others had already been released. At Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center alone, the count of those treated included 120 people who were struck by gunfire, a glimpse of the amount of ammunition unleashed in the attack.

Rehabilitation for the most seriously hurt victims will take far longer than many may realize.

"Years," said Dr. Thomas Scalea, physician-in-chief at the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, one of the nation's largest trauma centers. "It's not days or weeks."

Edward Leon raced to Las Vegas from Palm Springs, California, after learning his niece was shot in the stomach. He said he cried the whole way there. Although she survived an initial operation, he worries about what will come next.

"She's out of surgery," he said, "but it's a long road ahead."

At the site of the attack, people fashioned stretchers out of fence posts and tarps, and tourniquets from belts. At area hospitals, the scene was similarly grave.

"It was like a war zone," said Dr. Jay Coates, a trauma surgeon at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, who operated on three people with gunshot wounds.

Coates saw news of the shooting flash across his phone Sunday night and rushed to the hospital. Ambulances were parked four and five deep. Dozens of wounded filled the trauma bay inside. There were people with injuries to their lungs, liver and spleens, some with huge wounds torn open by bullets. Eight or nine surgeons made flash assessments.

"Who's the most injured?" Coates said they would ask themselves. "Who's dying the fastest?"

He treated similar wounds while on big-city hospital duty in Detroit and Philadelphia, but never so many at once. After the Vegas shooting, eight operating rooms were running simultaneously. It was hours of frantic response before doctors had a moment to catch their breaths.

"At this point, I'm still processing. I have no idea who I operated on," Coates said. "They were coming in so fast. ... We were just trying to keep people from dying."

Dr. Douglas Fraser of University Medical Center said most who suffered gunshot wounds were hit in their chests, abdomens and extremities. Most of the victims struck in the head didn't survive, he said.

In the hours after the shooting, workers rushed to mop up blood at UMC's 11-bed trauma center, but by Tuesday, it sat empty and quiet. Those caring for survivors of the attack were working to keep pain controlled and wounds clean and safe from infection. Some people seeking word on a missing friend or relative milled around in hopes of a clue.

"We still don't know if our friend is dead or alive," said Kris Delarosby, who flew in from Minnesota to search for friend Steve Berger.

For those who did survive, their prognoses depend heavily on where exactly the bullets struck.

"It really is a game of millimeters and centimeters," said Dr. Jack Sava, trauma director at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

Bullets can pass through a victim's body and miss vital organs, or veer slightly and leave a person paralyzed or dead. Sava cared for House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, a Republican who was shot during a congressional baseball practice over the summer, and said patients and their families have to deal with the uncertainty of their recoveries.

"There's so many things that happen, so many branches in the road," he said. "A lot of times in trauma we talk about death, and that's a tiny tip of the suffering that's caused by injury and gunshot wounds. For every person we talk about living or dying, there's an ocean of suffering we're not talking about."

Rob McIntosh, a 52-year-old from North Pole, Alaska, is among those facing that recovery, having been hit by three bullets at the concert, according to his friend, Mike Vansickle. He said McIntosh had emerged from surgery and would survive.

"He'll get through all this and come out with some stories to tell," Vansickle said. Others who have been through such trials sounded similar notes of optimism, including Jeff Bauman, who lost his legs in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. In a Facebook post, Bauman said those waking up in hospitals may wonder how life could ever be the same again, but they will find a way through the tough moments to go on.

"You will walk again. You will laugh again. You will dance again," he wrote. "You will live again."

Once an obscure device, 'bump stocks' are in the spotlight

By Lisa Marie Pane
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Las Vegas gunman possessed a little-known device called a "bump stock" that was not widely sold — until now.

Originally created with the idea of making it easier for people with disabilities to shoot a gun, the attachments allow a semi-automatic rifle to mimic a fully automatic weapon by unleashing an entire large magazine in seconds. Now the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history has drawn attention to the devices, which critics say flout federal restrictions on automatic guns.

The stocks have been around for less than a decade. The government gave its seal of approval to selling them in 2010 after concluding that they did not violate federal law.

The device basically replaces the gun's shoulder rest with a "support step" that covers the trigger opening. By holding the pistol grip with one hand and pushing forward on the barrel with the other, the shooter's finger comes in contact with the trigger. The recoil then causes the gun to buck back and forth, repeatedly "bumping" the trigger against the finger.

Technically, that means the finger is pulling the trigger for each round fired, keeping the weapon a legal semi-automatic. The rapid fire does not necessarily make the weapon any more lethal — much of that would be dependent on the type of ammunition used. But it does allow the person firing the weapon to get off more shots more quickly.

It's unclear how many have been sold. The industry leader, Slide Force, did not return messages seeking comment. But the Abilene, company's Facebook page is filled with videos extolling its features, including one in which a woman gushed, "It's so easy because once you slid it forward and leaned into it, it just fires." In another video, a man fires off 58 rounds to celebrate his 58th birthday in just 12 seconds.

Sales for firearms or specific accessories seem to jump after every high-profile shooting. That will likely happen again with bump stocks, said Dr. Garen Wintemute, director of the Violence Prevention Research Program at the University of California, Davis.

"People will go, 'Oh geez, I should get one of those.' The other is that people will be concerned about efforts to ban them," Wintemute said.

Manufacturers tout the stocks, some of which sell for less than $200, as offering a simple and affordable alternative to automatic weapons without the hassle of a rigorous background check and other restrictions.

Ed Turner, a former police officer who owns a gun shop in Stockbridge, Georgia, said he's already seeing a run on bump stocks since the shooting. He said he would be surprised if he had sold two of them in the past decade, but now he's unable to find any available, even from wholesalers.

Jay Wallace, owner of Adventure Outdoors in Smyrna, Georgia, said soon after most of his customers buy one, "the newness wears off and they put it away and it stays in a closet."

While the stocks allow a gun to quickly spray bullets, gun experts say they also create such a jolt that accuracy is affected. That may not matter to gun owners who just want the thrill of shooting with one, or for those bent on destruction. Stephen Paddock, the 64-year-old gunman, fired hundreds of rounds indiscriminately from his 32nd-floor room at the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino on a music festival outside.

MRCCAC extends support group offerings

By Simone Jasper
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Two new groups are available to provide support after abuse. Therapists at Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center hope sessions will allow attendees to interact with others who are navigating similar situations.

MRCCAC recently announced the start of a support group for parents and caregivers of children who were victims of abuse. Kristen Pitzer, therapist at the center, created the group after noticing demand.

"I work with a lot of parents, primarily moms, whose children have been sexually abused or physically abused," Pitzer said. "A lot of feedback I get is that there aren't really resources for parents."

When Pitzer facilitates the group this fall, discussions could address topics such as guilt or anger. But Pitzer also wants to give parents a chance to direct the group's course. She said sharing information with others has advantages.

"I think it's important because when you're a parent and you're struggling with a child who has been abused — whether sexually, physically, emotionally — you really need as much support as possible," Pitzer said.

Another MRCCAC therapist, Lana Bagley, said many people have structured families before trauma turns their lives into disarray.

"They come in and realize other families have gone through it as well," she said.

Bagley said people can feel less lonely during group sessions and that MRCCAC allows attendees to express themselves in the presence of professional therapists.

She leads Brave Beauties, a weekly support group for female sexual assault survivors ages 12 to 17. The first meeting was earlier this year, and fall sessions started last month.

Bagley launched Brave Beauties to provide a sharing space for teenagers who have finished therapy or are currently seeing a therapist.

"I also had a hard time in high school," Bagley said. "I have a lot of empathy and love for teenagers."

For more information and to register, call MRCCAC at 682-7273. Contact Kristen Pitzer about the parents' group and Lana Bagley about the teen group.

BEGIN AGAIN

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Co-owners Ashlea White, left, and Jeanette Miller talk Monday about opening the Begin Again Recovery Center for drug and alcohol counseling.

Duo launches outpatient recovery facility

By Simone Jasper
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For Ashlea White and Jeanette Miller, starting a drug and alcohol outpatient treatment facility had significance both personally and professionally. So, the pair took those experiences into consideration while planning Begin Again Recovery Center.

The new facility in Midland offers a continuum of outpatient care for up to one year. White said the options allow clients to picture completing at-home tasks without turning to drugs or alcohol.

"We get to offer how they do that on a daily basis because they get to come to us, get treatment and they still get to go home that same day," said White, who co-owns the center with Miller.

Community members are invited to attend an open house for the center Thursday. Begin Again already has some clients and can see up to 32 at a time.

As professionals, White and Miller said launching the center fulfills a need for outpatient services locally. The two also previously battled addiction and said going through treatment factored into their decision to open Begin Again.

"I'm pretty sure that they've experienced the lowest of their low…," said Jessica Myers, licensed chemical dependency counselor (LCDC) intern at the center. "But the fact that they can go to school

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NIH creates directory of alcohol treatment centers

■ Online tool provides step-by-step guide to finding care

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The phone calls come — from fellow scientists and desperate strangers — with a single question for the alcohol chief at the National Institutes of Health: Where can my loved one find good care to get sober?

Online

Alcohol Treatment Navigator
https://alcoholtreatment.niaaa.nih.gov

The government on Tuesday released a novel online tool to help: directories of alcohol treatment providers paired with key questions patients should ask for a better shot at high-quality care.

"Most people think treatment is detox for 28 days or Alcoholics Anonymous. There's a vast in-between," said George Koob, director of NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

More than 15 million adults in the U.S. have what's called alcohol use disorder, meaning they either misuse or are addicted to alcohol, and fewer than 10 percent get treatment, according to federal estimates.

Many who do get treated don't receive quality care that best fits their needs, Koob said. He ordered development of the Alcohol Treatment Navigator after realizing if medical professionals

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Breast cancer survivor: 'running isn't my thing anymore'

By Leslie Barker
Dallas Morning News

Breast Cancer Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Local events this month include the Pink the Basin Lunch, which is Thursday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

In conjunction with the luncheon, the Reporter-Telegram will be publishing its Pink Edition and a feature on Midland breast cancer survivors who will be modeling fashions at the luncheon.

Not long after the birth of her second child in 2003, Brandie Sellers took up yoga and running.

"I wanted to feel more energetic and take better care of my body," says Sellers, who became a yoga instructor the following year. "Being a mother also really motivated me; I wanted to set a good example for my children."

But sometimes, no matter how fit you are or how much you put into being healthy, something totally unexpected can thwart your efforts. For Sellers, that was breast cancer in 2011. She was 37 years old.

■ Typical week of workouts:

I practice yoga two to times per week, and I walk outdoors two to three times per week. If it's too hot or rainy, I'll use the elliptical.

■ If I had just 20 minutes to work out, I would:

Do some sun salutes and lunges at my house.

■ What gets in the way of my workout?

I'm a full-time graduate student, I work part-time, and I'm a single mom with three kids. All of those things piled together can really derail my workout plans some weeks.

■ How has having breast cancer affected the way I exercise?

I have to be more gentle with myself now. There are still things I cannot do, even almost six years out from breast reconstruction. I also have less stamina overall. I used to have negative self-talk to try to motivate myself, but since I got done with treatment, I give myself a lot more grace now.

■ Fitness goals:

My goal is just to keep moving. I don't have specific goals that I'm trying to reach. One thing cancer taught me is that you can do all the "right" things and still not get what you want. So I try to maintain a balance and have a happy, meaningful life. That's what is most important to me.

■ Proudest fitness moment:

I ran a half-marathon a few years ago. It was a great accomplishment, but I hung up my running shoes when I was done. There are side effects related to my treatments and surgeries that are hard on my joints. I have had to accept that running isn't my thing anymore. That is part of the grace I give myself now.

■ Three things you'll always find in my refrigerator:

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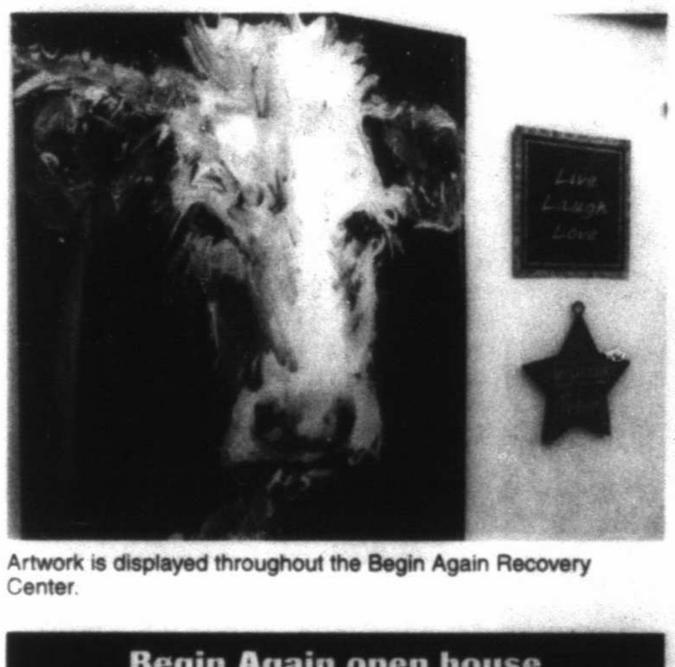
Begin Again Recovery Center is an outpatient facility for drug and alcohol counseling.

Co-owner and counselor Jeanette Miller keeps a picture of her bike she rode for two years after losing her license as a consequence of DUI.



Artwork is displayed throughout the Begin Again Recovery Center.

Begin Again open house

Open house at Begin Again Recovery Center
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and get their LCDC and want to give back what was given to them and own their own company. I think that's pretty big."

Throughout the Begin Again space, visual art and inspirational phrases adorn the walls. Miller said she wants to create a comfortable environment and intentionally uses symbols to convey stories.

One piece that stands out is a picture of a bicycle in Miller's office. She lost her driver's license and uses the picture as a tool to tell clients about her recovery. The center's signage includes a semicolon, which also has significance for Miller.

"My on-again, off-again trying to get sober and the struggle that I went through, it's like the semicolon says: 'Yes you can begin again,'" Miller said.

Dennis Miller, Jeanette's husband of seven years, has noticed his wife's determination. He said she had a desire to start a private practice and has passion for helping others.

"Jeanette and Ashlea both realize the real suffering and the problems that alcohol and drug addiction cause not only for the person affected by the disease but the entire family," Dennis Miller said. "She's really compassionate and able to identify with people who are going through the pain."

After weighing the idea of opening a center, White and Miller started to work toward their goal in May. They wanted to create spaces not only for individual counseling but also for group and family sessions. White said including loved ones serves a purpose.

"Addiction doesn't just ... only hit the client themselves," White said. "It's a family disease. Everybody who's involved with that client is affected by that addiction in one form or another."

In counseling sessions, the co-owners collaborate to support clients through the recovery process. White is more direct while Miller has a laid-back approach.

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Ice cream or chocolate cake made from scratch.

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Exercise helps relieve anxiety and keeps your joints happy. Especially for those of us who have no estrogen due to cancer treatments, we have to keep our joints moving. Move it or lose it!

■ What my workout says about me:

I have learned how to moderate myself and be kind to myself.

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Obituaries

Brenda M. Vazquez

Brenda Monicke Vazquez, 24, passed away suddenly on impact due to an automobile accident. Brenda was born on May 23, 1993 in Midland to Gloria Suchil and Rojelio Vazquez Garcia.

Brenda graduated from Lee High School in 2011. She was active in nursing program thru Midland College. Brenda was still currently attending Midland College while employed at Midland Memorial Hospital Critical Care Unit. Brenda was very devoted and loved her nursing career. Her goal was to become an anesthesiologist.

Brenda enjoyed baking, cooking, studying, and spending quality time with her family and friends. Brenda will be dearly missed by everyone.

She is survived by her parents, Gloria Ann Suchil of Midland, Texas and Rojelio Vasquez Garcia of Monterrey Nuevo Leon Mexico; grandparents, Jose Garcia Suchil and Maria Luisa Vasquez; brothers, Armando S. Vazquez of Austin, Texas and Rogelio Vazquez of Midland; sisters, Lynda Lou Anaya of Midland, Jenifer Nicole Vazquez of Midland, Sylvia Ignosencia Vasquez Sandoval of Monterrey Nuevo Leon Mexico, and Brenda Yadira Vazquez Sandoval of Monterrey Nuevo Leon Mexico; and by numerous uncles aunts nephews nieces and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her grandmother, Mary Suchil, and uncle, Joe (Jr.) Suchil.

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Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

Eddie Juan Echols

Eddie Juan Echols, 85, a longtime resident of Coahoma and Howard County, passed away after a lengthy illness on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 6, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Eddie Juan was born in Midland, Texas on September 23, 1932 to the late Juanita and Big Ed Darnell. She graduated from Midland High School and later attended Texas Christian University.

She married the love of her life, Ray Echols, on December 4, 1953 in Midland. They were married 49 years before his death in December 2002. She and Ray lived in Coahoma and raised their children, Sally and John, there. Eddie Juan was their biggest fan in school, sports and community activities.

Those who knew her respected her love for her family, church and community. She worked out of the home as a substitute teacher and election judge in Coahoma, and served as a volunteer at both the State Hospital and Scenic Mountain Auxiliary in Big Spring where she received her volunteer bars for serving 7500 hours. She also enjoyed her times with family, camping with friends, and taking cruises. Eddie Juan was a very dedicated member of the Coahoma Presbyterian Church in which she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon and Elder, and member of the pulpit committee. She was awarded a lifetime membership to the United Presbyterian Women.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Juanita and Ed Darnell; husband, W. Ray Echols; and sister, Tommie Rowan.

Eddie Juan is survived by her daughter, Sally Itz and husband, Vernon of Grapevine; her son, John Echols and wife, Heather of Midland; five grandchildren, Justin Itz and wife Jessica of Colleyville, Lindsey Segars and husband Jeff of Ft. Worth, Tarabeth Gertsch and husband,Michael of Cedar Park, John Mark Echols and wife Briana of Midland, and Wilson Echols and wife Misti of Indonesia; and seven great-grandchildren, Marin Itz of Colleyville, Locklin and Lennon Gertsch of Cedar Park, Brody and Tyler Segars of Ft. Worth and Truma and Titus Echols of Midland.

The family asks that those who wish to do so, please make donations to: Howard County Junior Livestock Association, P.O. Box 3594, Big Spring, TX 79721; Compass Hospice, 1900 South Gregg St, Big Spring, TX 79720; or the charity of your choice.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432)-267-6331

Linden Rand Boch

Linden Rand Boch, 63, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Linden was born on May 24, 1954 in Abilene, Texas to Linden and Mary (Aday) Boch.

In 1976, he graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. On September 10, 1977, in a pecan orchard in Comanche, Texas, he married his best friend, Debra Strickland.

Lin and Debra lived in Comanche, Ranger, and moved to Midland in 1980. Their son, Adam Ross Boch, was born on March 31, 1983. Lin loved camping, fishing, hiking, and had a great interest in native plants. Lin courageously lived with kidney disease for many years.

Lin is survived by his wife, Debra; son, Adam; sister, Charlotte and husband Pete Wadleigh; sisters-in-law, Daphne Blevins and Donna and husband Jack Richardson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Linden and Mary Boch.

Family would like to appreciate everyone at Midland Dialysis Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Kidney Foundation or West Texas Food Bank.

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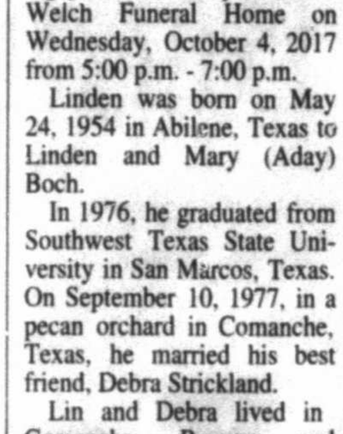

Travis Horton

Travis Horton, 33, of Andrews, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Andrews.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017 at the First Baptist Church, 201 NE 2nd Street, in Andrews, with Pastor Brant O'Connor officiating.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation is under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home.

Please celebrate his life by visiting *www.mcnettfuneralhome.com*.

Travis was born on November 26, 1983 in Andrews to Steven Bradfield Horton and Dawn Marie Woodall. Travis was raised in Andrews, where he grew up playing many sports. He graduated from Midland Christian High School in 2002, where he excelled in football and baseball with many awards. His football team won state his Senior year.

He married Brianna Dori Wallach on August 16, 2008 in Andrews. He had worked as a contract pumper throughout the area. He was currently a production foreman for LINN Energy, working for them for six years. He loved the Florida Gators, Houston Astros, going hunting and fishing, and coaching his children in sports. He had a great memory and enjoyed random facts and Trivial Pursuit.

He will be remembered for loving and encouraging his friends and family, and would give the shirt off his back for anyone. He was dedicated to his entire family and loved spending time with them. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rodger and Judy Woodall, and his cousin, Carson Horton.

Travis is survived by his wife, Brianna Horton, of Andrews; four children, Lydia, Haylee, Travis, Jr., and Dorian Horton, all of Andrews; father, Brad and Gina Horton of Andrews; mother, Dawn and Troy Smith of Andrews; brother, Rodger and Melanie Horton of Midland; grandparents, Claude and Betty Horton of Andrews; uncle and aunt, James and Heide Horton of Gardendale and their children, Meredith and Bridget; aunt and uncle, Lisa and Tracy Byrd of Canyon, and their children, Shaina Weisgerber and husband, Nick, and Staci Byrd; and father and mother-in-law, Richard and Barri Wallach of Taos, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to a fund setup for his children at the National Bank of Andrews. Travis Horton Account #464821, PO Box 629, Andrews, Texas 79714 or YouCaring at *https://www.youcaring.com/search/go?w=Travis%20Horton*.

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DIRECTORY

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were confused, families must be lost.

"It's the hardest thing, navigating how do you find treatment," said Linda Rosenberg, president of the nonprofit National Council for Behavioral Health. She wasn't involved with the tool but praised NIAAA for developing it. "It's desperately needed."

The tool can't solve issues of affordability or accessibility. Insurance coverage varies, and some parts of the country have shortages of providers that may leave patients traveling or turning to telemedicine, Rosenberg said.

The Navigator offers a step-by-step guide to assessing additional options beyond the well-known AA and detox. First, it links to existing directories of thousands of board-certified addiction doctors or psychiatrists, accredited alcohol treatment centers and licensed therapists, searchable by ZIP code. Licensing and accreditation information mark an initial filter.

Next, the NIH defined five signs of quality to check:

"Most people think treatment is detox for 28 days or Alcoholics Anonymous. There's a vast in-between."

George Koob, director of NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Credentials

For example, look for a therapist who holds at least a master's degree and has specialized training in addiction treatment, the tool advises.

A comprehensive assessment

Providers can use a battery of tests to determine the type and severity of alcohol disorders.

Customized treatment

There is no one-size-fits-all approach, Koob said.

Evidence-based practices

NIH wants patients to consider scientifically proven options, including behavioral therapies and three FDA-approved medications.

Continuing recovery support

"It's not just an acute disorder," said Lori Ducharme, a NIAAA specialist who led the Navigator's development. "You want someone who will stick with you for the long-term."

To determine if a potential provider meets those quality indicators, "you need to call them and ask them questions to see if they'll be the right fit for you," Ducharme said.

The Navigator provides a script, lists of questions targeted to each type of provider plus an explanation of why each question is important and what answer to listen for.

For example, addiction is a disease, not a weakness, so watch out for providers who use stigmatizing language such as "drunk," the tool advises. And if a provider automatically dismisses medication, that's a warning sign about not practicing evidence-based care.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Flu shots are available this month

Flu vaccinations will be available this month at the city's Health & Senior Services, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

Vaccinations will be administered 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Friday. Children as young as 6 months may receive a vaccination, and high-dose vaccination is available for people 65 and older.

Fees are by age: $25 for 2 and younger, $30 for ages 3 through 64 and and $60 for 65 and older. Discounted rates are available for those who qualify. The clinic accepts out-of-pocket payment, private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare.

For more information, call 681-7613.

Medication Take-Back planned

Midland Coalition, in partership with the DEA, is planning Medication Take-Back 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 28 at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford.

Residents may bring expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medication (pills, liquids or creams), vitamins, nebulizer solutions, inhalers and medication supplies.

For more information, call 685-3645.

Midland Health events

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

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus cafeteria; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com.

■ Find a Job Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital, 221-4305; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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Medicare's open enrollment period set to begin on Oct. 15

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U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Now's the time for Texans with Medicare to look over their health and drug coverage for 2018.

For most Texans, Medicare's annual open enrollment period runs from Oct. 15 until Dec. 7. Individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey, however, may contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 and request a special enrollment period lasting until Dec. 31.

Even if you've been satisfied with your health and drug plans, you may benefit from reviewing all your options. Some plans have adjusted their out-of-pocket costs and benefit packages for next year. Shopping around may save you money or improve your coverage.

Here are four things to know as you sort through the Medicare health and drug plans available for 2018.

■ Generally, health and drug plan premiums will be stable next year.

Texans in Medicare's original fee-for-service program can choose from 24 drug plans with monthly premiums ranging from $16.70 to $197.10 — about the same premium range as last year. Nationally, the average premium for a basic drug plan will drop $1.20 to $33.50 per month.

Texans who prefer an alternative to the traditional Medicare program may join a Medicare Advantage health plan sold by a private insurer. Most plans include drug coverage. Thirty-three percent of Texans with Medicare now opt to get their health care benefits this way.

Many Advantage plans charge a separate premium on top of the Part B premium you'll pay for Medicare's medical insurance. Nationally, the average monthly cost for that separate Medicare Advantage premium will be $30 in 2018 — $1.91 less than this year.

Look beyond premiums, though. The only way to determine the true cost of your coverage is to consider other factors like deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance. Medicare's website — www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan — has the best tool for helping you narrow your search for a new health or drug plan.

■ Check the quality of a health or drug plan's service, too.

To help you identify the best and worst Medicare plans in your area, www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan provides star ratings for each. The ratings range from five stars (excellent) to one star (poor); three stars are average.

Higher-rated plans deliver a higher level of care, such as managing chronic conditions efficiently, screening for and preventing illnesses, and making sure people get much-needed prescriptions. Higher-rated plans also provide better customer service, with fewer complaints or long waits for care.

■ If you need help comparing health or drug plans, it's readily available.

There are four places to turn for assistance:

Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with new health or drug plans. If you want to make a change, the website will guide you to where to enroll in a new plan.

Call Medicare's help line at 1-800-633-4227 at any hour and talk with a customer service representative.

Consult your "Medicare & You 2018" handbook, which you should have received in the mail in the last few weeks. The book may also be viewed at www.medicare.gov.

Get one-on-one benefits counseling through Texas' State Health Insurance Assistance Program. You may call 1-800-252-9240 for the counselors nearest you.

■ If you're on a tight budget, see whether you can get help paying for your prescriptions.

If you're having difficulty affording medications, you may qualify for the government's "extra help" program. The amount of help depends on your income and resources. Generally, you'll pay no more than $3.35 for each generic drug and $8.35 for each brand-name drug in 2018.

To qualify at present, your annual income can't be more than $18,330 if you're single or $24,600 if you're married. Also, your resources can't exceed $13,820 if you're single or $27,600 if you're married. Savings and investments count as resources, but homes, cars and personal belongings do not.

Thirty-two percent of Texans with a Medicare drug plan get extra help. To apply, visit the Social Security website, at www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020, or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

There's no better time to check your Medicare coverage. Any changes you make will take effect on Jan. 1.

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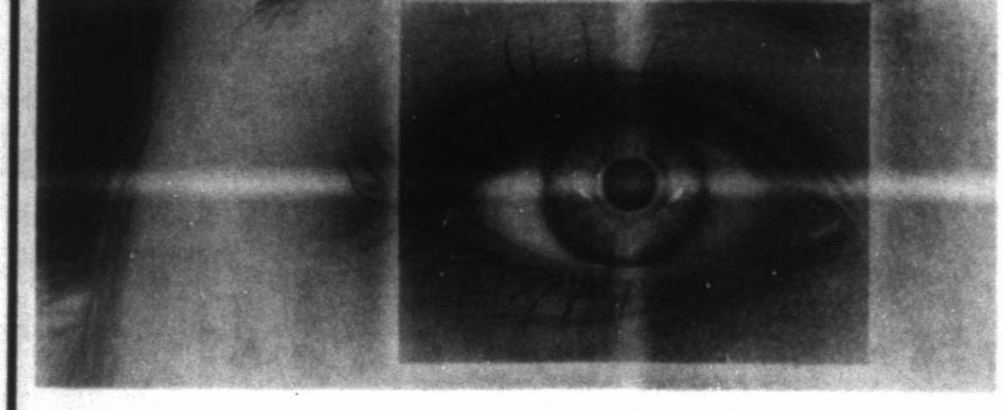

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Begin Again Recovery Center is an outpatient facility for drug and alcohol counseling.

Co-owner and counselor Jeanette Miller keeps a picture of her bike she rode for two years after losing her license as a consequence of DUI.

Artwork is displayed throughout the Begin Again Recovery Center.

Begin Again open house

Open house at Begin Again Recovery Center
Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.
Date: Thursday
Address: 604 Kent St.

RECOVERY

From 1B

and get their LCDC and want to give back what was given to them and own their own company, I think that's pretty big."

Throughout the Begin Again space, visual art and inspirational phrases adorn the walls. Miller said she wants to create a comfortable environment and intentionally uses symbols to convey stories.

One piece that stands out is a picture of a bicycle in Miller's office. She lost her driver's license and uses the picture as a tool to tell clients about her recovery. The center's signage includes a semicolon, which also has significance for Miller.

"My on-again, off-again trying to get sober and the struggle that I went through, it's like the semicolon says: 'Yes you can begin again,'" Miller said.

Dennis Miller, Jeanette's husband of seven years, has noticed his wife's determination. He said she had a desire to start a private practice and has passion for helping others.

"Jeanette and Ashlea both realize the real suffering and the problems that alcohol and drug addiction cause not only for the person affected by the disease but the entire family," Dennis Miller said. "She's really compassionate and able to identify with people who are going through the pain."

After weighing the idea of opening a center, White and Miller started to work toward their goal in May. They wanted to create spaces not only for individual counseling but also for group and family sessions. White said including loved ones serves a purpose.

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Eddie Juan Echols

Eddie Juan Echols, 85, a longtime resident of Coahoma and Howard County, passed away after a lengthy illness on Saturday, September 30, 2017.

The family will receive friends Friday, October 6, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas.

Funeral services will be Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Eddie Juan was born in Midland, Texas on September 23, 1932 to the late Juanita and Big Ed Darnell. She graduated from Midland High School and later attended Texas Christian University.

She married the love of her life, Ray Echols, on December 4, 1953 in Midland. They were married 49 years before his death in December 2002. She and Ray lived in Coahoma and raised their children, Sally and John, there. Eddie Juan was their biggest fan in school, sports and community activities.

Those who knew her respected her love for her family, church and community. She worked out of the home as a substitute teacher and election judge in Coahoma, and served as a volunteer at both the State Hospital and Scenic Mountain Auxiliary in Big Spring where she received her volunteer bars for serving 7500 hours. She also enjoyed her times with family, camping with friends, and taking cruises. Eddie Juan was a very dedicated member of the Coahoma Presbyterian Church in which she served as a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon and Elder, and member of the pulpit committee. She was awarded a lifetime membership to the United Presbyterian Women.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Juanita and Ed Darnell; husband, W. Ray Echols; and sister, Tommie Rowan.

Eddie Juan is survived by her daughter, Sally Itz and husband, Vernon of Grapevine; her son, John Echols and wife, Heather of Midland; five grandchildren, Justin Itz and wife Jessica of Colleyville, Lindsey Segars and husband Jeff of Ft. Worth, Tarabeth Gertsch and husband,Michael of Cedar Park, John Mark Echols and wife Briana of Midland, and Wilson Echols and wife Misti of Indonesia; and seven great-grandchildren, Marin Itz of Colleyville, Locklin and Lennon Gertsch of Cedar Park, Brody and Tyler Segars of Ft. Worth and Truman and Titus Echols of Midland.

The family asks that those who wish to do so, please make donations to: Howard County Junior Livestock Association, P.O. Box 3594, Big Spring, TX 79721; Compass Hospice, 1900 South Gregg St, Big Spring, TX 79720; or the charity of your choice.

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

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Linden Rand Boch

Linden Rand Boch, 63, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Linden was born on May 24, 1954 in Abilene, Texas to Linden and Mary (Aday) Boch.

In 1976, he graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. On September 10, 1977, in a pecan orchard in Comanche, Texas, he married his best friend, Debra Strickland.

Lin and Debra lived in Comanche, Ranger, and moved to Midland in 1980. Their son, Adam Ross Boch, was born on March 31, 1983. Lin loved camping, fishing, hiking, and had a great interest in native plants. Lin courageously lived with kidney disease for many years.

Lin is survived by his wife, Debra; son, Adam; sister, Charlotte and husband Pete Wadleigh; sisters-in-law, Daphne Blevins and Donna and husband Jack Richardson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Linden and Mary Boch.

Family would like to appreciate everyone at Midland Dialysis Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Kidney Foundation or West Texas Food Bank.

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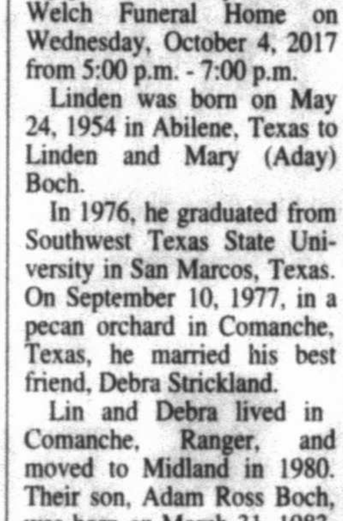

Travis Horton

Travis Horton, 33, of Andrews, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Andrews.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017 at the First Baptist Church, 201 NE 2nd Street, in Andrews, with Pastor Brant O'Connor officiating.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Cremation is under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home.

Please celebrate his life by visiting *www.mcnettfuneralhome.com*.

Travis was born on November 26, 1983 in Andrews to Steven Bradfield Horton and Dawn Marie Woodall. Travis was raised in Andrews, where he grew up playing many sports. He graduated from Midland Christian High School in 2002, where he excelled in football and baseball with many awards. His football team won state his Senior year.

He married Brianna Dori Wallach on August 16, 2008 in Andrews. He had worked as a contract pumper throughout the area. He was currently a production foreman for LINN Energy, working for them for six years. He loved the Florida Gators, Houston Astros, going hunting and fishing, and coaching his children in sports. He had a great memory and enjoyed random facts and Trivial Pursuit.

He will be remembered for loving and encouraging his friends and family, and would give the shirt off his back for anyone. He was dedicated to his entire family and loved spending time with them. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Rodger and Judy Woodall, and his cousin, Carson Horton.

Travis is survived by his wife, Brianna Horton, of Andrews; four children, Lydia, Haylee, Travis, Jr., and Dorian Horton, all of Andrews; father, Brad and Gina Horton of Andrews; mother, Dawn and Troy Smith of Andrews; brother, Rodger and Melanie Horton of Midland; grandparents, Claude and Betty Horton of Andrews; uncle and aunt, James and Heide Horton of Gardendale and their children, Meredith and Bridget; aunt and uncle, Lisa and Tracy Byrd of Canyon, and their children, Shaina Weisgerber and husband, Nick, and Staci Byrd; and father and mother-in-law, Richard and Barri Wallach of Taos, New Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to a fund setup for his children at the National Bank of Andrews, Travis Horton Account #464821, PO Box 629, Andrews, Texas 79714 or YouCaring at *https://www.youcaring.com/search/go?w=Travis%20Horton*.

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were confused, families must be lost.

"It's the hardest thing, navigating how do you find treatment," said Linda Rosenberg, president of the nonprofit National Council for Behavioral Health. She wasn't involved with the tool but praised NIAAA for developing it. "It's desperately needed."

The tool can't solve issues of affordability or accessibility. Insurance coverage varies, and some parts of the country have shortages of providers that may leave patients traveling or turning to telemedicine, Rosenberg said.

The Navigator offers a step-by-step guide to assessing additional options beyond the well-known AA and detox. First, it links to existing directories of thousands of board-certified addiction doctors or psychiatrists, accredited alcohol treatment centers and licensed therapists, searchable by ZIP code. Licensing and accreditation information mark an initial filter.

Next, the NIH defined five signs of quality to check:

"Most people think treatment is detox for 28 days or Alcoholics Anonymous. There's a vast in-between."

George Koob, director of NIH's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Credentials

For example, look for a therapist who holds at least a master's degree and has specialized training in addiction treatment, the tool advises.

A comprehensive assessment

Providers can use a battery of tests to determine the type and severity of alcohol disorders.

Customized treatment

There is no one-size-fits-all approach, Koob said.

Evidence-based practices

NIH wants patients to consider scientifically proven options, including behavioral therapies and three FDA-approved medications.

Continuing recovery support

"It's not just an acute disorder," said Lori Ducharme, a NIAAA specialist who led the Navigator's development. "You want someone who will stick with you for the long-term."

To determine if a potential provider meets those quality indicators, "you need to call them and ask them questions to see if they'll be the right fit for you," Ducharme said.

The Navigator provides a script, lists of questions targeted to each type of provider plus an explanation of why each question is important and what answer to listen for.

For example, addiction is a disease, not a weakness, so watch out for providers who use stigmatizing language such as "drunk," the tool advises. And if a provider automatically dismisses medication, that's a warning sign about not practicing evidence-based care.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Flu shots are available this month

Flu vaccinations will be available this month at the city's Health & Senior Services, 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

Vaccinations will be administered 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Friday. Children as young as 6 months may receive a vaccination, and high-dose vaccination is available for people 65 and older.

Fees are by age: $25 for 2 and younger, $30 for ages 3 through 64 and and $60 for 65 and older. Discounted rates are available for those who qualify. The clinic accepts out-of-pocket payment, private insurance, Medicaid and Medicare.

For more information, call 681-7613.

Medication Take-Back planned

Midland Coalition, in partership with the DEA, is planning Medication Take-Back 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 28 at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford.

Residents may bring expired or unwanted prescription or over-the-counter medication (pills, liquids or creams), vitamins, nebulizer solutions, inhalers and medication supplies.

For more information, call 685-3645.

Midland Health events

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

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus cafeteria; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com.

■ Find a Job Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital, 221-4305; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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Medicare's open enrollment period set to begin on Oct. 15

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U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Now's the time for Texans with Medicare to look over their health and drug coverage for 2018.

For most Texans, Medicare's annual open enrollment period runs from Oct. 15 until Dec. 7. Individuals affected by Hurricane Harvey, however, may contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227 and request a special enrollment period lasting until Dec. 31.

Even if you've been satisfied with your health and drug plans, you may benefit from reviewing all your options. Some plans have adjusted their out-of-pocket costs and benefit packages for next year. Shopping around may save you money or improve your coverage.

Here are four things to know as you sort through the Medicare health and drug plans available for 2018.

■ Generally, health and drug plan premiums will be stable next year.

Texans in Medicare's original fee-for-service program can choose from 24 drug plans with monthly premiums ranging from $16.70 to $197.10 — about the same premium range as last year. Nationally, the average premium for a basic drug plan will drop $1.20 to $33.50 per month.

Texans who prefer an alternative to the traditional Medicare program may join a Medicare Advantage health plan sold by a private insurer. Most plans include drug coverage. Thirty-three percent of Texans with Medicare now opt to get their health care benefits this way.

Many Advantage plans charge a separate premium on top of the Part B premium you'll pay for Medicare's medical insurance. Nationally, the average monthly cost for that separate Medicare Advantage premium will be $30 in 2018 — $1.91 less than this year.

Look beyond premiums, though. The only way to determine the true cost of your coverage is to consider other factors like deductibles, co-payments and coinsurance. Medicare's website — www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan — has the best tool for helping you narrow your search for a new health or drug plan.

■ Check the quality of a health or drug plan's service, too.

To help you identify the best and worst Medicare plans in your area, www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan provides star ratings for each. The ratings range from five stars (excellent) to one star (poor); three stars are average.

Higher-rated plans deliver a higher level of care, such as managing chronic conditions efficiently, screening for and preventing illnesses, and making sure people get much-needed prescriptions. Higher-rated plans also provide better customer service, with fewer complaints or long waits for care.

■ If you need help comparing health or drug plans, it's readily available.

There are four places to turn for assistance:

Visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare your current coverage with new health or drug plans. If you want to make a change, the website will guide you to where to enroll in a new plan.

Call Medicare's help line at 1-800-633-4227 at any hour and talk with a customer service representative.

Consult your "Medicare & You 2018" handbook, which you should have received in the mail in the last few weeks. The book may also be viewed at www.medicare.gov.

Get one-on-one benefits counseling through Texas' State Health Insurance Assistance Program. You may call 1-800-252-9240 for the counselors nearest you.

■ If you're on a tight budget, see whether you can get help paying for your prescriptions.

If you're having difficulty affording medications, you may qualify for the government's "extra help" program. The amount of help depends on your income and resources. Generally, you'll pay no more than $3.35 for each generic drug and $8.35 for each brand-name drug in 2018.

To qualify at present, your annual income can't be more than $18,330 if you're single or $24,600 if you're married. Also, your resources can't exceed $13,820 if you're single or $27,600 if you're married. Savings and investments count as resources, but homes, cars and personal belongings do not.

Thirty-two percent of Texans with a Medicare drug plan get extra help. To apply, visit the Social Security website, at www.socialsecurity.gov/i1020, or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

There's no better time to check your Medicare coverage. Any changes you make will take effect on Jan. 1.

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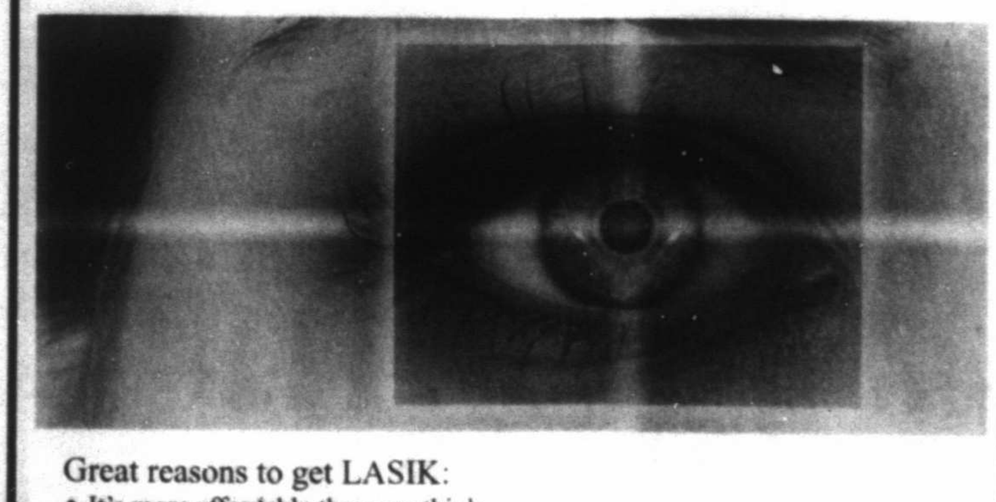

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Patients often feel sadness after cancer treatments are over

By Leslie Barker
Dallas Morning News

Angela Turnage wasn't expecting to feel emotions other than euphoria upon finishing her last treatment for ovarian cancer almost four years ago. After all, she'd gotten the all-clear for a disease with outcomes that don't tend to be optimistic.

She was looking forward to ringing the bell, a tradition for that last-chemo milestone; for her, it happened on Halloween. Then a few weeks later, when she was finally past the nausea and was less of what she calls "fuzzy-brained," the reality of what she'd been through and what could have happened hit her.

"When I was going through chemo, I was always confident that the cancer was gone and that I wasn't going to die," says Turnage, 57. "Only once chemo was over did the deeper questions about dying, surviving and the uncertainty of living with the possibility of it coming back take root.

Of course she was happy it was over, she says. But Turnage also wondered what her life would be like without cancer as its primary focus. Would she ever look the same? Would her eyelashes and eyebrows grow back? When could she, who had been in the "best shape of my life when I was diagnosed," start running again?

Turnage also missed the hospital and her doctors and nurses. "I saw them several times a week," she says. "They had saved my life, and not seeing them as often was like losing my family. I was completely surprised at these feelings of sadness."

Such feelings don't surprise the experts. Cancer and its circuitous routes affect everyone differently — physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually — no matter the disease's outcome.

When patients do get the all-clear, they may ask themselves, "Now that I have gotten through this, how do I put my life back together? Will it look the same or different?" says Alexandra Huffman, director of psycho-social services at the Simmons Cancer Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

Often patients become panicked and concerned that "they won't be as closely monitored once they get the all-clear," says Susan Sayles, manager of Cvetko Patient Resource Center at Baylor Sammons Cancer Center. "Support groups, cooking demos, meditation and exercise and fitness classes can help relieve the separation anxiety."

Barbara Edwards had been going to Baylor's cancer center almost every day to exercise and receive radiation. Then treatment ended, and she had no reason to go.

"After I took No. 33, it was on a Friday when I went home, and on Monday I didn't know what to do," says Edwards, 61. "You have hyped yourself up that you're going to die, and now you're going to live. I didn't have to get up at 5 a.m. and know 'I have to go and fight for my life today.' I thought, 'Oh my gosh, what do I do? I don't have to get up. I don't have to get into traffic on I-75 and not know how long it will take to get to Baylor.'"

So what did she do? She went anyway and exercised, which she had done all through radiation. "They're so used to me there. I just went right on and had my workout and laughed and talked and encouraged others."

That was what worked for her and what continues to work to this day. She goes to doctors' appointments with patients; she helps them find resources. But, she says, "a lot of people never come back. They don't want anything to do with it."

Huffman sees all sorts of reactions to the end of treatment. The role of being a cancer patient, she says, "becomes your identify for quite a while."

"One thing we tell folks: 'Have a lot of grace and compassion for yourself, to spend time thinking through what is being impacted and what you need,'" she says.

Many patients, like Edwards, "want to connect with others as a mentor or support," Huffman says. "Others we really don't hear from. They go back to their lives. Many have come here from out of town. They go back to their oncologist or local medical team and we don't know what happens. We definitely have some say, 'I'm done with that and I'm ready to move on.'"

Turnage kept a blog (mindmargins.com) during much of her cancer journey. But chemotherapy zapped her energy, her focus, even her ability to type. When chemo ended after four months, she kept writing, but only for herself, which helped her deal with her feelings. She attended meditation classes at the Cancer Support Community and has continued meditating on her own for 30 minutes every morning.

"It's made a huge difference in my life," she says. "It makes me think twice. Driving in Dallas makes me mad, but now my first reaction isn't anger; it's 'Let it go.' I don't take things so seriously."

The first two years post-cancer, she worried. But as her appointments have gone from every three months to every six, she doesn't think about cancer every day. She revels in time with her husband, her children, her two grandchildren. She's back to running; not to beat a time or cover more miles, but for the pure enjoyment of feeling her body move, of keeping step with friends, of breathing in life.

"Life can change in the blink of an eye. I hear the clock ticking all the time," she says. "After cancer, your life is different, and you have to take time to think deeply about how it's changed, about living with the uncertainty that cancer could come back, and what's really important to you post-cancer."

Four years after diagnosis, almost four years after ringing the bell, the ability to accept death is "very freeing," she says. "It makes me appreciate the preciousness and the brevity, of life. You know now, after this experience, that you will one day die. Cancer forces you to accept that, and you have to make your peace with death. I think that's tied into the conflicting feelings post-cancer. Once you truly accept that you won't be around forever, you can appreciate every day afterwards and see it as a gift."

How to cope

Recognize that you might not feel elated after you finish treatment. That's perfectly normal, say the experts and those who have lived through it. Here are some more tips:

Give yourself time to sort through what you've endured.

Appreciate the intensity of your experience, ovarian cancer survivor Angela Turnage says: "I went through something really big."

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Christine Hall
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Overcome bullying by undertsanding why it occurs

Incidents of bullying no longer are limited to the school grounds. Because of social media, bullying now can happen in almost any setting and at any hour of the day.

Many individuals tend to turn to aggression or physical violence to fight back against bullies. However, it is possible to respond to bullying without fighting. It is vital to gain skills and an understanding of why the bullying is occurring in order to overcome the bullying.

The first step is to view the situation differently and stop engaging in the same thoughts and behaviors. Changing your overall outlook will result in the desired outcome. Often, the most difficult step is to understand why you are being bullied. Many individuals take the bullying personally. However, the bullying has nothing to do with your looks or personality, even though it comes across that way. It is vital to understand the bullying is not about you. Once you understand this, feelings of being a victim will subside.

A common response to bullying is to become upset or angry or to take steps to stop the bullying. Telling your parents or another authority figure, ignoring the bully or telling him to stop, may be in vain. The problem is that these actions tend to make the situation worse, and the bullying continues. You have reacted the way bully wanted, and this has added fuel to the fire. The bigger your reaction, the more the bullying continues.

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The bully's focus is on the attention he receives. He thrives on your reaction. When you get upset or angry, you are inadvertently rewarding the bully and encouraging his behavior.

Imagine that your interaction with a bully is a game. Outsmarting the bully by taking away his power is the key to winning. Change your attitude and the way you think about the situation and refuse to show any emotion. These actions will leave the bully with a feeling of loss and will diminish the thrill he experienced when bullying you.

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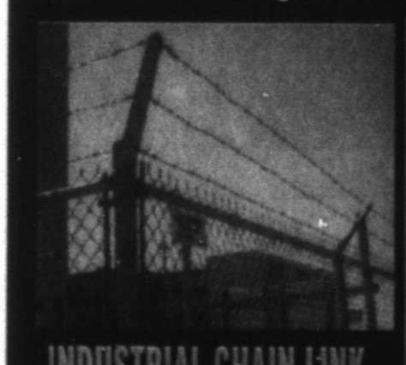
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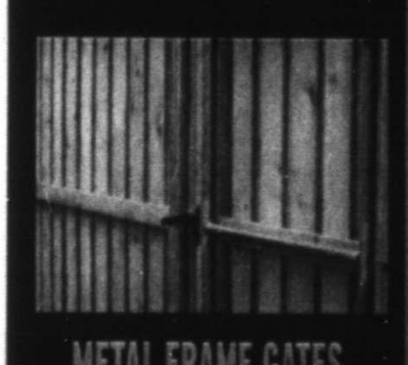
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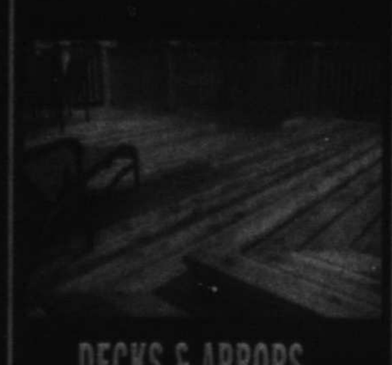
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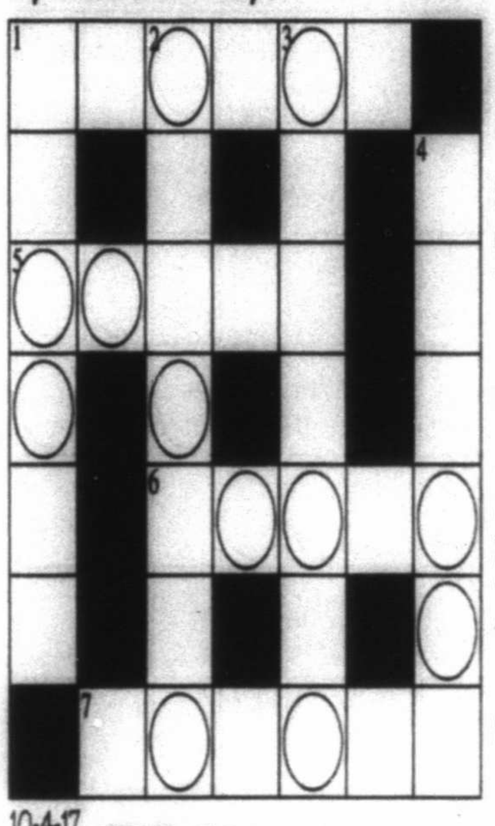

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Develop, progress	VELEVO
5. Excursion	JNUTA
6. Your home	RAHET
7. Offensive smell	CSENTH

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Command	JNIENO
2. Rich, luxurious	PUNETLO
3. Pro, old hand	EAVENRT
4. Uranus, for example	HHEGTI

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Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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13 Hi in Hawaii
14 Senior golfer Aoki
15 Lends support to
16 Likely to speak out
17 "Vodka cocktail often served with a sugared rim
19 Text update from an Uber driver: Abbr.
20 Trippy '60s drug
22 Milked for all it's worth
23 Mai __: rum drinks
25 Post-CrossFit woes
26 With 49-Across, it keeps repeating itself ... and, based on the first and last letters, an apt description of each answer to a starred clue
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29 Down with the flu
32 NFLer again in 2016
33 Early American furniture style
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37 Oft-injured knee part, for short
40 Bit of texting tact
41 Sine __ non
42 Interest-arousing promo
45 More accurate
47 Mud bath offerer
48 Night before
49 See 26-Across
50 Burton of "Star Trek: TNG"
52 Wild swine
53 Win out
56 Tiny drink
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DOWN

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4 "I thought so!"
5 Education financing company, familiarly
6 Coat, as jewelry
7 Put in the game
8 *Shari Lewis puppet
9 Place for a break?
10 Dove or robin
11 Campfire attraction
12 Kids' game for car trips
15 Includes
18 Maiden name intro
21 Nine-digit ID
24 Wanted poster letters
25 Duke's conf.
26 Cry from a sheep
27 Motel postings
30 *Totally drunk
31 "Today" co-host Matt
34 Manipulative health care practitioner
35 Pie crust fat
38 Mountain climber's piton spots
39 *Light source with hypnotic bubbles
43 Artillery bursts
44 Essen article
46 Electronics giant
49 Hitter's stat
51 Sound-detecting organ
53 Claimed in court
54 Hard to find
55 "Buy It Now" site
56 Agile
58 Like orange or red persimmons
59 Marsh plant
61 Athletes for Hope co-founder Hamm
63 Calendar square

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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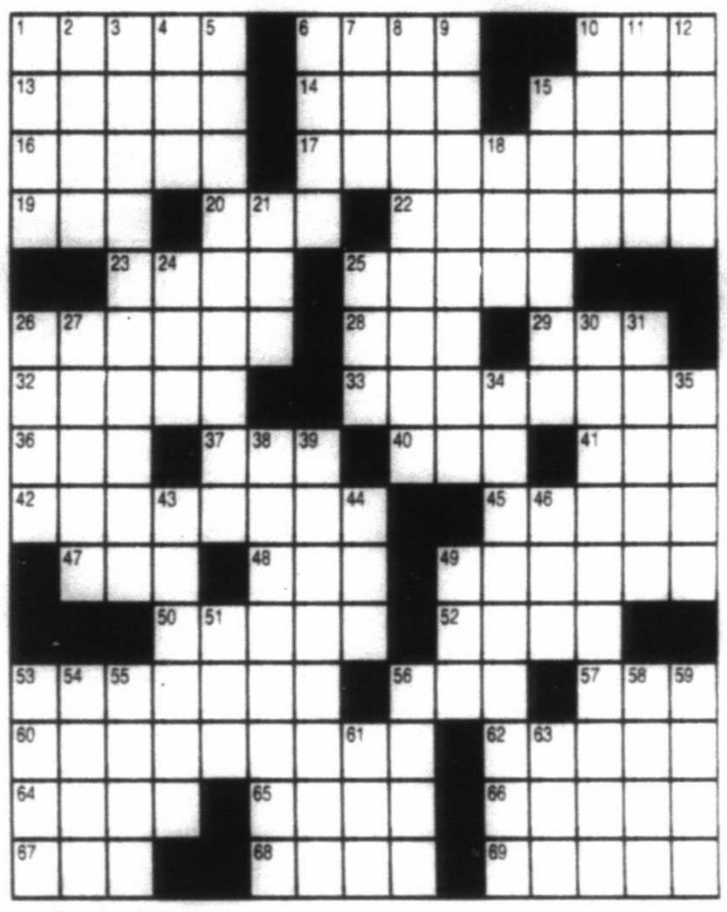

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San Antonio Express-News

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Eagleman is bringing one of the vests to showcase at this week's Mind Science Foundation conference, Plugged In: Emerging Technologies and the Future of Being Human, in San Antonio. He will join other scientists at the event today and Thursday to discuss emerging technologies of sensory, perceptual enhancement and human consciousness.

"Here is this little girl who's born deaf and blind, her whole world is silent and dark, and we are finally turning this technology into something that will change her life," Eagleman said.

The vest "takes in real-time streams of information and maps it to unique patterns of vibrations on the body that you will learn to recognize subconsciously," according to the company website.

Its main function is to pass information through a pattern of vibrations to the brain using different sensory channels, Eagleman said, who wrote and presented a PBS documentary on the brain in 2015 and is releasing a book, "The Runaway Species: How Human Creativity Remakes the World," this month that delves into human innovation.

Eagleman will be joined by other notable neuroscientists at the Plugged In event, including Christof Koch, who will speak on the brain and consciousness, and Erica Warp, who will discuss the human mind using brain wearables and big data.

The biggest question that Eagleman and other scientists are facing is whether they can develop new senses for humans.

In other words, "we can take somebody who has a perceptual deficit for whatever reason and, using technology, come up with a way to circumvent that so that the brain gets the information that it needs," Eagleman said.

"That's one of the things that I'm doing and that's a big part of what's going on for me in 2018," he said.

The Mind Science Foundation is a nonprofit organization that hosts speaker series and workshops and funds neuroscience research.

Dementia concerns starting among academy players in soccer

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

LONDON — Earning a place in a Premier League club's academy offers an irresistible path to fame, glory and wealth. Parents, though, are becoming increasingly aware of the potential health risks their children will be exposed to.

At Manchester City, offering reassurance and trying to allay concerns about any long-term brain damage caused by blows to the head now starts long before a professional contract is on offer.

"When we have young academy players — and we are talking 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 — we get the parents in and talk to them about it," City club doctor Matthew Brown told The Associated Press. "Concussion is a massive issue."

Just last week, Ireland forward Kevin Doyle retired from soccer after complaining of repeated headaches from heading the ball and concussions while playing for the Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer in recent months. It was a preventative measure by the 34-year-old former Premier League player to try and avoid permanent damage.

Medics are yet to verify definitive links between impacts to the brain and the early onset of dementia within footballers, and Ireland assistant coach Roy Keane was dismissive of Doyle's anxieties on Tuesday.

"If you're worried about the physical side of any sport, then play chess," Keane said. "It is part of the game, players picking up injuries. (Doyle) is a center forward, and he gets a few knocks from center backs. I'm sure he has given out a few himself."

A notoriously tough midfielder during his playing career with Manchester United and Ireland, Keane is trying to protect the game's physicality. Governing bodies, though, realize they cannot be indifferent if football is to blame for retired players suffering from degenerative brain diseases.

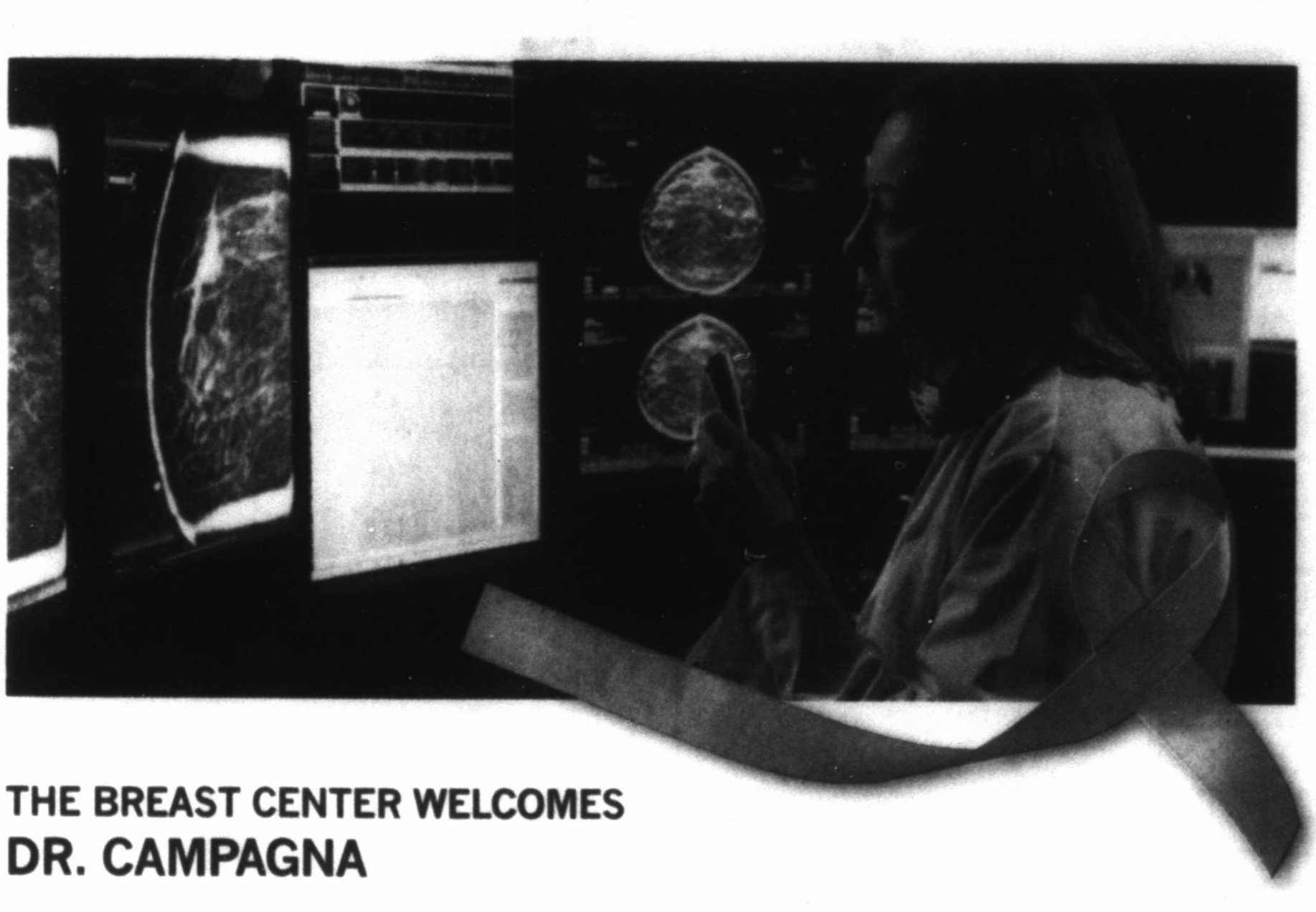
In research published earlier this year, six of 14 former players were found to have signs of Alzheimer's disease after their brains underwent post-mortem examinations. The Football Association and Professional Footballers' Association in England are stepping up the research being undertaken, and the way Alzheimer's or memory loss has afflicted several members of England's 1966 World Cup winning squad has sharpened the need to investigate.

Geoff Hurst, who scored a hat trick in England's 4-2 win over West Germany in the 1966 final, will launch an Alzheimer's Society walk next week to raise awareness.

"Dementia is becoming one of the most serious illnesses and it is increasing," Hurst said. "My involvement with the players from my squad who have got it is seeing how the families deal with it all, and it is arguably one of the most debilitating aliments families can face."

Hurst believes Martin Peters, the other scorer at Wembley 51 years ago, would no longer recognize him.

"If you have a physical disease, or a broken leg, you can recover from it and get better in time," Hurst said, "with dementia, it only goes one way, albeit at different levels."



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MHS beats Lee, ready for 4th straight postseason

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland High seniors don't know the feeling of missing the postseason in team tennis.

The Bulldogs didn't drop a set in defeating Lee, 19-0, in their District 2-6A finale Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center, which put the finishing touches on a second-place finish in district.

MHS (11-5, 5-1 in District 2-6A) secured a playoff berth for the fourth straight season and it will face the District 1-6A No. 3 seed in the bi-district round of the Class 6A team tennis playoffs at a location to be determined on Oct. 16 or 17.

Meanwhile, the Rebels (2-16, 0-6) capped a winless district season with a young team comprised mainly of sophomores and freshmen.

Prior to the Bulldogs seniors' arrival in fall 2014, the program hadn't made the team tennis postseason since 2000.

"I remember we were so excited because it hadn't been done in awhile," Stewart said.

Seniors Stewart, Diego Martinez, Sofia Salcedo, Travis Andrews, Jack Wall and Luke Morrow have been a part of an MHS program that has finished either first or second in district in three straight seasons for the first time since the storied 1976-78 Bulldog teams that won state in 1976-77.

"My sophomore year is when I realized we were doing something special, it's great," Martinez said.

This season, MHS will experience a new postseason format where the area and regional tournaments have been replaced with a five-round playoff that leads up to the state tournament on Nov. 1-2.

The playoff format resembles most UIL team sports with a bi-district, area, quarterfinal, regional semifinal and regional final matches.

"I kind of like it because it's just like volleyball or football, you have a match every week," Stewart said. "There's anticipation, and you kind of get excited for each match, and it's not all over in one weekend."

Lee head coach Raymundo

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Midland High's Tyler Stewart competes in a tennis match against Lee on Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center. MHS defeated Lee and is heading to its fourth straight postseason.

Dominant in district

MHS stays perfect in 2-6A after downing Central

Lady Bulldogs.....3
Lady Bobcats.....1

By Will Korn
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Having won its first six District 2-6A matches, the Midland High volleyball team entered Tuesday's home contest against San Angelo Central with a target on its back.

Central was determined to avenge a four-set home district loss to the Lady Bulldogs on Sept. 12 — the first time MHS has won in San Angelo since 2012 — and MHS fielded an inspired effort from the Lady Bobcats.

But as they have done time and again this district season, the Lady Bulldogs used timely runs and an imposing block to once again dispatch Central in four sets — 25-20, 18-25, 25-22, 25-17 — at the MHS gym.

Hayley Branco notched a team-high 14 kills to help first-place MHS (25-12, 7-0) remain undefeated in district play. Trinity Southall had a match-high 15 kills for Central (23-7, 4-3), which remained in third place.

Longtime Central head coach Connie Bozarth said her players produced a quality effort for the most part in the loss. But the Lady Bulldogs' block grew into a deterrent once the Lady Bobcats built any kind of real momentum.

"I felt we were very inconsistent to a degree and we kind of let their block get back into our heads again," Bozarth said. "(It was the) same thing as when we played them at our place — we had moments when we looked fantastic and did exactly what we wanted to do. Then we let them get a couple of blocks, and we'd retreat."

MHS paired a dominant net presence with a trio of momentous runs that ultimately helped decide the match.

It was a 6-0 run in the first set that established separation for the Lady Bulldogs en route to a 25-20 win. In the third set, MHS rallied from an early 6-2 deficit and eventually seized full control with a 5-0 spurt midway through.

Then in the fourth came an exclamation point — an 11-1 run that turned a 14-11 deficit MHS deficit into a 21-15 advantage. The Lady Bulldogs proceeded to seal the match victory by scoring four of the final five points.

The runs eventually came, but MHS head coach Amanda Lopez said Central made things difficult for her team to find a rhythm.

"They did a great job putting pressure on us and (Southall) did a great job getting us out of system at some

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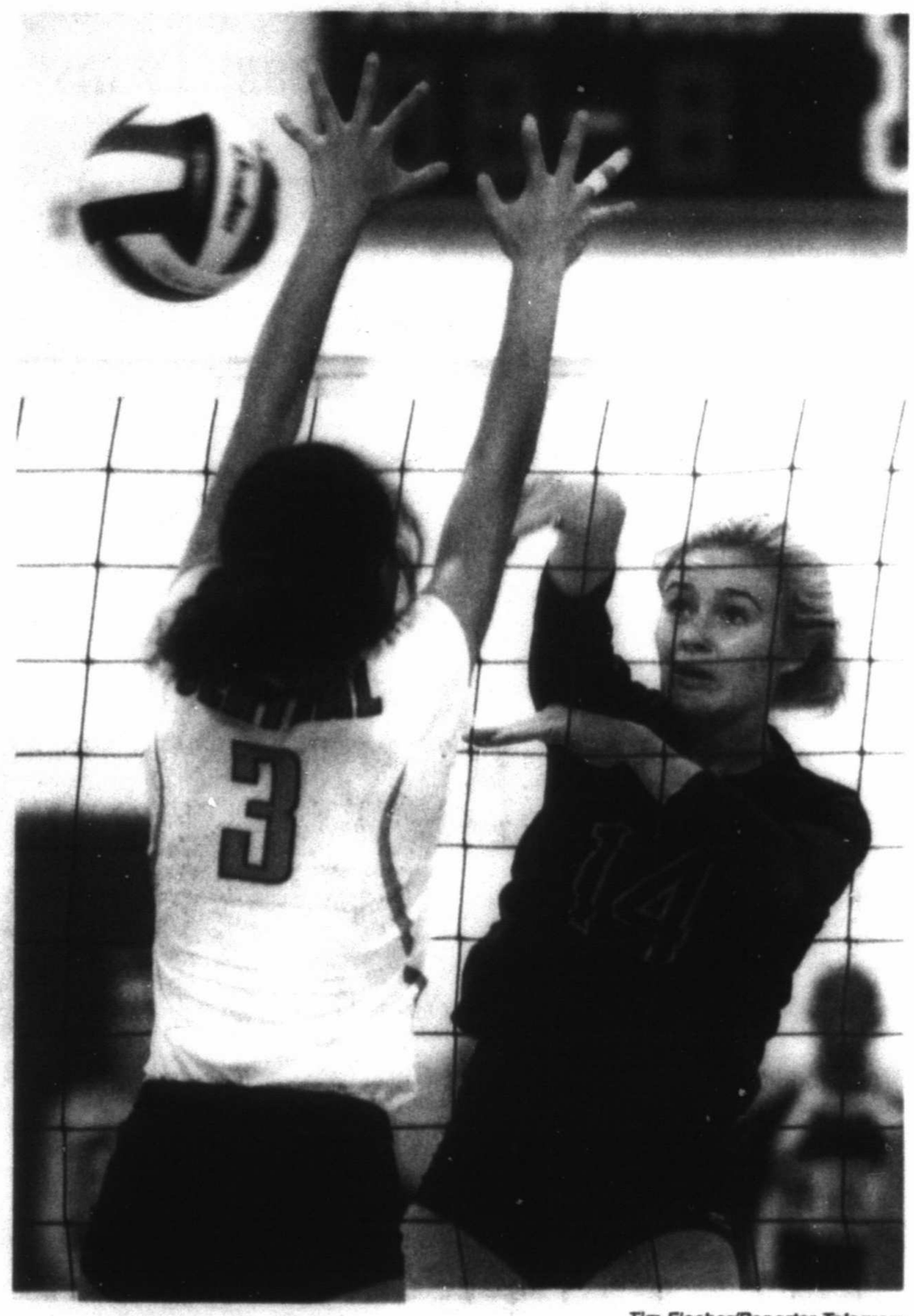

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Midland High's Caroline Harper puts the ball past San Angelo Central's Kaleigh Ochinanga on Tuesday at MHS gym. The Lady Bulldogs won the match in four sets.

GREENWOOD REPORT

Rangers still in search of full 48-minute effort

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson is still looking for his Rangers to put together a strong and complete game.

Last Friday, a strong second half was good enough to get the job done against Fort Stockton in the District 2-4A Division II opener.

Greenwood shook off a slow start against the Panthers with 31 second-half points in a 38-0 victory. The way the Rangers finished was fantastic for Sanderson to see. However, that first half was frustrating, and it obviously didn't help that Fort Stockton had a long drive to start the game.

Sanderson

"They held on to the ball and kept finding ways to move the chains," Sanderson said. "They ran about 18, 19 plays and ate up nearly eight minutes of the first quarter. But it was big for us to keep them out of the end zone as they were pretty close to the goal line. It lit a spark in us defensively to go out and get stops."

That goal-line stand for the Rangers (4-1, 1-0 in district) was the start of a good night for the defense, which came up with three interceptions and held the Panthers to 197 total yards.

"The goal of the defense is to get three-and-outs and create turnovers," Sanderson said. "We not only also had some good pressure from the guys up front but we were pretty fortunate to get back behind the chains and we were able to pick three passes off. But good things happen when you play hard."

That defense helped to keep the Rangers in the game until the offense was able to find a rhythm. Once again, that early long drive by the Panthers didn't help matters.

"We were trying to huddle and do some things we haven't done a lot of," Sanderson said. "Our offense is rhythm based and we just had too many penalties on both sides of the ball and a lot

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Coahoma, Stanton ready for final non-district tuneup

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Stanton and Coahoma football teams believe they're heading in the right direction, and now they both want a good showing before they begin District 2-3A Division II play.

Coahoma (3-2) is coming off a 35-12 victory over San Angelo Grape Creek and will host San Angelo TLCA (3-2) on Friday in its final non-district game of the season.

It was the second straight win for the Bulldogs, who are running the ball very effectively behind their big offensive line. Led by Zack Schneider's 201 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries, the Bulldogs rushed for 344 of their 387 total yards. Schneider, a sophomore, has really stepped up since senior Braden Pearson has been hampered with an ankle injury.

"That's kind of our identity, is to run the football," Coahoma coach Fred Dietz said. "Zack's been a guy that's been super explosive. We weren't sure how we were going to get him touches at the beginning of the year but ever since Braden Pearson got hurt, he's taken into that running back/running quarterback position really well. He can throw the football, too. He's going to be one of those kids that is just going to get better, and he's already playing at a high level."

While the Bulldogs were doing a good job running the ball, their run defense was just as stellar. Grape Creek was held to just six yards on the ground on 24 carries.

"Any time you control the line of scrimmage, it's a recipe for success," Dietz said. "Blocking and tackling are the basis of playing good football."

The only negative from the win was that the Bulldogs won despite turning the ball over six times.

"We've got to do a better job of taking care of the football," Dietz said. "I don't think anybody has a chance to win a game if you turn it over that many times."

Cutting down on turnovers will certainly be a focus for the Bulldogs as they get ready to start district play against Stanton on Oct. 13.

"Playing well going into district jump-started us last year," Dietz said. "We were able to win a couple of district games and get to the playoffs. The biggest difference is that last year we didn't know if we were a good football team. This year we know we are a good team, so it's definitely important that we play well this week and keep winning games. I think we've been doing a good job, but as a coach you know there's always room for improvement."

Dietz

Stanton believes it has been improving despite a 1-4 record and a 48-22 loss to Merkel heading into Friday's game at Alpine (3-2).

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David Eagleman, a neuroscientist and adjunct professor at Stanford University, spent the last few years developing a life-changing vest that would enable people who are deaf to understand the spoken word. Just last week, his team at NeoSensory began working on a version of the vest for a 2-year-old deaf and blind girl in Wisconsin.

Eagleman is bringing one of the vests to showcase at this week's Mind Science Foundation conference, Plugged In: Emerging Technologies and the Future of Being Human, in San Antonio. He will join other scientists at the event today and Thursday to discuss emerging technologies of sensory, perceptual enhancement and human consciousness.

"Here is this little girl who's born deaf and blind, her whole world is silent and dark, and we are finally turning this technology into something that will change her life," Eagleman said.

The vest "takes in real-time streams of information and maps it to unique patterns of vibrations on the body that you will learn to recognize subconsciously," according to the company website.

Its main function is to pass information through a pattern of vibrations to the brain using different sensory channels, Eagleman said, who wrote and presented a PBS documentary on the brain in 2015 and is releasing a book, "The Runaway Species: How Human Creativity Remakes the World," this month that delves into human innovation.

Eagleman will be joined by other notable neuroscientists at the Plugged In event, including Christof Koch, who will speak on the brain and consciousness, and Erica Warp, who will discuss the human mind using brain wearables and big data.

The biggest question that Eagleman and other scientists are facing is whether they can develop new senses for humans.

In other words, "we can take somebody who has a perceptual deficit for whatever reason and, using technology, come up with a way to circumvent that so that the brain gets the information that it needs," Eagleman said.

"That's one of the things that I'm doing and that's a big part of what's going on for me in 2018," he said.

The Mind Science Foundation is a nonprofit organization that hosts speaker series and workshops and funds neuroscience research.

Dementia concerns starting among academy players in soccer

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

LONDON — Earning a place in a Premier League club's academy offers an irresistible path to fame, glory and wealth. Parents, though, are becoming increasingly aware of the potential health risks their children will be exposed to.

At Manchester City, offering reassurance and trying to allay concerns about any long-term brain damage caused by blows to the head now starts long before a professional contract is on offer.

"When we have young academy players — and we are talking 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 — we get the parents in and talk to them about it," City club doctor Matthew Brown told The Associated Press. "Concussion is a massive issue."

Just last week, Ireland forward Kevin Doyle retired from soccer after complaining of repeated headaches from heading the ball and concussions while playing for the Colorado Rapids in Major League Soccer in recent months. It was a preventative measure by the 34-year-old former Premier League player to try and avoid permanent damage.

Medics are yet to verify definitive links between impacts to the brain and the early onset of dementia within footballers, and Ireland assistant coach Roy Keane was dismissive of Doyle's anxieties on Tuesday.

"If you're worried about the physical side of any sport, then play chess," Keane said. "It is part of the game, players picking up injuries. (Doyle) is a center forward, and he gets a few knocks from center backs. I'm sure he has given out a few himself."

A notoriously tough midfielder during his playing career with Manchester United and Ireland, Keane is trying to protect the game's physicality. Governing bodies, though, realize they cannot be indifferent if football is to blame for retired players suffering from degenerative brain diseases.

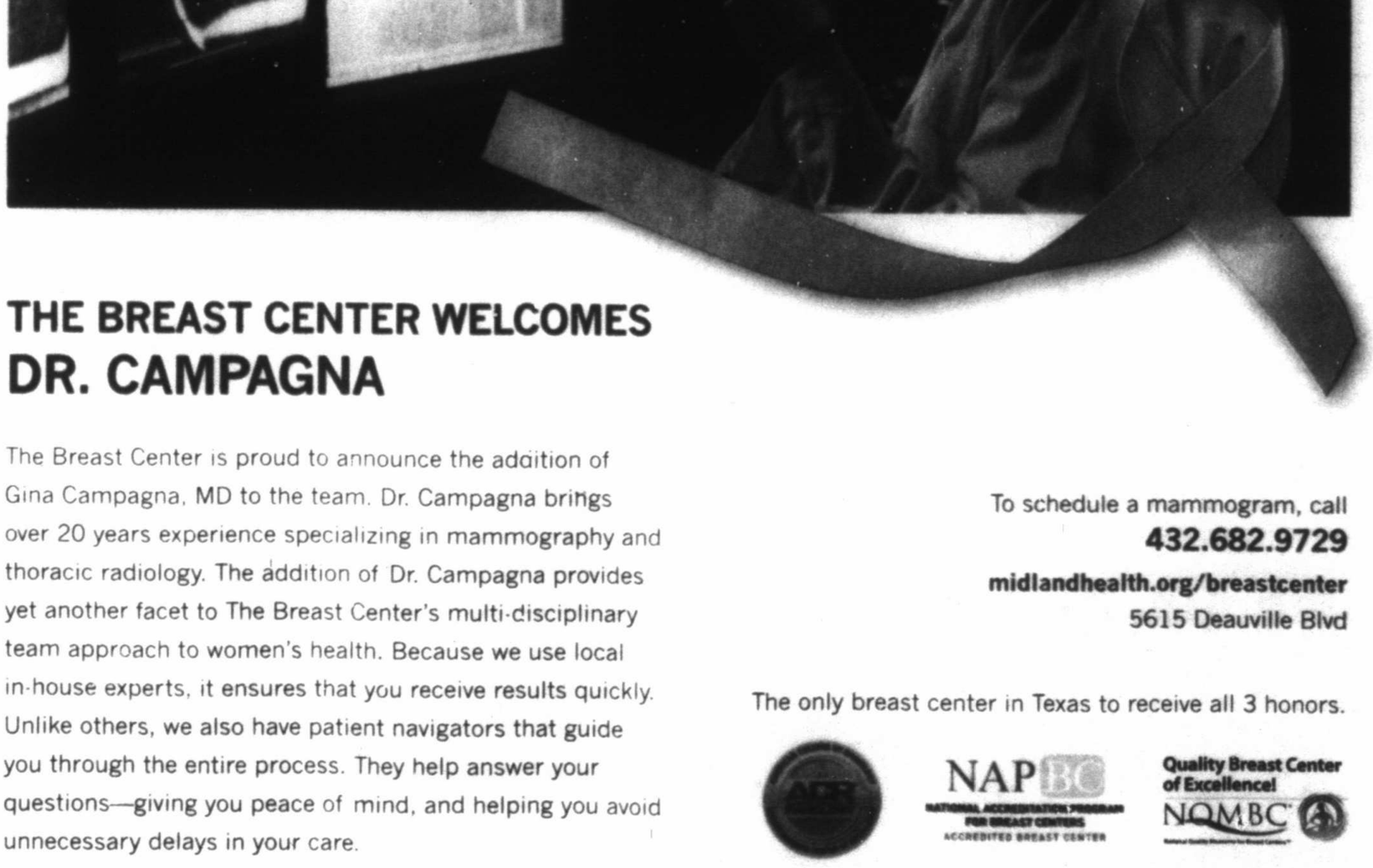
In research published earlier this year, six of 14 former players were found to have signs of Alzheimer's disease after their brains underwent post-mortem examinations. The Football Association and Professional Footballers' Association in England are stepping up the research being undertaken, and the way Alzheimer's or memory loss has afflicted several members of England's 1966 World Cup winning squad has sharpened the need to investigate.

Geoff Hurst, who scored a hat trick in England's 4-2 win over West Germany in the 1966 final, will launch an Alzheimer's Society walk next week to raise awareness.

"Dementia is becoming one of the most serious illnesses and it is increasing," Hurst said. "My involvement with the players from my squad who have got it is seeing how the families deal with it all, and it is arguably one of the most debilitating aliments families can face."

Hurst believes Martin Peters, the other scorer at Wembley 51 years ago, would no longer recognize him.

"If you have a physical disease, or a broken leg, you can recover from it and get better in time," Hurst said, "with dementia, it only goes one way, albeit at different levels."



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MIDLAND HEALTH

MHS beats Lee, ready for 4th straight postseason

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland High seniors don't know the feeling of missing the postseason in team tennis.

The Bulldogs didn't drop a set in defeating Lee, 19-0, in their District 2-6A finale Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center, which put the finishing touches on a second-place finish in district.

MHS (11-5, 5-1 in District 2-6A) secured a playoff berth for the fourth straight season and it will face the District 1-6A No. 3 seed in the bi-district round of the Class 6A team tennis playoffs at a location to be determined on Oct. 16 or 17.

Meanwhile, the Rebels (2-16, 0-6) capped a winless district season with a young team comprised mainly of sophomores and freshmen.

Prior to the Bulldogs seniors' arrival in fall 2014, the program hadn't made the team tennis postseason since 2000.

"I remember we were so excited because it hadn't been done in awhile," Stewart said.

Seniors Stewart, Diego Martinez, Sofia Salcedo, Travis Andrews, Jack Wall and Luke Morrow have been a part of an MHS program that has finished either first or second in district in three straight seasons for the first time since the storied 1976-78 Bulldog teams that won state in 1976-77.

"My sophomore year is when I realized we were doing something special, it's great," Martinez said.

This season, MHS will experience a new postseason format where the area and regional tournaments have been replaced with a five-round playoff that leads up to the state tournament on Nov. 1-2.

The playoff format resembles most UIL team sports with a bi-district, area, quarterfinal, regional semifinal and regional final matches.

"I kind of like it because it's just like volleyball or football, you have a match every week," Stewart said. "There's anticipation, and you kind of get excited for each match, and it's not all over in one weekend."

Lee head coach Raymundo

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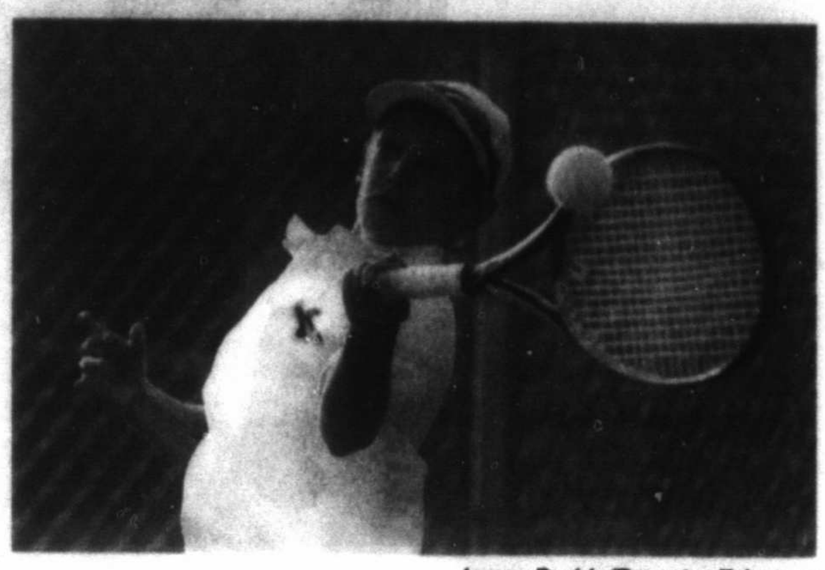

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Midland High's Tyler Stewart competes in a tennis match against Lee on Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center. MHS defeated Lee and is heading to its fourth straight postseason.

Dominant in district

MHS stays perfect in 2-6A after downing Central

Lady Bulldogs.....3
Lady Bobcats.....1

By Will Korn
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Having won its first six District 2-6A matches, the Midland High volleyball team entered Tuesday's home contest against San Angelo Central with a target on its back.

Central was determined to avenge a four-set home district loss to the Lady Bulldogs on Sept. 12 — the first time MHS has won in San Angelo since 2012 — and MHS fielded an inspired effort from the Lady Bobcats.

But as they have done time and again this district season, the Lady Bulldogs used timely runs and an imposing block to once again dispatch Central in four sets — 25-20, 18-25, 25-22, 25-17 — at the MHS gym.

Hayley Branco notched a team-high 14 kills to help first-place MHS (25-12, 7-0) remain undefeated in district play. Trinity Southall had a match-high 15 kills for Central (23-7, 4-3), which remained in third place.

Longtime Central head coach Connie Bozarth said her players produced a quality effort for the most part in the loss. But the Lady Bulldogs' block grew into a deterrent once the Lady Bobcats built any kind of real momentum.

"I felt we were very inconsistent to a degree and we kind of let their block get back into our heads again," Bozarth said. "(It was the) same thing as when we played them at our place — we had moments when we looked fantastic and did exactly what we wanted to do. Then we let them get a couple of blocks, and we'd retreat."

MHS paired a dominant net presence with a trio of momentous runs that ultimately helped decide the match.

It was a 6-0 run in the first set that established separation for the Lady Bulldogs en route to a 25-20 win. In the third set, MHS rallied from an early 6-2 deficit and eventually seized full control with a 5-0 spurt midway through.

Then in the fourth came an exclamation point — an 11-1 run that turned a 14-11 deficit MHS deficit into a 21-15 advantage. The Lady Bulldogs proceeded to seal the match victory by scoring four of the final five points.

The runs eventually came, but MHS head coach Amanda Lopez said Central made things difficult for her team to find a rhythm.

"They did a great job putting pressure on us and (Southall) did a great job getting us out of system at some

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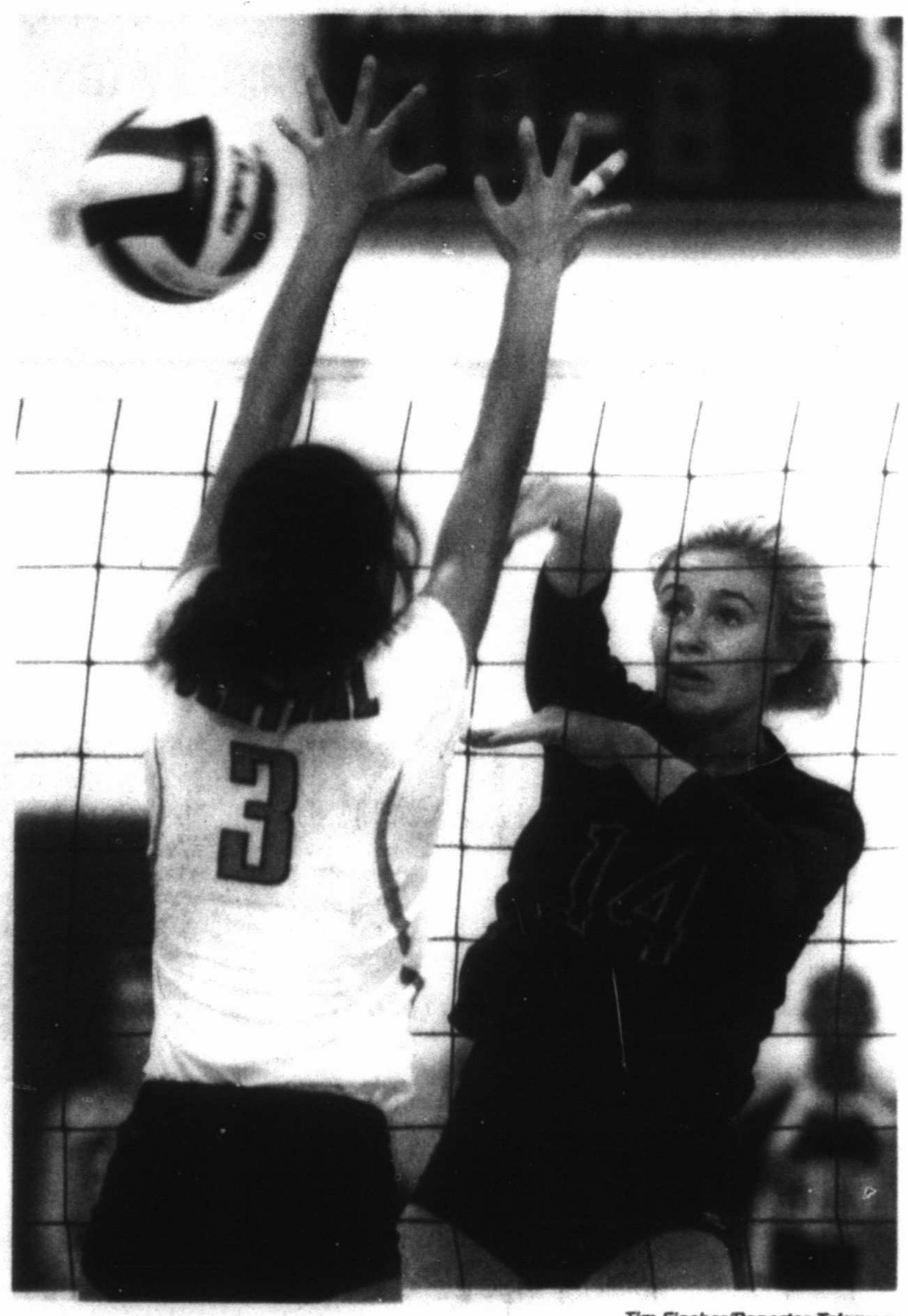

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Midland High's Caroline Harper puts the ball past San Angelo Central's Kaleigh Ochinanga on Tuesday at MHS gym. The Lady Bulldogs won the match in four sets.

GREENWOOD REPORT

Rangers still in search of full 48-minute effort

By Oscar LeRoy
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Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson is still looking for his Rangers to put together a strong and complete game.

Last Friday, a strong second half was good enough to get the job done against Fort Stockton in the District 2-4A Division II opener.

Greenwood shook off a slow start against the Panthers with 31 second-half points in a 38-0 victory. The way the Rangers finished was fantastic for Sanderson to see. However, that first half was frustrating, and it obviously didn't help that Fort Stockton had a long drive to start the game.

Sanderson

"They held on to the ball and kept finding ways to move the chains," Sanderson said. "They ran about 18, 19 plays and ate up nearly eight minutes of the first quarter. But it was big for us to keep them out of the end zone as they were pretty close to the goal line. It lit a spark in us defensively to go out and get stops."

That goal-line stand for the Rangers (4-1, 1-0 in district) was the start of a good night for the defense, which came up with three interceptions and held the Panthers to 197 total yards.

"The goal of the defense is to get three-and-outs and create turnovers," Sanderson said. "We not only also had some good pressure from the guys up front but we were pretty fortunate to get back behind the chains and we were able to pick three passes off. But good things happen when you play hard."

That defense helped to keep the Rangers in the game until the offense was able to find a rhythm. Once again, that early long drive by the Panthers didn't help matters.

"We were trying to huddle and do some things we haven't done a lot of," Sanderson said. "Our offense is rhythm based and we just had too many penalties on both sides of the ball and a lot

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Coahoma, Stanton ready for final non-district tuneup

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Stanton and Coahoma football teams believe they're heading in the right direction, and now they both want a good showing before they begin District 2-3A Division II play.

Coahoma (3-2) is coming off a 35-12 victory over San Angelo Grape Creek and will host San Angelo TLCA (3-2) on Friday in its final non-district game of the season.

It was the second straight win for the Bulldogs, who are running the ball very effectively behind their big offensive line. Led by Zack Schneider's 201 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries, the Bulldogs rushed for 344 of their 387 total yards. Schneider, a sophomore, has really stepped up since senior Braden Pearson has been hampered with an ankle injury.

"That's kind of our identity, is to run the football," Coahoma coach Fred Dietz said. "Zack's been a guy that's been super explosive. We weren't sure how we were going to get him touches at the beginning of the year but ever since Braden Pearson got hurt, he's taken into that running back/running quarterback position really well. He can throw the football, too. He's going to be one of those kids that is just going to get better, and he's already playing at a high level."

While the Bulldogs were doing a good job running the ball, their run defense was just as stellar. Grape Creek was held to just six yards on the ground on 24 carries.

"Any time you control the line of scrimmage, it's a recipe for success," Dietz said. "Blocking and tackling are the basis of playing good football."

The only negative from the win was that the Bulldogs won despite turning the ball over six times.

"We've got to do a better job of taking care of the football," Dietz said. "I don't think anybody has a chance to win a game if you turn it over that many times."

Cutting down on turnovers will certainly be a focus for the Bulldogs as they get ready to start district play against Stanton on Oct. 13.

"Playing well going into district jump-started us last year," Dietz said. "We were able to win a couple of district games and get to the playoffs. The biggest difference is that last year we didn't know if we were a good football team. This year we know we are a good team, so it's definitely important that we play well this week and keep winning games. I think we've been doing a good job, but as a coach you know there's always room for improvement."

Dietz

Stanton believes it has been improving despite a 1-4 record and a 48-22 loss to Merkel heading into Friday's game at Alpine (3-2).

Last year, the Buffaloes were not only winless, but had trouble finding any offense. This season, Stanton not

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Peterson

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Basketball
Liga ACB: Valencia Basket vs. Rio Natura Monbus Obradoiro, 2 p.m., ELVN
College Football
Arkansas State at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Major League Baseball
NL Wild Card: Colorado at Arizona, 7 p.m., TBS, CNN Esp.
Men's Soccer
Friendly: FC Juarez vs. Rayos del Necaxa, 7:50 p.m., ESPNDEP
National Basketball Association
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6 p.m., NBAtv
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW+
Denver vs. LA Lakers, 9 p.m., NBAtv
Minnesota vs. Golden State, 1 a.m., NBAtv
National Hockey League
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Philadelphia at San Jose, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN
Tennis
WTA: China Open, 6:30 a.m., beIN
ATP: Tokyo, ATP: Beijing, 10 p.m., TENNIS
WTA: China Open, 11:30 p.m., beIN
Women's College Volleyball
Texas A&M at Florida, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Auburn at Tennessee, 7 p.m., SEC
Minnesota at Wisconsin, 7 p.m., BTN
Kansas State at TCU, 8 p.m., ESPNU
Women's National Basketball Association
WNBA Finals, Game 5: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m., ESPN

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior College Volleyball
Frank Phillips College at Midland College, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Named Jeffrey Perconte assistant general counsel.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Announced the resignation of Red Sox Foundation executive director Gena Borson, effective at the end of the year.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Reassigned third base coach Manny Acta to bench coach, assistant coach Scott Brosius to third base coach, special projects coach Chris Prieto to first base coach. Retained hitting coach Edgar Martinez, pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre Jr. and bullpen coach Nasusel Cabrera; Cabrera in a to-be-determined position. Announced bench coach Tim Bogar and first base coach Casey Candaele will not return.
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Purchased a full ownership stake in the Carolina Mudcats (Carolina).
NEW YORK METS — Named Terry Collins special assistant to the general manager. Announced pitching coach Dan Warthen and trainer Ray Ramirez will not return next season and Warthen has been offered another role in the organization.
ST LOUIS CARDINALS — Announced the contracts of pitching coach Derek Lilliquist and bullpen coach Blaise Ilsley will not be renewed.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed LB Scooby Wright III from the practice squad and LB Connor Harris and OL Vinston Painter to the practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed DT Jack Crawford on injured reserve.
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed S Colt Anderson on injured reserve. Released DE Eric Lee and S Robert Blanton. Signed Ss Trae Elston and Shamarko Thomas and WR Philly Brown.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Placed WR Damiere Byrd on injured reserve. Signed S Jairus Byrd.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed LB Dominique Alexander on injured reserve. Released LB Garrett Sickels from the practice squad. Signed LB Deon King from the practice squad and LB Austin Calitro and WR Rannell Hall to the practice squad.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed OT Zach Strief on injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Waived LB Josh Carraway. Released CB Kenneth Durden from the practice squad. Agreed to terms with QB Brandon Weeden. Signed WR C.J. Board to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released QB Alek Torgersen from the practice squad. Signed QB Joel Stave and OL Jerry Ugokwe to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned F Mario Kempe and G Marek Langhamer to Tucson (AHL).
BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned Fs Sean Malone and Alexander Nylander to Rochester (AHL). Placed F Evan Rodrigues and D Justin Falk on injured reserve.
CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned LW Luke Gazdic and F Mark Jankowski to Stockton (AHL) and G Mason MacDonald from Stockton to Kansas City (ECHL). Signed LW Tanner Glass to a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Placed F Jordin Tootoo on long-term injured reserve.
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Assigned D Duncan Siemens and David Warsofsky to San Antonio (AHL) and G Joe Cannata to Colorado (ECHL). Claimed D Patrik Nemeth off waivers from Dallas. Placed D Sergei Boikov and LW A.J. Greer on the injured non-roster list.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed G Kaden Fulcher to a three-year, entry-level contract. Assigned D Ryan Sproul to Grand Rapids (AHL). Recalled F Matt Lorito from Grand Rapids and placed him on non-roster injured reserve.
EDMONTON OILERS — Assigned RW Anton Slepyshev to Bakersfield (AHL). Reassigned C Kyle Platzer from Bakersfield to Wichita (ECHL).
MINNESOTA WILD — Assigned Fs Dante Salituro, Pavel Jenys and Adam Gilmour from Iowa (AHL) to Rapid City (ECHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Assigned Fs Frederick Gaudreau and Vladislav Kamenev to Milwaukee (AHL). Designated D Ryan Ellis and F Nick Bonino as non-roster.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Brian Strait and Fs Joseph Blandisi, Nick Lappin and John Quenneville to Binghamton (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Loaned Fs Steve Bernier and Stephen Gionta to Bridgeport (AHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned D Sergey Zborovsky, G Brandon Halverson and Fs Adam Chapie and Dawson Leedahl from Hartford (AHL) to Greenville (ECHL).
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Traded D Derrick Pouliot to Vancouver for D Andrey Pedan and a 2018 fourth-round draft pick.
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Assigned F Tomas Hyka to Chicago (AHL). Placed F James Neal on the injured-non roster list and D Clayton Stoner on injured reserve. Claimed G Malcolm Subban off waivers from Boston.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLUMBUS CREW — Signed M Federico Higuain to a one-year, designated player contract extension.
TENNIS
ITF — Suspended British player Dan Evans one year for testing positive for cocaine.
COLLEGE
BAYLOR — Dismissed OL Ishmael Wilson and CB Jourdan Blake from the football team.
BROWN — Named Kara Willis assistant softball coach.
LOUISVILLE — Named Vince Tyra acting athletic director.
MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO — Announced the resignation of trainer Jeff Chambers.
NEW JERSEY CITY — Named Raven Conyers athletics business manager/bookkeeper.
TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Yannick Denson assistant women's basketball coach.
WAGNER — Named Greg Cusick assistant athletic director for external relations.
WINSTON-SALEM STATE — Named Trevin Goodwin interim director of media relations.

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College Football
Saturday

at UTSA	8½	13½	(52)	Southern Miss
W Kentucky	17½	18½	(50½)	at UTEP
Army	12	13½	(46)	at RICE
Texas Tech	14½	17	(81)	at KANSAS
Louisiana-Monroe	7½	6	(56½)	at TEXAS STATE
at TCU	12½	13	(70½)	West Virginia
at OKLAHOMA	27	28	(69)	Iowa St
at HOUSTON	7½	6½	(63)	SMU
at TEXAS	5	3½	(49½)	Kansas St
Alabama	21	26	(55½)	at TEXAS A&M

NFL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		Thursday		
New England	3	5	(56)	at TAMPA BAY
		Sunday		
at NY GIANTS	3	3½	(44)	LA Chargers
at CINCINNATI	2½	3	(38½)	Buffalo
at CLEVELAND	2	PK	(39)	NY Jets
at PITTSBURGH	9	8½	(43)	Jacksonville
Tennessee	3½	2½	(OFF)	at MIAMI
at INDIANAPOLIS	1	1½	(44)	San Francisco
at PHILADELPHIA	5½	6	(45½)	Arizona
at DETROIT	3½	3	(44)	Carolina
at LA RAMS	PK	[illegible]	(47)	Seattle
at OAKLAND	6	2	(40)	Baltimore
at DALLAS	2	2	(52½)	Green Bay
Kansas City	2½	1	(47)	at HOUSTON
		Monday		
at CHICAGO	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Minnesota

NBA GLANCE

Standings

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	1	0	1.000	—
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	½
New York	0	1	.000	1

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	1	0	1.000	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
Orlando	0	1	.000	1
Charlotte	0	1	.000	1
Atlanta	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	½
Detroit	0	0	.000	½
Indiana	0	0	.000	½
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Memphis	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
New Orleans	0	1	.000	1
San Antonio	0	1	.000	1

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	2	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	1	0	1.000	½
Utah	1	0	1.000	½
Portland	0	0	.000	1
Oklahoma City	0	1	.000	1½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	½
L.A. Clippers	0	1	.000	1
Golden State	0	1	.000	1
L.A. Lakers	0	2	.000	1½

Scores & schedule

Tuesday's Games
Brooklyn 115, New York 107
Chicago 113, New Orleans 109
Houston 104, Oklahoma City 97
Phoenix at Portland, late
Today's Games
Toronto vs. L.A. Clippers at Honolulu, HI, midnight
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Haifa Maccabi at Utah, 8 p.m.
Denver vs. L.A. Lakers at Ontario, CA, 9 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

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	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	19	5	8	65	71	35
New York City FC	16	8	8	56	53	39
Atlanta United FC	15	9	8	53	68	38
Chicago	15	10	7	52	58	42
Columbus	15	12	5	50	50	47
New York	12	12	7	43	48	46
Philadelphia	10	13	9	39	42	43
Montreal	11	15	6	39	50	54
New England	11	15	6	39	48	58
Orlando City	10	13	9	39	38	51
D.C. United	9	18	5	32	30	54

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	15	10	6	51	48	43
Seattle	12	9	11	47	45	39
Sporting KC	12	7	11	47	37	24
Portland	13	11	8	47	54	49
Houston	11	10	10	43	52	44
FC Dallas	10	9	12	42	42	42
San Jose	12	14	6	42	35	57
Real Salt Lake	12	14	6	42	47	53
Minnesota United	10	16	5	35	44	63
Los Angeles	7	17	3	29	41	62
Colorado	8	18	5	29	29	47

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores & schedule

Tuesday's Score
Minnesota United 3, Atlanta United FC 2
Saturday's games
Vancouver at New York, 4 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Minnesota United, 7 p.m.
FC Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Verlander to start for Astros in Game 1

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros will start Justin Verlander in Game 1 of the AL Division Series against Chris Sale and the Boston Red Sox on Thursday.

Manager A.J. Hinch announced the decision Tuesday, adding that left-hander Dallas Keuchel, who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2015, will start Game 2 on Friday against Drew Pomeranz.

"It's really deciding between two really deserving, really good guys," Hinch said. "So I didn't have a lot of stress about it other than we had to pick an order."

Verlander has been at his best since being acquired from the Detroit Tigers in a trade on Aug. 31. He's 5-0 with a 1.06 ERA in five starts since the deal and 15-8 with a 3.36 ERA in 33 starts overall this season.

"Verlander has pitched extraordinarily well since he got here," Hinch said. "The five starts we've seen have been exceptional. Dallas has pitched very well recently as well and obviously has a long history here. So for us, matching up we decided to go 1 Verlander, 2 Keuchel, which leaves open the option at the back end to do whatever we want if it ends up being a Game 5."

Associated Press

On Sept. 27, Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander winds up to pitch against the Texas Rangers in Arlington. The Astros will start Verlander in Game 1 of the American League Division Series against Chris Sale and the Boston Red Sox on Thursday. Manager A.J. Hinch announced the decision Tuesday, adding that left-hander Dallas Keuchel, who won the AL Cy Young Award in 2015, will start Game 2 on Friday against Drew Pomeranz.

Verlander is a six-time All Star who has appeared in the playoffs five times. He is 7-5 with a 3.39 ERA and 112 strikeouts in 16 career postseason starts. He faced Boston twice this season while with Detroit but did not get a decision either time.

Verlander didn't speak with reporters on Tuesday, but his teammates raved about him after going through an afternoon workout that lasted about 90 minutes.

"He's meant a lot to this team," All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa said. "He's a game-changer not only when he's on the mound but when he's outside talking to the pitchers and talking about the hitters they've got to face and how to approach them. It's just fantastic to watch. He's an unbelievable pitcher ... and he's helping our rotation in a big way."

Keuchel has bounced back from a tough 2016 with a solid season, going 14-5 with a 2.90 ERA. He was limited to 23 starts because of a neck injury that landed him on the disabled list twice. But he has looked good recently, posting a 2.87 ERA in five September starts after compiling a 5.05 mark in six starts during August.

Hinch didn't reveal his entire roster for the best-of-five ALDS, but did say the Astros sent reliever Reymin Guduan, outfielder Colin Moran and third baseman J.D. Davis home because they won't be used in the postseason. Additionally, the club sent reliever Francis Martes, outfielder Tony Kemp and catcher Max Stassi to the instructional league in Florida to stay sharp. They won't be used in this series but could be needed down the road if the Astros advance.

Gregorius, Judge, bullpen rally wild-card Yanks past Twins

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

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Twins	4

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge, Didi Gregorius and a brilliant bullpen rescued New York from a rugged start and lifted the Yankees to their first postseason win in five years.

Gregorius' three-run homer tied the score after Minnesota knocked out Luis Severino in the first inning, a pumped-up Judge showed his most emotion this season when he hit a two-run shot in his postseason debut and the Yankees beat the Twins 8-4 Tuesday night in the AL wild-card game.

Brett Gardner also homered for the Yankees, who chased Ervin Santana after two innings and once again knocked the Twins out of the playoffs.

Chad Green, David Robertson, Tommy Kahnle and Aroldis Chapman combined for 8 2/3 innings of one-run, five-hit relief.

New York opens the AL Division Series on Thursday at AL Central Cleveland. The Twins lost their 13th consecutive postseason game, tying the record set by Boston from 1986-95.

Brian Dozier led off the game with a home run and Eddie Rosario hit a two-run drive as the Twins burst to a quick lead and stunned the sellout crowd of 49,280 at Yankee Stadium.

But Santana was little better than Severino, going to full counts on eight of 11 batters. Gregorius erased the lead four batters into the bottom of the first, and Santana was removed after six outs and 64 pitches with the Twins trailing 4-3.

Minnesota, the first team to rebound from a 100-loss season and make the playoffs the following year, has been eliminated by the Yankees in five of its last six postseason appearances and has not won a playoff series since 2002.

Judge, the 6-foot-7 sensation who set a rookie record with 52 home runs, was given a Ruthian ovation, with several sections of fans holding signs in his honor spelling out "All Rise!" He scored three runs, singling to help ignite the first-inning rally, smoking a 108 mph home run off loser Jose Berrios in the fourth and walking in the seventh and coming home when Alan Busenitz walked Jacoby Ellsbury with the bases loaded.

New York had made just one postseason appearance since 2012, losing the 2015 wild-card game to Houston 3-0. Just three Yankees who started that game were in the starting lineup, part of a Baby Bombers movement that purged the roster of veterans.

At 23, Severino was the youngest Yankees postseason starter since Andy Pettitte in 1995.

MLB POSTSEASON AT A GLANCE

WILD CARD
Tuesday, Oct. 3: New York 8, Minnesota 4
Wednesday, Oct. 4: Colorado (Gray 10-4) at Arizona (Greinke 17-7), 7:08 p.m. (TBS)

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston vs. Houston
Thursday, Oct. 5: Boston (Sale 17-8) at Houston (Verlander 15-8), 3:08 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Friday, Oct. 6: Boston (Pomeranz 17-6) at Houston (Keuchel 14-5), 1:05 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Sunday, Oct. 8: Houston (Peacock 13-2) at Boston (Porcello 11-17), TBA (FS1 or MLB)
x-Monday, Oct. 9: Houston at Boston, TBA (FS1 or MLB)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 11: Boston at Houston, TBA (FS1 or MLB)
New York vs. Cleveland
Thursday, Oct. 5: New York at Cleveland (Bauer 17-9), 6:38 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Friday, Oct. 6: New York at Cleveland (Kluber 18-4), 4:08 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Sunday, Oct. 8: Cleveland at New York, TBA (FS1 or MLB)
x-Monday, Oct. 9: Cleveland at New York, TBA (FS1 or MLB)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 11: New York at Cleveland, TBA (FS1 or MLB)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO VS. WASHINGTON
Friday, Oct. 6: Chicago at Washington, 6:31 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 7: Chicago at Washington, 4:38 p.m. (TBS)
Monday, Oct. 9: Washington at Chicago, TBA (TBS)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 10: Washington at Chicago, TBA (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 12: Chicago at Washington, TBA (TBS)
COLORADO-ARIZONA WINNER VS. LOS ANGELES
Friday, Oct. 6: Colorado-Arizona winner at Los Angeles, 9:31 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 7: Colorado-Arizona winner at Los Angeles, 8:08 p.m. (TBS)
Monday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles at Colorado-Arizona winner, TBA (TBS)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 10: Los Angeles at Colorado-Arizona winner, TBA (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 12: Colorado-Arizona winner at Los Angeles, TBA (TBS)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Game 1: Friday, Oct. 13 (Fox or FS1)
Game 2: Saturday, Oct. 14 (Fox or FS1)
Game 3: Monday, Oct. 16 (Fox or FS1)
Game 4: Tuesday, Oct. 17 (Fox or FS1)
Game 5: x-Wednesday, Oct. 18 (Fox or FS1)
Game 6: x-Friday, Oct. 20 (Fox or FS1)
Game 7: x-Saturday, Oct. 21 (Fox or FS1)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Game 1: Saturday, Oct. 14 (TBS)
Game 2: Sunday, Oct. 15 (TBS)
Game 3: Tuesday, Oct. 17 (TBS)
Game 4: Wednesday, Oct. 18 (TBS)
Game 5: x-Thursday, Oct. 19 (TBS)
Game 6: x-Saturday, Oct. 21 (TBS)
Game 7: x-Sunday, Oct. 22 (TBS)

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 24
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1

Judge swings at MVP, Rookie of the Year

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The jury is out on AL MVP. And when a verdict comes in later this fall, giant slugger Aaron Judge has a great chance to join a very small club.

Fred Lynn (1975) and Ichiro Suzuki (2001) are the only major leaguers to win Most Valuable Player and Rookie of the Year awards in the same season. To match that rare achievement, the 6-foot-7 Judge must fend off a little competition.

In a baseball version of David and Goliath, the biggest challenger to the New York Yankees' 282-pound slugger for American League MVP honors is tiny Houston Astros second baseman Jose Altuve.

That means the main man standing in Judge's way is generously listed at 5-6 and 165 pounds.

"It's the beauty of baseball. There's not a whole lot of limitations," Tampa Bay pitcher Chris Archer said. "You can be 5-5 or you can be 6-8 and a monster and be really talented at this game, so I love it."

Despite his diminutive stature, Altuve packs plenty of punch and has the numbers to prove it after hitting .346 for his third career batting crown. He also led the league in hits (204) and finished with 24 home runs, 81 RBIs and 32 steals for the AL West champions.

Judge, of course, clocked an AL-best 52 homers to break a rookie record that lasted 30 years. He ranked first in runs (128) and walks (127) while helping the Yankees reach the playoffs as the league's No. 1 wild card.

The knocks against Judge are his 208 strikeouts — only five times has a player whiffed more in one season — and extended slump after winning the All-Star Home Run Derby. But he rebounded with a huge September when New York really needed it, leading the AL in homers (15), RBIs (32), runs (29), on-base percentage (.463) and slugging percentage (.889).

Judge finished the season with a 1.049 OPS to .957 for Altuve, and the big guy is no one-dimensional player. He ran the bases well and played solid defense in right field while appearing in 155 games.

What's happinging in Midland this weekend?
Find out by reading
WEEKENDER
Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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10/9 6:00 Volunteer Orientation at Adoption Center in PetSmart
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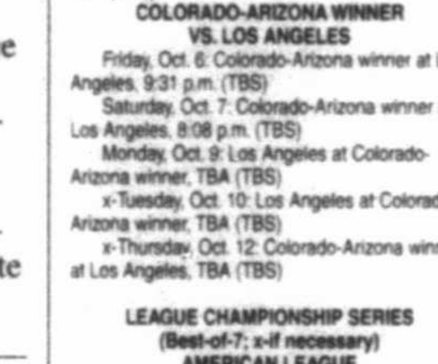
Stevie is a 3 yo male black and white Domestic Short Hair that was found, but never reclaimed. His finder/foster has a home with a small dog & Stevie didn't seem to mind. Stevie is playful, affectionate, & was front declawed by his previous owners.

MHS

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Perez said his players went through growing pains during the team tennis season, but the experience will help them out in the long run.

The Rebels currently field eight sophomores and three freshmen at the varsity level, and beyond them, there's potential in the program as Perez currently has a combined 90 kids in his junior high programs at Abell and Alamo. His Alamo participation numbers grew from 13 last year to 40 this season.

"Our goal for the beginning of the season was to get better each week," Perez said. "It's a different week that we have right now as far as their ability and how they're playing, as opposed to where we started off. They've grown a lot this season. That's all I asked of them. As long as we keep on getting better and keep improving, that's going to be the key to getting better and turning this team around."

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MIDLAND HIGH DEF. LEE, 19-0
MHS won all matches
Boys singles
1. Tyler Stewart def. Keaton Curtis, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Nick Martinez def. Abel Navarrete, 6-1, 6-0; 3. Diego Martinez def. Shrey Dhamija, 6-0, 6-1; 4. Cole Carriger def. Nickhil Dimri, 6-1, 6-1; 5. Travis Andrews def. Robert Hernandez, 6-0, 6-0; 6. Luke Morrow def. Ty Johnson, 6-1, 6-2
Boys doubles
1. Stewart-N. Martinez def. Curtis-Hernandez, 6-4, 6-1; 2. Jack Wall-Andrews def. Dhamija-Navarette, 6-0, 6-3; 3. Morrow-D. Martinez def. Austin White-Dimri, 6-3, 6-0
Girls singles
1. Allison Stewart def. Ashley Lawrence, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Sofia Salcedo def. Kathryn Brewer, 6-2, 6-3; 3. Shaquila Sarapao def. Priscilla Saenz, 6-2, 6-1; 4. Camille Courtney def. Madison Castro, 6-0, 6-0; 5. Carolina Venegas def. Destinee Hemphill, 6-2, 6-4; 6. Samantha Elizondo def. Alexia Leininger, 6-3, 6-4
Girls doubles
1. Salcedo-Courtney def. Lawrence-Saenz, 6-2, 6-2; 2. Shannon Hickey-Sarapao def. Brewer-Castro, 6-1, 6-0; 3. Elizondo-Venegas def. Leininger-Gardenhire, 6-3, 7-6
Mixed doubles
A. Stewart-Carriger def. Johnson-Henderson, 6-0, 6-0
Records: MHS 11-5, 5-1 in District 2-6A; Lee 2-16, 0-6

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Robert Hernandez uses a backhand as he competes in a doubles tennis match against Midland High on Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center.

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points," Lopez said. "It was a little harder (Tuesday), but in every timeout, that's something we talked about — getting control again and going back to what we do."

Lady Bulldogs senior middle hitter Merrick Beach said she and her teammates expected Central to play tough, especially in an attempt to prevent a season sweep and improve playoff positioning.

There were a number of moments in which Central looked like it would grab control of the match. But MHS answered each time and Beach said her team had plenty to fight for.

"I think it was important for us to know that we do have a target on our backs," said Beach, who picked up 10 kills and three digs. "We played hard but we kind of fell apart a little bit at some points, but we always got it back. I'm a senior and it was our last time playing Central, so knowing that helped us fight hard.

"Everyone wants to be district champions and we want to be undefeated (in district), so that really fueled us knowing if we lost this game it would ruin that chance. We just try to push as hard as we can to push back up and pull back ahead."

Makaylee Carter tallied 30 assists and eight digs for MHS, while Sarah Mata added 14 assists, six digs and two aces. Gentry Foreman had 12 kills and a match-high five aces for the Lady Bulldogs.

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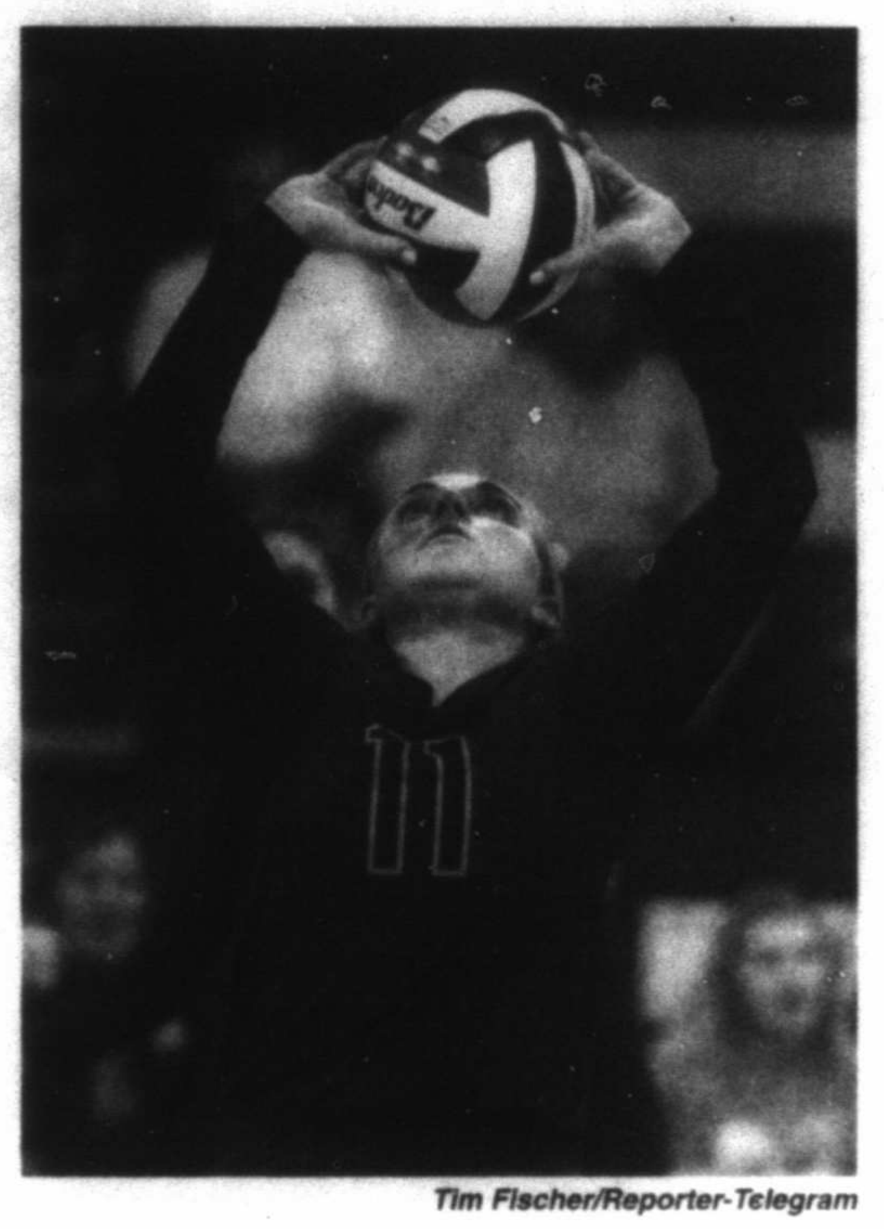

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Makaylee Carter sets the ball Tuesday against San Angelo Central at MHS gym.

District 2-6A Volleyball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	7	0	25	12
Lee	5	1	24	13
San Angelo Central	4	3	23	7
Amarillo Tascosa	3	3	20	15
Odessa Permian	3	4	18	13
Wolfforth Frenship	2	5	12	20
Odessa High	0	6	6	23

Tuesday's Scores
Lee 3, Wolfforth Frenship 0; Midland High 3, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa Permian 3, Odessa High 0. Amarillo Tascosa was open.
Friday's Matches
Amarillo Tascosa at Lee; Midland High at Wolfforth Frenship; San Angelo Central at Odessa High; Odessa permian is open. All matches at 5 p.m.

MIDLAND HIGH DEF SAN ANGELO CENTRAL
Central statistical leaders
Kills — Trinity Southall 15
Assists — Abbie Rivera 22
Digs — Analisa Rios 22
Aces — Southall 4
MHS statistics
Kills — Hayley Branco 14, Gentry Foreman 12, Merrick Beach 10, Caroline Harper 5, Sarah Nelson 3, Bailey Goodrum 1, Kaitlyn Kennedy 1
Assists — Makaylee Carter 30, Sarah Mata 14, Reagan Squire 1
Digs — Squire 20, Harper 14, Branco 13, Brighton Butler 9, Carter 8, Mata 6, Erica Rivera 4, Nelson 4, Beach 3, Foreman 3, Kennedy 1
Aces — Foreman 5, Butler 2, Mata 2
Records: Central 23-7, 4-3 in District 2-6A; MHS 25-12, 7-0 in District 2-6A
Next: San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 5 p.m. Friday; MHS at Wolfforth Frenship, 5 p.m. Friday

Air tight: Lynx and Sparks set for another Game 5

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Nneka Ogwumike has a bandage under her right eye to mask the stitches she took from an elbow in the paint. Sylvia Fowles' right eye is red and bloodshot from the battles being waged on the glass.

The WNBA Finals rematch between the Los Angeles Sparks and Minnesota Lynx has pushed both teams to their limits, and all that remains is one last game in this season.

Winner take all. Again.

"It wouldn't be the finals without a scratch here and there," Ogwumike said. "I enjoy it. It's a great opportunity to be on this main stage competing with the best. I'm not going to back down. You can't. It wouldn't be worth it."

For the second straight season, the Sparks and Lynx will need a deciding Game 5 to crown a champion. In the 12 games between the start of last year's finals and Game 5 of this series on tonight in Minnesota, the cumulative score has been 908-908. Last year, the Sparks grabbed the organization's third title with a last-second put-back from Ogwumike to beat the Lynx at Target Center.

If the Sparks are going to be the WNBA's first repeat champion since 2002, they have to win one more game in Minnesota, this time at raucous Williams Arena.

"It challenges your mental more than your physical," Lynx guard Seimone Augustus said. "We all want to get to this point in our career where we're playing in a Game 5 and playing for a championship. This is what we always talk about. College, high school, pro, this is what we live for as athletes."

The Lynx were on the verge of elimination in Game 4 on Sunday, but responded by pounding the Sparks on the glass and winning 80-69 to send the series back to Minnesota. Fowles, the league MVP, went for 22 points and 14 rebounds to help the Lynx to a 48-28 rebounding advantage.

At this point, after so many games and so many high-pressure moments, there are no more tricks to pull, no more surprises to unveil.

"It's no secret. There's not a play we're going to call tomorrow that they won't know. There's not a defensive scheme that we won't know," Augustus said. "Tomorrow is just focusing on details and just heart. Heart and guts."

HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LEE SWEEPS FRENSHIP

WOLFFORTH — The Lee volleyball team bounced back from its loss to rival Midland High with a sweep of Wolfforth Frenship on Tuesday.

Lee defeated the Lady Tigers 25-14, 25-17, 25-16 to improve to 24-13 overall and 5-1 in District 2-6A.

Emily Hillman had 12 kills, four aces and three blocks, Allie Gomez had 17 assists and Karigan Edwards had six digs to lead the Lady Rebels.

Lee next hosts Amarillo Tascosa at 5 p.m. Friday.

LEE DEF. WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP
25-14, 25-17, 25-16
Lee statistics
Kills — Emily Hillman 12, Kelsey Harrington 7, Quinci Strambler 5, Elizabeth Kuhn 4, McKenzie Gibson 3, Brianna Woods 2, Elexa Gillette 1
Digs — Karigan Edwards 6, Allie Gomez 5, Strambler 3, Jensen Letcher 2, Woods 1, Kuhn 1, Hillman 1, Harrington 1
Assists — Gomez 17, Letcher 15, M. Gibson 3, Blake Gibson 1
Aces — Hillman 4, Letcher 2, Kuhn 1
Blocks — Hillman 3, Kuhn 2, Strambler 2, Letcher 1, Harrington 1, M. Gibson 1
Records: Lee 25-13, 6-1; Frenship 12-21, 2-6
Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 5 p.m. Friday

TITANS BEAT MCS IN FIVE

Lubbock Titans defeated Midland Christian in five sets, 25-20, 13-25, 16-25, 25-22, 16-14, in a non-district match at McGraw Event Center.

The Lady Mustangs (15-14) were led by Rachel Ramos with 12 kills, Andie Sheppard had 22 assists, 20 digs and 11 kills, Sydney Wilson had 32 asissts, Skylar Espinosa had 16 digs and Faith Truex added 15 assists.

LUBBOCK TITANS DEF. MIDLAND CHRISTIAN
25-20, 13-25, 16-25, 25-22, 16-14
Midland Christian statistics
Kills — Rachel Ramos 12, Kat O'Brien 5, Lauren Danley 6, Avery Jauz 7, Andie Sheppard 11, Lauren Battershell 3
Digs — Sydney Wilson 32, Sheppard 20, Skylar Espinosa 16, Whitney Newman 9, Faith Truex 8, Lauren Danley 5, Rachel Ramos 3
Assists —, Sheppard 22, Truex 15
Aces — Danley 3, Andie Sheppard 2
Blocks — Danley 6.5, Battershell 3, O'Brien 2.5, Sheppard 1
Record: Midland Christian 15-14
Next: Midland Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian, 6 p.m. Friday

GREENWOOD TOPS BIG SPRING IN 4

BIG SPRING — Caity Payne had 13 kills, six assists and two blocks to lead Greenwood to a 19-25, 25-14, 25-21, 25-15 non-district win against Big Spring on Tuesday.

Bradi Good added eight kills, Faith Duran had 15 assists, Payslee Sims had 13 digs and Kayleigh Kitto had a team-high four aces for the Rangerettes (23-11) in the win.

Greenwood next travels to Andrews at noon Saturday to resume District 4-4A play.

GREENWOOD DEF. BIG SPRING
19-25, 25-14, 25-21, 25-15
Greenwood statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 13, Bradi Good 8, Payslee Sims 5, Kyndall Dove 4, Kailey Martinez 3, Gracie Huber 2, Kadyn Ellis 1
Assists — Faith Duran 15, Hanna Flores 9, Good 3, Payne 1
Digs — Sims 13, Jaycie Roye 10, Madi Ulcak 7, Payne 6, Ellis 5, Flores 4, Kayleigh Kitto 3, Duran 3, Huber 1, Martinez 1, Dove 1
Blocks — Payne 2, Good 1, Martinez 1, Huber 0.5, Sims 0.5
Aces — Kitto 4, Ulcak 1, Ellis 1
Record: Greenwood 23-11
Next: Greenwood at Andrews, noon Saturday

TRINITY FALLS IN DISTRICT OPENER

Lubbock Trinity defeated Trinity 25-17, 25-12, 25-16 in the TAPPS 1-4A opener at Beal Gymnasium.

Rebecca Young led Trinity with seven kills, Halley Marsh had six digs and Kinzie Roemer added four assists.

LUBBOCK TRINITY DEF. TRINITY
25-17, 25-12, 25-16
Trinity statistics
Kills — Rebecca Young 7, Mikayla Padilla 2, Kinzie Roemer 3
Digs — Halley Marsh 6, Stockton Ashley 4, Rebecca Young 5, Kinzie Roemer 4
Assists — Kinzie Roemer 4, Rebecca Young 2
Blocks — Claire Clifton 3, Rebecca Young 2, Brooke [illegible] Garriga 1
Next: Trinity at Lubbock Christian, [illegible] Oct. 10

ANDREWS TOPS FORT STOCKTON

FORT STOCKTON — Tori Gray had five kills, 30 assists, three digs, a block and an ace to lift Andrews to a 25-19, 23-25, 25-18, 25-22 District 4-4A win over Fort Stockton.

Challys Morris added nine kills and three blocks for Andrews (3-1 in District 4-4A), while Jazz Johnson had seven kills. Mariah Infante tallied 15 assists.

Andrews next hosts Greenwood at noon Saturday.

ANDREWS DEF. FORT STOCKTON
25-19, 23-25, 25-18, 25-22
Andrews statistics
Kills — Challys Morris 9, Jazz Johnson 7, Kassidy Epperson 5, Alivia Mayfield 5, Tori Gray 5, Alyssa Vasquez 3, Madison Thompson 3
Assists — Gray 30
Digs — Mariah Infante 15, Savannah Infante 9, Morris 4, Mayfield 4, Gray 3, Thompson 2, Vasquez 1
Blocks — Morris 3, Mayfield 3, Gray 1, Johnson 1
Aces — Gray 1
Record: Andrews 3-1 in District 4-4A
Next: Greenwood at Andrews, noon Saturday

MCVOLLEYBALLCAPSULE

BY OSCAR LEROY

FRANK PHILLIPS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

When/where: 7 p.m., Chaparral Center

Records: Midland College 20-3, 3-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Frank Phillips College 5-13, 0-4

Last WJCAC match: New Mexico Military Institute def. Midland College 3-1; Western Texas College def. Frank Phillips College 3-0

Notes: Midland College looks get back in the WJCAC win column tonight after dropping straight sets at NMMI last Wednesday. ... The Lady Chaparrals did well over the weekend at its own Midland College Invitational by going 3-0. MC defeated Lee College (3-1), Ranger College (3-0) and Coastal Bend College (3-1). However, MC coach Tammie Jimenez said the team needs to get over a mental slump lately and play at the level they expect. "Our game hasn't been as clean and as disciplined as it has been," she said. "We discusssed what changes we can make and we hope we have a new attitude and focus." ... Frank Phillips has struggled this season, and it has lost 11 of its last 12 matches coming into tonight. Jiménez cautions that despite FPC's record and conference standing, it's capable of beating MC if the Lady Chaps don't take care of business and are not fundamentally sound. "We have to make sure we show up," she said.

Next: Midland College vs. Mountain View College, 3 p.m. Saturday, Snyder; Frank Phillips vs. Navarro College, 11 a.m. Friday, Blinn Invitational

2017 WJCAC volleyball standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico Military	4	0	18	10
Midland College	3	1	20	3
Odessa College	3	1	15	10
Western Texas	1	3	10	12
Clarendon College	1	3	6	17
Frank Phillips	0	4	5	13

Previous matches
NMMI def. Midland College 3-0; Odessa College def. Clarendon College 3-0; Western Texas College def. Frank Phillips College 3-0
Today's matches
Frank Phillips College at Midland College; NMMI at Odessa College; Clarendon College at Western Texas College

Louisville names Vince Tyra as acting athletic director

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Vince Tyra hopes to add some continuity to an unstable situation, no matter how long — or brief — his time is as Louisville's acting athletic director.

The university foundation board member Tuesday was named the acting replacement for athletic director Tom Jurich, who is on paid administrative leave as the school addresses its involvement in a federal bribery investigation of men's basketball recruits.

University interim President Greg Postel announced Tyra's hiring nearly a week after Postel placed Jurich and basketball coach Rick Pitino on administrative leave following the school's acknowledgement of inclusion in the federal probe.

"Whether you want to call it acting or interim, that's something for Greg," Tyra said. "I'm just taking it as I'm filling the role for now until we find out what the long-term fix is."

Jurich is on paid leave and his status will be reviewed at the Oct. 18 trustee meeting. Pitino is on unpaid leave, and the athletic board voted Monday to proceed with firing him after 16 seasons as Cardinals coach.

Tyra joined the University of Louisville Foundation, a fundraising arm of the school, as a board member in February. The Louisville native and businessman is the son of Cardinals basketball great Charlie Tyra and played baseball at rival Kentucky.

Postel praised Tyra's business experience and his success in restoring donor confidence as finance chairman of the Foundation. The president believes he will succeed with athletics.

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RANGERS

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things were not going our way. But a lot of things that went wrong in the first half, went right in the second half."

Not only did the Rangers' defense get even tougher in the second half by tightening up the edges, but the offense found the rhythm it was looking for when quarterback Jake Somers (96 yards rushing, 157 yards passing) scored the second of his two touchdowns on a 44-yard run just four plays into the third quarter, which saw the Rangers score 21 points.

Running back Ryan Snodgrass was also big in the second half by scoring two rushing touchdowns and running for 111 of his 155 yards on the night.

"It's encouraging to know that our kids can make the adjustments and that they could respond and play at a higher level," Sanderson said. "They knew they weren't playing up to their expectations. That takes leadership and character."

Greenwood will look to stay unbeaten in district play on Friday when they head to Seminole (4-1, 1-0) to take on the Indians.

Seminole is coming off a huge 30-13 road win over Monahans and seems to be playing at a high level ever since its season-opening overtime loss to Lubbock High.

The Indians are also not giving up too much defensively, yielding just 8.6 points per game.

Sanderson knows it will be a challenge for his team and said his team will have to play well in all phases of the game against the Indians, which boast two FBS commits in lineman Reese Moore (Texas) and linebacker Cade Barnard (Army).

"We still haven't put a complete game together," he said. "I think there is room for us to grow and be a lot better than we've been."

NOTES: The Rangers recently lost wide receiver/safety Jared Nail for the year with a shoulder injury. ... Last year's meeting between Greenwood and Seminole was a wild one as the Rangers scored late for a 52-50 win at J.M. King Memorial Stadium.

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2017 Greenwood statistics
(4-1, 0-0)

Opponents	13	35	20	27—102
Greenwood	48	45	65	30—188

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jake Somers	92	457	8.8	7
Ryan Snodgrass	49	489	10.0	5
Efrain Franco	28	116	4.1	0
Fidencio Soto	27	189	7.0	0
Seth Weatherby	5	9	1.8	1
Totals	161	1,259	7.8	13

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
J. Somers	59	99	6	976	11
Totals	59	99	6	976	11

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brody Ray	12	256	21.3	3
Gunnar Holcomb	10	158	15.8	2
Jared Nail	8	178	22.3	1
Kobe Jameson	7	131	18.7	1
S. Weatherby	7	57	8.1	2
Brett Liles	5	73	14.6	0
Josh Nail	5	67	13.4	2
Cade Bracey	5	60	12.0	0
Totals	59	980	16.6	11

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
J. Somers	7	0	0	0	42
R. Snodgrass	7	0	0	0	42
Derek Rimer	0	23	0	3	32
S. Weatherby	3	0	0	0	18
B. Ray	3	0	0	0	18
Josh Nail	2	0	0	0	12
G. Holcomb	2	0	0	0	12
Jared Nail	1	0	0	0	6
K. Jameson	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	26	23	0	3	188

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.
D. Rimer	13	497	38.2
Totals	13	497	38.2

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
G. Holcomb	38	18	56	5	0	1
S. Weatherby	28	16	44	1	0	0
C. Bracey	26	12	38	4	0	0
Braden Latham	26	11	37	7	0	0
R. Snodgrass	31	6	37	4	1	2
Brody Ray	23	4	27	2	0	2
Coby Robbins	16	9	25	1	0	0
Josh Nail	16	8	24	1	0	0
Jared Nail	14	8	22	0	0	0
Jentzen Baker	19	2	21	5	0	0
B. Liles	11	8	19	0	0	0
Brian Ramos	13	5	18	4	0	0
Tristen Ruiz	11	3	14	1	0	0
J. Vasquez	7	4	11	2	0	0
Aitber Garza	6	3	9	0	0	0
C. Cook	5	1	6	0	0	0
J. Rose	2	1	3	1	0	0
Sloan Stephens	1	1	2	0	0	0
D. Richardson	1	1	2	0	0	0
Kobe Jameson	1	0	1	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, INT - interceptions

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only broke a long losing streak but they are playing at a more competitive level, even against a Merkel team that out-matched the Buffaloes in size and speed.

"Not only were they big and fast, but very well coached. They were just a better team than we were," said Stanton coach John Peterson about the Badgers. "But I thought, overall, we did a good job of competing and we gave them everything we had. Our kids fought like dogs, and we walked away with our heads high, that's for sure."

Alpine should be a better matchup for the Buffaloes, who would love nothing more than to gain some momentum before their district opener against Coahoma.

"We want to keep building and keep moving forward," Peterson said. "Each week, we've gotten better, and we just want to continue that progress. I believe we're headed in the right direction. We're a whole lot better than we were at the beginning of the year and we're going to continue to get better."

Andrews ready for next challenge

With a 55-8 victory over rival Big Spring, Andrews got the bounce-back win after its close and emotional loss to Monahans the week before.

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said the Mustangs (4-1) played well from start to finish. Andrews out-gained Big Spring 532-321 and was able to get outstanding performances from quarterback Jace Keesee (336 yards passing, 5 TDs) and wide receiver Noah Lujan (six catches, 195 yards, 4 TDs).

"I felt we came out with a better sense of urgency and we played hard from the first whistle instead of waiting until the end of the game to do that," Mason said.

The Mustangs next get ready for what may be their toughest opponent yet in 5-0 Lubbock Coronado. Coronado is not only playing well and is talented, but as a Class 5A opponent, it has enough depth that it doesn't have to play its players both ways like Andrews does.

"It will be a different challenge for us because a lot of our kids go two ways," Mason said. "But it should be a good test for us and I think our kids will be ready. I expect a good ballgame."

Bearkats roll past Rankin

It's not easy to post a shutout in six-man football but that's what Garden City did against a solid Rankin team in a 50-0 victory.

The No.5-ranked Bearkats (3-1) held the Red Devils (3-2) to just 152 total yards and forced two turnovers to get the shutout.

Garden City coach Jeff Jones said his defense just clicked on Friday night and executed very well.

"We did a good job of containing their playmakers and we were in the right spot at the right time," Jones said. "We had all six guys on the same page and doing their exact job. We did a great job of covering passes and put a lot of pressure on them. My defensive coordinator, I believe, wants to get about six stops per game, and we got 10 on that night."

The performance also came one week after a loss to Division II's No. 1-ranked Balmorhea.

Jones admitted he didn't know what to expect out of his team after what he called "a quiet week."

"I didn't know if it was the rain or if we were down after the loss," Jones said. "But I determined that the kids were just focused because we were sharp on both sides of the ball."

The Bearkats next head to Imperial Buena Vista (4-0) on Friday.

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Chiefs are the last unbeaten team left

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The biggest reason the Kansas City Chiefs are the last remaining unbeaten team through the first four weeks of the NFL season is that someone long ago decided games should be 60 minutes.

The Patriots sure wish they lasted 30. Ditto the Redskins.

The Chiefs showed their second-half chops again Monday, rallying from an early 10-point deficit against Washington.

Harrison Butker kicked the go-ahead 43-yard field goal with 8 seconds left, and Justin Houston returned a fumble for a punctuating score on the final play of the game.

"Especially a fourth-quarter game like that, it feels like we've had just about every game that we've started off here be pretty close," Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce said. "I mean, it's just to see this team finish, man, it's unbelievable."

Indeed, the Chiefs are building a reputation as the ultimate closers.

They trailed New England 17-14 at halftime of their season opener in Foxborough before a 21-0 fourth-quarter binge resulted in a 42-27 victory. They led Philadelphia just 6-3 at the break in their home opener before a big second half resulted in a 27-20 win. And they led just 17-10 last week against the Chargers before pitching a second-half shutout for a 24-10 victory.

All told, the Chiefs are outscoring opponents 54-13 in the fourth quarter this season.

NFL AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	73	54
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	75	92
New England	2	2	0	.500	129	128
Miami	1	2	0	.333	25	57
South						
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	109	74
Houston	2	2	0	.500	110	88
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	100	126
Indianapolis	1	3	0	.250	71	136
North						
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	90	59
Baltimore	2	2	0	.500	60	80
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	64	87
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	63	107
West						
Kansas City	4	0	0	1.000	122	77
Denver	3	1	0	.750	98	74
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	91	79
L.A. Chargers	0	4	0	.000	72	93

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	103	92
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	94	97
Washington	2	2	0	.500	91	89
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	60	95
South						
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	104	89
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	78	70
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	71	64
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	93	78
North						
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	99	70
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	102	81
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	79	76
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	81	104
West						
L.A. Rams	3	1	0	.750	142	105
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	94	77
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	74	91
San Francisco	0	4	0	.000	66	94

Schedule

Thursday Game
New England at Tampa Bay, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Arizona at Philadelphia, noon
Carolina at Detroit, noon
San Francisco at Indianapolis, noon
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, noon
Buffalo at Cincinnati, noon
N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, noon
Tennessee at Miami, noon
L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Giants, noon
Baltimore at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
Minnesota at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's late box score

CHIEFS 29, REDSKINS 20

Washington	10	0	7	3	—20
Kansas City	0	7	10	12	—29

First Quarter
Was — Pryor 44 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), 11:52.
Was — FG Hopkins 19, 2:47.

Second Quarter
KC — Kelce 17 pass from A.Smith (Butker kick), 1:54.

Third Quarter
KC — A.Smith 1 run (Butker kick), 9:20.
Was — Grant 3 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), 7:42.
KC — FG Butker 28, :01.

Fourth Quarter
KC — FG Butker 32, 4:51.
Was — FG Hopkins 40, :47.
KC — FG Butker 43, :04.
KC — Houston 13 fumble return, :00.
A — 74,587.

	Was	KC
First downs	15	29
Total Net Yards	331	409
Rushes-yards	26-111	31-168
Passing	220	261
Punt Returns	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-43
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-24-0	27-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	4-32
Punts	4-42.3	3-35.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	7-44	3-15
Time of Possession	22:51	37:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Washington, Cousins 7-38, Perine 6-27, Thompson 6-23, Kelley 7-23. Kansas City, K.Hunt 21-101, A.Smith 7-58, A.Wilson 1-8, Kelce 1-3, West 1-2.

PASSING — Washington, Cousins 14-24-0-220. Kansas City, A.Smith 27-37-0-293.

RECEIVING — Washington, Pryor 3-70, Reed 3-21, Davis 2-89, Crichton 2-27, Grant 2-16, Thompson 1-4, Crowder 1-(minus 7), Kansas City, Kelce 7-111, Hill 5-35, West 5-33, A.Wilson 4-63, K.Hunt 4-20, Conley 2-31.

MISSED FIELD GOALS — Kansas City, Butker 46.

Halloween Coloring Contest

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- One winner will be selected in each age group: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
- Winners will be announced on Thursday, November 2, 2017.
- Names and photos, of the winner will be published on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

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	C	S	E	M	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel (N)	Goldberg (N)	Scnec-hless (N)	Modern Fam (N)	Am.Wife (N)	Designated "Sting of the Tail" (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) Nightl.
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "I'm a Wild Banshee" (N)		SEAL Team "Other Lives" (N)		Criminal Mind "To a Better Place" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	The Big Bang	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Full Circle" (N)		Star "Insecure" (N)		News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Mag	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Essentials
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Blacklist "Greyson Blaise" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Mood" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Promise" (N)		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature (N)		Nova (N)		Frontline		Charlie Rose		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		Mi marido tiene familia		Hoy Voy a Cambiar		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La rosa de Guadalupe	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline		Dateline		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX		340	575			165	(6:55) Heartbrea...		★★★ Beaches Bette Midler.				(:05) ★★★ Death Becomes Her				The Hills Hav...	
HBO		300	350	14	14		Movie	News (N)	★★★ Finding Neverland			(:45) Real Sports		VicePri.	(:15) The Deuce		(:15) Assassin...	
HBO2		302	351	15	101	23	(6:40) Hacksaw...		Bill Maher		Curb	(:40) R.104	(:15) Why Him? James Franco.				(:10) Robin Hoo...	
HBOS		304	552	16	102		Movie	(:25) Term Life			★ The Shack Sam Worthington.				(:15) VICE	(:45)	★★ The Strangers	
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(6:55) Slumdog...		★ The Boss			TourBus	(:10) ★★★ Rat Race John Cleese.			(:05)	Hall, Cae...	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		★★★ The Nice Guys Ryan Gosling.				★ How to Be Single			(:50)	Sisters ('15, Com) Tina Fey.		Movie	
PLEX				96			(6:45) I Am Sam		★★★ Fat Man and Little Boy				(:10) ★ The Journey of Aug...		(:45)	★ The Young Victoria		
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) The Other...		★★★ Thelma and Louise				(:15) ★★★ High Fidelity John Cusack.			(:10) Inside the NFL		
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	★★ Witness ('85, Cri) Harrison Ford.				★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.				★★ Primal Fear Richard Gere.			
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(2:30) The Godf...		★★★ Moneyball ('11, Bio) Robin Wright, Brad Pitt.						★★ Invincible Greg Kinnear.			
BET		58	-		40		(4:35) To Be Ann...		To Be Announced					Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Wives NJ (N)		(:15) Wives NJ		Watch	(:45) Wives NJ	"Shaddy Beach"	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage (N)		Misfit Garage (N)		Garage Rehab (N)		Misfit Garage		Garage Rehab	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Underc.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Raven's.	Andi M.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bunk'd
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	Baseball T. (L)		WNBA Basketball Playoffs L.A./Min. (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter (N)		NCAA Football Arkansas State at Georgia Southern (L)						E-60		NFL Live	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson		Hannity	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Worst Bakers		WorstCooks		WorstCooks (N)		Best Baker (N)		Halloween Baking		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2							The 700 Club		★ Fun Size	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	NHL Hockey Classics Stars -- Dallas, Texas	Anaheim Ducks vs. Dallas			NHL Hockey Classics San Jose vs Dallas		'08 Stanley Cup Playoffs		NHL Hockey Classics Dallas vs Edmonton		'99 Stanley Cup Playoffs	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Jurassic...		★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 Anna Kendrick.					★★★ Pitch Perfect 2 Anna Kendrick.				
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Urban Oasis (N)		Take New Orleans		Buying/ Sell (N)		H.Hunt House		'Property Brothers		Buying & Selling	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	(4:00) Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little W. Dallas "Mini-Disaster"		Little W. Dallas	(:50) Little W.	Little W. Dallas "Girl Code" (SP) (N)		Terra Little Family (N)		Little Women: Dallas "Girl Code"		Little W. Dallas	(:50) Little W.
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		RachelMaddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				(5:00) NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey St. Louis vs Pittsburgh (L)						NHL Hockey Philadelphia vs San Jose (L)			
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	The Thundermans		Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(4:30) ★ Training D...		★★★ Four Brothers ('05, Act) Mark Wahlberg.						★★ Training Day Denzel Washington.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(4:55) ★ Resident...		★ Insidious: Chapter 3 Lin Shaye.				Channel Zero (N)		Game Face		★ Dead Still	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	MLB Postseason Pre-Game (L)		MLB Baseball National League Wild Card (L)							MLB (L)	Full Frontal	Conan (N)
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ The General		★★★ Scaramouche				(:15) ★★★ Barry Lyndon ('75, Dra) Ryan O'Neal.					
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera (N)		Sin Senos Sí (N)		El señor (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	The Little Couple "Great Scot! The Hurricanes are Coming"				Little Couple "Hold On Everybody"		Little Couple "He peed! He peed!"		The Little Couple "Great Scot! The Hurricanes are Coming"			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Change in the Game"		★ Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi Luke Skywalker battles the monstrous Jabba the Hutt & squares off against Darth Vader.						★★★★ Star Wars: Episode VI - Return of the Jedi Mark Hamill.			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	SVU "Producer's Backend"		★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman Helen McCarthy must learn to stand on her own two feet after separating from her husband.						★ Sweet Home Alabama A designer's plans to marry are threatened when her first husband refuses to divorce her.			
WGN		19	85				★★ Godzilla Godzilla has awoken once again to regain the balance of nature offset by humanity.				M*A*S*H "Tuttle"		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Met Mother	Met Mother

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Wife opposes husband's plan to donate his sperm to a friend

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I married a kind, hard-working man I'll call Travis. These two years have been the best of my life, and I couldn't imagine a better husband. However, I just got some news I feel is threatening our marriage.

Travis' friend from childhood, "Bethany," wants to start a family with her wife. Travis informed me that he agreed to donate his sperm to Bethany so she can become pregnant. I feel betrayed. My husband will be starting a family with his friend before we have kids! I know it may seem irrational, but I feel like he's cheating on me.

When I told him how I felt, he said I was being selfish and it was his decision. He also said it wouldn't matter because he isn't going to help raise the child. Does Travis really have the right to donate his sperm without my consent? If so, how do I suppress my anger toward him and Bethany? — FUMING IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR FUMING: You are asking some intelligent questions, but ones that should be answered by an attorney. Your husband may be the nicest, most generous man on the planet, but there are contingencies that need to be taken into consideration before Bethany becomes pregnant. Please suppress your anger long enough to convince Travis that he shouldn't rush into this agreement without legal counsel. He may thank you for it later.

DEAR ABBY: Traditionally, husbands-to-be ask the fiancee's father for permission to marry her. Why do we never hear about the bride-to-be asking the husband's mother for her permission?

My husband asked my dad before proposing to me. I think it was a nice gesture, and Dad was delighted for him to be included into our family. Had I asked my mother-in-law for permission to marry her son, I would have known right away she was opposed to it.

Now, three rocky years later, she's still accusing me of taking her son away from her. She tells him if he ever wants to leave me, he's more than welcome to come back home to Mommy. (His three other siblings still live there.)

Had I asked, I would have known up front that she hated me (not because of who I am, but because she didn't want her oldest to ever leave). Would I still have married him? I think I would have, but I would have been prepared for the treacherous days ahead. — UNPREPARED FOR THE TREACHERY

DEAR UNPREPARED: You have my sympathy. When mothers-in-law from heaven were handed out, it appears you were assigned someone from as far south as one can get. She may be the reason that verse in the Bible about leaving and cleaving was included. Your situation illustrates why it's important for women — and men — to get to know the family of their intended before taking that trip to the altar.

P.S. Traditionally, women were considered to be the property of their fathers, which is why permission needed to be granted before they were "given" in marriage. The same was not true of sons.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Not enough points!

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 9 3
♡ Void
♢ A 7 4 3
♣ Q 8 6 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 8 7 6
♡ 8 7 6 5 4 3
♢ K 9
♣ 7

EAST
♠ Q 5 2
♡ A K 9
♢ Q 2
♣ A J 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ K 4
♡ Q J 10 2
♢ J 10 8 6 5
♣ K 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	1NT	Dbl	2♡
2♠	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: King of ♡

Today's deal is from a European Junior tournament. Juniors don't seem to need as many points to bid three no-trump as the rest of us. This pair bashed into three no-trump on a combined 21 points — good fun if they can make it.

There are seven sure tricks after the opening lead. Had West led a heart, it would have been a simple matter for South to set up an extra two tricks in the heart suit. West found the more effective king of diamonds lead. South won this with dummy's ace and led another diamond to East's queen. A heart play from East would have made it easy. East shifted to the jack of clubs instead. South won this in his hand with the king and led the queen of hearts to East's king. East exited with the 10 of clubs, giving a trick to dummy's queen while setting up two club tricks for himself when he got in with the ace of hearts.

South now cashed his three diamond winners and East couldn't defend the position. East had to come down to five cards, and he needed to keep three spades and the ace of hearts, so he discarded a second club, leaving him with just the ace. The position was obvious due to the bidding and the early play, so South cashed the king of spades and exited with a heart to East's ace. East could cash his high club, but then had to lead a spade into dummy's ace-jack. What's the problem!

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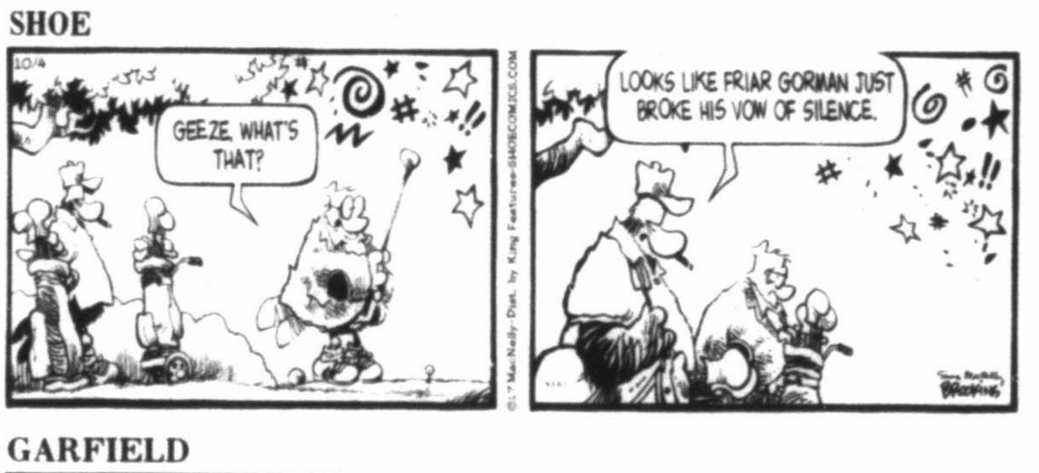

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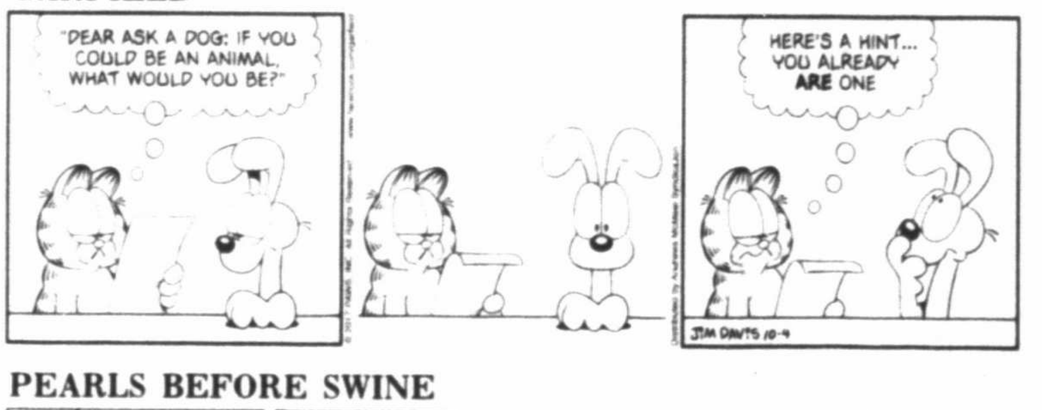

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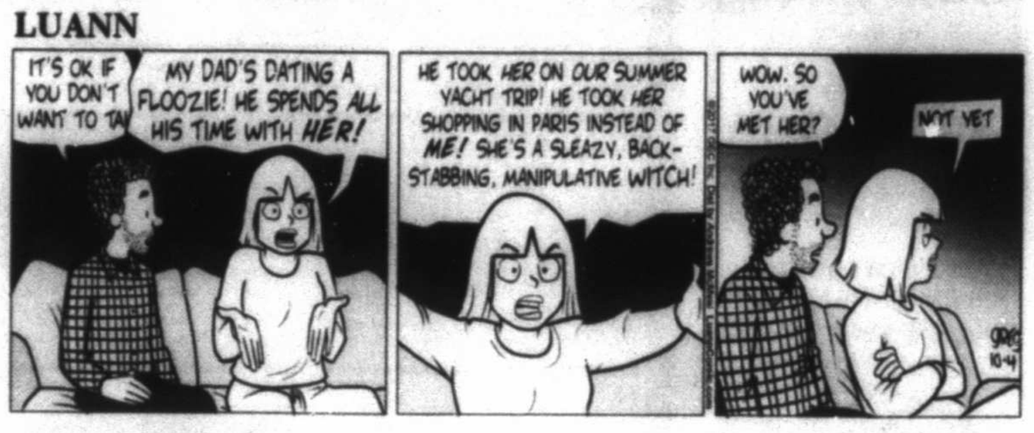

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BABY BLUES

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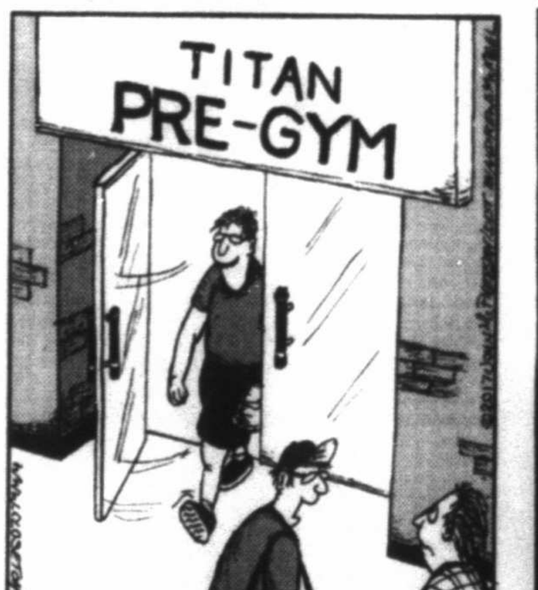
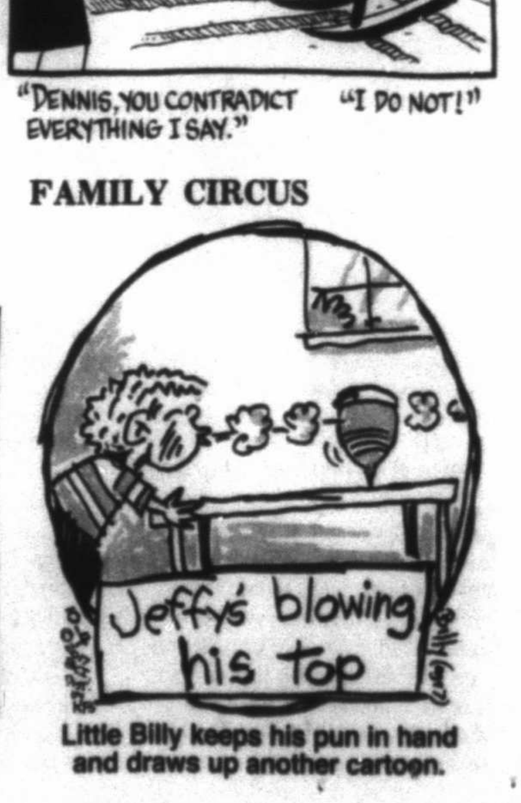
CLOSE TO HOME



"They're opening up all over. You go in there and work out for 15 minutes so you look pumped up at your REAL gym."

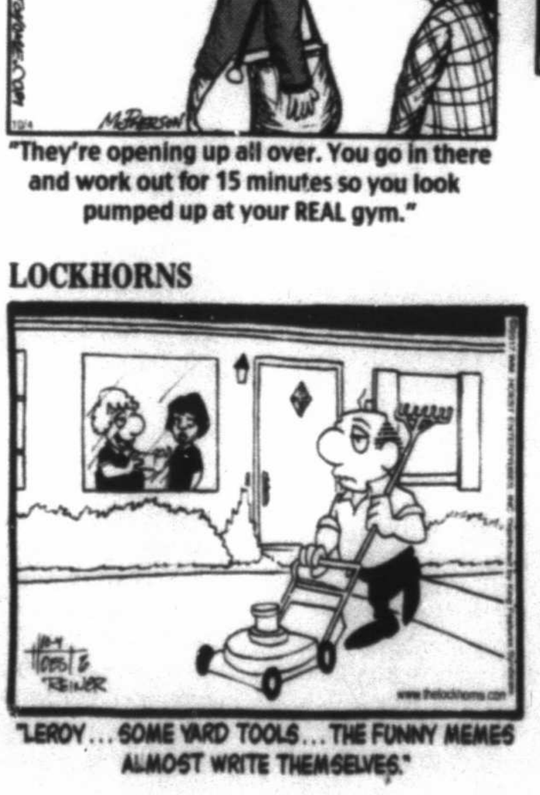
DENNIS THE MENACE

FAMILY CIRCUS



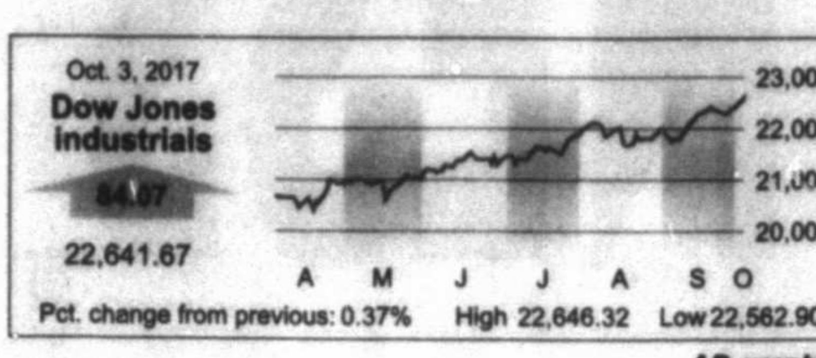
Little Billy keeps his pun in hand and draws up another cartoon.

LOCKHORNS



BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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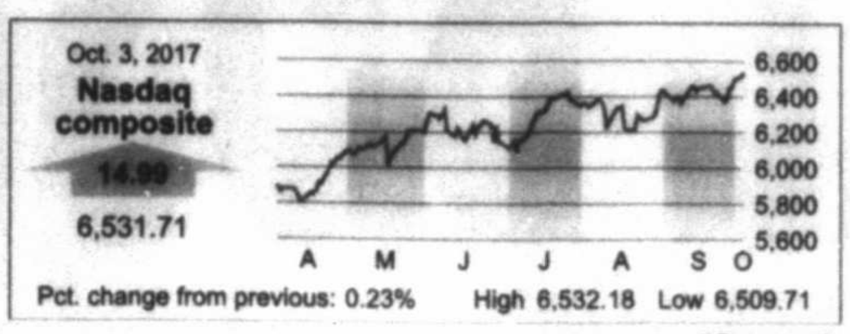

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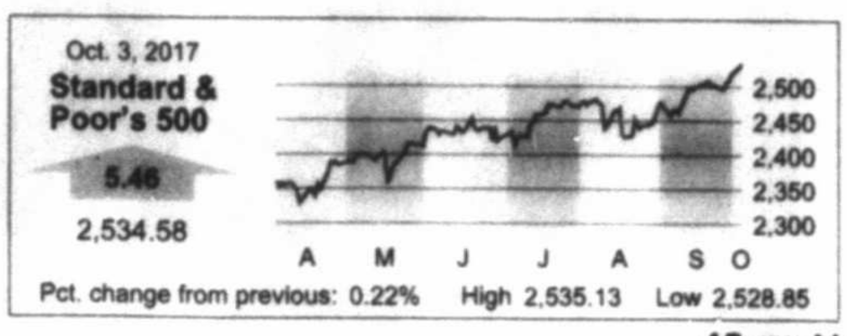

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday:	$50.42
Previous:	$50.58

POSTED

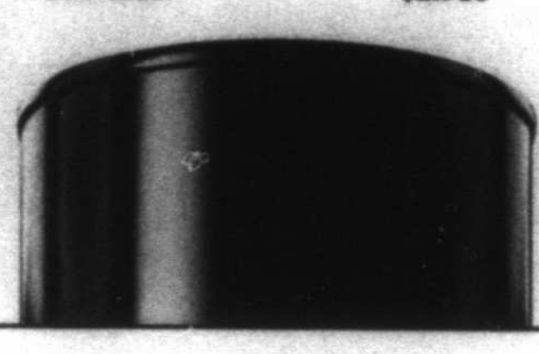
Tuesday:	$46.75
Previous:	$47.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday:	$42.75
Previous:	$41.90

NATURAL GAS

Monday:	$2.895
Previous:	$2.916



Retail group expects holiday sales to rise 3.6 to 4 percent

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With stores closing and retailers filing for bankruptcy, a trade group says it still expects holiday sales to at least match the 3.6 percent growth of a year ago, as online shopping keeps increasing and improving wages may put people in a mood to spend.

The National Retail Federation said Tuesday it expects sales in November and December to rise 3.6 percent to 4 percent, to a range of $678.75 billion to $682 billion. It's the first time the group forecast in a range rather than by a fixed percentage, because the impact of several big hurricanes is still uncertain.

Retailers fighting the dominance of Amazon are trying to reinvent themselves, and are being forced to close if they don't do it fast enough. Dozens of retail chains have filed for bankruptcy this year and hundreds of stores have closed — particularly among those dependent on clothing sales. Toys R Us is reorganizing in bankruptcy at a critical time of year. Holiday sales account for nearly 20 percent of the annual industry sales total.

But online spending is still growing strongly, which accounts for some of the optimism, and stores that are doing well include off-price chains, dollar stores and discounters.

"Retail is not dead," said NRF CEO Matthew Shay. "It's transforming."

Holiday forecasts from Deloitte, the International Council of Shopping Centers and AlixPartners have come in around the same level, ranging from growth of 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent. PwC predicts that holiday spending will rise 6 percent, but that includes travel and entertainment. Other forecasts exclude restaurants and travel.

The NRF forecast — which considers economic indicators such as consumer credit, disposable personal income and monthly retail sales — excludes sales from autos, gas and restaurants but includes online spending and other non-store sales like those from catalogs. It estimates that online spending and other non-store sales will rise 11 percent to 15 percent. There's also one more day in the season this year since Christmas is a Monday.

Although job growth in August hit a lull, the U.S. economy has been adding jobs. The economy is now in its ninth year of growth and unemployment is near a 16-year low.

Still, retail experts point to a widening spending gap as wealthier shoppers benefit from a strong stock market and lower-income shoppers are more affected by rising costs in rent and health care.

PwC's survey shows that shoppers with incomes less than $60,000 planned to spend just 0.3 percent more this holiday season, while those with household income above that plan to step up their spending by 5 percent. In the $100,000 to $149,900 income range, people plan to spend 15 percent more, and at more than $150,000 people said they'll spend 8 percent more.

As more and more sales move online, Credit Suisse believes that there could be 8,640 store closings this year, which would surpass the 2008 peak of 6,200. But retail research group IHL says retailers are opening about 1,300 more stores in 2017 than they are closing. That's according to its report that reviewed 1,800 retail chains with more than 50 U.S. stores in 10 areas.

Soaring airline stocks help lift Wall Street to new heights

Airline and automaker stocks took off on Tuesday and helped U.S. indexes push a bit further into record territory. Trading was again quiet overall, with only modest moves for bond yields, commodities and other markets.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.46 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,534.58 for its sixth straight day of gains. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 84.07, or 0.4 percent, to 22,641.67, and the Nasdaq composite rose 15.00 points, or 0.2 percent, to 6,531.71. The Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks added 2.49, or 0.2 percent, to 1,511.97. All four indexes are at records.

Airlines led the way after Delta Air Lines updated its forecast for third-quarter results. The Atlanta-based carrier expects to report roughly 2 percent growth in a key revenue measurement.

Delta jumped $3.18, or 6.6 percent, to $51.25 for its best day since January 2015. United Continental, American Airlines Group and Southwest Airlines also each rose more than 4 percent.

Gold falls

Gold slipped $1.20 to settle at $1,274.60 per ounce, silver was close to flat at $16.65 per ounce and copper rose 1 cent to $2.96 per pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FordM	638468	12.34	+.25
BkofAm	541317	25.86	+.24
iShEMkts	515451	45.53	+.71
S&P500ETF	485000	252.86	+.54
SPDR Fncl	475740	26.17	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Jupai n	16.72	+1.70	+11.3
DianaShip	4.07	+.41	+11.2
Intelsat	5.37	+.53	+11.0
LSC Com	17.93	+1.60	+9.8
SiderurNac	3.37	+.29	+9.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cameco g	8.82	-.89	-9.2
DxChiBear s	6.79	-.67	-9.0
Omnova	10.35	-.85	-7.6
BiohvnPh n	33.08	-2.48	-7.0
PrUShBrz s	8.60	-.64	-6.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,618
Declined	1,254
Unchanged	153
Total issues	3,025
New Highs	302
New Lows	13
Volume	2,942,417,911

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	64982	5.01	-.15
SRC Eng	41270	9.64	+.02
NwGold g	38470	3.70	+.04
Globalstar	33327	1.81	+.13
Taseko	31269	2.10	+.19

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Compx	15.65	+1.55	+11.0
Taseko	2.10	+.19	+9.9
Ashford	66.49	+4.89	+7.9
Daxor	5.50	+.35	+6.7
StneEn wt	4.69	+.27	+6.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OncoCyte n	6.75	-.65	-8.8
EnviroStr	25.75	-2.00	-7.2
Intellichk	2.83	-.22	-7.2
MicrSol n	3.50	-.24	-6.4
CRH Med	2.40	-.15	-5.9

DIARY

Advanced	158
Declined	183
Unchanged	21
Total issues	362
New Highs	13
New Lows	2
Volume	98,255,695

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Endocyte	494358	5.88	+2.25
Intel	327813	39.38	+.34
MicronT	262691	40.37	+.36
BrcdeCm	257172	12.16	+.13
PwShs QQQ	185614	145.92	+.34

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Celsion rs	6.01	+4.50	+298.0
MedTrBill	3.20	+1.69	+111.9
XeneticB n	3.39	+1.60	+89.4
Endocyte	5.88	+2.25	+62.0
CescaTh rs	4.80	+1.20	+33.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TileShop	8.45	-4.75	-36.0
FulingGbl n	4.00	-.70	-14.9
Izea n	5.87	-.94	-13.8
RedhillBio	9.39	-1.42	-13.1
AralezPh	2.29	-.32	-12.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,611
Declined	1,260
Unchanged	222
Total issues	3,093
New Highs	358
New Lows	20
Volume	1,882,008,620

ATM fees rise for 11th straight year

Bloomberg

Drawing cash from an ATM is beginning to feel like a ritual from a bygone era. Like buying a record on vinyl, it's a once-universal experience for which users are now paying a premium. This year marks the 11th consecutive annual increase in bank ATM fees for customers using out-of-network machines, according to a new Bankrate.com report. Over the past decade, such fees have risen 55 percent. The average cost of such a transaction is now over $4.50.

ATM fees aren't rising due to overwhelming demand. In fact, it's the opposite. "It keeps getting easier to avoid the fees, and people are transitioning away from cash," said Greg McBride, Bankrate.com's chief financial analyst. "With fewer people making out-of-network ATM withdrawals, the cost of maintaining that network is being spread over fewer transactions."

The report looked at the 10 biggest banks in the top 25 major metro areas to find out where average ATM fee surcharges are the steepest and where they are slightly less steep. Pittsburgh experienced the highest average fees, with customers paying $5.19 when Bankrate.com combined the fees charged by the ATM operator with fees from the consumer's own financial institution. The lowest average fees were found in Dallas, at $4.07.

Customers with higher account balances or multiple relationships with their bank-as in a checking account, a mortgage and a personal loan, for example-may avoid out-of-network ATM charges from their bank or be reimbursed for some of them.

The average overdraft fee reached a new high of $33.38, up from $33.04 in 2016. Philadelphia consumers pay the highest average overdraft fee, at $35.30.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $135.39 Up 0.07

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.61 Up 0.12

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $100.08 Up 0.08

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.53 Down 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.61 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.50 Down 0.45

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.48 Down 0.07

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.71 Down 0.19

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.32 Down 0.09

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.01 Up 0.20

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	14	5.74	+.03	-43.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	39.48	+.37	-7.2
Abraxas	...	48	1.91	-.04	-25.7
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	15.30	...	+20.4
AMD	...	...	13.42	+.71	+18.3
Alibaba	...	50	178.56	+4.95	+103.3
Ambev	.06e	7	6.76	+.25	+37.7
AmAirlines	.40	7	50.51	+2.78	+8.2
Amgen	4.60	17	187.23	+.06	+28.1
Anadarko	.20	...	49.27	-.11	-29.3
Apache	1.00	...	45.44	-.28	-28.4
Apple Inc	2.52	18	154.48	+.67	+33.4
ApldMatl	.40	18	51.84	-.24	+60.6
Archrock	.48	...	12.70	-.10	-3.8
ATMOS	1.80	24	84.41	-.26	+13.8
AutoData	2.28	30	110.71	+1.39	+7.7
BP PLC	2.38	29	38.70	+.31	+3.5
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	11.66	+.46	+62.2
BkofAm	.48f	15	25.86	+.24	+17.0
B iPVxST rs	...	...	38.25	-.14	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.99	+.05	+3.3
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	18	278700.00	+689.98	+14.2
BlkHillsCp	1.78	20	69.08	+.46	+12.6
BlackBerry	...	13	11.12	-.22	+61.4
BrMySq	1.56	26	64.29	-.27	+10.0
BrcdeCm	.22	30	12.16	+.13	-2.6
BrownFA s	...	32	55.20	-.04	+19.4
BrownFB s	...	...	53.94	+.28	+20.1
CVS Health	2.00	14	80.91	+.14	+2.5
CallonPet	...	36	11.40	-.01	-25.8
Calpine	...	...	14.82	+.02	+29.7
Cameco g	.40	...	8.82	-.89	-15.8
Caterpillar	3.12	33	125.51	+.79	+35.3
Celestic g	...	9	12.55	-.03	+5.9
Celsion rs	...	...	6.01	+4.50	+41.2
CntryLink	2.16	9	20.18	+.86	-15.1
ChesEng	...	10	4.29	-.06	-38.9
Chevron	4.32	67	117.82	+.39	+.1
Chicos	.33	12	8.78	-.14	-39.0
Cimarex	.32	37	115.62	-.38	-14.9
Cisco	1.16	18	33.85	+.10	+12.0
Citigroup	1.28	15	74.13	+.33	+24.7
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.19	+.39	+9.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	1.60	25	72.44	-.51	+10.7
Comcast s	.63	21	38.30	+.49	+10.9
ConAgra	.85	19	33.41	+.07	-15.5
ConchoRes	...	...	135.39	+.07	+2.1
ConocoPhil	1.06	39	49.24	-1.07	-1.8
CrackerB	4.80	24	153.21	-.69	-8.2
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	10.28	-.27	-77.7
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.62	-.04	-18.6
DCP Mid	3.12	18	34.48	-.32	-10.2
DTE	3.30	22	106.60	-.77	+8.2
DeltaAir	1.22	10	51.25	+3.18	+4.2
DevonE	.24	...	36.53	-.07	-20.0
DrGMBll rs	...	...	18.54	+.68	...
Disney	1.56	18	100.79	+.93	-3.3
DryShips s	...	1	2.90	+.14	-100.0
EOG Rescs	.67	...	96.50	-.68	-4.5
Endocyte	...	...	5.88	+2.25	+130.6
Energen	.08	...	54.60	-.31	-5.3
EnPro	.88	55	81.51	+.38	+21.0
ENSCO	.04	2	5.89	+.08	-39.4
EntProdPt	1.68f	20	26.00	-.08	-3.8
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.63	-.13	-3.4
ExxonMbl	3.08	31	81.76	+.13	-9.4
FairmSant	...	...	4.94	+.37	-58.1
Fitbit n	...	...	6.66	-.24	-9.0
FordM	.60a	13	12.34	+.25	+1.7
FrptMcM	...	...	14.64	+.30	+11.0
GATX	1.68	11	62.60	+.35	+1.7
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.68	+.01	+33.7
GAInv	1.15e	...	36.10	...	+15.8
GenElec	.96	23	24.80	+.23	-21.5
GenMotors	1.52	7	43.45	+1.30	+24.7
GtPlainEn	1.10	20	30.55	-.14	+11.7
Groupon	...	...	5.28	+.19	+59.0
Hallibrtn	.72	...	44.93	-.60	-16.9
HP Ent n	.26	21	14.69	-.28	+9.2
iShBrazil	.67e	...	43.18	+1.46	+29.5
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	45.53	+1.35	+31.2
iShEMkts	.59e	...	45.53	+.71	+30.0
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	68.65	+.23	+18.9
iShR2K	1.77e	...	150.33	+.33	+11.5
Intel	1.09	17	39.38	+.34	+8.6
InterDig	1.40f	9	75.15	+.40	-17.7
iShJapan rs	...	...	56.04	+.33	+14.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
JD.com	...	...	39.21	+.11	+54.1
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	97.35	+.51	+12.8
JetBlue	...	10	19.82	+1.31	-11.6
JohnJn	3.36	20	132.10	+.88	+14.7
KimbClk	3.88	19	115.58	-1.39	+1.3
KindMorg	.50	65	18.85	-.25	-9.0
Kroger s	.50	11	20.56	+.60	-40.4
LegacyRes	...	...	1.55	-.01	26.9
Lubys	...	...	2.70	+.02	-36.9
MGM Rsts	.44	46	30.85	+.08	+7.0
Macys	1.51	7	21.05	+.16	-41.2
MannKd rs	...	...	2.82	+.48	-11.5
MarathnO	.20	...	13.76	+.17	-20.5
Mattel	.60	21	15.69	+.31	-43.1
McDnlds	4.04f	27	156.86	-.10	+28.9
Merck	1.88	17	64.37	-.18	+9.3
MeritMed	...	56	44.50	+.40	+67.9
MexcoEn	...	...	4.61	-.04	-7.8
MicronT	...	9	40.37	+.36	+84.2
Microsoft	1.68f	26	74.26	-.35	+19.5
Nabors	.24	...	7.80	-.13	-52.4
NOilVarco	.20	84	35.13	-.22	-6.2
NSTFI3	.55a	...	15.12	...	+6.7
NTXQI	.65	...	14.63	+.02	+6.6
Nvidia	.56	50	179.37	+.37	+68.0
OcciPet	3.08f	...	63.98	-.13	-10.2
OnSmcnd	...	34	18.91	+.12	+48.2
Oracle	.76	22	48.69	-.11	+27.1
PDC Engy	...	36	49.21	-.22	-32.2
ParTech	...	24	9.88	-.19	+77.1
ParkDrl	...	...	1.10	-.05	-57.7
PattUTI	.08	...	20.76	-.07	-22.9
Penney	...	9	3.59	...	-56.8
PennaRE	.84	8	10.84	+.15	-42.8
Prmian	.63e	24	8.72	+.07	+13.1
Petrobras	...	...	10.52	+.45	+4.1
Pfizer	1.28	15	36.14	+.07	+11.3
PioNtrl	.08	...	153.01	+1.72	-15.0
PlainsAAP	2.20	17	21.29	-.03	-34.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	145.92	+.34	+23.2
Praxair	3.15	25	142.49	+1.30	+21.6
PrmEgy	...	...	48.30	+3.00	-10.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	19.61	-.17	...
ProctGam	2.76f	24	92.12	+.35	+9.6
RangeRs	.08	22	20.00	-.42	-41.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RegionsFn	.36	16	15.17	-.06	+5.6
RiteAid	...	...	2.10	+.05	-74.5
RitterPh n	...	...	.36		-86.6
Roku n	...	...	20.80	-2.76	-11.5
Rowan	.40	6	12.74	+.05	-32.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	92	60.90	+.35	+12.0
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	226.24	+1.00	+14.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	252.86	+.54	+13.1
SabnR	2.36e	19	41.15	-.10	+17.1
SanderFm	1.28f	14	163.94	+1.03	+74.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	62	69.06	-.26	-17.7
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.60	+.10	+25.7
Smucker	3.12f	14	104.29	-.43	-18.6
SnapInc A n	...	...	14.64	-.24	-40.2
SwstnEngy		57	6.26		-42.1
SpiritRltC	.72	10	8.62	+.03	-20.6
Sprint		...	7.90	+.21	-6.2
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	53.94	+.06	+4.3
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	26.17	+.09	+12.6
SP Inds	1.12e	...	71.80	+.31	+15.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.99	.15	+9.1
SynrgyPh			3.23	.02	-47.0
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	10.56	-.02	+14.8
Tesla Inc			348.14	+6.61	+62.9
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	18.82	+.35	-48.1
3M Co	4.70	25	214.57	+1.81	+20.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TileShop	.20	13	8.45	-4.75	-56.8
Torchmark	.60	17	80.41	+.08	+9.0
Transocn	...	10	10.28	-.05	-30.3
TriContl	1.00e	...	25.66	...	+16.4
Twitter			17.59	+.50	+7.9
TylerTech	...	55	175.06	-.33	+22.6
UBSI	1.32	19	37.30	-.30	-19.4
US OilFd			10.18	.03	-13.1
USSteel	.20		26.32	+.19	-20.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.31	+.25	+35.3
ValeantPh		3	14.36	-.26	-1.1
ValeroE	2.80	25	77.57	+.52	+13.5
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.28	+.23	+11.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	44.21	+.60	+23.6
Vereit	.55	15	8.48	+.11	+.2
VerizonCm	2.36f	10	49.85	+.49	-6.6
VulcanM	1.00	38	119.71	+.78	-4.3
WEC Engy	2.08	22	63.32	-.28	+8.0
WalgBoots	1.60f	16	76.79	+.19	-7.2
Weathfintl			4.38	-.05	-12.2
WellsFargo	1.52	14	55.58	+.11	+.9
WhitingPet			5.46	+.07	-54.6
WmsCos	1.20	43	30.29	+.24	-2.7
XcelEngy	1.44	21	47.18	-.18	+15.9
Xerox rs	.25p	12	33.10	-.36	+43.9

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,559.38	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	22,641.67	+84.07	+.37	+14.57	+24.62
9,934.81	7,885.70	Dow Jones Transportation	9,973.80	+65.97	+.67	+10.28	+23.52
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	723.59	-1.88	-.26	+9.70	+12.12
12,285.39	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,302.89	+38.22	+.31	+11.27	+15.75
6,527.22	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,531.71	+14.99	+.23	+21.34	+23.48
2,529.23	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,534.58	+5.46	+.22	+13.21	+17.86
1,811.04	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,815.47	+4.46	+.25	+9.33	+18.35
26,356.26	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	26,425.21	+68.95	+.26	+12.80	+18.01
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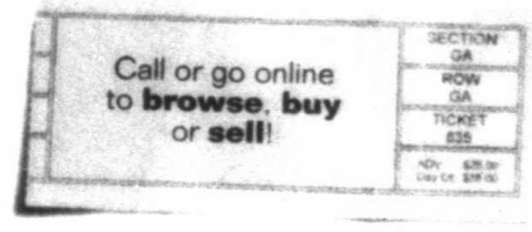

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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 11, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 16, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0306284
Status/Permit No. 829652

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 19, Blk. 38 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-406, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 4.9 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30 Block: 38 T5S Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9559 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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Status/Permit No. 829770

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
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Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10100 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 11, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 16, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0306312
Status/Permit No. 829765

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 19, Blk. 38 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-406, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 4.9 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name	SEBASTIAN '19 & '30A
Lease/Unit Well No.	4202H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
Lease Lines	2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2220.0 F N L
708.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30 Block: 38 T5S Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L
660.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L
660.0 F W L

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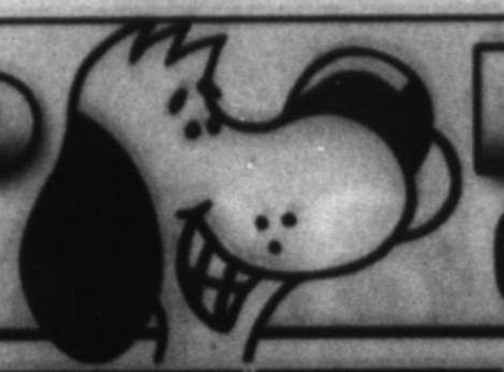

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Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

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