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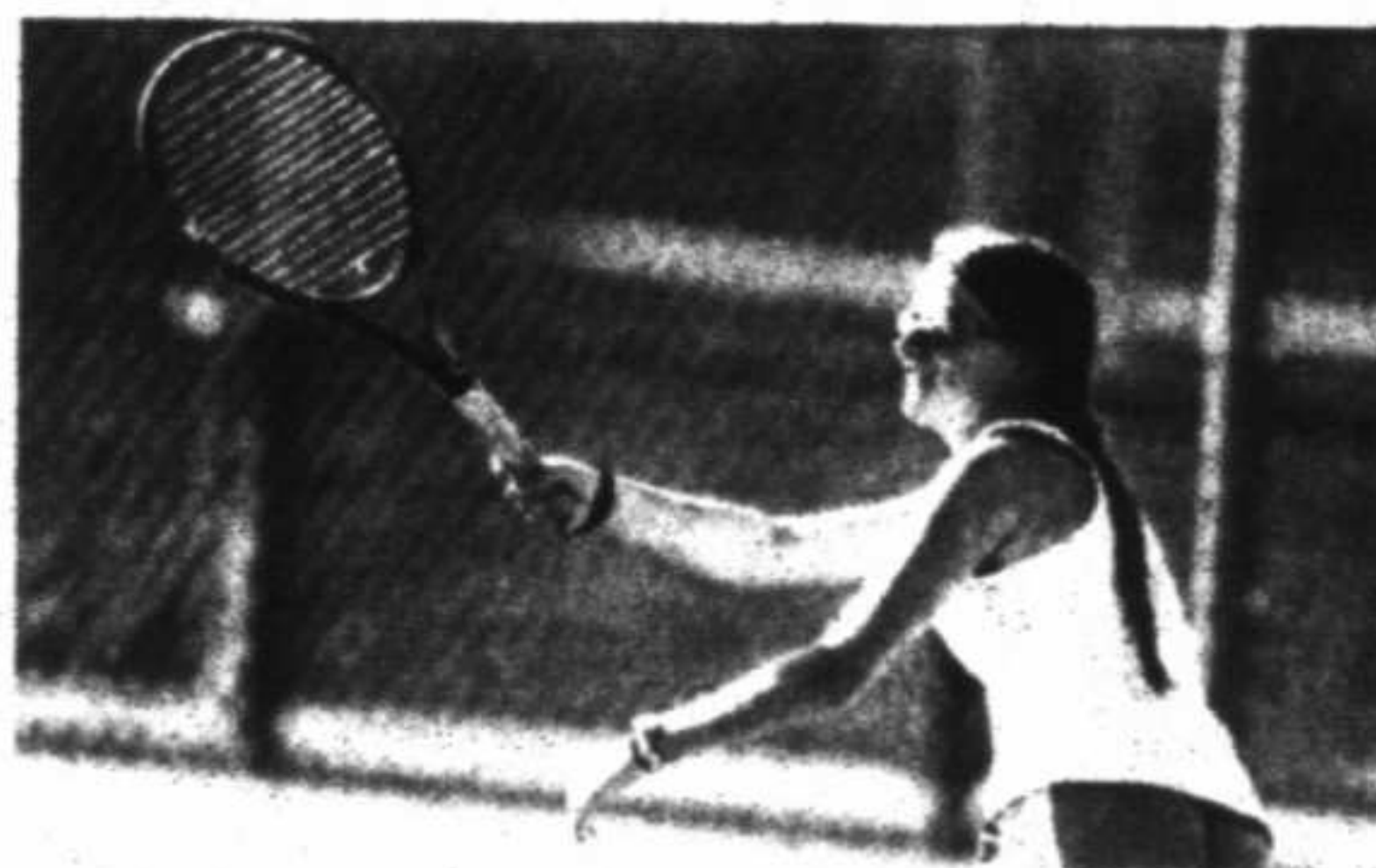
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UN REPORT

Excessive drinking killed more than 3 million people in 2016.

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A CLEAN SWEEP

Powered by the strong girls' play, the Midland High tennis team defeated Lee in District 2-6A team tennis action at the Bush Tennis Center on Tuesday.

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City Council OKs spaceport extension

Too much in tangible assets still out there for the city to throw in the towel now, city leaders said

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council overwhelmingly voted to give the spaceport at Midland International Airport another five years.

By a 6-1 vote, council members approved the spending of \$100,000 for the spaceport renewal license. The money will come from the Airport Operations Fund, not the city's general fund.

Council members seemed to appreciate Councilman Spencer Robnett's concern about economic development efforts that didn't pan out, including the failed deals with XCOR Aerospace and Orbital Outfitters, which have either filed for bankruptcy or gone out of business since. Councilman

Jeff Sparks even said during the meeting he felt the council was "duped" and that XCOR, in particular, was not what the council was led to believe.

Director of Airports Justine Ruff told the Reporter-Telegram on Monday that a total of \$2 million in city dollars has been spent on the spaceport through Airport Operations Fund, which she said is funded through parking lot fees and money brought in through minerals on airport land.

Sparks and Councilman J. Ross Lacy also mentioned the "\$10 million" in tangible assets that exist at Midland International because of Midland Development Corp. and Governor's Office investments in aerospace in Midland.

"I am not ready to throw in the towel

yet," Sparks said.

"It is an asset for the city as a whole," Lacy added.

Mayor Jerry Morales said the council this past year has given the MDC direction that the city wanted to continue spaceport operation. He also said spaceports are a place where the industry does more than launch aircraft. And as he learned through trips to aerospace symposiums, Morales said government officials expect communities with a spaceport in place will benefit with respect to the "\$35 billion industry."

Robnett countered, saying he does believe the "space business will evolve. I just don't think it will be in Midland."

After the meeting, Lacy, who serves on the Texas Aerospace and Aviation Advisory Committee, said having the only

commercial airport and spaceport in the world is a distinction that puts Midland ahead of the game. He also commented that moving on to something else after four years is irresponsible.

Lacy said spaceport licensing is not costing the property taxpayers a cent, and he and Councilman Scott Dufford both mentioned afterward that had the council voted to deny a license extension the state could seek to recoup the \$2 million given to Midland from the Spaceport Trust Fund.

There also are potential employers in town this week that city officials expect to occupy hangars A and B at the spaceport.

"They are coming here because we had \$10 million in tangible assets in place," Lacy said.

BEACON AWARD WINNERS



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

2018 Beacon Award winners: Dorise Watson, Camille Courtney, Donna Bell, Abigail Hoglund, Keep Midland Beautiful, Midland County Public Library, Craig Stoker, Midland Need to Read, Mission Center Adult Day Services, Randy Ham, Cecily Shull and Todd Meade. Check out Friday's Faith & Philanthropy section for more photos from the event.

Analysts: Price change due to pipeline constraints won't be severe

By Rye Druzin
San Antonio Express-News

A new reports says crude oil pipeline constraints in the booming Permian Basin may end sooner than expected and prices will be less affected than previously believed.

The report by analysts at Raymond James says the West Texas region should see pipeline constraints ease by the end of 2019 and that price differences between oil sold in Midland and the Gulf Coast won't be as severe as previously estimated.

The price differential through 2019 for Midland oil compared to Brent, the global benchmark, is estimated to be \$15 a barrel for 2019, down from the firm's previous estimate of \$25 a barrel.

Oil prices for companies pumping oil in the Permian and selling it in Midland who don't have pipeline space have plummeted as buyers still have to find some way to get the crude oil from West Texas to the Gulf Coast.

The report highlighted some potential bright spots in the pipeline space, focusing on the Sunrise and Cactus II pipelines being built by Houston's Plains All American. The report says both pipelines are being fast tracked.

Plains All American is planning to have part of its Sunrise expansion, which will add 90,000 barrels a day of pipeline capacity from the Permian to Cushing, Oklahoma, will be online by the end of Oct., according to filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. That's months

Please see CHANGE/2A

Former tutor accused of improper relationship detained

From staff reports



Conn

A man who offered private tutoring services and allegedly had an inappropriate relationship with a student was being held Tuesday in the Midland County jail, according to court documents.

Nicholas Richard Conn, 27, was facing second-

degree felony charges of sexual assault and improper relationship between an educator and a student. Bond had not been set as of that afternoon.

Midland ISD in a Sept. 14 press release said Conn previously offered private tutoring services to some band students and was not a district employee.

A lieutenant was dispatched to Lee High School at about 11 a.m. Aug. 29 to assist an MISD police officer with an investigation.

A Lee student went to Conn's apartment

in August 2017, where the two engaged in sexual activity, according to his arrest affidavit. Conn and the student had discussed starting a dating relationship after her graduation, according to the affidavit.

The 2017 incident was discovered when another student alerted campus administrators, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story. Police during the subsequent investigation conducted interviews and

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Price of oil

\$72.28 ▲ \$0.20

The big number

Arby's owner Inspire Foods is paying \$2.3 billion to buy the Sonic burger restaurant chain. Page 4A

Word of the Day:

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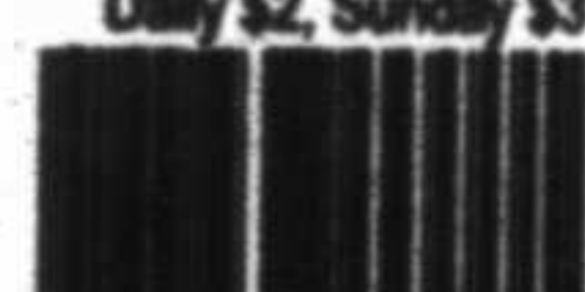
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MIDLAND COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 11

Candidates

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Sara Spector, Jeff Robnett,
Steven Schafersman, Terry Johnson,
Jordan McFadden, Alex "Lex"
Archuleta, Jennie Lou Leeder,
Mike Conaway

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7:00pm
Midland College, Carrasco Room

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increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public
policy through education and advocacy

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facetious

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adjective

1. not meant to be taken seriously or literally.
2. amusing; humorous.



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Things to do

■ Wednesday Storytime with
crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m.,
Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop
250 N. BarnesandNoble.com.

■ Quilting Bee invites quilters of
all levels to learn new techniques,
sharpen skills and meet fellow quil-
ters, 1-5 p.m., Midland County Public
Library Centennial branch, 2503 W.
Loop 250 N.

■ Party on the Patio with live
music and food trucks, 5 p.m., Shack
in the Back, 11610 W. Highway 80,
Odessa.

■ Pint Nights featuring \$1 pints,
5-9 p.m., Double Dave's Midland,
3208 N. Loop 250 W.

■ 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, 3303
N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertain-
ment.com.

■ Karaoke Wednesday with DJ
Savage and host Ayne Newsh, 9
p.m., The Recovery Room, 2802 N.
County Road West, Odessa. Face-
book: @therecoveryroom432.

National Night
Out is Oct. 2

National Night Out in Midland is
4-10 p.m. Oct. 2. To register a neigh-
borhood party, visit www.midland-texas.gov/318/National-Night-Out.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers
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 688-8773.
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 appropri-
ate healthcare option, whether it's
a neighborhood clinic, urgent care
center, emergency room... or just
staying home.

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city
of Midland will pick up furniture and

TODAY IN MIDLAND

GREENWOOD ROYALTY



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood 2018 Homecoming Court's Victoria Medrano is shown Friday.

appliances at no additional charge.
These items must be placed in the al-
ley in the city right-of-way. Do not
place your item next to the Dumpster.
It needs to be behind your home, in
the alley. These larger item collections
must be scheduled with the Solid
Waste Division. Please call 685-7278
to schedule this service.

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a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday;
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday

Clay/Oesta, 612 Veterans Airport
Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday
through Friday

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 26, the

260th day of 2018. There are 96 days
left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:
On Sept. 26, 1960, the first-ever
debate between presidential nomi-
nees took place as Democrat John F.
Kennedy and Republican Richard M.
Nixon faced off before a national TV
audience from Chicago.

On this date:
In 1962, "The Beverly Hillsbillies"
premiered on CBS.

In 1990, the Motion Picture As-
sociation of America announced it
had created a new rating, NC-17,
to replace the X rating.

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 1-4
5-6-7-12-13-14-15-17-22-23

All or Nothing day: 3-4-10-11-
12-16-17-18-20-22-23-24

All or Nothing evening:
1-2-3-4-11-12-14-17-20-21-
22-24

All or Nothing night: 3-4-6-
11-12-15-16-17-20-21-22-24

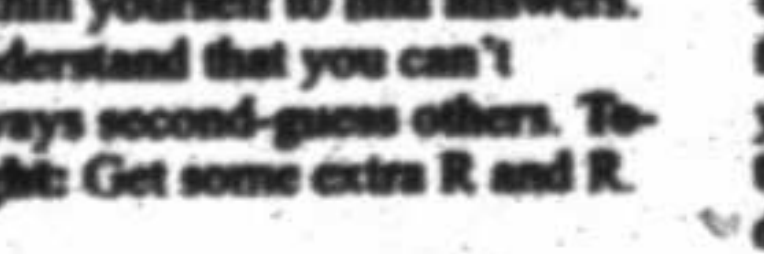
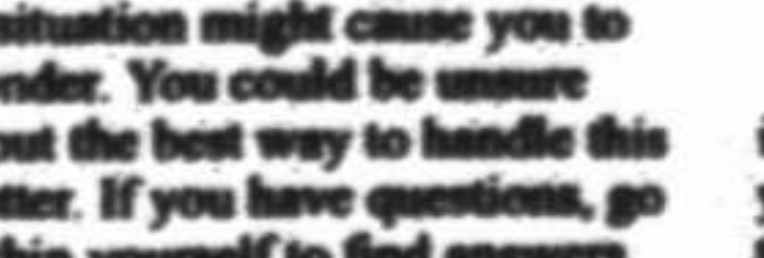
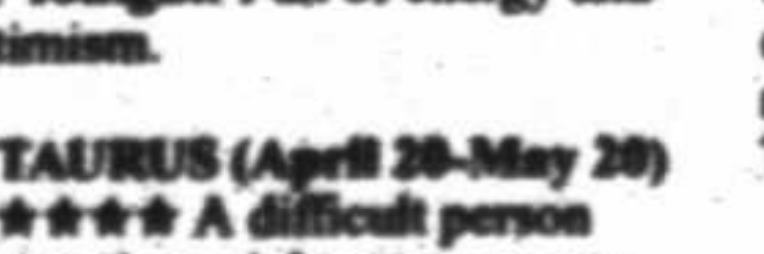
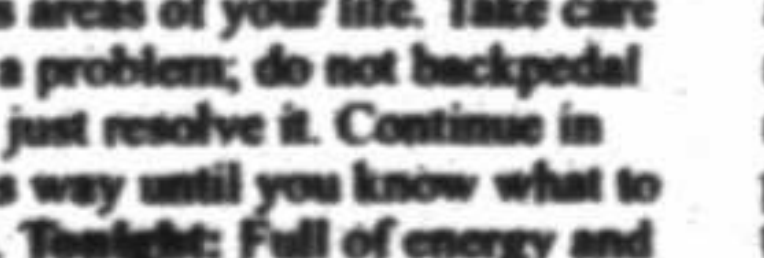
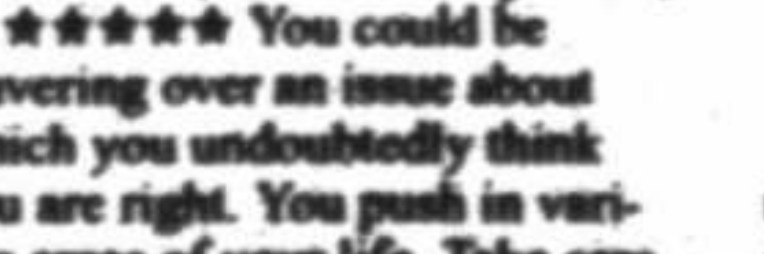
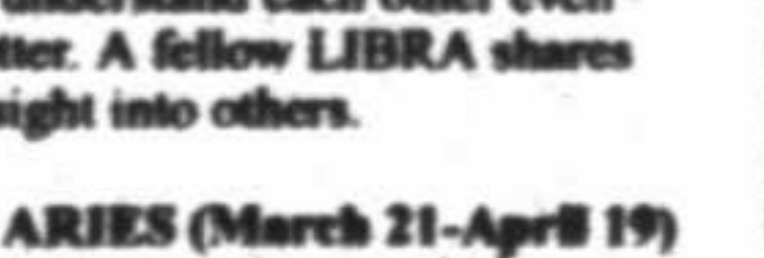
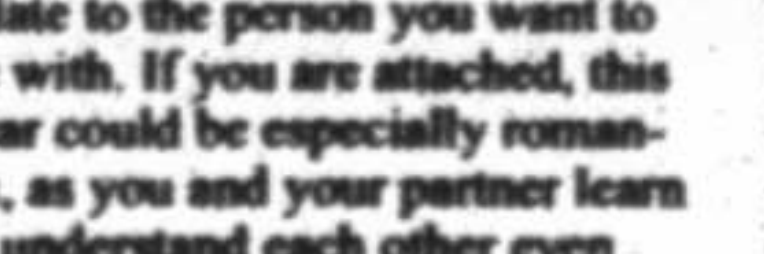
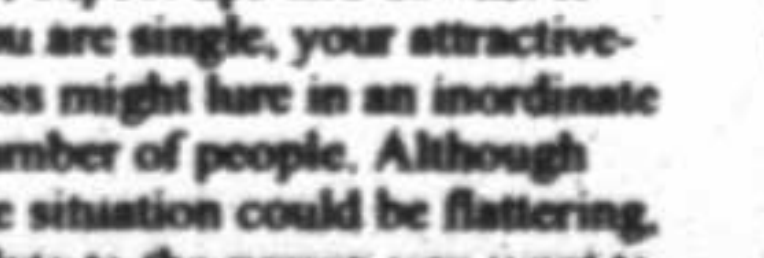
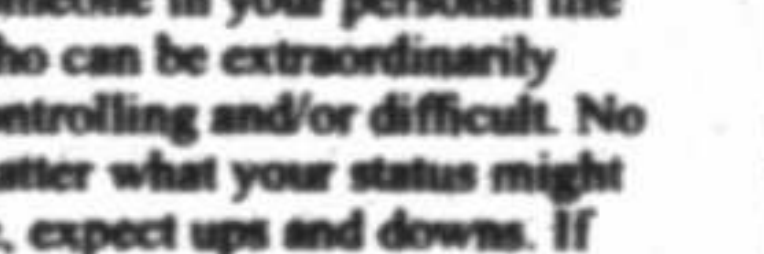
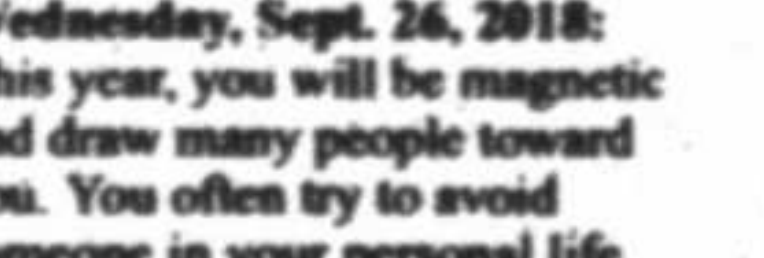
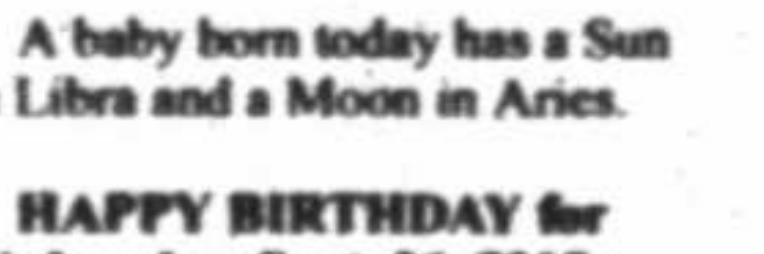
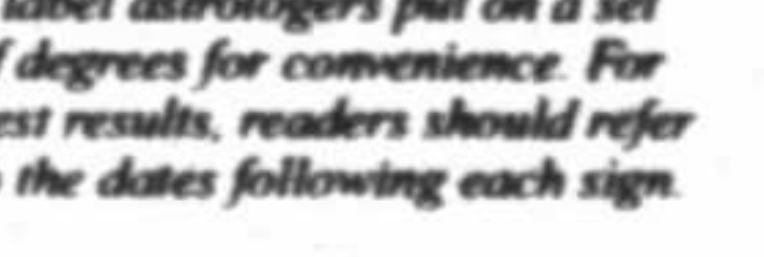
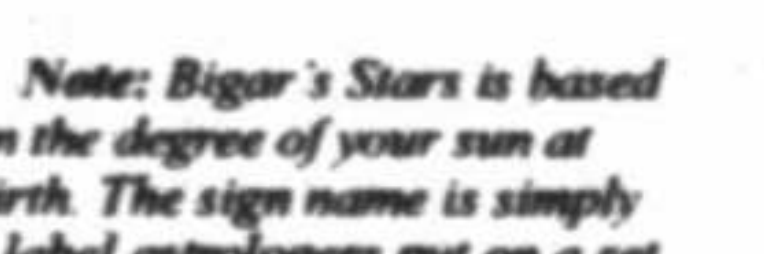
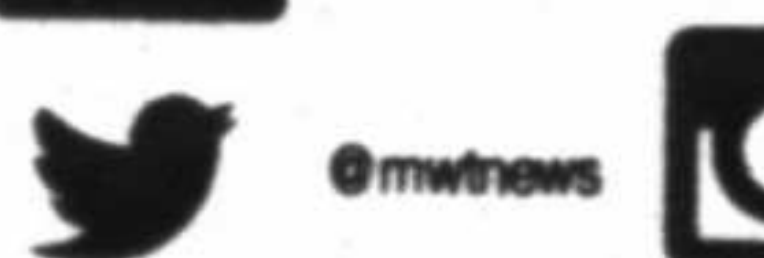
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Daily 4 morning: 4-2-9-5
Daily 4 day: 3-3-6-1
Daily 4 evening: 6-5-4-7
Daily 4 night: 2-0-3-0

Mega Millions: 8-16-32-48-61

Mega Ball: 12, Megaplier: 2

Pick 3 morning: 3-3-1
Pick 3 day: 0-8-7
Pick 3 evening: 9-0-3
Pick 3 night: 5-5-0

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High.....95
Low.....63

Normal high.....84
Normal low.....59

Sept. 25 records

High: 102, set in 1977 and
equate in 2005

Low: 42, set in 1989 and
equate in 2000

Precipitation

Monday.....0.00 inches
Tuesday.....0.00 inches

Month total.....2.56 inches
Year total.....11.06 inches

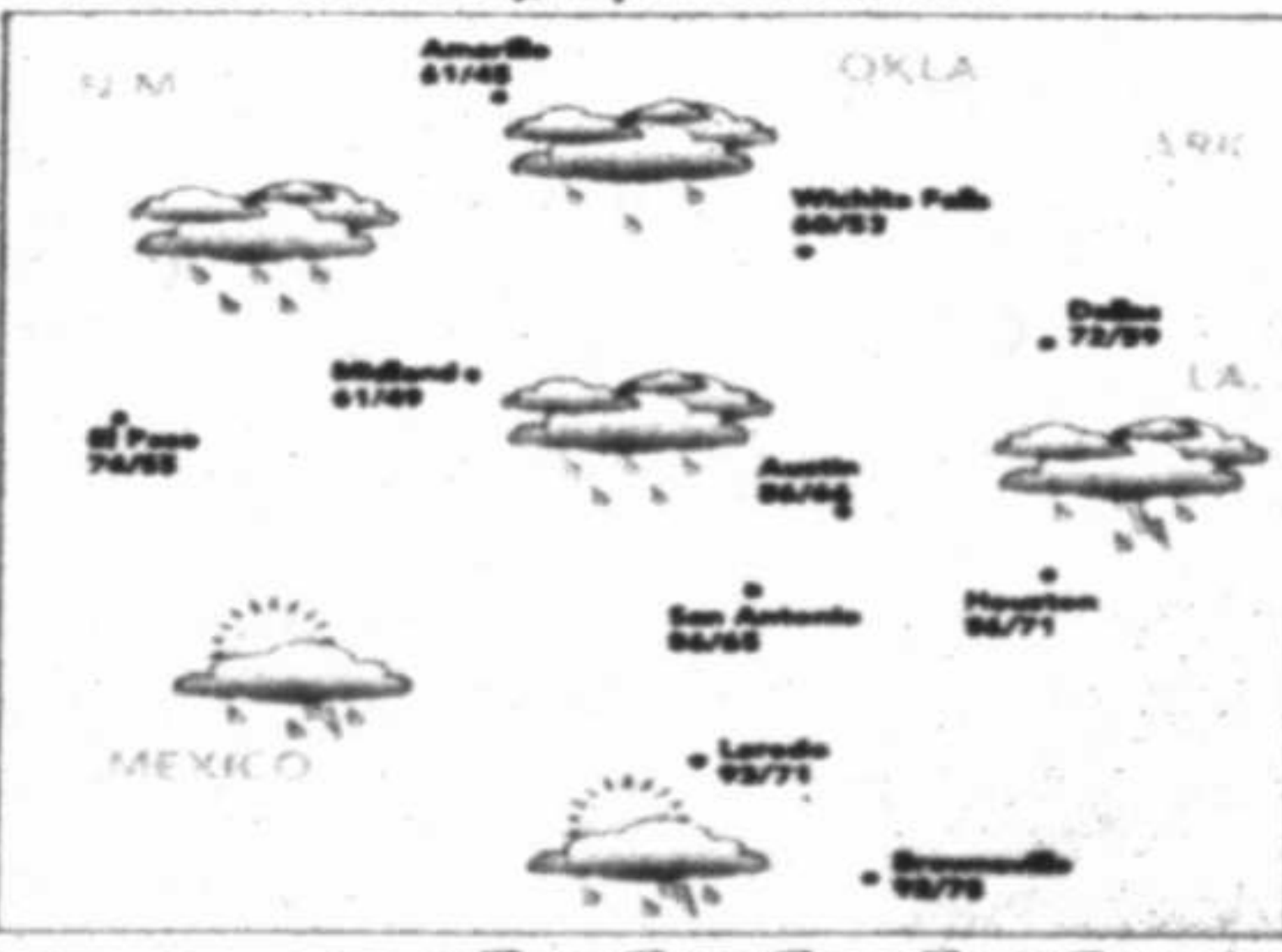
Normal total
(year to date).....11.30 inches

Winds

Average speed: 7.4 mph
Highest sustained: 12 mph

Sept. 26 forecast

Forecast for Wednesday, September 26, 2018



High: 63
Low: 50

Conditions: Cloudy during
the day and night

Winds: 15-20 mph (gusts
as high as 25 mph) during
the day/5-15 mph at night

Chance of rain: 60 percent
during the day/20 percent
at night

Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.
Sunset: 7:40 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun
in Libra and a Moon in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018:

This year, you will be magnetic
and draw many people toward you.
You often try to avoid

someone in your personal life
who can be extraordinarily
controlling and/or difficult. No
matter what your status might be,
expect ups and downs. If you
are single, your attractiveness
might have in an inordinate
number of people. Although the
situation could be flattering,
relate to the person you want to
be with. If you are attached, this
year could be especially roman-
tic, as you and your partner learn
to understand each other even
better. A fellow LIBRA shares
insight into others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could be
wavering over an issue about
which you undoubtedly think
you are right. You push in vari-
ous areas of your life. Take care
of a problem, do not backpedal
— just resolve it. Continue in
this way until you know what to
do. Tonight: Full of energy and
optimism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A difficult person
or situation might cause you to
wonder. You could be unsure
about the best way to handle this
matter. If you have questions, go
within yourself to find answers.
Understand that you can't
always second-guess others. To-
night: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You naturally zero
in on your priorities. Deciding
to head in a different direction
would be difficult. No matter
how well you know a loved
one, he or she still is capable of
surprising you. Clearly, you need
to make the first move. What is
stopping you? Tonight: Think
before you leap.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ No matter which way
you turn, you feel pressured.
Others want to listen to what
you are thinking. You need to
let a partner know that you can't
continue spending as you have
been. Understand your priorities.
Be careful with a controlling
person. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Defer to someone
who appears to have a greater
understanding of what is going
on. You might want to jump
right over this person's need for
control. If you stay out of the
way of others, you will be able
to do what you want. Tonight:
Reach out to a loved one who
has news to share.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ When handling a
money issue with a partner, look
at the big picture. This person
might be so into the here and
now that he or she cannot see
past the obvious. A child could
throw a tantrum because he
or she feels as if he or she is
not getting enough attention.
Tonight: Be a duo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might not be
in the middle of all the action,
yet you still feel the need to do
what's obvious. The odd thing is that all
of the activity could still be around
you. If you don't get the answers
that you're seeking, do not be
depressed. You can't fight city

hall. Tonight: Go with the flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Passions run high. Be-
cause others seem preoccupied
and not particularly helpful, you
might have difficulty handling a
personal matter. Know what is
going on around you. If you can,
defer to others by any means —
the waiting game will pay off.
Tonight: Maintain a low profile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Connect, talk and
research. You have most of the
day to come to a conclusion. A
friend could be very difficult
and touchy. Be smart. Don't try
to push this person just to get
positive feedback. Leave him or
her alone. Trust your judgment.

Tonight: Assume the lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Without intending to,
you could be raining on some-
one else's parade. However, if
you proceed as you always have,
you will find out soon enough
who this person is. Be more
aware of the power that you
wield and how others react to
it. Tonight: Be more direct and
forthcoming.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out to some-
one at a distance, or be ready to
dig in and do a lot of research.
This person serves as a mentor
for you. Remain optimistic and
forthright when dealing with an

unusual new topic. Make plans

to take a vacation soon. Tonight:
Relax at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You know what you
want, and you know where you
are heading. A meeting could be
provocative, causing your feel-
ings to emerge. You need to stay
focused on what you want from
a situation. Avoid a person who
often gets involved in a power
play. Tonight: Out with friends.

BORN TODAY

Tennis player Serena Wil-
liams (1981), playwright T.S.
Eliot (1898), actress Christina
Milian (1981)

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FROM COOL SEASON PESTS!

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For Consultation On Insect Oil Applications
And Timing.



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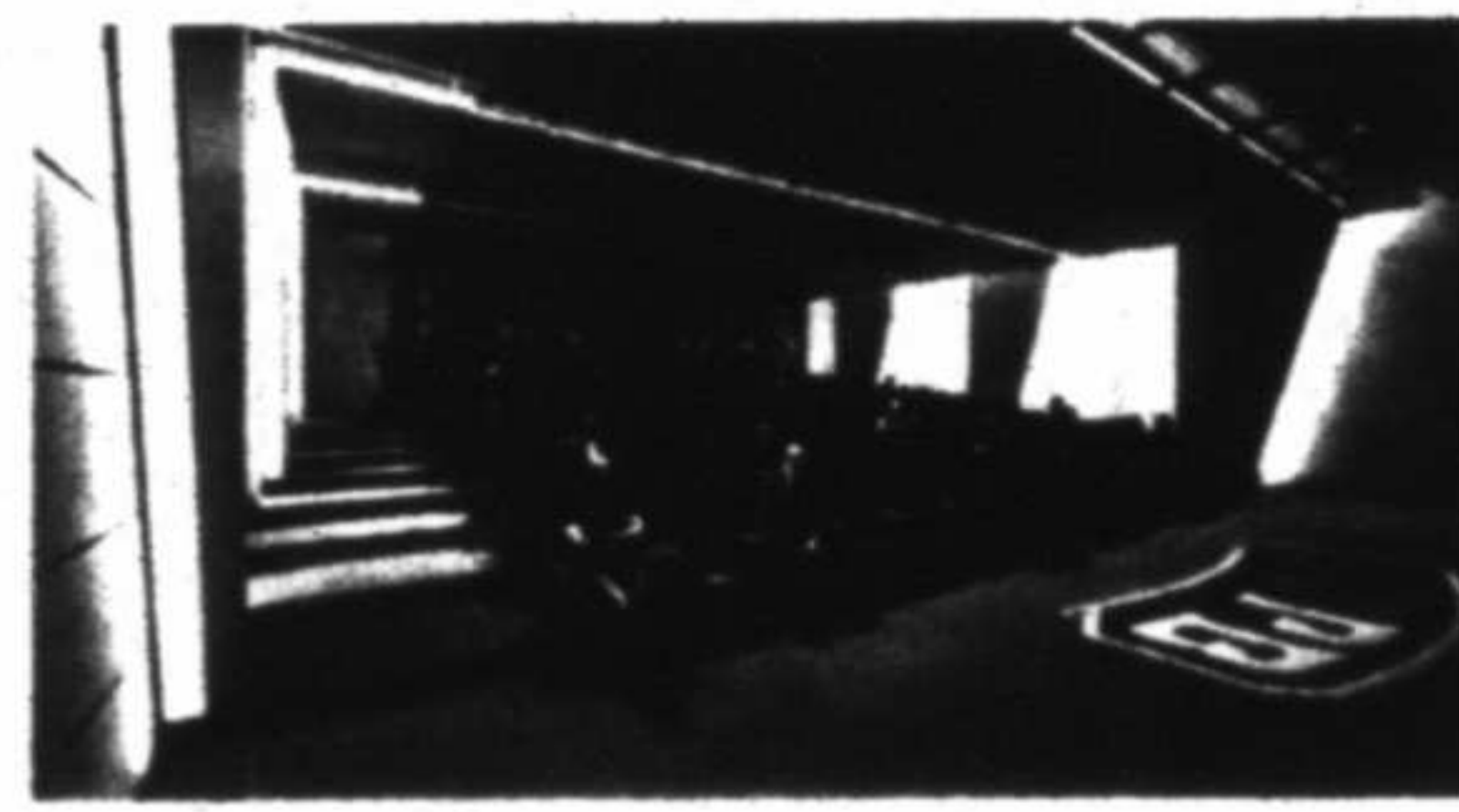
ABOVE: Officials hold a ceremonial groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday for the new University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Kinesiology Building. BELOW: Renderings of the facility.



Weight room



Men's locker room



Lecture hall

UTPB breaks ground on Kinesiology Building

■ UTPB president: Our students and athletes deserve a facility like this

From staff reports

ODESSA — Construction on the University of Texas of the Permian Basin's Kinesiology Building has officially begun. University and community leaders broke ground on the project Tuesday morning during a special ceremony.

UTPB President Sandra Woodley hopes the building will be a draw for new and returning students and student-athletes.

"We believe upgraded facilities will instill a sense of pride in our athletic programs, while inspiring research and advanced learning for our students," she said. "Our students and athletes deserve a facility like this. We expect the best from them in the classroom, at practice and at game-time. They should expect the same from us."

The 63,000 square-foot facility will house the Kinesiology Department, including classrooms and labs. It will also give student athletes new space to train and coaches a place to recruit. The building will also provide the campus with lecture spaces, a weight room and athletic training space. The athletic portion of

the building will house locker rooms for football and women's soccer, equipment rooms and coach's offices.

Woodley hopes the new space will grow academic programs housed in the facility. Data suggests the number of kinesiology students will double and the number of athletic training students will triple by 2025.

"We want to ramp up our ability to produce those degrees that are in high demand," Woodley said.

The project is expected to be complete in June 2020 and ready for students in fall 2020.

Kinesiology Building features

- The entire project is \$37-million
- The building will be 63,000 square feet
- 150-seat lecture hall for classes and for sports teams to watch film
- 12 Kinesiology offices
- The football locker room will boast 380 inches of TV screens. Each locker will have a charging dock for tech devices.

ATLANTA

Inspire Brands buys Sonic burger chain for \$2.3 billion

Arby's owner Inspire Brands is buying the Sonic drive-in hamburger chain.

Inspire is paying \$43.50 per share cash, or \$2.3 billion, for Sonic, which has 3,600 restaurants in the U.S. Inspire expects the deal to close by the end of this year.

Sonic will operate as a separate business unit within Inspire and remain based in Oklahoma City. The first Sonic opened in Oklahoma in 1953.

Inspire says Sonic's management team will also remain in place.

Sonic earned \$63.7 million in its 2017 fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31. That was down slightly from the previous two years.

Atlanta-based Inspire was formed earlier this year when Arby's acquired the Buffalo Wild Wings chain.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Authorities ID Odessa man killed in semi crash

REVA — Authorities have identified a Texas man who died in a semitrailer crash in northwestern South Dakota.

The Highway Patrol says 67-year-old Joe Vanhemert of Odessa died Friday morning when he lost control of his semi and it rolled in a ditch off state Highway 79 in Harding County.

He was alone in the semi, and died at the scene about 25 miles northeast of Reva.

LAREDO

Border agents in detain 114 immigrants

Border agents in Texas detained more than 100 unauthorized immigrants hiding in two tractor-trailers that were stopped in Laredo this week.

The first human smuggling scheme was discovered about 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the Interstate 35 checkpoint, authorities say.

Agents were inspecting an 18-wheeler when they found 65 people in the stifling trailer. The border crossers were in good health, despite the temperature being over 90 degrees inside.

The second smuggling attempt was discovered Monday, also at the I-35 checkpoint.

This time, agents found 49 people in a refrigerated trailer, which was 59 degrees inside. They, too, were OK.

FORT WORTH

American expands inflight food options

American Airlines is expanding its inflight food options with the addition of a light and healthy Mediterranean menu.

The world's largest carrier on Monday announced an agreement with the restaurant chain Zoe's Kitchen.

American, which is based in Fort Worth, says the new Zoe's Kitchen menu will be sold on most domestic flights longer than three hours beginning Dec. 1.

Options will include hummus topped with olives, a turkey sandwich with specialty cheese and crunchy Mediterranean slaw, and a chicken wrap with roasted tomatoes, arugula and artichokes.

American currently serves cookies and mini pretzels for free during flights over 250 miles. Sandwiches, wraps and snack boxes are also available for sale on most domestic flights.

HOUSTON

Ex-businessman indicted over 2013 congressional trip

An ex-Houston businessman has been indicted on U.S. charges of concealing that a 2013 trip by some members of Congress to Azerbaijan was paid for by that country's government.

Kemal Oksuz was named in an indictment unsealed Monday in Washington, D.C. Prosecutors say Oksuz formerly led the nonprofit Turquoise Council of Americans and Eurasians and allegedly lied on U.S. House disclosure forms about who funded the trip.

Oksuz was charged with devising a scheme to falsify, conceal, and cover up material facts and with making false statements to Congress. The Houston Chronicle reports Oksuz was recently

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arrested in Armenia and faces extradition.

The House Ethics Committee in July 2015 said it found no evidence of wrongdoing by lawmakers.

Lawmakers obtained prior approval for the trip from the ethics panel "in good faith" and did not know that two groups that claimed to sponsor the trip had apparently lied about the true source of their funding, the ethics panel said.

A total of 10 members of Congress — six Democrats and four Republicans — went on the trip, including four from Texas: Democrats Ruben Hinojosa and Sheila Jackson Lee and Republicans Steve Stockman and Ted Poe.

Also on the trip were Democratic Reps. Gregory Meeks and Yvette Clarke of New York, Dan Claitor of Illinois and Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico, as well as Republican Reps. Jim Bridenstine of Oklahoma and Leonard Lance of New Jersey. Bridenstine, Stockman and Hinojosa no longer serve in Congress. Bridenstine is administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ARLINGTON

School official suspended over profane tweet

A private school in North Texas has suspended an administrator who posted a profane online message criticizing the attorney who represents porn actress Stormy Daniels.

The Oakridge School in Arlington said in a statement Monday that it indefinitely suspended Butch Groves for conduct deemed "unacceptable."

Groves in a tweet Sunday made derogatory comments about lawyer Michael Avenatti, saying at one point that he's a "lying piece of (expletive)."

Avenatti responded by identifying Groves as a top administrator with the school.

Efforts to reach Groves on Tuesday for comment were unsuccessful.

Avenatti is representing Daniels, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, in a defamation lawsuit against President Donald Trump.

Daniels has said she had sex once with Trump in 2006 and carried on a platonic relationship with him for about a year.

CONNECTICUT

Houston man sentenced to prison for enticing minors

HARTFORD — A Houston man has been sentenced to 13 years in prison for enticing minors into engaging in sexual activity over the internet.

Federal prosecutors in Connecticut say 24-year-old Travis McCoy used online services including Kik, Google Hangouts and Xbox Live to encourage boys to engage in sexually explicit conduct.

Authorities say he communicated with boys ranging in age from 9 to 14 years between August 2015 and March 2017 while attending Mitchell College in New London.

Investigators found McCoy had three Dropbox accounts with 684 images and 89 hours of videos of child pornography.

DALLAS

Housing agency awarded contracts to own board

A municipal housing agency in Dallas has awarded thousands of dollars in contracts to members of its own board.

A review of documents by The Dallas Morning News found that the Dallas Housing Finance Corp. has awarded contracts to at least two board members. The agency focuses on providing affordable housing for people on limited incomes.

Board members approved a 2017 contract to pay one member up to \$30,000 annually to ensure apartment complexes were providing required services like after-school tutoring.

Another member of the board was given a \$14,000 contract in 2014 for maintenance and other work at a senior complex. When the contract expired, he received a \$25,000 "exitting bonus."

NEW MEXICO

Priest accused of child sex abuse behind bars

ALBUQUERQUE — A former New Mexico priest who fled the U.S. decades ago amid allegations of child sex abuse will await trial behind bars, a federal judge decided Tuesday, as his accusers in the audience applauded.

Defense attorney Samuel Winder argued in court that Arthur Perrault was not a flight risk as he had no passport, no family and no means of leaving the country. But prosecutors described him as a danger to the community who fled before.

"He is known to manipulate and gain the trust of people," federal Prosecutor Sean Sullivan told U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen Molzen. "Honestly, a jail setting is the best setting for the defendant to be."

Molzen agreed and called Perrault a "very charming man" who once fled to a country that didn't have an extradition treaty with the U.S.

Court documents filed late last week said victims described Perrault showering them with gifts and meals before abusing them. They also described Perrault as someone who smoked pipes and wore silk underwear.

AUSTIN

Owner of 3D gun company resigns after arrest

An activist who garnered national attention for running a Texas company that sells blueprints for making untraceable 3D-printed guns has resigned from the firm he founded after being arrested on charges of having sex with an underage girl.

Cody Wilson tendered his resignation Friday evening to tend to "personal matters," Paloma Heindorff, director of development for Austin-based Defense Distributed said at a Tuesday news conference. The company is at the center of a federal case in which several states sued to block it from posting plans to build 3D-printed guns online.

Heindorff said she would be taking over Wilson's duties as director and was a strong believer in the Second Amendment.

Instagram mulls next move as founders leave

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger sold Instagram to Facebook in 2012, the photo-sharing startup's fiercely loyal fans worried about what would happen to their beloved app under the social media giant's wings.

None of their worst fears materialized. But now that its founders have announced they are leaving in a swirl of well wishes and vague explanations, some of the same worries are bubbling up again — and then some. Will Instagram disappear? Get cluttered with ads and status updates? Suck up personal data for advertising the way its parent does? Lose its cool? Worst of all: Will it just become another Facebook?

"It's probably a bigger challenge (for Facebook) than most people realize," said Omar Akhtar, an analyst at the technology research firm Altimeter. "Instagram is the only platform that is growing. And a lot of people didn't necessarily make the connection between Instagram and Facebook."

Instagram had just 31 million users when Facebook snapped it up for \$1 billion, now it has a billion. It had no ads back then; it now features both display and video ads, although they're still restrained compared to Facebook. But that could quickly change. Facebook's growth has started to slow, and Wall Street has been pushing the company to find new ways to increase revenue.

Instagram has been a primary focus of those efforts. Facebook has been elevating Instagram's profile in its financial discussions. In July, it unveiled a new metric for analysts, touting that 2.5 billion people use at least one of its apps — Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp or Messenger — each month. While not particularly revealing, the measurement underscores the growing importance Facebook places on those secondary apps.

Facebook doesn't disclose how much money Instagram pulls in, though Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter estimates it'll be around \$6 billion this year, or just over 10 percent of Facebook's expected overall revenue of about \$55.7 billion.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has long seen Instagram's promise. At the time, it was by far Facebook's largest acquisition (although it was dwarfed by the \$19 billion Zuckerberg paid for WhatsApp two years later). And it was the first startup allowed to operate mostly independently.

That has paid off big time. Not only did Instagram reach 1 billion users faster than its parent company, it also succeeded in cloning Snapchat's popular "Stories" feature, dealing a serious blow to that social network upstart and succeeding where Facebook's own attempts had repeatedly failed. Instagram also pioneered a long-form video feature to challenge YouTube, another big Facebook rival.

Recently, Instagram

has been on a roll. In June, Systrom traveled to New York to mark the opening of its new office there, complete with a gelato bar and plans to hire hundreds of engineers. Only a month earlier, Instagram had moved into sparkly new offices in San Francisco. In a July earnings call, Zuckerberg touted Instagram's success as a function of its integration with Facebook, claiming that it used parent-company infrastructure to grow "more than twice as quickly as it would have on its own."

But Instagram has also been a case study in how to run a subsidiary independently — especially when its parent is mired in user-privacy problems and concerns about election interference, fake news and misinformation. And especially when its parent has long stopped being cool, what with everyone and their grandma now on it.

Instagram's simple design — just a collection of photos and videos of sunsets, faraway vacations, intimate breakfasts and baby close-ups — has allowed it to remain a favorite long after it became part of Facebook. If people go to Twitter to see what old classmates are up to, Instagram is where they go to relax, scroll and feast their eyes.

So, will that change? "I don't think Zuckerberg is dumb," Akhtar said. "He knows that a large part of Instagram's popularity is that it's separate from Facebook."

As such, he thinks Facebook would be wise to reassure users that what they love about Instagram isn't going to change — that they are not going to be forced to integrate with Facebook. "That'll go a long way," he said.

Internally, the challenge is a bit more complicated. While Systrom and Krieger didn't say why they're leaving, their decision echoes the recent departure of WhatsApp's co-founder and CEO Jan Koum, who had signaled years earlier that he would take a stand if Facebook's push to increase profits risked compromising core elements of the WhatsApp messaging service, such as its dedication to user privacy. When Facebook started pushing harder for more revenue and more integration with WhatsApp, Koum pulled the ripcord.

One sign that additional integration may be in Instagram's future: Zuckerberg in May sent longtime Facebook executive Adam Mosseri to run Instagram's product operation. Mosseri replaced longtime Instagrammer Kevin Weil, who was shuffled back to the Facebook mothership. That likely didn't sit well with Instagram's founders, Akhtar and other analysts said. Now that they're gone as well, Mosseri is the most obvious candidate to head Instagram.

"Kevin Systrom loyalists are probably going to leave," Akhtar said. Which means Facebook may soon have a new challenge on its hands: Figuring out how to keep Instagram growing if it loses the coolness factor that has bolstered it for so long.

Millennials cause divorce rate to plummet

By Ben Steverman
Bloomberg

Americans under the age of 45 have found a novel way to rebel against their elders: They're staying married.

New data show younger couples are approaching relationships very differently from baby boomers, who married young, divorced, remarried and so on. Generation X and especially millennials are being pickier about who they marry, tying the knot at older ages when education, careers and finances are on track. The result is a U.S. divorce rate that dropped 18 percent from 2008 to 2016, according to an analysis by University of Maryland sociology professor Philip Cohen.

Demographers already knew the divorce rate was falling, even if the average American didn't. Their question, however, was why? And what do current trends mean for the marital prospects of today's newlyweds?

One theory is that divorce rates are falling largely because of other demographic changes—especially an

aging population. Older people are less likely to get divorced, so maybe mellowing boomers were enough to explain the trend. Cohen's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau survey data, however, suggests something more fundamental is at work. Even when he controls for factors such as age, the divorce rate over the same period still dropped 8 percent.

"The change among young people is particularly striking," Susan Brown, a sociology professor at Bowling Green State University, said of Cohen's results. "The characteristics of young married couples today signal a sustained decline (in divorce rates) in the coming years."

Young people get the credit for fewer divorces because boomers have continued to divorce at unusually high rates, all the way into their 60s and 70s. From 1990 to 2015, according to Bowling Green's National Center for Family and Marriage Research, the divorce rate doubled for people ages 55 to 64, and even tripled for Americans 65 and older. Cohen's results suggest this trend, called "gray divorce," may have leveled out in the past decade, but

boomers are still divorcing at much higher rates than previous generations did at similar ages.

Today's young couples don't seem to be following the same path.

"One of the reasons for the decline is that the married population is getting older and more highly educated," Cohen said. Fewer people are getting married, and those who do are the sort of people who are least likely to get divorced, he said. "Marriage is more and more an achievement of status, rather than something that people do regardless of how they're doing."

Many poorer and less educated Americans are opting not to marry at all. They're living together, and often raising kids together, without tying the knot. And studies have shown these cohabiting relationships are less stable than they used to be.

Fewer divorces, therefore, aren't only bad news for matrimonial lawyers but a sign of America's widening chasm of inequality. Marriage is becoming a more durable, but far more exclusive, institution.

CBS' 'Murphy Brown' is ready to 'make some noise'

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Last season's short-lived "Roseanne" revival blew an air kiss to President Donald Trump in its debut episode before it reverted to finding laughs in family and working-class woes, not politics. Expect "Murphy Brown," another reborn 20th-century sitcom, to be consistently faithful to its own roots.

Washington tumult, social issues and the role of journalism will be central when the sitcom starring Candice Bergen as a tough TV reporter returns 9:30 p.m. EDT Thursday on CBS, said creator and executive producer Diane English.

The series is "here to make some noise," English said in an interview, sketching out a few of topics to be featured in the season's 13 episodes. "We're doing an

immigration episode, we're doing a midterm-elections episode. We're doing a Me Too episode," she said.

The debut half-hour is "so ambitious and so fearless," Bergen told a TV critics' news conference. "During the taping, I turned to Joe (Regaluto, her co-star) at one point and I said, 'This show has no fear of anyone.'"

In the revival, former network reporter Murphy is now on cable with the frothy titled "Murphy in the Morning." Along for the ride at the fictitious CNC news channel are her old "FYI" news magazine colleagues, including Regaluto's Frank Fontana, Faith Ford's Corky Sherwood and Grant Shaud's Miles Silverberg.

Murphy and her colleagues "are trying to present the facts in a straight down the middle way," English said. "Their show is issue-oriented and facts,

with no personal opinion."

Jake McDorman ("Shameless") joins the cast as Murphy's son, Avery, a reporter at the competing and conservative Wolf — ahem — news channel. He's liberal, but his work outside of the Washington beltway "bubble" has given him an appreciation for different views, English said.

"He has paid attention to the people who feel that they were passed over and he's their voice, to some degree. The way he creates his own show gives a voice to people that are the forgotten and the people who the elites, in quotes, call 'the flyovers,'" she said.

An advantage the new series has over the 1988-98 original comes courtesy of technology, with digital recording allowing references to real-world news to be updated close to air, an impossibility in the old era of film.

The original "Murphy Brown" wasn't shy about intersecting with reality, most notably after the 1992 presidential campaign in which Dan Quayle, vice president to George H.W. Bush, lambasted the unmarried Murphy's pregnancy as a mockery of fatherhood and a Hollywood raspberry to American morality.

The top-rated, Emmy-winning series fired back in an ongoing tiff that generated headlines and fierce debate — this before the advent of social media and its incendiary effect on anything and everything, and before public distrust of journalism became more entrenched.

English, herself a sparing user of online platforms (she enjoys Instagram and finds it largely friendly, but has harsh words for Facebook) said she's prepared for backlash.

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Confirmation process needs a good scrubbing

How I miss the good ol' days, when the process of confirming a Supreme Court justice was boring and technical — and didn't make you feel like you needed a shower.

There is a new allegation of sexual misconduct against Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump's embattled choice for the Supreme Court. The latest charge — dating back to when Kavanaugh was a freshman at Yale during the 1983-84 academic year — involves a college classmate.

While initially reluctant to come forward and tell her story, Deborah Ramirez has now had her identity revealed, because The New Yorker contacted her after learning about the incident. She told the magazine that after six days of sorting through gaps in her memory and consulting with her attorney, she felt confident that Kavanaugh thrust his penis in her face at an alcohol-fueled dormitory party.

Time out. We are right to be suspicious of those who consult with an attorney to help them remember something this politically sensitive. A therapist, fine. But not an attorney. How much of what Ramirez is now charging comes from the recesses of her mind as opposed to whatever political leanings her lawyer might have?

Ramirez wants the FBI to investigate the alleged incident. Dr. Christine Blasey

JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service



Ford also wants the FBI to look into an alleged incident that supposedly occurred when Ford was 15 and Kavanaugh was a 17-year-old student at Georgetown Preparatory School.

We're going to need a bigger FBI. Besides, let's give the bureau a break. These are cops, not psychics. It won't be easy to get to the bottom of any of this, given that so much time has passed.

But right-wingers defending Kavanaugh are also off-base. First of all, they don't have the foggiest idea what happened at these specific parties in the 1980s. They also put too much stock in the fact that Kavanaugh has undergone a half-dozen background checks. So what? Those knowledgeable about such inquiries have told reporters that they're meant to find any kind of current problem, not something from the distant past — especially if there were no criminal charges.

In a statement, Kavanaugh responded to Ramirez's claim as follows: "This alleged event from 35 years ago did not happen. The people who knew me then know that this did not happen, and have said so. This is a smear, plain and simple."

Both Kavanaugh and Ford are expected to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Senate Democrats are investigating Ramirez's allegation, and no doubt hoping that there will be more women coming forward with additional new accusations against Kavanaugh.

Republicans are pushing for a vote on the nomination as soon as possible — perhaps trying to head off additional claims.

You have to pity everyone involved. This is like one of those science-fiction movies where machines rise up against people. In this case, the institution of government — which is supposed to serve and represent constituents like Kavanaugh and Ford — now seems determined to destroy them. And why is that? Because doing so serves the interest of the political parties. Kavanaugh and Ford are both collateral damage in this drama, which is being completely driven by politics and politicians.

People are asking why anyone in their right mind would accept a nomination to anything in this climate. But it's also

fair to ask why anyone in their right mind would dare to speak out against a nominee to anything in this climate. Either way, you'll be raked over the coals.

Conservatives are not thinking clearly. Many reflexively shrug off every allegation against Kavanaugh. There ought to be a trigger number. For me, as a journalist who has covered many scandals, the tipping point is the number five. One or two instances might be explained away. But by the time you get to five, you're looking at a pattern. Besides, if Republicans are right that Kavanaugh is innocent and this is just politics, why didn't Trump's first Supreme Court nominee — Neil Gorsuch — meet a similar fate?

Liberals are also not thinking clearly. They tend to believe wholesale every woman who comes forward with any accusation against Kavanaugh. They do so, they say, because women don't make this stuff up or because the same thing happened to a woman they know. The hashtag — #WhyDidntReport — is trending, as scores of women share their stories of being sexually abused or harassed. How long before we see another hashtag trending among men: #TheTimeWasFalselyAccused?

Showers all around. But if the goal is to get totally clean, I doubt the country has enough soap.

GUEST VIEW

Can the Bezos Day One Fund be a model for corporate leaders?

When Jeff and MacKenzie Bezos announced they were launching the Bezos Day One Fund to help homeless families and create a network of nonprofit preschools in low-income communities, they also revealed that it would begin with a staggering amount: \$2 billion.

Seeing as Dallas is known as a city that attracts big business — it's in the running for Amazon's new headquarters — we wonder if what Bezos is doing can be a model for Dallas-area corporate leaders.

The establishment of the Day One Fund comes at a time when the economy is doing well, allowing the philanthropic community to fill in gaps where local governments cannot justify the cost of budget increases or where they're not willing to spend the money at all.

As anyone who has been to downtown Dallas can attest, despite an economy running on all cylinders, the city has a homeless problem. Its Office of Homeless Solutions recently released a report showing overall homelessness in the city had increased 9 percent, the unsheltered homeless population 23 percent.

We previously stated that the first step in fixing the homeless problem in Dallas is the development of permanent, supportive and transitional housing facilities. Homeless shelter demand exceeds capacity, and while the bond approved in 2017 will cover \$20 million in expenditures for the permanent solution, the OHS estimates the total cost will be 10 times that amount. It would be the perfect opportunity for the corporate community to partner with city leaders and the homelessness agency on a long-term solution for this problem.

The other half of the Day One Fund will go toward creating a network of preschools for underserved communities. We find this an encouraging move because research shows early childhood education has a positive impact on students. Fewer are placed in special education or held back a grade, and more are likely to graduate from high school.

Bezos said the schools would be inspired by the Montessori programs he attended as a child. Research shows the education method that involves matching lessons to a child's brain development stage can level the playing field for low-income children. Dallas ISD has several schools that use the Montessori method, and the schools have proved popular with families.

For Dallas, this is critical. In its position as an Amazon finalist, one of the requirements is a "highly educated labor pool." Why couldn't corporations that call Dallas home join forces with those in DISD to create a similar network? We'd be thrilled to see those schools dotting the landscape in southern and western Dallas.

We hope this philanthropic venture by Bezos will become a model for other cities, particularly Dallas.

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Washington has a rat problem

I smell a rat. Apparently I'm not the only one. Recent reporting by The Washington Post's Rachel Chason and others confirmed what the rest of the country has long suspected: "Rats are overrunning D.C."

Complaints increased 50 percent in 2017 — which by complete and total coincidence is the year President Trump came to town — and are scurrying to another record in 2018. Of particular note: a 430-percent increase in rat complaints on Capitol Hill.

Orkin, the exterminator, reports that Washington is the fifth "rattiest" metropolitan area in the United States. But because three of those ahead of us (Chicago, New York and Los Angeles) have larger human populations, it would appear that Washington is vying with Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco for most rats on a per capita basis. Or would that be a pro rata basis?

Most suspect that the culprit is the common brown rat (*Rattus norvegicus*), not to be confused with the black rat (*Rattus rattus*), the Himalayan field rat (*Rattus tigris*) or others.

I have a different theory. The capital has, since Jan. 20, 2017 (give or take), been overrun by another species: *Rattus lutreolus*, the swamp rat. This species feeds mostly on political action committee contributions, and though native to Australia, was recently spotted living in a lobbyist's condo at below-market rates.

The rat problem has come to the attention of Trump himself, who recently expressed his pleasure that his aides wouldn't be "a John Dean type 'RAT'." A few weeks later, Trump's former campaign manager turned into a rat.

It's spreading like the plague. In the days since John McCain died, there have been increased sightings of *Rattus erradicus*. This species, native of South Carolina, exhibits submissiveness toward certain large male rats and is unpredictable in behavior. One *Rattus erradicus* specimen, Lindsey O. Graham, spent two years defending the integrity of the same Justice Department he now claims is staging a "bureaucratic coup" against Trump.

But the Brett M. Kavanaugh confirmation battle is really bringing the rodent from its burrow. Here's a taxonomy to better understand Washington's newest residents:

At the top of this animal kingdom is an extremely large species with yam-tinged fur. Under the scientific name *Rattus potus*, it is highly aggressive with other rats (except for immediate family members), often for no apparent reason and even when not in its self-interest. Such behavior was exhibited by Trump when he ignored advisers and suggested Kavanaugh's alleged sexual assault of Christine Blasey Ford was not "as bad as she says."

The behavior exhibited by *Rattus potus* has prompted similarly odd comportment among

lesser species, including:

Rattus slanderus. Kavanaugh pal Ed Whelan was put on leave by his right-wing think tank after he sought to pin the assault — falsely but publicly — on another man.

Rattus imbecilis, now listed as electorally endangered. Specimens include Dean Heller, who proclaimed the allegation against Kavanaugh to be a "hiccup"; GOP Senate candidate Kevin Cramer of North Dakota, who called Ford's allegation "even more absurd" than Anita Hill's because Ford's involved teenagers; and Ralph Norman, who joked that Ruth Bader Ginsburg claimed "she was groped by Abraham Lincoln."

Rattus misogynus. Commonly known as the "naked male rat," *Rattus misogynus* is exemplified by Steve King, who warned an audience that "no man will ever qualify for the Supreme Court again."

Rattus paranoidus. White House counselor Kellyanne Conway told CBS News on Monday that "this is starting to feel like a vast left-wing conspiracy."

On the opposing side of the Kavanaugh affair are two other species:

Rattus opportunus. This species, native to New York, nests in green rooms and spends hours grooming itself. Specimen Michael Avenatti, the Stormy Daniels lawyer, injected himself into the Kavanaugh matter by claiming without any substantiation to "represent a woman with credible information regarding Judge Kavanaugh."

Rattus spartacus. This species is known for a highly verbal behavior. Rodentologists describe as "grandstanding." One specimen appeared during the initial Kavanaugh hearings, when Cory Booker announced he would martyr himself by releasing documents it turned out were already cleared for public release.

The nominee himself is described in The New Yorker by a Yale roommate as being "frequently, incoherently drunk." This attribute is common among the species *Rattus inebrius*.

Rattus inebrius enjoys a symbiotic relationship with the powerful, beady-eyed species *Rattus ginormus*, commonly referred to as Mitch McConnell. If *Rattus ginormus* doesn't like a Supreme Court nominee, even an impeccably qualified one, he refuses to budge for a year. If he likes a nominee, even one accused of sexual assault, he says "We're going to plow right through it."

He is the biggest rat of all.

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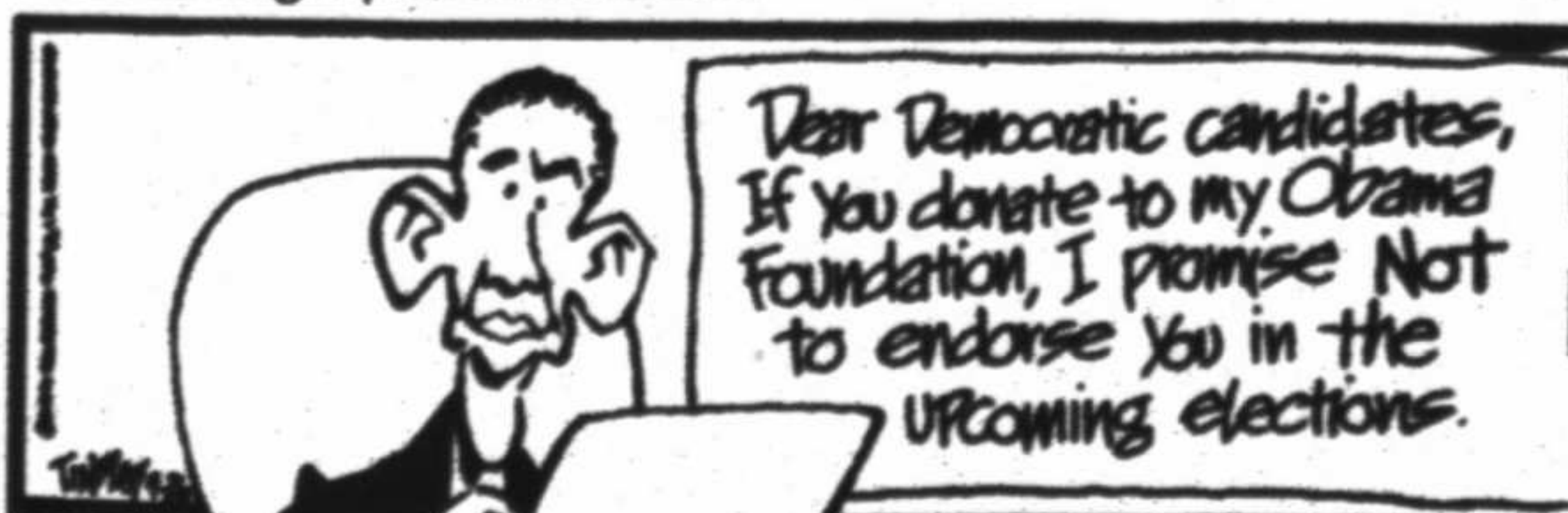
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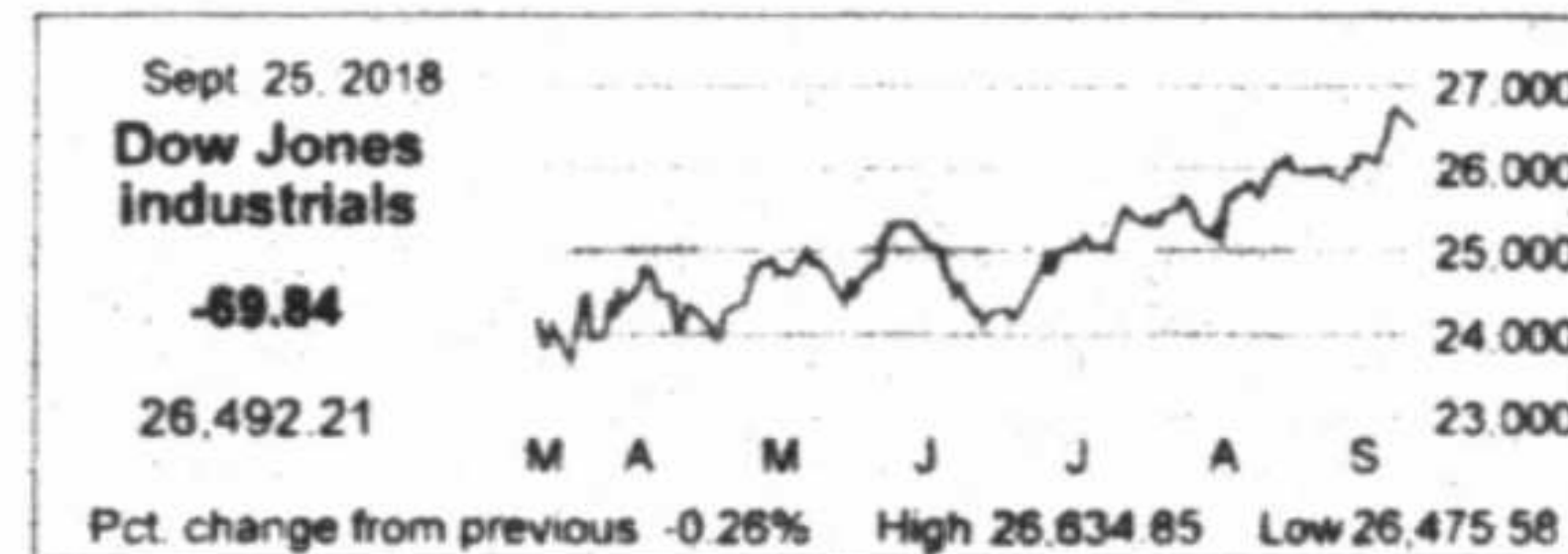
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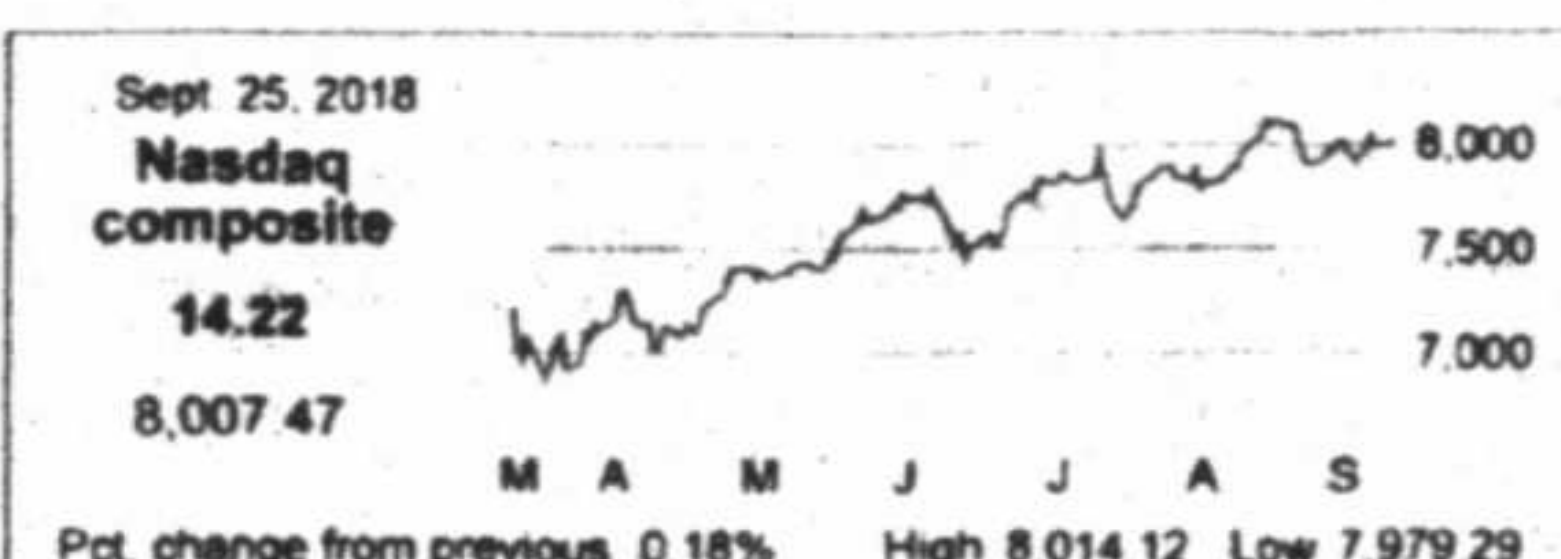
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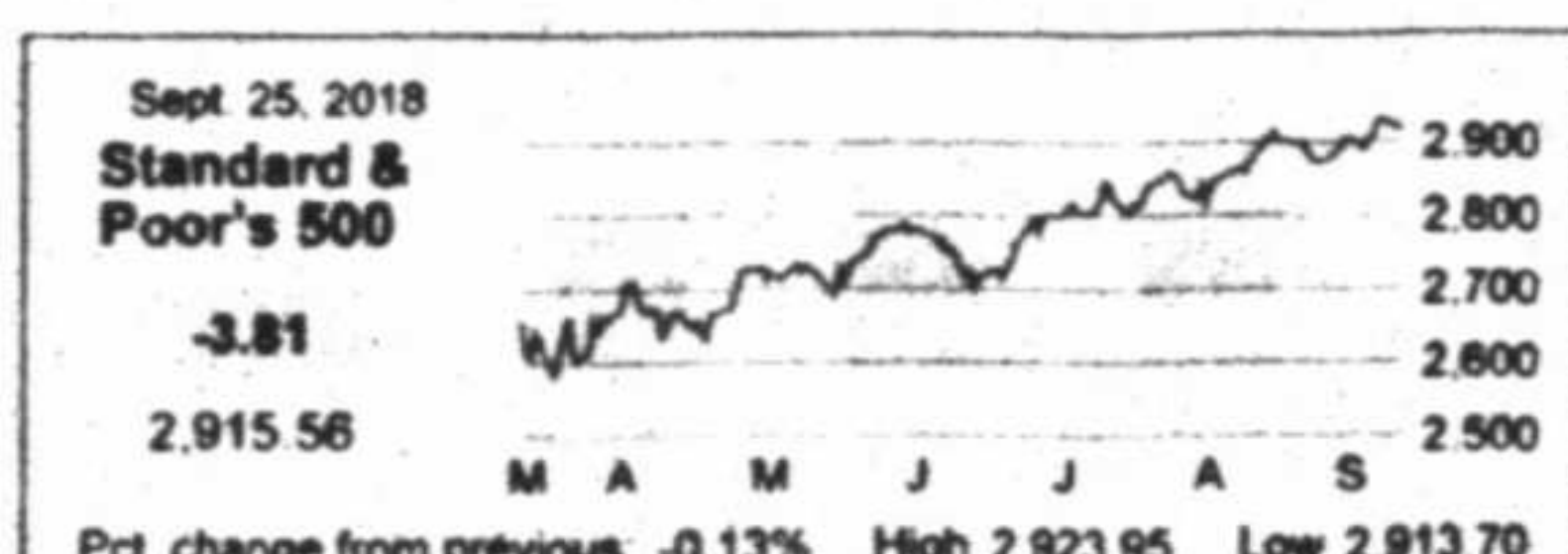
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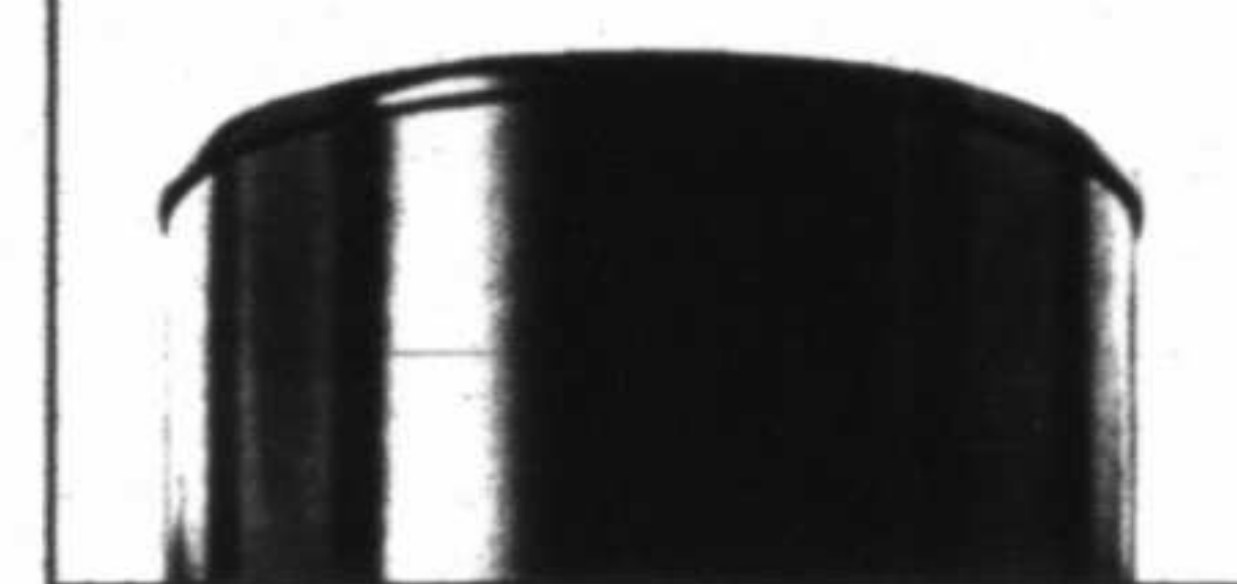
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3 things to watch for from the Federal Reserve today

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is all but certain Wednesday to raise its key short-term interest rate for the third time this year and to signal that another hike is likely before the year ends.

But what about next year? Most economists foresee a slowdown in the nearly 10-year-old U.S. economic expansion as President Donald Trump's trade war takes a toll and the benefits of tax cuts start to fade.

Will the Fed feel compelled to slow its rate increases? Or will it keep steadily tightening credit to ensure that a robust economy, with unemployment near a 50-year low, doesn't ignite high inflation? Any clarity the Fed might provide Wednesday could come in a statement after its latest policy meeting ends, in economic and interest-rate forecasts it will issue or in a news conference Chairman Jerome Powell will hold.

Whatever the central bank's policymakers decide will affect the loan rates that consumers as well as businesses will face in the coming months.

Here are three things to watch for after the Fed meeting ends Wednesday afternoon.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY
The economy, fueled in part by the tax cuts President Donald Trump pushed through Congress, has been sizzling. Growth clocked in at a brisk 4.2 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter — the fastest quarterly pace in nearly four years. Most economists have forecast that growth for 2018 as a whole will end up as the strongest in 13 years.

Unemployment, at 3.9 percent, is well below the 4.5 percent that the Fed had pegged as the level at which unemployment can remain for a sustained period without accelerating inflation.

Today, in addition to announcing a likely rate increase — its eighth since late 2015 — the Fed will issue economic and interest-rate forecasts for the rest of 2018 and for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Those forecasts will signal how the policymakers see the economy and interest rates evolving. A rosy picture would likely lead financial markets to brace for steady rate hikes to continue. Conversely, a dimmer forecast by the Fed could mean fewer rate increases in coming months and years.

In their previous forecasts in June, Fed officials predicted growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, of 2.8 percent for 2018 and then 2.4 percent in 2019 and 2 percent in 2020. Those levels fall shy of the sustained 3 percent growth rates the Trump administration has vowed to deliver with its tax cuts, deregulation and combative trade stance.

For inflation, the Fed in June had forecast 2.1 at the end of this year and for the next two years, just above its long-term 2 percent annual target.

WHITHER INTEREST RATES?

In addition to its predictions for the economy, the Fed will update its "dot plot," in which each member of its interest rate committee provides his or her anonymous forecast of where the Fed's key policy rate will be in coming years. The dots will show where the officials expect the rate to be in the October-December quarter of each year.

The median dot — where half are above, half below — is closely watched for the Fed's view of where its key rate may be headed. The rate now stands in a range of 1.75 percent to 2 percent. In June, the median was pegged at 2.4 percent for the end of 2018, up from 2.1 percent previously.

That shift was seen as the signal that the Fed was prepared to raise rates a total of four times this year, with the remaining hikes presumably coming this week and in December.

At the same time, the most recent dot plot signaled three rate increases for 2019. On Wednesday, that forecast could rise to four, reflecting optimism about continued economic strength. Or it could shift to just two, perhaps indicating concern that the economy will soon weaken.

Investors will also watch to see whether the Fed's longer-run expectation for its benchmark rate remains at 2.9 percent. This is the level regarded as the Fed's "neutral rate" — the point at which it would expect its policy to neither stimulate nor restrain growth.

Some Fed officials have argued that the strength of the economy may compel them eventually to move toward a restrictive level for its benchmark rate. The Fed is trying to achieve a "soft landing" for an expansion now in its 10th year. The goal is to slow growth enough to keep inflation in check but not so much as to hurt the economy. It's a delicate task. Past Fed tightening cycles have sometimes ended in recessions rather than longer recoveries.

THE TRUMP EFFECT

At Powell's news conference, reporters will likely seek his views on the likely effects of Trump's economic policies — from the tax cuts that are driving projected annual budget deficits above \$1 trillion to the trade war he has triggered with China and other nations.

In the past, Powell has taken care to strike an even-handed response to such political questions. He has said that if Trump's confrontational trade policy forces China and other nations to lower barriers to American goods, it will benefit the U.S. economy. But Powell may be pressed about concerns expressed in the Fed's surveys of American businesses that a trade war will depress demand for their goods.

For his part, Trump has been openly critical of Fed policy, saying he was "not thrilled" by the prospect of further rate hikes and arguing that the Fed's credit tightening "hurts all that we have done" in pursuing policies to boost growth. His publicly critical remarks, highly unusual for a president, alarmed Fed watchers who perceived an effort to apply pressure on the central bank.

Stocks fall

Major U.S. indexes finished mostly lower Tuesday as rising interest rates hurt stocks that pay big dividends and higher oil prices pushed transportation and shipping companies lower. The S&P 500 index fell for the third day in a row.

Oil prices continued to rise after a weekend meeting of OPEC and its allies ended without an increase in oil production. That's helped energy companies, but it is pressuring airlines and other companies that will have to pay more for fuel. Higher oil prices can also ripple through the economy and increase inflation, and that's helped push interest rates higher this week.

On Wednesday the Federal Reserve is expected to increase its benchmark interest rate for the third time this year. Investors have been sure for months that the Fed would raise rates at this meeting, so they'll be focusing on the Fed's economic projections and Chairman Jay Powell's press conference afterward.

The S&P 500 fell 3.81 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,915.56. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 69.84 points, or 0.3 percent, to 26,492.21. The Nasdaq composite added 14.22 points, or 0.2 percent, to 8,014.12. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 3.49 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,708.80.

Metals end mixed

Gold rose 0.1 percent to \$1,205.10 an ounce. Silver gained 1.1 percent to \$14.49 an ounce. Copper fell 0.4 percent to \$2.82 a pound.

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Concho Resources (CXO)
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Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$6.50 Up 0.26

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$134.51 Up 1.65

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$4.97 Down 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$5.29 Down 0.42

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
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ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
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Ring Energy (REI)
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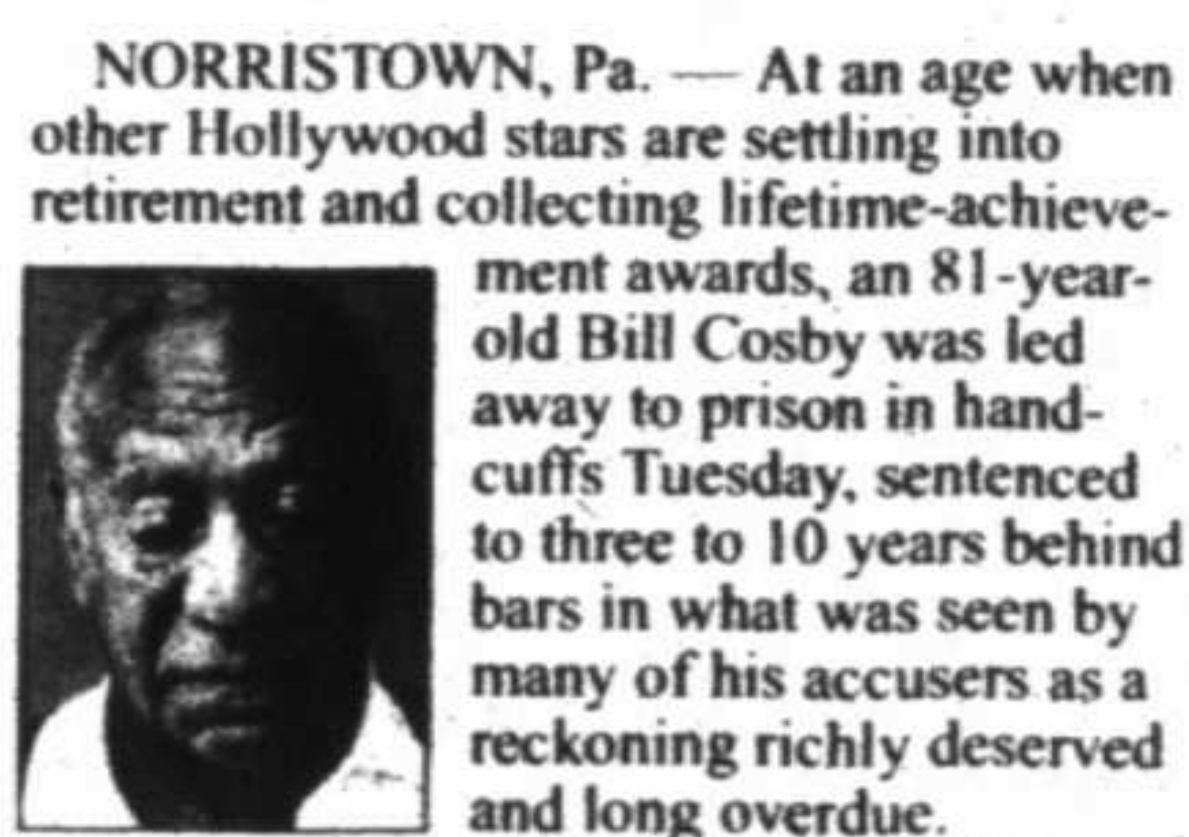
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AdiaDrivEq	1.32e	—	16.80	+0.4	+11.8	
AMD	—	—	32.57	-0.4	-1.6	
Alphab	1.35e	—	10.62	-0.7	-1.6	
Amgen	1.35e	—	13.00	+0.4	+25.2	
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Amgen	1.35e	—	25.15	+50	+15.7	
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Amgen	1.35e	—	149.80	19	+7.1	
Amgen	1.35e	—	246.32	+1.0	+10.2	
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Cosby in cuffs: TV star gets 3 to 10 years for sex assault

By Maryclaire Dale
and Michael R. Sisak
Associated Press



Cosby

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — At an age when other Hollywood stars are settling into retirement and collecting lifetime-achievement awards, an 81-year-old Bill Cosby was led away to prison in handcuffs Tuesday, sentenced to three to 10 years behind bars in what was seen by many of his accusers as a reckoning richly deserved and long overdue.

The comedian, TV star and breaker of racial barriers became the first celebrity of the #MeToo era to be sent to prison. He was found guilty in April of drugging and sexually assaulting a woman at his gated estate in 2004 after being barraged with similar accusations from more than 60 women over the past five decades.

"It is time for justice. Mr. Cosby, this has all circled back to you. The time has come," Montgomery County Judge Steven O'Neill said. He quoted from victim Andrea Constand's statement to the court, in which she said Cosby took her "beautiful, young spirit and crushed it."

Cosby declined the opportunity to speak before the sentence came down, and afterward sat laughing and chatting with his defense team. His wife of 54 years, Camille, was not in court. Constand smiled broadly on hearing the punishment and was hugged by others in the courtroom.

In a blistering statement, Cosby spokesman Andrew Wyatt said the comic was subjected to the "most racist and sexist trial in the history of the United States." Wyatt said all three of the psychologists who testified against Cosby were "white women who make money off of accusing black men of being sexual predators."

Cosby's lawyers asked that he be allowed to remain free on bail while he appeals his conviction, but the judge appeared incredulous over the request and ordered him locked up immediately, saying that "he could quite possibly be a danger to the community."

The comedian — who is legally blind and uses a cane — removed his watch, tie and jacket and walked out in a white dress shirt and red suspenders, his hands cuffed in front of him. He appeared downcast, his eyes failing to meet the camera, in a mug shot released by authorities.

Cosby must serve the minimum of three years before becoming eligible for parole.

"For decades, the defendant has been able to hide his true self and hide his crimes using his fame and fortune. He's

hidden behind a character he created, Dr. Cliff Huxtable," Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele said at a news conference, referring to Cosby's best-known role. But "now, finally, Bill Cosby has been unmasked, and we have seen the real man as he is headed off to prison."

Constand stood at Steele's side but shook her head to say she had no comment.

Former model Janice Dickinson, who accused Cosby of violating her, looked at him in the courtroom and said: "Here's the last laugh, pal."

Another accuser in the courtroom, Lili Bernard, said: "There is solace, absolutely. It is his fame and his fortune and his phony philanthropy that has allowed him to get away with impunity. Maybe this will send a message to other powerful perpetrators that they will be caught and punished."

Cosby's punishment, which also included a \$25,000 fine, came at the end of a two-day hearing at which the judge declared him a "sexually violent predator" — a modern-day scarlet letter that subjects him to monthly counseling for the rest of his life and requires that neighbors and schools be notified of his whereabouts. A psychologist for the state testified that Cosby appears to have a mental disorder characterized by an uncontrollable urge to have sex with women without their consent.

The comic once known as America's Dad for his role on the top-rated "Cosby Show" in the 1980s was convicted in April of violating Constand, Temple University women's basketball administrator, at his suburban Philadelphia mansion in 2004. It was the first celebrity trial of the #MeToo era.

Constand testified that Cosby gave her what she thought were herbal pills to ease stress, then penetrated her with his fingers as she lay immobilized on a couch. Cosby claimed the encounter was consensual, and his lawyers branded her a "con artist" who framed the comedian to get a big payday — a \$3.4 million settlement she received over a decade ago.

Five other accusers took the stand at the trial as part of an effort by prosecutors to portray him as a predator.

Cosby faced anywhere from probation to 10 years in prison. His lawyers asked for house arrest, saying he is too old and vulnerable to go to prison. Prosecutors asked for five to 10 years behind bars, warning that he could still pose a threat to women.

The sentencing came as another extraordinary #MeToo drama unfolded on Capitol Hill, where Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh stands accused of sexual misconduct more than three decades ago.

Hearing on Kavanaugh allegations puts #MeToo to test

By Juliet Linderman
and Tamara Lush
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— No matter what ultimately happens to Brett Kavanaugh and the women who accuse the Supreme Court nominee of sexual misconduct, the Senate hearing on the allegations will offer a historic test of the #MeToo movement, which began only a year ago.

Since it coalesced around accusations against Harvey Weinstein, the movement has toppled many prominent abusers in Hollywood, journalism and politics. But #MeToo has also been about believing survivors, and the treatment of Kavanaugh's accusers raises questions about whether that part of the mission remains largely unfulfilled.

The young movement is "fighting an uphill path, going against centuries of accepted, ingrained bad behavior," said Kristen Houser of the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. "I think people say we're at a tipping point. I don't believe that. I don't think anything's tipped."

Some advocates say the handling of the complaints — especially lawmakers' unwillingness to authorize a deeper investigation into Kavanaugh's conduct — shows how far the movement still has to go in changing the way women are treated by powerful men. Others insist that the GOP dismissal of the accusers doesn't reflect a breakdown of the movement, but the failure of a largely white, male Congress to adapt to changing times.

The tension began as soon as the allegations emerged. Republican lawmakers were initially united in their refrain. The first accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, deserved to be heard.

When a second woman came forward, instead

of repeating that idea, lawmakers doubled down on their support for the judge. They hurled insults at Democrats and implied that opponents had crafted a grand scheme to torpedo the nominee.

Jess Davidson, executive director of End Rape on Campus, said the Senate Judiciary Committee's conduct has been "the most disappointing experience of my survivor advocacy so far."

Ford, a California psychologist, alleged that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her at a party in the early 1980s, when the two were teenagers in suburban Maryland. A second woman accused Kavanaugh of another assault dating to his first year at Yale University.

Ford is scheduled to testify Thursday before the committee, which is composed mostly of men. The committee must endorse Kavanaugh's nomination before he can receive a vote by the full Senate that could confirm him to a lifetime appointment on the nation's highest court. The second accuser, Deborah Ramirez, has not been scheduled to testify.

Kavanaugh is supposed to testify after Ford. He has denied all allegations.

"I had never sexually assaulted anyone, not in high school, not ever," Kavanaugh said Monday during a televised Fox News interview.

Since coming forward, Ford has received death threats. GOP lawmakers have not accused her of lying or questioned her motives. Instead, they've suggested Ford is confused, merely misremembering the episode.

Even if Ford's account is true, others have said, Kavanaugh's nomination shouldn't be upended by what they characterize as drunken adolescent behavior.

"It was drunk teenagers playing seven minutes of

heaven," tweeted Fox News columnist Stephen Miller.

Since Ramirez's account became public, GOP lawmakers and Kavanaugh supporters, including President Donald Trump, have dug in.

"The Democrats are working hard to destroy a wonderful man, and a man who has the potential to be one of our greatest Supreme Court Justices ever, with an array of False Accusations the likes of which have never been seen before!" Trump tweeted Monday.

On the Senate floor, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called the allegations "a despicable smear" and "a new low."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, said Ford should have her say, but that his mind is already made up.

"What am I supposed to do, go ahead and ruin this guy's life based on an accusation?" he said Sunday in a Fox News interview. "Unless there's something more, no, I'm not going to ruin Judge Kavanaugh's life over this."

Davidson said she's deeply disappointed by the similarities she sees between Kavanaugh's accusers and Anita Hill, who famously testified that she was sexually harassed by then-nominee Clarence Thomas in 1991.

Those hearings are now widely considered a case study in how not to treat a victim. One senator asked if Hill was a "scorned woman." Another asked, "How could you allow this kind of reprehensible conduct to go on ... without doing something about it?"

Less than a year after the first story about Weinstein, "to watch lawmakers fail to do this in a different way, and to watch the public fail to hold them accountable, really makes me question how much (the #MeToo movement) has really changed hearts and minds," Davidson said.

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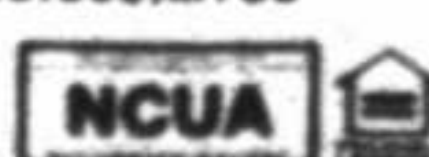
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UN: Excessive drinking killed over 3 million people in 2016

Associated Press

GENEVA — Drinking too much alcohol killed more than 3 million people in 2016, mostly men, the World Health Organization said.

The U.N. health agency also warned that current policy responses are not sufficient to reverse trends predicting an increase in consumption over the next 10 years.

In a new report Friday, the agency said that about 237 million men and 46 million women faced alcohol problems, with the highest prevalence in Europe and the Americas. Europe has the highest global per capita alcohol consumption, even though it has already dropped by 10 percent since 2010.

Around a third of alcohol-related deaths

were a result of injuries, including car crashes and self-harm, while about one in five were due to either digestive disorders or cardiovascular diseases. Cancers, infectious diseases, mental disorders and other health conditions were also to blame.

"Far too many people, their families and communities suffer the consequences of the harmful use of alcohol through violence, injuries, mental health problems and diseases like cancer and stroke," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director-general of WHO. "It's time to step up action to prevent this serious threat to the development of healthy societies."

The average daily consumption of alcohol by people who consume it is about two glasses of wine, a large bottle of beer or two shots of spirits. Globally, about 2.3 billion people are current drinkers.

The report, the third in a series after ones in 2010 and 2014, relies on information from 2016 — the latest data available. WHO said the trends and projections point to an expected increase in global alcohol per capita consumption over the next decade, particularly in Southeast Asia and the Americas.

"The policy responses which are currently in place in countries are definitely not sufficient to reverse the trends, which we observe in several parts of the world, or to improve significantly this situation," Dr. Vladimir Poznyak, coordinator of WHO's management of substance abuse unit, told reporters.

"When we look at the trends of alcohol consumption in many countries from 2000, you can see ups and downs — which are determined by different

factors," said Poznyak, citing countries' levels of social development, economic backdrops, policy measures and cultural trends.

He said the data showed, for example, that alcohol consumption tends to drop in countries facing an economic crisis.

Poznyak said it was "imperative for the governments to put in place measures that can mitigate the harms associated with this increase."

The Distilled Spirits Council, which advocates for the industry in the U.S., said in a statement it supports the WHO's goal to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.

"However, we are concerned that some policy recommendations such as increasing alcohol taxes are misguided and don't effectively address harmful consumption," it said.

ON THE NIGHT HE WAS BORN



Courtesy photo

Xaivian Martinez Jr., son of Alyssa Vasquez and Xaivian Martinez Sr., center, is the first baby born at Midland Memorial Hospital to receive a free book through Born to Read. The initiative is a collaboration between Midland Health, Midland County Public Library Foundation and the Permian Basin Area Foundation and will provide a book to each MMH newborn. A copy of "On the Night You Were Born" by Nancy Tillman was presented to Xaivian and his parents on Sept. 11 by Anita Gamersfelder, Midland County Public Library education and program coordinator; from left, John Trischitti, library director; Valerie Acosta, library foundation executive director; and Aaron Bedell, PBAF chief operating officer.

Here are 9 tips for a healthier you

We all know we shouldn't smoke. That if we must have a carbonated drink, we should swap our sugared soda for the diet variety. That we should exercise for at least 30 minutes a day.

Good suggestions, all. But what if you don't smoke? If you don't even like carbonated drinks? If 30 minutes might as well be 300?

No need to fret or be discouraged. There are ways to be healthier right now. And sometimes just that jump start is enough to propel you onward to be your healthiest, fittest self ever. Just take a deep breath, tie your shoes and go.

Keep chewing

Are you eating as you're reading this? We'll wait if you want to answer.

"Put down your fork or spoon and just chew for what feels like the longest time," says yoga instructor Veleisa Patton Burrell. By doing that, you're not wolfing your food, which can lead to eating more than you need, she says. Added bonus: It helps you pay attention.

"Be mindful of the act of consuming food

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The Dallas Morning News



so you enjoy flavors, feel the process of digestion and get better about recognizing when you're full, rather than being overfull and feeling bloated and gross," she says.

Schedule an eye appointment

Even if you never squint or hold menus at arm's length, you still need to see an ophthalmologist (physician specializing in the eyes) or optometrist (doctor of optometry).

"Most people don't realize that signs of serious systemic conditions like diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and even cancer can be detected through eye exams," says Dr. Robert Chu, an optometrist whose Eyeworks practice has offices in Fort

Worth and Southlake. "Early detection and treatment lead to better outcomes."

When eye professionals give an eye exam, they're looking at blood vessels and nerves in the eye, which are connected to others throughout the body. That's how they can detect those early signs, he says. "In fact, signs of diabetes can be detected through an eye exam up to seven years before someone would show symptoms of the disease and seek treatment."

According to research by VSP Vision Care, 69 percent of Texans worry about contracting diabetes, but only two percent know that an eye exam can find the disease. In addition, only 57 percent of Texans have annual eye exams.

Stop what you're doing

It's now officially you-time. So right this very second, get up and walk around the block. Or read a chapter in that book you keep renewing from the library.

Schedule this time like you would anything else, says Jamile Ashmore, a board-

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Centers



Important issues arise when caring for aging parents

The Beatles will always be one of my favorite groups. Their song, "When I'm Sixty-four," hit home with me while thinking about this particular article.

People want to be needed and appreciated, especially when approaching a time in life when it's easy to be disregarded or forgotten. The aging process can be stressful, causing some to suffer anxiousness and sadness. Several of my clients and friends have faced or are facing tough decisions that are affecting their parents and themselves. I would like to pass on a few suggestions regarding the physical, emotional, mental and financial aspects of aging that might alleviate some of the stress that can arise for all concerned.

AsK

Ask parents specific questions concerning their health. Do family members know their medical history, names of their doctors, any medications they might be taking or appointments they are scheduled on a regular basis? If they're on Medicaid or Medicare, do they also carry supplemental insurance? Are all financial papers, investments, bank account information, bill-payment procedures, updated will, computer passwords and any other important documents or information easily accessible? Do they have a bereavement plan?

Go Guilty

Are there guilty feelings about wanting to be prepared by creating a plan for a parent's future? Questions concerning the private aspects of their lives might seem like prying, but this can be of some consolation for parents, knowing that they will be taken care of when the time comes. The objective for the children is to be in the know and not to be nosy.

Be Independent

Independent lifestyle is what one wants for aging parents. Parents hope to be independent for as long as possible. They want to continue to travel, take care of their own bills, shop, visit friends and attend worship services. Children sometimes become too

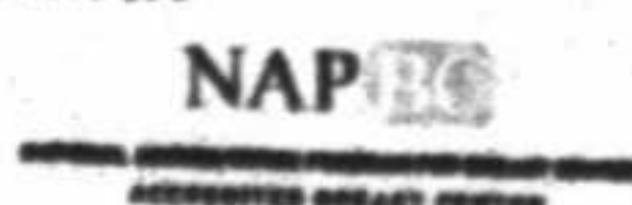
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Obituaries



**SARAH ELIZABETH
VERNON WHISMAN**

It is with great sadness that the family of Sarah Elizabeth Vernon Whisman, known by all those who knew her as "Maw", announces her passing on September 23, 2018 at the age of 82.

Maw was born on November 26, 1935 in Gilmer, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vernon. She married the love of her life, Wiley Bob Whisman, in Stephens, Arkansas on May 28, 1954. They were inseparable. The two of them made a life for themselves as the owners and operators of Whisman's Grocery and Whisman's Exxon in Midkiff for many years. They both made great contributions to the community

through their work. Sarah was a member of Eastern Star in Midkiff. She worked at the local Post Office and was a Notary Public. Community members would go to her house at all hours of the day and night to have her notarize things. She was a member of the First Baptist Church Midkiff. Much of her time was spent hauling grandkids around or watching them in school or extracurricular activities. Her grandkids fondly remember time spent at the lake, including her famous lake morning breakfasts. All the grandkids spent time in the store, either getting weighed on the produce scales, napping in the grocery carts, or learning how to count back change.

They were never allowed to use the cash register button that told how much change to give back! The girls also have memories of sweeping those hardwood floors and cleaning them with sawdust. Maw was never without a Kleenex, a cup of ice, or her glasses on a chain around her neck. She never went anywhere without her lipstick and would make the most of a tube, wearing it down to a minuscule point. Grandkids remember sitting on the back pew in the Baptist Church, true Back Row Baptists, and eating mints and lifesavers

out of Maw's purse throughout the sermon. Although she has been referred to by many in the last several days to have been a "sweet" lady, those who knew her best know she had a feisty side as well. One of her grandsons remembers getting pulled over when she was driving with no seatbelt. The officer asked why she was not wearing a seatbelt, to which she replied, "It chokes me." He went on to tell her that week was the "Click It or Ticket" week. She brazenly responded, "Well, Whoopee!" She ended up getting the ticket that day, but left with a memory of her stubbornness and ability to crack jokes and hold her own. Her grandkids and great grandkids are left with many such memories of such a special, one of a kind lady.

When Bob passed away, Sarah moved to Rankin, where she was active in the First United Methodist Church, kept the nursery, and continued to follow her grandkids and Red Devil football.

Maw will be lovingly remembered by her son Bobby Arthur Whisman of Midkiff, daughter Deborah Elizabeth Whisman Brooks and her husband Joe, of Midkiff, and daughter Tammy Denise Gomez and Ray of Rankin.

Also holding fond memories of her are her grandchildren: Heather Brookins Brown and her husband Brad of Greenwood, Debbie Jo Brookins Simon and her husband Randy of Vicenza, Italy, Amanda Whisman Gentry and her husband Tyson of Early, Cory Whisman and his wife Dendra of Greenwood, Tyson Whisman and his wife Astin of Llano, Justin Brookins and his wife Crystal of Midkiff, Cody Gomez and Courtney Gomez Lujan and her husband Chris of Wink, Blake Gomez, and Emma Gomez, both of Rankin.

Maw also had fifteen great grandchildren: Trystin Plumlee, Braydon Seabourn, Jolton Brown, Cutter Gentry, Ryder Lujan, Westyn Whisman, Colton Lujan, and Holdyn Whisman. Memorial donations in honor of Sarah Whisman may be made to Rankin Methodist Kids' Program, P.O. Box 503, Rankin, Texas, 79778.

Sarah's life will be celebrated by a service at the First United Methodist Church in Rankin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Pallbearers are Cory Whisman, Tyson Whisman, Justin Brookins, Cody Gomez, Blake Gomez, Brad Brown, Chris Lujan, Tyson

Gentry, and Randy Simon.

Honorary Pallbearers are Trystin Plumlee, Braydon Seabourn, Jolton Brown, Cutter Gentry, Ryder Lujan, Westyn Whisman, Colton Lujan, and Holdyn Whisman. Memorial donations in honor of Sarah Whisman may be made to Rankin Methodist Kids' Program, P.O. Box 503, Rankin, Texas, 79778.



**Paul Anthony
Bailey**

Paul Anthony Bailey, age 52, of Odessa Texas passed away on September 23, 2018 at 10:31 p.m. in Odessa Texas. An In Memory Of will be held Saturday September 29, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at 220 W. 48th Street Odessa Texas. Paul Bailey was born

January 13, 1966 to Ira Bailey Jr and Laura Vargas in Eglin AFB, FL. He later married Laura Michelle Palmer on August 20, 1983 in Odessa, Texas. He was a skilled man of many trades with a love for cars. Paul is preceded in death by his father Ira Bailey Jr and brother Alan B Bailey.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years Laura Michelle Bailey and his dog Lucy. His two children Zach Bailey, wife Tara Bailey, and Kyleigh Bailey-Gorrell, husband Ben Gorrell and four grandchildren Vaughn Bailey, Tyler Bailey, Nikole Bailey, and Rilyn Gorrell. Mother, sister, brother, and many nieces and nephews.

Death Notices

Asencion Jasso

Asencion Jasso, 80, of Midland, Texas passed away September 24, 2018. Funeral services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Erma "Biggie" Perkins

Erma "Biggie" Perkins, 83, of Midland, Texas passed away September 22, 2018. Funeral services are pending with Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

What's yogurt? Industry wants greater liberty to use term

By Candice Choi
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If low-fat yogurt is blended with fatty ingredients like coconut or chocolate, is it still low-fat? Is it even yogurt?

The U.S. government has rules about what can be called "yogurt," and the dairy industry says it's not clear what the answers are. Now it's hopeful it will finally get to use the term with greater liberty, with the Trump administration in the process of updating the yogurt definition.

The industry push to open up the yogurt standard illustrates how fraught it can be to define a food, especially as manufacturing practices and consumer tastes change.

Timothy Lytton, a professor of law at Georgia State University, notes the economic and political factors that determine food standards. "These are social constructions," Lytton said.

Government standards exist for a range of packaged foods, mostly for one-time pantry staples such as bread, jam and canned peas. The standards were supposed to ensure a level of quality as mass production took hold decades ago.

But writing those rules sometimes turned into a bureaucratic nightmare — peanut butter's definition took more than a decade — and regulators eventually stopped setting new standards. That's part of the reason foods like ketchup have rules, but others like mustard don't.

The ongoing dispute over yogurt offers a taste of how sour things can get.

The Food and Drug Administration established a standard for foods labeled as "yogurt" in 1981 that limited its ingredients. The industry swiftly objected. The following year, the agency suspended enforcement on various provisions and allowed the addition of preservatives.

A never-finalized 2009 proposal offered a unified standard and allowed emulsifiers as well. The yogurt industry says that has cultivated confusion and left it vulnerable to lawsuits.

"What's the rule? I mean, make a rule," said Bailey Wood, spokesman for the International Dairy Foods Association, whose members include Chobani, Danone and Yoplait.

Adding to the confusion, the association says yogurt makers can opt to follow the 1981, 1982 or 2009 provisions in the absence of a final rule.

Standards reviewed

FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb is reviving the matter with plans to "modernize" the standards. Milk producers take it as a sign the agency will crack



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

This July 11 file photo shows yogurt on display at a grocery store in River Ridge, La. The Food and Drug Administration established a standard for yogurt in 1981 that limited the ingredients. The industry swiftly objected, and the following year, the agency suspended enforcement on various provisions, and allowed the addition of preservatives.

down on soy and almond drinks that call themselves "milk," which the standards say comes from a cow.

Gottlieb has also called out yogurt as a category where there have been "innovations." An FDA email from June obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request includes "rulemaking action" for yogurt, though the attachment with the details was not released.

In addition to finalizing a yogurt standard, the International Dairy Foods Association is renewing its push to get rid of the requirement that regular yogurt have at least 3.25 percent milkfat. It says that causes confusion over products that mix low-fat yogurt with ingredients like coconut that push up the fat content.

The resulting product can be called neither "low-fat" nor "yogurt," the association says. Instead, the association says regular yogurt should simply be required to have more than 3 grams of milkfat — whether it's from milkfat, coconut, chocolate or other ingredients. If the overall product has 3 grams of fat or less, then it could be labeled low-fat in line with the broader definition of "low fat," the group says.

The peanut butter rule

Industry complaints about the standards aren't new. It's one reason finalizing the rules for peanut butter was such an ordeal.

The FDA proposed a peanut butter standard in the late 1950s after investigating Jif for having just 75 percent peanuts, according to Angie Boyce, a fellow at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics who researched food standards.

The Peanut Butter Manufacturers Association objected, saying ingredients like oils and sweeteners make peanut butter tastier and easier to spread. Disagreement over exactly when a peanut spread turns into peanut butter spiraled into a yearslong fight.

It wasn't until 1970 that the FDA drew a line:

Peanut butter needs to be at least 90 percent peanuts.

The Association for Dressing & Sauces has also been calling for the repeal of the standard for French dressing, given the proliferation of dressings like Ranch and Italian that do not have standards. The FDA appears to be preparing to grant that wish, according to an April email.

Over the years, the FDA moved away from trying to establish new standards in favor of requiring products to list ingredients and nutrition information, said Xag Frohlich, a professor of food labeling at Auburn University.

The policy shift was partly a response to the rise of low-fat diets, he said. Products that may have once been considered cheap imitations were suddenly desirable because they didn't conform to the standards for fat.

Leading definitions

Debate around what foods can be called is popping up again as startups develop alternatives to meat and other products. It's a reminder of how messy it can be to spell out food meanings.

"Even if they seem right at the moment, they can very quickly become outdated," said Stuart Pape, an attorney who previously worked for the yogurt industry and vegan alternatives. Food-makers can also get around existing standards with a little creativity.

A product named "Bred-Spud" once defied expectations for jam. Cool Whip skirts the milkfat requirement for whipped cream. And in the yogurt section, there's now a nondairy product called Cashewgurt.

Such newcomers may be why the dairy industry still wants some guardrails around yogurt.

"You can't make something completely out of the line and call it yogurt," said John Allen of the dairy foods association.

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certified health psychologist with Baylor Scott & White Medical Center Plano. "Give yourself a break," he says. "Do whatever de-stresses you and gives your mind and body a break. It's a stress buffer." Chronic stress can pave the way to chronic diseases.

Pick up the phone

Not to check email or watch a video, but to actually do what a phone is designed to do — call someone whose company you cherish.

Having healthy emotional connections with others is life-enhancing, says Ron Stein, a psychology instructor and practicing psychologist at Mountain View College. "It has been documented how human connections, where there is positive emotional support, can actually repair the ends of chromosomes (telomeres) that have been damaged through stressful lifestyles and events."

If you don't like what you're eating, stop eating it

Throw away that kale salad right now if you don't like kale salad. You don't have to exchange it for a cheeseburger and onion rings, but maybe a chicken sandwich and some carrot sticks.

Be sure to eat enough, says Marla Carter, a manager at Crull Fitness in Richardson and a fitness competitor. Too few calories, as some diet plans recommend, "is basically starvation to your brain, your vital organs, and leads to muscle wasting and muscle loss."

Go with what works for you, not your best friend who swears by the latest fad diet.

Tell yourself, "For five minutes, I will..."

Then do it, right this very second. Maybe run in place or do jumping jacks during commercials. Or do bicep curls using canned goods. Five minutes will likely lead to more, says Kellie Rodriguez, a registered nurse and director of the Global Diabetes Program at Parkland Health & Hospital.

System. The key for many of us is just getting started.

Or use those five minutes to find a Youtube video on chair exercises... then give it a try. "It's amazing how challenging some of these can be in your own living room," Rodriguez says.

Reboot your mindset

Set yourself a goal, one that's small and doable — not "run a marathon next month" or "lose 35 pounds by my high-school reunion in December." Doing so could set yourself up for failure, which is precisely what most of us do, says Melissa Melton-Othman, a mental health counselor at Parkland Health & Hospital System.

Why? "Because we have believed that we either can't achieve it because of some deficit, or do not believe we are worthy of achieving it — neither of which is true," she says. Thus, skip the self-criticism and focus on self-support.

"Rebooting your mindset to one that believes in the possibilities and the fact we can do great things and are worthy of the outcomes are keys to getting healthier now and staying healthier for a lifetime," she says.

Do some quick math

Tempted by a smaller-than-a-silver piece of pie or a can of soda? Check the calorie count and then see how much exercise you'd have to do to burn it off.

That's what Joe Long, general manager at SWEAT Dallas and BURN Dallas does early on when working with clients. He asks what foods especially tempt them. Together, they check the calorie counts. "Then I make them jump on a piece of cardio equipment or train them on weights to show them how much work they have to do" to burn it off.

For instance, say you really can stop at a half-cup of Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Fudge Brownie Ice Cream. That's 260 calories — not outlandish, if you keep everything else in check that day. But to burn it off, if you weigh 125 pounds, you'd have to go bowling for three hours. If you weigh 155 pounds, 45 minutes or so of

badminton could do the trick. If you weigh 185, you could blast away those calories with a half-hour on the stair-step machine.

Check out this website — myfooddiary.com — for specific exercises to burn off specific foods. Pretty cool.

Stand up

"Studies clearly show sitting associated with worse heart health regardless of how much exercise one does," says Anand Rohatgi, a cardiologist at Parkland and associate professor of cardiology at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. Aim for 15 minutes of standing every hour while you're at work, he says.

If you're standing now, sit down. Then stand up. Then sit down. It's all about moving, says Dallas-area personal trainer Melissa Spoons. "The more you can move, not only in your workouts but in everyday life, from the time you wake up to the time you go to bed, the faster you will reach your goals."

Plus, moving helps you avoid aches and pains associated with a sedentary lifestyle.

Breathe

"How you breathe is how you live," says Jill Murawski, owner of FitYoga in Richardson. Most of us tend to take shallow breaths. But breathing deeply — what she calls "belly breathing" — has a host of health benefits.

"The body relaxes and the mind slows down, which means less stress," she says. "It reduces anxiety and negative thoughts. It allows clarity and thinking, and decreases blood pressure and heart rate."

Here's how to do it: Sit or stand, placing your palms on your lower belly. Close your eyes or gaze down. Inhale slowly to the count of five, watching your stomach expand. Exhale to the count of five, watching it contract. Do three to 10 breaths and feel better immediately.

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From 1B

helpful when parents are capable of handling chores and projects and making decisions for their future. Parents need family members visiting and checking in on them, showing care and concern — just not insisting on control.

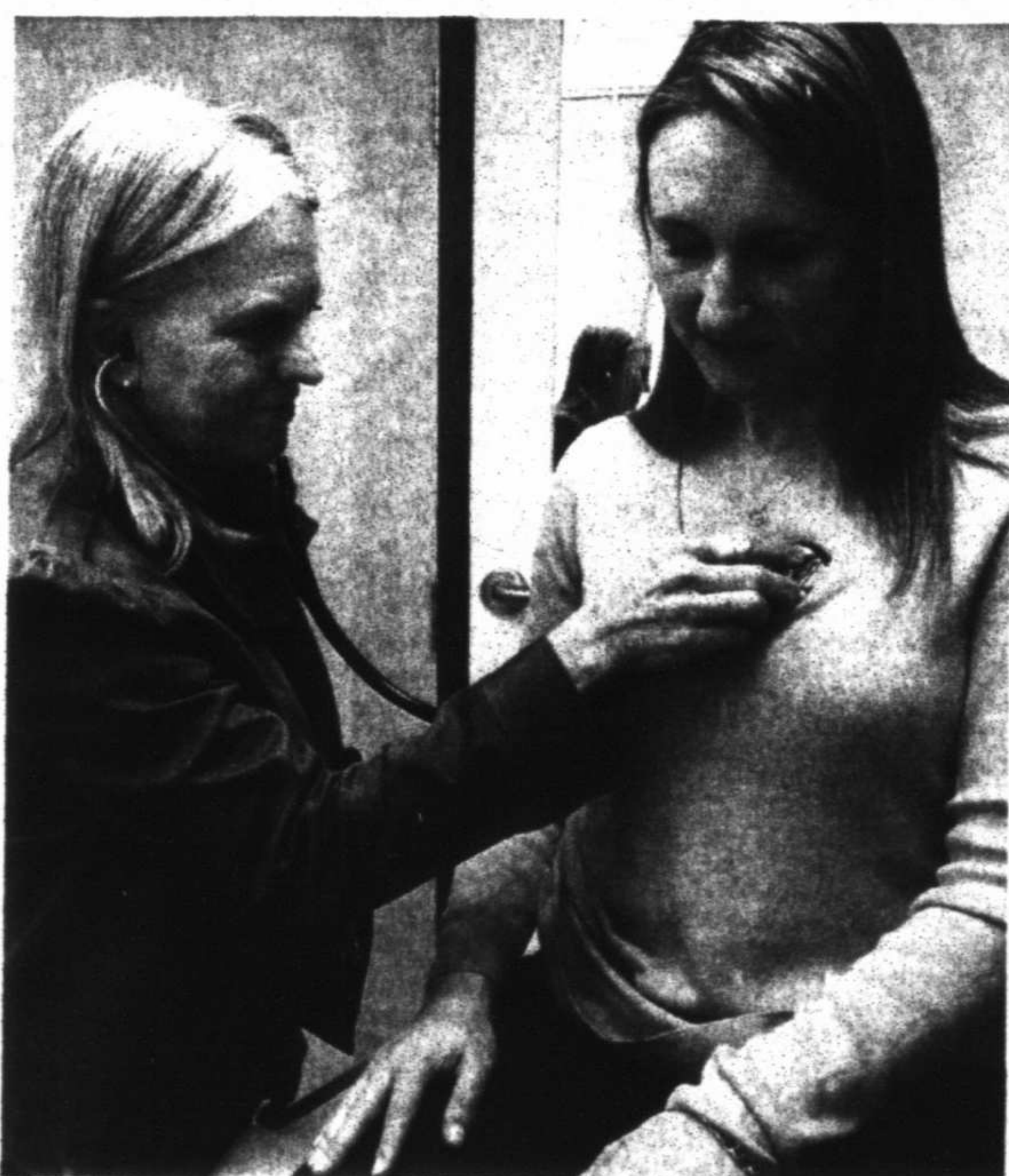
N: NECESSARY

Necessary intervention will be inevitable for many parents. Knowing when to step in and offer the appropriate type of care and assistance can be stressful. Emotions will surface that might not have been seen or experienced before. When going through matters for instance, pertaining to insisting a parent not drive any longer, taking over their physical and financial aspects of daily life or ultimately moving them into a

facility for mental or physical issues or children becoming caretakers of parents in their own homes, professional agencies might be considered. Seeking assistance from those in the medical field, state/local agencies and counseling professionals might become necessary. But until this time arises...

G: GIVE

Give the gift of respect, love and kindness to parents. They are experiencing and living life to the best of their abilities. One article I came across, "What Aging Parents Really Want from Their Adult Children" by Evan H. Farr stated that adult children should: make suggestions instead of giving orders; pick your battles about what parents can and cannot do; refrain, don't blame and stop; and think how you would want to be treated.



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In this 2016 photo provided by the University of Washington, Dr. Linda Vorvick examines Heather VanDusen at the UW Medicine Neighborhood Smokey Point clinic in Arlington, Wash. When emergency tests showed the telltale right-sided pain in VanDusen's abdomen was appendicitis, she figured she'd be quickly wheeled into surgery. But doctors offered her the option of antibiotics instead.

Antibiotics for appendicitis? Surgery often not needed

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — When emergency tests showed the telltale right-sided pain in Heather VanDusen's abdomen was appendicitis, she figured she'd be quickly wheeled into surgery. But doctors offered her the option of antibiotics instead.

A new study from Finland shows her choice is a reasonable alternative for most patients with appendicitis. Five years after treatment with antibiotics, almost two-thirds of patients hadn't had another attack.

It's a substantial change in thinking about how to treat an inflamed appendix. For decades, appendicitis has been considered a medical emergency requiring immediate surgery to remove the appendix because of fears it could burst, which can be life-threatening.

But advances in imaging tests, mainly CT scans, have made it easier to determine if an appendix might burst, or if patients could be safely treated without surgery.

The results suggest that nearly two-thirds of appendicitis patients don't face that risk and may be good candidates for antibiotics instead.

"It's a feasible, viable and a safe option," said Dr. Paulina Salminen, the study's lead author and a surgeon at Turku University Hospital in Finland.

Her study in adults is the longest follow-up to date of patients treated with drugs instead of surgery for appendicitis and the results confirm one-year findings reported three years ago.

Research has also shown antibiotics may work for some children with appendicitis.

The Finnish results were published Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A journal editorial says "it's a new era of appendicitis treatment."

Appendix removal is the most common emergency surgery worldwide, with about 300,000 performed each year in the United States alone, said Salminen. She said the results from her study suggest many of those surgeries could be avoided.

U.S. doctors have started offering antibiotics instead of surgery and Salminen says she occasionally does too. The

journal editorial says appropriate patients should be given that option.

The study involved about 500 Finnish adults who had CT scans to rule out severe cases.

Half were treated with antibiotics; the others had surgery.

Among the antibiotics patients, 100 ended up having surgery within five years of treatment — most for a suspected recurrence of appendicitis in the first year. Seven of them did not have appendicitis and likely could have avoided surgery. The results suggest the success rate for antibiotic treatment was almost 64 percent, the authors said.

About 1 in 4 surgery patients had complications, including infections around the incision, abdominal pain and hernias, compared with only 7 percent of antibiotics patients. Antibiotic patients had 11 fewer sick days on average than the surgery group. In the first year, their treatment costs were about 60 percent lower. A cost analysis for the full five years wasn't included in the published results.

Surgery patients in the Finnish study all had conventional incisions rather than the less invasive "keyhole" surgeries that are more common for appendix removal in the United States. The non-surgery patients received three days of IV antibiotics in the hospital, followed by seven days of pills at home.

Dr. Giana Davidson, a University of Washington surgeon, is involved in a similarly designed multicenter U.S. study that may answer whether similar benefits would be seen for antibiotics versus "keyhole" surgery.

Davidson called the Finnish study "a critical piece to the puzzle but I don't think it answers all of the questions."

Heather VanDusen was treated at the University of Washington in 2016. She said she chose antibiotic treatment partly to avoid surgery scars, and now offers advice to patients for Davidson's study.

"I knew the worst case scenario was ending up back in the hospital so why not try antibiotics first," said VanDusen, who works in university communications.

She said she has done well since her treatment, but that the biggest drawback "is wondering, with every episode of stomach or bad gas, if it could happen again."

Flu shots: A pinch in the arm, but not always in the wallet

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's flu shot season, but the pinch of a shot doesn't have to also hurt your wallet.

Health officials recommend that nearly all Americans get flu vaccinations to blunt the impact of a disease that annually infects millions.

Roughly 145 million Americans get flu shots each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That count represents about 60 percent of children and 40 percent of adults.

Here's what you need to know about getting vaccinated:

Where and how much?

The good news is many people don't have to pay anything. The Affordable Care Act required insurers to cover the cost of patients' flu shots without charging a copay, although some insurers cover only vaccines given by doctors or at certain locations.

A government program also pays for shots for low-income children.

Traditionally, most people have gotten flu vaccinations at doctors' offices or government health centers. But pharmacies and workplaces have become major venues for vaccinations, especially for adults.

CDC officials say they don't know how exactly many people pay for shots themselves.

For those paying cash, pharmacies generally charge \$20 to \$45 per shot,

but the price can vary based on which drugstore you visit. Also, the cost can rise to \$70 or more if you get the higher-dose version of vaccine offered to seniors.

Some pharmacies offer discounts and other enticements. For example, CVS is offering customers at some of its pharmacies a \$5 coupon redeemable at Target stores.

Websites such as <https://vaccinefinder.org> can help locate where doses are available in your neighborhood.

Benefits and types

According to the CDC, flu costs the nation about \$7 billion a year in sick days and lost productivity among working-age adults. That's not to mention the heavy toll of hospitalizations and deaths that occur mainly among people 65 and older.

The vaccine is considered the best available tool in fighting flu, but it's not perfect.

Flu viruses are rapidly changing, and it's tough to make a highly effective vaccine against it. That's especially true when it comes to protecting the elderly. During last winter's flu season, vaccines barely worked at all in keeping seniors out of the hospital, with roughly 24 percent effectiveness.

Still, even a disappointing vaccine lessens the severity of illness and saves many lives, officials say.

Five companies make flu vaccine for the U.S. market. More than 80 percent of doses are designed to protect against four flu

strains. The others protect against three.

One company offers a nasal spray version of flu vaccine, but health experts recently have been debating whether it's as good as shots.

When to get vaccinated

The CDC urges people to get their flu shots by the end of October.

Health officials want people to be vaccinated before flu season hits, and in several recent years the illness has ramped up in some parts of the country as early as November.

Also, children who are being vaccinated for the first time are supposed to get two doses about four weeks apart, so it's important to get that going soon.

But some doctors think the vaccine has been disappointing in some seasons because its protection can fade quickly against certain flu viruses, apparently most dramatically in people 65 and older. The observation hasn't been extensively researched, but it's possible that senior citizens who are vaccinated in September may not be well protected in February.

Concerns about fading effectiveness are "definitely something to consider, but it's not something at this point that we really know how to balance out with other issues," said Dr. Lisa Grohskopf, a medical officer in the CDC's Influenza Division.

Because CDC wants people protected if flu breaks out early, "October as a rule of thumb is not unreasonable," she said.

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MMH gift shop
being expanded

Midland Memorial Hospital gift shop is being expanded in a project that is funded by the auxiliary.

The renovated gift shop will have nearly one-third more space, according to Kim Modisett, director of Auxiliary Services. Cost of the project, which began in May, is about \$340,000 and will be paid for by the Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, she said.

With the additional space, the auxiliary will be able to offer more merchandise and upgrade the shop's food area.

Once construction is complete, the auxiliary plans a grand opening to mark the group's largest single gift to the hospital, according to Maggie Leonard, auxiliary president.

Volunteers are needed to staff the gift shop, Modisett said. To volunteer, contact her at kim.modisett@midlandhealth.org or 432-312-6905.

Midland Health events

■ Sibling Class, 10 a.m. Saturday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheeducation@midlandhealth.org; \$10-per-family fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

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

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

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081; sundae.adkins@midlandhealth.org; to

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

■ Basic Childbirth Class, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheeducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups
& hotlines
(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 599-4490.

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

COM Aquatics

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

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

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

Finding a doctor

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

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program

that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

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

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

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

MMH payment
options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers 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.

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Lee inconsistent in sweep over Frenship

By Christopher Hadorn
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Lee head coach Robert Blakley wanted to see more from his volleyball team Tuesday night.

On paper, it was a productive evening for the Lady Rebels as they swept Wolf-forth Frenship, 25-19, 30-28, 25-22, to register their first win in District 2-6A play at the Lee gymnasium.

Lee (17-9, 1-1 in District 2-6A) particularly struggled in the second and third sets after not trailing once in the first set.

Lady Rebels outside hitter Emily Hillman got on the roll by registering three kills out of her team's final five points scored in the third set to seal the victory. Hillman had a match-high 11 kills, fol-

lowed by 10 from teammate Yali Flores.

"Honestly I'm not real thrilled," Blakley said of the win. "I was more excited about the way we played in the loss to Tascosa (Sept. 18) than the 'W' we got tonight and we played really bad. I didn't think we played aggressively. I thought we played passively."

"We cannot be such an up and down team that we play great one night against a good team and not the next night. Am I happy for the 'W'? Absolutely. I will take a 'W' every day of the week and all day long. But am I happy with the performance? Absolutely not."



Porras

On the bright side, Lee welcomed back setter/right side Jensen Letcher for her first full match after she was sidelined with a torn ligament in her ankle.

Letcher contributed in many phases with eight kills, 12 assists and a team-leading two aces.

With Lee trailing 14-12 in the third set, Letcher had three kills within a span of six serves to turn her team's fortunes around against the Lady Tigers (22-9, 1-1).

But the Lady Rebel that impressed Blakley the most was senior libero Lilly Porras.

"I think Lilly Porras played well tonight

for us," Blakley said. "She was pretty consistent. She played really hard. I think she was the staple of our team tonight."

Porras said she was proud of the way Lee battled through adversity. In the second set, the Lady Rebels were on the brink of losing the set by trailing, 28-27, before middle blocker Kelsey Harrington recorded two straight kills to push Lee ahead. For the 29th point, Allie Gomez set up Harrington with a nicely placed ball, which the Stephen F. Austin commit slammed to the hardwood.

"I feel like we had some ups and downs there," Porras said. "I feel like we are pretty good at fighting and trying to get over the tough situations and stuff. There's some good parts and good bad parts, but

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A clean sweep



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Chase Flowers returns a serve during the girls No. 1 doubles match against Lee on Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center.

MHS girls go unbeaten in win over Lee

By Oscar LeRoy
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Powered by the strong girls' play, the Midland High tennis team defeated Lee in District 2-6A team tennis action at the Bush Tennis Center on Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs won all nine of their matches against the Lady Rebels with only two of those matches going to three sets in a 16-3 team win.

No. 1 singles player Shaquila Sarapao led the Lady Rebels by defeating Ashley Lawrence, 6-0, 6-2, and then she teamed up with Chase Flowers to beat the Lee team of Lawrence and Lindsay Brewer, 6-2, 6-1 in No. 1 girls doubles play.

MHS coach Tom Heiting, who re-

turned to coaching this fall after almost a decade as a school administrator, said he was pleased with the way his team performed.

"I thought we came out and played fairly well today," said Heiting, whose team improved to 7-6 overall and 3-1 in district. "There were a few matches where I think we had a couple of let-downs here and there, but overall I think the team performed well and had a lot to be proud of."

Heiting, whose team was coming off a 15-3 loss at Wolfforth Frenship on Saturday, added that the team has been progressively getting better each week and is looking to get even better before the postseason begins next month with

the district tournament at the Bush Tennis Center.

"I want to say we've had five 10-9 matches that could've gone either way," Heiting said. "I think we've progressed very well. They try super hard, they're a great group of kids and they've got a lot of heart. I think truthfully in each match they're a little more mentally ready to face some of the challenges that they've faced. Each week, workouts get more business-like. We know what we need to cover and doing a good job with that as well."

Lee dropped to 0-4 in district play but Rebels coach Raymundo Perez said his

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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT MCS finds itself at 4-0 despite challenging slate

By Oscar LeRoy
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Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said that probably not too many people thought his Mustangs would be 4-0 at this point considering the strength of their schedule.

But the Mustangs have a way of proving people wrong as they have survived each challenge, have overcome injuries and are 4-0 after a good 28-7 road win at Monahans on Friday.

"I'm extremely pleased with our kids," McClendon said. "Every time we step on the field, we believe we can win the game. These kids are so much fun to coach and to see them have success makes me happy. But not only am I seeing them have success, they are still hungry and wanting more."

McClendon said the win over Monahans was a lot closer than the score indicated. The game was still close in the fourth quarter when the Mustangs scored a pair of late touchdowns 42 seconds apart.

After Ben Gibbs (173 yards rushing) scored on a 14-yard run with 2:32 left in the game, McClendon decided to squib kick the kickoff in an effort to run some time off the clock. The Mustangs ended up coming up with the ball and Gibbs added a 15-yard TD run to push the lead to 21 points.

"I thought our defense did what was asked and played for four quarters," McClendon said. "Monahans never really threatened after that one scoring drive (late in the first half). Offensively, we're still having holding penalties and other things that killed drives. We need to be more consistent. I would sure like to have more eight to 10-play drives."

"Our offensive line did a good job with blocking and protecting. It was a physical game and if you don't match (the Lobos') physicality, you're going to be in for a long night."

The Mustangs got a boost when they got Gibbs back from a concussion that cost him to miss the 35-34 win over Wall.

"Ben does an outstanding job for us in so many areas," McClendon said. "He's consistent, and in my world, that's the best compliment you can give a player. He really did a great job on Friday night."

McClendon said the team is looking to get back sophomore wide receiver and linebacker Rhett Clark, who's missed the last two games with an ankle injury.

The Mustangs travel to face old rival Fort Worth Christian (3-1) in a non-district game on Friday.

McClendon said the Cardinals may not be as physical as Wall or Monahans but they are very similar to his team.

"They're a mirror-image of us," McClendon said. "They play really hard and fly around in the secondary and at linebacker. We've got to take advantage of their aggressiveness. Their offensive line is pretty strong, they have talented receivers and they have a talented quarterback that can run around and extend plays for nine to 10 seconds. It will be a challenge for both our offense and defense to step up."

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AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Greenwood gets much-needed win before district

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Greenwood football team needed a win just to get some momentum and confidence back after back-to-back blowout losses.

Thanks to a 28-21 win over Seminole, the Rangers got what they needed and now head into District 1-4A Division II play with a bit of a boost.

"We needed it really bad," Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson said. "Obviously, any wins are important, but coming off after two tough games, we needed this to get us back on track. The kids played well. It was a tough, hard-fought game. It was good to see them fight to the end and win a game in that way."

Sanderson said it all started with the way the players approached the game.

"Our demeanor was different, and we had a different attitude

than maybe the previous couple of weeks," Sanderson said. "Part of that is due to growing up and figuring out your team. We had a lot of kids who were thrown into the fire, and they were trying to figure things out. A lot of (the win) had to do with leadership. We have guys who have been around and know what it takes to play on Friday night. They've done a good job of coaching these younger kids up."

Another key in the Rangers' win was winning the turnover battle. Unlike the previous two games, the Rangers only turned the ball over once, while they came up with four of their own off Seminole's lost fumbles. Sanderson said the defense ran more of a four-man front on Friday instead of the three-man front they had been running, and that



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Greenwood's Tray Cross tries to get out of the grasp of Seminole's Devin Doerken on Friday at J.M. King Memorial Stadium.

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ON THE AIR

Cycling
UCI Road World Championships: Men Elite Individual Time Trial, 7:30 a.m., OLYHD
UCI Road World Championships: Junior Women's Road Race, 2 a.m., OLYHD

Golf
USGA: US Mid-Amateur Semifinals, 3 p.m., FS1
Major League Baseball
Miami at Washington, 3 p.m., MLB
Houston at Toronto, 3 p.m., ATTSW
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
LA Dodgers at Arizona, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FSSW

Men's Soccer
Bundesliga: Fortuna Dusseldorf vs. Bayer 04 Leverkusen, 11:20 a.m., FS2, UDN
Serie A: Udinese Calcio vs. SS Lazio, 11:55 a.m., ESPNNews, ESPNDEP
Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund vs. FC Nürnberg, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
Lamar Hunt US Open Cup Final: Houston Dynamo vs. Philadelphia Union, 7 p.m., ESPN2

CONMEBOL Sudamericano: Junior FC vs. Colon, 7 p.m., FXDEP
Copa MX: Monterrey vs. Zacatepec, 9 p.m., FXDEP
National Hockey League
Toronto at Montreal, 6:30 p.m., NHL
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9 p.m., NHL
Women's College Volleyball
Auburn at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., ESPN
Indiana at Ohio State, 6 p.m., BTN
Florida at LSU, 7 p.m., SEC
Baylor at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN
North Dakota State at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSC
Kansas at Oklahoma, 8 p.m., ESPN
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 8 p.m., BTN

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at Toronto, 3 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Golf

Midland College at NMML Invite

JC Volleyball

Odessa College at Midland College, 7 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Released OF Austin Hays from the 60-day DL and placed him on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of LHP John Means from Norfolk (IL).

National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Named Shawn Pedersen vice president of player development and Eric Lee senior director of player development. Signed a player development contract with Chattanooga (TN) through the 2020 season.

NEW YORK METS — Reinstated 3B David Wright from the 60-day DL.

FOOTBALL
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released DE Alec James from the practice squad. Signed DE Oshane Kamele to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released C Austin Davis from the practice squad. Signed G Anthony Gole to the practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Released WR Kyle Clay. Signed TE Garrett Cockerham from the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Placed OL Kevin Pumphrey on injured reserve. Released DL Deon Simon and QB Logan Woodside from the practice squad. Agreed to terms with QB Austin Davis. Signed WR Kahlil Raymond and G Ian Silberman to the practice squad.

Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ELKHEADS — Signed WR Peter Berryman and Toronto (ON). DLs Justin Gibbons and Brandon Thompson and LB Taylor Reed to the practice roster.

HOCKEY
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned LW Kevin Klina, C Lane Peterson, D Kyle Capobianco and Robby Russ. RWs Hudson Fasching and Jere Leake and Gs Adam Hill and Hunter Malkin to Tucson (AZL).

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned F's Morgan Geekie and Andrew Poturalski, D Dan Rempel and G Calum Booth to Charlotte (AHL).

DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned LW Dylan Sadowy to Toledo (ECHL). Released D Brandon Knyk and Matt Register. G Pat Nagle and F's Luke Witkowski, Bryan Moore and Jordan Topping from tryout contracts and assigned them to Toledo.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed D Jeremy Grubeau to a three-year, entry-level contract.

SOFL
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Signed RW Zeb Knutson.

OLYMPIC SPORTS
USA SWIMMING — Named Joel Shono, head managing director of sport development.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK RED BULLS — Signed D Kemar McCallister to a multi-year contract.

COLLEGE
BROWN — Name Karan Dew and Sean Crowell assistant softball coaches.

FLORIDA GULF COAST — Named Sybil McCullough women's basketball video coordinator.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
EAST									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	Points	Yds	TDs
Miami	3	0	0	1.000	75	52	100	103	103
New England	2	0	0	.333	57	77	81	81	81
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	50	84	77	77	77
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	77	58	77	77	77
SOUTH									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	Points	Yds	TDs
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	49	50	57	57	57
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	57	44	57	57	57
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	60	63	57	57	57
Houston	0	3	0	.000	59	74	57	57	57
NORTH									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	Points	Yds	TDs
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	60	77	57	57	57
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	57	51	57	57	57
Cleveland	1	1	1	.500	60	59	57	57	57
Pittsburgh	1	1	1	.500	60	59	57	57	57
WEST									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	Points	Yds	TDs
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	119	50	57	57	57
Denver	2	1	0	.667	61	70	57	57	57
L.A. Chargers	1	2	0	.333	62	83	57	57	57
Oakland	0	3	0	.000	52	81	57	57	57
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
EAST									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	Points	Yds	TDs
Washington	2	1	0	.667	64	44	57	57	57
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	59	55	57	57	57
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	41	53	57	57	57
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	55	62	57	57	57
SOUTH									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA	Points	Yds	TDs
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	102	91	57	57	57

NHL PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC DIVISION									
Team	W	L	T	OT	Pct	GF	GA	Points	PP
Boston	6	5	0	1	.11	21	14	14	14
Ottawa	5	5	0	0	.19	22	15	15	15
Montreal	5	4	1	0	.18	11	11	11	11
Toronto	5	4	1	0	.18	12	12	12	12
Laval	5	3	2	0	.16	12	12	12	12
Buffalo	5	2	3	0	.14	15	15	15	15
Tampa Bay	5	2	3	0	.14	16	16	16	16
Florida	5	2	3	0	.14	16	16	16	16
METROPOLITAN DIVISION									
Team	W	L	T	OT	Pct	GF	GA	Points	PP
Carolina	4	4	0	0	.10	12	12	12	12
N.Y. Islanders	4	4	0	0	.10	12	12	12	12
Philadelphia	4	3	2	1	.17	19	19	19	19
N.Y. Rangers	4	2	2	0	.17	17	17	17	17
Columbus	4	2	4	0	.13	22	22	22	22
Pittsburgh	4	2	1	3	.13	12	12	12	12
Washington	3	3	1	3	.10	17	17	17	17
New Jersey	4	0	2	2	.17	13	13	13	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL DIVISION									
Team	W	L	T	OT	Pct	GF	GA	Points	PP
Winnipeg	5	4	1	0	.19	18	18	18	18
Dallas	4	5	0	1	.17	16	16	16	16
St. Louis	5	2	3	0	.14	17	17	17	17
Nashville	5	2	3	0	.14	17	17	17	17
Colorado	5	1	2	2	.19	15	15	15	15
Chicago	5	1	4	0	.19	13	13	13	13
PACIFIC DIVISION									
Team	W	L	T	OT	Pct	GF	GA	Points	PP
Vegas	5	4	1	0	.19	14	14	14	14
Edmonton	5	4	1	0	.19	14	14	14	14
Calgary	5	4	1	0	.19	14	14	14	14
Anaheim	5	3	2	0	.18	17	17	17	17
San Jose	5	3	2	0	.18	15	15	15	15
Los Angeles	5	3	2	0	.18	15	15	15	15
Arizona	5	3	2	0	.18	15	15	15	15
San Jose	5	3	2	0	.18	15	15	15	15
Seattle	5	3	2	0	.18	15	15	15	15
San Jose	5	3	2	0	.18	15	15	15	15

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Sept. 28
At Jackson, Tenn. Andre George vs. Jason Smith, 12, for the WBO interim middleweight title (Should be a close fight).

Oct. 4
At the OC Fair & Casino Center, Costa Mesa, Calif. (ESPN), Oscar Negrete vs. Joshua Rivers, 10, for the WBO interim lightweight title.

Oct. 5
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 6
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 7
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 8
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 9
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 10
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 11
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 12
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 13
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 14
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 15
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 16
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 17
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 18
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 19
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 20
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 21
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 22
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 23
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 24
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 25
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 26
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 27
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 28
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 29
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 30
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

Oct. 31
At Bingham, Tenn. Daniel Benavente vs. non-title, 12, for the WBO interim super lightweight title.

HS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

TASCOSA SWEEPS
MHS IN 3 SETS
AMARILLO — Amarillo Tascosa beat Midland High 25-20, 25-20, 25-17 on Tuesday to remain the only unbeaten team in District 2-6A play at 2-0.

For the Lady Bulldogs (21-11, 1-1 in District 2-6A), Demmi Anders had 21 digs, Hayley Branco tallied eight kills, Macy Kidwell notched 14 assists and Maddy Kennedy had three blocks.

MHS hosts Odessa High at 5 p.m. Friday.

AMARILLO TASCOSA DEF. MIDLAND HIGH
25-20, 25-20, 25-17
Midland High statistics
Kills — Hayley Branco 8, Macy Kidwell 6, Sydney Crawford 4, Maddy Kennedy 3, Kaitlyn Kennedy 2, Jaelan Brando 2, Chloe Hale 2
Digs — Demmi Anders 21, Kidwell 7, Branco 6

GREENWOOD TAKES DISTRICT OPENER
Greenwood won its District 5-4A opener with a 25-13, 22-25, 25-14, 32-30 victory over Sweetwater on Tuesday at the Greenwood gymnasium.

Greenwood's Kensi Leigh Ellis had loan highs with six aces and 19 assists. Mattie Huber led the Rangerettes (16-12, 1-0 in District 5-4A) with 10 kills, libero Ashton Rowlett had 24 digs and Kylee Smith

had five blocks.

Greenwood visits San Angelo Lake View in its next district match at noon Saturday.

GREENWOOD DEF. SWEETWATER 25-13, 22-25, 25-14, 32-30
Greenwood statistics
Kills — Mattie Huber 10, Kylee Smith 8, Reagan Roy 8, Kensi Leigh Ellis 6, Edie Coleman 6, Kaitlyn Kennedy 5, Sydney Crawford 4, Kensi Leigh Ellis 1, Kensi Leigh Ellis 1
Digs — Ashton Rowlett 24, Roy 8, Madison Hartman 7, Ellis 7, Hayley Russell 5, Kensi Leigh Ellis 3, Mattie Huber 3, Hanna Potts 2, Martinez 1, Coleman 1
Assists — Ellis 19, Flores 19, Rowlett 3, Leake 1
Blocks — Smith 5, Chack 3, Martinez 2, Coleman 2, Huber 1
Aces — Ellis 6, Rowlett 4, Roy 3, Hartman 1
Record: Greenwood 16-12, 1-0 in District 5-4A
Next: Greenwood at San Angelo Lake View, noon Saturday

MCA SWEEPS TRINITY
Midland Classical Academy

defeated Trinity in a non-district match at the MCA gym, 25-11, 25-12, 25-3.

Lizabelle Russell had 16 kills, Jenny Coco had 15 kills and eight digs. Kenna Bayley had 38 assists, Marin Casey had four blocks and Leia Beale added six aces for the Lady Knights, who are ranked No. 1 in TAPPS 3A. Trinity is ranked No. 10 in TAPPS 4A.

MCA DEF. TRINITY, 25-11, 25-12, 25-3
Trinity statistics unavailable
MCA statistics
Kills — Lizabelle Russell 16, Jenny Coco 15, Marin Casey 4, Cammie Stokes 2, Leia Beale 2
Assists — Kenna Bayley 38, Russell 1
Digs — Coco 8, Russell 4, Bayley 4, Kaitlyn Malar 3, Beale 2, Casey 1, Madison Mance 1
Blocks — Casey 4, Stokes 3, Russell 2
Aces — Beale 6, Casey 4, Bayley 3, Coco 1
Next: Amarillo Tascosa at MCA, 6 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Plains at Trinity, 6 p.m.

MC VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

ODESSA COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 7 p.m. today, Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 14-5, 3-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College, 12-5, 2-1
Last match: Midland College def. Clarendon College, 3-1; Odessa College def. Frank Phillips College, 3-0
Notes & quotes: Midland College looks to remain in at least a tie for first place in the WJAC against rival Odessa College. ... MC coach Tam-

mie Jimenez said the Lady Chaparrals have been playing well and have been progressing daily and match by match. "Today is going to be another tough competition for us but what we need to do our best in controlling the controllables," she said. "It's going to be about taking care of our selves, eliminating unforced errors and avoid communication breakdowns. If we do those things, we'll be in pretty good shape."

Unlike the freshman-dominated Lady Chaps, OC will be a little more experienced,

and Jimenez said the Lady Wranglers will bring a little more volleyball maturity. "They don't make a lot of unforced errors, so we need to prepare for them to show up and play some of their best volleyball of the season. We can't worry about what Odessa does but more on what Midland does well," she said.

Next: Midland College vs. Coastal Bend, Midland College Invitational, 3 p.m. Friday, Odessa College vs. Arizona Western College, Odessa Tri-Meet, 9 a.m. Saturday

-Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

LEE

From 1C

I like how deal with it as a team and don't just break each other down. We bring each other up a little more even if it's not going the way we want it to go."

The Lady Rebels players also honored late classmate Essence Glover by placing her initials on their wrists and by sporting yellow hair ties. Glover died Sept. 19 after fainting at a Lee girls basketball practice.

"It's been emotional since we played Greenwood (Saturday)," Porras

said. "That was the most emotional game because it was that same week. Today we are still honoring her, obviously, with our yellow (hair ties) and stuff. We are planning to continue to play for her. It's emotional but we are doing it for her."

For Freshman, Emma Davila shined with a team-

best seven kills and two aces to go along with 14 digs. Gomez led Lee with 15 assists.

The Lady Rebels visit Odessa Permian at 5 p.m. Friday.

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Happy times for Tiger Woods heading to a Ryder Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SAINT-QUENTIN-EN-YVELINES, France — Tiger Woods paused on his walk toward the 18th green at Le Golf National and threw his head back in laughter. These are happy times for Woods, regardless of whatever Bryson DeChambeau said to cause such a reaction Tuesday.

Now if he can get that to translate in the Ryder Cup.

For all his amazing feats in golf — 80 victories on the PGA Tour, the most recent on Sunday at the Tour Championship after returning following a fourth back surgery that threatened to end his career — Woods has been on only one winning team at the Ryder Cup. That was nearly 20 years ago and required a record comeback on the final day. His own record is 13-17-3, a product of being on six losing teams.

"Looking back on my entire Ryder Cup career, that's not something that I have really enjoyed and I've really liked seeing," Woods said. "I've played a lot of matches. Of those seven previous Ryder Cups, I've sat out one session. ... My overall Ryder Cup record, not having won as a player since 1999, is something that hopefully we can change. We haven't won as a U.S. squad here in 25 years on foreign soil. So hopefully, that will change this week, as well."

Woods used to get defensive about his mark, pointing out that no one could recite the Ryder Cup record of Jack Nicklaus (17-8-3 during an era of U.S. dominance), but that everyone knew Nicklaus had won 18 majors.

One element he faced every two years was trying to be on a team of 12 players even as the golfing world saw it as Tiger Woods and 11 other Americans. He was 21 when he played his first Ryder Cup in 1997 and already was the sport's biggest star.

Back in the Ryder Cup as a player for the first time in six years, Woods is in the spotlight again.



Francois Mori/Associated Press

Tiger Woods of the US plays from a bunker on the 3rd hole during a practice session at Le Golf National in Guyancourt on Tuesday outside Paris, France. The 42nd Ryder Cup will be held in France from Friday to Sunday at Le Golf National.

One year ago, he was riding in a cart as a vice captain in the Presidents Cup, having played one PGA Tour event in two years with no certainty there would be another. And then he made yesterday look like yesterday with a wire-to-wire win at the Tour Championship, his first trophy in more than five years and the feeling that more was to come.

Woods still hasn't grasped the significance of the victory at

MHS

From 1C

young team showed positive signs on Tuesday.

"They played well. We had a lot of close matches but we just couldn't finish," Perez said. "There are still things we need to work on. We still have a long ways to go as a team to get where we need to be. But we're growing, we're a young team this year. I think a lot of the teams in the district are losing a lot of seniors (after this year), so they have a lot of experience. We have one more district match to go against (Amarillo) Tascosa and we're already looking toward what we need to do in the offseason to help us get prepared for the spring."

Lee hosts Tascosa at 1 p.m. Saturday. MHS will also host Tascosa at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Tascosa, the district favorite coming into the season, is undefeated in league play.

"We know we've got a big challenge in playing them but we're going to give it a go," Heiting said.

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MIDLAND HIGH 16, LEE 3
At Bush Tennis Center
Tuesday
(MHS winners listed first unless otherwise noted)
Boys Singles
1. Tyler Stewart del. Shy Dumas, 6-0, 6-0, 2-2.
Cota Garza del. Kaito Curtis, 6-1, 6-3, 3-2.
Dennis Lee del. Nathan Bates, 6-4, 6-2, 4-2.
Sean Daugherty del. Nicki Dorn, 6-0, 6-3, 5-4.
Alan Nusselt del. Lee del. Connor Carner, 2-4, 7-4, 10-8.
Robert Rodriguez del. Braden Hines, 6-3, 6-1.
Boys Doubles
1. Cameron Garza del. Carter-Rodriguez, 6-0, 6-0.
2. Brian Daugherty del. Thomas Dorn, 6-1, 6-4, 3-2.
Dimit Hines, Lee del. Rocco Smith, 1-6, 6-4, 11-9.
Girls Singles
1. Shaquille Sarapao del. Amber Lawrence, 6-0, 6-2.
2. Camille Courtney del. Destinee Hargrett, 6-0, 6-1, 3-2.
Layne Gordon del. Priscilla Sauer, 5-4, 6-3, 4-2.
Flora del. Kaito Bates, 6-4, 6-4, 10-4.
Savannah Brown del. Lindsay Bates, 7-5, 3-4, 10-4.
Montana Salazar del. Shy Dumas, 6-4, 6-1.
Girls Doubles
1. Sarapao-Flora del. Lawrence-Brown, 6-2, 6-1.
2. Gordon-Venegas del. Sauer-Dumas, 6-3, 6-2, 3-2.
Brown-Wilson del. Brown-Henderson, 6-1, 6-2.
Mixed Doubles
Stewart-Courtney del. White-Castro by default (first)



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Shaquille Sarapao returns a hit from Lee during the girls No. 1 doubles match Tuesday at Bush Tennis Center.

Assault charge against pitcher Roberto Osuna dropped

Associated Press

TORONTO — Canadian prosecutors dropped a domestic assault charge on Tuesday against Houston Astros closer Roberto Osuna, who agreed to stay away from the alleged victim for one year and continue counseling.

Osuna, formerly with the Toronto Blue Jays, was charged with assault in May. The 23-year-old player was suspended without pay for 75 games for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy, and the Blue Jays dealt him to Houston on July 30.

Speaking in court, prosecutor Catherine Mullaly said the complainant, who lives in Mexico, had made clear she would not travel to Toronto to testify against Osuna.

"The Crown does not have a reasonable prospect of conviction on this charge absent her testimony," Mullaly told Judge Melvin Green.

Osuna nodded when Green asked if he understood the agreement, known

as a "peace bond."

"Now I can begin to put these allegations behind me and focus on baseball," Osuna said in a statement. "I am grateful to the Astros for providing me with the opportunity to play baseball and compete for a World Series championship."

He said he would have no further comment on the matter.

Osuna was met with boos when the Astros beat the Blue Jays in Toronto on Monday. The Astros have said they would not tolerate another incident involving their closer and that the organization is committed to supporting victims of domestic violence.

Osuna's attorney, Domenico Basile, has said his client was remorseful but planned to plead not guilty had the matter gone to trial.

"I wish to make it clear that this is not an admission of criminal or civil liability," Basile said Tuesday. "He is content to enter into the peace bond (and) is aware of the conditions and will abide by the conditions."

Astros win 100th, close in on 2nd straight AL West title

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

TORONTO — Houston is heating up as October approaches.

The Astros reached 100 wins for the second straight season and closed in on another AL West title, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 4-1 Tuesday night behind Alex Bregman's two-run homer.

Houston improved to 100-57 and would clinch the division with one more win or a loss by second-place Oakland (95-62), which played later at Seattle. The Astros are 18-4 in September and 54-22 on the road, both best in the major leagues.

"We really haven't played our best baseball until lately," Bregman said. "That's a good sign heading into the postseason. I think we're in a good spot right now."

The Astros need three wins in their final five games to break the franchise record for victories in a season, set in 1998.

"I'm proud of this team, and they're not done yet,"

manager A.J. Hinch said. "To be at 100 and climbing is remarkable for this team, and we should be very proud."

Roberto Osuna needed just six pitches in the ninth for his 20th save in 21 chances. Earlier Tuesday, assault charges against Osuna were dropped because the complainant, who lives in Mexico, made clear she would not travel to Toronto to testify.

Osuna agreed to stay away from the alleged victim for one year and continue counseling. Traded from Toronto to Houston in July, Osuna was booed by Blue Jays fans for the second straight game, starting with when he entered and then in between pitches. Speaking through a translator, Osuna said he was untroubled by the negative reaction.

"When I came into the game I was focused on what I had to do, so it didn't affect me," he said.

Josh James (2-0) allowed one run and four hits in five innings in his third big league start.

"It was probably the least efficient outing of his young career," Hinch said.

"He had to battle through some delivery issues."

Bregman went 2 for 5 and extended his club-record streak of reaching base safely on the road to 53 games, then longest since 59 in a row by the New York Yankees' Derek Jeter in 2006 and 2007.

Bregman hit his 31st homer, a two-run drive in the first off Sam Gaviglio. Billy McKinney's sixth homer cut the gap in half in the third, but Houston widened its lead in the sixth when Tyler White chased Gaviglio with an RBI single and pinch-hitter Evan Gattis had a sacrifice fly off Danny Barnes.

Gaviglio (3-9) allowed four runs — three earned — and six hits in five-plus innings, his fifth straight winless outing. With Toronto's starting rotation dealing with injuries all season, Gaviglio has made a career-high 23 starts for the Blue Jays, winning twice.

"It's been a good experience, a lot of learning," he said. "I wish I could have been a little more consistent."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE					
East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Yankees	106	51	.675	—	
Tampa Bay	97	60	.618	9	
Toronto	87	70	.554	19	
Baltimore	71	87	.449	35½	
Boston	65	111	.368	60½	
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	89	69	.562	—	
Minnesota	72	84	.462	16	
Detroit	64	93	.408	24½	
Chicago	61	95	.391	27	
Kansas City	55	102	.350	33½	
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	100	57	.637	—	
Oakland	95	62	.605	5	
Seattle	85	71	.545	14½	
Los Angeles	78	81	.484	24	
Texas	66	93	.423	33½	

2-clinched playoff berth
2-clinched wild card

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	89	69	.562	—	
Washington	80	78	.506	9½	
Philadelphia	78	78	.500	10½	
New York	73	84	.465	16	
Miami	65	95	.335	27	
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	91	65	.583	—	
St. Louis	80	67	.543	11½	
San Diego	87	70	.554	4½	
Pittsburgh	79	78	.510	11½	
Cincinnati	66	92	.418	26	
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	88	69	.561	—	
Colorado	86	70	.551	1½	
Arizona	79	78	.503	9	
San Francisco	72	85	.459	16	
San Diego	63	94	.401	25	

2-clinched division

Tuesday's scores

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AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Baltimore at Boston, ppd.	
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 3	
Houston 4, Toronto 1	
N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 2	
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, late	
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2	
Texas at L.A. Angels, late	
Oakland at Seattle, late	
Today's Games	
Houston (TBD) at Toronto (Flex-Foley 2-4), 3:07 p.m.	
Kansas City (Fletcher 3-2) at Cincinnati (Reed 1-2), 5:40 p.m.	
Baltimore (Flameth 1-7) at Boston (Sale 12-4), 6:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 6:10 p.m.	
Cleveland (Tonde 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 7:10 p.m.	
Detroit (Bower 5-12) at Minnesota (Gonzalez 7-10), 7:10 p.m.	
Seattle (Mendez 2-2) at L.A. Angels (Hasey 9-10), 9:07 p.m.	
Oakland (Jackson 6-3) at Seattle (Hernandez 6-13), 9:10 p.m.	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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East Division	
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 3	
Washington 9, Miami 3	
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, late	
Minnesota at St. Louis, late	
Philadelphia at Colorado, late	
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late	
San Diego at San Francisco, late	
Today's Games	
Miami (Chen 6-11) at Washington (Rouse 9-15), 3:05 p.m.	
Kansas City (Fletcher 3-2) at Cincinnati (Reed 1-2), 5:40 p.m.	
Atlanta (Renevier 12-9) at N.Y. Mets (Johan 9-8), 6:10 p.m.	
Minnesota (Chen 14-8) at St. Louis (Clay 14-6), 6:10 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Hays 9-8) at Chicago Cubs (Christians 13-11), 7:05 p.m.	
Philadelphia (Pruitt 7-13) at Colorado (Marquez 13-10), 7:40 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers (Stirling 6-5) at Arizona (Gonzalez 14-11), 8:40 p.m.	
San Diego (Lester 6-7) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-6), 9:15 p.m.	

Texas boxes

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ASTROS & BLUE JAYS 3	
Houston	ab r h m
Springer	4 1 1 0
Altuve	5 1 2 1
Bregman	4 0 1 1
Gutierrez	4 0 2 1
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Houston's late box

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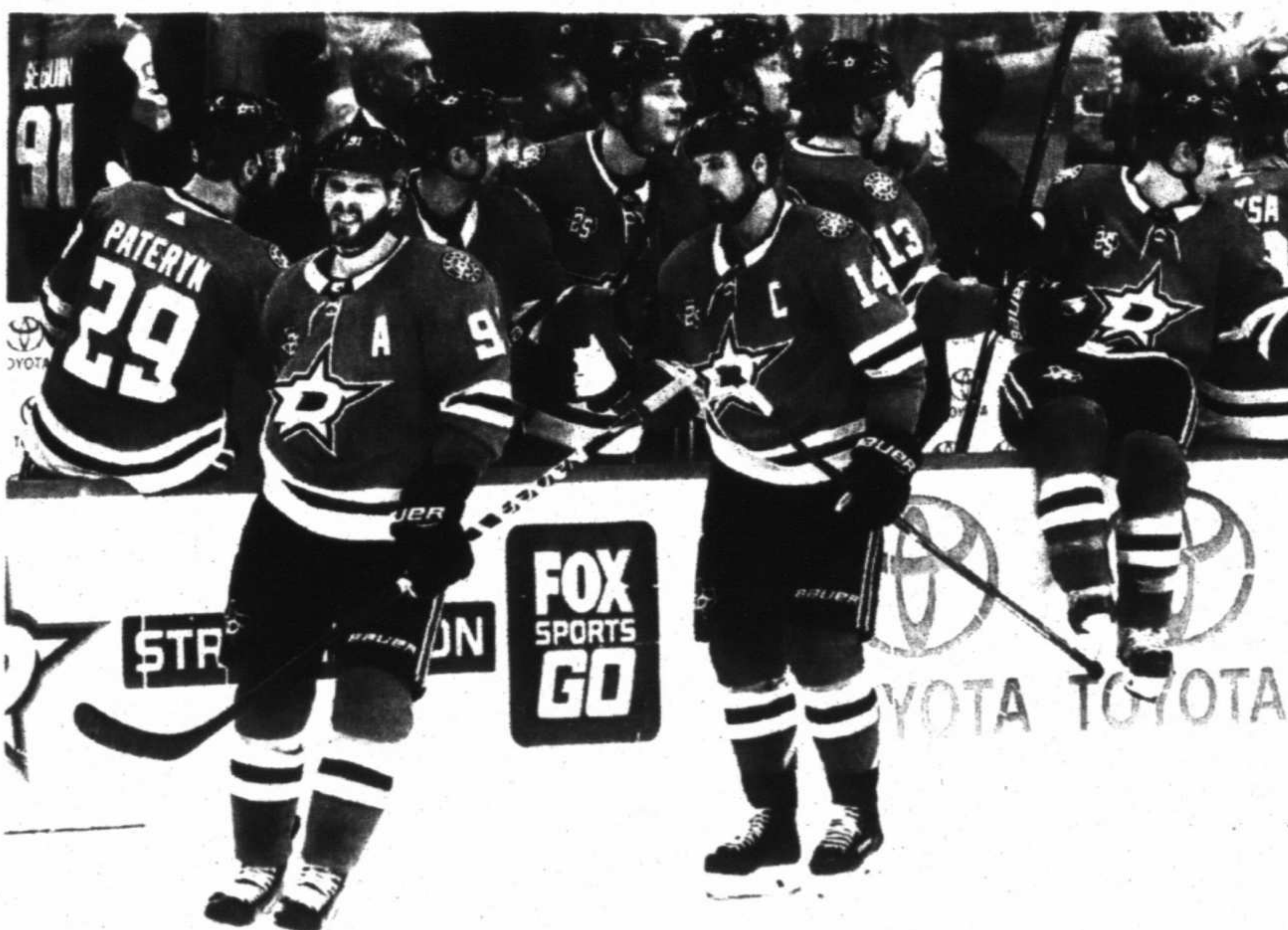
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Dallas Stars center Tyler Seguin (91) and left wing Jamie Benn (14) are congratulated by the bench after Benn scored against the Boston Bruins in the second period of an NHL game March 23 in Dallas.

Stars ready for fun offense under new coach

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — This is the third season in a row the Dallas Stars have a different coach and a different style. They're ready to have some fun with the guy fresh out of college.

After the differing approaches of grizzled veterans Lindy Ruff and then Ken Hitchcock in a one-season return of their Stanley Cup-winning coach from two decades ago, there is more of an emphasis on relentless offense with new coach Jim Montgomery in his transition from the college ranks to first-time NHL head coach.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," captain Jamie Benn said. "We're going to work hard and it'll be a high-flying Stars team with a lot of pressure on the ice."

The 49-year-old Montgomery said he's sure the team has the speed and depth to play his style.

Montgomery spent the past five years at the University of Denver, where he had a 125-57-26 record and won a national title two seasons ago. He won two championships as a head coach and general manager in the United States Hockey League before that. He was part of a college national championship as a player at Maine in 1993, and did play 122 NHL games — his last was with Dallas in December 2002.

"We've had some great coaches in here," Tyler Seguin said. "But at the end of the day, we haven't had this kind of coach, a younger guy, a player's coach if you want to call it that, someone that's

won pretty much everywhere he's gone and is going to change things up. I think everyone's excited for that and looking forward to a fresh new year."

Seguin and the top line

Seguin, the 26-year-old five-time All-Star with a career-high 40 goals last season, could have become an unrestricted free agent after this season. But he signed a nearly \$80 million, eight-year contract extension through 2026-27 just before training camp. Seguin is on the front line with 29-year-old two-time All-Star Benn and Alexander Radulov, who had 27 goals and 45 assists last season. Only Benn had more total points than Seguin's 78, with Benn at 79 (36 goals, 43 assists) after eight goals and two assists in the last five games.

On the defense

John Klingberg led NHL defensemen with 59 assists last season, when Marc Methot was limited to 36 games in his Stars debut because of knee issues. A healthy Methot should be a boost to the Stars defense.

"If you look at the lineup, we know we have star power. We have everything on paper. It looks good," Klingberg said. "We're just going to have to find those pieces blending into each other."

Missed time

Dallas missed the playoffs for the eighth time in the past 10 seasons after an

eight-game losing streak last March. They finished 42-32-8 for 92 points, which was a 13-point increase from 2016-17 but three points out of the Western Conference's eighth playoff spot.

"I think we've got to stop, I guess, wasting the good talent that we have here and take advantage of it," Benn said. "Ten years later, goes by fast. You've got to take advantage of the good teams that you have. We have a good team here. So we've got to make a good run here."

Top 10 back in Big D

Right wing Valeri Nichushkin played 166 games in three seasons for the Stars by time he was 21 before returning home to Russia and playing the past two seasons in the Kontinental Hockey League. The 10th overall pick by the Stars in the 2013 draft is back after signing a \$5.9 million, two-year contract with Dallas at the start of free agency over the summer.

Starting at home

The Stars open the season Oct. 4 against Arizona, the first of four consecutive home games in 10 days before their first road game.

"I don't think I could have picked a better schedule to start the season in my first year because everything's new," Montgomery said. "Being at home, having those three days of practice in between home games, is going to be instrumental in us getting off to a good start."

The Stars have now been in Dallas for 25 years.

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helped in creating those fumbles.

"Any time you win the turnover ratio, you have a better shot at winning. It doesn't always work out that way, but it puts your team in a better situation," he said.

Offensively, the Rangers were balanced at both running and throwing the football, which is a bit of change in philosophy from the beginning of the year when they were a run-first team. Greenwood got some big plays in the passing game, led by junior receiver Brody Ray's three touchdown receptions.

"We, like anybody else, want to keep other teams off-balance and try to mess with their tendencies," Sanderson said. "We want to give teams different looks."

The Indians certainly got a different look at quarterback in the second half when senior Jake Somers returned from a thumb injury that had kept him out through the season. Somers threw one of the touchdowns to Ray in relief of junior Weston Wilber and ran the ball well.

"Jake came in and played really well for us," Sanderson said. "That was good to see after him being out that long."

Sanderson said both Somers and Wilber will be getting equal reps and he will decide Thursday who will be starting. He didn't rule out playing both in the game.

The Rangers (2-2) will next host Sweetwater (0-4) to begin district play on Friday and Sanderson said the focus for his team will remain the same.

"For us, it's about getting better every day and making sure we're taking care of us," he said. "We need to keep improving in all areas."

Andrews has more consistent game

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said it was nice to see his team not having to come from behind for a change in Friday's 48-26 victory over Snyder.

"I thought we were more consistent," Mason said. "The defense played really, really well. I thought. We stopped their run, which is what they like to do, and we did well enough in the passing game."

The Mustangs (3-1) held the Tigers to 101 yards rushing and had a monster game from Jacob Mechler, senior linebacker and MRT's Area Player of the Week, who had 20 total tackles and three sacks.

Mason said the team has done a good job of getting better each week, which is good to see with so many young players on the roster.

"We're in a good place, and we've played a really tough schedule," Mason said. "One could say we very well could be 4-0 if it wasn't for one or two plays. Our kids have stepped up and met the challenge really well. When you have a young team, you expect to go through some learning experiences. Brett (Leach) is a young quarterback and to go against one of the best teams 5A Division II teams (in Lubbock Cooper) could be tough on a young quarterback, but he really responded well. The same thing could be said about other kids."

Andrews heads to Clint Mountain View on Friday.

Coahoma looks to snap slide

Coahoma will be looking to end a two-game losing streak on Friday when it hosts undefeated Iran (4-0).

"We've played some good teams and have done some growing up and that's what we need to do to get ready to play in our district and get better," said Coahoma coach Chris Joslin, whose team is coming off a 39-20 loss to Slaton. "We need to get better on both sides of the ball. We need to tackle better on defense; we need to throw the ball better and get off to a better start in each game."

Getting off to a slow start is one thing that has plagued this team and Joslin hopes that is an area that improves in the coming weeks.

"We need to come out and play from the get-go," Joslin said.

Grady continues to play well

Grady is quietly on a hot streak as the Wildcats won their third straight game with an impressive 46-14 win at Grandfalls-Royal.

"They played pretty well," said Grady coach Brent Lucas about his Wildcats, who are now 3-1. "We blocked really well up front, and our quarterback, Charles Cassell, did a good job of running the offense and with his pitches. Defensively, we played well. We bent but didn't break. They got the ball inside the 20 two or three times on us, and they came away with nothing. Going into the game, I didn't even know we were favored but our kids did a good job, and I was proud of them. We played like we were supposed to win."

"We have just been getting better every week."

Lucas said the key to his team's improvement has been its experience.

"A lot of our kids have been through this for three years, and our seniors are getting their chance and doing a pretty good job," Lucas said.

Grady next travels to face Westbrook (1-3) on Friday.

Bearcats keep on rolling

Garden City probably had an easier time than expected in a mercy-ruled 46-0 road victory over Imperial Buena Vista.

"That was a good win," Garden City coach Jeff Jones said. "There were just some things that went right for us. When you score on every possession, you have a good chance to end the game early."

Once again, the Bearcats' key to success was their defense. Buena Vista was held to just 126 total yards.

"(The defense) read their keys well, and they were in good position every time to make a play," Jones said. "They tried to throw some new things at us, but we were able to force them into third-and-long and fourth-and-long and hold them out."

No. 3-ranked Garden City (4-0) will be expecting a test on Friday when it travels to face No. 8 Rankin (4-0) in a big six-man clash.

"They're number eight for a reason," Jones said. "I have been very impressed with them, and they are very well coached. What's really scary is that they're fairly young, so they're going to keep getting better and better."

As NBA training camps open, and many stories worth noting

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Training camps for most NBA teams open Tuesday, and with the season fast approaching, here's 10 items of note as the league heads into the 2018-19 campaign:

Jimmy Butler

As media days were ending Monday, Jimmy Butler was still with the Minnesota Timberwolves. It's likely temporary. The first big saga of the 2018-19 season is Butler and his trade request. "Our job is to seek out the best opportunity for us," Wolves coach Tom Thibodeau said. "If something's good for us, then we're interested in doing it. If not, we're ready to move forward the other way." Several teams — including Miami, Cleveland, Brooklyn — have interest, as would be expected when talking about a four-time All-Star.

Golden State

The Warriors have won three of the last four NBA titles and added DeMarcus Cousins over the summer, making a great roster even greater. But Cousins, Kevin Durant, Klay

Thompson and more could all be free agents next July 1, meaning Golden State may be changing more than its address (the Warriors are moving into a new arena in 2019) after this season. "The idea is to really focus on how lucky we are to be here together in this era, this time and place," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "We're well aware it's not going to last forever."

The East

For the first time since 2010, the Eastern Conference team in the NBA Finals will not be led by LeBron James — since he's now with the Los Angeles Lakers.

So while Boston, Toronto and Philadelphia are clearly good, the East race is as open as it has been in a decade. James helped Miami win the East from 2011 through 2014, and Cleveland in each of the last four seasons. "A LeBron-less East. That's a good way to put it," Washington coach Scott Brooks said. "He's gone. He got a lot of players cut, traded, coaches fired."

Vince Carter

Carter is now with Atlanta, his eighth NBA team. He has

an Olympic gold medal from 2000, but no NBA championship yet — though instead of ring-chasing in a season where he's turning 42, Carter decided to join a young team in Atlanta and simultaneously be a player and a mentor. "I'm trying to wring the towel all the way out," Carter said. The Hawks might not have a great chance at the playoffs this season, but if they get there and Carter plays, he would become the third-oldest player to appear in a postseason game.

Shocking Spurs

San Antonio has been to the playoffs in each of the last 21 seasons.

The NBA record is 22 straight, set by Philadelphia from 1950 through 1971. If the Spurs get there this season, it'll be the first time they do so without any of their Big Three — Tim Duncan (retired two years ago), Manu Ginobili (retired this summer) or Tony Parker (now in Charlotte) — on the roster. "It's a great opportunity for a new challenge," said Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who took Ginobili along for San Antonio's preseason coaching retreat last week and picked his brain on strategy for the coming season.

MVP watch

There are seven active MVPs in the NBA right now — LeBron James has won it four times, Stephen Curry twice, and Dirk Nowitzki, Derrick Rose, Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and reigning MVP James Harden all have claimed the award once. All seven now play in the Western Conference, and Harden plans to do his part to keep the trophy on that side of the league. "I've got to take it to another level," the Houston star said. "Every single year, I've got to improve and make sure that I'm a leader."

Welcome, rookies

No. 1 overall draft pick Deandre Ayton goes into his rookie season with the Phoenix Suns with a rookie (at least, an NBA rookie) coach in Igor Kokoskov. Suns guard Devin Booker raves about what he's already learned from Kokoskov, and Ayton is duly impressed. "Coach Igor is a smart coach, a very smart coach," the Suns' new center said. "He's all about fundamentals and really taking your time in the post, taking care of your body and really all about conditioning, as well as studying the game."

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Trinity gets back into action

Trinity will have its first game in two weeks when the Chargers travel to face Dallas First Baptist at 7 p.m. Friday. The Chargers (2-1) were supposed to have their homecoming game last week against Compass Academy but the Odessa school informed Trinity that it would forfeit.

Trinity coach Antwan Alexander said

his team is anxious to get back on the field and play a game.

"The kids are very eager to play," Alexander said. "The off week was good for us. A couple of players are banged up and it gave them a chance to rehab and get stronger, and it also gave us time to work on the fundamentals. Sometimes when you're putting in a game plan, you forget about the little things, like fundamentals. I want for us to be known as a very fundamentally sound team."

Alexander added that there are thunderstorms forecasted for the Dallas-Fort

Worth metroplex and is hopeful that doesn't interrupt the game.

The Saints and Chargers should match up well as they have similar varsity numbers.

"They have as many kids as we do, so depth should be about the same," Alexander said. "It's going to come down to conditioning, and that's something we pride ourselves in and playing four quarters."

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Man confesses to long-ago affair with best friend's wife

DEAR ABBY: I found out a month ago that my wife and my best friend had a relationship 40 years ago when we were in our 20s. My friend hinted about it, so I asked him point blank and he confessed.

Obviously, if you can't trust someone, he's not your friend. My question is, should I ask my wife to tell me what went on or just sweep it under the rug and move forward?

Not a day goes by that I don't wonder what happened to make her stray, or how long the affair went on under my nose. I tried talking to her about it right after I found out, but she started crying, which is one of my weaknesses. I don't like making folks upset, so I took the blame because I wasn't a very good husband. We married very young, and I wasn't ready. So, what do I do? — HURT AND ANGRY

DEAR H AND A: I would love to know your "friend's" motivation for hinting so broadly that he'd had an affair with your wife that you'd ask him point blank. He seems more a trouble-maker than a stalwart friend to me.

If you have had a happy 40-year marriage, I think you should let it remain so. OK, so neither of you were angels. "Divorce" the "friend" and let it go.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 30,

DEAR ABBY

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married and the only female analyst in an office with 12 men. I love my job and I enjoy working here, but it is very hard to prove yourself as a woman in a male-dominated industry.

There is one other woman in my office, a recently divorced administrator I barely know. She's very open about her online dating and sex life, and I am at a loss. I feel it's extremely inappropriate for her to share detailed information with me in the workplace. I'm also afraid the guys will hear her and take me less seriously as a professional and equal.

I have tried politely changing the subject, ignoring her or avoiding her, but nothing seems to work. I don't want to embarrass her by telling her flat out to not discuss her sex life with me, but I'm not sure what else I can do. What would you suggest?

COVERING MY EARS

DEAR COVERING: What the woman is doing can be considered sexual harassment, and in most sizable businesses — yours appears to be one — there

are policies in place to protect employees. I suggest you tell her that hearing about her sexual escapades makes you uncomfortable and to please stop. And if she doesn't, discuss it with either human resources or your employer.

DEAR ABBY: My gentleman friend and I are senior citizens who live together. We have acquired a dog and cat. I pay for the cat's food, vaccinations and litter. He pays for the dog's food and vaccinations.

Last week, my boyfriend accidentally slammed the door on the cat's tail. Part of it had to be amputated, and the bill for surgery, drugs, cone, etc. came close to \$400. Neither of us is hurting financially. Who do you think should foot this bill?

MOTHER OF FUR BABIES

DEAR MOTHER: That poor kitty! I not only think your "gentleman" friend should foot the bill, I think he should have VOLUNTEERED to do it. If he didn't, shame on him.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Not obvious

Both vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ A J 9 7
♥ A 9 4 3
♦ A J 9 8
♣ 7

WEST
♠ Q 10 6
♥ K Q J 7
♦ 10 4
♣ K J 10 8

EAST
♠ 5 3
♥ 10 6
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ 9 6 3 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 8 4 2
♥ 8 5 2
♦ 6 5 3
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
10 Pass 14 Pass
36 Pass 46 All pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

The bidding seemed easy enough, but the final contract was rocky. Two hearts and a diamond or two to lose, not to mention the big hole in the trump suit.

South ducked the opening king of hearts lead and won the queen of hearts continuation, noting the fall of the 10 from East. A spade to the king and a spade to the jack went well, and

the ace of spades drew the last trump. A heart to the eight and jack was followed by a heart to dummy's nine, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ 9
♥ Void
♦ A J 9 8
♣ 7

WEST
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ 10 4
♣ K J 10 8

EAST
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ K Q 7 2
♣ 9 6

SOUTH
♠ 8
♥ Void
♦ 6 5
♣ A Q 4

A club finesse, if successful, will make the contract. Can you see anything else? The winning line is to lead the jack of diamonds from the dummy to East's queen and win the club shift with the ace. When another diamond fetches the 10 from West, win the ace of diamonds and take the ruffing finesse against East's king!

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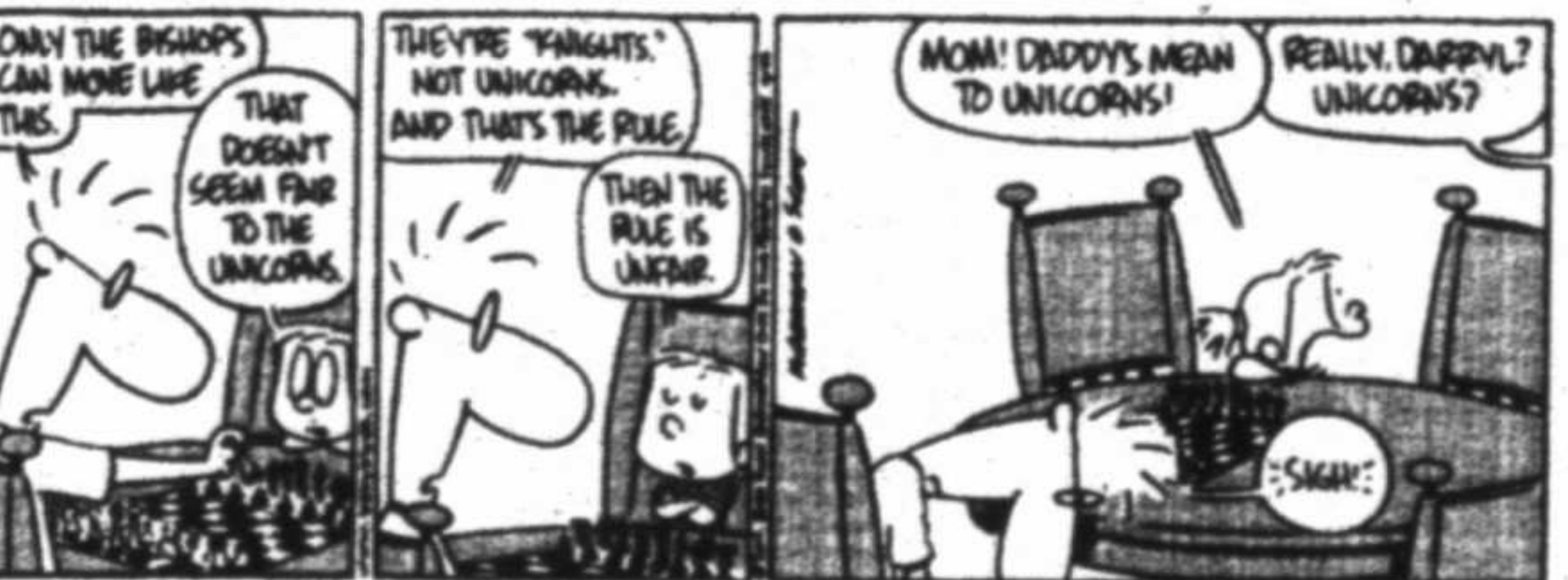
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3 4

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		7			8	9	
3			2				4
	9	4			2		
7			5				
	4	9		1			6
6		3		2			

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

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

4	7	9	5	8	6	2	3	1
6	8	5	2	3	1	4	9	7
2	1	3	4	9	7	5	8	6
9	6	8	3	1	2	7	4	5
7	4	2	8	6	5	9	1	3
3	5	1	9	7	4	6	2	8
5	3	4	7	2	8	1	6	9
1	9	7	6	4	3	8	5	2
8	2	6	1	5	9	3	7	4

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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YARNO

FIDMEF

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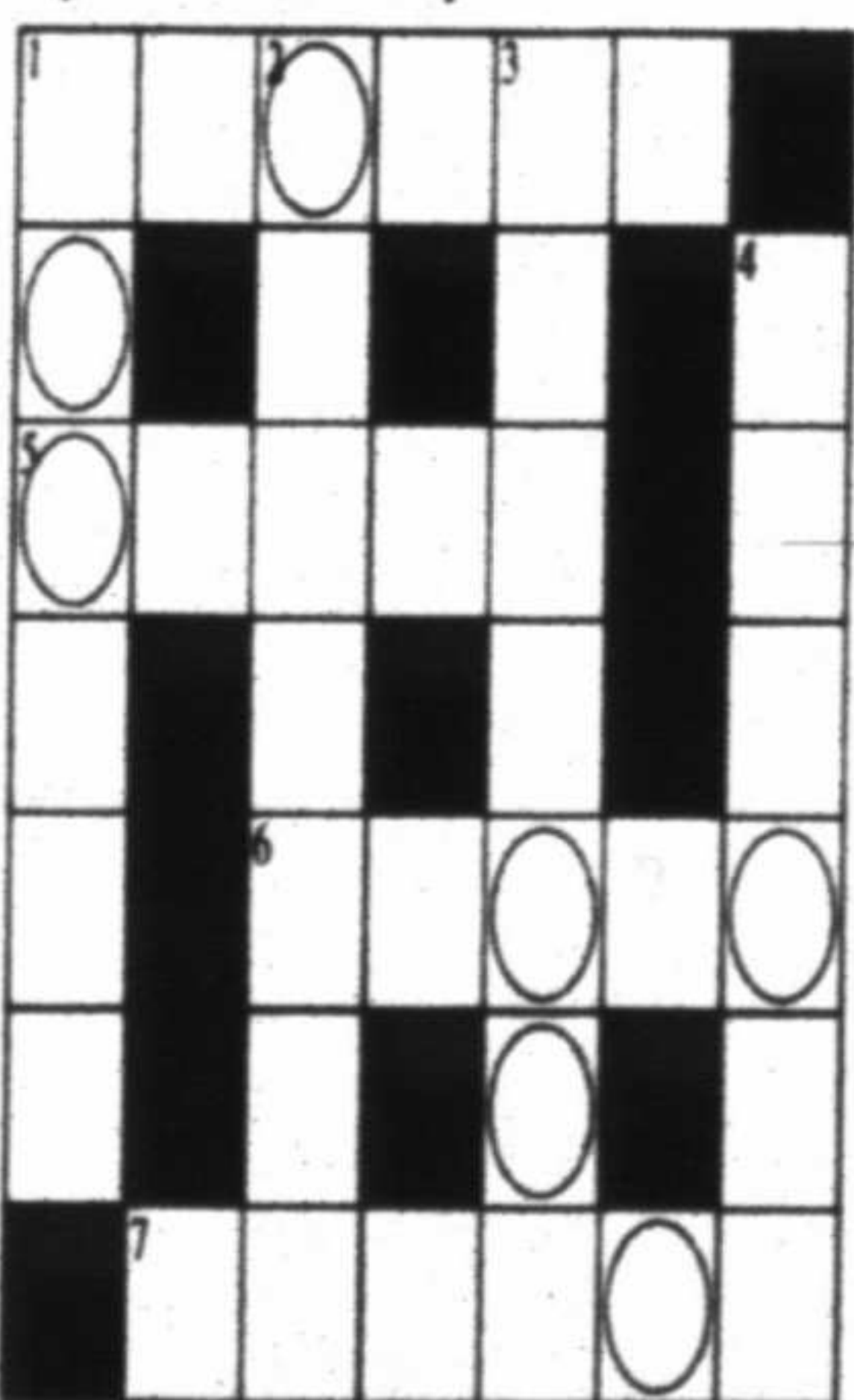
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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VALID CLIMB POLICY SHRILL
Answer: Directing the third-graders' stage performance was tough and certainly not — CHILD'S PLAY

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



CLUE ACROSS

1. Noisier
5. Putty
6. Proprietor
7. Insignia

CLUE DOWN

1. Probable
2. Baseball
3. Forever, ongoing
4. Pelvis part

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

9-26-18 **CLUE:** With an area of 233,062 square miles, this is the largest country entirely in Europe.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Louder 5A-Krife 6A-Chance 7A-Endless 1D-Lady 2D-Uniform 3D-Eternal 4D-Sacrum 5D-Urinary
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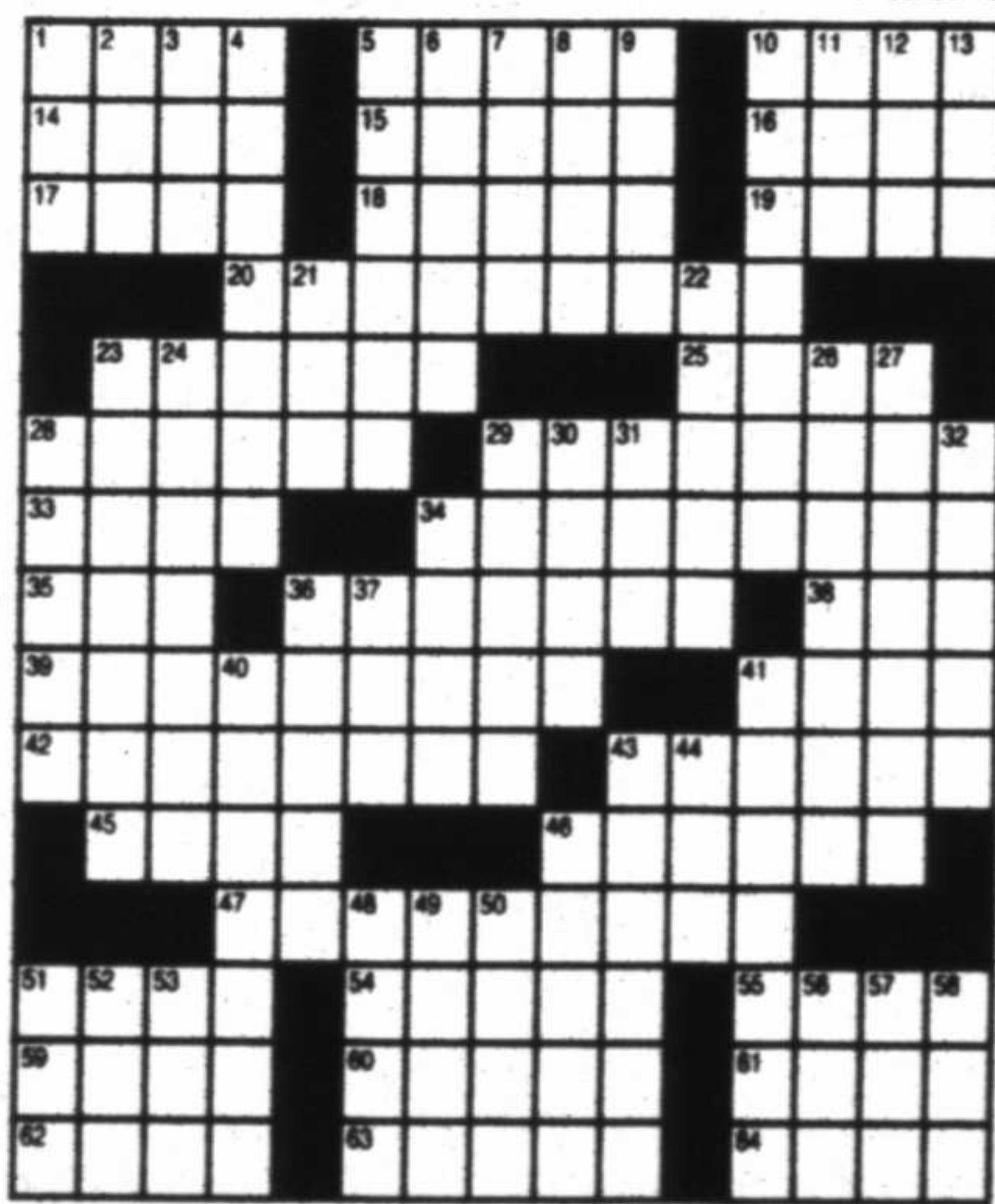
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- ACROSS**
- Muslim pilgrimage
 - Made docile
 - Valley with a Wine Train
 - Melville's "Typee" sequel
 - Limber
 - Malicious
 - Bandit band
 - Jackrabbits, e.g.
 - Minimum
 - Niacin and riboflavin
 - 7UP competitor since 1961
 - Harbinger
 - "Twenty Questions" question
 - "I could be wrong"
 - Knocks firmly
 - Pseudonym
 - Part of LACMA
 - "Earth, Wind & Fire" hit album whose title means "everything considered"
 - "Nothing to shout about"
 - Some llama herders
 - Nuclear reactor component
 - Ceylon, now
 - "Fighter pilot's sensation"
 - Kikkoman sauces
 - Medical lab specimen
 - "Bravura" performance reaction, briefly
 - Copies
 - Pogo stick sound
 - Pac-12 team since 2011
 - Mule team beam
 - The way we word
 - Snapper rival
 - Bailing mas
 - Domingo, for one
 - Whack
- DOWN**
- Ungenerous sort
 - Physicians' gp.
 - Trevor's predecessor on "The Daily Show"
 - Women's sportswear
 - South Seas island
 - Striped quartz
 - Adress Sorvino
 - Grade sch. level
 - Lucie's dad
 - Rather and Cronkite
 - Gardner of the silver screen
 - Sty denizen
 - Tavern offering
 - Vitality
 - Prestigious prize
 - They're not selfish
 - The Supremes, e.g.
 - Captivates
 - What the ruthless show
 - Gets a present ready to present
 - Exodus sustenance
 - "That's a shame"
 - Fashion initials
 - Giggle
 - Reactive criticism
 - Salt's "Halt"
 - "Hamilton" creator
 - Manuel Miranda
 - Once-banned James Joyce novel
 - Weak excuses
 - snap
 - Mariner's hazard
 - Winning exclamation aptly arranged and spelled by the standalone letters in the answers to starred clues
 - Adjoin
 - Bridge site
 - Primatologist
 - Fossey
 - Pro vote
 - Comics punch sound
 - Scrape (out)
 - Little kid
 - Historical period
 - Cry out loud

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

THIS GANG SCAB
DUMP TABOO OHNO
PROATHLETE OINK
ADVISE ISITIME
SLINK WHOATHERE
SEE TORONTO RIG
ISLET TACO
BROKEN PROMISE
CAAN IOWAN
ORD AGONIES DOS
BOATHOOKS AKIRA
WREATH CLINIC
ENGR COATHANGER
MEUP HOWIE TUNE
URNS AHM ESTD

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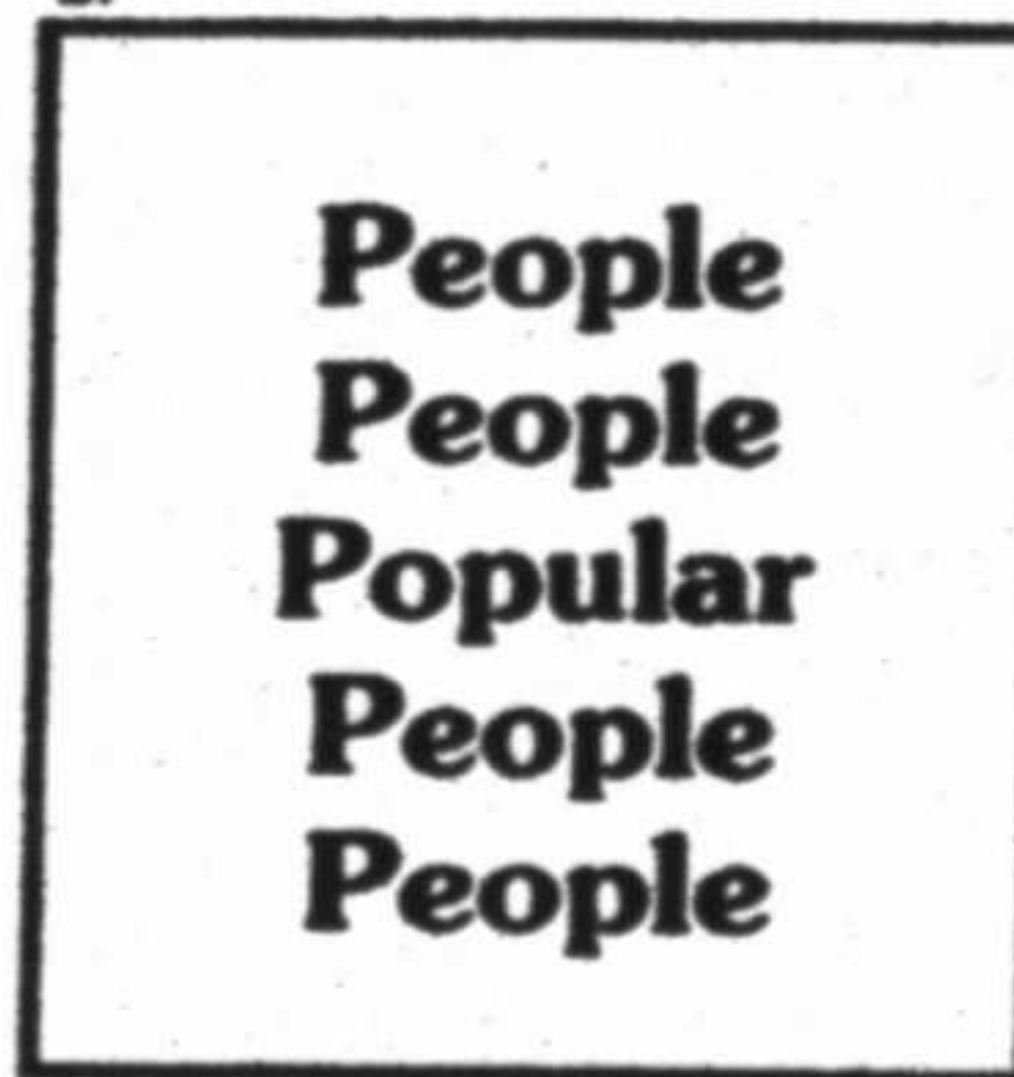
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