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MMH recruited doctors turnover rate drops

Officials: Retention rate of recruited doctors improves from 51 percent to 86 percent

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Development Corp. is

wrapping another year of its partnership with Midland Memorial Hospital that aims to recruit and retain doctors in Midland. Looks as if the program is working.

Cory Edmondson, senior vice president of strategic development for MMH, gave the MDC board of directors an update at economic development group's meeting Tuesday. So far, the MDC has funded \$2

million over the past three years. This year, the hospital was able to recruit 14 doctors. Nine specialize in

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Living Nativity



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Angels and shepherd boys pile into a church van after participating in the annual living Nativity on Tuesday outside First Baptist Church. The event will continue tonight and tomorrow from 7 to 8 p.m. on the corner of N Street and Cuthbert Avenue.

Oasis in \$946 million deal for Delaware Basin land

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Oasis Petroleum has agreed to buy thousands of acres for nearly \$1 billion in the coveted Delaware Basin in a cash and stock deal.

The Houston oil producer said it would buy 20,300 net acres in the West Texas oil patch from San Antonio explorer Forge Energy. The \$946 million deal, expected to close in February, includes \$483 million in cash and 46 million shares.

Those acres in Loving, Ward, Winkler and Reeves counties pumped 3,500 barrels of oil equivalent a day in November.

"Our new Permian Assets deliver a consolidated position in the deepest and highest pressured part of the Delaware in the heart of the oil window, Oasis CEO Tommy Nusz said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Oasis said it also expects to sell off unimportant acreage in the Williston Basin for \$500 million next year. Nusz said he expects the company to generate free cash flow in its exploration and production business next year if oil prices hover around \$55 a barrel.

Phillips 66, Canadian company partner for pipeline

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Houston-based Phillips 66 and Canada's Enbridge said Monday they're teaming up to build an oil pipeline stretching from West Texas' Permian Basin to export hubs near Corpus Christi, Houston and Freeport.

The project falls in line with growing shale oil production from the Permian that's funneled to the Gulf Coast and shipped overseas to fuel the nation's rapidly growing crude

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House Energy Resources Committee visits Midland

Transportation needs dominate hearing at Petroleum Museum

By Mella McEwen
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Texas' primary economic engine — the oil and gas industry — is creating both a revenue stream and heightened demand for state funds, primarily for infrastructure.

Members of the State House Energy Resources Committee convened Tuesday at the Petroleum Museum to hear from those in the heart of the dominant oil-producing basin in the state and the nation, and perhaps the world.

"This is an important meeting for the committee, to listen to the folks responsible for a significant part of the Texas economy," said Rep. Drew Darby of San Angelo.

Rep Tom Craddick of Midland said he's proud to have the chance to show

off "what's happening here, our needs. This is the No. 1 spot, and we need additional dollars for things like roads. A lot of funding for Texas comes from us, and I don't feel ashamed to ask for additional funding."

Rep. Leighton Schubert of Caldwell said that five of the counties in his district are in the Eagle Ford Shale play.

"The fundamental issue is to deal with the safety aspect of transportation," he said. "Too many people are dying on our roads. It adds up to an economic loss as well as a loss of life. We need to make the roads safe, and we need to work with the counties to get them funding for roads impacted by oil and gas activity."

James Beauchamp, president of the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance, said the committee members

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MMH announces 'data security incident' involving patient information

From staff reports

Midland Memorial Hospital announced Tuesday there was a data security incident involving a limited number of patients' personal information. Although there isn't any evidence that patient information has been used inappropriately, MMH is providing notice to these patients who may have been affected by the incident.

Hospital officials regret "any inconvenience or concern this incident may cause," according to a press release from MMH.

The hospital became aware on Oct. 13 that an unauthorized third party may have obtained access

to an employee's e-mail account on or about Oct. 10. Upon learning of the situation, MMH disabled the third party's access to the account and initiated an internal investigation to determine, among other things, the personal information that was contained in the account and the patients who may have been affected. The hospital also retained a leading incident response and digital forensics firm to assist in its investigation, according to the release.

During the relevant period, certain patient information was contained in a limited number of e-mails stored in the employee's account, including patients' first and last names,

account numbers/medical record unit numbers and other information relating to radiology procedure(s) performed at the hospital in August and September. The employee's e-mail account did not contain patient Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers or other sensitive financial information.

Midland Memorial Hospital is proactively reaching out to impacted patients to provide guidance on how they can protect themselves. Impacted patients with questions may call 844-814-8799 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VISIT

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are either from this area or represent districts impacted by the industry. Combined, he said they see half of the state's traffic fatalities even though their districts hold only a third of the state's population.

He estimates there have been more than 1,200 traffic fatalities in the Texas Department of Transportation's Odessa district since 2012.

"Over the last few years we've moved away from a focus on safety to focusing on congestion," he said. "Even with additional funding, it would reduce congestion by a fraction of a second off the projected additional travel time. But if you don't make it home, congestion is not important at all."

Funding was still a topic of his testimony. Beauchamp told the committee that funding is based on vehicle miles and truck miles, and the Permian Basin is not capturing over a half-billion truck miles annually. When that happens, he said, "We're getting shorted."

That's why he focused on the mileage, he said.

"It's not a new funding stream but we should get our fair share of the existing revenue stream."

Asked how those miles could be more accurately counted, he acknowledged it takes work.

"But if I can punch a button and get the numbers, surely the multi-million dollar team of consultants can come up with those numbers, too."

With \$15 million in grants from the Midland and Odessa development corporations, plus a \$100 million road bond just passed by Midland, Beauchamp said some needs can be met. But Midland alone has an estimated \$375 million in roads deemed beyond repair, an amount that will only grow, he said.

"It's tip of the iceberg. It will never be enough, but if we can maximize state funding and get where we need to be, it will make a big difference. We owe it to

the taxpayers to get every dollar out of the state we can."

Preparing the state's future workforce was also a topic for the committee, which heard from the presidents of Midland College, Odessa College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

MC President Steve Thomas said adequate state funding is "obviously" the biggest challenge, noting that the portion of the college's budget that comes from the state has fallen from 30 percent to 16 percent.

Another challenge is human resources — finding instructors. Thomas said the school can't compete with the private sector for staff.

He and the others detailed for the committee how they work to offer career and technology education to students who may not want a four-year degree. Thomas said the college also works with area companies to customize workforce development programs.

"Our curricula is easy to adapt. We need a long-range on-ramp for our students," Thomas said. "Students can exit if they need to work or re-enter if they want to improve their credentials. Or a four-year degree may be a goal and we work to support them."

Thomas said one takeaway from the testimony was that the schools should be more collaborative.

"We have a good opportunity to start some collaborations," he said.

"These are real issues we have to find real solutions for," Darby said. "People are coming with hazardous driving, a lack of workforce, education needs. It's critical the state listen and respond with solutions."

The issue is that there are a number of important priorities that need state funding, said Darby. Two of these priorities are school funding and rebuilding the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Harvey.

"We have limited resources and we need to be good stewards of state funds," he said.

RATE

From 1A

internal medicine or are hospitalists. Other specialties brought to Midland include pediatrics, cardiology, vascular surgery, inpatient psychiatry and family medicine.

Furthermore, three physicians are slated to start practice in 2018. Two will focus on internal medicine/hospitalist, and the other will specialize in maternal fetal medicine, which will help grow MMH's neonatal intensive care unit.

The doctors recruited to the Tall City are also staying. The retention rate from October 2007 through September 2010 was 51 percent. With the help of the MDC, that jumped to 86 percent, Edmondson said.

There are challenges, however. According to the presentation, 60 percent of doctors receive 50 or more job offers while in residency. Of those, 46 percent receive more than 100 job offers. Also, physicians tend to focus on metropoli-

tan areas where they don't have to be on-call with the hospital, which makes hospitalist recruitment so important, Edmondson said.

The financial impact of physicians on a community is significant, Edmondson said. Using information from Merritt Hawkins, a physician recruiting firm, he presented the following:

■ Physicians control 87 percent of all spending on personal health in the U.S. through patient admission, tests, prescriptions, procedures, etc.

■ On average, each physician supports 14 jobs, which means the 14 new physicians in Midland support 196 jobs here.

■ Each physician on average supports \$1.1 million in wages and benefits. The recruited doctors in 2017, then, will bring an additional \$15.4 million to the economy.

■ Each physician on average supports \$90,449 in local state and tax revenues; thus, the 14 new physicians in midland are

supporting \$1,266,286 in these tax revenues.

Total recruiting expenses for fiscal year 2017 were \$640,527.28. The hospital was reimbursed \$450,000 by the MDC, putting MMH's recruitment expenditures at \$190,527.38.

The board on Tuesday voted to disburse \$88,339.42 for the program. Chairman Brent Hilliard, Wesley Bownds and Stephen Lowery voted to approve the measure. Vice Chairman Keith Stretcher abstained. Board member Gary Douglas was not yet present during voting.

The agreement between the MDC and the hospital district originally was set to last five years; however, the board approved a sixth year yet to be funded at a previous meeting.

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When Michelangelo was first offered the job of painting the Sistine Chapel he refused, considering himself a sculptor rather than an artist.

US attorney for Western District of Texas is sworn in

From staff reports

John F. Bash was sworn in Monday as the U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas. The oath was administered by Orlando Garcia, chief U.S. district judge, at the federal courthouse in San Antonio. A public swearing-in ceremony is planned, according to a press release.

President Trump nominated Bash on Sept. 11; the Senate confirmed him on Nov. 9.

Bash graduated from Harvard University in 2003, and received his law degree

from Harvard Law School in 2006. Before his appointment as U.S. attorney, Bash served as a special assistant to the president and associate White House counsel and was an assistant to the U.S. solicitor general from 2012 to 2017.

He served as a law clerk to the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and to Circuit Judge Brett M. Kavanaugh on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The Western District of Texas includes 68 counties spanning about 93,000 square miles. The U.S.

Attorney's Office is headquartered in San Antonio; staffed offices are in Austin, El Paso, Midland, Del Rio, Waco, and Alpine.



Bash



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen stands with a group of sheriffs during a news conference to address sanctuary cities Tuesday in Austin.

Homeland Security chief lauds Texas 'sanctuary cities' ban

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — New U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen harshly criticized so-called "sanctuary cities" late Tuesday, urging the rest of the nation to emulate Texas' tough law banning them.

President Donald Trump's former deputy White House chief of staff, Nielsen was confirmed by the Senate last week. She wasted little time visiting Austin, where Travis County Sheriff Sally Hernandez once promised not to comply with some "detainers," or federal requests to hold for possible deportation people who were already jailed on non-immigration charges.

That helped prompt the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature to approve in May a sanctuary cities crackdown known as SB4, where sheriffs and police chiefs can face removal from office and even criminal charges for failing to fully enforce federal immigration policy. The measure now is being contested in federal court, but Nielsen nonetheless praised Texas for taking a "firm stand against dangerous and destructive sanctuary cities."

"I hope other states follow this lead," she said, calling for an elimination of a "shadow society outside the rule of law."

Choosing to come to

Texas to discuss sanctuary cities so soon after taking her post sent a political message. Homeland Security has been leading the charge on implementing Trump's aggressive immigration agenda, and Nielsen has pledged to continue that.

She was in Baltimore earlier Tuesday with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who said that this week's attack on the New York City subway system showed in the "starkest terms" that the failures of the U.S. immigration system are a national security issue.

Nielsen told reporters in Austin that years of relaxed federal immigration policy have also endangered police officers, saying "sanctuary cities put law enforcement lives at risk in favor of criminals who have no right to be in the United States."

Hernandez, a Democrat, had announced on the day of Trump's inauguration that Austin jails would only comply with federal requests to hold in jail immigrants suspected of violent crimes — not those being held on the most-common offenses like drunken driving. She cited a need to create trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities.

But Hernandez also announced policy changes after Texas' sanctuary cities ban was approved.

She was the only Texas law enforcement official to publicly oppose full compli-

ance with federal detainer requests, but the state's largest cities, including Houston and Dallas, have joined forces in suing to block the law. Opponents argue such crackdowns make combating crime harder since it spreads fear and mistrust among immigrant communities and spooks potential witnesses to crimes from cooperating with police.

Nielsen didn't mention Hernandez by name, but called Texas' capital "a city whose political leadership has at times fought SB4." She urged Congress to deny "certain grants and funding" to communities nationwide that don't have anti-sanctuary cities policies.

"It is quite simple to me," she said. "If these sanctuary states and cities do not want to protect their citizens by upholding federal law, then they are not entitled to the federal government's money."

Also Tuesday, Nielsen announced that seven Texas counties had signed new agreements to join a federal program known as 287(g), which allows sheriff's deputies and other officials to get training to become certified immigration officers. Expanding the program has been a priority for the Trump administration, and the government now has 67 agreements with law enforcement agencies in 18 states — up from 31 agreements at the start of the year.

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Lascivious [luh-siv-ee-uh s] adjective 1. inclined to lustfulness; wanton; lewd. 2. arousing sexual desire.

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- Storytime at the Library: 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-4 years). Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space.

Holiday events

- Thursday Christmas at the Mansion 2017: An illustrated Christmas luncheon, noon-1 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. \$50 per seat, \$375 per table. museumsw.org



Mark Sterkol/Odessa American

State Sen. Kel Seliger, second from left, was honored by representatives of the oil and gas industry with the Oil and Gas Champion Award Tuesday at Odessa Country Club.

- Saturday Movie: 'The Polar Express,' 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

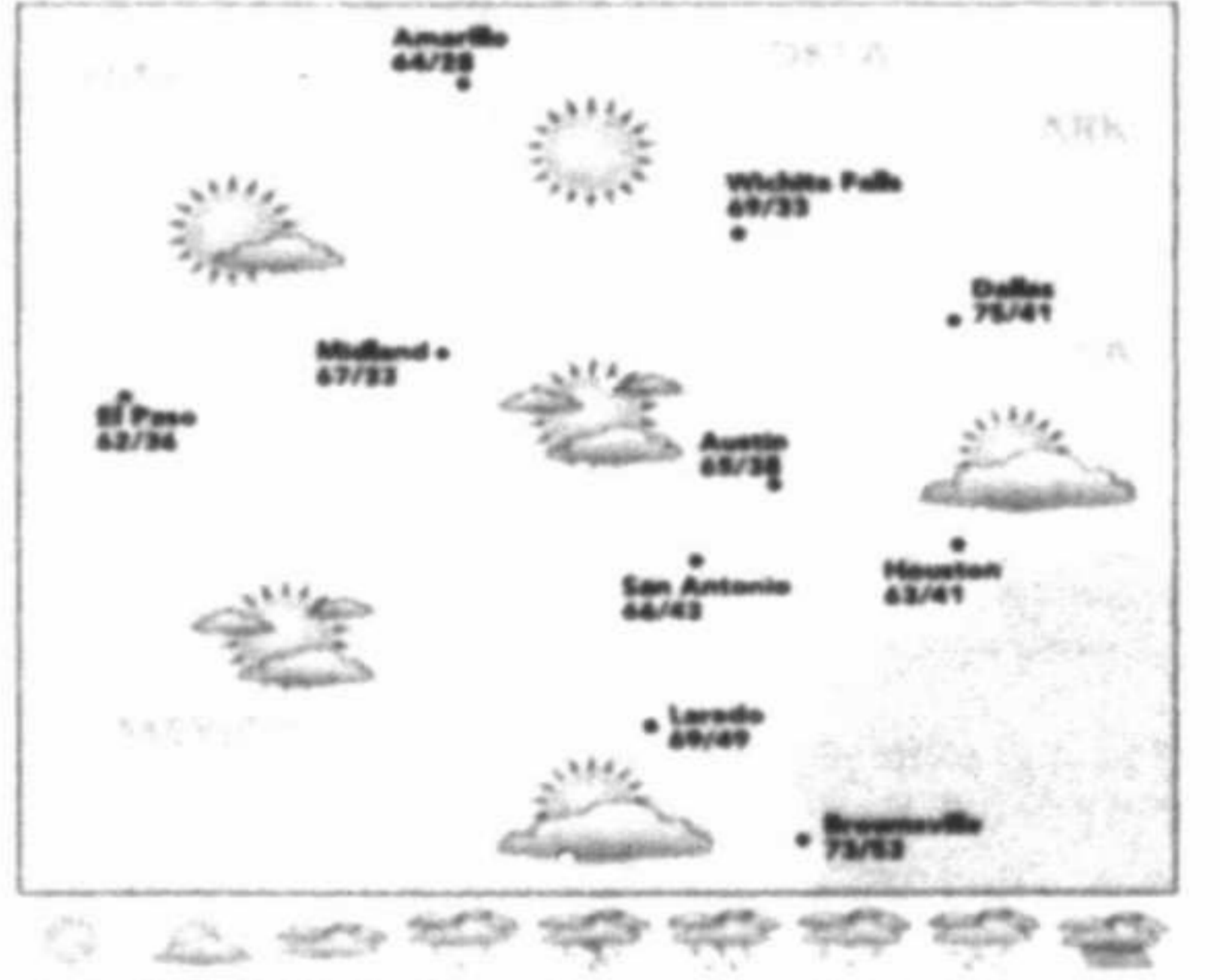
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures High: 60 Low: 29 Normal high: 58 Normal low: 31

Forecast for Wednesday, December 13, 2017



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Winds Average speed: 7.3 mph Wind speed: 13 mph Gust speed: 17 mph

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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.

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Libra if born before 7:29 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017: This year a whole group of new possibilities emerges. In many ways, you could have a variety of new beginnings to choose from.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You know exactly what to do to get someone else's attention, but it is worth it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Tension seems to run high right now. You will do your best to be agreeable and fulfill the various requests made by others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Others seem to be in your face as they try to get past a problem in the most effective way possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Reach out to someone close to you. You could hear some interesting news, to say the very least.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You might feel overextended in some way, and if you can't disagree with a partner, you'll do whatever is necessary to keep the peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You feel particularly good right now, and others are picking up on your mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You might feel as if you can't share some special news just yet.

and night Chance of rain: None Sunrise: 7:41 a.m. Sunset: 5:46 p.m.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You could be flying high and attempting to accomplish much more of what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Use your imagination to fill in any gaps that you see when trying to identify with someone else.

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Albuquerque officer Ryan Holets holds his newly-adopted daughter, Hope, after being recognized by the city of Albuquerque on Monday. In September, Holets convinced a pregnant woman he found using heroin to let him adopt her unborn child. That baby, Hope, is now recovering for being born with an addiction. Holets and his wife have four other children.

Officer honored for adopting baby from opioid addicted mom

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A routine call about an Albuquerque convenience store theft turned into a life-transforming moment for an officer who came across upon a pregnant woman he found using heroin.

That officer later volunteered to adopt the unborn baby.

Officer Ryan Holets and his wife, Rebecca, were honored Monday for adopting the baby girl they named Hope after the addicted mom agreed to let the couple raise her child. The baby is now 6-weeks-old and is recovering after being born with an opioid addiction.

"We're blessed," Holets said. City officials called the officer's act selfless, said it gave the infant a chance at a new life and

attracted international attention in an era of a rampaging opioid epidemic.

In New Mexico, where an estimated 5 percent of all babies are born addicted to opioids, the story also is drawing attention to an epidemic that continues to overwhelm hospitals, law enforcement and social workers. "He's a hero," new Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller said at a City Hall special ceremony.

The situation started to unfold in September when Holets and Officer Jonathan Kremer found Crystal Champ, 35, and another man shooting heroin in a field near a convenience store. The officers approached the homeless couple and questioned them. Holets noticed the woman was around eight months pregnant. "Are you pregnant? Why are you doing that stuff?" Holets

was heard asking a barefoot Champ on his lapel camera footage. "You are going to kill your baby."

An emotional Champ told Holets the addiction was controlling her life and she would probably put her baby up for adoption.

"Do you know who's going to adopt your baby?" Holets asked. According to police, Holets did not arrest Champ and the man, who was the baby's father. Instead, Holets helped pay for a place for them to stay.

Then, he offered to adopt the unborn child.

Holets and his wife already had four children: a 5-year-old daughter, 4-year-old twin boys and 10-month-old girl. But the couple had discussed adopting. He just hadn't discussed adopting Champ's baby when he made the offer.

"My wife was in shock," Holets said, although she eagerly agreed to take on the challenge.

Champ agreed to the couple's offer after the pair took her to dinner and they discussed the child's future.

The adoption by the officer was welcomed news for the troubled Albuquerque Police Department that is undergoing federally ordered reforms amid 40 police shootings since 2010. Keller rode into the mayor's seat this month on the promise to revamp the police department and "restore public trust."

The couple paid for Champ's counseling and attorney's fees for the adoption. When Champ gave birth, Holets was there to greet the girl.

Doctors then treated her with methadone to try to wean her from her addiction.

Meanwhile, Holets and his wife had to go through an intense round of interviews, home visits, background checks and paper work to adopt Hope. The adoption is slated to be finalized by the end of the year.

During Monday's City Hall ceremony, a quiet Hope sat in a baby carrier, occasionally looking up at the building's fluorescent lights.

Albuquerque Police Sgt. Jim Edison said "he couldn't be more proud" of Holets.

Holets brushes off suggestions that he's a hero. His wife, Rebecca, is the one who deserved praise for agreeing to join him on this journey with Hope, he said.

And what will he tell Hope about her past when she's older? "Everything," Holets said as he held Hope. "We will be honest with her." Then, he kissed her.

PIPELINE

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export industry.

Phillips 66 and Enbridge said they're beginning to solicit interest from customers and will finalize the pipeline plans based on customer feedback. The Gray Oak Pipeline tentatively would transport 385,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day with room to expand. The goal is to complete the pipeline by late 2019.

Courtesy of the shale boom and the authorization from Congress two years ago to export crude oil, there are a slew of pipeline projects proposed to ship petroleum from the Permian.

There are at least 15 projects to expand or construct pipelines that will traverse the state from West Texas to the Gulf Coast, shipping crude, natural gas or natural gas liquids. These proposals routinely cost more than \$1 billion each and range from 300 miles to more than 700 miles long. The proposed oil pipelines would roughly double the current capacity levels from the Permian.

"Exports are now the most significant factor in the U.S. crude market," Sandy Fielden, Morningstar's director of oil and products research, wrote in a report on Monday.

Crude exports have risen to nearly 1 million barrels a day this year, roughly doubling 2016's export averages.

Crude exports even surged to 1.7 million barrels a day in October with U.S. oil cheaper than international benchmarks.

Most Gulf Coast refineries are configured to process thicker grades of crude oil, so the lighter West Texas oil mostly will ship to foreign markets.

No one expects all of these proposed pipelines to be built, but the combination of Phillips 66 and Enbridge offers some of the industry's deepest pockets.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CYPRESS

Man outside Houston gun range killed when rifle discharges

Harris County authorities say a 36-year-old man walking toward a building that houses a suburban Houston gun range has been shot and killed after a rifle being worked on inside the building discharged.

Sheriff's spokesman Thomas Gilliland says the bullet from the hunting rifle went through a wall and struck the man who had just got out of his car.

A medical helicopter took the man to a Houston hospital where he died later Tuesday morning. The victim has not been immediately identified.

Gilliland says the shooting appears to be accidental and "doesn't seem to be anything other than that at this point."

He says homicide detectives are questioning range employees and are trying to determine if the shooting was the result of a gun malfunction or human error.

DALLAS

Officials: Man posing as film director made child porn

Federal authorities say a Texas man posed as a film director in order to molest numerous boys.

The Dallas Morning News reports that 45-year-old Kevin Scott Morris, a former Dallas County jailer, pleaded guilty Tuesday to enticement of a minor. The Forney man's plea agreement mentions 10 victims. He was indicted in January on enticement and child pornography charges.

Morris faces up to life in prison at sentencing.

Records show Morris was arrested in October 2016, after



Donna McWilliams/Associated Press, pool

This 2008 file photo shows a dorm area in the T. Don Hutto Residential Center in Taylor during a tour for the media. The FBI says it will investigate allegations from a woman held in the Central Texas immigrant detention center who says a guard sexually assaulted her. The FBI said Tuesday it will conduct a civil rights investigation regarding the case of Laura Monterrosa, a detainee at the T. Don Hutto Residential Center.

which police found numerous videos of him sexually abusing boys. Records show Morris traveled around the country with the boys for film and modeling sessions. Dallas County records indicate he began working in the jails in 2013. It wasn't immediately clear when and why Morris left the job.

SAN ANTONIO

FBI to examine alleged sexual abuse of detained immigrant

The FBI says it will investigate allegations from a woman held in a Central Texas immigrant detention center who says a guard sexually assaulted her.

The bureau said Tuesday that it opened a civil rights investigation regarding the case of Laura Monterrosa, a detainee at the T. Don Hutto Residential Center.

According to advocacy group Grassroots Leadership, Monterrosa

said a guard repeatedly touched her breasts and legs without consent. The group says U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and facility operator CoreCivic didn't respond to her complaints.

The Associated Press doesn't usually identify alleged victims of sexual assault, but Monterrosa has come forward publicly to encourage others to follow suit.

Watchdog groups say the U.S. government isn't doing enough to protect detained immigrants from sexual abuse. One group in April said it documented 27 separate complaints.

An ICE spokeswoman declined comment.

HOUSTON

Mattress merchant sends bedding for displaced horse workers

A Houston businessman known

for his generosity to Hurricane Harvey victims and his love of horses has donated dozens of mattresses for California wildfire relief.

Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale (MAK'-uhn-vayl) used to have 30 horses at San Luis Rey Downs in Southern California. KPRC-TV reports McIngvale over the weekend sent about 60 mattresses to help displaced horse trainers and workers. More than 40 horses were killed at the training facility as wildfires swept through the area.

McIngvale says he's a big animal fan and especially loves race horses and those who care for the animals. He's planning on providing more mattresses this week.

McIngvale, who founded Gallery Furniture, opened some of his stores to residents forced to leave their homes after Harvey hit Texas in late August and flooded parts of the Houston area.

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Three affidavits in biker case attest to probe of prosecutor

A retired Texas police officer says in an affidavit that the FBI is investigating McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna for alleged public corruption.

The affidavit was filed Tuesday by Jorge Salinas. He's among the more than 150 bikers indicted on criminal conspiracy charges following a May 2015 shooting in Waco that left nine dead. It's the third affidavit signed by former law enforcement officials who say FBI agents interviewed them about Reyna allegedly helping campaign donors avoid legal trouble.

The affidavits were filed in support of Salinas' motion to compel the prosecutor's office to share evidence and force Reyna to testify.

Reyna says he's not aware of any FBI investigation of him and that the allegations made in Tuesday's affidavit aren't true.

Your home values could take a hit from federal tax overhaul, real estate execs warn

STEVE BROWN

The Dallas Morning News



As the federal tax law rewrite barrels through the halls of Congress, real estate industry members are trying to assess what it all means for them. With hand-scribbled notes in the margins of the bills and changes occurring behind closed doors, it's anyone's guess what might be in the final legislation. But there are already signs of some winners and losers in the property sector.

Housing comes out on the short end of the stick for sure.

Homeowners in more expensive neighborhoods will lose some of their property tax deductions. Capping the property tax write-off at \$10,000 will take a bite out of homeowners' wallets in some parts of Dallas and in pricey East Coast and West Coast neighborhoods.

The tax overhaul will also force homeowners to stay in their properties longer to avoid a tax hit.

And if your business makes you move across the country and buy a new home, you will no longer be able to write off any unreimbursed relocation expenses.

The National Association of Realtors is predicting that the change in tax laws could put downward pressure on home prices and reduce incentives to buy vs. rent.

"The tax incentives to own a home are baked into the overall value of homes in every state and territory across the country," NAR president Elizabeth Mendenhall said. "Our estimates show that home values stand to fall by an average of more than 10 percent, and even greater in high-cost areas."

"While there are some winners in this legislation, millions of middle-class homeowners would see very limited benefits, and many will even see a tax increase. In exchange for that, they'll also see much or all of their home equity evaporate."

On the commercial real estate side, the biggest impact will come in center cities where developers have been using federal historic tax credits to revamp old buildings for new apartments, hotels and offices.

The new tax laws will either significantly scale back or eliminate tax credits for historic property redevelopment.

"By weakening the historic tax credits, Congress and the administration will hurt historic rehabilitation projects all across the country — something to which architects have been committed for decades," said Thomas Votier, president of the American Institute of Architects. "Since 1976, the historic tax credits have generated some \$132 billion in private investment involving nearly 43,000 projects."

"The historic tax credit is fundamental to maintaining America's architectural heritage."

Thirty years ago, when Congress last revamped the federal tax code, commercial real estate was slammed.

Until all the details of the current legislation are ironed out, property market professionals had best sleep with one eye open.

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House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of Calif., speaks about the Republican tax bill Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., center, joining Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other GOP lawmakers Sept. 27 to talk about the Republicans' proposed rewrite of the tax code for individuals and corporations, at the Capitol in Washington. The Republican tax plan will deliver a swift adrenaline shot to the economy that will send hundreds of billions pouring into federal tax coffers, the Trump administration asserts in a new analysis. House and Senate negotiators are rushing to finalize the tax legislation and deliver the promised measure to President Donald Trump before Christmas. Trump will try today to sell the American people on an unpopular GOP tax overhaul.

Tax package would lower top tax rate for wealthy Americans

By Stephen Ohlemacher and Marcy Gordon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional Republicans on Tuesday rushed toward a deal on a massive tax package that would reduce the top tax rate for wealthy Americans to 37 percent and slash the corporate rate to a level slightly higher than what businesses and conservatives wanted.

In a flurry of last-minute changes that could profoundly affect the pocketbooks of millions of Americans, House and Senate negotiators agreed to expand a deduction for state and local taxes to allow individuals to deduct income taxes as well as property taxes. The deduction is valuable to residents in high-tax states like New York, New Jersey and California.

Negotiators also agreed to set the corporate income tax rate at 21 percent, said two congressional aides who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private negotiations. Both the House bill and the Senate bill would have lowered the corporate rate from 35 percent to 20 percent.

Business and conservative groups lobbied hard for the 20 percent corporate rate. Negotiators agreed to bump it up to 21 percent to help offset revenue losses from other tax breaks, the aides said.

As the final parameters of the bill took shape, negotiators agreed to cut the top tax rate for individuals from 39.6 percent to 37 percent in a windfall for the richest Americans. The reduction is certain to provide ammunition for Democrats who complain that the tax package is a massive giveaway to corporations and the rich.

Under current law, the top tax rate applies to income above \$470,000 for married couples, though lawmakers are completely reworking the tax brackets.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, who has previously expressed opposition to reducing the rate for the wealthiest earners, acknowledged Tuesday that the negotiators appear to have agreed on the move. "I don't think lowering

the top rate is a good idea," Collins said.

She didn't threaten to vote against the final bill, however, if it included a lower rate, saying "I'm going to wait and look at the entire conference report and see what all the provisions are."

Among the other tax breaks, negotiators agreed to eliminate the alternative minimum tax for corporations, a big sticking point for the business community, the aides said. They also agreed to let homeowners deduct interest on the first \$750,000 of a new mortgage, down from the current limit of \$1 million.

The GOP goal is to deliver to President Donald Trump the first major rewrite of the U.S. tax system in more than 30 years, pushing into every corner of the American economy and society. Lawmakers hope to finalize a bill no later than Friday, vote next week and deliver the package of steep tax cuts for corporations and more modest cuts for families to the president's desk before Christmas.

Republican lawmakers were optimistic Tuesday that a deal was imminent. The total amount of tax breaks cannot exceed \$1.5 trillion over the next decade, under budget rules adopted by both the House and Senate.

Lawmakers and aides were working to blend separate tax bills that were passed by the House and Senate.

The Senate's No. 2 Republican, Sen. John Cornyn said an agreement in principle on a final package could come as soon as Tuesday. "I think it could and I hope it is," he said.

Lawmakers said workers could start seeing changes in the amount of taxes withheld from their paychecks early next year. However, taxpayers won't file their 2018 tax returns until the following year.

Both the House and Senate bills would scale back the deduction for state and local taxes, limiting it to \$10,000 in property taxes. California Republicans have pushed to amend the bill to enable individuals to deduct state and local income taxes as well as property taxes. Rep. Pete Sessions said there is an agreement on how to address the issue, though he wasn't specific.

"It's a huge issue in districts and there's an agreement about how they are going to approach it and I just want to see that issue taken care of," said Sessions, chairman of the House Rules Committee. "Once again, we're in negotiation, and sometimes when you negotiate you have to decide what you're willing to fight for and we need to fight for that."

The House bill would limit the mortgage interest deduction to the first \$500,000 of a new mortgage, while the Senate bill would keep the current limit of \$1 million. Two congressional aides said negotiators have agreed to split the difference.

The provision would not affect current mortgages.

The housing industry lobbied hard against changes to the deduction, arguing it would hurt home values.

For corporations, the House-passed bill would eliminate the alternative minimum tax, but the Senate bill would retain it. The tax was meant to ensure that corporations pay at least some tax.

Republican lawmakers from both the House and Senate said retaining the tax would limit the ability of corporations to take advantage of popular tax credits, including one for research and development.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., has come out in favor of repealing the corporate AMT, giving the proposal momentum.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., said he talked with GOP leaders about setting the corporate tax rate at 21 percent. Meadows, who chairs the conservative Freedom Caucus, said he prefers a 20 percent corporate rate. When asked whether the higher rate is a deal-breaker, Meadows said it depends on what else is in the bill.

Trump will try on Wednesday to sell the American people on a GOP tax overhaul that is unpopular with many. His pitch: The plan will lift all economic boats, bringing a brighter future for taxpayers and their families, according to spokeswoman Lindsay Walters.

Both the House and Senate bills would cut taxes by about \$1.5 trillion over the next decade while adding billions to the deficit.

Trump says senator 'would do anything' for cash

By Catherine Lucey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pushing into the sexual harassment debate, President Donald Trump laced into Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand on Tuesday, tweeting that the New York Democrat had begged him for campaign contributions in the past and "would do anything" to get them. Democrats accused the president of comments that were crude and worse.

Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who had called for Trump's resignation a day earlier while citing allegations of sexual misconduct, called Trump's attack a "sexist smear attempting to silence my voice."

"I will not be silenced on this issue," Gillibrand insisted. "Neither will the women who stood up to the president yesterday," referring to women who have accused the president of sexual misconduct.

The Democrats were badly misreading the president's comments, said Trump spokes-

woman Sarah Huckabee Sanders. "There's no way" his tweet was sexist, she said, and only people with their minds in the gutter would read anything sexual into it.

Standing up for Gillibrand, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., tweeted to the president: "Are you really trying to bully, intimidate and slut-shame @SenGillibrand? Do you know who you're picking a fight with? Good luck with that, @realDonaldTrump. Nevertheless, #shepersisted."

The phrase "she persisted" went viral earlier this year after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell silenced Warren in the chamber as she tried to read a letter from Coretta Scott King about Attorney General nominee Jeff Sessions.

Trump's tweet Tuesday did not directly address sexual harassment, but said of Gillibrand: "Lightweight Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a total flunky for Chuck Schumer and someone who would come to my office 'begging' for campaign con-

tributions not so long ago (and would do anything for them), is now in the ring fighting against Trump. Very disloyal to Bill & Crooked-USED!"

A day earlier, Gillibrand said Trump should resign because there were credible accusations against him. And barring that, she said, "Congress should investigate the multiple sexual harassment and assault allegations against him."

Trump's tweet Tuesday morning inflamed Democrats who said the president was again debasing a woman. Trump had not responded to earlier resignation calls from three male senators, Independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Democrats Cory Booker of New Jersey and Jeff Merkley of Oregon.

Hours later, Hawaii Sen. Mazie Hirono also called for the president to step down, declaring that Trump's "tweet against Kirsten was just another example of his misogyny."

"He is a liar. He is an admitted sexual predator and the only

thing that will stop him is his resignation," Hirono said. "He not only owes Kirsten an apology, he owes an apology to our entire country, particularly the women in this country."

Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., called it "an ugly and suggestive tweet, and we all know what he was trying to say there, and it is beneath the office of the presidency."

The criticism of Trump largely came from one side of the aisle. Republicans largely remained silent about the tweet, with Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake, a frequent Trump critic, being an exception, saying he "didn't think it was appropriate at all."

More than a dozen women came forward during last year's campaign, many in the wake of the "Access Hollywood" tape in which Trump is heard bragging about committing sexual assault, to say that the celebrity businessman had harassed them.

With each day seeming to bring new headlines that force men from positions of power,

four of Trump's accusers repudiated their claims Monday, believing the national movement on sexual harassment should force change at the White House too.

Trump has denied the claims. In a heated exchange with reporters in the White House briefing room on Monday, press secretary Sanders steadfastly dismissed accusations against the Republican president and suggested the issue had been decided in Trump's favor on Election Day.

Sanders also promised that the White House would provide a list of eyewitnesses and corroborating evidence to exonerate Trump. Nearly 24 hours later, the White House sent along an email that, citing news reports that quote witnesses, offered rebuttals to two of the accusations.

Trump donated \$4,800 to Gillibrand's Senate campaign in 2010, according to federal campaign finance records. Before launching his presidential campaign, Trump frequently bestowed donations on politicians of both parties.

OPINION

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Immigration debate makes absurd look plausible

Steinle's killing was tragic but a 'sanctuary city' didn't cause her death

As I absorb the reaction to the verdict in the Kate Steinle murder trial from my perch in southern California, I am reminded of just how ignorant and dishonest the New York and Washington media can be in covering the immigration debate.

The San Francisco killing two years ago of 32-year-old Steinle by an illegal immigrant in front of her parents was a tragedy. And the fact that her alleged assailant walked out of court with nothing more than a conviction on a minor gun charge amounts to a travesty.

But, contrary to what they tell you on Fox News and conservative talk radio, this had nothing to do with those fabled lands of make-believe known as sanctuary cities.

The right-wing media refuse to let go of that fantasy. But sanctuary cities aren't real. This is because of three things: federalism, criminal law and common sense. Federal immigration agents don't take orders from local officials who pass symbolic resolutions so they can feel more powerful than they are. Nor are the local

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police who arrest bad guys or the sheriff's deputies who put them in the county jail under any legal requirement to do the job of federal agents — except in Texas, where it's now a state crime for local and state cops to not help federal immigration agents.

In the Steinle case, there is only one reason why Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents didn't take Jose Ines Garcia Zarate into custody when he was released from the San Francisco County Jail in April 2015. It's because ICE didn't issue a warrant demanding that Garcia Zarate be handed over. The agency only issued a "detainer" requesting that the suspect be kept in custody until immigration authorities could pick him up — when they got around to it, if they got around to it.

Garcia Zarate was set free — because he was small potatoes.

Sure, Garcia Zarate had at that point been deported five times, a fact that really angers the critics of sanctuary cities. Yet they don't seem too angry at those who employ illegal immigrants. It's also strange that many of the same people who are bothered by the fact that Garcia Zarate kept coming back after being deported still support President Trump's call for a deportation force. What good will that do?

Nevertheless, even with multiple deportations, Garcia Zarate was still a low priority for law enforcement. That's because — while he had been convicted of seven felonies — his offenses were tied to nonviolent drug crimes. He was not considered dangerous.

The undocumented immigrant became dangerous when he accidentally shot Steinle by playing with a loaded gun that he claims he found under a bench and firing off a bullet that killed Steinle. The gun belonged to a park ranger, who said he left it in his locked vehicle.

Once that shot was fired, Steinle became — for then-presidential candidate Trump and conservative media — a martyr for the cause of eliminating sanctuary cities. That's when ICE resorted to CYA. The federal agency pointed the finger at local authorities and insisted it wanted Garcia

Zarate real bad and was denied access to the murderous fiend.

A nickel-and-dime criminal with a second-grade education who was living on the streets was — as a result of politics — suddenly raised to the level of famed drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

That's how prosecutors treated him, charging Garcia Zarate with second-degree murder and allowing jurors to consider first-degree murder, which requires premeditation and motive. They were never going to get that in this case from a jury that was halfway sober and sane. And while prosecutors gave jurors the option of convicting Garcia Zarate for the crime he actually committed — involuntary manslaughter — they either confused or angered the panel by giving them a menu of outcomes.

The prosecutors messed up. They should have just charged the defendant with what he actually did, and take the bird in the hand. But political pressure likely got the better of them, and as a result, a killer did not answer for his crime.

We should not be surprised by any of this. Politics has a way of distorting reality and making the absurd seem plausible. And in the immigration debate, the effect is magnified exponentially.

OUR VIEW

MISD states report on drug, alcohol use lacked needed info

For those reading the Safe and Drug-free Schools Survey that is part of Midland Independent School District's Annual Performance Report, beware, not all is what it seems.

Midland ISD leaders said Monday at their regular monthly board meeting that the survey — which states the average age of "first use" for Midland ISD students using marijuana or alcohol is age 12 — doesn't necessarily tell the entire story.

Specifically, Jeff Horner, executive director for secondary education, told the board that the survey wasn't taken of a general population of all students in grades seven through 12. Horner's comments brought criticism from at least one board member — Robert Marquez — about a Reporter-Telegram article on the survey that appeared in Monday's edition. During the public hearing, retired educator John McAfee Sr called out Editor Stewart Doreen for that article.

However, here's the deal. The report — as it was provided to the public when the Annual Performance Report was released — doesn't mention who was sampled. The report doesn't provide any information other than the results of the survey that was conducted by Palmer Drug Abuse Program.

After the meeting, Horner told the Reporter-Telegram those surveyed for the report were a general sampling of sixth-graders and "at-risk" students in seventh through 12th grades. Horner defined at-risk students as those who have fallen behind in credits (including those working through credit recovery programs), those who have failed a class before and those who don't have a good attendance rate.

We think that people who make an effort to read the report should know this information, which includes that a "general sampling" of sixth-graders did take place. This is disturbing because the age of first use of alcohol and marijuana is 12. (The age of first use of cigarettes is 13.)

But does the report reflect the behavior of the entire student population? MISD leaders don't think so. They believe the 31 percent of students who have used alcohol in the last 30 days reflects the behavior of those who are "at-risk" students, not the general population. They believe the 15.4 percent who have used pot in the last month is more of a representation of a smaller group of students, not the general population.

We don't know what the answers are. We wanted to clarify our report, because apparently, not all is what it seems.

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Media is too anti-Trump to check

Press needs to play fair with the current White House or suffer the consequences

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It's a wonder that President Donald Trump devotes so much time to discrediting the press, when the press does so much to discredit itself. The media's errors over the past week haven't been marginal or coincidental, but involved blockbuster reports on one of the most dominating stories of the past year, Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. They all slanted one way — namely, toward lurid conclusions about the Trump campaign's alleged collusion with the Russians.

Every media outlet makes mistakes. It's easier than ever to run with fragmentary or dubious information in a frenzied news cycle that never stops. But underlying the media blunders was an assumption — not based on any evidence we've yet seen — of Trump's guilt in the Russia matter. This was news, in other words, too anti-Trump to check.

On the day it broke that Michael Flynn had pled guilty to lying to the FBI, Brian Ross of ABC News had a seemingly epic scoop. He reported that Flynn would testify that Donald Trump directed him to make contacts with Russian officials prior to the election. This was the collusion equivalent of a four-alarm fire. A New York Times columnist tweeted, "President Mike Pence, here we come." The stock market dropped several hundred points.

Then Ross "clarified" the story to say that Trump instructed Flynn to reach out to the Russians after the election. This wasn't a minor detail of chronology; it ripped the heart out of the story. Ross' blockbuster went from a suggestion of collusion to a suggestion of the normal course of business during a presidential transition. ABC suspended Ross for a month.

CNN followed this up with its own botched report on how Don Trump Jr. allegedly got a heads-up email before the release of a batch of WikiLeaks emails during the campaign. The item rocketed around the internet — accompanied by explosive imagery — and was repeated by other major news organizations. The only problem is CNN flubbed the date. The email came after the release of the documents, not before. Once again, supposed evidence of collusion evaporated upon contact with better-informed, follow-up reporting. CNN corrected its dispatch, and one of its corre-

spondents called the episode "a black eye." Around the same time, Bloomberg reported that Robert Mueller had subpoenaed Trump records from Deutsche Bank, before clarifying to say that Mueller had subpoenaed the records of people affiliated with Trump, perhaps Paul Manafort. A Mueller move that would have crossed a Trump "red line" against investigation of his finances — risking a constitutional showdown — had become something more ambiguous.

If the press had less faith that Robert Mueller is on the verge of bringing the Trump presidency to its knees, it might exercise a little more discrimination. When your only frame of reference for the Mueller investigation is Watergate, everything looks like a proverbial smoking gun. When for professional reasons (the story of the century) and perhaps partisan ones (a hated Republican kicked out of the office) you're rooting for the worst, you let your guard down.

Needless to say, the errors in Russian reporting are a bonanza for President Trump. The worse the reporting is, the better for his campaign to brand the mainstream media "Fake News." He'd be happy if an outlet of the mainstream media tanked the markets with a flagrantly wrong dispatch every day.

It must be galling for journalists that every mistake they make is amplified into a national scandal by the president, while Trump is willfully careless about facts himself. It must be infuriating to be berated as "Fake News," when the White House tried to obfuscate the truth about a Don Jr. meeting with Russians during the campaign, uncovered by good, dogged reporting.

But none of this is going to change. The press can work even harder to exhibit fairness and accuracy under Trump's withering fire. Or it can play to type. The past week is more evidence that it prefers the latter option, to its own institutional detriment.

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Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate Doug Jones and his wife Louise wave to supporters before speaking during an election-night watch party Tuesday in Birmingham, Ala. In a stunning victory aided by scandal, Democrat Doug Jones won Alabama's special Senate election on Tuesday, beating back history, an embattled Republican opponent and President Donald Trump, who urgently endorsed GOP rebel Roy Moore despite a litany of sexual misconduct allegations.

Jones victorious in stunning Alabama Senate upset

By Kim Chandler and Steve Peoples

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala.

In a stunning victory aided by scandal, Democrat Doug Jones won Alabama's special Senate election on Tuesday, beating back history, an embattled Republican opponent and President Donald Trump, who urgently endorsed GOP rebel Roy Moore despite a litany of sexual misconduct allegations.

It was the first Democratic Senate victory in a quarter-century in Alabama, one of the reddest of red states, and proved anew that party loyalty is anything but sure in the age of Trump. The Republican loss was a major embarrassment for the president and a fresh wound for the nation's already divided GOP.

"We have shown not just around the state of Alabama, but we have shown the country the way — that we can be unified," Jones declared as supporters in a Birmingham ballroom cheered, danced and cried tears of joy. Still in shock, the Democrat struggled for words: "I think that I have been waiting all my life, and now I just don't know what the hell to say."

Moore, meanwhile, refused to concede and raised the possibility of a recount during a brief appearance at a somber campaign party in Montgomery.

"It's not over," Moore said. He added, "We know that God is still in control."

From the White House, Trump tweeted his congratulations to Jones "on a hard-fought victory" — but added pointedly that "the Republicans will have another shot at this seat in a very short period of time. It never ends!"

Jones takes over the seat previously held by Attorney General Jeff Sessions. The term expires in January of 2021.

The victory by Jones, a former U.S. attorney best known for prosecuting two Ku Klux Klansmen responsible for Birmingham's infamous 1963 church bombing, narrows the GOP advantage in the U.S. Senate to 51-49. That imperils already-uncertain Republican tax, budget and health proposals and injects tremendous energy into the Democratic Party's early push to reclaim House and Senate majorities in 2018.

Still, many Washington Republicans viewed the defeat of Moore as perhaps the best outcome for the party nationally despite the short-term sting. The fiery



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U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore speaks at the end of an election-night watch party at the RSA activity center Tuesday in Montgomery, Ala. Moore didn't concede the election to Democrat Doug Jones.

Christian conservative's positions have alienated women, racial minorities, gays and Muslims — in addition to the multiple allegations that he was guilty of sexual misconduct with teens, one only 14, when he was in his 30s.

"Tonight's results are clear — the people of Alabama deemed Roy Moore unfit to serve in the U.S. Senate," said Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, who leads the national GOP's Senate campaign arm and called on Moore to quit the race weeks ago.

A number of Republicans declined to support him, including Alabama's long-serving Sen. Richard Shelby. But Trump lent his name and the national GOP's resources to Moore's campaign in recent days.

Had Moore won, the GOP would have been saddled with a colleague accused of sordid conduct as Republicans nationwide struggle with Trump's historically low popularity. Senate leaders had prom-

ised that Moore would have faced an immediate ethics investigation.

Republicans on Capitol Hill have expressed hopes of scheduling a vote on their tax legislation before Jones is sworn in, but lawmakers are still struggling to devise a compromise bill to bridge the divide between the House and Senate legislation that can win majority support in both chambers.

The Republican loss also gives Democrats a clearer path to a Senate majority in 2018 — albeit a narrow one — in an election cycle where Democrats are far more optimistic about seizing control of the House of Representatives.

Ultimately, Tuesday's contest came down to which side better motivated its supporters to vote. Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill said turnout likely would not exceed 25 percent of registered voters.

Jones successfully fought to cobble together an unlikely coalition of African-Americans, liberal whites

and moderate Republicans.

He had his strongest support across Alabama's "black belt," named for the color of its soil, and in the larger urban areas, including Montgomery, Birmingham, Mobile, Tuscaloosa and Huntsville. Turnout in those areas, which features a large African-American population, also ran higher than in some of the more heavily Republican parts of the state.

At his election night headquarters, stunned supporters erupted in celebration as news of his victory was announced. Many danced to the song "Happy." Some cried.

"I honestly did not know that this was even an option. I didn't think that we could elect a Democrat," said 26-year-old campaign volunteer Jess Eddington, her eyes red from tears of joy. "I am so proud we did."

Moore, who largely avoided public events in the final weeks of the race and spent far less money on advertising than his op-

ponent, bet big — and lost — on the state's traditional Republican leanings and the strength of his passionate evangelical Christian supporters.

He sidestepped questions about sexual misconduct as he arrived at his polling place on horseback earlier in the day.

Alabama state law calls for a recount if the margin of victory is less than one-half of one percentage point. With all precincts reporting, Jones led by 1.5 points — three times that margin.

If the secretary of state determines there were more write-in votes than the difference between Jones and Moore, the state's counties would be required to tally those votes. It's not clear how that would help Moore, who ended the night trailing Jones by more than 20,000 votes.

Democrats were not supposed to have a chance in Alabama, one of the most Republican-leaning states in the nation. Trump defeated Democrat Hillary Clinton here by nearly 28 points just 13 months ago. Yet Moore

had political baggage that repelled some moderate Republicans even before allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced.

Virtually the entire Republican establishment, Trump included, supported Moore's primary opponent, Sen. Luther Strange in September. Trump's former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, was one of the only early high-profile Moore backers.

Moore was once removed from his position as state Supreme Court chief justice after he refused to remove a boulder-sized Ten Commandments monument at the state court building.

A second time, he was permanently suspended for urging state probate judges to refuse marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

Said Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez: "The people of Alabama sent a loud and clear message to Donald Trump and the Republican Party: You can't call yourself the party of family values as long as you're willing to accept vile men like Roy Moore as members."

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Police officers patrol in the passageway connecting New York City's Port Authority bus terminal and the Times Square subway station Tuesday near the site of Monday's explosion.

Authorities say bomber mocked Trump before subway attack

By Tom Hays and Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Bangladeshi immigrant arrested in a botched suicide bombing in the New York subway mocked President Donald Trump on Facebook on his way to carry out the attack, writing "Trump you failed to protect your nation," authorities said Tuesday as they brought federal charges against him.

Akayed Ullah, 27, was accused of detonating a pipe bomb strapped to his body in an underground passageway between Times Square — the city's busiest subway station — and the bustling Port Authority Bus Terminal. The device did not fully detonate, and Ullah was the only one seriously hurt in the Monday morning attack.

At the hospital where he was taken with burns on his hands and torso, he told officers, "I did it for the Islamic State," according to the criminal complaint. Also, a search of his Brooklyn apartment turned up a passport in his name, scrawled with the words "O AMERICA, DIE IN YOUR RAGE," authorities said.

He was expected to appear before a magistrate, though it was not immediately clear if he was well enough to go to court. His court-appointed lawyer did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

At a news conference, Acting U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim said Ullah picked a rush hour on a weekday to

maximize casualties in his quest "to kill, to maim and to destroy."

Ullah, "with a hate-filled heart and an evil purpose," carried out the attack after researching how to build a bomb a year ago and planned his mission for several weeks, Kim said.

The bomb was assembled in the past week using fragments of a metal pipe, a battery and a Christmas tree light bulb, along with metal screws as shrapnel, authorities said. They said it was strapped to his body with wires and zip ties.

The defendant "had apparently hoped to die in his own misguided rage, taking as many innocent people as he could with him, but through incredible good fortune, his bomb did not seriously injure anyone other than himself," Kim said.

Ullah was charged with providing material support to a terrorist group, use of a weapon of mass destruction and three bomb-related counts. He could get up to life in prison.

According to the court papers, Ullah started to become radicalized in 2014 and began researching how to build a bomb after watching ISIS propaganda materials online, include a video urging supporters to carry out attacks in their home countries. Law enforcement officials said there was no evidence he had any direct contact

with the militants.

He taunted Trump on Facebook just before the attack, authorities said.

In reaction to the bombing, the president demanded a tightening of immigration rules.

Ullah entered the country in 2011 on a visa available to certain relatives of U.S. citizens. Less than two months ago, an Uzbek immigrant who came to the U.S. through a visa lottery was accused of killing eight people in New York by mowing them down with a truck along a bike path.

"We're going to end both of them the lottery system and chain migration. We're going to end them fast," Trump said at the White House.

Ullah lived with his father, mother and brother in a Brooklyn neighborhood with a large Bangladeshi community, residents said. He was licensed to drive a livery cab from 2012 to 2015, but the license was allowed to lapse, officials said.

He "was living here, went through number of jobs, was not particularly struggling financially or had any known pressures," John Miller, the New York Police Department's deputy commissioner for counterterrorism, said Tuesday on CBS. He added that Ullah "was not on our radar at NYPD, not on the FBI radar."

Overseas, Bangladesh counterterrorism officers questioned Ullah's wife and other relatives, officials said. Relatives and police said Ullah last visited Bangladesh in September to see his wife and newborn son.



Ullah

New York commuters shrug off attack

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York subway riders shrugged off the city's latest attack Tuesday, a day after police say a would-be suicide attacker set off a pipe bomb.

The underground passageway at the Times Square station where the home-made device went off Monday was crowded with commuters a day later. The only sign of Monday's explosion was in increased police presence, including a badge-wearing German shepherd named Omar.

Riders said they had no qualms about returning to the station where authorities say Akayed Ullah set off the bomb.

"I just feel like New York City is a resilient city and you just go on with your life and do the best you can," said Jennifer Farinas, whose commute involves a bus from Secaucus, New Jersey, to the Port Authority Bus Terminal near the targeted station and then the subway to her marketing job. "Anything can happen, any time, anywhere; you just have to be aware."

Maintenance worker Jorge Garcia said he didn't think twice about getting on the subway at the Times Square station.

"I'm used to it," Garcia said. "I already went through 9/11. I was about three blocks away when the World Trade Center came down."

Sammy Baron said that his bus from New Jersey arrived at the terminal about 20 minutes after the explosion on Monday and that people were still running from the scene.

But Baron took the same bus Tuesday and transferred to the subway to his Manhattan banking job. "Life continues," he said.

Ullah, a Bangladeshi immigrant, was the only person seriously injured in the explosion in the blocklong walkway. Three other people complained of hearing loss and headaches.

Ullah, 27, remained hospitalized Tuesday and it was unclear whether he would be well enough to appear in court to face federal terrorism charges.



Seth Wenig/Associated Press

A police officer stands in the passageway connecting New York City's Port Authority bus terminal and the Times Square subway station Tuesday near the site of Monday's explosion. Commuters returning to New York City's subway system on Tuesday were met with heightened security a day after a would-be suicide bomber's rush-hour blast failed to cause the bloodshed he intended.

Some successful, and failed, attacks in NYC since 9/11

2003: Iyman Faris, a former Ohio truck driver, is arrested for a never-implemented plot to destroy the Brooklyn Bridge by severing its suspension cables. He later pleads guilty.

2004: Shehwar Matin Saeed, 24, is arrested on the eve of the Republican National Convention for hatching an unsuccessful plot to blow up the Herald Square subway station in Manhattan. Though there was no proof he ever obtained explosives, prosecutors said he had deadly intentions. He was sentenced to 30 years.

2005: An alleged plot to set off explosives in rail tunnels under the Hudson River never gets off the ground. Assem Hammoud is arrested a year later in Lebanon after authorities find maps and bombing plans on his computer. He serves three years in prison there but is never extradited to the U.S. Two accomplices are sentenced in absentia to life in prison.

2007: Four men are arrested in a failed plot to firebomb John F. Kennedy Airport by blowing up jet fuel supplies with the help of an al-Qaida explosives expert. Three were later sentenced to life in prison and a fourth receives a 15-year prison term.

2009: Najibullah Zazi tries to build a bomb to attack the subway system, but he learns before completing the device that he's being watched by the FBI. He later pleads guilty. Several other men, including two high school classmates, are ultimately convicted or plead guilty in connection with the plot.

2009: Four men are convicted in a plot to bomb synagogues and shoot down military planes with missiles — a case that began after an FBI informant was assigned to infiltrate a mosque in Newburgh, north of New York City. The federal judge later said she was not proud of the government's role in nurturing the plot. All four receive 25-year sentences.

2010: Pakistani immigrant Faisal Shahzad lights the fuse of a crude bomb packed in a 1993 Nissan Pathfinder in Times Square on a busy Saturday night. It doesn't detonate. A street vendor spots smoke coming from the SUV and alerts police. Shahzad is later sentenced to life in prison.

Source: The Associated Press

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Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2017: 'Feminism'

By Leanne Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — This may or may not come as a surprise: Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2017 is "feminism."

Yes, it's been a big year or two or 100 for the word. In 2017, lookups for feminism increased 70 percent over 2016 on Merriam-Webster.com and spiked several times after key events, lexicographer Peter Sokolowski, the company's editor at large, told The Associated Press ahead of Tuesday's annual word reveal.

There was the Women's March on Washington in January, along with sister demonstrations around the globe. And heading into the year was Democrat Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and references linking her to white-clad suffragettes, along with her loss to President Donald Trump, who once boasted about grabbing women.

The "Me Too" movement rose out of Harvey Weinstein's dust, and other "silence breakers" brought down rich and famous men of media, politics and the entertainment worlds.

Feminism has been in Merriam-Webster's annual Top 10 for the last few years, including sharing word-of-the-year honors with other "isms" in 2015. Socialism, fascism, racism, communism, capitalism and terrorism rounded out the bunch. Surreal was the word of the year last year.

"The word feminism was being used in a kind of general way," Sokolowski said by phone from the company's headquarters in Springfield, Massachusetts. "The feminism of this big protest, but it was also used in a kind of specific way: What does it mean to be a feminist in 2017? Those kinds of questions are the kinds of things, I think, that send people to the dictionary."

Feminism's roots are in the Latin for "woman" and the word "female," which dates to 14th century English. Sokolowski had to look no further than his company's founder, Noah Webster, for the first dictionary reference, in 1841, which isn't all that old in the history of English.

"It was a very new word at that time," Sokolowski said. "His definition is not the definition that you and I would understand today. His definition was, 'The quality of females,' so basically feminism to Noah Webster meant femaleness. We do see evidence that the word was used in the 19th century in a medical sense, for the physical characteristics of a developing teenager, before it was used as a political term, if you will."

Webster added the word

in revisions to his "An American Dictionary of the English Language." They were his last. He died in 1843. He also added the word terrorism that year.

"We had no idea he was the original dictionary source of feminism. We don't have a lot of evidence of what he was looking at," Sokolowski said.

Today, Merriam-Webster defines feminism as the "theory of the political, economic and social equality of the sexes" and "organized activities on behalf of women's rights and interests."

Another spike for the word feminism in 2017 occurred in February, after Kellyanne Conway spoke at the Conservative Political Action Committee.

"It's difficult for me to call myself a feminist in the classic sense because it seems to be very anti-male and it certainly seems to be very pro-abortion. I'm neither anti-male or pro-abortion," she said. "There's an individual feminism, if you will, that you make your own choices. ... I look at myself as a product of my choices, not a victim of my circumstances. And to me, that's what conservative feminism is all about."

She was applauded, and she sent many people to their dictionaries, Sokolowski said. The company would not release actual lookup numbers.

Other events that drew interest to the word feminism was the popular Hulu series, "The Handmaid's Tale," and the blockbuster movie, "Wonder Woman," directed by a woman, Patty Jenkins, Sokolowski said.

Merriam-Webster had nine runners-up, in no particular order:

■ Complicit, competitor Dictionary.com's word of the year.

■ Recuse, in reference to Jeff Sessions and the Russia investigation.

■ Empathy, which hung high all year.

■ Dotard, used by Kim Jong-un to describe Trump.

■ Syzygy, the nearly straight-line configuration of three celestial bodies, such as the sun, moon and earth during a solar or lunar eclipse.

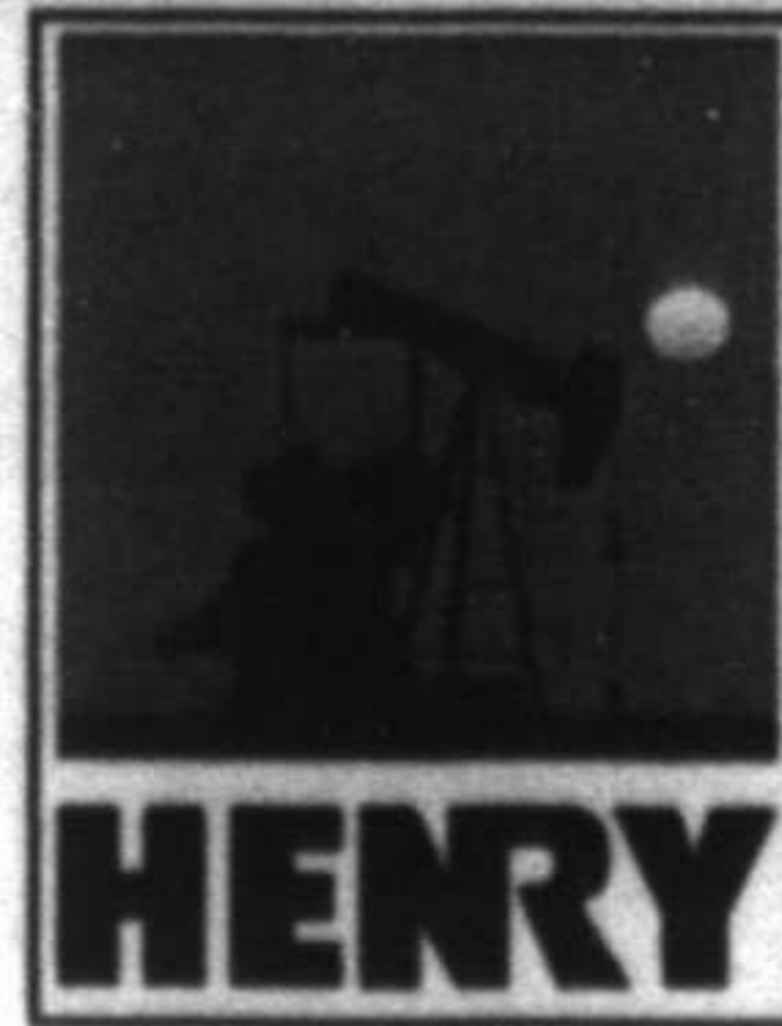
■ Gyro, which can be pronounced three different ways, a phenom celebrated in a Jimmy Fallon sketch on "The Tonight Show."

■ Federalism, which Lindsey Graham referred to in discussing the future of the Affordable Care Act.

■ Hurricane, which Sokolowski suspects is because people are confused about wind speed.

■ Gaffe, such as what happened at the Academy Awards when the wrong best picture winner was announced. That was a go-to word for the media, Sokolowski said.

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Study to put 3-D mammograms to the test

Research to provide 'better understanding of how to screen women,' radiologist says

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Women increasingly are being asked if they want a 3-D mammogram instead of the regular X-ray, and now U.S. health officials are starting a huge study to tell if the newer, sometimes pricier choice really improves screening for breast cancer.

It's the latest dilemma in a field that already vexes women with conflicting guidelines on when to get checked: Starting at

age 40, 45 or 50? Annually, or every other year?

The issue: Mammograms can save lives if they catch aggressive breast cancers early. But they also can harm through frequent false alarms and by spotting tumors that grow so slowly they never would have posed a threat — overdiagnosis that means some women undergo unneeded treatment.

That trade-off is a key question as doctors begin recruiting 165,000 women nationally to compare potentially more

beneficial 3-D mammograms — known scientifically as "tomosynthesis" — with standard two-dimensional digital mammography.

The 3-D mammograms have been marketed as being able to find more cancers.

"But the idea isn't so much finding more cancers as finding the cancers that are going to be life-threatening," said Dr. Worta McCaskill-Stevens of the National Cancer Institute, which



Montefiore Health System via AP

Dr. Tova Koenigsberg at The Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care in New York shows an example of a traditional mammogram scan Nov. 17. U.S. health officials are beginning a huge study to compare traditional mammograms with 3-D versions, to see if the newer choice might really improve screening for breast cancer.

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MENTAL HEALTH INSIGHT



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From left, guests Lewis Busbee and Cory Maxwell talk with station manager Christopher Brown (far right) during the "Eyes on Psych" radio show Friday at the Recording Library of West Texas in Midland Shared Spaces.

Radio show focuses on mental health

■ "Eyes on Psych" delivers content to visually impaired

By Simone Jasper
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A local online radio show is spreading information about mental health, one broadcast at a time. The "Eyes on Psych" program offers commentary to the visually impaired and other listeners.

Chris Brown, station manager at Recording Library of West Texas (RLWT), conceived the show more than one year ago. The nonprofit mainly serves people who are blind, and Brown said that population sometimes faces psychological

Want to listen?

"Eyes on Psych" is streamed Friday afternoons at Facebook Live. To listen to archived podcasts, visit recordinglibrary.org. For broadcast updates or to express interest in being a guest, visit the show's Facebook page.

difficulties.

"Some of these people are absolutely alone, and it's nice to have not only a voice of reason, but to get a good laugh out of it from time to time, too," he said.

During 30-minute recordings, some of the insight comes from Lewis Busbee, a local licensed professional counselor. He

agreed to participate in the show because he has known Brown for years and thinks the broadcast can help people understand how to cope with depression or anxiety.

"I think it's very valuable, and I think it's good to help people that need help," Busbee said. "Chris made it very clear that a lot of his listeners — they have a disability of one sort or another. Usually they're blind, and they're stuck in (the) house."

Busbee said he has noticed the need for affordable mental health resources locally. He said "Eyes on Psych" shares with listeners the services that are available in the community.

The broadcasts have covered a variety of

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Medicaid recipients have incentive for being healthy

■ Gift cards, cash, other rewards offered for seeking preventive care, quitting smoking or losing weight

By Anna Gorman
Kaiser Health News

Patricia Alexander knew she needed a mammogram but just couldn't find the time.

"Every time I made an appointment, something would come up," said Alexander, 53, who lives in Moreno Valley, California.

Over the summer, her doctor's office, part of Vantage Medical Group, promised her a \$25 Target gift card if she got the exam.

Alexander, who's insured through Medi-Cal — California's version of the Medicaid program for lower-income people — said that helped motivate her to make a new appointment and keep it.

Health plans, medical practices and some Medicaid programs are increasingly offering financial incentives to motivate Medicaid patients to engage in more preventive care and make healthier lifestyle choices.

They are following the lead of private insurers and employers that have long rewarded people for healthy behavior such as quitting smoking or maintaining weight loss. Such changes in health-related behavior can lower the cost of care in the long run.

"We've seen incentive programs be quite popular in the insurance market, and now we are seeing those ramp up in the Medicaid space as well," said Robert Saunders, research director at the Markopolis Center for Health Policy at Duke University.

Medicaid patients who agree to be screened for cancer, attend health-related classes or complete health risk surveys

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Medicaid recipients invested in their health, study shows

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Trump reportedly drinks 12 cans of Diet Coke daily

By Marwa Eltagouri
Washington Post

Those keeping tabs on President Donald Trump's diet know that Wendy's and McDonald's are staples. While campaigning, Trump inhaled Filets-o-Fish and Big Macs, savored bacon, eggs and sausage and snacked on Oreos.

He'd then wash it all down with a Diet Coke.

Just how much diet soda the president consumes, though, was revealed Saturday by the New York

Times, which reported that Trump has a button to summon household staff for one of the 12 Diet Cokes he drinks each day.

It's a lot of soda to consume in one day, and — were it regular soda — most research suggests the potential consequences would be alarming. A 12-ounce can of regular Coke has 140 calories and 39 grams of sugar. By drinking Diet Coke instead, which has no calories or sugar, Trump has avoided consuming 1,680 calories and 468 grams of sugar daily.

But the effects of drinking diet

soda have been long debated by experts, with some studies raising concerns about long-term health consequences. Experimental research on artificial sweeteners, like the ones found in diet soda, is inconclusive. The Canadian Medical Association Journal reported in July that there are very few randomly controlled studies on artificial sweeteners — just seven trials involving only about 1,000 people — that looked at what happened when people consumed artificial

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President Donald Trump speaks before signing the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Tuesday in Washington.



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is funding the new research to tell whether the 3-D scans truly pinpoint the tumors that matter most.

It's one of the largest randomized trials of mammography in decades, and scientists designed the research to do more than answer that key 3-D question. They hope the findings also, eventually, will help clear some of the confusion surrounding best screening practices.

"The most important thing about this study is that it's moving us to individualized screening as opposed to what we have now, which is one-size-fits-all screening," said study chair Dr. Etta Pisano, a radiologist at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

"We are going to have a much better understanding of how to screen women so that we do the least amount of harm."

That depends on whom you ask. Guidelines vary for women at average risk of breast cancer. (Those at increased risk, because of family history or genetics, already get different advice.) The American College of Radiology recommends annual mammograms starting at age 40.

The American Cancer Society urges annual checks starting at 45 and switching to every other year at 55, though it says women 40 to 44 still can opt for a mammogram.

And the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a government advisory group, recommends starting at age 50, with mammograms every other year. It, too, says 40-somethings can choose earlier screening.

Standard mammograms take X-rays from two sides of the breast. With tomosynthesis, additional X-rays are taken at different angles. They are not truly three-dimensional, a computer compiles them into a 3-D-like image. First approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 2011, they're not yet the standard of care, in part because of questions that the new study aims to answer.

Some studies have found tomosynthesis detects more cancer with fewer false alarms; they're often advertised as particularly useful for younger women's dense breasts.

Understand that mammograms come with pros and cons, and weigh them, said Dr. Otis Brawley, the American Cancer Society's chief medical officer.

Breast cancer is far less common at age 40 than at age 50 and beyond. After menopause, tumors tend to grow more slowly and women's breast tissue becomes less dense and easier for mammograms to provide a clearer image.

Consider: For every 1,000 women screened every other year until their 70s, starting at 40 instead of 50 would prevent one additional death — but create 576 more false alarms and 58 extra unnecessary biopsies, the task force estimated. Also, two extra women would be treated for tumors that never would have become life-threatening — that overdiagnosis problem.

As for what type to choose, some insurers, including Medicare, cover the 3-D version, and a small number of states mandate coverage. Other insurers may require women to pay \$50 to \$100 more out of pocket. Whoever ultimately pays, extra time to analyze the scans adds to the cost.

The new study

About 100 mammography clinics across the U.S., and a few in Canada, will enroll healthy women ages 45 to 74 who already are planning to get a routine mammogram. They'll be randomly assigned to get either the regular or 3-D version for five years. Most will be screened annually but post-menopausal women who don't have certain cancer risk factors will be screened every other year.

Researchers will track every woman's results, including samples from biopsies plus genetic and other tests, as well as how any cancer patients fare. The giant database hopefully will help them tease out more information, about which women benefit most from what type and frequency of screening.

Obituaries



Barbara Ann Roseberry

October 30, 1955 - December 6, 2017

Barbara Ann Roseberry, 62, of Midland, passed away December 6, 2017. She was born on October 30, 1955 in Houston, Texas to Robert Lee and Margaret Roseberry. Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Honorary pallbearers will be Daveon Roseberry, Elijah Owens, Isaiah Owens, Robert Roseberry, Charles Roseberry, Jr., Edward Johnson, Jr., and Deonte Kendrick.

Barbara, known as Ann, had a very bubbly personality. Her hobbies were dancing, crossword puzzles, Sudoku puzzles, watching TV, having her bar exam every day, playing bingo, she loved to feed others and boy did she love to get sharp. Barbara also loved spending time and talking to her grandchildren.

Barbara graduated from Lee High School. She also graduated from cosmetology school. She worked as a beautician as well as a paralegal professional. She was the proud business owner of Video Exchange Tape and Records.

Barbara is survived by two daughters, Shelanda Owens and husband, Reginald Owens and Rochelle Moore; son, Robert Roseberry, II, grandchildren, Daveon Roseberry and wife Miyaca, Elijah, Isaiah, ReShaunda Owens, Kori and Rion Moore, Robert Roseberry, Jr., and Tia (Martin) Abrenica, great-grandchildren, Antonio and Naomi Abrenica, sisters, Patricia Cooks and Rosemary (Edward) Johnson, brother, Charles (Willie) Roseberry, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Barbara is preceded in death by parents, Robert and Margaret Roseberry, brothers, Robert Roseberry, Jr. and James Roseberry, sister, Ruby Lee Lockheart, and daughter, Tameka Roseberry.

The Roseberry family would like to give a huge thank you to all support, prayers, words of encouragement and love shown during their bereavement.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Express Family Gratitude.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Catherine Estelle Marshall

Catherine Estelle Marshall, 80, went home to be with the Lord Monday, December 11, 2017.

Visitation will be held

from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Bellview Baptist Church, 1710 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Beth Haven Cemetery in Lingleville, Texas. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

Estelle was born on June 16, 1937 to Emma and J.T. Ely in Gorman, Texas. She had many friends, and touched people everywhere she went. She was an inspiration to those who knew her. Estelle will be missed, but now she is with her family and friends who have gone before her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J.T. and Emma Ely; three siblings, Thomas Lee, Frankie and Johnny Ely, one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

Estelle is survived by her husband of 21 years, George Bill Marshall; four children and their spouses, Cathy and Gerry Cannon of Weatherford, Texas, and Brent and Julie Carroll, Jeffrey Ford and Michael and Paula Ford all of Midland, Texas; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one sister, Barbara and Buck Bradford of Mertzon, Texas; and by one brother, L.D. and Sue Ely of San Angelo. She also had children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren from a blended family, and many nieces and nephews called her Aunt Estelle.

Online condolences may be made at www.shafferpioneer.com.



Ester "Betty" Sanchez Rangel

Ester "Betty" Sanchez Rangel, Age 74, passed away on December 11, 2017 at 11:33am. She was born and raised in Midland Texas.

Ester was known & loved by many people which included strangers, she saved many people from hardships and was always willing to lend a helping hand. She had a bigger than life personality and was known to spend her free time knitting and sewing for her children and all of her grandchildren, she also loved thrift shopping. Ester spent her life working as a professional dog groomer and it was something she loved, so much so she owned and operated "Big Dog Grooming" in Big Spring, TX. Her greatest accomplishments were being married to the love of her life for 58 years along with having 12 children, 42 grandchildren, 119 great grandchildren and 14 great, great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years Vicente Rangel three sons: Vicente Rangel (Wife Connie Rangel), Robert Rangel (wife Debra Rangel) and Robert Frank Rangel Jr., Eight daughters: Dianna Wells, Melissa Martinez (Husband Frank Martinez), Susie Martinez, Dorthy Rangel Marmolejo (Husband Manuel Marmolejo), Ana Rangel Baeza (Husband Billy Yanez), Mary Ann Rosales (Husband Joe Rosales), Roxanne Rangel Galarza (Husband Guillermo Galarza), Crystal Rangel Castillo (Husband Emmanuel Castillo) and Daughter in Law Ida Rangel.

She is also survived by four siblings: Sister Hope Barboza, Sister Jesusita Lopez (Husband Joe Lopez), Sister Grace Bracewell (Husband Kieth Bracewell), Sister Mary Kumar (Husband A.J) and Brother Juan

Sanchez (Wife Francis Sanchez) along with numerous nieces and nephews!

Ester is preceded in death by her son Eddie "Big Ed" Rangel, her parents Jessie and Isabel Alvarado, 6 Brothers: Rudy, Emilio, Manuel, Augustine, Ciro and Jose Sanchez, Grandson Noel Martinez

Viewing will be held Wednesday Dec. 13th, 2017 at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin-Funeral Home and Chapel (2508 N. Big Spring St Midland Texas 79705) from 9am to 9pm, evening prayer service to start at 6pm. Funeral Services to be held on Thursday Dec. 14th, 2017 at 10am at Lewallen Garcia Funeral Home and Chapel.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards family, friends and strangers whom have prayed and sent their support.

Lastly, "Mother, you are and will always be an amazing woman who will be greatly missed. Although a piece of our hearts are gone, you will forever be our Queen! May the heavens rejoice upon your presence as you are finally home and free. We love you!"

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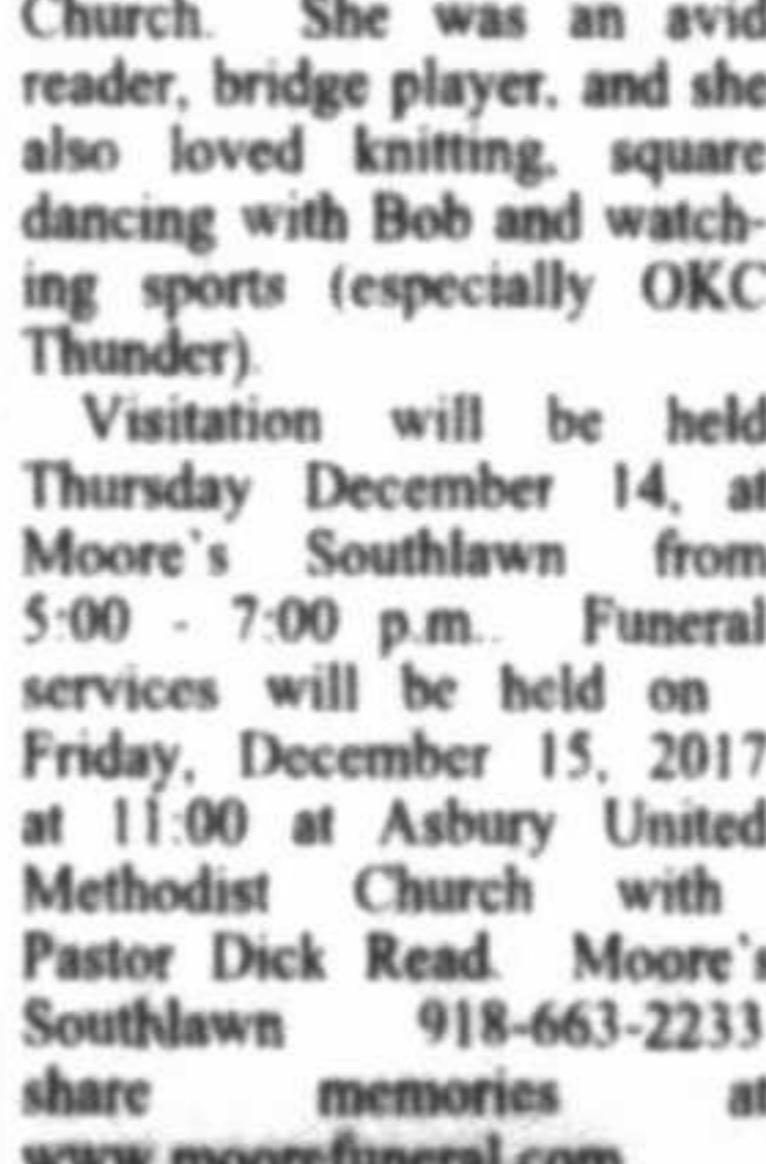


Jimmy Louise Dyer Dozier

Loved by all, Jimmie L. Dozier was born June 25, 1927 in Tahlequah, OK and died peacefully in the evening of December 8, 2017 in Tulsa, OK. She was 90 years old. She is survived by her brother Marion of Broken Arrow, sister Emma of Bixby, daughter Janis of Salem, OR and son Martin of Midland, TX. She is also survived by five (Andrew, Matthew, Jeremy, Whitney, and Cameron) grandchildren and two (Xavier and Emily) great grandchildren. Jimmie is preceded in death by her husband (Robert), father (Earl) and mother (Savola).

A devoted teacher she retired in 1988 from Tulsa Public Schools after teaching for over 4 decades in Denver, Bartlesville and Tulsa. She was an active member of Asbury United Methodist Church. She was an avid reader, bridge player, and she also loved knitting, square dancing with Bob and watching sports (especially OKC Thunder).

Visitation will be held Thursday December 14, at Moore's Southlawn from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 11:00 at Asbury United Methodist Church with Pastor Dick Read, Moore's Southlawn 918-663-2233 share memories at www.moorefuneral.com



Otho Eugene "Gene" Lauderdale

Otho Eugene "Gene" Lauderdale, 75, of Sunset, TX and recently Midland,

TX passed away on December 8, 2017.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at White Funeral Home in Bowie Texas.

Burial will follow at the Sunset Cemetery in Sunset.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the White Family Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home of Bowie.

Gene was born on June 13, 1942 in Bowie, Texas to Elsie and Charlie Lauderdale. He married the love of his life, Wilma Jean Lauderdale, on April 25, 1969 and they enjoyed 48 years of life together. Gene and Wilma had Deborah "Debbie" Jean Lauderdale on November 20, 1969 and Richard Eugene Lauderdale on November 18, 1972.

Gene spent his life helping others and taking care of his family. His family was his top priority and he went to all ends of his ability to make sure their needs were met in amazing ways. Gene had a work ethic that was amazing and unmatched. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to many places across the country. His coworkers and friends valued his loyalty and compassion for everyone.

Gene is preceded in death by mother, Elsie Lauderdale, father, Charlie Lauderdale, uncle "Mose" Lauderdale, brother Tom Lauderdale and grandson Aaron Gower.

Gene is survived by his wife, Wilma Lauderdale, daughter Debbie Dore and husband Mike of Lake Dallas, son Richard Lauderdale and wife Miranda of Midland, grandsons David Dore, 21 of Lake Dallas, and Jacob Lauderdale, 17 of Midland. Also left to cherish his memory is mother-in-law Melba Brinkley "Mama Melba", of Bowie.

Gene is also survived by numerous brothers-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins. Michele Smith, niece, of Bowie, was valuable during his transition to Midland Texas.

Pallbearers and special friends are JS Powers, Donnie Powers, Pancho Redwine, Will Odell, Barry Clark and Jeremy Teter.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward The Hills and Senior Care Nursing Homes in Decatur Texas along with Ashton Nursing Home in Midland Texas. The staff of Hospice of Midland offered care and compassion as well. The family wishes to also thank the many close friends for all their love and support through this difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity of your choice or to the Alzheimers Association.

Steven A. Smith

Steven A. Smith, 66, of Midland, passed away December 6, 2017. He was born to Gertrude Smith and the late Arthur Smith on March 27, 1951 in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Steven worked for over 30 years in the oilfield as a land geologist in the West Texas and New Mexico areas. During the oil boom, Steven was self employed and returned to Morco Geological after the crash.

While a good standing member of Alcoholic Anonymous, he achieved 10 years of sobriety on November 29, 2017. During this time, he sponsored many men provided service work for Turning Point and spoke whenever asked.

Steve was loved by many and loved his fellow mankind. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Smith; mother, Gertrude Smith; chosen daughter, Renae Bobet; brother and wife, Jeff and Cathy Smith; grandson, Michael Smith; nieces, Erin Hunt and Sarah Anderson; great niece Paige Hunt; great nephews, Austin Hunt and Griffin Anderson.

He is preceded in death by

his son, Ian Smith and father, Arthur Smith.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 3-5 p.m. at 710 Ohio St. in Midland.

All donations on Steven behalf can be sent Hospice of Midland.



Donavan Roshod Jones

January 7, 2003 - December 10, 2017

Donavan Roshod Jones, 14 of Midland, passed away after lengthy illness on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at his residence.

Donavan is survived by his mother, Natessa Randolph; father, Daniel Jones and wife, Denise Garcia; three brothers, Xavier Jones, Colin Graham and Ethan Graham and by five sisters, Breanna Randolph, Alexis Jones, Giselle Garcia, Analisa Jones and Mariza Aguirre all of Midland.

He is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Curtis Ray Randolph and wife Angelica G. Randolph and Sherry Lynne Randolph; paternal grandparents, Cynthia Jones and Robert Miller all of Midland.

A memorial service will be Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00pm at Golf Course Road Church of Christ with Minister Jovan Jones officiating.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.



Death Notices

Harold Carden Thompson

Harold Carden Thompson, 91, passed away in Midland on December 11, 2017.

There will be a funeral service at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Karen Martin

Karen Martin, 92, of Midland, passed away on December 11, 2017. Memorial services will be held at 3:30PM on Friday, December 15, 2017 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Midland.

She is survived by her daughters, Sigrid Coats and Marjean Murphy. Floral arrangements can be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Kenneth Choats

Kenneth Choats, 61, of Midland passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 6, 2018 at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

Marie Mercer

Marie Mercer, 80, of Midland passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017 in Midland.

Funeral service will be 10:00am Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be 6:00pm until 8:00pm Friday December 15, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

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

RADIO

From 1B

topics, ranging from addiction to relationships. One recent on-air guest, Cory Maxwell, offered comments about healthy eating habits. He said being on the show informed him about RLWT.

"We've talked about any way that I can be involved in the future," Maxwell

said. "I'm just so excited because what is being done here, I think is fantastic."

RLWT is a nonprofit that serves clients who have reading disabilities because of visual, physical or learning impairments. The organization creates audio recordings and operates a 24-hour radio station that broadcasts printed materials.

Brown said "Eyes on Psych" fits with the station's mission to reach a broad audience while addressing the experiences that clients face. He said the mental health radio show is a break from some of the informational content in the RLWT lineup.

"Our kind of cuts through all of that," Brown said. "It's a real radio show,

something that you would listen to for entertainment value."

Ideas for "Eyes on Psych" broadcasts come from current events and client experiences, according to Brown. The recordings are streamed most Friday afternoons on Facebook Live, giving those who tune in the chance to ask questions in real time.

Sarah January, administrative assistant at RLWT, said listeners have provided feedback about the show's approach.

"The conversational style is something that people comment on a lot," she said. "They say that it's really fun because it's like they're having a conversation with somebody right there in their home."

TRUMP

From 1B

sweeteners for more than six months. Nearly half of adults and a quarter of children consume artificial sweeteners each day, according to the Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Diet soda might be a good short-term substitute for people trying to stay away from the high-sugar content of regular soda, when consumed in small amounts. Some dietitians and nutrition scientists believe sucralose and stevia, which can both be found in diet sodas, are a healthier alternative for people to enjoy sweet drinks without the calories.

But others say artificial sweeteners can confuse the brain and the body, desensitizing consumers to sugar and leading them to consume more sweets without being aware of their caloric intake.

There is one thing, however, most studies agree on: Even if diet soda is healthier, you probably shouldn't be drinking 12 cans a day.

There are potential risks for doing so.

Stroke or dementia

People who drank diet soda daily were three times more likely to develop stroke and dementia than those who consumed it weekly or less, according to a study published in April in the journal *Stroke*.

The study followed over 10 years 2,888 people 45 and older for risk of stroke and 1,484 people 60 and over for dementia. They were participants of the Framingham Heart Study, in which several thousand men and women have taken regular health tests since the 1970s.

The study found those who consumed at least one artificially sweetened drink a day, compared to less than one a week, were three times as likely to have an ischemic stroke from blood vessel blockage. They were also three times as likely to be diagnosed with dementia due to Alzheimer's disease. The effect of diet sodas persisted even if the researchers controlled for factors such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

But Matthew Pace, a Boston University School of Medicine neurologist and the study's lead author, emphasized that the research showed only a correlation and not causation. While the risk of stroke and dementia was greater, the numbers were low.

"Three percent of the people had a new stroke and 5 percent developed dementia, so we're still talking about a small number of people developing either stroke or dementia," he said in a video explaining the study.

In responding to the study, the American Beverage Association said in a statement that low-calorie sweeteners have been proven safe by worldwide government safety authorities as well as "hundreds of scientific studies."

"There is nothing in this research that counters this well-established fact," officials said.

An unsafe amount of caffeine consumption

About 400 milligrams of caffeine a day is what's considered safe for most healthy adults, according to the Mayo Clinic.

That amount is equal to four cups of brewed coffee and 10 cans of soda.

That much caffeine can lead to migraines, insomnia, restlessness and muscle tremors.

Weight gain

Obesity rates have leveled off in the last decade in terms of BMI, while the consumption of noncaloric sweeteners increased.

Those patterns could mean that artificial sweeteners have helped curb obesity, but studies in recent years suggest those sweeteners are causing the exact thing the people consuming them are hoping to avoid: weight gain.

The Canadian Medical Association Journal study in July reported there wasn't much evidence proving

Healthy Living

What to drink

A guide to the recommended maximum number of drinks a day.

Sodas/fruit drinks with sugar **1**

Fruit/vegetable juice, whole milk, sports drink **1**

Nonfat or low-fat milk, soy drinks **2**

Diet beverages **4**

Unsweetened coffee **4**

Unsweetened tea **8**

Water **Women 4 or more**

Men 6 or more

Source: Beverage Guidance Panel, University of North Carolina



sweeteners prevented weight loss. Researchers looked at 30 studies tracking people's diets over time and found that those who consumed sweeteners were more likely to have increases in their waist and waistlines — and had a higher risk of obesity, hypertension, metabolic syndrome, Type 2 diabetes and strokes.

"I think originally it was calories were the problem, and we've made something that was zero calories, so we're good," Meghan Azad, a researcher at the University of Manitoba, told *The Washington Post* in July. "But we're learning that it's not just about the calories."

In 2015, researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio examined data for nearly 10 years from 749 Mexican Americans and European Americans 65 and older and found that daily and occasional diet soda drinkers gained almost three times as much belly fat as non-drinkers.

Occasional diet soda drinkers added an average of 1.83 inches to their waist circumferences, while the non-drinkers added 0.8 inches over the nearly 10-year period. Those who consumed diet soda daily gained 3.16 inches.

But some reports show that the benefits or harm of artificial sweeteners depend on what they're paired with.

For example, a 2012 study by *The New England Journal of Medicine* found that Dutch children who consumed one artificially sweetened beverage each day for 18 months gained less weight than those who drank one sugary beverage a day.

Then, in August, Dana Small, a neuroscientist at Yale University, told *Vox* that her research suggests artificial sweeteners could cause weight gain if consumed with carbohydrates, because the blend of foods disrupts the body's metabolic response. A diet drink consumed on an empty stomach could be less harmful than one consumed with, say, a Big Mac.

It's a concerning discovery, she said, because food companies are designing "healthier" products that contain blends of sweeteners and carbohydrates. For example, Chobani's Simply 100 yogurt contains 14 grams of carbohydrate (six of them from sugar) and stevia leaf extract, *Vox* reported.

People who drink three or more artificially sweetened beverages a day, Small told *Vox*, could be more likely to drink them during meals with carbs that disrupt the body's metabolic response.

In various Q&As during his campaign, Trump expressed his love for pasta, second helpings of potatoes au gratin and steak.

If he's drinking 12 cans of Diet Coke a day, it's likely he's drinking some of them with carbs.

Trump tweeted "I have never seen a thin person drinking Diet Coke."

Trump also tweeted "People are going crazy with my comments on Diet Coke (soda). Let's face it — this stuff just doesn't work. It makes you hungry."

INCENTIVE

From 1B

can get gift cards, cash, gym memberships, pedometers or other rewards. They may also get discounts on their out-of-pocket health care costs or bonus benefits such as dental care.

Under the Affordable Care Act, 10 states received grants totaling \$85 million to test the use of financial rewards as a way to reduce the risk of chronic disease among their Medicaid populations. During the five-year demonstration, states used the incentives to encourage people to enroll in diabetes prevention, weight management, smoking cessation and other preventive programs. The states participating were California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New York, Texas and Wisconsin.

Medi-Cal, for example, offered gift cards and nicotine replacement therapy to people who called the state's smoking cessation line. Minnesota's Medicaid program handed out cash to people who attended a diabetes prevention class and completed bloodwork.

An evaluation of these programs, released in April, showed that incentives help persuade Medicaid beneficiaries to take part in such preventive activities. Participants said gift cards and other rewards also helped them achieve their health goals. But the evaluators weren't able to show that the programs prevented chronic disease or saved Medicaid money. That's in part because those benefits could take years to manifest, according to the evaluation.

Overall, research on the effectiveness of financial incentives for the Medicaid population has been mixed. A report this year by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities found that they can induce people to keep an appointment or attend a class but are less likely to yield long-term behavior changes, such as weight loss. And in some cases, the report said,

incentives are given to people to get exams they would have gotten anyway.

The center's report also found that penalties, including ones that limit coverage for people who don't engage in healthful behaviors, were not effective. Instead, they can result in increased use of emergency rooms by restricting access to other forms of care, the report said.

Some of the biggest factors preventing Medicaid patients from adopting healthful behaviors are related not to medical care, but to their circumstances, said Charlene Wong, a pediatrician and health policy researcher at Duke University.

That makes administering incentive programs more complicated. Even recruiting and enrolling participants has been a challenge for some states that received grants through the Affordable Care Act.

"The thing that is most likely to help Medicaid beneficiaries utilize care appropriately is actually just giving them access to that care — and that includes providing transportation and child care," said Hannah Katch, one of the authors of the report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Another barrier is being able to take time off work to go to the doctor.

But health plans are eager to offer patients financial incentives because it can bring their quality scores up and attract more enrollees. And medical groups, which may receive fixed payments per patient, know they can reduce their costs — and increase their profits — if their patients are healthier.

Providing incentives to plans and medical groups has created a business opportunity for some companies. Gift Card Partners has been selling gift cards to Medicaid health plans for about five years, said CEO Deb Merkin. She said health insurers that serve Medicaid patients want to improve their quality metrics, and

they can do that by giving incentives and getting patients to the doctor.

"It is things like that that are so important to get them to do the right thing so that it saves money in the long run," she said.

Agilon Health, based in Long Beach, California, runs incentive programs and other services for several California medical groups that care for Medi-Cal patients. The medical groups contract with the company, which provides gift cards to patients who get mammograms, cervical cancer exams or childhood immunizations. People with diabetes also receive gift cards if they get their eyes examined or blood sugar checked. And the company offers bonuses to doctors if their Medicaid patients embrace healthful behaviors.

The incentives for patients are "massively important for the Medicaid population, because the gaps in care are historically so prevalent," said Ron Kuerbitz, CEO of Agilon. Those gaps are a big factor pushing up costs for Medicaid patients, because if they don't get preventive services, they may be more likely to need costlier specialty care later, Kuerbitz said.

Emma Alcanter, who lives in Temecula, California, received a gift card from her doctor's office after getting a mammogram late this summer. Alcanter, 56, had noticed a lump in her breast but waited about two years before getting it checked, despite reminders from her doctor's office. "I was scared they were going to find cancer," she said.

Alcanter finally decided to get screened after her first grandchild was born. The gift card was an added bonus, and Alcanter said it showed her doctors cared about her. Her mammogram revealed that the lump wasn't cancer, and she plans to use the gift card to buy a present for her grandson.

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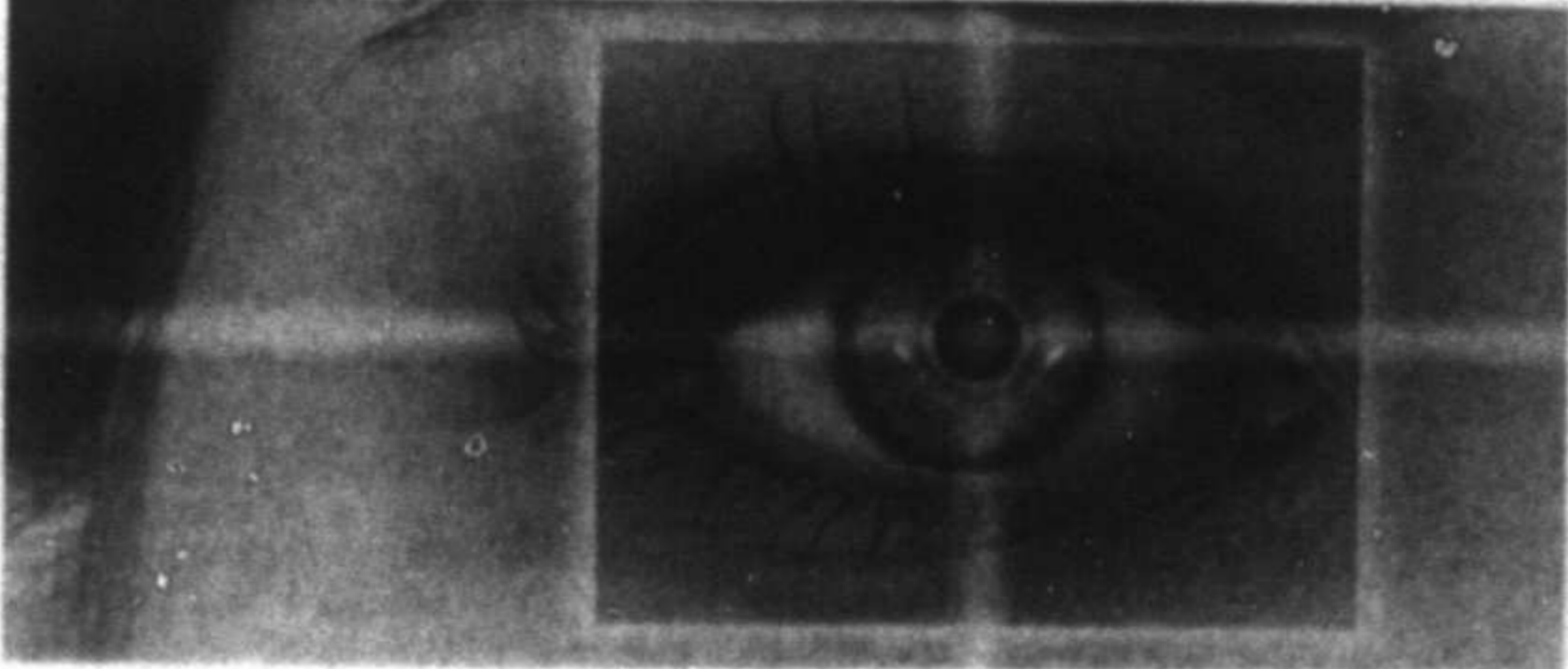
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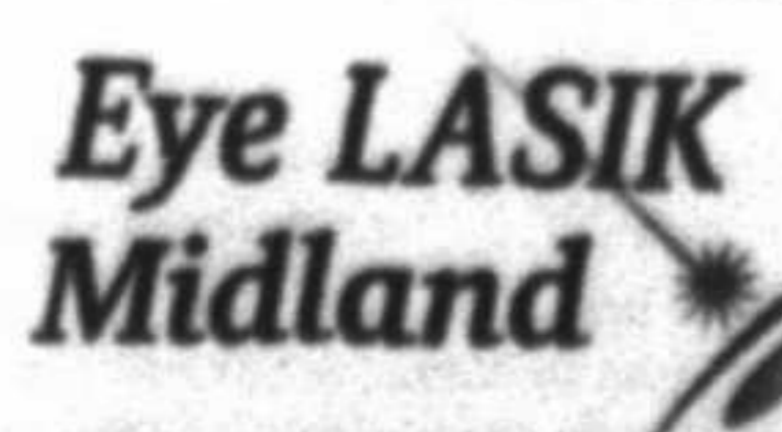
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Walking club to participate in Monahans event

The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club meets for monthly walks. The next walk is in conjunction with the Monahans Sandhills Resolution Run/Walk on Jan. 7.

This is an American Volkssport-sanctioned walk, and participants can walk a 5K or 10K. The event starts at 9 a.m. at the Monahans Sandhills State Park Visitor Center. To register, contact the Monahans Chamber of Commerce or go to www.active.com or www.raceentry.com. Registration fee is \$25.

Midland walking club members will meet 7 a.m. at the parking lot of Jamburritos near Midland Park Mall and carpool to the park. For information about club membership, visit www.midlandwalkabout.org.

Midland Health events

■ **Lifestyle Medicine** Center class: How to stay committed to plant-based diet during the holidays, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-5433; there is a \$5 fee; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events

■ **Babycare/Infant CPR**, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland

Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; there is a \$10 fee; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

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

and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays; older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ **Narcotics Anonymous** — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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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Inability to see different perspectives often leads to negative emotions

People experience different levels of stress. At times, this stress is more bearable than at other times. Someone's ability to overcome negative emotion better in one circumstance but not another depends on their perspective.

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change," said Wayne Dyer, a philosopher and author.

Maintaining tunnel vision leads us to concentrate on our own thoughts and feelings, without considering the possibility of further input. It is comparable to a telescope or microscope that requires adjustment of the view in order to not focus on skewed items.

Children and teenagers I counsel sometimes share their perspective of the world around them. They discuss their interpretations of events and adopt an opinion based upon assumptions. Teens often have a skewed view of their parents' love for them. Most seem to know

their parents love them "because they are supposed to," but they do not feel the love.

Through counseling, it becomes evident the child has gathered bits of information and focused on their own ideas of the situation, without considering their parents' feelings or thoughts during a conversation or argument. Most children struggle with identifying the love that is expressed because of their inability to see outside of their own perspective. They feel as though they are constantly being challenged on their behaviors and interpret it as criticism.

An outsider may view such situations as the parents imposing rules to help their child develop and mature, yet the child feels

imprisoned.

According to the saying, "there are three sides to every story — yours, mine and the truth." Perspective is an individualized view of circumstances based upon factors such as personality, mood, history and timing.

One of the primary reasons for a breakdown in communication is individuals' inability to see outside of their perspective. Maintaining empathy or a sense of understanding of others' perspectives aids with more positive emotions, healthier relationships and overall resolution from overanalyzing the circumstances. Accepting responsibility for misinterpretation can open the mind to change in perspective.

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Medicaid recipients invested in their health, study shows

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

While low-income people are more likely to struggle with health problems, such as smoking and depression, new research shows many are motivated to improve.

A study released last week from the Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index found that 40 percent of people on Medicaid say they're in fair or poor health, compared with 11 percent of those with workplace coverage.

The analysis for The Associated Press also showed that Medicaid recipients are invested in their health, with 4 out of 5 saying they have a personal doctor, 3 out of 5 saying they eat healthy, and nearly half saying they exercise frequently.

Medicaid could gain by putting more emphasis on prevention, and stressing better coordination of care, experts say. Such strategies are already employed by many workplace health plans and by Medicare.

Medicaid is a federal-state program originally envisioned as a safety net for poor families and severely disabled people. Today, it covers about 1 in 5 Americans, at a total cost of about \$600 billion annually. In states that expanded Medicaid under former President Barack Obama's health law, it's become the insurer for many low-income working adults. The Trump administration tried to unravel Obama's expansion, but officials also say they want to improve the health of Medicaid beneficiaries, not just pay medical bills.

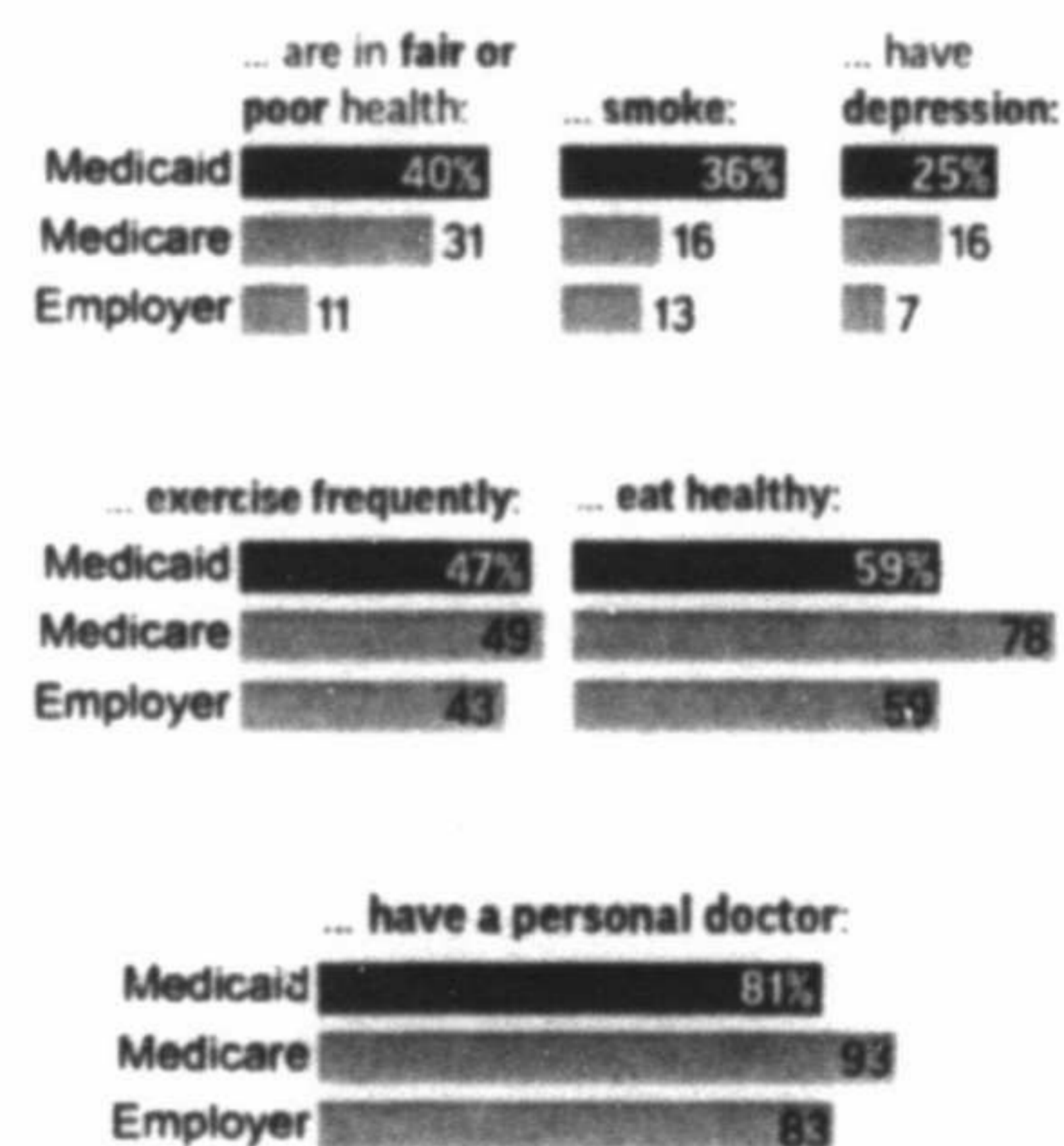
"We now have emerging evidence in Medicare and commercial insurance of how care coordination and prevention can help patients with chronic conditions avoid costly hospitalizations and ER visits," said Kavita Patel, a policy expert at the Brookings Institution who's also a practicing physician. "This really should become the standard across Medicaid programs."

In Stuttgart, Arkansas, Vickie Rose says Medicaid is helping her try to quit smoking, which would entail shutting down a decades-long habit that once reached three packs a day.

"I'm not going to be able to stay out of hospitals if I don't take matters into my own hands," said Rose, who's in her early 60s and has worked jobs

Medicaid health indicators

For those covered by Medicaid, Medicare or employer health care plans, the percentage who say they ...



Results based on telephone interviews conducted Jan. 2-Nov. 5, 2017, with a random sample of 147,465 U.S. adults. The margin of sampling error is ±1 percentage point for the full sample; for Medicaid recipients, the margin of sampling error is ±1.6 percentage points.

SOURCE: Gallup-Sharecare Well-Being Index

from factory supervisor, to retail, to staffing an animal shelter. Sometimes she travels 20 miles to the Mid-Delta community health center in neighboring Clarendon for smoking cessation meetings.

"Instead of waiting on everyone else, this time I'm going to do it for myself," she said.

Thirty-six percent of Medicaid recipients said in the Gallup-Sharecare study that they smoked, compared to 13 percent of those with employer or union health insurance, and 16 percent of Medicare beneficiaries.

The Gallup-Sharecare survey interviews about 500 people a day on health care issues, yielding a trove of data. The new analysis for AP compared health indicators among people with different types of coverage.

■ 25 percent of Medicaid beneficiaries said they are currently suffering from depression, compared with 7 percent of those with employer coverage.

■ 36 percent of people with Medicaid said they are obese, compared with 28 percent of people in employer plans, and 30 percent of those with Medicare.

Still, survey director

Dan Witters said that's only half the story.

"Just because they smoke more, doesn't mean that they don't have an interest in their health," Witters said of those with Medicaid. "Their interest in their health is generally just as high as it is for other groups ... although I think they are swimming upstream."

Having a low income has long been associated with poor health, but Witters said on questions such as exercise frequency, eating healthy, and eating fruits and vegetables, the answers from Medicaid recipients generally tracked those of people with workplace coverage.

The Gallup-Sharecare results are based on telephone interviews conducted Jan. 2-Nov. 5, with a random sample of 147,465 adults, 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and Washington, D.C.

For the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 1 percentage point. For Medicaid recipients, the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 1.6 percentage points.

Women's hands are colder than men's, researchers say

By Allie Shah
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Ladies, raise a gloved hand if your hands feel as frozen as Elsa's, especially in the winter.

Women's hands generally are colder than men's, and the old saying "cold hands, warm heart" may go a long way to explaining why.

Using thermal images, University of Utah researchers compared the hands of men and women, and found that women's hands typically run 2.8 degrees Fahrenheit colder than men's.

Exposure to cold — whether it comes from taking a cold shower or a wintry walk outside — causes blood vessels in the hands and feet to contract, reducing blood flow there as the body seeks to protect the heart and other vital organs.

While this happens in men and women, the cold response is much quicker for women.

It's still a bit of a mystery why, but scientists suggest that differences in body size, composition and hormones are the culprits.

Women have more body fat and less muscle than men. The fat protects the vital organs, including the uterus, but it also restricts blood flow to the extremities.

Women also tend to lose heat faster from their skin because they're generally smaller than men.

That explains why so many women are shivering in office cubicles next to their male co-workers wearing short sleeves. For most women, having cold hands,



Alena Litvin/Dreamstime/TNS

University of Utah researchers compared the hands of men and women, and found that women's hands typically run 2.8 degrees Fahrenheit colder than men's.

though uncomfortable, isn't cause for concern — unless it is a symptom of a medical condition known as Raynaud's.

Raynaud's disease causes fingers and toes to feel numb and cold in response to low temperatures or stress, according to the Mayo Clinic. The condition causes small blood vessels that carry blood to the extremities to spasm and severely constrict, affecting blood flow. This can lead to tissue damage.

Women are five times more likely than men to have Raynaud's. Symptoms include: icy fingers or toes, skin color turning white or blue with exposure to cold or stress, and red with stinging pain after warming up.

There are two types of Raynaud's — primary and secondary. The secondary type is caused by an underlying condition and is less common. The primary type is linked to family history.



CLAY SHOOT BENEFIT

The 2017 Saving True Pairs Annual Clay Shoot, which was Oct. 13 at Jago's City, raised \$100,000 for Pink the Basin to provide mammograms for anyone who qualifies for assistance. Area hospitals that currently receive funding from Pink the Basin are Midland Memorial Hospital, Odessa Regional Medical Center, Medical Center Health System, Reeves County Hospital District and Permian Regional Medical Center, according to a press release from Pink the Basin. For more information, call 940-PINK (7466) or contact Bridgette Meyers, the nonprofit's executive director, at 681-9872 or bridgette.meyers@gmail.com.

New technology attends to seniors' health, quality of life

By Nancy Dahlberg
Miami Herald

There's technology available that offers better care for seniors and peace of mind for the family caregivers, employing advances in artificial intelligence, big data and voice technologies.

One company has a solution that tracks and analyzes a senior loved one's activity and routines and will alert caregivers when something is out of the ordinary. Another startup supplies "grandkids on demand" to help with transportation, chores and companionship. Still, other companies have rethought the daily phone call and matched up the elderly with others who have room in their homes.

It's a large and growing market. More than 50 million Americans are over 65, and 10,000 more reach that age every day. While that age group is now about 13 percent of America's population, it will jump to 19 percent by 2030 — about 72 million people — according to a U.S. Census Bureau report. About \$1.2 trillion is spent on health care for American seniors each year, according to government estimates.

Perhaps most important, this technology can keep seniors safe and independent, allowing them to live in their homes — their overwhelming preference, according to surveys. Some of the technology could also prevent life-changing injuries caused by falls. The big vision is to empower the elderly to live more safely on their own while easing the worries of their loved ones.

Through its mobile app, website or 800 number, Miami startup Papa provides assistance and socialization to seniors through young and enthusiastic team members called Papa Pals. It's like grandkids on demand, said CEO Andrew Parker.

Parker came up with his startup idea from a personal need. His grandfather had been diagnosed with early onset of dementia that progressed into Alzheimer's disease. As a family, the Parkers had a lot of difficulty managing his daily needs and supporting his primary family caregiver,

Parker's grandmother.

Papa started as a simple concept, said Parker, who previously worked at telemedicine provider MDLIVE, which was founded by his father.

"Our grandfather and grandmother need support; others must as well. There is a huge senior population that continues to grow on a daily basis. There are also a lot of amazing college students who want to become future nurses, doctors and other leaders. Let's connect these inter-generational groups and I bet something amazing happens."

So Parker gathered a small team and started Papa to support his grandfather — whom he called "Papa" — and other seniors. The service now has about 150 Papa Pals on board. Most are college students earning extra money.

Recently, Papa Pal Valeria Sosa, a Brown College student, took Olga DeMartino, 92, to her weekly hair appointment. After Sosa walked with her to the car and buckled her in, they chatted and joked about each other's families.

Regina DeMartino, Olga's daughter-in-law, said before they found Papa on social media, family members took turns taking time off work to take her to her appointments.

"She loves them — she finds them all really interesting and loves being with younger people," DeMartino said of the Papa Pals. They walk her out of her appointment and always have an umbrella so her hair won't get wet, she said. "If she needs help around the house, they do that too."

On Valentine's Day last year, a Papa Pal brought Olga a rose. "How sweet is that?" Regina DeMartino said.

ROOM2CARE

Like Papa, Room2Care also leverages the sharing economy, but in a different way. The Miami startup is creating a network of vetted private caregiver homes, which provide less expensive and more personalized care than assisted living, said Richard Ashenoff, who founded the

company with Dr. Todd Florin.

Room2Care is licensed and doing business in five states — Florida, West Virginia, Texas, Arizona and California — and has more than 5,000 users and is growing daily, Ashenoff said.

While Room2Care and Papa use tech to connect seniors with humans for companionship, assistance and caregiving, technology steps in to help at other times, too.

CAREPREDICT

CarePredict, an elder-care platform powered by artificial intelligence, makes bracelets that help track an elderly resident's every activity. Currently it is available only to large group senior-living facilities and home care agencies, but the company hopes to offer the device directly to consumers in the future.

In an office space above a Boston Market in Plantation, more than a dozen engineers and data scientists are working on computers in an office adorned with large portraits of senior citizens. In the next room, another worker is carefully assembling the devices.

Founder and CEO Satish Movva keeps a portrait of his parents near his office as a reminder of his mission. His parents, who are now 90 and 80, live just 10 miles away. Still, despite frequent calls and visits, he couldn't trust the answers he was getting from them about their health.

"No matter how many times I would call them during the week, when I showed up on Saturday I'd find new things I didn't know about. It was frustrating," Movva said. "I wanted a wearable device that would answer all the questions I have about them every day."

Changes in activity and behavior patterns show up well before the underlying issues manifest into medical conditions, said Movva, who has been an innovator in healthcare technology for 23 years. He wanted a system to observe his parents continuously but privately, so he could be alerted to changes early enough to intervene. After finding the existing technologies inadequate, he set out to develop

CarePredict in 2013.

The idea is to monitor daily activities like eating, drinking, walking, bathing, cooking, sleeping, Movva said. "We couple that with contextual cues to surface insights like self-neglect, for example, due to depression." The data can also help predict falls or suggest malnutrition, dehydration or infections before the senior or another person reports them.

CARE ANGEL

Angel, an artificial intelligence- and voice-powered virtual nurse assistant, can play a similar role. She reaches out via low tech but clinically intelligent phone conversations, said Wolf Shlagman, founder and CEO of Care Angel.

"You look at the aging market and 90 percent or so choose to age at home ... managing themselves the best they can," he said. "Angel is meant to be an assistant that will help family caregivers by being able to simply call mom just as a nurse would, asking a series of questions."

Angel asks a series of questions such as "how did you sleep last night?" "did you take your medication today?" and "what was your glucose reading today?" If it detects cause for concern, Care Angel alerts caregivers via app, text message or phone. "Our mission is to help millions of people take better care of their families for a fraction of the cost of anything else out there," Shlagman said.

A basic version Care Angel is available free for AARP members and through other partners such as health insurers. A premium version will be available next year for about \$9.95 a month.

In a recently finalized study with a Humana Medicare Advantage population, Care Angel received high marks from recipients and also had a substantial effect on clinical and financial outcomes. Results showed engagement of about 83 percent, a reduction of 63 percent in hospital readmissions and \$496,000 in savings, Shlagman said.

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Providing holistic health resources for the community is one more example of how Midland Health is helping to make Midland the healthiest community in Texas. The **Lifestyle Medicine Center** is now open at **4214 Andrews Hwy, Ste 107**. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call **432.221.LIFE** (5433). You can also visit us at midlandlifestylemedicine.org.

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Road leads Sonny Dykes home to Texas and SMU

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Sonny Dykes didn't even have to finish the story of his favorite SMU memory to stir some in the crowd who showed up to greet the Mustangs' new coach.

All he had to say was 1982, Lubbock and Texas Tech — and never mind that the thrilling SMU win on a last-second kickoff return was at the expense of the school that would later become the long-time coaching home of Dykes' late dad, Spike Dykes, and his alma mater.

How all of that came about explains better than anything why Dykes considers it a homecoming to replace Chad Morris on the Hill-

top, even though he had already been back in his home state — and the Dallas-Fort Worth area — for a year.

"I always loved this place," Dykes said after his introductory celebration Tuesday. "I always thought this was a program that had a tremendous amount of potential. The road of a college football coach, you just end up in some places you never think you're going to end up in."

The 48-year-old Dykes is back as a head coach a year after he was fired at Cal, having spent the past season as an offensive consultant under Gary Patterson at TCU.

He will coach SMU (7-5) in the Frisco Bowl near Dallas next week against Louisiana Tech, which he

turned around before taking the Cal job and doing the same thing. Morris left after three seasons for Arkansas.

Dykes was 13 when his dad, then a high school coach, asked his son what he wanted for his birthday. Enamored by the Pony Express of Eric Dickerson and Craig James, Dykes' answer was tickets to an SMU game, so the two small-town West Texas natives made the trip to Lubbock.

Texas Tech had just pulled even on a field goal with 17 seconds left when Bobby Leach took a long lateral on the kickoff and ran untouched 91 yards up the sideline for a 34-27 win during SMU's 11-

Please see DYKES/4C



New SMU head football coach Sonny Dykes speaks after his introduction in Dallas on Tuesday.

Calm under pressure



Midland High's Taysha Rushton (14) drives to the hoop against Lubbock Monterey Tuesday, at Midland High.

Lady Dawgs win OT thriller over Monterey

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High girls basketball coach Wes Torres felt his team hadn't been able to finish close games so far in the 2017-18 season.

That changed on Tuesday night.

The Lady Bulldogs were poised under pressure during a thrilling 51-49 overtime win over visiting Lubbock Monterey in non-district play at the Midland High

gym.

Trailing 36-32 through three quarters, sophomore point guard Taysha Rushton scored 11 of her 20 total points in the fourth quarter to help MHS tie the affair at 45.

In overtime, senior Jurnee Williams had a defensive rebound, two steals and scored a transition layup off one of the turnovers, as the Lady Dawgs (11-8) held off the Lady Plainsmen (10-6) in front of a loud and noisy crowd.

"Down the stretch, we did really well at keeping our composure and staying cool and handling the ball well," Rushton said.

Down 49-48, MHS junior guard Sadie Govan made two free throws following a Williams' steal, which gave the Lady Dawgs the lead for good with 39 seconds left.

"It was a fun game and it came down to maybe turnovers in the overtime,"

Please see MHS/3C

No. 3 Seminole uses its length to edge MCS

By Will Korn
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The Seminole boys basketball team makes a living on being more physical than its opponents.

But entrenched in the friendly confines of McGraw Event Center, Midland Christian wasn't having any of it. The Mustangs battled the Indians tooth and nail in a gritty affair of will and desire and pushed the No. 3-ranked Class 4A team in the state to its limits.

But Seminole used its superior length and a timely 5-0 run to pull ahead late in the fourth and escape with a 41-35 victory over MCS Tuesday night.

Seminole senior forward Carter Laramore scored a team-high 15 points, including a pair of free throws that gave the Indians (8-4) a 37-35 lead with seconds to play. Joseph Venzant posted a game-high 18 points for the Mustangs (9-8).

The Indians, playing without a pair of 6-foot-7 forwards in University of Texas football commit Reese Moore and Jalen Brattain, knew they'd need an increased effort from each player on the floor to handle the undersized but feisty Mustangs.

Laramore stepped to the forefront with 10 of Seminole's rebounds in the win and it seemed as though his team needed every one of them. Though the Indians held a 15-7 edge on the boards in the second half and shot 6-for-11 in the third quarter, MCS was always in

Please see MCS/3C

NFL Network suspends analysts over sexual misconduct suit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hall of Fame player Marshall Faulk and two other NFL Network analysts were suspended after a woman who worked as a wardrobe stylist at the network accused them of sexual misconduct in a lawsuit.

The NFL on Tuesday identified the three as Faulk, Ike Taylor and Heath Evans. They have been "suspended from their duties at NFL Network pending an investigation into these allegations," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

Jami Cantor described several sexually inappropriate encounters with the three retired players and others who have worked for NFL Network, according to court documents first reported by Bloomberg.

The lawsuit and suspensions are the latest in a wave of sexual misconduct allegations

against prominent men in politics, entertainment and media.

Former NFL Network executive Eric Weinberger, former NFL Network analysts Donovan McNabb, Eric Davis, and Hall of Famer Warren Sapp, and former NFL Network employee Marc Watts also are named in the lawsuit.

Weinberger is president of the Bill Simmons Media Group and was placed on leave, according to a statement given to the New York Times. McNabb and Davis now work as ESPN radio contributors.

"We are investigating, and McNabb and Davis will not appear on our networks as that investigation proceeds," ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said Tuesday.

None of the men named immediately responded to messages seeking comment from The Associated Press.

Please see NFL/4C



At left, Marshall Faulk broadcasts from the field after a game Oct. 5 in Tampa, Fla. At center NFL Network's Ike Taylor is interviewed during a media availability on set at the NFL Network studios, in 2015 in Culver City, California. At right NFL Network's Heath Evans is interviewed during a media availability on set at the NFL Network studios, in 2015 in Culver City, Calif.

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UTPB BRIEF

UTPB GETS NABC HONOR The UT Permian Basin men's basketball team was named NCAA Division II Team of the Week for Dec. 4-10 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. UTPB improved to 8-1 on the season and 3-0 in the Lone Star Conference with a 106-100 upset of No. 8 West Texas A&M on Dec. 5. The Falcons shot 54.2 percent while holding the Buffs to 39.7 percent shooting for the game. James McPherson led four players in double figures with 31 points.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL M.L.B. - Suspended Baltimore Orioles 3B Steve Wilson for 50 games without pay following a positive test for amphetamine. American League NEW YORK YANKEES - Signed 3B Chase Headley. RHP Brian Mitchell and cash in San Diego for OF Adrian Busch. National League SAN DIEGO PADRES - Signed RHP Ryan Schrum to 1-year deal for 2018. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS - Recalled F.C. Jones from Erie (D-League). Traded G Josh Magloire from Erie. FOOTBALL National Football League NFL - KR Dawn Hester announced his retirement. ARIZONA CARDINALS - Placed OT Brent Weather on injured reserve. Signed OT Khalil Barnes. DENVER BRONCOS - Placed G Rex Leno on injured reserve.

NFL GLANCE

Standings table for NFL with columns for Conference, Team, W, L, T, PF, PA, and a list of upcoming games.

NHL GLANCE

Standings table for NHL with columns for Conference, Division, Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of upcoming games.

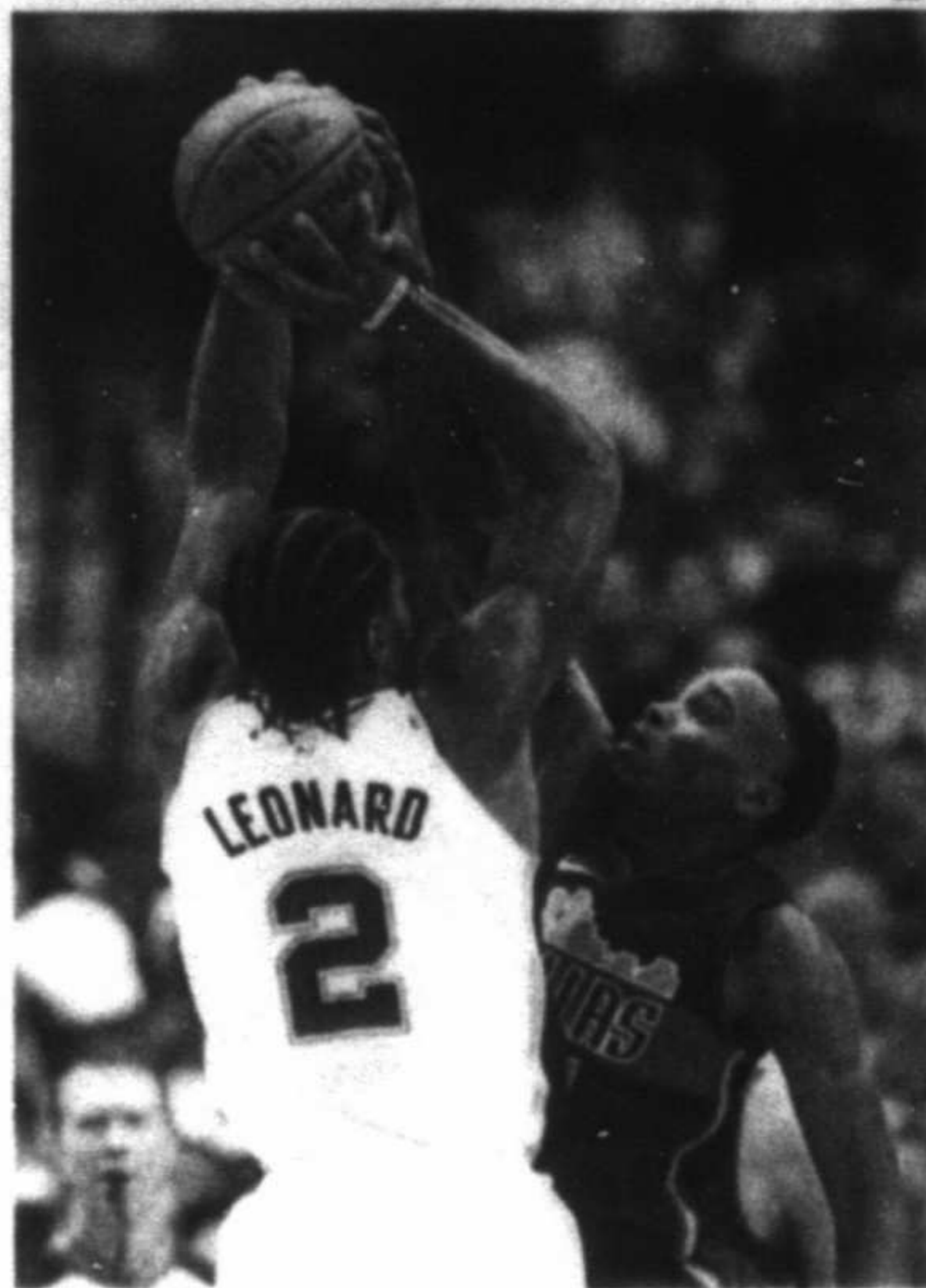
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Barea, Mavs spoil Leonard's return with 95-89 win over Spurs

By Schuyler Dixon Associated Press

DALLAS — J.J. Barea scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and the Dallas Mavericks spoiled the season debut of San Antonio star Kawhi Leonard, beating the Spurs 95-89 on Tuesday night.



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

San Antonio Spurs forward Kawhi Leonard, left, has his shot blocked by Dallas Mavericks Antonius Cleveland, right, in the first half Tuesday in Dallas.

Leonard missed the first 27 games because of right quadriceps tendinopathy, a condition that causes pain and weakness in the knee. He wasn't around in the fourth quarter when Barea finished a rally that he started by scoring eight points in the final 1:49 of the third.

Harrison Barnes scored 17 points while Yogi Ferrell and Wesley Matthews had 16 apiece as the Mavericks ended a five-game losing streak at home to the Spurs, who had a four-game winning streak stopped for the third time this season.

Barea led the Mavericks with six assists, teaming up with alley-oop dunk partner Dwight Powell a couple of times as Powell finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

LaMarcus Aldridge had

23 points and 13 rebounds and Rudy Gay scored 21 for the Spurs, who shot 29

percent while getting outscored 28-20 in the fourth quarter.

Leonard, who had 13 points, went to the locker room late in the third quarter, with no immediate word on whether he had hit the unspecified minutes restriction coach Gregg Popovich said would be in place. He played 16 minutes, roughly the first 5 minutes in each of the first three quarters.

The Spurs called a timeout before subbing him out the final time, after he had tipped a loose ball a couple of times to keep an offensive rebound alive and hit a short jumper. He had six rebounds, an assist and a block.

Leonard made his first three shots and scored six of San Antonio's first eight points.

San Antonio has had a similar minutes restriction on guard Tony Parker, who played more than 20 minutes for the first time in seven games since returning from surgery for a ruptured quadriceps tendon.

The 35-year-old Parker had six points on 3-of-9 shooting as the Spurs lost for the first time with him in the lineup. Parker has skipped two games since returning.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KNICKS 113

LAKERS 109 OT NEW YORK — Kristaps Porzingis had 37 points and 11 rebounds, Michael Beasley made the biggest plays in overtime, and the New York Knicks beat the Los Angeles Lakers 113-109 on Tuesday night.

Beasley had 13 points, including the tie-breaking follow shot, and an assist in the extra period as the Knicks went back over 500 at 14-13. Thirteen of their victories have come at Madison Square Garden.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 24 points for the Lakers, who had won two in a row on their trip. Rookie Kyle Kuzma added 19 points off the bench.

Lonzo Ball had 17 points, eight rebounds and six assists, with a dazzling third-quarter stretch that had father LaVar celebrating wildly from his court-side seat next to Lithuania-born sons LuAngelo and LaMeLo. But Lonzo was quiet after that period beyond two free throws early in OT.

The Knicks essentially won it with Beasley's flurry of a 3-point pass inside to Doug McDermott for a basket, and a driving layup that turned at 103-all game into a 109-103 lead with 1:24 remaining in the overtime.

CAVALIERS 123

HAWKS 114 CLEVELAND — LeBron James had 25 points and led a career high with 17 assists, and Cleveland defeated Atlanta James was 11 of 13 from the field, had

seven rebounds and was given a standing ovation when he was removed from the game with 2:34 remaining.

Cleveland won for the 15th time in 16 games. The Cavaliers hit a season-high 20 3-pointers, including nine in the first quarter. Cleveland had a season-high 35 assists.

Kyle Korver had 19 points, including six 3-pointers. Kevin Love, returning after missing a game with a hip injury, scored 17 points, all in the first half. Love had 11 points in the first quarter after sitting out Saturday's game against Philadelphia. He had 12 rebounds.

Atlanta fell to 6-21, the worst record in the league. Taurean Prince scored 24 points while Kent Bazemore had 20.

NETS 103

WIZARDS 98 NEW YORK — Rondae Hollis-Jefferson and Caris LeVert each scored 16 points, and Brooklyn overcame blowing a double-digit second-half lead and took advantage of a costly mistake by Washington in the final seconds.

Brooklyn's Allen Crabbe hit a 3-pointer with 43.8 seconds left to put the Nets up 100-98. Bradley Beal missed a potential game-tying pull-up jumper and Spencer Dinwiddie was then fouled, making one of two free throws to increase the lead to 101-98.

A timeout by Washington advanced the ball past halfcourt, but Tomas Satoransky was unable to inbound the ball in time, drawing a 5-second violation. LeVert then

made two free throws with 7 seconds left to seal the win.

Playing at home for the first time in over a week after playing a game in Atlanta and two games in Mexico as the home team, the Nets returned to the Barclays Center and had a total of seven players score in double figures.

NUGGETS 103

PISTONS 84 DETROIT — Jamal Murray scored 28 points, and Denver handed Detroit its seventh straight loss.

Trey Lyles added 20 points for Denver. Wilson Chandler scored 18 points, and Mason Plumlee had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Reserves Langston Galloway (18 points) and Boban Marjanovic (14) led the Pistons in scoring. Reggie Jackson was the only Detroit starter to reach double figures with 12 points.

Detroit turned the ball over eight times in the game's first nine minutes, and was down 12 points as a result. Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy went to his bench early, and Marjanovic started a rally with his post offense.

The Denver lead was down to 33-30 when Andre Drummond returned to the floor, but Van Gundy went back to Marjanovic after the Nuggets went back up 44-36 late in the half. Drummond finished with just five points in 27 minutes.

NBA GLANCE

Standings table for NBA with columns for Conference, Division, Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA, and a list of upcoming games.

Headley, Mitchell dealt by Yankees to Padres for prospect

By Ronald Blum Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — The Yankees traded third baseman Chase Headley and pitcher Bryan Mitchell and \$500,000 to the San Diego Padres on Tuesday, giving New York added payroll flexibility and room for infield prospects.

New York received 28-year-old outfielder Jabari Blash, who made his big league debut in 2016 and has played in 99 big league games over two seasons. A day after finalizing its acquisition

of NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton from Miami, the Yankees dealt with their infield logjam and cut their payroll to about \$167 million for luxury tax purposes.

Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner is intent on getting under the \$197 million tax threshold next year, and New York still may attempt to re-sign left-hander CC Sabathia or add another starting pitcher.

Headley, who turns 34 in May, lost his third base job and shifted to first when the Yankees acquired Todd Frazier last summer. While Frazier became a free agent, the Yankees appear intent on letting 21-year-old Miguel

Andujar compete for third base in spring training. Trading Headley also could signal the Yankees may try to resign Frazier, a New Jersey native who relished playing in his home market.

Gleyber Torres, who turns 21 this week, could be a third base option or have a chance to take over at second following the trade of Starlin Castro to the Marlins in the Stanton deal.

Headley, returning to the team that selected him in the second round of the 2005 amateur draft, has a \$13 million salary next season in 2018, which complements a \$52 million, four-year deal.

Advertisement for Midland Humane Coalition featuring adoption events, contact information, and a photo of a cat named Firefly.

TEXAS HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

- CLASS 6A DIVISION I**
State Semifinals
Allen (14-0) vs. Round Rock Center Ridge (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wood's Midway Stadium
Katy (11-0) vs. Lake Travis (12-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio Alamogordo Stadium
- CLASS 6A DIVISION II****State Semifinals**
Waco Midway (14-0) vs. Longview (13-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Allen's Eagle Stadium
Cypress Fairbanks (13-0) vs. Austin Westlake (14-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium
- CLASS 6A DIVISION III****State Semifinals**
Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Dallas Highland Park (13-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Marshall (13-0) vs. Angleton (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium
- CLASS 5A DIVISION I****State Semifinals**
Alden (14-0) vs. Mansfield Legacy (12-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field
College Station (12-0) vs. Austin McCulloch (14-0), 7 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium
- CLASS 5A DIVISION II****State Semifinals**
Stephenville (12-2) vs. Hammett (13-1), 5 p.m. Friday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Cottage (14-0) vs. Waco La Vega (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center
- CLASS 5A DIVISION III****State Semifinals**
Dartmouth (14-0) vs. Seawater Pleasant Drive (14-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Frisco's Ford Center
West Orange Star (12-0) vs. Wintersville (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Katy's Legacy Stadium
- CLASS 4A DIVISION I****State Semifinals**
Buck (12-0) vs. Kemp (13-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
Rockdale (11-0) vs. Stadium (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Cypress FCU Stadium
- CLASS 4A DIVISION II****State Semifinals**
Canadian (14-0) vs. Gunter (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Vernon
Nashville (13-0) vs. Baling (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Porter's Texas Drive Stadium
- CLASS 4A DIVISION III****State Semifinals**
Shedden (13-1) vs. Mart (13-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Snyder
San Augustine (14-0) vs. Religon (12-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Cypress FCU Stadium
- CLASS 3A DIVISION I****State Semifinals**
Washington (13-1) vs. Muenster (14-0), 7 p.m. Thursday, Vernon
Tomball (14-0) vs. Burton (13-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Conestoga
- CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I****State Championship**
Baylor County (14-0) vs. Jourdanton (13-1), 11 a.m. Dec. 20, Arlington's AT&T Stadium
- CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II****State Championship**
Blossoms (13-0) vs. Slaton (14-0), 2 p.m. Dec. 20, Arlington's AT&T Stadium

DYKES

From 1C

0-1 season.

"There's a picture somewhere of the pile of SMU players in that end zone celebrating," said Dykes, whose first coaching job was at a Dallas-area high school. "I can promise you there's a 13-year-old kid in the background celebrating with them somewhere."

Two years later, Spike Dykes joined the Texas Tech staff as an assistant, and two years after that became the head coach, staying for 13 full seasons. The younger Dykes graduated from Texas Tech in 1993 and played baseball for a couple of seasons.

Sonny Dykes soon followed his dad into the coaching business, and now has become a college head coach in Texas the same year Spike Dykes died at age 79.

"It's been a hard year for me," Sonny Dykes said. "Coaching in the state of Texas and growing up in the state of Texas meant so much to him and the relationships that he had. I had an opportunity to learn from him. It's really been a blessing just to be back in the state."

Dykes, who was an assistant at Texas Tech after his dad retired, took Louisiana Tech from 4-8 the year before he arrived to 9-3 in the last of three seasons in 2012, which led to a similar turnaround at Cal.

The Bears went 8-5 in 2015 behind quarterback Jared Goff, but slipped to 5-7 after Goff skipped his senior season and became the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft. Dykes was fired after his fourth season.

"He's a proven coach," athletic director Rick Hart said. "Twice he's been asked to kind of turn around programs much like Chad was asked to do here. We're excited for the opportunity for him to come in now and really build on something rather than have to start from almost scratch."

Dykes said he decided to coach in the bowl game Dec. 20 — the same day as the new early signing date for recruiting — because he wanted to ensure a good experience for the players in SMU's first postseason game in five years.

Known for high-scoring offenses at Louisiana Tech and Cal and a former assistant under Mike Leach, Dykes said he'll try to learn SMU's system, led by sophomore quarterback Ben Hicks, for the bowl game before implementing his own starting early next year.

Titans choose week on road over jet lag

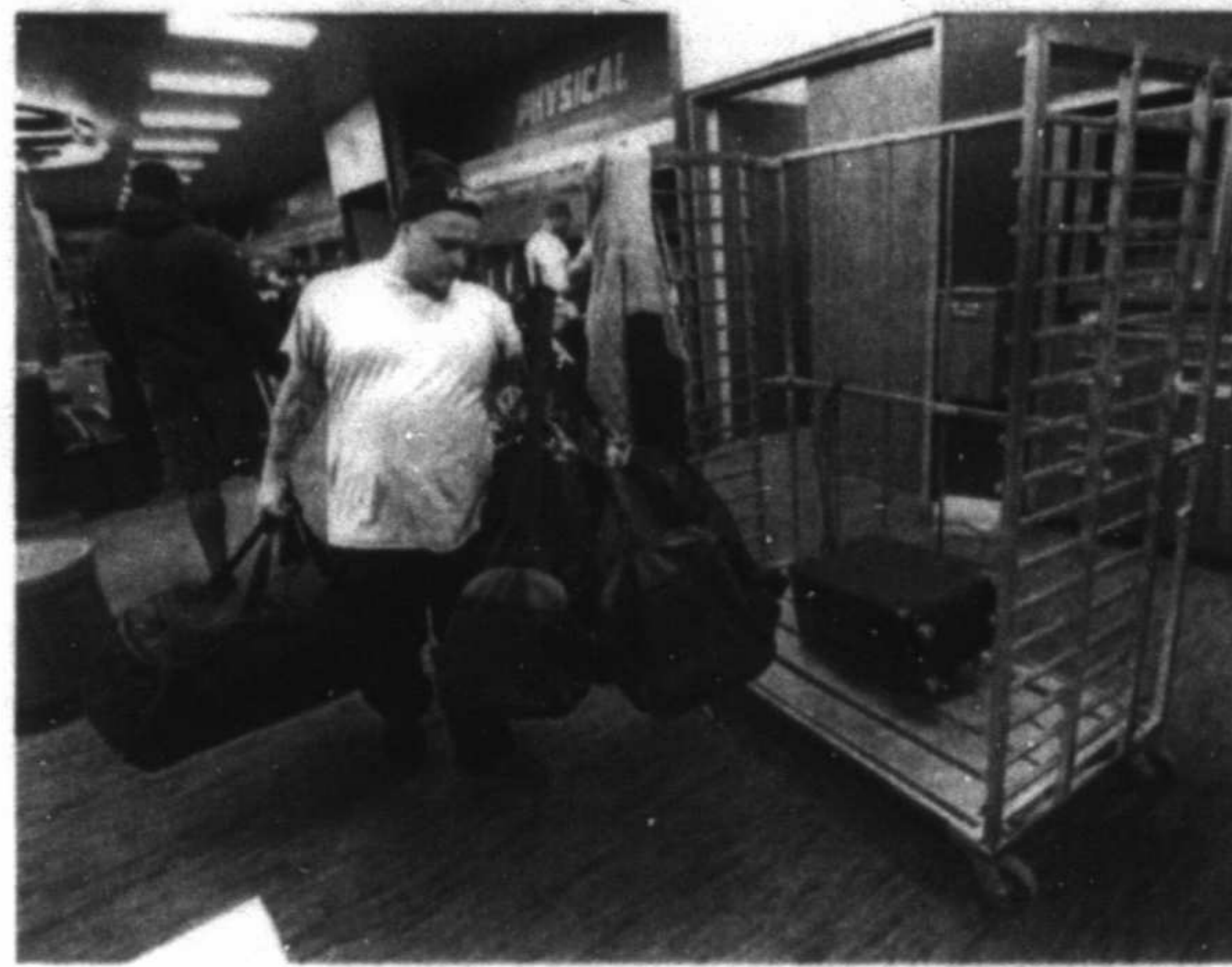
By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans are out of town this week, and veteran linebacker Brian Orakpo couldn't be happier.

The franchise decided once the NFL schedule came out in mid-April to spend the week between back-to-back road games against the Cardinals and the San Francisco 49ers in Arizona.

The main reason? Cut down the travel to keep players a bit fresher for the final month of the season.

It's a decision made by lots of NFL teams over the years. New England spent the week after beating Denver in Colorado for high-altitude training at the Air Force Academy before playing in Mexico City last month — and winning. Philadelphia spent the past week in the Los Angeles area after a loss in Seattle — and then beat the Rams.



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Troy Adams of VIP Moving and Storage loads Tennessee Titans players' bags onto a cart in the training facility locker room on Dec. 8 in Nashville, Tenn., as the team prepares for a road trip to Phoenix and San Francisco. The franchise decided once the NFL schedule came out in mid-April to spend the week between back-to-back road games against the Cardinals and the San Francisco 49ers in Arizona.

"I totally agree with what we're doing because the jet lag is vicious," Orakpo said. "There's definitely a setback, and also the time difference, getting used to the time difference on the West Coast, there's all these different elements. It really helps if you just stayed out there, not have to worry so much traveling back and forth because it's a lot of mileage, especially when you're trying to play at a high level in a football game."

Spending a week away from home during the season is something that neither the Titans nor coach Mike Mularkey had ever done. The Titans, who relocated to Tennessee from Houston in 1997, are among the six NFL teams yet to play in London,

and they left Nashville for training camp only once in 21 seasons.

The motivation is simple.

"We're trying to eliminate distractions," Philadelphia coach Doug Pederson said. "It's hard when you've got back-to-back West Coast trips like this, to be able to fly back home and then practice and come back out this way at the end of the week. So, try to keep the week as normal as possible for the guys, for the coaches."

The actual process of relocating an NFL team for a week during the regular season requires months of planning. Brent Akers, the director of team operations for the Titans, and his colleagues made at least seven trips to the hotel where the

team is staying. They even rewired the building, so the Titans could simply plug in Monday and start working as if back home at the team's headquarters.

Packing wasn't easy either.

A 53-foot truck left Nashville on Dec. 5 headed to Arizona filled with 40,000 pounds of equipment including:

- A Jugs machine for firing balls at players at practice.
- Down markers.
- Six water coolers for practices.
- New computers, projectors and TV monitors to be ready and waiting for the Titans rather than pack up all that gear.
- Tape and other gear needed by trainers to treat injuries between games.

- Cleats.
- Uniforms.
- And, yes, weights.

Strength coach Steve Waterson has an area set aside for workouts because the Titans must lift between games.

At the hotel in Arizona, the Titans are using about 80,000 square feet of meeting space, not counting rooms for sleeping:

- Offices for everyone from general manager Jon Robinson and Mularkey and position coaches to the media relations department preparing for their next game in San Francisco.
- A ballroom now is a locker room.
- Meeting rooms turned into a cafeteria.
- A training room.
- And yes, a workout space for all those weights.

The Titans will only have to travel to Arizona State for practices, though Tuesday remains the players' off day. Safety Jonathan Cyprien, who spent a week in London with the Jaguars, knew what to expect.

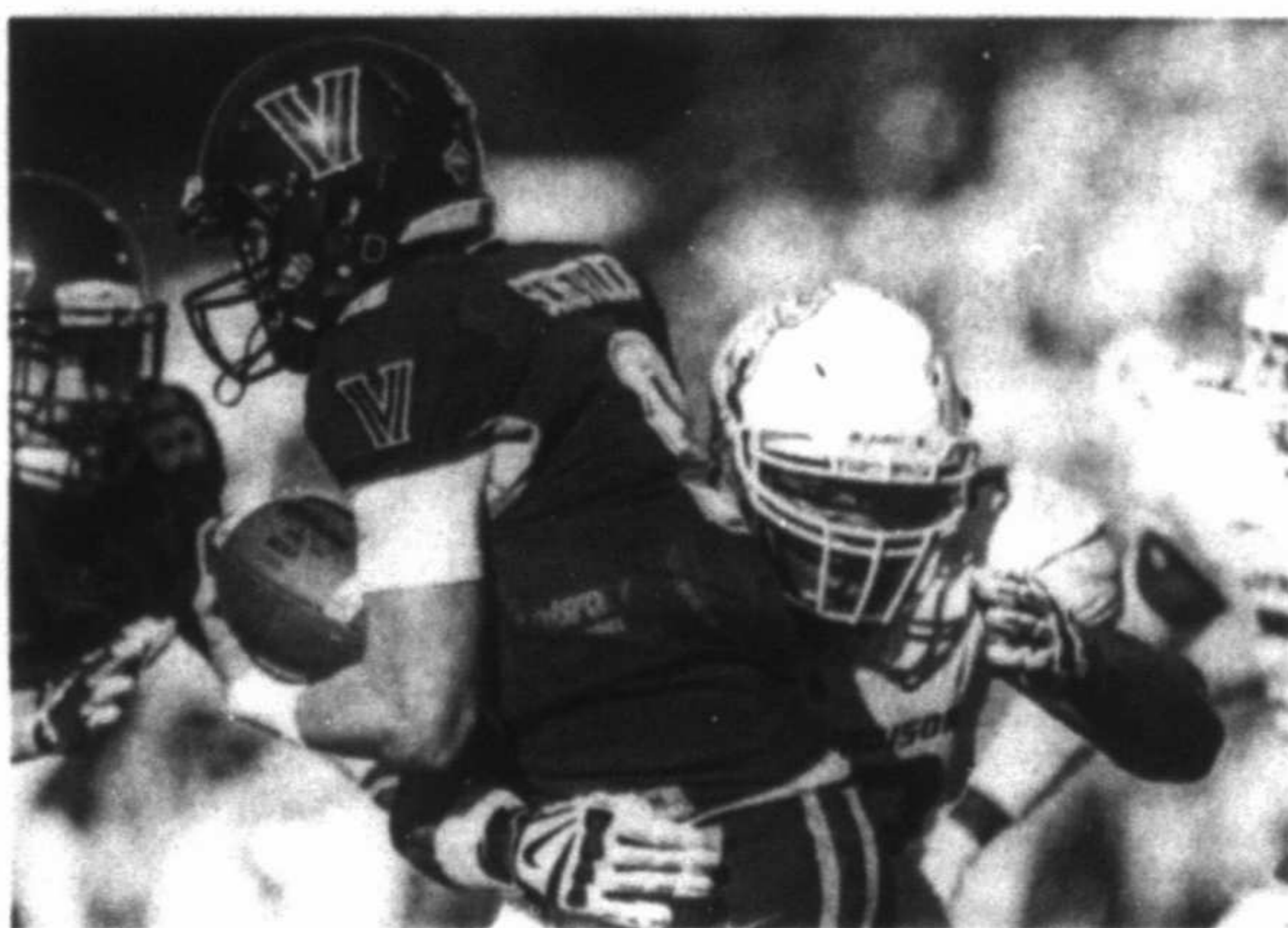
"Oh yeah, we're stuck together," Cyprien said. "We'll be stuck together kind of like college. You know, where you go to practice, you go to class and you sleep in the same room with the same guys all day. You have no choice but to get closer when you're put in those situations."

Lastly, lots and lots of bags for essentially three separate trips in the span of 10 days. Usually, a road trip features 125 to 130 people, but this extended stay has 171 with the practice squad and other employees needed for a game week. Players alone will have at least three bags apiece.

On Sunday night, the Titans will board their third different airplane, which must be big enough to carry home all that gear.

Only time, and the three remaining games, will determine how helpful the travel plans were for Tennessee. Of course, both the Patriots and Eagles won after spending a week away, and Philadelphia went home as NFC East champs. The Titans (8-5) are hoping for a similar benefit trying to end an eight-season playoff drought coming off a 12-7 loss to Arizona.

"It's an opportunity for us to get away together as a team," Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota said. "I think that's going to benefit us and bring this team closer. I do think it will help us down the stretch."



Daniel Lin/Daily News-Record via AP

James Madison defensive lineman Andrew Ankrash (93) tackles onto Villanova quarterback Jack Schetelich (9) during the first half on Oct. 14 in Harrisonburg, Va. Ankrash was selected for the The Associated Press FCS All-America first team on Tuesday.

James Madison leads with 3 on AP FCS All-America team

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Defending national champion and top-ranked James Madison placed three players on The Associated Press FCS All-America first team, more than any other school.

The team, chosen by a panel of 10 media members who cover the second tier of Division I football, was released Tuesday.

James Madison was represented by offensive lineman Aaron Stinnie, defensive lineman Andrew Ankrash and defensive back Jordan Brown. The Dukes play South Dakota State in the FCS semifinals on Saturday.

South Dakota quarterback Chris Streveler and UC Davis receiver Keelan Doss, two of the three finalists for the Walter Payton Award that goes to the best offensive player in FCS, were also selected as All-Americans. The other finalist, Sam Houston quarterback Jeremiah Briscoe, was selected to the second team. Briscoe won the Payton last year.

South Dakota placed offensive lineman Jacob Ohnsgore and tight end Dallas Goedert in the first team. Goedert is an All-American for the second straight season.

The other FCS semifinal features North Dakota State and Sam Houston State, both of which had two FCS All-Americans.

North Dakota was represented on the first team by linebacker Nick DeLuca and offensive lineman Austin Kuhnert. Sam Houston had receiver Davion Davis and defensive lineman P.J. Hall on the first team.

Hall is also an All-American for the second straight year along with linebacker Darius Leonard of South Carolina State.

The 2017 Associated Press FCS All-America team:

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Chris Streveler, South Dakota
Running back — Derrick Bagnasco, junior, Lehigh; Josh Black, sophomore, Miami
Linebacker — Brandon Parker, senior, South Carolina A&T; Austin Kuhnert, senior, North Dakota State; Jamar Chase, senior, South Dakota State; Austin Brown, senior, James Madison; Justin Lee, senior, Jacksonville State
Tight end — Dallas Goedert, senior, South Carolina State
Receiver — Keelan Doss, junior, UC Davis; Davion Davis, junior, Sam Houston State
All-purpose player — John Santiago, junior, North Dakota
Kicker — Jay Valle, freshman, Weber State

DEFENSE

Linebacker — Andrew Ankrash, senior, James Madison; Jonathan Peterson, senior, Sam Houston State; Darius Jackson, senior, Jacksonville State; P.J. Hall, senior, Sam Houston State
Linebacker — Brett Taylor, senior, Western State; Darius Leonard, senior, South Carolina State; Nick DeLuca, senior, North Dakota State
Safety — Mike Smith, senior, Missouri; George Odom, senior, Central Arkansas; Terrell Jordan, senior, Weber State; Jordan Brown, senior, James Madison
Punter — Joe Zaris, senior, Indiana West

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Jeremiah Briscoe, senior, Sam Houston State
Running back — Ray Thomas, senior, Jacksonville State; Zane Doss, freshman, SDSU
Linebacker — Brandon Engel, senior, South Dakota; John Cook, junior, Central Arkansas; Troy

Kick return star Devin Hester retires from NFL

By Andrew Seligman
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Devin Hester, the spectacular speedster who holds the NFL record for kick return touchdowns with 20, announced his retirement from the NFL on Tuesday.

In a post on social media, the 35-year-old Hester said it was time.

"Good news: Commissioner Goodell, you can put the kickoff back at the 30," Hester wrote. "Bad news: Y'all will have to find a new favorite returner."

Hester played for Atlanta, Baltimore and Seattle, but his best years were with the Bears from 2006-13. Chicago took him in the second round (57th overall) out of Miami, and at the end of his rookie season, he took the opening kickoff of the Super Bowl 92 yards for a touchdown against Indianapolis, though the Colts won the game.

He is the third-leading punt returner in NFL history and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2014.

"The kind of production he had was very, very difficult," Bears coach John Fox said. "He changed games."

But Hester's impact went beyond the sheer numbers.

Opposing coaches would routinely do all they could to avoid punting or kicking to him, even if that meant the Bears starting at their 40 because the ball landed out of bounds. When Hester was at his best, they considered that

a better option than risking a return for a touchdown.

"I feel like when he's out there, everybody has a little more confidence," said Bears cornerback Sherrick McManis, who played with Hester. "Because all you've got to do is just step in front of your guy, and if he catches that ball, you know it's bound to happen. He can take it straight to the crib. He gives everybody confidence. People have fun. Had to get guys not to watch, look at him run at times. He was a special player."

In his retirement note, Hester showed the sort of flair that defined his career.

He mentioned the "confidence and swagger" he developed in college and learning to "act like you're the best player on the field, then back it up." He thanked the fans in Chicago as well as former Bears coach Lovie Smith while recalling the ovations he got at Soldier Field. He closed with a reference to the Hall of Fame: "Hopefully next time I see y'all it'll be in Canton."

"I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to coach you. @D_Hest23 the best to ever do it! #GOAT #HalloFamer," tweeted Smith, now the coach at Illinois.

"When I was in HS, I was a huge Canes fan and I saw Devin Hester in the ATL airport one time," Watt tweeted. "1st time ever asking someone famous for a photo. He was cool, took the photo and it was awesome."

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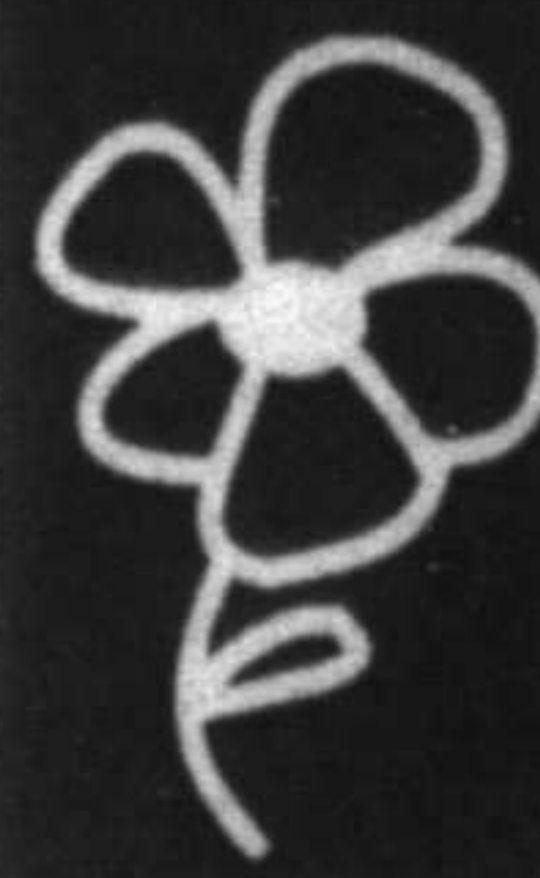
Cantor worked at NFL Network for a decade until she was fired in October 2016. In the suit against NFL Enterprises, she alleges age and sex discrimination, sexual harassment that created a hostile work environment, wrongful termination and defamation.

Cantor's lawyer, Laura Horton, filed an amended complaint Monday to the original suit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court in October. The amended version includes the names of those accused and details about the sexual misconduct allegations.

Horton said she has not heard back from the NFL Network since the original filing in October.

"It's been silent. It just went nowhere," Horton said Tuesday. "They haven't reached out to me. I don't know what their next move will be."

Cantor said in the suit that Faulk fondled and groped her and asked "deeply personal and invasive questions" about her sex life. Cantor said she received explicit texts from Weinberger, McNabb, Taylor and Evans.



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Man keeps wife in the dark about new 'business partner'

DEAR ABBY: My husband met a gal 33 years younger than he is at a doctor's office. It seems they "became close," so they went off and bought real estate together in another state. They spend weeks at a time together there alone.
When they are both here in town, they have "business" meetings several times a week. I am not allowed to attend, know when they take place or even ask what was discussed. They never have phone conversations while I'm near, and their texts to each other are "none of my business."
My husband's words: "I don't know why you're so mad, you're just jealous." Your thoughts, please? — PEEVED IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR PEEVED: You live in a community property state. Half of your husband's share of whatever property he and this woman bought together belongs to you.
My first thought is your husband is having a fling and lying about not knowing why you are angry. He's right that you are jealous. You have every right to be.
My second thought is that you should consult an attorney ASAP. I don't know how much you know about your husband's finances, but a forensic accountant can help you unearth any assets he may be hiding or has

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already buried. After that, it will be up to you to decide whether you want to continue in a marriage with someone who would treat you so shabbily.
DEAR ABBY: My husband and I treated our 24-year-old granddaughter to dinner and a historical city tour. When we stopped by to pick her up, she came out of the house wearing a skin-tight top that laced up the front, with a 3-inch gap from top to bottom and no bra.
My first reaction was to ask her to change, thinking it was highly inappropriate. Her grandfather thought we should just let it go, so we went out for the evening. Nothing was mentioned regarding her attire, but I was extremely uncomfortable. What is your opinion? — BUT-TONED UP IN INDIANA
DEAR BUTTONTONED UP: Your granddaughter is an adult. For you to have asked her to change clothes would have been awkward for everyone concerned. While her choice of outfit may have been revealing,

if there was any embarrassment, it should not have been yours. If you prefer she dress more modestly when she's with you, the next time you invite her to go someplace, say so.
DEAR ABBY: Allow me to offer a tip for those men about to pop the "big question" to their girlfriends: Let your fiancée pick out the ring style she will be wearing for the rest of her life. Arrange with a jeweler to have a tray of rings in different styles in your price range. Then present a ring with the proposal with the understanding it can be exchanged. — WISE SOUTHERNER
DEAR SOUTHERNER: This is a subject that has been addressed in my column several times. A practical way to handle it is for the man to talk to the jeweler about what he can afford to spend beforehand, so the stones will be available to display to his fiancée, as well as a variety of settings from which she can choose.

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♥ AKJ
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WEST
♠ QJ10
♥ 10863
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♣ K943

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 974
♦ KJ10652
♣ 1072

SOUTH
♠ AK9652
♥ Q52
♦ 8
♣ J65

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
3♠ Pass Pass JNT
Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Nine of ♠

Today's deal was played at rubber bridge, where overtricks are not very important. South won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and played the ace and king of spades. He cashed three rounds of hearts, ending in dummy, and ruffed a diamond. South led a spade to West, hoping that West would have to lead a club.

West, however, exited safely with his remaining heart and declarer eventually gave the defense a club trick, making five.
There was a long discussion after the hand about whether it was possible to take 12 tricks. It can be done!
South should ruff a diamond at trick two, cash the ace and king of spades, and then three rounds of hearts ending in dummy. At this point, declarer can ruff another diamond. West cannot over-ruff because dummy still has a trump remaining, and he would have had to yield a ruff-suff or lead a club away from the king of clubs. West is forced, therefore, to discard a club in order to keep his heart as a safe exit card.
South can now lead a club to dummy's queen for a successful finesse, and then ruff dummy's last diamond. West has no answer to this. Should he over-ruff, he would have to choose between leading a club or yielding a ruff-suff. A club discard instead would leave his king unprotected, and a heart discard would subject him to an endplay with the queen of spades. A lovely hand!

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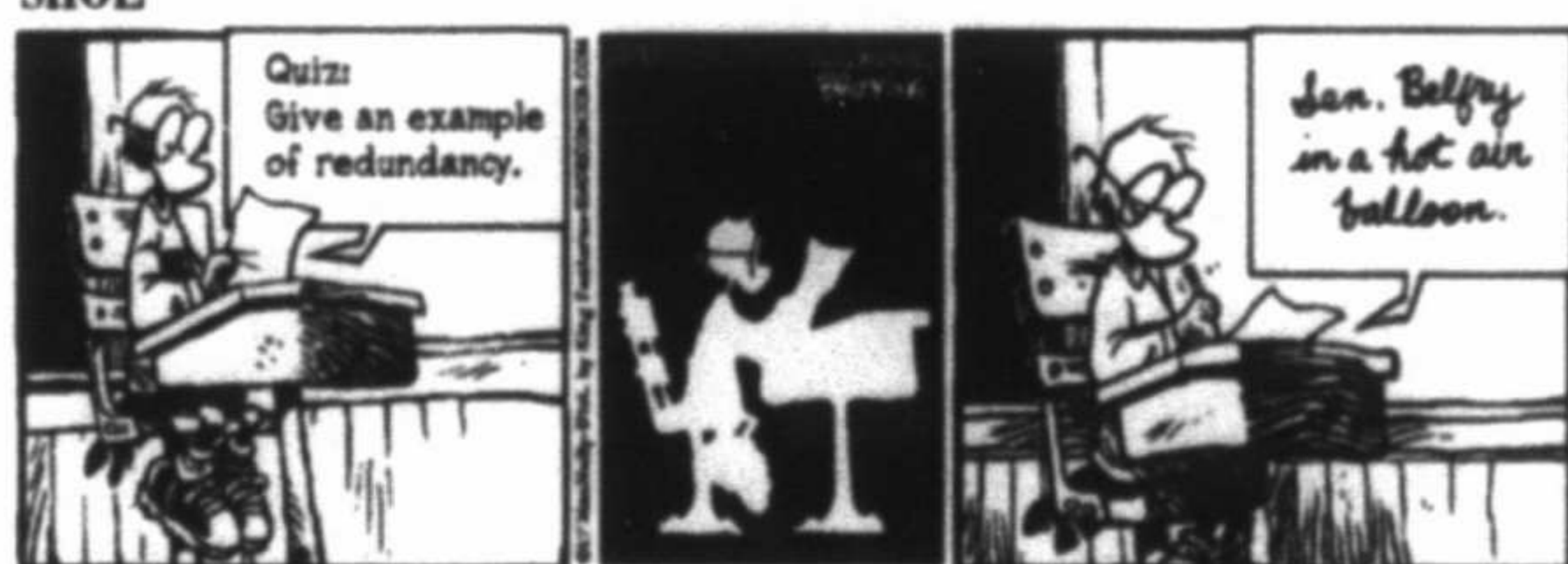
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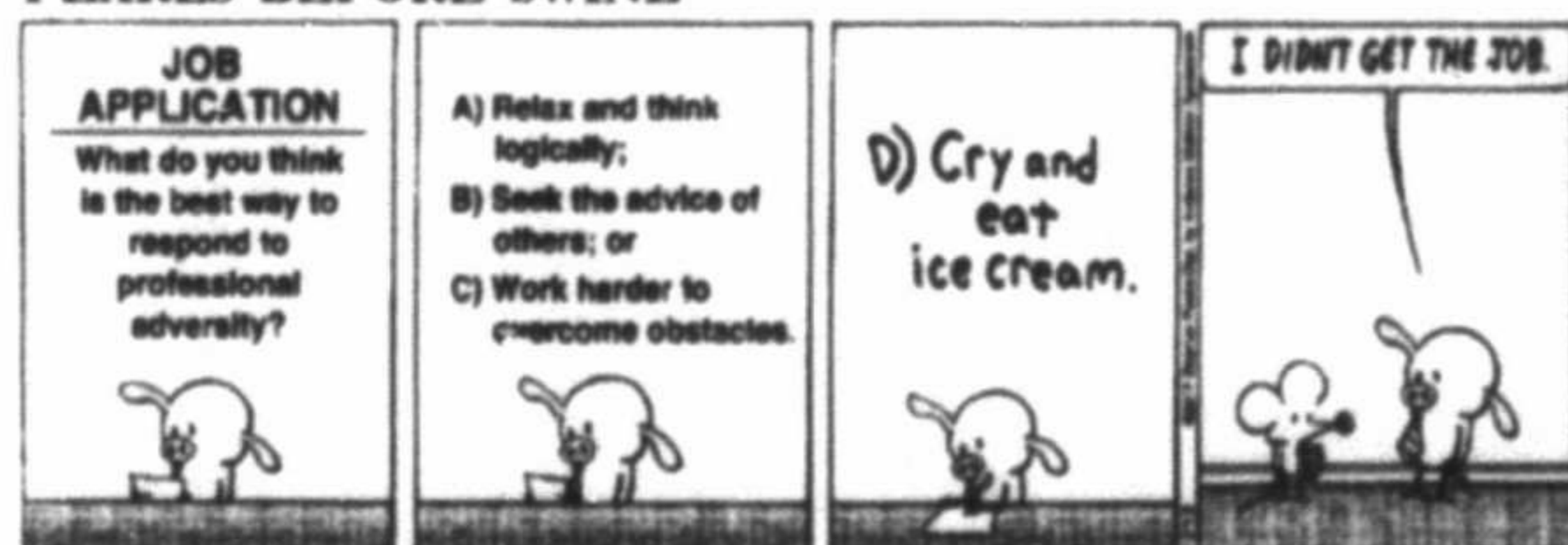
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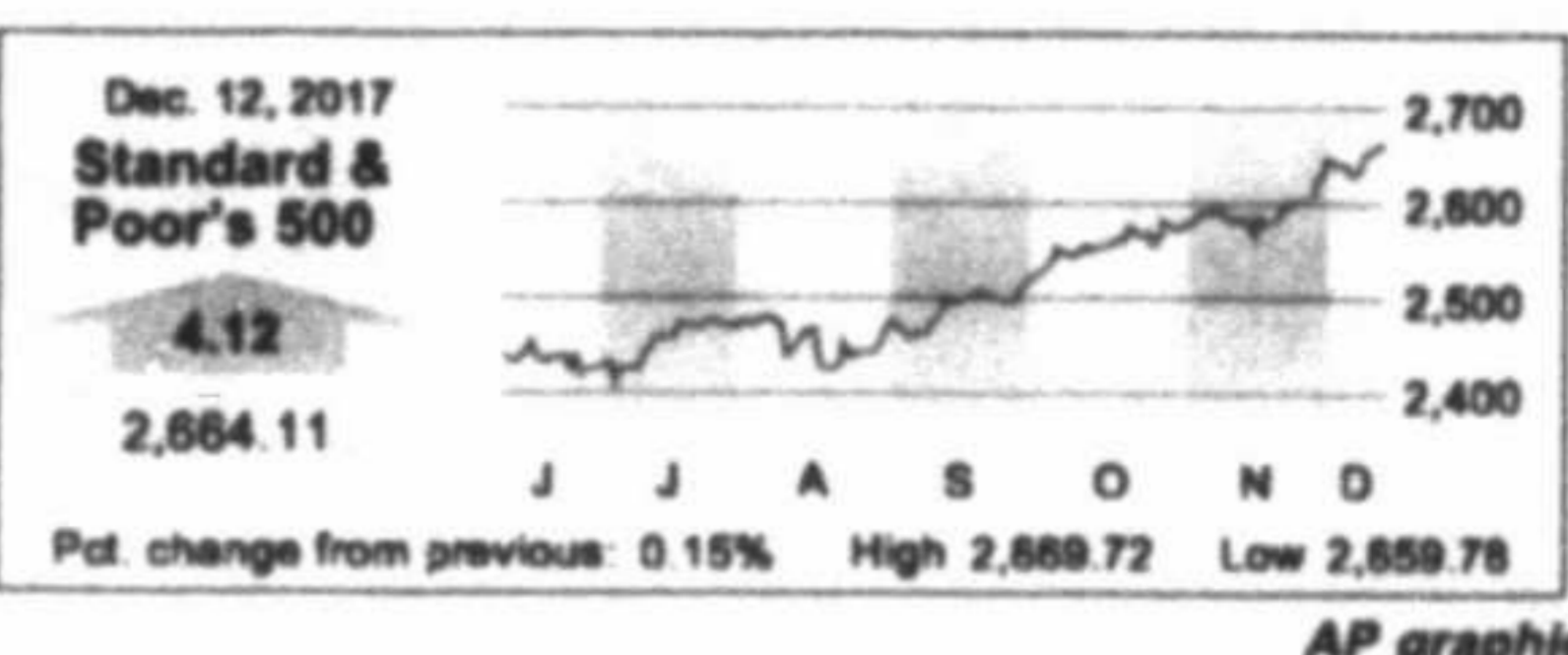
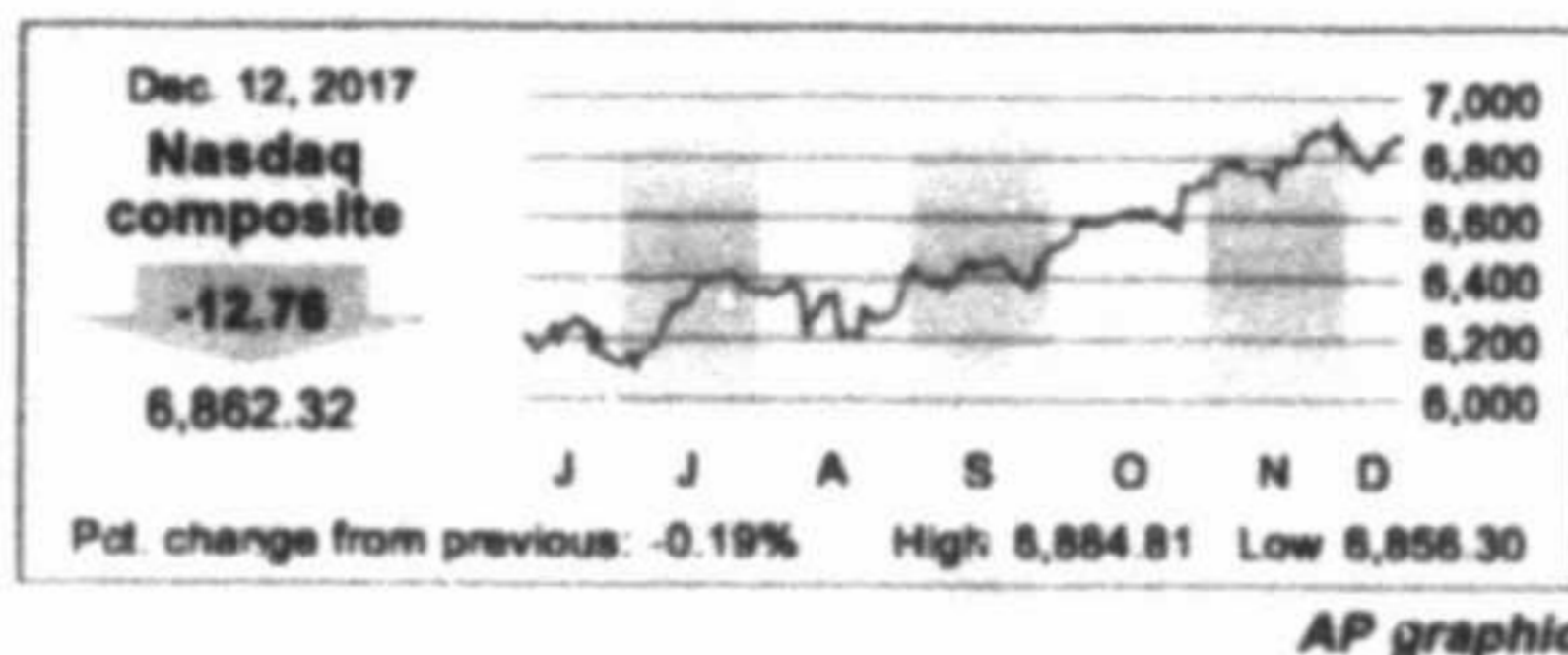
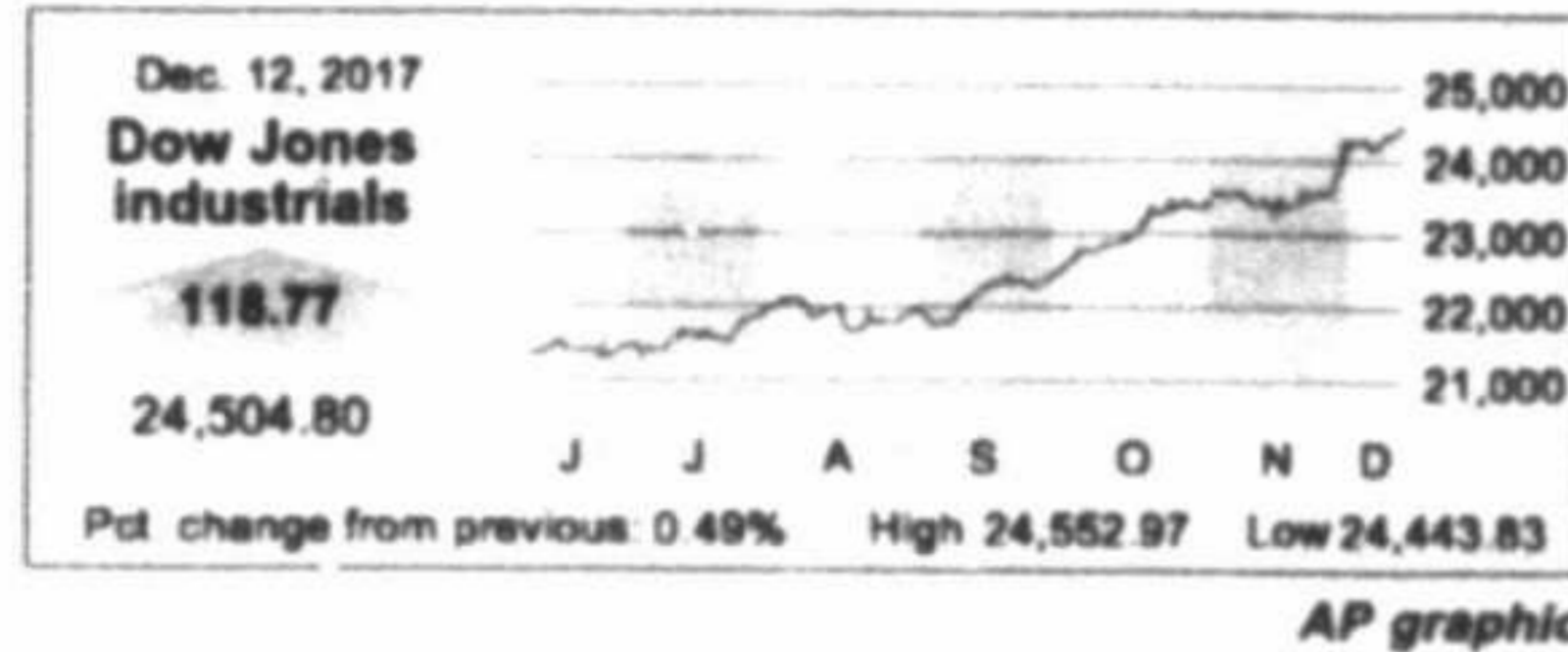
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MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
Biogen	72985	29.32	28.38	+0.94	+3.3
Casey's	72971	8.33	7.73	+0.60	+7.8
SPDR Fin	60814	28.22	28.22	+0.00	0.0
Genetic	60157	17.93	17.28	+0.65	+3.8
S&P500ETF	64967	266.76	266.76	+0.00	0.0

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
KMG	63.34	4.15	4.15	+0.14	+3.4
Genom	13.51	1.50	1.50	+0.12	+8.0
Stem	2.20	2.20	2.20	+0.24	+12.2
Hornbeck	3.03	2.4	2.4	+0.6	+25.0

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
Qimonda	8.33	1.73	1.72	-0.01	-0.6
Kosmos	6.75	1.09	1.09	-0.01	-0.9
CSX	5.80	12.0	12.0	-0.01	-0.1
Penny	2.87	13.0	13.0	-0.01	-0.1
FourEd	9.01	1.02	1.02	-0.01	-1.0

DIARY

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Advanced
Qimonda	1.73	-0.01	-0.6	1,338
Kosmos	1.09	-0.01	-0.9	1,580
CSX	12.0	-0.01	-0.1	111
Penny	13.0	-0.01	-0.1	3,038
FourEd	1.02	-0.01	-1.0	118
Volume	3,382,890,360			

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
DigitalPer	28275	4.16	3.84	+0.32	+8.1
TransEntz	44478	2.03	1.94	+0.09	+4.6
ZionCentr	37403	2.63	2.59	+0.04	+1.5
Globalstar	33460	1.26	1.26	+0.02	+1.6
GranTrng	29098	2.32	2.32	+0.04	+1.7

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TransEntz	44478	2.03	1.94	+0.09	+4.6
ZionCentr	37403	2.63	2.59	+0.04	+1.5
Globalstar	33460	1.26	1.26	+0.02	+1.6
GranTrng	29098	2.32	2.32	+0.04	+1.7

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
ZionCentr	2.63	2.59	2.59	-0.01	-0.4
Globalstar	1.26	1.26	1.26	-0.01	-0.8
GranTrng	2.32	2.32	2.32	-0.01	-0.4
Volume	137,192,550				

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
Concast	31845	30.51	29.07	+1.44	+4.8
Proton	28372	6.14	5.79	+0.35	+5.8
MoronT	27875	41.86	41.15	+0.71	+1.7
Microst	22919	85.58	85.35	+0.23	+0.3
Surix	21843	15.89	15.39	+0.50	+3.2

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
Concast	31845	30.51	29.07	+1.44	+4.8
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LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Vol	High	Low	Chg	%Chg
Yell	4.20	1.33	1.33	-0.01	-0.8
CASI	2.68	1.07	1.07	-0.01	-0.9
Perigun	4.35	1.00	1.00	-0.01	-1.0
OncoMed	3.92	1.72	1.72	-0.01	-0.6
AurTh	11.99	2.16	2.16	-0.01	-0.5
Volume	1,768,812,404				

Facebook to pay taxes locally, instead of through Ireland

By Molly Schuetz
Bloomberg

Facebook is changing its tax structure so that it will pay taxes in the country where sales are made, rather than funneling everything through its Irish subsidiary.

The company said it will move to a "local selling structure" in countries where it has an office to support sales to local advertisers. Menlo Park, California-based Facebook shifted its international business operations to Ireland in 2010.

Facebook has since come under pressure from the U.S. and Europe for its tax practices. Last year, the company said it would stop routing U.K. sales through Ireland after public outcry over news that Facebook paid only 4,327 pounds (\$6,128) in taxes in 2014. In the U.S., the company is locked in a battle with the Internal Revenue Service that may cost it more than \$5 billion, plus interest and penalties, related to global operations that are reported by the Irish unit.

"We believe that moving to a local selling structure will provide more transparency to governments and policy makers around the world who have called for greater visibility over the revenue associated with locally supported sales in their countries," Chief Financial Officer Dave Wehner wrote Tuesday in a statement.

The European Commission is looking into ways to tax digital companies like Facebook as it seeks to raise money from an industry the commission says provides less tax than it should. The Commission also has ordered Apple Inc. to pay about (about \$15 billion) in back taxes to Ireland, after it said the country granted unfair deals that reduced the tech giant's corporate tax bill. Apple and Ireland are appealing the ruling.

Facebook's announcement is an "important change that is a step in the right direction," the Italian Treasury said in a statement.

Wehner said Facebook plans to implement the change through 2018 with a goal of switching all its offices to the new structure by the first half of 2019. The company has more than 30 international offices. Facebook said it will keep its U.S. headquarters in Menlo Park and Dublin will continue to be the international hub.

US stock indexes close mostly up; New highs for S&P 500, Dow

Big-name companies notched gains on Wall Street Tuesday, delivering more records for two of the major stock indexes.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Dow Jones Industrial average finished at all-time highs for the second day this week, while a slide in technology stocks pulled the Nasdaq lower. Small-company stocks also lagged.

Banks and other financial stocks led the gainers as the Federal Reserve met to discuss interest rates. The central bank is expected to raise rates for the third time this year on Wednesday, which allows banks to charge more to lend money.

The S&P 500 index rose 4.12 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,664.11. The Dow gained 118.77 points, or 0.5 percent, to 24,504.80. The Nasdaq lost 12.78 points, or 0.2 percent, to 6,862.32. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks fell 3.72 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,516.12. More stocks fell than rose on the New York Stock Exchange.

Canada to buy used Australian jets over new Boeing aircraft

By Rob Gillies
Associated Press

TORONTO—Canada has ditched a plan to buy 18 Super Hornet jet fighters from U.S.-based Boeing and will instead buy 18 used F-18 fighters from Australia.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had previously warned that Canada would stop doing business with Boeing if it doesn't drop a trade complaint against Canadian plane maker Bombardier, and the government warned again on Tuesday that the company will have little chance of winning a new contract for 88 additional fighter jets under the status quo.

Trudeau's government also said Tuesday it will assess companies' overall impact on Canada's economy before buying the 88 additional fighter jets to replace its aging F-18s.

"Bidders responsible for harming Canada's economic interest will be at a distinct disadvantage compared to bidders who aren't engaged in detrimental behavior," Procurement Minister Carla Qualtrough said.

Boeing spokesman Scott Day acknowledged that the statement was directed toward the company and said that Boeing respects the Canadian government's decision to buy the Australian planes. Day also said they will review the requirements for the new fleet and emphasized what he said was Boeing's long-term presence in Canada.

"I think you have to let our record speak for itself," Day said in an email.

Boeing claims Bombardier's new C Series passenger aircraft receives subsidies that give it an advantage internationally.

Canada had been in talks to purchase the 18 Super Hornet fighter jets from Boeing, rather than the used aircraft from Australia, in an effort to bridge the gap between its aging F-18s and the new fighter fleet it plans to purchase.

But officials said the Australian jets will cost significantly less than Super Hornets and can be put into action two years earlier.

"We have received an offer for sale of F-18 aircraft from the government of Australia, which we intend to pursue, and we have received an offer of Super Hornets from the U.S. government, which we intend to let expire," Qualtrough said.

Jonathan Vance, chief of the defense staff of the Canadian Armed Forces, said the Australian jets will work fine and that Canada can't meet its domestic and international obligations without some form of supplemental capability until the future fighter fleet is in place.

Canada will begin receiving deliveries of the used Australian jets next year. The value of the deal is about \$388 million.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell \$5.20, or 0.4 percent, to \$1,241.70 an ounce. Silver dropped 12 cents to \$15.67 an ounce. Copper added a penny to \$3.02 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Company	Closing Price	Change
Concho Resources (CXO)	\$139.50	Down 1.65
Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)	\$4.80	Down 0.06
Diamondback Energy (FANG)	\$111.53	Up 0.23
Legacy Reserves (LGCY)	\$1.30	Up 0.01
Mexco Energy (MXC)	\$3.92	Down 0.15
Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)	\$25.00	Down 0.10
ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)	\$19.76	Up 0.64
RSP Permian (RSP)	\$37.09	Up 0.09
Ring Energy (REI)	\$13.09	Down 0.49
Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)	\$21.82	Up 0.04

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AK Steel	15	5.33	57.47	-0.77	-1.3	-47.8	Colgate	1.60	25	72.49	-0.68	-0.9	+19.8	Proton	6.14	5.79	5.79	+0.35	+5.8	+16.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.10	+1.20	+3.1	+10.4	Concast	31.845	30.51	29.07	+1.44	+4.8	+22.9	RangeR	08	18	16.35	-0.36	-2.2	+24.9
Abraxas	54	2.15	8.88	-0.63	-7.1	-18.3	ConocoPh	1.86	42	51.96	+2.37	+4.6	+28.8	Regener	36	18	17.31	+0.33	+2.0	+25.5
AdiaDreEq	1.32e	-	14.84	+0.81	+5.4	+16.8	Cracker	4.90	28	162.93	-2.0	-1.4	-2.8	RoperT	87	20	49.6	-0.7	-1.4	+21.8
AMD	9.90	26	12.7	-0.13	-1.0	-12.3	CSX	5.80	12.0	12.0	-0.01	-0.1	-0.1	Routin	1.00p	28.20	28.20	+0.12	+0.4	+22.6
Albana	49	174.64	-4.65	-2.6	-1.5	-68.9	CrossT	83e	14	14.35	-0.5	-3.5	-10.4	Ruba	91	1.81	0.7	-0.78	-10.0	+21.7
AlphaSurP	1.35e	10.73	10.73	+0.19	+1.8	+16.8	DCP Mid	3.12	53	37.59	+0.53	+1.4	+3.8	Ryan	40	9	14.50	+0.12	+0.8	+23.2
Altera	69.77	1.76	80.4	-0.13	-0.2	-0.1	DTE	3.30	22	113.96	-2.03	-1.8	-1.6	S&P500ETF	4.12e	266.76	266.76	+0.00	0.0	+19.3
Amgen	4.90	16	176.26	-0.57	-0.3	-20.8	Deere	24	55	38.41	-0.8	-2.1	-5.8	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
Amplify	1.80	-	48.53	+3.98	+8.2	+36.4	Diamond	1.88	20	25.73	+2.4	+9.3	+36.7	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
Applied	2.52	20	171.70	-0.97	-0.6	-0.2	DigitalP	-	-	4.16	+3.4	+82.1	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1	
ApplMkt	48	16	58.47	-1.15	-2.0	-16.4	Disney	1.88	19	187.34	+0.51	+0.3	+1.6	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
Archrock	48	9.70	10	10	0.0	0.0	EOG Reser	87	-	198.28	-0.8	-0.4	-0.2	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
ATMOS	1.80	25	89.28	-2.63	-2.9	-20.4	Enbridge	2.17	16	88.48	-4.52	-5.1	-5.8	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
AutoData	2.52	31	117.05	-0.77	-0.7	-0.6	Enph	08	-	54.64	-0.9	-1.6	-1.6	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
BP PLC	2.38	29	48.86	+0.73	+1.5	+3.9	Enph	2.28	22	16.72	+1.1	+6.6	+24.0	SprDGE	73e	35.18	35.18	-0.55	-1.5	+1.1
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Defining shots based on every club in the bag

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Some of the defining shots on the PGA Tour this year were hit from the tee and fairway, from the bunkers and behind trees, and even from the driving range.

Two of them effectively clinched a first major. One of them introduced another young star.

One way to look back on 2017 is through every club in the bag. The shots weren't necessarily the best, but they helped shape the year.

DRIVER: Moments after Dustin Johnson made a birdie putt to force a sudden-death playoff at the Northern Trust, he effectively ended it with one swing. CBS analyst Nick Faldo pointed to a bunker beyond the right side of the lake on the 18th hole at Glen Oaks as a target for Johnson's powerful fade. Instead, he took it over the entire lake, a 341-yard blast. That left him a lob wedge to 4 feet for birdie to beat Jordan Spieth.

3-WOOD: "Oh gosh, Jimmy, be good." Justin Thomas was speaking to caddy Jimmy Johnson after launching a 3-wood from 310 yards to the elevated green on the par-5 18th at Erin Hills. It was perfect, landing softly and rolling out 8 feet to set up an eagle that tied one U.S. Open record (63) and broke another (9-under par).

HYBRID: Robert Streb was in the rough left of the fairway on the par-5 12th hole at the TPC Old White in the Greenbrier Classic. It looked as though he might lay up, but Streb chose hybrid and slashed it out. The ball tumbled onto the green and came within inches of an albatross.

3-IRON: Jordan Spieth hit the most memorable 3-iron of the year, not for the way he struck the ball, but from where he struck it in the British Open. On the wrong side of a dune, facing an impossible lie, Spieth wisely asked if the practice range at Royal Birkdale was out-of-bounds. Told it was in play, he took a penalty drop on the range, got free relief from the equipment trucks and hit a blind shot with his 3-iron just short of the green. He got up-and-down for bogey. He played his next four holes in 5 under to win the claret jug.



A Charlie Riedel/AP File Photo

Justin Thomas hits to the 18th green during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament, June 17, at Erin Hills in Erin, Wis. His 3-wood set up an eagle and a 63, the best shot with that club this year on the PGA Tour.

4-IRON: Patrick Cantlay already made a remarkable recovery from a back injury that plagued him for three years by making it to the Tour Championship in just 11 starts. And then he finished his year in a playoff in Las Vegas. In the rough blocked by trees, Cantlay saw enough of an opening to hit 4-iron that somehow made it through, ran through the green and set up an efficient up-and-down to win the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open for his first PGA Tour victory.

5-IRON: Dustin Johnson was on the verge of losing the last of a six-shot lead in the HSBC Champions when Justin Rose, in the group ahead of him, faced the tough par-3 17th at Sheshan International with a back pin. Rose hit 5-iron just left of the flag and watched it roll to 4 feet of the flag for a birdie that led to a two-shot victory, his first of the year.

6-IRON: The two memorable shots from Jordan Spieth's victory in the British Open were the shot from the driving range and

the 50-foot eagle putt. The most important shot was the 6-iron he nearly holed on the par-3 14th. Tied for the lead after his adventurous bogey on the previous hole at Royal Birkdale, Spieth's tee shot plopped down in front of the hole and stopped 4 feet away. The birdie restored his lead, and he was on his way.

7-IRON: Justin Thomas took control in the final round of the PGA Championship with a par putt on the 16th. He sealed it with a 7-iron as good as any shot he ever hit. The pin was in the front on the par-3 17th at Quail Hollow, and Thomas had 221 yards over the water to the hole. It was so good that he let the club twirl through his hands as he watched it land on the front of the green to 15 feet. He made birdie for a three-shot lead and a most enjoyable walk to the final hole.

8-IRON: Sergio Garcia's comeback at the Masters began with a par. He caught up to Justin Rose in the final round with two of the best swings he ever made under the pressure of a major. The

first was a drive so powerful that it left him only 171 yards into the par-5 15th. His 8-iron landed inches in front of the hole and nicked the pin before it rolled 14 feet away. He made the eagle, and eventually got the green jacket.

9-IRON: Brooks Koepka put the finishing touches on a brilliant closing stretch to win the U.S. Open on the par-3 16th at Erin Hills. His 9-iron was just right, landing beyond the hole and catching the slope to leave him 10 feet away for a third straight birdie to keep his three-shot lead.

PITCHING WEDGE: Xander Schauffele's name first surfaced at the U.S. Open when he tied for fifth. Three weeks later, he was part of a logjam down the stretch at the Greenbrier Classic when he reached the par-3 18th hole. He hit pitching wedge to 3 feet for birdie and a one-shot victory.

54-DEGREE WEDGE: Dustin Johnson faced charges by Jon Rahm and Tommy Fleetwood in the Mexico Championship and found himself in trouble on the 18th hole at Chapultepec Golf

Club. He was in a fairway bunker, his feet on the edge of the grass. He went with a 54-degree wedge that he hit to 20 feet to set up a two-putt par and a one-shot victory in his debut at No. 1 in the world.

LOB WEDGE: In a playoff against Daniel Berger at the Travelers Championship, Jordan Spieth came up short and in a bunker on the 18th hole at TPC River Highlands. He blasted out and watched it roll in for birdie, setting off a wild celebration. Spieth threw the wedge. Caddy Michael Greller threw the rake. Spieth raced out of the bunker and leapt into his caddy for a body bump usually seen only in football.

PUTTER: Jon Rahm showed a sense of the moment in his first full year as a pro. He was just off the back of the 18th green at Torrey Pines when he sent his 60-foot putt down the slope and watched it turned hard to the left and into the cup for eagle. He wound up winning the Farmers Insurance Open by three shots. He ended the year at No. 4 in the world.

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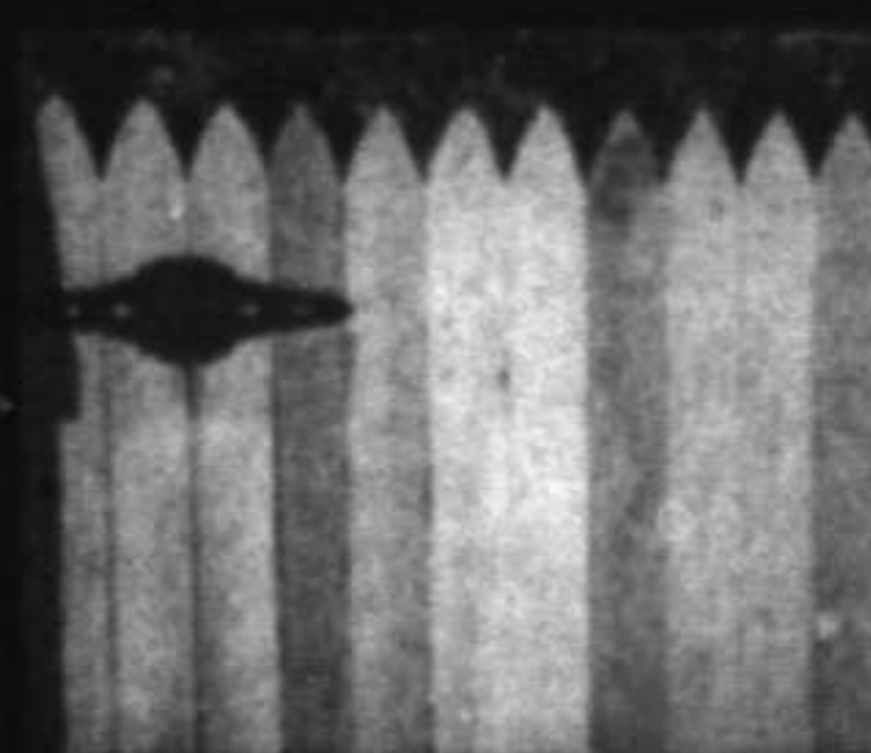
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