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The Lady Mustangs have had a successful season thus far.

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The 30th annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee is 9:30 a.m. Feb. 25 at Allison Fine Arts Center auditorium at Midland College. 40 students are set to compete.

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TEA decision means MISD to get back money

By Stewart Doreen
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A Texas Education Agency decision that some school districts would receive recapture money because of incorrect school finance calculations could mean more than $1 million would be returned to Midland ISD.

The issue has to do with the values the State Comptroller's Office put on valuations and the amount local districts grant in exemptions to taxpayers.

All school districts in Texas, according to a Texas Tribune report this weekend, allow homeowners to deduct $25,000 from their taxable property values, but districts are allowed to raise those exemptions up to 20 percent of a home's value. Midland is one of those districts.

MISD meeting

Midland ISD continues its search for a new superintendent. Read more inside.

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As Midland ISD interim Superintendent Rod Schroder said Monday, there is a difference between the comptroller's determination of property wealth and that amount minus the extra homestead exemptions.

The Tribune reported that in a letter sent Feb. 1 to school administrators, the agency's associate commissioner for school finance said that starting with the current school year, TEA will include half of the money the districts have forfeited in optional homestead exemptions when calculating how much recapture money those districts should pay. That's the agency's reinterpretation of a law that's been on the books since 1999.

"Now, what the state is going to do is recognize 50 percent of that loss and not consider it available for recapture," Schroder said.

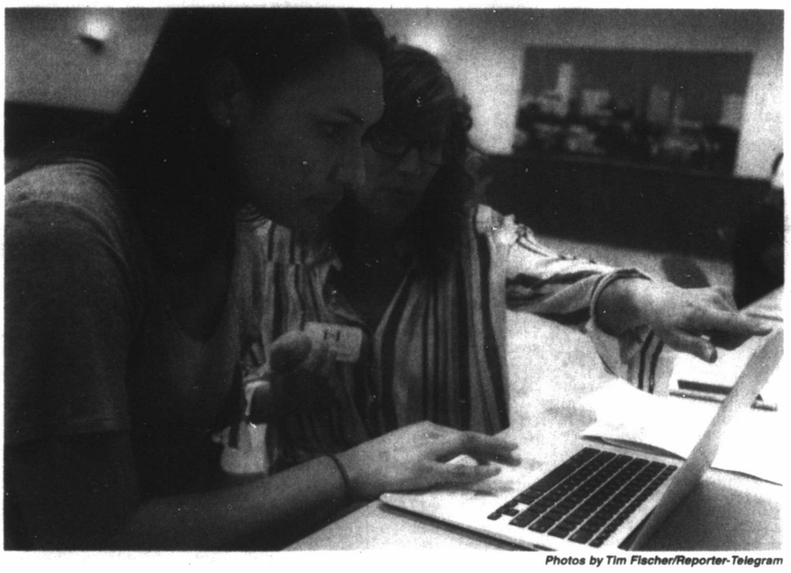
Other districts that likely would be impacted, according to the Tribune report, include Houston ISD, Spring Branch ISD, Highland Park ISD, Lake Travis ISD and Comal ISD. The Tribune reported that about $100 million is a "reasonable estimate of the total cost this year."

Midland's recapture payment as a chapter 41, or property-wealthy, school is more than $50 million. Schroder said one of two payments to Austin has been made. The savings to the district based on this TEA decision will result in a reduction of future allotments, Schroder said.

"In net effect, we will recognize $2 million this budget," Schroder said.

That money will go into the district's reserves, he said.

Good work recognized



Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Shannon Lenisa works with Kayla Barber on college applications and scholarships Monday during the 1 TO 1 tutoring program at First Presbyterian Church. **BELOW:** Rael Omondi gets help from Jackie Rendall on her high school English on Monday.

Tutoring program is education prize finalist

■ 1 TO 1 helps MHS, Lee students

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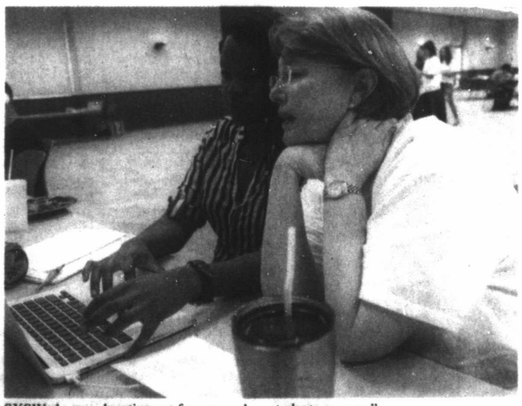
A growing tutoring program for Midland ISD students could soon expand to other Texas communities. 1 TO 1 Focused Learning was named a finalist for the Rather Prize, which awards ideas for improving education in the state.

Laurie Boldrick started 1 TO 1 to combat high school dropout rates. She applied for the statewide prize after local tutoring sessions gained popularity.

"It's seeking ideas for new programs that can be effective and duplicated throughout the state," Boldrick said. "We were able to duplicate it here in Midland, and it has evolved. So many kids can't afford private tutoring, and that's why it has been so popular."

Boldrick was surprised to learn the program was one of the top 10 Rather Prize ideas out of nearly 200 submissions. Texans can vote at ratherprize.com through Feb. 15 to help determine the winner.

Martin Rather, grandson of journalist Dan Rather, launched the prize in 2015. This year, the prize will award $10,000 to the winning education idea. The winner will be announced next month at SXSWedu, an education conference and festival.



Betty Ann Prentice, a math tutor at Midland High School, thinks 1 TO 1 could better serve students after winning the prize money.

"I choose to take my own calculator," Prentice said. "It could be used on calculators or supplies like computers students can use."

Boldrick hopes to win the Rather Prize to allow 1 TO 1 to reach other parts of the state.

"I think it would be great visibility for the program," Boldrick said. "We would present at SXSW in Austin. It would

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Oil traders are to blame for higher gasoline prices

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

You are paying about 40 cents more a gallon for gasoline than you would be if the oil markets were behaving rationally.

Lucky for Houston oil companies, they are not.

The law of supply and demand is broken in all things petroleum. Speculators are propping up prices citing geopolitical expectations that are not coming true. And it's costing the American consumer.

If I wanted to be fashionable, I'd blame the whole thing on foreigners, specifically the oil ministers who run the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. The group and its allies promised to take 1.2 million barrels a day off the global market to soak up the current glut and drive up prices.

If I'm being honest, though, it's the oil traders who are truly at fault. They didn't wait to see if OPEC's plan would work. Instead, they took it as gospel and immediately drove up prices to more than $52 a barrel.

The latest data, though, shows that the OPEC cuts are not working. Oil, gasoline and diesel inventories are all higher than they were this time last year, when prices were much lower and more accurately reflected the supply and demand picture.

The Energy Information Administration reports that U.S. crude oil stocks rose 6.5 million barrels to 494.8 million barrels in the week that ended January 27. A normal build this time of year is 4.9 million barrels.

And refined product inventories are up since OPEC struck its deal.

"U.S. gasoline stocks rose 3.87 million barrels last week to 257.1 million barrels. That was greater than the 300,000-barrel build that analysts had expected," said S&P Global Platts, which tracks petroleum data. The total inventory is 15 percent higher than the five year average.

To sum up, U.S. inventories of crude, gasoline and diesel have increased by 49 million barrels despite OPEC's cuts.

If the market were working, oil should be $26 a barrel, not $53. And instead of paying $1.79 a gallon for gasoline, we're getting charged $2.21.

But analysts remain committed to the $50-$55 range, arguing that OPEC's cuts will eventually shrink supply. The price is anticipatory, not based on current events.

If they were being realistic, though, they'd be anticipating lower prices. They are ignoring the rising number of drilling rigs operating in West Texas. They didn't notice the shale oil companies spending $9 billion to buy Permian Basin land in January. The don't care about EIA's prediction that Permian output will rise

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WTI Futures	$53.01	▼ $0.81
WTI Posted	$49.50	▼ $0.75
WTS Posted	$44.85	▼ $0.75
Natural Gas	$3.050	▼ $0.013
Gasoline	$2.104	▲ $0.004

The big number
Notre Dame University got a **$25 million donation** in honor of Midlander Joe O'Neill III. Page 2B

Word of the Day: precipitancy
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Obituaries



Charles Shipley

Charlie Shipley, 74, of May, Texas, formerly of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Friday, February 3, 2017 in Brownwood, Texas. He was a beloved husband, brother, daddy, and pappaw.

Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Heartland Funeral Home in Early, Texas.

Charlie Eugene Shipley was born October 12, 1942 in Sundown, Texas, the son of Charlie and Merle Shipley. He was married to Lynda Shipley in 1983. He worked for himself as a machinist for 50 years.

He was a member of the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang. He loved hunting, and fishing, telling far-fetched stories, riding motorcycles, building things, being with his family and friends, and blowing things up every Fourth of July. Life with Shipley was never a dull moment. He will be missed by many.

Charlie is survived by his wife; Lynda Shipley of May sister, Shirley Tindel and husband Johnny of Tennessee; children, Cindy Hearne of Lubbock, Texas, Sonya Robb and husband Tom of Andrews, Texas, Tressa Crisp of Las Vegas, Nevada, Mechelle Thurston and husband Richard of Fort Worth, Texas, Misty Barnes and husband Jim of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Mike Sims and wife Shawna of Greenwood, Texas, and Jerry Sims and wife Kelly of Odessa; 13 grandchildren, Dale, Eric, Blake, Dustin, Shannon, Gerald, Steven, Jessica, Taylor, Payton, Payslee, Parker, Alexis, and Jax; his faithful companion, Tuffy; and countless other family members and friends.

And in the end it's not the years in your life that count; it's the life in your years.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang P.O. Box 334, Odessa, Texas 79760.

Condolences, memories, and tributes can be offered to the family online at *heartlandfuneralhome.net* .



Clinton Killough Coffee

Clinton Killough Coffee, 73, of Brownwood, Texas, was softly and tenderly called home on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

He was born November 28, 1943 in Rising Star, Texas. Clint was the fourth child and first son born to Floyd Lee and Jimmilee Killough coffee.

He is survived by a son, Robbie Lee (and wife Belinda) Coffee of Henderson, Texas; and by one grandchild and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are four sisters, Judy (and husband Ray) Robinson of Lewisville, Texas, Jeannette (and husband Rick) Warrick of Brownwood, Sue Madry of Midland, Texas, and Gail Blevins of Mansfield, Texas; one brother, J.B. (Buddy) (and wife Jolene) Coffee of Brownwood; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and by three sisters, Anne Redding, Carol Terry, and Margilee Head.

Clint loved the water and living near it. He loved fishing, playing "42," and was definitely someone you wanted on your team in a game of "Trivial Pursuit."

After moving around following work, the family settled in Midland in 1958. Clint was baptized in the Dellwood Baptist Church of Midland when he was 16.

Clint spent the majority of his life as a single man, but he was always a dedicated family man and devoted to the care, comfort, and well-being of his mother for as long as his health would allow. He was willing to help his family in any way needed and was quite the jokester, especially with his nieces and nephews. He has fun nicknames for some of them, and them for him.

He began in construction working for his two uncles in Coffee Brothers Construction Co. of Midland. He was the helper that thought "take 5" meant "bring me five more 2x4s" instead of "take a break." He later started his own construction company (Clint Coffee Construction Co.) and quietly took great pride in his work and achievements.

In 1984, at the age of 40, Clint accepted the challenge of his alcoholism and spent the next 30 years helping an untold numbers to do the same. He was very active in Alcoholics Anonymous, holding offices in the organization for much of the time. At one time, he was invited to go to Russia to help set up a comparable program, but finances and other responsibilities prevented his going.

In the late 1990s, he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and as with every other challenge in his life, he met it head-on and with the determination to make the best of it. That he did. Then in 2008, with the MS in remission, Clint was diagnosed with prostate cancer that later spread to his lungs. The treatment of chemotherapy and radiation took their toll on his body. He was a fighter.

Clint was loved and will be missed. We celebrate his life!



Janice Brown

Janice Brown of Midland passed on January 31, 2017 at the beautiful age of 93.

She came to Midland in the 1940s where she met the love of her life, Arnold N. Brown, who was here training as an Air Force bombardier pilot.

After moving away and both retiring after successful careers (Jan as a sales manager for United Gas Pipeline), they came back to their beloved Midland.

Janice was a devout Christian Scientist and a member of the First Church of Christ Science in Midland. She lived her faith, and was one of the strongest, most independent, brilliant, and gracious women you could ever know. She was inspiring to all who knew her. Janice set the bar high for herself and those around her and encouraged all to do right, see the best in one another, and always be loving.

She and Arnold adopted a daughter in 1959, Deborah Brown, who recently moved back to Midland to be closer to her parents. Thanks Mom for always being loving and supportive. It is hard to imagine life without your selfless and happy spirit but I know you will always be with me.

Thank you to all the wonderful family who stayed in touch and neighbors who looked in on her.

There will be no service, as she believed that life is everlasting and we continue to grow in our spiritual understanding.



Larry Manning Roderick, Ph.D.

August 25, 1942 - February 5, 2017

Larry Manning Roderick was born on August 25, 1942 to Dorothy Manning and Gene Roderick in Midland, Texas. On Sunday, February 5, 2017, Larry stepped into the arms of Jesus while surrounded by his loving family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Don Roderick and Rodney Roderick..

He is survived by his wife, Diana Price Roderick; his son, Brett Roderick and wife Lori; his daughter, Michelle Taylor and husband Jessie Taylor; and all of his five grandchildren, James, Jessica, Ryan, Katie, and Jackson, all of College Station, Texas.

He is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Roderick Strickland of Midland; and by several nieces and nephews.

Larry received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University. He received his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from Texas A&M University.

Before becoming a professor, he worked for 18 years in the engineering and manufacturing fields. He was a professor at Texas A&M University, University of Texas El Paso and, up until his death, at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He has authored several books including *"It's Bad Business to Injure Your Customer"* and *"The God Gene."* He has been a safety consultant for several companies as well as a safety expert witness.

He came to know Jesus at the age of 21, and ever since he has always loved worshipping God. He and his wife were two of the eight founding members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. They currently attend Christ United Methodist Church.

He loved his God, his family, his students, and doing genealogy. He enjoyed Texas Aggie sports, especially baseball and basketball, and family trips including trips to a cabin that he built in New Mexico.

Visitation will be held at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2017.

His celebration of life will be at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017. Please feel free to wear your Aggie maroon in honor of Larry. Burial will follow at College Station Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lewy Body Dementia Association at *LBDA.org\donate* .

Expressions of sympathy can be made at *www.memorialfuneralchapel.com*.



Lucky George Graham

Lucky George Graham, 64, of Poteau, Oklahoma, passed away Friday, February 3, 2017 in Poteau. Lucky was born August 18, 1952 in Crane, Texas to George Junior and Patricia Glenn (Phillips) Graham.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; daughter, Shawna Jeanette Graham; and brother, Glen Graham.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Heather Michelle (Graham) and Jose Chavez of Poteau; son, Michael Shane Barden of Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Whitney (Chavez) and Mason Crenshaw, Derek Graham Chavez, Adaesha M. Chavez, Tanner Maria Chavez, Bella Grace Graham, and Reese, Sam, and Mac Barden; great-grandchildren, Boston Lane and Masie Crenshaw; siblings, Douglas E. Graham, Rexie McGuire, Pandy Vicic, Mary Sherron, Tony Graham, Sherry Gillett, and Pete Gillett; other relatives, loved ones, and friends.

Services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Evans Chapel of Memories, Poteau. Interment will follow in Oakland Cemetery, Poteau.

Pallbearers will be Tony Graham, Odis Slone, Chad Alphin, Jose Chavez, Derek Chavez, Mason Crenshaw, James Townley, and Shane Barden.

Honorary pallbearers will be Mark Pollard , Tyler Guthrie and the CASC Baseball Vikings, and J.D. Hanson.

The family will be at Days Inn Grand Room from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening to visit with relatives and friends.

Donations may be made to Carl Albert Baseball Vikings in an account at the Community State Bank, Poteau. 918-647-8101

You may leave an online message at *evansandmillerfuneralhomes.com*.



Mary Alice Tidwell

Mary Alice Tidwell, of Midland, Texas, went to be with our Heavenly Father on February 4, 2017.

The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland.

Mary Alice was born on April 16, 1924 in Quanah, Texas to M. Anthony and Ella (Taylor) Tidwell. She grew up there until her freshman year of high school when they moved to Brownfield. After high school, Mary Alice attended Abilene Christian University on scholarship, where she was studying music.

She was home from school the weekend Pearl Harbor was attacked and didn't return to college until after the war. She worked for the National Youth Program during the day, and the movie theater at night. She worked her way up from cashier to projectionist. Then in 1943, she moved to Midland and became the projectionist at the local theater.

Mary Alice worked for Production Credit Association for two and a half years. She then worked for General Tires Rubber Company, in the accounting department, for three years while attending Odessa College at night as an accountant major. She graduated in 1959 from Odessa College.

Mary Alice began her accounting career with Conly, Peters and Green in 1961, and became a Certified Public Accountant in October 1965 - certificate number 7094. She became a partner in the early 1970s when the firm merged with Elmer Fox Westheimer & Co. She was the second woman partner, following Lillie Mae Stovall. Mary Alice left the firm in 1979, going with Tipperary, and then re-entered public accounting with her own firm, Johnson and Tidwell. Then in 1992, she merged with Morris Holmquest & Co. where she remained until her death.

Mary Alice was a member of Fairmont Park Church of Christ and was a Sunday school teacher for many years. She served as secretary for the Permian Basin Chapter of CPAs in 1973, as well as being a member of the AICPA, TSCPA, and PBTSCPA.

In 2016, Mary Alice was awarded the Honorary Fellowship from the Texas Society of CPAs for 50 years of service. Her other memberships included Altrusa Club International, Civil Air Patrol (as major), Commemorative Air Force, High Sky Wing of CAF, Ninety-Nines, International Organization of Women Pilots, Airport Advisory & Development Board, Casa de Amigo Board of Directors, Midland Christian School Board of Trustees for 17 years, and director on Midland Business and Estate Council.

Mary Alice was a licensed private pilot; she owned and flew her plane for 25 years. She was also a huge Rockhounds fan. The only time she missed a home game was due to illness, but still followed the game on the radio.

She is survived by her cousins, Bruce and Lawanda Monk of Lovelady, Texas, Robert and Mona Taylor of Georgetown, and William and Randy Gamel of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her caregiver, Elizabeth "Betty" Williams; her office family of Morris Holmquest Tidwell & Company; her church family of Fairmont Park Church of Christ; and her pets, Cha Cha and Cee Cee.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Abilene Christian University-1600 Campus Ct., Abilene, TX 79601; Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals-4200 N. Fairgrounds Rd., Midland, TX 79705; or a charity of your choosing.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800



Mary Francis Ellis

Mary Francis Ellis returned home to her Lord and Savior, Friday, February 3, 2017.

She was born December 15, 1935 in El Dorado, Arkansas to Noval G. Mosely and Reva Mae Mosely. After graduating from Andrews High School in Andrews, Texas, she attended Texas Tech University where she met James A. McClatchy. They were married and had four children, raising them in Midland, Texas.

Mary was very active in the Midland Garden Club and enjoyed all types of gardening and flower arranging.

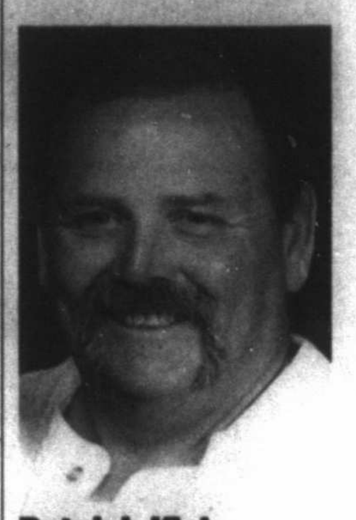
In 1977, she met John R. Ellis and they were married until his death in 2007. Mary loved road trips and good country music. She was a warm, tender, and nurturing wife, mother, and grandmother.

Mary was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Ellis, and sister, Barbara Silberschlag.

She is survived by daughters, Kim Sikes of Austin, Texas, Kerri Hawk and husband Richard of Kingwood, Texas, and Kristi Blair and husband Rand of Keller, Texas; son, Kent McClatchy and wife Erin of Houston, Texas; and by eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and five stepchildren.

Funeral service will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Shannon Rufe Snow Drive Funeral Chapel, 6001 Rufe Snow Drive, Ft. Worth, TX 76148 (817) 514-9100. Final resting place will be Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park, New Braunfels, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in memory of Mary Francis Ellis would be greatly appreciated.



Patrick Kirk Jehring

Patrick Kirk Jehring was born on July 21, 1960, and passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2017 surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Judith Jehring; two sons, Robert John Jehring and Tyler Yarbrough; one brother, William Dennis Jehring; and by one granddaughter, Parker Ann.

Patrick was a man full of love and life. Everyone who had the opportunity to meet him knew very quickly that he would give you the shirt off his back. Two of the most important things in Patrick's life were family and friends.

Patrick grew up in Midland and considered it home. He started work at an early age, which gave him the opportunity to travel, but he always made his way back home. He became an expert at all things construction and remodeling, and could fix about anything.

Patrick loved the lake, and had a passion for speedboats. He would build, race, and talk about them just as often as he could.

Patrick loved music. He was especially fond of old country and rock 'n roll, from the Eagles to Hank Williams Jr. and everything in between. When Patrick had to choose a new ringtone for his phone, he would spend hours shuffling through his favorite songs.

Patrick lived and enjoyed life on his terms. He didn't just say that he loved you, he showed it with his actions. If you were ever feeling down, he would always lighten the mood and get you laughing.

Patrick didn't leave anyone to assume were they stood with him. He would always let you know exactly what was on his mind! (Whether you wanted to hear or not.)

If you needed a friend, he was there. He leaves a legacy of love and kindness for all those touched by his life.

He will be deeply missed.

The family would like to offer special thanks to Patrick's care-giver, Linda Barnett, for her generous love and support. They would also like to thank Hospice Midland nurse Kelly Craft and wonderful friend Stephanie Henderson-Lowell for their amazing encouragement and assistance throughout this process.

A viewing will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage.

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Board hopes to pick a new superintendent by early May

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland ISD board appears to have at least two motivations as trustees move forth in their search for a new superintendent.

The first is to get the right person to transform a district that is lower performing academically into one in which all students will graduate prepared for college and career.

The second is to be competitive with comparable districts and to leave no stone unturned.

Members of the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates met with the board Monday night to establish a framework for the upcoming search.

That framework included a tentative calendar:

■ March 6-8: HYA officials will conduct interviews with members of the community;

■ April 17: a slate of candidates will be presented to the board for the purpose of interviews;

■ April 21-22: interviews with recommended applicants will take place;

■ April 26-29: interviews with preferred candidates are set to take place;

■ May 8: the board is likely to announce its lone finalist;

■ May 30: a new superintendent is appointed; and

■ July 1: new superintendent is tentatively scheduled to assume the position.

HYA officials explained to the board its community engagement phase. Residents will have the opportunity to fill out an online survey that could be live on Midland ISD's website as early as Wednesday and remain up for at least most of the rest of the month. HYA officials also are likely to conduct at least 25 focus groups, separate interviews with individual board members and at least a pair of open town hall meetings. All that information will be used to create a board-approved leadership profile that HYA will use in the recruiting process.

"We will use that framework to see if the people measure up to that standard set in that profile," said Peter Flynn, a HYA senior associate.

It is expected that HYA also will use a final draft of Midland ISD's Lone Star Governance report as a guide for expectations for a new superintendent. The district is in the midst of finalizing that report, which includes district goals, board and superintendent constraints and a theory of action for the district. Midland ISD staff will be introduced to a draft of the report next week, and community meetings will be held about the report later in the month.

Midland ISD trustees stated the need to correctly conduct the search, including paying $2,750 for an advertising package and $1,900 for a comprehensive background check on the potential lone finalist.

HYA officials also said those applying for the position will know how much former superintendent Ryder Warren made when he left Midland ISD for Northwest ISD ($264,999, according to 2015 Texas Education Agency information) and what comparable districts pay. Midland ISD board members stated they will want to be competitive when it comes to salary and fringe benefits for a new district CEO.

Midland ISD is paying HYA $33,000 to conduct the search, according to board President Rick Davis.

Notes: All board members were present for the meeting. ... No one from the community or campus staff attended the open meeting at the Administration Building.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with assault


Sandoval

A man was arrested Saturday after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Amador Sandoval, 35, was being held Monday on a $15,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault causes bodily injury — retaliation.

Midland police were dispatched at about 4:25 a.m. Saturday in reference to a stolen vehicle that was later involved in a wreck.

Sandoval, the owner of the vehicle, allegedly attempted to enter the vehicle while a driver and passenger were inside. He later punched the passenger while she was detained, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Sandoval could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Man arrested on assault charge


Norman

A Midland man was arrested Friday after allegedly assaulting a woman, according to court documents.

Sirron Jamil Lee Norman, 38, was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family/house member by impeding breath/circulation.

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 2:30 p.m. Friday in reference to a reported assault.

Norman and a woman were at a park when he allegedly repeatedly hit and choked her, impeding her breathing and later hit her outside of a residence, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the third-degree felony charge, Norman could face up to 10 years imprisonment.

Official asks Texas Rangers to help find lost Brady jersey

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick is asking the state's top law enforcement officers to help locate Tom Brady's missing game jersey, which disappeared from the New England Patriots' locker room after the Super Bowl.

The Republican said in a statement Monday that Brady's jersey "was stolen" after the Patriots beat the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 at Houston's NRG Stadium, and that city police were already investigating.

Patrick said Texas places "a very high value on hospitality and football," adding: "It is important that history does not record" that Brady's jersey was stolen in the state.

He continued: "Whoever took this jersey should turn it in" since the "Texas Rangers are on the trail."

Brady said after the game that the jersey was missing and joked that he expects to see it soon in an online auction.

"We have been looking into this disappointing matter and will continue to assist law enforcement authorities," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said.

Sheriff wants jailers to identify inmates in US illegally

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The sheriff of Tarrant County says he wants to establish a partnership allowing county jailers to identify inmates who are in the country illegally and begin deportation proceedings, rather than wait on federal agents.

Sheriff Bill Waybourn is proposing to train 12 jailers to look in the jail for those in the country without legal permission, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The move would only pertain to people in jail and deputies will not be questioning people on the street about their immigration status, he said. The program also would not apply to people who are crime victims, he said, speaking to a complaint of Democrats who contend that threat of deportation would lead immigrant communities from assisting in criminal investigations.

Normally the work falls on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement but federal law allows the agency to partner with local law enforcement to conduct the work. Harris and Lubbock counties are among the ones in Texas that have agreements in place with ICE, as do dozens of counties in other states.

State Rep. Ramon Romero, D-Fort Worth, questioned why Tarrant County needs to get involved in a job that's already the responsibility of federal authorities.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO

Texas restaurant owner shrugs off 'America first' slight

The owner of an Italian restaurant in San Antonio says he would welcome back the customers who recently scribbled on a receipt that they won't return because he is Mexican.

Fernando Franco, who owns Di Frabo, says his manager showed him the receipt Friday, shortly after the couple had left.

The message noted that the food was "tasty" and the service "attentive," but concluded: "The owner is 'Mexican.' We will not return. 'America first.'"

Franco says he's been inundated with messages of support. He says he's not sure how the customers knew he was the owner or that he's a native of Mexico.

He says he'll frame the receipt as a reminder of how politicized the U.S. has become.

AUSTIN

Texas lawmakers present statistics that defend bill

A group of lawmakers presented data that claims property taxes are growing nearly three times as fast as residents' ability to pay at hearings about property tax bills.

The data presented defends a proposed sweeping bill that would cap how much local authorities can increase taxes and would allow residents to easily roll back taxes through a local election, The Dallas Morning News reported.

City and county officials fear the effects the bill could have on if another recession brings down local property values, which could make it harder to support police and fire departments.

Republican state Sen. Paul Bettencourt said his bill gives residents the ability to decide how much they should pay for public services.

The chart, presented by Bettencourt, shows the growth of statewide property tax collections to median household income, which says city and county tax collections rose by 82 and 71 percent, while median household income rose at slower rate at about 29 percent.

Using local, state and federal date the newspaper has conducted analyses, and couldn't find factual basis for Bettencourt's claim.

"I consider that a relevant barometer of Texans' ability to pay," the senator said. "No matter how you measure it, property taxes have been growing."

However, economic data indicates the difference between residents' paychecks and their tax bills isn't nearly as wide as the data presented by Bettencourt.

"Whether it's intentional or not, looking at property tax collections as a share of median income is misleading at best," said Matthew Gardner, a senior fellow at the Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington.

ALPINE

Remains confirmed as those of missing Texas college student

Human remains found in a shallow West Texas grave last week have been identified conclusively as those of a missing college student, investigators confirmed Monday.

Dental records helped confirm the identity of Zuzu Verk, a 22-year-old Sul Ross State University student from Keller, a Fort Worth suburb, Brewster County Sheriff Ronny Dodson said during a Monday news conference.

Verk had been reported as missing since Oct. 12, when she failed to show up for work and a school exam. She was last seen alive the night before, when she and boyfriend Robert Fabian attended the movies together. Neighbors reported hearing the pair arguing that night.

Fabian, 26, of Alpine, was jailed on a charge of tampering with evidence by concealing a human corpse but other charges were expected, Dodson said. Bond was set at $500,000. His attorney did not return messages Monday from The Associated Press.

Verk's remains were found Friday scattered near a shallow grave near the remote West Texas college town of Alpine, about 200 miles southeast of El Paso.

"It's a disgrace. And to think that in such a shallow grave, that the animals wouldn't have eventually dug the body out — they weren't thinking. I guess they aren't as smart as they think they are," Dodson said of those who buried the body.

"Why was she killed? And exactly how? Those are the big questions now," Dodson said.

The report Monday from forensic pathologists performing the autopsy in Dallas merely confirmed what investigators were confident they already knew from what they found around the shallow grave, Dodson said.

"Knowing what we knew about the case, which we can't reveal, when I walked up there, I just knew," Dodson said. "I had to call the chief and said, 'I think we got her here.'"

Chris Estrada, 28, a friend of Fabian, was jailed Monday in Phoenix on a corpse concealment warrant from Texas, awaiting return. Investigators said Fabian called Estrada the night Verk disappeared. Members of Fabian's family also remain under investigation, Dodson said.

It was unclear if Estrada has an attorney.

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■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. permianbridgeclub.com.

■ Building Bots: Robotics and Engineering Funlab, 5:30 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. Enables children to engage in engineering and robotic creative design through different themes. $20 members, $25 non. Pupetro.org.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Meeting

Midland ISD
5:30 p.m.
Administration Building - Room 101
615 W. Missouri Ave.

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Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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

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

Meet 'Two for the Road' stars

The stars of Basin PBS' travel adventure show "Two for the Road" will be in Midland Thursday for an event at Midland College.

Nikki and Dusty Green will be meeting with members of the public 11 a.m.-1 p.m. the Allison Fine Arts Building, McCormick Gallery.

A complimentary light lunch will be served while participants have an opportunity to visit with the Greens and view a screening of their series.

Source: Midland College

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All or Nothing day: 1-2-10-11-12-13-15-16-19-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-7-9-11-13-14-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing night: 2-7-10-11-12-13-14-15-20-22-23-24
Triple Chance: 7-8-21-29-32-34-36-40-46-51

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2017. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Feb. 7, 1817, America's first public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holliday streets).

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.



AP file photo

A girl looks at Facebook on her computer in Palo Alto, Calif., in 2012. "Fake news," which has gotten a lot of attention for its potential role in swaying the 2016 presidential election, has fascinated researchers for some time.

Fighting fake news isn't just up to Facebook and Google

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The fight against fake news is not just being waged by Google, Facebook and big media companies.

They are joined in the battle by academics and data scientists who started work on the subject years before bogus news stories were suspected of helping sway the 2016 presidential election.

Their work has yielded tools that help track how "alternative facts" spread, and others that let you identify fake stories or block them altogether.

Some of these are still baby steps, but they're a key, if largely unsung, part of the effort to tamp down the spread of fake stories.

And the researchers were there first.

For Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia, a research scientist at Indiana University, the phenomenon first caught his eye during the Ebola crisis in 2014.

"We started seeing a lot of content that was spreading, completely fabricated claims about importations of Ebola, (such as) entire towns in Texas being under quarantine," he says. "What caught our attention was that these claims were created using names of publications that sounded like newspapers. And they were getting a lot of traction on social media."

So he helped create a tool tracking how unsubstantiated claims spread online.

Deciphering Twitter rumors

Tanushree Mitra, a doctoral student at the Georgia Institute of Technology, began a project three years ago to see how misinformation and fake news spread through Twitter. At the time, she says, "companies like Facebook and Twitter were not paying much attention."

What attracted her to the project was the prevalence of fake news that spread online following natural disasters such as Superstorm Sandy in 2012. When she saw that people were sharing a lot of incorrect or misleading information about the events, Mitra decided to track both big stories and smaller rumors with the goal of creating an app that could help ordinary people sort fact from fiction so they can make decisions that could be crucial to their wellbeing.

Mitra and her fellow researchers scanned 66 million tweets linked to nearly 1,400 real-world events to identify words and phrases linked to perceived levels of credibility. Looking at tweets surrounding news events in 2014 and 2015 — including the Ebola crisis, the Charlie Hebdo attack in Paris and the death of Eric Garner in a confrontation of police officers in New York City — they asked people to judge tweets based on how credible they thought the posts were.

Words such as "eager," "terrific" and "undeniable" were linked to more credible posts, while words such as "ha," "grins" and "suspects" were the opposite.

Tracking hoaxes

A group of researchers at Indiana University have created an online tool called Hoaxy that seeks to visualize "the spread of claims and related fact checking online." Although it's still a work in progress, Hoaxy can trace the origin of, for instance, the false claim that millions of votes in the 2016 presidential election were cast by "illegal aliens." Type in your search terms and Hoaxy will report back with stories that spread the claims, as well as fact-checking articles that debunked it.

In this instance, the claim goes back to a November article from Infowars.com that was shared 17,961 times on Twitter and 52,200 times on Facebook, according to Hoaxy. The site only tracks actual links people shared, so it misses anything that's paraphrased or posted without a link.

A data visualization tool shows the intertwined web of Twitter users who spread both the claims and the fact checks, and how they are connected to one another. The researchers focused on Twitter because the service makes more data available to the public, which makes it easier to use in data-tracking tools than Facebook.

Lead a horse to water

Tools like Hoaxy or rumor-identification apps are only helpful if people use them. The same goes for another approach — using a web browser plug-in to identify or block fake-news stories. For instance, the Chrome extension "Fake News Alert," created last year, says it will tell you when you are visiting a site "known for spreading fake news."

But there are a few drawbacks. Many people aren't willing to go to the trouble of adding new extensions to their browser. And such extensions only work on the desktop version of Chrome, not its mobile counterpart.

"Fake News Alert" also uses a widely circulated but oft-criticized list of fake and misleading news sites assembled by a Merrimack College professor. The list casts a very broad net and includes some established, but highly partisan sites such as the right-wing Breitbart News and the left-wing Occupy Democrats.

A final obstacle: While fake news has been in the real news a lot, many people simply aren't that aware of it.

"A lot of consumers are not savvy about it," says Larry Chiagouris, a marketing professor at Pace University who follows the fake news phenomenon. "And of those that are — and it's a small number— not a lot of them add plug-ins to browsers."

Educate the people

Chiagouris believes we are at the "beginning of the beginning" when it comes to defining just what fake news is and how to combat it. But he and other experts say technological solutions like apps and plug-ins are unlikely to get to the root of the problem.

The real solution, he says, will start in school: "not college, grammar school."

The better educated and informed the public is, the more likely they are going to be "asking questions and exploring alternative sources of information," says Mike Posner, co-founder and co-director of the NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights. "What you really want is people saying they want to see different sides of an issue, looking at things by people who don't agree with me, so one (part of the solution) is public education."

PROGRAM

From 1A

help the program to grow. Communities in Schools of the Permian Basin serves in Midland and Ector counties. Ector County schools have been asking about it."

Since 2014, 1 TO 1 has offered free weekly tutoring for MHS students at First Presbyterian Church. The program expanded to Lee High School in 2016 and will be offered at Abell and San Jacinto junior high schools this spring. Each school program partners with a local church and CIS.

Some teachers and top high school students serve as tutors at 1 TO 1 sessions. Boldrick said the program is unique because it recruits other volunteer tutors to engage with students.

"We've made a request for the community to come to our schools," Boldrick said. "We have the highest-quality professionals in our community, like engineers who are good in math and science. We have retired teachers who taught the subject matter."

MHS senior Rael Omondi values the chance to interact with Midland professionals at tutoring sessions. She has turned to volunteers for assistance with college scholarship applications and math, physics and Spanish assignments.

"Sometimes, we want to get tutoring from teachers, and they aren't available," Omondi said. "I know I can go there Monday, and they can help. Plus, they give us food. It's not only teachers — it's engineers and other people. Speaking to them motivates me a lot."

To meet student demand, 1 TO 1 covers various school subjects and provides transportation home through MISD. The program is open to all MHS and LHS students and works with about 50 to 100 of them every week.

Prentice said the individualized approach of 1 TO 1 has allowed her to form relationships with several students. She decided to volunteer as a way to provide help while easing her workload.

"Since I had been tutoring privately for 25 years, it was an opportunity to do that," Prentice said. "There's not as much time. I would work with 33 students a week. It took a lot of my time."

Wagner Noel gets greater area to serve alcohol

From staff reports

The Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center soon will have more room to serve alcohol.

The Planning & Zoning Commission on Monday approved 7-0 a specific-use permit request by University Food Services to increase the alcohol service area from 63,865 square feet to 109,130 square feet.

The city explained that the previously approved area is the building footprint. The requested area includes all seating available at Wagner Noel, including on the second floor.

The change is in compliance with the city's Tall City Tomorrow plan.

The alcohol service time is still 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Saturday.

The measure must be approved by City Council, and it was the only public hearing item on Monday's agenda.

Court weighs halting release of police video of shootings

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — A federal appeals court considered Monday whether to automatically halt lower court orders publicly releasing video of fatal shootings by police to prevent potential violence.

Judges on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel acknowledged that the case involving a 2013 shooting of an unarmed man by police in the Los Angeles suburb of Gardena was largely moot because the video was released and widely published.

But in considering whether U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson abused his discretion by denying Gardena a stay of execution and releasing videos sought by The Associated Press and other news organizations, the court questioned if future video releases should be put on hold to offer a chance of appeal.

Judge Andrew Kleinfeld said stays are automatically granted in other types of cases. He repeatedly questioned a news media lawyer about why it was in the public interest to release videos that might incite violence and rioting.

Attorney Kelli Sager said the law favored public disclosure of the video that was evidence in a lawsuit Gardena settled for nearly $5 million. Sager said the city failed to properly seek a stay of execution in 2015 and had presented a weak case for permanently sealing the video.

"They simply said it's a police video and it might lead to riots even though the shooting was two years earlier," Sager said. "In fact, the record shows that didn't happen."

The videos were sought by AP, the Los Angeles Times and Bloomberg at a time when intense public scrutiny was starting to focus on police shootings nationwide. The news media argued the videos should be unsealed under a First Amendment right to access court documents.

Wilson ordered the footage released after saying it was important for the public to see whether the shooting was justified and so taxpayers could understand why Gardena paid $4.7 million to settle the case with the family of Ricardo Diaz-Zeferino, who was killed, and a friend who was wounded.

Wilson rejected a stay of execution and the videos were public before the city could get a temporary stay from a 9th Circuit judge.

Attorney Scott Davenport said the city of Gardena realized it had lost, but said the issue was "bigger than this case" and was pursuing the appeal for other law enforcement agencies to avoid a repeat occurrence.

The three judges, however, cast doubts on parts of the appeal, saying the city had not met criteria for a stay from the trial court. They questioned the assertion that the same situation would play itself out again, which they said was an overly broad interpretation of the law.

PRICES

From 1A

15 percent this year.

Oil traders are also choosing to ignore the fact that OPEC members raised their output by 1 million barrels in the 10 months before they agreed to cut 1.2 million barrels a day. The OPEC deal that traders love is really just a cut back to where OPEC was in January 2016, when oil was nearing $26 a barrel.

Making matter worse, demand remains sluggish, growing only 1.9 percent year over year in January.

"If last year's surge in gasoline inventories to start the year was a worrying sign for the market, then this year should be no different," said Anthony Starkey, manager of energy analysis, Platts Analytics, the forecasting and analytics unit of S&P Global Platts.

And if this sounds like oil prices are sitting on a bubble, you'd be right.

"The speculators are certainly in control, with any attempt to try and short the market short-lived. However, their ammunition is running a bit thin," Starkey said. "With each passing day, the market nears a precipice."

While the inflated price for gasoline has hurt consumers, the higher oil prices are a lifeline to struggling oil companies. They can sell futures contracts for their oil at these higher prices and guarantee future income. It's hard to say whether this is a net gain for Houston, even though so many oil companies are based here, because almost all Houstonians buy fuel.

One thing is certain. These prices only make sense if production really does drop this month and we see inventories go down significantly. So far, there is no reason to believe that is going to happen anytime soon.

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It starts with the flowers. You'll want to go on from there, of course, with reservations at that favorite restaurant and maybe a romantic poem (there are some on the Internet if you're poetically challenged). But it starts with the flowers.

Don't worry, there are several ways you can approach this with a little detective work.

First, you can find out what her favorite colors are. If you're life partners, you'll see it in the décor she chooses and the clothes she wears. Take a tour, make notes if necessary.

Then you can call Flowerland's decorating experts and find out what kinds of flowers have those colors—and what other colors blend well with it. With an eye for beauty and an artist's touch, they will create a masterpiece of stunning colors that will say "Wow" to her. And she'll have you to thank.

The second option is to find out what kind of flowers she likes. This takes a little more detective work. If you have a long history, try to remember what she's liked in the past. Check your hard drive for previous years' Valentine photos and see which flowers give her the biggest smile.

Or, all else failing, ask her. Yes, that'll be a giveaway, but she'll be impressed that you cared enough to ask. Especially after the Great Grocery Store Disaster. I'm telling you, she remembers.

The investigative option involves asking her mom or her sister. Do NOT ask any male members of the family because—well, for obvious reasons.

There are certainly other ways to do this, but maybe this will spur your thought process.

Remember: It's not so much about the money you spend. A gloriously blooming explosion of colors is indeed great if you can afford it. But a small, delicate arrangement presented with a genuine smile and a loving word will also bring a smile to her lips.

Here's a thought—she's going to expect it on 14 February, so do go ahead. But the coolest thing would be to bring her beautiful flowers on March 14. Or on her birthday. Or your anniversary or another date that's significant to your relationship.

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1. How did you become interested in this type of planning?

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Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

2. Are these plans legal?

Absolutely! The government has guidelines to follow. The difficulty is interpreting them and the state caseworkers are not allowed to advise you.

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3. What are some of the basic guidelines?

The basics include: Utilizing a Miller Trust, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Spousal Impoverishment Act and the Terms of the Estate Recovery Act (these are outlined in our brochure).

4. Who are some of the people you have helped?

We've helped individuals from every walk of life, attorneys, doctors, CPAs, ministers, financial planners, bankers, college professors, engineers, and so on. Good news travels fast and their referrals are my greatest source of new business! That's why we don't advertise more often.

5. What is your biggest obstacle?

Some families have been misled and think that Medicaid planning cannot be done. For example, The Spousal Act has been in effect since 1989 – more than 27 years! If the government did not want you to have a way to protect your assets, they would have eliminated these helpful guidelines.

6. Who should complete the Medicaid application?

At no charge, we will assist you in completing the application! If we see that you could benefit from Medicaid planning, we will have that discussion with you.

7. If a person has been denied for nursing home Medicaid benefits, is there is any chance that you could still help them qualify? Definitely!! We have gotten cases approved that have been denied two and three times, before we became involved.

8. How successful have you been with your planning methods?

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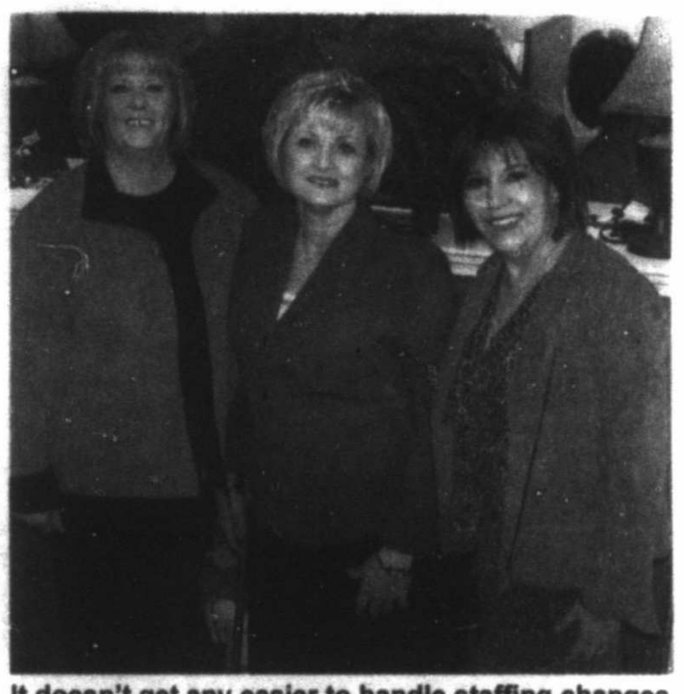
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How about a cold beer with that dental crown?



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

Those of us in the long-silent, hopelessly outnumbered and possibly misguided prohibition movement should be encouraged by state Sen. Lois Kolkhorst's filing of Senate Bill 404.

Sure, it's a long way from approval of this bill until we shut down alcoholic beverage consumption in places like, say, New Orleans. But it's a start, one that I think even the wrong-headed, pro-alcohol forces can sign on to support.

The fact is — and we all agree on this — there's a time and place for alcoholic beverages. Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, thinks that health care offices are in the wrong time and wrong place category. Hence, SB 404, a little ol' bill that says health care practitioners and their employees or agents cannot "provide or otherwise make available to a patient or to a person accompanying the patient in the health care practitioner's office, including the patient's parent or guardian, an alcoholic beverage subject to regulation under the Alcoholic Beverage Code."

Kolkhorst's bill excludes "alcohol when used as, or contained in a drug for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of illness, injury or disease."

And no, this does not kick in if you claim beer makes you feel better.

Simple and sensible enough, right? Why, inquiring minds want to know, is such a bill needed? Are there doctors and dentists handing out adult beverages in the waiting rooms? There have been and might still be. Back in 2011, ABC 13 in Houston reported that Floss Dental, was doing it. Clinton Herzog, who's no longer a dentist (more on that in a minute), told the TV station back then that it was part of his practice's practice to offer alcoholic beverages to help patients allay their uneasiness about a dental visit.

"Hey, we're nervous," Herzog told the TV station in explaining what patients had told him and how that led to this solution: "Why don't we give a cold beer or glass of wine in the waiting room? And we said, 'Why not? Let's try it.'"

Herzog recently told me he no longer has any ownership interest in Floss Dental, which long ago stopped offering alcoholic beverages, but he does serve as a consultant to the business. He's also no longer a dentist. More on that in a minute.

Kolkhorst says offering alcohol at a medical office is ridiculous and potentially dangerous.

"Most people don't recognize it, but certainly, in some dental offices, there was alcohol being provided while you were able to let your child go back and have work done," she said, "and I think that's inappropriate. As a daughter of dentist, I can't believe that's even going on. So the bill was filed to not only address the issue but to open a conversation about what we're seeing going on in some of our professional practices."

It does indeed seem ludicrous that somebody about to make decisions about their (or their minor child's) health care could do so after a drink or two.

"That's not a proper setting for alcohol to be provided," Kolkhorst said. "Especially when there are a number of dental offices that don't allow you to go back with your children to see what services they're getting."

And she links her concern about what's going on in health care offices to recent deaths of children in dental care: "Your child should not die when they go back to have their tooth filled."

"It's a professional office," she added, "and when I read some of the stories and the reporting on this and then did some investigation, I was very concerned about where we had slipped to. I just don't think it's a proper environment to offer a margarita to a parent while dental procedures are going on with their children."

There is no evidence that providing alcoholic beverages had anything to do with the children's deaths while in dental care.

The Texas Dental Association has yet to take a position on Kolkhorst's bill, according to spokesman Jess Calvert, who said his group will do so in coming weeks. I'm guessing the association will support it. Kelly Parker, executive director of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, said that while, as a state employee, she can't take sides on legislation, "My review of SB 404 leads me to believe it's in the best interest of public protection."

Herzog said Floss Dental stopped offering alcoholic beverages several years ago, because "we got some flak from the insurance company."

Not surprising. Much of American life today is controlled by insurance companies understandably looking to reduce their exposure.

"It's about hospitality," Herzog said of offering alcoholic beverages in his dental offices back when he did so. "We are in the service business and I've been a host my whole life. Whether it's in a business or not, I try to be a good host."

Herzog, after previous disciplinary action from the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners regarding standards of care and business practices — none involving the alcoholic beverages — voluntarily surrendered his dental license last year. If he had any hard feelings about it, it didn't show up on the surrender form: He drew a little smiley face next to his signature.

Kolkhorst's bill, like the 2,000 or so bills already in the legislative hopper, is awaiting a committee hearing. I'll be interested in seeing if anyone shows up to testify against her bill.

This is where you might be driven to say that Texas legislative committee hearings could be a place where someone might benefit from an adult beverage or two. But that would be wrong.

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OUR VIEW

Term limits start with politicians leading by example

Texas officials who want to limit terms for lawmakers in Washington should lead by example.

We read this week in the Texas Tribune that U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott want to see term limits put into place. The article talks about approaches they would use to make term limits a reality.

Cruz, according to the Tribune article, has proposed a constitutional amendment that would limit members of Congress to serving a maximum of three terms in the House and two in the Senate. Many support the idea because they see term limits as a way to drain the proverbial swamp.

The Reporter-Telegram has stated that term limits are unnecessary. Voters have the right to choose the person they want representing them and don't need government putting limits on that person. We are comfortable that state Rep. Tom Craddick has served nearly a half century in Austin and that Midland College board member Ken Peeler has served since 1972. We believe the people in Midland, Odessa and across District 11 knew what they were doing when they voted to send Mike Conaway to Washington six times. A fourth, fifth and sixth term wouldn't have been possible, according to Cruz's plan.

We have issues with Cruz's plan, including that a senator would be able to serve twice as long as a representative. We also believe if state officials are going to talk about term limits, that their actions match the talk. Abbott served three terms as attorney general, and according to the San Antonio Express-News, has $34.4 million in his proverbial war chest for future campaigns.

We don't have any problem with Abbott. His conservative leadership has been right for the state of Texas. And while we have some issues with Cruz — particularly when he called for eliminating oil subsidies that actually are tax provisions — he appears to have fallen back in line with the type of representative elected in 2012. If we must talk about term limits, here's what we would like to see happen. We want to see those in public office lead by example. Commit to serving no more than eight years for representatives and 12 years for senators. Once a person has made that commitment, they should fight to make a reality at the level they serve. If the governor believes term limits is right, he must fight for the changes to happen at the state level. Such an amendment failed to get through the Legislature in 2015.

We don't know if term limits, such as the ones in place at the city level, have been good or bad for government. We do know that the last three mayors decided to walk away before final terms, but that was their choice, not because government took the decision away from the voter.

We have confidence the voter knows what is best for them. We believe people such as Craddick, Conaway and Sheriff Gary Painter serve their constituents well and don't need to be restricted.

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Mosque incident shows people's goodness

JOHN M. CRISP
Tribune News Service

Victoria, a south Texas town of 65,000, equidistant among Houston, Austin and San Antonio, isn't mentioned in the New York Times very often, but most Victorians probably didn't welcome several references last week to an incident that occurred there in the early morning hours of Jan. 28.

Around 2 a.m. the local mosque caught fire. By the time the fire department arrived, the blaze was out of control. The mosque was destroyed.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but the circumstances are suspicious. The building had been burglarized recently, and previously someone had spray-painted "H8" on a mosque wall.

Further, the incident occurred just hours after President Trump signed an executive order essentially banning certain Muslims from entering the United States, which may have stoked latent fears and antipathy toward Islam.

All of this raises an interesting question: Victoria, Texas, has a mosque?

Yes, it was a handsome, 15-year-old, white-brick building with golden domes, and it served as the spiritual home and cultural center for the city's 140 Muslims.

Back to the Muslims in a moment; the fact is, Victoria has Jews, as well.

Most of the Jews I know these days moved to Texas from the northeast, and they can probably be forgiven for assuming that Texas is a more or less Jew-less wilderness where the average local has never tasted a good bagel and doesn't know Shabbat from shiksa.

But this perspective underestimates the influence of Jews on the history of Texas. Several Jews appear to have fought at the Alamo and in other battles for Texas independence. In the aptly entitled "The Chosen Folks," Bryan Stone, my colleague at the college where we teach, chronicles the Jewish experience on the Texas frontier, especially in the 19th and early 20th centuries. It's an impressive tale of assimilation, cultural enrichment and, sometimes, anti-Semitism.

In fact, Jews played a prominent role in the history of Victoria. A Jewish congregation, B'nai Israel, was established in the city as early as 1872.

The Victoria County courthouse houses a display of the portraits of 40 "Pioneer Cattlemen of Victoria County." Mostly they're rugged, weather-beaten white men with beards, mustaches and stiff collars. One of the "cattlemen" happens to be a woman, and several are Hispanic.

But at least two of them — Charles Adler and Abraham Levy — appear to be Jewish. In fact, despite their significant minority, Jews played an important role in the development of Victoria. B'nai Israel still resides in an attractive red-brick building just north of downtown.

And when I was in high school — yes, I grew up in Victoria — Jews were among my classmates and prominent in school life, as well as in the community. And if there was anti-Semitism, I wasn't aware of it.

Not that Victoria has always been a paragon of tolerance and acceptance. I can remember when the movie theater across the street from the Confederate memorial had a separate entrance for blacks, who were required to sit in the balcony.

But things change, and often they gradually get better. The morning after the fire, 400 people showed up outside the burned-out mosque to show support. Within a few days more than $1 million had been donated to help rebuild.

And members of B'nai Israel were the first to go to Victoria's Islamic leadership to deliver keys to their synagogue so the Muslims would have a place to worship in the meantime. At least four churches offered their facilities, as well.

What can we conclude from this incident? Maybe it gives us hope that there are still many more good people in the world than bad. Of course, intolerance and xenophobia never lie far beneath the surface. But America's best aspirational ideas are tolerance and assimilation. Over time they will prevail if enough good Americans keep doing the right thing.

I drove past the burned-out mosque last Friday. Hand-painted signs remained: "United We Stand." "Stay Strong."

And one banner, presumably from the Victoria Muslim community: "Rebuilding with Your Love. Peace Be Unto You All."

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From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Trump: Allow those into US who 'want to love our country'

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — President Donald Trump vowed Monday to allow only people who "want to love our country" into the United States, defending his immigration and refugee restrictions as he made his first visit to the headquarters for U.S. Central Command.

Trump reaffirmed his support for NATO before military leaders and troops and laced his speech with references to homeland security amid a court battle over his travel ban on people from seven majority-Muslim countries. He did not directly mention the case now before a federal appeals court after a lower court temporarily suspended the ban.

"We need strong programs" so that "people that love us and want to love our country and will end up loving our country are allowed in" and those who "want to destroy us and destroy our country" are kept out, Trump said.

"Freedom, security and justice will prevail," Trump added. "We will defeat radical Islamic terrorism and we will not allow it to take root in our country. We're not going to allow it."

Trump touched upon various alliances in his remarks, noting, "we strongly support NATO."

He spoke Sunday with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. A White House statement said the two "discussed how to encourage all NATO allies to meet their defense spending commitments," and also talked about the crisis in Ukraine and security challenges facing NATO countries.

Trump once dismissed the trans-Atlantic military alliance as "obsolete," and said he would decide whether to protect NATO countries against Russian aggression based on whether those countries "have fulfilled their obligations to us."

Speaking as commander in chief, Trump repeated his promises to defeat "radical Islamic terrorists" but provided no specifics on any policy changes he wants in the fight against the Islamic State. He complained about media coverage of terrorist attacks, suggesting there were many attacks going intentionally unreported by the media.

In response to requests for evidence to support that claim, the White House released a list of 78 attacks it described as "executed or inspired by" the Islamic State group since September 2014. Most on the list did not get sufficient media attention, the White House said.

The list included incidents like a truck massacre in Nice, France, that killed dozens and received widespread attention, as well as less high-profile incidents in which nobody was killed.

The AP could not verify that each of the incidents had connections to the Islamic State group.

Earlier, Trump sat down for lunch with a room full of troops in fatigues from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, as well as senior members of his White House staff.

Trump made small talk with some of the soldiers, discussing everything from football to military careers.

"Gonna make it a career?" Trump asked one person.

"C'mon, you have to stay," he urged another.

Trump also hailed New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, saying he "cemented his place" in football history after his fifth Super Bowl win Sunday.

Trump stopped at the base on the way back to Washington after his first weekend away from the White House. Trump spent the weekend at his estate in Palm Beach, Florida, with first lady Melania Trump, who had not appeared in public since shortly after her husband took office.

At MacDill, the president was briefed by CENTCOM and SOCOM leaders. A number of his advisers, including Gen. Joseph Dunford, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Michael Flynn, Trump's national security adviser, also attended.

Trump met with Florida Gov. Rick Scott before delivering his remarks, telling the crowd at CENTCOM that Scott's endorsement of his candidacy for president "makes him a better friend of mine," adding that with those who don't offer their endorsement, "it's never quite the same."

CENTCOM oversaw a recent raid by U.S. special operations forces on an al-Qaida compound in Yemen, the first military operation authorized by Trump. A Navy SEAL, Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator William "Ryan" Owens, 36, of Peoria, Illinois, was killed, making him the first known U.S. combat casualty under Trump.

Three other U.S. service members were wounded in the operation. More than half a dozen suspected militants and more than a dozen civilians were also killed, including the 8-year-old daughter of Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical cleric and U.S. citizen who was targeted and killed in 2011 by a U.S. drone strike.

Trump made no mention of Owens or the raid in Yemen during his remarks Monday, but he paid recognition to the sacrifices of American military families and the spouses of American soldiers, vowing his support to those who risk their lives for the country.

"We protect those who protect us, and we will never, ever let you down," he said.

AP Fact Check: Trump says terrorism acts ignored. Evidence?

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump made an unsupported assertion Monday that terrorist acts in Europe are going unreported. A look at the matter:

TRUMP: "All over Europe it's happening. It's gotten to a point where it's not even being reported. And in many cases the very, very dishonest press doesn't want to report it. They have their reasons, and you understand that."

The facts: Trump and his team have cited only one example of a deadly terrorist attack anywhere going unreported, the one that didn't happen in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Adviser Kellyanne Conway spoke about a Bowling Green "massacre" that didn't take place, correcting herself when she was called out on the error.

As for Trump's claim about Europe, it's probably true that you haven't heard of every attack on the continent that can be tied to terrorism.

Scores if not hundreds happen every year. Many don't rise to the level of an international audience because they cause no casualties, or little or no property damage, or are carried out by unknown assailants for unclear reasons.

One exhaustive list is the Global Terrorism Database, maintained by the University of Maryland.

It lists 321 episodes of suspected or known terrorism in Western Europe alone in 2015.

Many are anti-Muslim attacks against mosques, not the brand of terrorism Trump has expressed concern about.

Many are attacks undertaken for right-wing or left-wing causes that have nothing to do with Islamic extremism or xenophobic attacks on mosques.

Among examples from 2015 that were largely under the radar of Americans:

■ On Oct. 24, assailants set fire to the residence of a Socialist Justice Party member in Gothenburg, Sweden, one of series of attacks against the party that day.

■ On Sept. 13, assailants set fire to the Whitton Methodist Church hall in Richmond, England, with no reported casualties and no one immediately claiming responsibility.

■ On Jan. 17, gunmen opened fire on patrons at a bar in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, causing no casualties.

Dissident Republicans were thought to have been behind the attack.

The database defines a terrorist act as one aimed at attaining political, religious, social or economic goals through coercion or intimidation of the public, outside acts of war.

The devastating attacks by Islamic extremists that year are also on the list, among them the murderous assault on the Paris offices of the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, and the even bloodier attack at Paris' Bataclan concert hall, the worst in a series of killings in one day.

Those attacks and other deadly ones in Europe received saturation coverage for days.

But even the smaller, non-lethal acts of terrorism received coverage: The database itself is built from media reports.

The walkback:

Trump made his claim before a broad audience on live television, while speaking at Central Command headquarters in Florida.

On Air Force One, before a smaller audience, Trump spokesman Sean Spicer said Trump did not really mean that terrorist attacks received no coverage.

Trump's actual complaint, he said, was that such acts don't get enough attention.

"He felt that members of media don't always cover some of those events to the extent that other events might get covered," Spicer said. "Like a protest gets blown out of the water, and yet an attack or a foiled attack doesn't necessarily get the same coverage."

The White House later released a list of 78 worldwide attacks it described as "executed or inspired by" IS.

Most on the list did not get sufficient media attention, the White House said, without specifying which ones it considered underreported.

Attacks on the list that had high death tolls were given blanket coverage, such as the Brussels bombings in March, the San Bernardino, California, shootings in December 2015, and the Paris attacks in November 2015.

Some with a smaller death toll, such as two attacks in Canada that killed one soldier each, also were covered at the time and well known.

The White House did not point to any examples supporting Trump's contention that terrorist attacks were "not even being reported." Less than half of the 78 incidents the White House listed occurred in Europe.

Why 97 companies oppose Trump's travel ban

By Joseph Pisani
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Apple, Google and more than 90 other companies are pushing back in court against President Donald Trump's temporary travel ban, calling it unconstitutional, un-American and bad for the economy.

The companies filed briefs Sunday to back lawsuits from Washington state and Minnesota fighting Trump's travel ban. The ban keeps refugees and travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S.

Trump has said his Jan. 27 executive order is necessary to prevent "radical Islamic terrorists" from coming to the U.S. The White House did not respond to a request for comment Monday.

The 97 companies are mostly in the technology industry and include social media companies Facebook Inc. and Twitter Inc. Non-tech companies participating include yogurt maker Chobani and jeans-seller Levi Strauss & Co.

Here's some of the reasons why they oppose the travel ban:

It hurts the U.S. economy

Immigrants will avoid the U.S. and want to work in other countries where "their immigration status will not suddenly be revoked," the companies argued. They also said the ban makes it more likely that big companies will move employees overseas or make investments outside the U.S.

"Ultimately, American workers and the economy will suffer as a result," the companies said.

It hurts their business

The travel ban makes it harder for companies to "recruit, hire, and retain some of the world's best employees," according to the court filings.

The companies also say

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Tech firms take stand against travel ban, risking backlash

By Mae Anderson and Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Through a Super Bowl ad, public statements and court filings, Silicon Valley's biggest companies are taking a strong stand against President Donald Trump's travel ban, saying high tech needs immigrants' creativity and energy to stay competitive.

Although the companies are risking a backlash from customers who side with Trump, they say the pushback is necessary for an industry dependent on thousands of highly skilled foreign workers.

About 58 percent of the engineers and other high-skill employees in Silicon Valley were born outside the U.S., according to the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, an industry trade group.

"Immigration and innovation go hand in hand," said Carl Guardino, the group's CEO. "This cuts so deeply into the bone and marrow of what fuels the innovation economy that very few CEOs feel the luxury of sitting on the sidelines. So people are going to stand up and speak up."

The tech industry contends there aren't enough Americans with the specialized skills these companies need. Though critics contend that companies favor immigrants because they can pay them less, tech companies argue that the ban would pressure them to move some operations abroad.

"A lot of these companies will really struggle if all of a sudden we turn off the spigot," said Greg Morrisett, dean of computing and information sciences at Cornell University.

In a court filing Sunday against the ban, 97 companies, including such major tech players as Google, Apple, Microsoft, eBay, Netflix, Facebook and Twitter, also spoke of the entrepreneurial spirit of "people who choose to leave everything that is familiar and journey to an unknown land to make a new life."

Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella both came from India. Google co-founder Sergey Brin is a Russian refugee who moved to the U.S. as a boy. The father of Apple's late co-founder, Steve Jobs, immigrated from Syria.

Tech worker Ehsaan Taeb, 28, said his whole family is in Iran and knowing his parents won't be able to visit him has added stress to his life. But seeing his company and other tech companies taking a stand against the ban has heartened him, he said.

"When you see your employer and other companies make that kind of effort, that makes me feel very supported and in a

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A list of the 97 companies opposing Trump's travel ban

Associated Press

Nearly 100 companies, mostly in the technology industry, have joined in a court filing to back lawsuits from Washington state and Minnesota to fight President Donald Trump's travel ban.

Trump's executive order, signed Jan. 27, temporarily keeps refugees and travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S.

The companies said the ban will hurt their businesses and the U.S. economy.

Here a list of the 97 companies opposing Trump's travel ban:

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Anti-Trump protests complicate start of his presidency

By Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Scrappy as ever, Donald Trump on Monday dismissed polls showing low approval ratings as "fake news." But whatever his opinion, active opposition to his go-it-alone presidency appears to be widening.

From corporate boardrooms to the halls of Congress, Trump is facing an unprecedented effort to disrupt even the most basic of his presidential functions. It's an evolving, largely grass-roots effort that aims to follow Trump and his potential supporters everywhere they go — and there are early signs that it's having an impact.

The Trump name alone is enough to spark outrage. There are plans for a mass "mooning" of Trump Tower in Chicago. Boycotts are underway of companies that sell Ivanka Trump's clothing line or advertise on NBC's "Celebrity Apprentice," where Trump has remained an executive producer.

Congressional offices are being flooded with emails, social media messages and calls jamming phone lines. Hundreds of protesters are flocking to town halls and local congressional offices, some in strongly Republican districts, to voice their opposition to Trump's Cabinet picks, health care plans and refugee restrictions.

The goal, say organizers of some of the efforts, is nothing short of complete resistance. It's a strategy Democrats say they learned from the success of the tea party movement, which stymied President Barack Obama's agenda through protests, door-to-door political action campaigns and online activism.

"The lesson from the last eight years is, sadly, that implacable resistance works," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va. "Because it's all about your base, and I will simply point out that our base is bigger than theirs, and it's riled up."

Trump and some Republicans shrug it off as sore losers unwilling to accept the results of the election. The president's core supporters, in states like Iowa and Wisconsin, applaud him as a man of action, delivering on his campaign promises to move quickly and shake up Washington.

Although recent polls show his approval ratings in the 40s, a historic low for a new president, Trump rejects the surveys as false.

"Any negative polls are fake news, just like the CNN, ABC, NBC polls in the election. Sorry, people want border security and extreme vetting," he tweeted on Monday. "I call my own shots, largely based on an accumulation of data, and everyone knows it."

Trump's base is likely to reward him for his actions, say former White House aides, who note that all presidents face opposition and public demonstrations.

"It's only a problem if it lets it stop him from doing what he seeks to do," said former George W. Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer, who recalled a travel stop in Portland, Oregon, when protesters threw rocks at the president's motorcade. "When it comes to policy full speed ahead, the people screaming at you can't be convinced to be for you in any case."

But recent presidents never faced the kind of multi-front opposition that Trump is now experiencing so early in their terms.

Last week, he canceled a trip to the Harley-Davidson factory in Milwaukee, where local groups planned to protest his event. The White House said the protests weren't the cause. And on Saturday, more than 1,000 protesters beat drums, sang and chanted outside the gates of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, where the president was attending a Red Cross benefit.

The displays of public outrage have been aimed not only at Trump but at lawmakers, world leaders and corporate executives who might be tempted to work with him to pass key parts of his agenda, like replacing the health care law or rewriting trade agreements.

The White House claims to be unimpressed by the protests. In fact, a lot of the demonstrators are simply paid to show up and shout, says Trump Press Secretary Sean Spicer. But that's just a fantasy, foes say.

"The level of mobilization against Trump is almost like nothing I've ever seen before," said Joe Dinkin, spokesman for the Working Families Party, which coordinates weekly anti-Trump events across the country. "Collaboration with Trump is a path that will bring well-deserved ire."

Already, there are some signs that the early efforts may be having an impact on his ability to promote his agenda across the globe. On Monday, the speaker of Britain's House of Commons said he strongly opposes Trump addressing Parliament, making it unlikely he'll be given the honor during a state visit later this year.

Technology executive Elon Musk spent hours on Twitter over the weekend defending his decision to serve on Trump's business council. So far, one CEO— Uber's Travis Kalanick — has quit the group after facing a weeklong rider boycott.

The ACLU saw donations pour in after it sued the government over the refugee ban.

And Republican lawmakers are bracing themselves for an onslaught of rowdy town hall meetings, after congressmen in California and Florida faced raucous crowds last weekend.

"The situation was rapidly escalating into a riot," said California Rep. Tom McClintock, who had to be extracted by police from an event in downtown Roseville, the population center of his sprawling congressional district. "One thing came through loud and clear: They were not angry at President Trump for breaking any of his promises — they were angry at him for keeping them."

Trump administration says 'aliens' outside US have no constitutional protections

By Maura Dolan
Los Angeles Times

In a bid to win reinstatement of the Trump administration's controversial ban on immigrants from several Muslim countries, government lawyers Monday argued that the president has broad authority to exclude "aliens," who they said have few constitutional rights in the U.S.

In papers filed Monday afternoon, the Justice Department described a federal judge's restraining order blocking implementation of the immigration directive as a "sweeping, nationwide injunction" that is "vastly overbroad."

"An alien outside the United States has no right to a judicial review of a denial of a visa," government attorneys argued.

The exclusion of citizens of other countries from the U.S. is a "fundamental act of sovereignty" inherent in the president's executive power to control the nation's foreign affairs," the administration said.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has scheduled a telephone hearing in the case for Tuesday afternoon and could rule after that.

The appeals court is accepting legal arguments on whether it should stay a ruling Friday from a federal judge in Seattle that blocked enforcement of President Donald Trump's Jan. 27 executive order, which suspends entry to immigrants from Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Iran, Yemen, Somalia and Libya, and also suspends resettlement of refugees in the U.S.

The order appropriately targeted the seven nations because they are "associated with a heightened risk of terrorism," the administration said in its brief.

In earlier written arguments, lawyers for the states of Washington and Minnesota argued that a temporary hold on Trump's executive order should remain in place until a lower court determines whether the order is unconstitutional.

The state of Washington cited a litany of problems caused by Trump's order. More than 7,000 noncitizen immigrants from the affected countries live in Washington, the state told the appeals court.

"Those who were abroad were blocked from returning home," the states argued. "Husbands were separated from wives, brothers from sisters, and parents from their children. Some who had waited decades to see family members had that reunion taken away without warning or reason."

Nearly 100 businesses, including well-known technology firms such as Apple, Google, Twitter and Uber, filed arguments supporting the states' case.

The companies argued that the ban was disruptive, making it more difficult for them to recruit and retain employees and threatening their ability to attract talent, business and investment to the United States.

A number of former national security and intelligence officials — including former Secretaries of State John Kerry and Madeleine Albright, former Defense Secretary and CIA Director Leon E. Panetta, and ex-national security adviser Susan Rice — also sided with the states.

In a declaration, they argued that the Trump order "could do long-term damage to our national security and foreign policy interests, endangering U.S. troops in the field and disrupting counterterrorism and national security partnerships."

They said the ban on immigration from targeted countries could boost the militant group Islamic State's propaganda and recruitment "by feeding into the narrative that the United States is at war with Islam." They said it would hinder relationships with the very communities that law enforcement professionals need to help them address the threat.

Several courts across the country have ruled against portions of the travel ban, but U.S. District Judge James Robart in Seattle on Friday imposed a temporary restraining order setting aside enforcement of its key provisions nationwide, pending a full legal review.

The Justice Department is asking the appeals court to stay that order, and Monday's brief from the states argues against that.

The states in their brief filed early Monday contended the order hurt Washington's economy by reducing sales tax revenues from travelers and depriving major tech companies of the work of skilled immigrants.

Hundreds of faculty, staff and students from Washington's public university also suffered, the states contended. Some were immediately stranded overseas, and others have been unable to travel for research, according to the states.

"Staying the district court's ruling would reinstitute those harms, separating families, stranding our university students and faculty, and barring travel," the states argued.

The states said the 9th Circuit should not permit constitutional violations of due process and the free exercise of religion based on the Trump administration's "unsupported invocation of national security."

While Trump's order remains under review by the lower court, "refugees and immigrants from the banned countries will continue to undergo the rigorous screening processes that already existed prior to the order," the states told the appeals court.

The 9th Circuit refused over the weekend to lift the temporary block on Trump's travel ban until considering more arguments.

Since then, group after group has filed papers asking to enter the case on the side of the states, including the petition from businesses.

The state of Hawaii, in a request to intervene, also argued the ban would hurt tourism and reduce tax revenues, but its request to join the case was denied Monday.

In appealing the hold on the executive order, lawyers for the government argued that Washington state lacked standing — or authority — to challenge Trump's moratorium.

The Trump administration also argued that the hold on the order usurped the authority of the executive branch and second-guessed "the president's national security judgment."

The president, the lawyers argued, has clear authority to decide whether national security makes it necessary to bar certain people from entering the country.

Trump's lawyers further contended that the harms the states said stemmed from the travel were merely speculative.

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California Democrats counter Trump's threat to defund

By Jonathan J. Cooper
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The war of words escalated Monday between Democratic leaders in the nation's biggest state and Donald Trump after the Republican president said California is "out of control" and suggested withholding federal funding.

In separate statements Monday, the leaders of the state Legislature pointed to California's massive economy and strong job growth, saying the state provides critical contributions to the nation.

"If this is what Donald Trump thinks is 'out of control,' I'd suggest other states should be more like us," said Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, D-Paramount.

Trump criticized California during a Fox News interview broadcast Sunday.

"California in many ways is out of control as you know," he told Fox anchor Bill O'Reilly. "Obviously the voters agree or otherwise they wouldn't have voted for me."

Responding to questions from O'Reilly, Trump said California's consideration of legislation to create a statewide sanctuary for people living in the country illegally is "ridiculous."

Trump, who opposes sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, said the federal government "gives tremendous amounts of money to California."

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community that's thoughtful and caring," said Taeb, who works in support at Checkr, a software company that provides background checks for businesses.

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group estimates that half the companies in the region were co-founded by an immigrant or are now led by a CEO from outside the U.S.

In signing an executive order Jan. 27 that would temporarily ban people from seven Muslim-majority countries, Trump said he was trying to protect Americans by preventing terrorists from slipping into the country. The administration says the president has the constitutional authority to decide who can enter.

During the Super Bowl, several companies ran ads that promoted diversity and inclusion, as marketers tried to reach both sides of a consumer base roiled by the election.

One of the most overtly political was from Airbnb, a company that matches travelers with places to stay. The San Francisco company showed close-ups of people with different ethnicities. A narrator says: "We believe no matter who you are, where you're from, who you love or who you worship, we all belong. The world is more beautiful the more you accept."

Airbnb followed up with a campaign to provide short-term housing over the next five years for 100,000 people in need, starting with refugees, disaster survivors and relief workers.

The company also said it will donate $4 million over four years to the International Rescue Committee, joining many tech brethren in making financial contributions.

Google set up a $4 million "crisis fund" in January to support organizations that are helping immigrants and refugees, while ride-hailing service Lyft pledged $1 million over the next four years to the American Civil Liberties Union, one of the groups challenging the ban.

And workers from Google and Comcast workers have staged walkouts over the restriction.

"I wouldn't be where I am today or have any kind of life that I have today if this was not a brave country that really stood out and spoke for liberty," Brin told a crowd of Google employees who walked out in protest last week.

Tech companies risk alienating the many Americans who support Trump and his policies. But the risk is lower than that of, say, a company that makes consumer products with plenty of alternatives.

It's much harder to boycott a Facebook or Google, where you have friends or your email address, said digital marketing analyst Rebecca Lieb. She added that people are less likely to toss out a $2,000 laptop or pricey mobile phone than change soft drinks.

In fact, tech companies might be more wary of backlash from the anti-Trump side. Last week, Uber CEO Travis Kalanick quit Trump's council of business leaders after an outcry from Uber customers and employees who were upset about the ban.

In addition, most tech companies have operations around the world and risk alienating customers abroad if they stay silent.

"We interact with a large global ecosystem and our businesses would not be here or be able to thrive without it," said Aaron Levie, CEO of Box Inc., an online storage service. "So our businesses are extremely sensitive, by default, to things that affect immigration and things that affect our relationship with the broader world."

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the ban disrupts day-to-day operations by making it more difficult to send employees to meetings and conferences abroad because of uncertainty over whether they can return.

It's unlawful

The companies said the executive order violates immigration laws and the U.S. Constitution because it bans people from entering the country based on their place of origin.

It will hurt entrepreneurship

According to the court documents, 200 of the 500 companies on Fortune magazine's list of largest U.S. companies were founded by immigrants, or children of immigrants. That includes iPhone maker Apple and search company Google, both of which joined the court filing.

"The energy they bring to America is a key reason why the American economy has been the greatest engine of prosperity and innovation in history," the companies said.

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Teachers accused of impropriety often move to other schools

Legislation would make it illegal for superintendents not to report allegations to TEA

By Julie Chang
Austin American-Statesman

Mark Calima, a former Cedar Ridge High School band director, resigned from the Round Rock school district in 2015, district records show, after a parent complained that Calima had ridiculed a student for years, saying that the boy was gay and making jokes about it.

Calima also was accused of taking the same boy alone on an off-campus shopping trip, according to the documents. After an investigation, the district removed Calima from the classroom, putting him in an administrative position until he resigned. Calima moved on, taking a band director job in the Spring school district, a previous employer.

Round Rock school district officials didn't report Calima's conduct to the Texas Education Agency. Officials said the law didn't require it.

The TEA is investigating Calima now. New allegations have surfaced that Calima had improper relationships with students more than a decade ago while working as a band director in the Spring district, according to complaints filed with the state and school districts.

Calima did not respond to multiple messages and a phone call for comment.

An American-Statesman investigation has found that hundreds of teachers surrender their teaching certificates while being investigated by the state for having improper relationships with students, leaving few traces for future employers and the public to find. The Statesman also has found that in a few cases, teachers keep their licenses after district-level investigations, slipping from district to district with nothing in their records flagging questionable conduct.

State lawmakers are proposing sweeping legislation to prevent teachers' resigning from a school district amid allegations of improprieties with students and moving on to another teaching job.

"Some of those teachers are not prosecuted and worse ... some are shuffled off to other schools to continue teaching in other areas, threatening other kids. We are the ones with the duty and the ability to do something about it," Gov. Greg Abbott told lawmakers in his State of the State address last week.

Under Senate Bill 7 and House Bill 218 proposed by state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, and state Rep. Tony Dale, R-Cedar Park, superintendents who don't report allegations of teacher misconduct to the TEA would be charged with at least a Class A misdemeanor. The same penalty would apply to principals who fail to report allegations of teacher misconduct to their superintendents.

"We have got to stop turning a blind eye to this. Let's find out what's going on, and let's do our best to stamp it out," Bettencourt told the Statesman. The Spring school district falls within Bettencourt's Senate district.

Cases of improper teacher-student relationships have climbed 80 percent in the past eight years. The TEA opened 222 investigations in fiscal year 2016.

At least half a dozen teachers between 2010 and 2016 had been accused of engaging in improper relationships

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ANNUAL FEATS OF SPELLING



MRT file photo

At left, Srikar Chamarthi, representing Fasken Elementary, reacts to winning the Midland Reporter-Telegram's 29th annual Regional Spelling Bee on Feb. 20, 2016, in the Allison Fine Arts Building on the campus of Midland College. At right, Pranav Ganta, representing Abell Junior High, finished in second place.

40 students set to compete in regional spelling bee

From staff reports

The 30th annual Midland Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee is 9:30 a.m. Feb. 25 at Allison Fine Arts Center auditorium at Midland College.

Forty students from Midland County, Andrews and Monahans will be vying for the opportunity to represent Midland at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is the week of May 28 in Washington, D.C.

The contestants are:

- Abell Junior High: Srikar Chamarthi, 12, seventh-grader
- Alamo Junior High: Abigail Garretson, 14, eighth-grader
- Andrews Middle School, Andrews: Audrey Daye, 11, sixth-grader
- Bowie Fine Arts Academy: Kainen Leon, 11, fifth-grader
- Brooks Middle School: Destiny Reeves, 15, eighth-grader
- Bunche Elementary: Rayan Casey, 10, fourth-grader
- Burnet Elementary: Mia Martinez, 10, fifth-grader
- Bush Elementary: Adriana Doroteo, 12, sixth-grader
- Carver Center: Ryland Matis, 11, fifth-grader
- Crockett Elementary: Matthew Roberts, 11, fifth-grader
- DeZavala Elementary: Royann Gonzalez, 11, sixth-grader
- Emerson Elementary: McKenna Valentine, 10, fifth-grader

Regional Spelling Bee champions since 1993

1993 Jeremy Gengler, Goddard; 1994 Tarfia Faizullah, Trinity; 1995 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1996 Vinesh Patel, Abell; 1997 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1998 Katie Noah, Goddard; 1999 Stacey Moore, Alamo; 2000 Michael Moore, Crockett; 2001 Chiraag Alur, Abell; 2002 Michael Moore, Alamo; 2003 Nicholas Van Nguyen, Anson Jones; 2004 Jamie Lain, San Jacinto; 2005 Taylor Young, Alamo; 2006 Danielle Rubio, Bonham; 2007 Calley Jones, Abell; 2008 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2009 Samuel Dowlen, MACHE; 2010 Jace Brandl, Scharbauer Elementary; 2011 Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High; 2012 Thomas Rubio, Alamo Junior High; 2013 Gabby Rubio, Alamo Junior High; 2014 Gabby Rubio, Alamo Junior High; 2015, Anna Ngo, Carver Center; 2016, Srikar Chamarthi, Fasken.

By school since 1993

Alamo 7, Abell 4, Goddard 3, MACHE 2, San Jacinto 1, Trinity 1, Crockett 1, Anson Jones 1, Bonham 1, Carver Center, Fasken 1, Scharbauer 1

- Fannin Elementary: Myra Goyang, 10, fifth-grader
- Fasken Elementary: John Willis, 10, fifth-grader
- Goddard Junior High: Julia Ward, 13, seventh-grader
- Greathouse Elementary: Neleigh Pate, 11, sixth-grader
- Greenwood Elementary: Cael Bingham, 9, fourth-grader
- Henderson Elementary: Alexis Lara, 11, sixth-grader
- Hillander School: Grayson Petty, 11, sixth-grader
- Houston Elementary: Katie Holman, 11, sixth-grader
- Jones Elementary: Felix Webster, 10, fifth-grader
- Lamar Elementary: Xavier Carrasco, 9, fourth-grader
- Long Elementary: Crystal Amaya, 11, fifth-grader
- Midland Christian School: Jaiden Catalasan, 11, fifth-grader
- Midland Classical Academy: Kenedi Carter, 11, sixth-grader
- Milam Elementary: Ethan Meza, 11, sixth-grader
- Parker Elementary: Haley Tolbert: 12, sixth-grader
- Pease Communications and Technology Academy: Vivian Myers, 10, fourth-grader
- Rusk Elementary: Addison Rogers, 12, sixth-grader
- San Jacinto Junior High: Fernanda Montes, 12, seventh-grader
- Santa Rita Elementary: Amber Gantt, 12, sixth-grader
- Scharbauer Elementary: Halie Sanchez, 11, fifth-grader
- Sudderth Elementary, Monahans: Aidan Carrasco, 11, sixth-grader

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BRANDON SHUMAN
Midland Classical Academy

Classical education is foreign concept to many people

In the course of meeting new people, I am often asked some form of the question, "What do you do for a living?" When this happens, I find myself in a dilemma, and not only because I am a socially awkward introvert. Now, if I happened to be an engineer in this town, this would not be a problem. I might still be socially awkward, but I would simply reply, "I am an engineer," and the ensuing crisis would be averted. But I am not an engineer. I am a classical-education teacher.

But when I offer this response, the person looks at me like I have a third eyeball — presumably because so few people know what classical education is. For many, classical education is an entirely foreign concept devoid of meaning. But if I respond, "I am a teacher," this conveys a drastically different image from what I actually do. Conventional education and classical education are two different animals. This distinction throws me right back into the stew of the first response, when inevitably the person I am meeting is impolite enough to follow up my response with, "Oh, you're a teacher. What do you teach?"

And herein lies my dilemma. I can either respond with the mysterious classical education answer, which invites a five-minute diatribe to an innocent question, or I can misrepresent what I do, crossing my fingers that I will not be prevailed upon to own my cheese. What is a socially awkward classical educator to do?

Well, if that socially awkward classical educator happens to write a column for his illustrious local newspaper, he uses that platform to educate his inquisitive neighbors what classical education is about.

Classical education has three distinctives that make it unique from conventional models. These distinctives are classical curriculum, the implementation of the liberal arts and the Socratic Method.

Classical education's most obvious feature is its curriculum. Classical curriculum is deeply rooted in the rich heritage of Western civilization. In this tradition, we explore the birth and development of the founding ideas that give rise to modern life. Classical history classes begin with the ancient cultures of Mesopotamia, Israel, Greece and Rome and continue through the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Enlightenment, through the present. Classical geometry retraces the propositions of Euclid's Elements. Astronomy students measure the circumference of the earth using ancient methods and

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MISD teachers attend STEM event in Houston

From staff reports

Two Midland teachers were among those who attended a STEM education event hosted by Chevron Corp. last week in Houston.

Chrissy Carrillo, who teaches seventh-grade science at Alamo Junior High, and Leesha Seidel, who teaches sixth-grade science at Carver Center, along with teachers from Houston and Ector and Loving counties, shared and learned best practices in science, technology, engineering and math education, according to a press release from Chevron. The event was part of an ongoing partnership between Chevron and the communities in which the company operates.

Speakers included Calicia Johnson, a subsea engineer for Chevron, and Kelvin Beachum, offensive tackle for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Johnson told the teachers how her childhood experiences led her to a career in engineering.

"My dad was an engineer for GM and I enjoyed going to work with him on Take Your Child to Work Day," she said. "It was exciting to see cars on the assembly line go from concept to completed car. I love STEM."

Beachum discussed the importance of helping students understand the role that sports like football can play in inspiring students to take an interest in STEM education.

"Not everybody can go pro in football, but everybody has the opportunity to go pro in STEM," said Beachum during the event.

"Teachers have the ability to teach kids about the importance of STEM education," he said. "I can inspire them to learn and understand the excitement they can bring to the table."

The teachers also had the opportunity to preview Super Bowl LIVE, a family-friendly fan festival in downtown Houston celebrating Super Bowl LI.

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Brunson

Midland Christian School senior **Hannah Brunson** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Brad and Rhonda Brunson.

She is a member of the golf team and is a Texas Scholar.

She attends Golf Course Road Church of Christ and is involved in Bible study, Teen Quest Ministries and Opportunity Camp.

Brunson plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in social work.

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Statton

Midland High School senior **Will Statton** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Bob and Ann Statton.

He is class president and is a member of the National Honor Society and Model Organization of American States team.

He attends First Baptist Church and participates in the youth group. He is involved in Young Life and referees for the Upward Bound basketball.

Statton plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in engineering.

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Hobbs

Lee High School senior **Sarah Hobbs** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. She is the daughter of Art and Robin Hobbs.

She is a member of National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, orchestra and StrictLee Strings. She has received the Karen McAfee Award and is a Texas Music Scholar.

She attends First Baptist Church and is active in the youth group and Acteens.

Hobbs plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in management information systems.

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Griffin

Midland Classical Academy senior **Kevin Giffin** has been honored by the Midland Downtown Lions Club. He is the son of Dave and Cheryl Giffin.

He is a member of the basketball team and Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is the Fine Arts Film editor.

He attends Midland Bible Church and participates in the Senior Boys Bible Study and leadership team.

Giffin plans to attend Dallas Baptist University and major in computer science.

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ABILENE — Midlander **Matthew Wimberly** has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at McMurry University.

To be eligible students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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Midland High School senior **McKenzy Jackson** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Barbara Moore.

She is a member of the band, orchestra and Starz dance team.



Jackson

She volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association, Adult Protective Services and Breaking Bread Ministry. She is a member of the Girl Scouts and recieved the Silver Award.

Jackson plans to attend Texas Tech University.

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Numerous Midland High School choir students advanced to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest after earning a Division I - Superior Rating at the UILSolo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday at Odessa College.

Soloists who advanced are:

■ 10th-graders: Emily Arciniegas, Hannah Cauble, Allyson Cremeans, Kayla Gonzales, Belleza Higgins, Grayson Jones, Laura Kator and Jonah Thacher.

■ 11th-graders: Abby Brown, Kalee Campbell, Logan Holmes, Camryn Jordan, Collin McCullough, Lauren Ready, Zane Richardson and Brandon Roberts.

■ 12th-graders: Julietta Brito, Casey Contreras, Caylee Helton and Natalie Jarratt.

All three ensembles that competed advanced to state. Members are:

■ 10th graders Kathleen Dominguez, Kayla Gonzales, Grayson Jones, Ashley Ledesma, Marshall Mayfield and Kent Mohr; 11th-graders Camryn Jordan and Zane Richardson; and 12th-grader Julietta Brito.

■ 10th graders Emily Arciniegas, Laura Kato and Jonah Thacher; 11th-graders Logan Holmes, Lauren Ready and Bradon Roberts; and 12th-grader Caylee Helton.

■ 10th-graders Hannah Cauble, Ghiselle Luna, Elizabeth Mills and Alliana Perez and 11th-graders Abby Brown, Markell Matthews and Collin McCullough.

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in a school where they previously worked before moving on to teach in another district, according to a Statesman analysis.

No flags, then troubling accusations

School districts are required to report resignations and terminations to the TEA if the teacher was involved in a romantic relationship with a student, among other improprieties. Round Rock school district spokesman Corey Ryan said Calima's conduct did not rise to that level.

"We utilize Education Code 21.006 in submitting employees for review. Had we identified any of these issues with Mr. Calima, we would have complied with those reporting requirements," Ryan said.

Calima returned to teaching at Westfield High School a couple of months after he resigned from the Round Rock school district. According to his online job application to the Spring school district, Calima said he was never investigated for improprieties while working in Round Rock schools.

"Before hiring any employee, Spring ISD follows all standard hiring protocols. That includes conducting a background and reference check that must be clear and successful before the employee is hired," said spokeswoman Sheleah Reed.

Calima later told Spring officials that the Round Rock school district advised him not to say he was investigated.

Ryan said Round Rock district officials never advised Calima not to disclose the investigation on his job application to Spring.

New accusations against Calima come from a man who agreed to speak to the Statesman on the condition that he remain anonymous. The man, a former student, said that from 2002 to 2004 he witnessed Calima, a Westfield High School band director in Spring, accusing students of being gay, buying students alcohol and talking to them about their sex lives.

Documents show the former student also filed a complaint with the TEA, which has launched an investigation of Calima that could lead to a revocation of his teaching license.

The former student told the Statesman that at one point Calima invited him to his home and gave him a massage, touching the student, a high school senior at the time, on his lower back, making him feel uncomfortable.

The former student said he didn't report the incident for more than 10 years because he feared retaliation and felt ashamed. Now he's in his 30s, and he and his mother reported the conduct to Round Rock district officials in emails and phone calls, and they met with Spring officials.

He said he was prompted to report his experience after seeing media reports about the Round Rock accusations that led him to conclude that Calima hadn't changed.

"The reason I didn't come forward is that I liked to tell myself it was over. The real reason was shame," the former student said.

Spring officials in March questioned Calima about the former student's allegations. District documents show that Calima denied having a relationship with the former student outside of band, talking to the former student about homosexuality, being out alone with the former student, taking the former student out shopping or purchasing alcohol for students.

"This is very stressful, and I just want to teach. I believe in these kids, and I want to teach them. I love what I do and Westfield," Calima said, according to the documents.

Calima, who has not been charged with a crime or sanctioned by the TEA, resigned from the Spring district in July.

More legislation needed?

Doug Phillips, director of educator investigations for the TEA, said it's difficult to know the number of instances of teachers resigning from a district amid allegations of improprieties with students and then moving on to another teaching job.

Christopher Cotten, a former McNeil High School track coach and teacher, was sentenced last year to three years in prison for child indecency and having an improper relationship with a student. In 2015, a 16-year-old student told Williamson County sheriff's deputies that Cotten had sent her photos of his genitals and kissed and touched her inappropriately, according to an arrest affidavit.

In 2000, when Cotten was a teacher at Austin High School, district officials recorded in his personnel file that he had a "highly inappropriate conversation" with a 14-year-old math student via instant message and should be fired, according to district documents.

He later taught in Pflugerville before getting the job in the Round Rock district.

Austin school district officials have said that they didn't report Cotten's behavior to the TEA because the law that requires reporting wasn't in effect at the time.

Dale, the Cedar Park lawmaker who proposed making failing to report a crime, said some school districts don't report misconduct to the TEA to avoid lawsuits from teachers and to protect their reputations.

"Look, anybody that's been hiring people for some period of time is going to hire someone they shouldn't have hired. I want my school districts and the state's school districts to have a reputation of zero tolerance on this kind of stuff: if we find out we made a mistake, we're going to address it swiftly," Dale said.

Phillips is hopeful that under the threat of a criminal penalty, superintendents and principals will err on the side of overreporting.

To meet the expected rise in the number of teacher misconduct cases, the TEA is requesting additional funding in the 2018-19 budget period to hire two more investigators for Phillips' department.

Dale and Bettencourt's bill also would expand the penal code definition of improper relationship between a teacher and student to allow charges in cases in which the teacher and student are in different school districts or private schools. The bills also call for more training of teachers to understand proper teacher-student boundaries, as well as preventing, recognizing and reporting sexual misconduct between teachers and students.

Phillips said that social media have made it easier for teachers to push the boundaries of appropriate conduct with students.

"Since we filed this bill, we have received phone calls from all over the state from concerned parents who have reported heartbreaking stories and some that had not been reported to TEA. It's just a tragic situation, and it's one that I think is in our power to address and hopefully stop," Dale said.

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SHUMAN

From 1B

modern GPS coordinates. Classical students do a lot of reading: Homer, Plato, Virgil, Augustine, Aquinas, Dante, Shakespeare, Locke, Dostoevsky and Nietzsche, to name a few. By revisiting our origins and following their flow of thought, classical students widen their perspectives to timeless ideas and awaken their imaginations to evergreen possibilities.

The second feature of classical education is that instead of teaching information into tightly compartmentalized "subjects," classical education teaches the liberal arts. The liberal arts are rooted in the medieval process of learning called the trivium. Every subject begins in a grammar phase, where the basic information is collected and gathered, terms defined and elementary rules established. Once the factual foundation is laid, students then enter the logic phase, where they discover the relationships of different facts to each other. After a student grasps these dynamic relationships, the rhetoric phase begins. In this phase, the student forms his own ideas and expresses his informed thoughts and hypothesizes why things resulted the way they did or how things might have changed if certain factors were different.

Here is a brief example of how the trivium works in chemistry. The grammar phase consists of learning names and properties of elements in the periodic chart. The logic phase reveals how these elements react to form compounds or combustions. In the rhetoric phase, students draw their own conclusions based on their observations and explain what happened when the chemicals reacted, why they blew up and what would cause the explosion to be even bigger next time.

But if we take a closer look at what is happening in this chemistry class, we find that the student is not only learning chemistry. She is learning the process of learning as she learns chemistry. And that is the heart of trivium's liberal arts:

■ Grammar: learning to collect facts;

■ Logic: learning to organize facts;

■ Rhetoric: learning to express thoughts and imagine possibilities.

Classical education develops the mental skills of thinking and self-learning as students encounter new material. Classes may still be organized by subject matter in a classical education model, but the focus is training minds to think through the issues, discover the questions and imagine surprising answers the material presents.

A third feature of classical education is the Socratic method. Named after Socrates, the Greek philosopher and "gadfly," who taught through endless questions. Socrates always approached subjects with a posture of a learner with curiosity and presumed ignorance. He denied he was an expert who could dispense knowledge or wisdom. But while Socrates could not divinely implant knowledge in the minds of his students, he could draw out their understanding through his questions as a kind of "midwife."

Like Socrates, classical teachers are tutors who learn alongside their students as they guide classroom conversation. Tutors pepper their students with hives of questions, challenge their assumptions and require them to define their terms as they engage their students' minds. Beginning in the seventh grade, classes stop following the familiar lecture format. Rather, they are a robust dialogue of ideas. Discussions can turn into friendly debates, and often, unanticipated connections between different subjects are discovered throughout these conversations of learning.

Classical education occurs in this active learning environment of the Socratic method, using the liberal arts of the trivium, and drawing from the rich curriculum of the Western tradition.

So the next time I am interrogated about what I do, this socially awkward introvert is going to say with confidence, "I am a classical-education teacher." And before they can furrow their brow, I will say "Let me send you a link that masterfully explains all about it."

Brandon Shuman is dean of arts and humanities at Midland Classical Academy.

MCT's education department provides firm foundation



ELISSA RUSSELL

Midland Community Theatre

Midland Community Theatre has long been a staple in the Permian Basin's small but thriving art scene, but even many longtime Midlanders remain unaware of the full extent of our offerings. Judith Giebler, one of our education directors, says that the first words spoken by a new visitor to the theater's basement often are, "Wow, I didn't know all of this was down here."

Indeed, tucked away beneath MCT's two beautiful theater spaces and sprawling lobby are classrooms, dance rooms, rehearsal spaces, a costume shop and the education office.

And you would be hard-pressed to find a time that the basement isn't bustling with activities. The Education Department's current programming includes Pre-K Creative Play, Theatre School classes for kindergarteners through sixth-graders; Centerstage classes for seventh- through 12th-graders; Pickwick Players, a theater troupe made up of seventh- through 12th-graders and Applause! Players for students on the autism spectrum. MCT also offers spring break Fine Arts Camp, School's Out, Theatre's In day camps offered on MISD holidays and summer camps. This month we will be partnering with Midland Memorial Hospital to add a drama therapy class for adult oncology patients.

In addition, we provide weekly outreach visits to elementary classrooms and bus in MISD students for theater performances. We are involved in Thinking Cap Theatre, a partnership with Midland College to bring productions to MISD schools during the fall semester, and our staff members teach courses at MC.

Being a product of Midland Community Theatre's Education Department, I can personally attest to the immeasurable benefits of a fine arts education from an early age. I began my theatrical career at the age of 5, when I portrayed a nameless mermaid in a summer camp adaptation of "The Little Mermaid." My performance was extremely moving: I sat on a rock and chewed

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BEE

From 1B

■ St. Ann's School: D.J. Woods, 11, sixth-grader

■ Texas Leadership Charter Academy: Adrien Salyers, 13, seventh-grader

■ Travis Elementary: Lucian Martinez, 11, fifth-grader

■ Trinity School: Jason Pham, 10, fourth-grader

■ Underwood Elementary, Andrews: Prayer Lorskulsint, 11, fifth-grader

■ Washington Math & Science Institute: Ariana Sanchez, 10, fourth-grader

■ Yarbrough Elementary: Reagan Green, 10, fifth-grader

Seven of these contestants also competed last year: Srikar Chamarthi, the winner of the 2016 regional bee, Jaiden Catalasan, Reagan Green, Prayer Lorskulsint, Fernanda Montes, Haley Tolbert and Julia Ward. And at least three contestants, Alexis Lyles, Grayson Petty and John Willis, have siblings who are former regional bee contestants.

The Rusk contestant is the runner-up. The school's winner, Areej Khodairm, is unable to compete in the regional bee.

In addition to an all-expense-paid trip for the speller and a parent, the champion will receive a 2017 U.S. Mint Proof Set, a one-year subscription to Britannica Online, a one-year subscription to Merriam-Webster Unabridged Online and an Amazon gift card.

The runner-up will receive a Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Amazon and iTunes gift cards, and three other spellers will receive Amazon and iTunes gift cards.

Notre Dame building to be named in honor of Midlander

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The University of Notre Dame says it has received a $25 million donation toward the new music building that is under construction at the school's football stadium.

School officials say the donation comes from Helen Schwab and her husband, Charles, in honor of her brother, Midlander Joseph O'Neill III, a Notre Dame graduate and trustee.

The new building will be named O'Neill Hall.

University officials say the music building is among three structures being added to the exterior of Notre Dame stadium as part of the $400 million Campus Crossroads project.

It will be a six-story, 100,000-square-foot building housing the Department of Music and the university's sacred music program. Construction is expected to be completed in August.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Middle (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	O'Neals (N)	Agents of SHIELD "BOOM" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Nonstop" (N)		Bull "The Fall" (N)		NCIS:NO "Return of the King" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	MASH "Say No More"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Fraternity of Thieves"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Lonely Eloper"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	New Girl "Glue" (N)	The Mick (N)	Bones "The Flaw in the Saw" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Rocks/Manuscripts	Housecall	Update News	Behind the Veil	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Aleph Course	Mission: M25	Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	The Wall "Katie and Kevin" (N)		This Is Us "I Call Marriage" (N)		CSI:LFire "An Agent of the Machine" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Your Roots "Tragedy + Time = Comedy"		Amer. Experience "Oklahoma City" Follow the rise of the extremist militia movement. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		3	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Pequeños Gigantes		Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	X-Files "Paper Hearts"		The X-Files "Kaddish"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:25) ★★ Only You		★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.				★★ Jersey Girl Ben Affleck.		(:45) ★★★ Open Your Eyes			
HBO	300	590	14	14		BMaher	V-ice News	The Huntsman: Winter's War				★★★ Unfaithful ('02, Thr) Richard Gere.		(:05) The Young Pope			
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(5:10) ★ The Sixth S...		The Young Pope (N)		Bill Maher		★ Muhammad Ali's Greatest...		(:40) ★ Vice ('15, Act) Bruce Willis.			
HBO5	304	592	16	102		(5:30) ★★★ Independence Day Will Smith.				Ride Along 2 Ice Cube.			Making	★★★ Road to Perdition Tom Hanks.			
MAX	380	597	17	120	24	(5:15) ★ Grumpy Old...		★★ Stuck on You		Matt Damon.		★ Popstar: Never Stop Never ...		★★★ The Transporter			
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(5:45) ★★★ National Treasure				★★★ The Fantastic Four			(:45)	★ MI-5 ('15, Act) Kit Harrington.			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ Last Stand ...		★ Desolation Cany...		(:25) ★★★ Beyond a Reasonable Doubt				(:10) ★★★ Catch a Fire			Movie
SHOW	320	585	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ Fast Times...		60 Minutes Sport (N)		Inside the NFL (N)		60 Minutes Sports		Inside the NFL			★★ Rambo
TMC	336	579	22	155	26	★★★ Up in the Air George Clooney.				★★★ Gangs of New York ('02, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.							★ Boulevard
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Intervention "Robert"		Intervention "Erin/ Joshua"		(:55) Codependent "Gianluca and Caitlyn"		Escaping Polygamy (N)		Intervention "Gina/ Kaila"		Intervention "Erin/ Joshua"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ The Shawsh...		★★★ Man on Fire ('04, Act) Dakota Fanning, Denzel Washington.						★★★ Unstoppable Denzel Washington.			
BET	58	-		40		(5:55) Being Mary Jane		(:55) Being Mary Jane		Being "Getting Real"		Being Mary Jane (N)		Being Mary Jane	(:05) The Quad		
BRAVO	65	76		41		Bev Hills Social (N)		Ladies of London (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Imposters (N)		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		Ladies L.
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Billion Dollar Buyer		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Billion Buyer (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		CNN Special		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		CNN Special		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Moonshiners		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N)		Killing Fields (N)		Moonshiners		Fields "The Warrant"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball LSU vs Kentucky (L)				NCAA Basketball Mich. St./Mich. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Florida at Georgia (L)				NCAA Basketball Iowa State at Texas (L)				Basketb.	ESPN Films		
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The First 100 Days		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		TuckerCarlsonTon	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped Junior		Chopped		Chopped Junior (N)		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped Junior	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30) Burlesque		The Fosters (N)		Switched at Birth (N)		The Fosters		The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Bear Bryant Award Show		Mavs Pre (L)		NBA Basketball Portland Trail Blazers at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)				Maverick-ks Live (L)	Inside Big East (N)	WPT Poker Bay 101 Shooting Star	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★ The Wolverine ('13, Act) Will Yun Lee, Hugh Jackman.						Taboo "Episode 5" (N)			Taboo "Episode 5"		Taboo
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	★ All of My Heart ('15, Dra) Lacey Chabert.						Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Curse of Oak Island		Oak Island (N)		Curse Oak Island (N)		(:05) Forged Fire (N)		(:05) Detroit Steel		(:05) Oak Island	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Battle of the Blondes"		Dance "Breathless in Denver" (N)		DanceMom "Leaving La La Land" (N)		Dance Moms: Super Fan Chat (N)		Runway "High End Italian Fashion"		Dance Moms: Chat "Breathless in Denver"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey	Los Angeles Kings at Tampa Bay Lightning (L)				(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		USSA Skiing		USSA Snowboarding	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Ride	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Campus	Campus	Cops	Cops	Campus	Campus	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Face Off		Face Off		Face Off (N)		★★ Jeepers Creepers 2 Ray Wise.				Face Off	
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld "The Susie"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Dr. Jekyll & ...		★★ Dreamgirls ('06, Mus) Jamie Foxx.						★★ Fame ('80, Mus) Eddie Carth, Irene Cara.			
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		La fan		La Doña		El Chema		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	La Doña	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Knocked Up?"		Big Life "Immaculate Misconception" (N)		My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Baby Fat" (N)		Tattoo Girls "Stealing Clients"		Tattoo Girls "Stealing Li. "Baby Fat"		(:05) Big Fat Fabulous (:05) Tattoo Girls "Stealing Clients"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Man on the Fairway"		★★ The Lincoln Lawyer A lawyer conducts business from his car while representing a high-profile client.				★★★ Contagion An international team of doctors attempts to contain the outbreak of a deadly disease.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Teachers	T. Shade	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.						★★★★ John Wick ('14, Action) Adrianne Palicki, Bridget Moynahan, Keanu Reeves.		Imposters	"My So-called Wife" (N)
WGN	19	85				(5:00) ★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.		Outsiders "Banishment"				Outsiders "Banishment"		Outsiders "Banishment"		Outsiders "Banishment"	

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

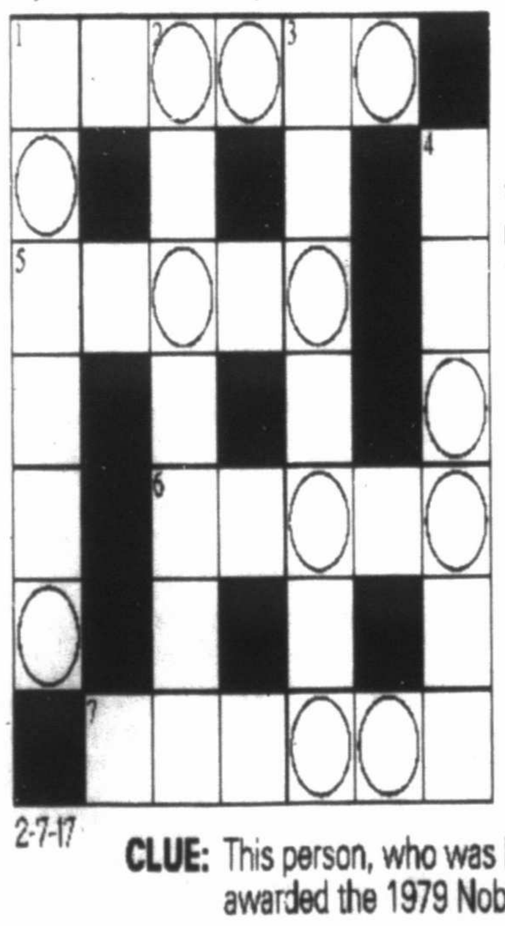
Ans: ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CHECK TANGY SUMMON PEWTER
Answer: The cosmetology student missed her exam and needed to take a — MAKEUP TEST

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



2-7-17

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Warning, danger	EHTRA
5. Cherish	RADEO
6. New	HREFS
7. ___ screen	SMPLAA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Shock	AAMRTU
2. Party crowd	MORUOLF
3. Eternal	GSLESAE
4. Breathing condition	MAHSTA

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

CLUE: This person, who was born in 1910, was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.

BONUS ( ) ( )

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RUSSELL

From 2B

on my sleeve the entire time. After that brush with stardom, it was not until sixth grade that I returned to MCT for Theatre School classes. This time I was taught by my now boss and friend, Judith Giebler, who cast me in my first big role: the Queen of Hearts in our production of "Alice in Wonderland." From then on, I was hooked.

At the end of my sixth-grade year, I was eligible to audition for Pickwick Players. I have no recollection of the monologue I prepared, the song or dance we learned or of anyone else who was in the audition room. What has stuck with me over the years, however, is how ecstatic I was to see my name included on the list of newly accepted Pickwicks. The enthusiasm I felt on that day would be carried throughout the next six years of my life, and would play a fundamental role in the person I would one day become.

As a Pickwick Player, I received a thorough education in the realm of theater. We took classes twice a week, auditioned for up to three shows per year and worked backstage and booth crew on our own productions.

Though I did not recognize it at the time, Pickwicks was also providing me with a social education. The program connected me to teenagers from different schools and of different ages, all of whom shared a common bond.

Through serving as a member of the Pickwick board, I learned to be a leader and to delegate responsibilities. Through volunteer teaching at spring break Fine Arts Camp, in after-school classes or at other community events, I learned to work with children, which instilled in me a passion for education at an early age, and ultimately dictated my career path.

I eventually graduated and left Pickwicks, but Pickwicks never really left me.

Wherever I went, my love of theater followed, and directed me to many rich experiences, job opportunities and lifelong friendships.

Now I am back at MCT, teaching in the same classroom where I lost my first tooth. Though the faces I see when I walk down the basement stairs are no longer those of my peers, but of my students, the work being done is the same. On the surface, our lessons may be on projection, stage directions and blocking, but in truth we are teaching collaboration, self-confidence and acceptance of others.

Think of our basement location as a metaphor for what we do: though not always apparent, it provides a sturdy foundation.

Elissa Russell is education assistant at Midland Community Theatre.

BELLES

From 6B

Bryant plans to attend Texas A&M University or Louisiana State University and major in architecture.

■ **Emily Dian Carrell** is the daughter of Wyatt Carrell and Tamara Spires.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the golf team and National Honor Society and is yearbook editor.

She attends Stonegate Fellowship, Golf Course Road Church of Christ and Young Life. She is a camp counselor at The Great Escape in Colorado and coaches volleyball at Midland YMCA. She volunteers for Meals on Wheels, Safe Place of the Permian Basin and Midland Community Theatre.

Carrell plans to attend Texas Tech University.

■ **Kile M'Kenzie Carriger,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Carriger.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of Student Council, Be the Change and National Honor Society. She is captain of the swim team and is an academic and swimming letterman.

She volunteers at Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Septemberfest, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Midland Community Theater, Meals on Wheels, Keep Midland Beautiful and COM Aquatics.

Carriger plans to attend Florida State University and major in accounting.

■ **Carmen Amalia Dragun,** 17, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Dragun.

She attends Trinity School, where she is student body vice president, a chapel prefect and hosts the school's quarterly coffee house. She is a College Board National Hispanic Recognized Scholar and an AP Scholar. As a junior, she won the grand prize at the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair, which earned her a trip to the INTEL International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona.

She is a Girl Scout and received the Gold Award. She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she organizes the St. Vincent de Paul Society's annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family, is a Life Teen peer minister, a Teen ACTS core team member and is a Mass lector. She also volunteers for the Midland Community Children's Clinic.

Dragun plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in chemistry.

■ **Claudia Ruth Fricker,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fricker III.

She attends Midland High School, where she is captain of the soccer team, is an academic letterman and is a member of Student Council and Be the Change.

Fricker plans to study architecture and business.

■ **Keaton Marie Fricker,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fricker III.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of Be the Change, Student Council and track team. She is an academic letterman.

Fricker to study business and computer coding.

■ **Delanie Lee Griffin,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Griffin.

She attends Midland Classical Academy, where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA, is captain of the volleyball and basketball teams, mentors younger students and is a teaching assistant in Algebra 1.

She volunteers at Kaleidoscope.

Griffin plans to attend Baylor University and major in apparel merchandising.

■ **Hannah Allegra Marie Gutierrez,** 18, is the daughter of Paula Gutierrez and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Alford.

She attends Trinity School, where she is co-captain of the cheerleading squad.

She participated in a summer program for future doctors, volunteers at Centers for Children and Families, Opportunity Camp, Boys & Girls Club and Safe Place of the Permian Basin. She is a member of Midland Festival Ballet and First Baptist Church.

Gutierrez plans to major in biochemistry.

■ **Elleri Castille Haest,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Haest.

She attends Midland Classical Academy, where she serves as an Upper School advisor and senior assistant and is a volleyball, basketball and tennis letterman.

She is a member of Midland Bible Church and volunteers in the children's and Awana programs and the nursery. She is involved in the church's youth group, Young Life and volunteers for Unlock Ministries through Opportunity Camp and vacation Bible school.

Haest plans to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in business.

■ **Ashlyn Nicole Hansen,** 18, is the daughter of Richard Hansen and Teresa Hansen.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, is Students in Philanthropy historian and is an academic letterman and Texas Scholar.

She is involved in Young Life and is a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she is involved in the One-to-One Tutoring Program. She volunteers with Midland Teen Court.

Hansen plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business.

■ **Lauren Ferrell Harper,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harper and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Davis and Bruce Harper and Linda Harper.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of National Honor Society, is a volleyball team captain, Texas Scholar and volleyball letterman.

She teaches preschool and kindergarten Sunday school classes at First United Methodist Church.

Harper plans to attend Baylor University or Texas Christian University and major in business with a minor in fashion design.

■ **Kathryn Marie Herd,** 17, is the daughter of Holly Herd and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tevis Herd.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of Students in Philanthropy and National Honor Society and is a volleyball letterman. She won first place in the Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest in 2016.

She is a tutor at First Presbyterian Church, is involved in Young Life and is a member of Christ Church Anglican.

Herd plans to attend Baylor University and major in English with a minor in Spanish.

■ **Emilee Lu Hernandez,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hernandez.

She attends Midland High School, where she is secretary of the National Honor Society, vice president of Students in Philanthropy and class chaplain and is a member of Spanish Honor Society. She is a Texas Scholar and an academic letterman.

She volunteers at the Boys & Girls Club, Aphasia Center of West Texas, Pink the Basin, St. Ann's Family Fair and MARC. She is involved in Young Life and attends St. Ann's Catholic Church, where she is a member of the Peer Ministry and Life Teen programs.

Hernandez plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in education.

■ **Ann Marie Holland,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holland.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of National Honor Society, yearbook staff and the volleyball team and is a Texas Scholar.

She is involved with Young Life and volunteers at Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Midland Community Theatre, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center and Septemberfest.

Holland plans to major in marketing.

■ **Ellen Claire Hord,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hord III and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hord Jr.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy and Dawg Pack. She is a Texas Scholar and academic and tennis letterman.

She is involved with Young Life and volunteers at Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Midland Community Theatre and Septemberfest.

Hord plans to major in international studies.

■ **Kenzie Elaine Lancaster,** 17, is the daughter of Monica Lancaster and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lancaster.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she lettered as a football trainer.

She is involved with Midland Festival Ballet.

Lancaster plans to attend Midland College and then transfer to Baylor University or Abilene Christian University.

■ **Anna Blair Parkison,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Parkison.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the tennis and Model Organization of American States teams, is class treasurer and treasurer of the National Honor Society and is an academic and tennis letterman.

She is involved in Young Life and Opportunity Camp.

Parkison plans to attend either the University of Texas or Texas A&M University and major in architecture.

■ **Brooke Ashlee Rayburn,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Rayburn and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eram Ali.

She attends Midland High School, where she is president of the Skills USA Organization and is a Legacy Scholar. She is enrolled in the Certified Nurses Aid program through Midland College and is a member of the Youth Health Services Corp. at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Rayburn plans to attend Texas State University and major in nursing.

■ **Sara Salcedo,** 18, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eduardo Salcedo.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Be the Change and Dawg Pack. She is secretary of Student Council and is a Texas Scholar, academic letterman and member of the homecoming court.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, has volunteered at the annual St. Ann's Family Fair and served as Teen ACTS team member. She also volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Salcedo plans to attend the University of Texas or Texas Tech University.

■ **Audrey Elaine Scott,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Michael Scott.

She attends Midland High School, where she is member of Model Organization of American States team and Spanish Honor Society. She is a Texas Scholar.

She volunteers with Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Keep Midland Beautiful, Christ Church Anglican, Midland Teen Court, Midland Polo School and Midland Memorial Hospital. She is a member of the Youth Health Service Corp. at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Scott plans to attend the University of Texas, Texas Christian University or Texas A&M University.

■ **Ellie Ann Sevcik,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sevcik.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, golf team and Senior Girls Bible Study and is secretary of the Spanish Club. She is a track letterman and Texas Scholar.

She volunteers for Christmas in Action, Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Midland Fair Havens, Mission Agape, Midland Community Theatre, Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, Septemberfest, The International Literature Spanish Club and at her church.

Sevcik plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in business.

■ **Bailie Marie Shelton,** 18, is the daughter of Jimmy and Michele Shelton.

She attends Lee High School, where she is a member of the Senior Girls Club.

She is a member of Stonegate Fellowship.

Shelton plans to attend University of Oklahoma.

■ **Emma Catherine Sitzman,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sitzman and the granddaughter of Bernice Sitzman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Folger.

She is a senior at Greenwood High School, where she is president of the senior class, historian of the National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook, manager of the girls basketball team and is a member of Students in Philanthropy and PALs.

She is secretary of the Midland County 4-H Club and is a member of the Arabian Horse Association, where she recently won Reserve National Champion in Western Pleasure at the Arabian Youth National Competition in Oklahoma City.

■ **Samantha Strahan,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strahan.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she is a member of the Apologetics Club, Student Council, Spanish Club, Science Club and National Honor Society. She is a Texas Scholar.

Strahan plans to attend University of Texas at San Antonio.

■ **Meagan Elizabeth Thomason,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thomason and the granddaughter of the late Windell and Barbara Thomason and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ford.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she is a track and volleyball letterman and a Texas Scholar.

She is involved in the youth group at Kelview Heights Baptist Church and is an Opportunity Camp counselor. She volunteers with Christmas in Action and Safe Place of the Permian Basin.

Thomason plans are to attend Abilene Christian University and major in supply chain management.

■ **Karoline Lucille Watson,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Watson and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McElroy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Watson.

She attends Trinity School, where she is a basketball and cheerleading squad captain and has lettered in basketball, track, golf, cross country and cheerleading. She is a member of the Model Organization of American States team.

She is a member of All Saints Anglican Church, where she serves as an acolyte, volunteers for vacation Bible school at Christ Church Anglican and First Presbyterian Church and serves as a youth counselor on the Great Escape for First Presbyterian Church.

Watson plans to attend Texas A&M University or Texas Tech University and major in marketing.

■ **Ana Michelle Wilson,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wilson.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Be the Change, Student Council and tennis team. She is a Texas Scholar and academic letterman.

She is a member of Texas Thespians, Young Life and volunteers at The Genesis Center, Make a Wish, Safe Place of the Permian Basin, Midland Community Theatre and Midland Teen Court.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Wilson plans to major in fashion design and marketing.

■ **Faith MacKenzie Windham,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Windham and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reynolds and Margaret Windham and the late Homer Windham.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, cheerleading squad and tennis and golf teams. She is a Texas Scholar and academic letterman.

She is a member of Mid-Cities Community Church.

The League of Women Voters of Midland
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Sharla Hotchkiss,
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Thursday, February 9, 2017
At the Petroleum Club of Midland
11:30 a.m.

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Please call or text Patricia Stevens @ 352.7726
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Or email Pat Stanley, hmstanley@aol.com

$40 per person, payable at the door
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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 78 Low: 49

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 41

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 69 Low: 45

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 78 Low: 50

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 83 Low: 50

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 83 Low: 39

Local forecast

The warm temperatures will continue until Sunday, according to the National Weather Service. Winds will be a little calmer, blowing to 15 mph today, Tuesday and Wednesday. The NWS expects the next chance of precipitation to be Sunday (a slight chance).

The record high for Feb. 6 is 83, set in 1932 and equaled in 1950. The record low is 9, set in 1989. On Feb. 6 of last year, the high was 61 and the low was 24.

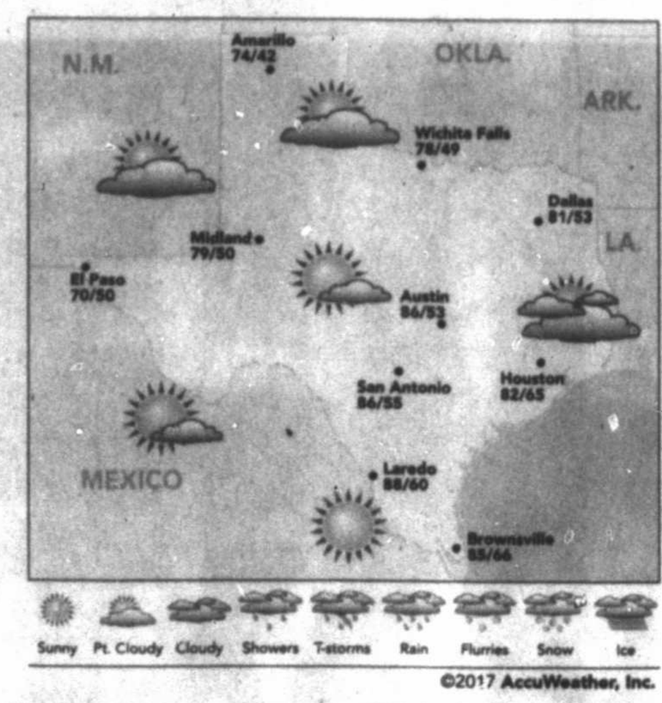
Weather brief

OREGON

Brutal winter halts construction in booming Bend

BEND — Central Oregon's historic cold temperatures and record snowfalls this winter are hurting Bend's booming construction sector.

The Bulletin newspaper reported Sunday that many building projects — from single-family homes to large commercial projects — are running up to three months behind schedule, are over budget and prompting concerns of possible layoffs.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	1.12 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.70 in.

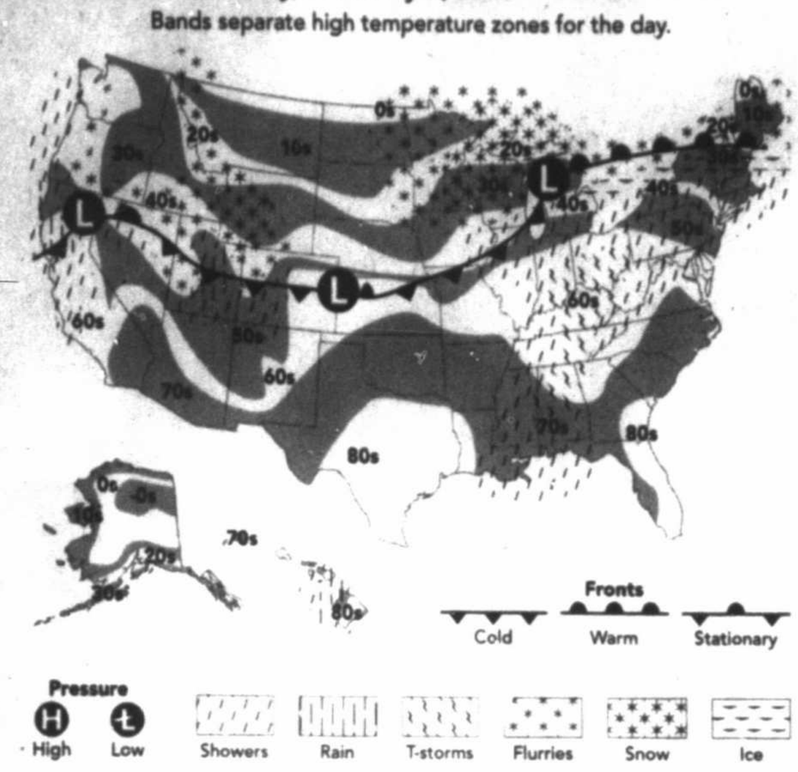
Monday's temperatures

High	80
Low	47
Normal high	60
Normal low	33
Sunrise	7:38 a.m.
Sunset	6:29 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Husband's aggressive driving makes wife a nervous wreck

DEAR ABBY



Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a very aggressive driver. He tailgates, cuts people off, narrates "play by play" during driving and stresses me out. He was involved in two accidents that I am convinced were his fault, although one was blamed on the other driver. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

Because of this, I prefer to drive. The other day, he actually reached across and honked my horn while I was driving because somebody delayed a few seconds at the stoplight! We weren't in a hurry and there was no need to honk. Our children were in the car. When I complained, he told me to "just get over it." He gets so grouchy if I say anything about his driving.

We live in a relatively small town and our vehicles are very identifiable. All of the crazy road rage incidents I hear about certainly don't help. Any suggestions? I'm ready to resort to public transportation. — PREFERS TO DRIVE

DEAR PREFERS: For the safety of your family, it's time to find out what's driving your husband's anger and dangerous behavior. His driving record speaks for itself, and he should not assume any function of driving when you are at the wheel, including honking the horn "for" you.

You are entirely correct that what he did could have sparked a road rage incident. All that would need to happen would be for you to encounter someone who is as angry as your husband for a tragedy to happen.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for seven years, and my husband and I have had our ups and downs. He never thought he would have kids until he met me, and now we have two. After our second child, we agreed that we were done having children. I was OK with it because it seemed after each child our relationship became strained.

Recently, we reached the point of deciding whether we would either separate or work harder on our marriage. We decided to stick it out. The problem is, while we were in the process of getting back together, I became pregnant again. I'm afraid to tell him because I know how stressed he gets. I'm afraid it will be too much for him, and he will cut himself off emotionally from me and the kids.

This wasn't planned. We were using protection, but getting an abortion is something I could never do. I know this child will make things more difficult, but this child is a part of me and the man I love. How do I tell my husband I am pregnant in a way that may make the news easier to take? — AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

DEAR AT A LOSS: You should have told your husband about this the day you thought you "might" be pregnant. You can announce the news by telling him that this baby is a symbol of your love and reconciliation, but whether he will accept this explanation is questionable. You already know the news will not be warmly received, so get it over with before your pregnancy starts to show.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Calamity resolved

East-West vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠ Q 6 4
♡ 8 7 5
♢ A K Q
♣ J 10 5 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 2
♡ A K J 3 2
♢ 4 3
♣ A Q

EAST
♠ 5
♡ 10 9 6 4
♢ 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7 6 4

SOUTH
♠ A K J 7 3
♡ Q
♢ J 10 9 8 6
♣ K 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	2
Dbl*	Pass	4♠	All pass

*Exactly three spades

Opening lead: Ace of ♡

North used a popular modern convention, the "Support Double." It is used in this type of competitive auction to show exactly three-card support. A two-spade raise instead would have guaranteed four-card support.

Holding four trumps himself, West continued with a second high heart at trick two in an effort to weaken declarer's trump holding. South ruffed this in his hand and was pleased with his contract. He had five trump tricks and five diamond tricks. The plan was to draw the trumps, presuming that they split 3-2, and then cash the three top diamonds in dummy. South could then lead the jack of clubs and try to guess the club position for an overtrick, if possible.

Declarer cashed the ace of spades and then led a low spade to dummy's queen. The 4-1 split in trumps created a potential calamity. Should declarer draw all of West's trumps, he would not be able to get back to his hand after cashing dummy's high diamonds. South could try to cash the three high diamonds before drawing the trumps, but West was known to have started with four spades and five hearts. West following suit to all three diamonds was well against the odds.

South found an elegant solution. He cashed just two high diamonds in dummy, pleased to see that West couldn't ruff. He then drew the outstanding trumps and simply discarded dummy's last diamond on the fourth trump. He was safely in his hand to cash three high diamonds and claim his contract.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017:

This year you have a new emotional quality to your ideas and thoughts, yet you remain extremely rational. Still, use caution financially; otherwise, you could fall prey to get-rich-quick schemes. If you are single, getting involved romantically will be easy, as you have so many potential suitors. Prior to Halloween, you are likely to meet someone who suits your needs. If you are attached, you argue intensely with your sweetie, but you make up quickly. Consider taking up a new pastime or hobby together. CANCER's changeability often irritates you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your efforts to get past a problem might be rewarding yet somewhat chaotic. Your self-expression alternates between aggression and compassion. If you're feeling pressured, try to verbalize these feelings before they evolve into resentment. Tonight: Follow your sixth sense.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are likely to express your thoughts without hesitation. As a result, you inadvertently could trigger others. A friend might encourage you to go for a heartfelt desire. When you evaluate your reasons, you'll see that the issue is a fear of taking risks. Tonight: Out late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Use care with financial commitments. Explore different ideas, but don't come to a conclusion just yet. Trust what is happening, and that an older person means well. Don't exaggerate a possibility in your mind; otherwise, you'll be disappointed. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You feel as though you can take on more than your share. Explore a new opportunity with someone who has had a similar experience. One-on-one relating will prove to be very effective. Know that you can convince a loved one of nearly anything. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll express your caring in a way that helps others understand where you are coming from. You could encourage one person but infuriate someone else with the same choice of words. Others share some strong opinions; listen to them. Tonight: Brainstorm away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You demonstrate great attention to detail. You know what it will take to succeed, and you'll proceed down the right path. A meeting proves to be unusually supportive. A close associate suddenly might agree to work with you. Tonight: Favorite people, favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You can speak up about something only when you are sure of yourself. Your creativity and ability to brainstorm prove to be sources of many ideas. Working with a respected individual supports this ability. You could be up for a promotion in the near future. Tonight: Take the lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your involvement with someone who is quite different from you remains high. Don't allow your imagination to put someone on a pedestal. Be careful, as there is only one way this person can go from there, and that's down. Tonight: Detach from a problematic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Allow those around you who work and/or live with you to express more fully where they are coming from. Resist shooting down someone's suggestion right off the bat. You have a way about you that sometimes overwhelm others. Tonight: Do whatever is needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Others respond to you, but with more vitality than you had anticipated. Whether a loved one appreciates what you have to offer or seems unwilling to go with the flow, know that he or she is being authentic. Agree to disagree, if you must. Tonight: Accept another person's plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You are likely to discover the importance of being responsive to questions, whether they are posed in a challenging way or simply out of curiosity. You might be working through more than you can realistically handle. Tonight: Reflect on a choice that could be costly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your mind seems to be working overtime right now. Air out some of your stronger feelings with a person who sees an issue the same way you do. As a result, you'll be able to process them more easily. Tonight: Go along with someone's imaginative idea.

BORN TODAY

Comedian Chris Rock (1965), author Charles Dickens (1812), singer/songwriter Garth Brooks (1962)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gownlike Roman garment
6 Like teary eyes
11 Sculpted physique, briefly
14 Sky blue
15 Asteroids game company
16 Actor Vigoda
17 Zero or one
19 Japanese carp
20 Trunk of the body
21 Orchard rows
23 Internet destination
27 Good Housekeeping publisher since 1911
28 Pilot Earhart
29 Leaning-on-the-horn sounds
31 Hawk's claw
32 Wintry terrain
33 NYG rival in the NFC East
36 Pinball excess
37 Mountain bleaters
38 Ball-and-mallet game
39 Foxy
40 Business convention handouts
41 Clods
42 __ Wilson, who played Sam in "Casablanca"
44 Peaceful
45 Sports venues
47 Original star of "Star Trek"
48 Bedding
49 Promised
51 __ de Triomphe
52 July 14, in France
58 Golf ball holder
59 Hodgepodges
60 Eat away at
61 Lith. or Est., once
62 Graphs' horizontal reference lines
63 "Billions & Billions" author Carl

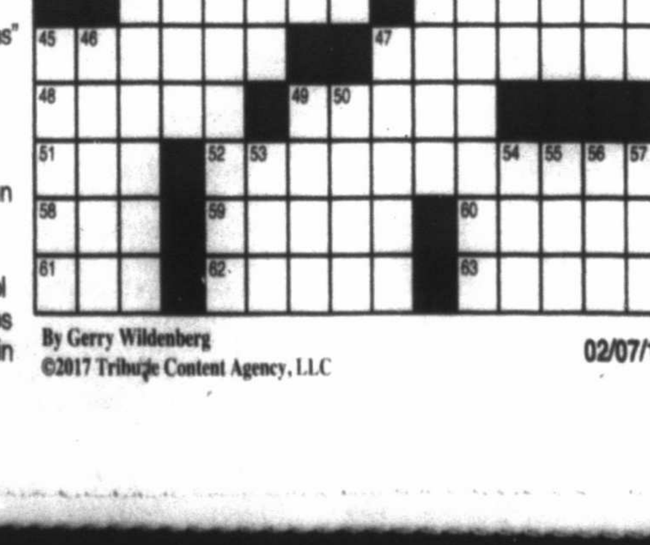
DOWN

1 Indent key
2 Submachine gun named for its designer
3 Religious school teacher, perhaps
4 Lyricist Gershwin
5 Free from doubt
6 Madrid mother
7 Bluesman Redding
8 "Othello" schemer
9 __ Lanka
10 Giggles
11 Thirteen
12 Thin woodwinds
13 Jefferson, religiously
18 Lotus position discipline
22 "The Facts of Life" actress Charlotte
23 Light bulb units
24 Online letters
25 Performer who shimmies and uses finger cymbals
26 "The __ thickens!"
27 Brinker on skates
29 Like little, glittering eyes ... and a phonetic hint to this puzzle's four longest answers
30 "I'm game"
32 Ripped
34 Without assistance
35 Hard luck case
37 Big party
38 Shipping route terminus
40 Vending machine feature
41 Subordinate church officials
43 Poem of praise
44 "Where the Sidewalk Ends" poet Silverstein
45 Blind strips
46 Goodyear products
47 Ham go-with
49 Powerful engine
50 Oklahoma native
53 In the style of
54 Historical period
55 Pooch
56 Oral health org.
57 Japanese currency

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	C	T	S		M	U	L	T	I		P	D	A	S
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The senior Symphony Belles were presented Feb. 3. The senior belles are Ana Wilson, from left in front row, Brooke Rayburn, Jessie Babcock, Greer Baiano, Sara Salcedo, Hannah Gutierrez, Ellen Hord, Samantha Strahan, Daniella Anastasio and Kenzie Lancaster; Audrey Scott, from left in center row, Meagan Thomason, Karoline Watson, Lindsey Brenner, Emma Sitzman, Faith Windham, Ferrell Harper, Claudia Fricker, Carmen Dragun, Delanie Griffin, Shelby Bryant and Keaton Fricker; and Emilee Hernandez, from left in back row, Ann Holland, Christen Beckham, Elleri Haest, Ashlyn Hansen, Emily Carrell, Kathryn Herd, Anna Parkison, Kile Carriger, Ellie Sevcik and Emma Bowman.



The freshman Symphony Belles were introduced Feb. 4. The freshman belles are Allie Wheeless, from left in front row, Jae Karson Brandon, Olivia Peters, Taylor Gibson, Kaleigh Boyt, Hattie Jacoby, Aspen Escamilla, Sarah Mata and Lauren Jones; Lauren Wilkens, from left in center row, Rebecca Robinson, Chloe Parker, Blakeney Boldrick, Grayson Price, Quinn Porter, Halle Gault, Lauren Low and Brianna Aguilera; and Caroline Downing, from left in back row, McKenzie Gibson, Claire Clifton, Megan Spotts, Paige Low, Brooke Payne, Bailey Phiffer, Jensen Letcher, Camille Downing, Karley Smith and Elizabeth Smith.

Midland Symphony Guild belles

Midland Symphony Guild's gala weekend was last weekend at the Gran Marquez. The senior belles were presented Friday night, and the freshman belles were introduced at a brunch Saturday. Belle Ball was Saturday night.

■ **Daniella Adriana Anastasio,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bramley and John Anastasio III and the granddaughter of Kay Bramley.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she is treasurer of the Student Council, basketball team captain and is a basketball letterman. She is a student leader in the Challenge Day program and volunteers with the school's youth basketball camp.

She is a member of Stonegate Fellowship.

Anastasio plans to attend Angelo State University and major in kinesiology.

■ **Jessie Nicole Babcock,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heath Babcock and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Babcock and Mr. and Mrs. DeRay Uselton.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and Students in Philanthropy.

She is a member of Stonegate Fellowship and is active in Stonegate Youth. She volunteers with Safe Place of the Permian Basin Septemberfest, Midland Community Theatre and Celebration of the Arts.

Babcock plans to attend Texas Tech University.

■ **Katherine Greer Baiano,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Baiano and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hurt and the late Robert Bailey Jr.

She attends Trinity School, where she is a member of the homecoming court and Students in Philanthropy. She is founder of the school's Bald for Bynum fundraiser.

She attends First Presbyterian Church.

Baiano plans to attend Texas Christian University and major in journalism.

■ **Christen Bell Beckham,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beckham.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Dawg Pack. She is an academic, volleyball and track letterman. She received the Award of Excellence by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists.

She is a member of Young Life and Stonegate Youth.

Beckham plans to attend the University of Texas and major in education.

■ **Emma Ryan Bowman,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Bowman.

She attends Lee High School, where she is a member of the basketball team.

She is a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Girl Scout Troop 177 and earned the bronze and silver awards. She is a member of Midland County 4-H.

Bowman plans to attend Midland College and Texas A&M University.

■ **Lindsey Jordan Brenner,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brenner.

She attends Midland High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Model Organization of American States team. She is an academic and volleyball letterman.

She is an Opportunity Camp counselor and coaches volleyball at the Boys & Girls Club. She is a member of All Saints Anglican Church and volunteers with vacation Bible school at Christ Church Anglican, is a youth counselor for The Great Escape through First Presbyterian Church and attends Young Life.

Brenner plans to attend Texas A&M University or Texas State University and major in government and political science.

■ **Shelby Brynn Bryant,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacey Bryant.

She attends Midland Christian School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club and Student Council and is president of Be the Change leadership team. She is a cheerleader and a Texas Scholar.

She is an Opportunity Camp counselor and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Please see BELLES/4B

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL REPORT

MCS endures trials for successful season



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Megan Ashton (5) moves the ball against Brownfield's Scout Welps (15) on Dec. 16, 2016, at McGraw Event Center.

By Christopher Hadorn
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A little more than three weeks ago, the Midland Christian girls basketball team was at a crossroads in its season.

MCS lost senior point guard Megan Ashton, last season's Defensive Player of the Year in district, to a fractured left wrist during a 38-36 road win at Grapevine Faith.

Despite losing a key cog for four games, the Lady Mustangs stayed strong and weathered the storm.

No. 4-ranked MCS (27-4, 6-0) won its last three TAPPS 1-5A games to capture its first outright district championship since 1991-92, when the program went onto win the state title as well.

Last Friday, Midland Christian finished its regular season in impressive fashion as it rolled to a 42-19 home win over Faith in a game where Ashton returned in a limited role.

A resilient Lady Mustangs squad now awaits today's Austin Hyde Park-Austin St. Dominic Savio Catholic winner, which they will host Friday or Saturday at McGraw Event Center in a TAPPS 5A bi-district playoff.

"We had come to the point I think in the season that really believed that we were a team," MCS head coach Amy Daniels said. "It shook us up because you hate to lose (Megan), but we really talked about when one's gone, another one has got to step in and fill the gap. I thought the kids did a really good job of that. It's evident, we didn't miss a beat in district. They all bring something to the table and Megan is just a piece of that.

"That's a good thing, she didn't have to feel the burden of being out and letting her team down even though she feels that way. The kids rallied around her. ... I just thought the kids did a great job of stepping in and saying, 'We can do this. We'll go as far as we can until we get you back.'"

Despite having limited use of her left arm that was protected in a brace.

Please see MCS/4C

MC STOPS THE SKID

Chaps stay in playoff hunt with win over Clarendon

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jordan Jackson said he never feared his Midland College men's basketball team would lose faith during its recent four-game losing streak.

Times were definitely tough for the Chaparrals during that slide as they slipped farther down the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings.

But on Monday, the Chaps kept their postseason hopes alive with a 90-83 win over Clarendon College as sophomore forward Juan Cardenas led the way with 20 points and 11 rebounds despite battling the flu.

The Chaps (13-11, 4-6) also had to overcome the outside shooting of Clarendon's Reece Brooks, who connected for seven 3-pointers en route to a game-high 38 points.

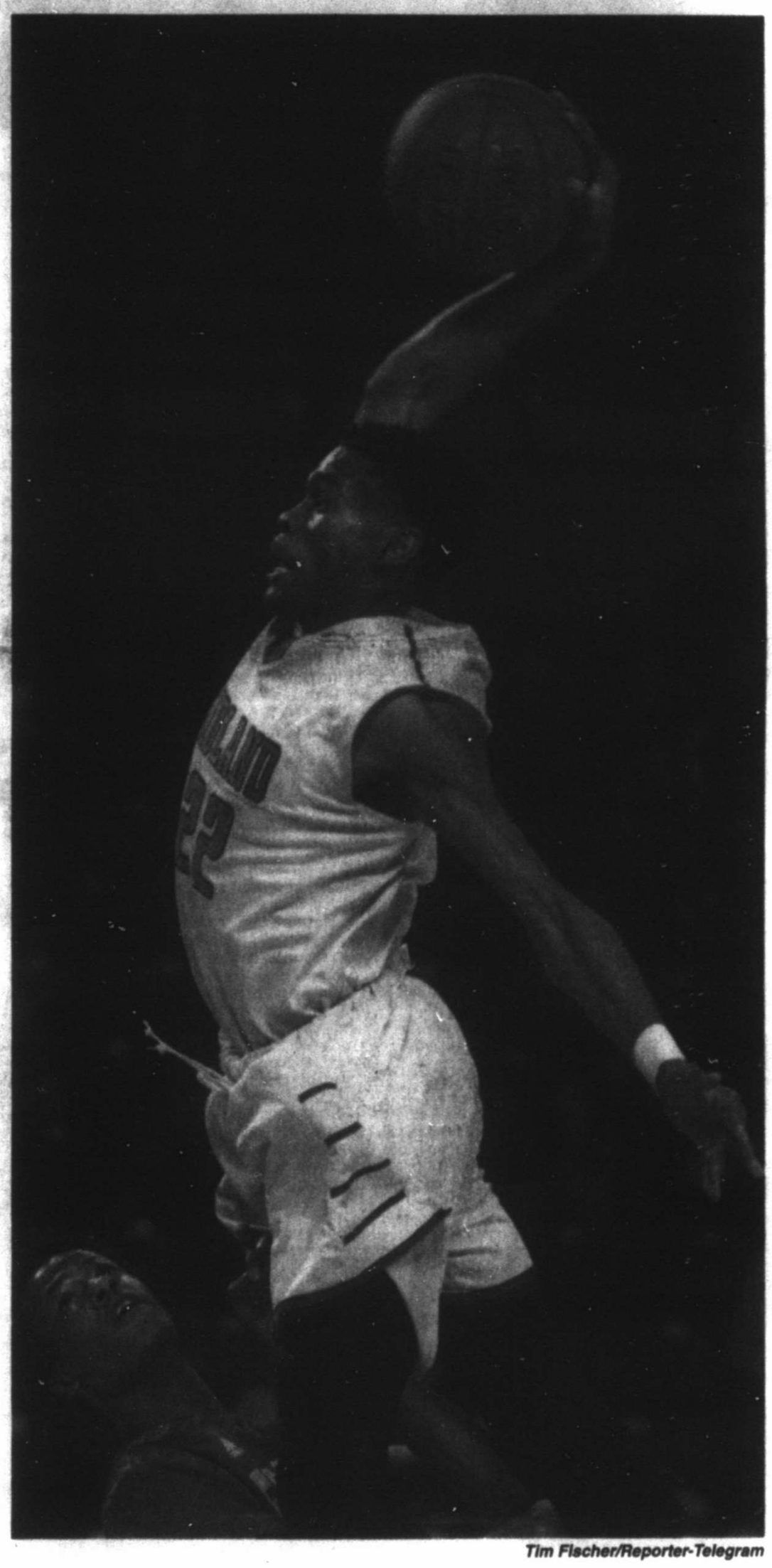
"We needed that win," said Jackson, who was one of five Chaps who scored in double figures with 16 points. "It was definitely a confidence booster, a morale booster being able to shoot the ball through the net. We played great team basketball. I felt we were in sync tonight, positive on the bench, just everything going right for us, and we just got the job done."

As for his team mental state during the losing streak, Jackson said: "We have a great group of guys. No matter if we win or lose, we never lose our head. We always stay together and positive. That was never a concern on me or anybody else on the team. We just came to practice and worked hard and we knew the ball was going to fall eventually."

In addition to Cardenas and Jackson scoring in double figures, Roland Griffin had 18 off the bench, Jachai Simmons had 14 and Grant Weatherford added 10 points and eight boards for the Chaps.

MC head coach Jordan

Please see CHAPS/3C



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Jordan Jackson soars for a dunk as Clarendon College's JaQuan Horne is called for a block Monday at Chaparral Center.

Lady Chaps beat Clarendon, end losing streak

By Oscar LeRoy
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Janea Bunn said her Midland College women's basketball team desperately needed a win on Monday night.

After a brutal stretch in schedule that saw the No. 19 Lady Chaparrals lose three straight to teams ranked in the top 10, MC was looking for any positives on Monday night.

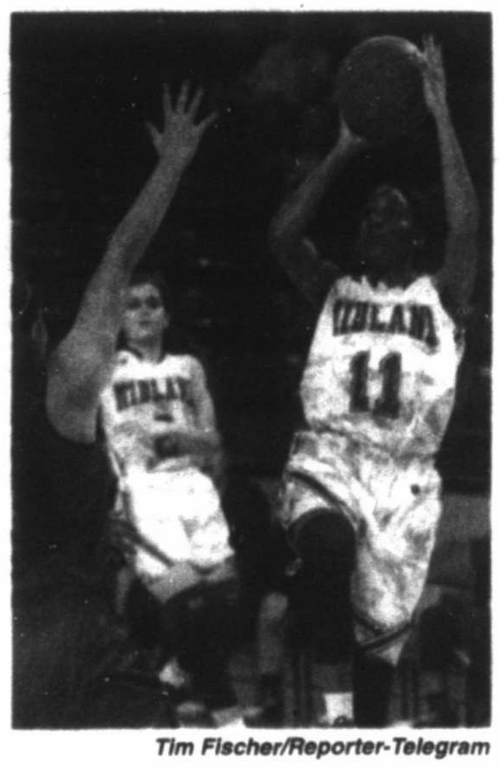
Although it wasn't pretty, the Lady Chaps got back in the win column with a 76-56 victory over Clarendon College at Chaparral Center.

Bunn led the way with 16 points and 18 rebounds, Teneshia Dixon added 15 points and Lisa Kaempf added 11 for the Lady Chaps, who improved to 13-8 overall and 4-5 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference to pull within a half game of idle Howard College for fourth place in the standings.

"We're just focused on one thing at a time. One practice at a time, one game at a time just to get ourselves back to winning and get back to the playoffs," Bunn said. "(The losing streak) was real frustrating. We were just trying to figure out what we need to do to get back on track."

MC head coach Ron Jones said while

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Alexandra Washington pulls up to shoot as Clarendon College's Chauntel Acosta defends Monday at Chaparral Center.

Brady gives credit to his mom, White for Super Bowl MVP win

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press



Brady

HOUSTON — Tom Brady doesn't want to talk about "Deflategate." He'd rather reflect on a night he will never forget and how much it meant to his mother.

The New England quarterback spoke Monday hours after he won his fifth Super Bowl ring and fourth MVP trophy. He called the 34-28 overtime victory over the Atlanta Falcons a "hell of a game" for his mother, who has been dealing with an undisclosed health issue and was not able to attend any other games this season.

"It was great. She's been through a lot," Brady said. "Way harder than I went through last night. Way harder than everyone on our team went through last night. My dad's been there every step of the way. They set such a great example for me.

"All families go through challenging times personally. But she has a lot of support and a lot of love. I'm just happy last night to be able to celebrate with her."

What was missing from the celebration was Brady's game jersey, which he said disappeared from the locker room. Texas' lieutenant governor asked the Texas Rangers to help Houston police look for the jersey.

Brady joked that he expects to spot it soon in an online auction.

He would not say whether his fifth championship meant more to him than the others because of his four-game suspension stemming from the Deflategate scandal.

Coach Bill Belichick said it would be "inappropriate" to suggest that Brady put in more effort this season for any reason.

"To insinuate that this season was somehow different, that this year he competed harder or did anything to a higher degree than anything he has in the past I think is insulting to the tremendous effort and leadership and competitiveness that he's shown for the 17 years that I've coached him," Belichick said.

Brady had another uneventful interaction with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell during a photo with the MVP trophy.

He said teammate James White was more deserving of the award because of his three touchdowns in Sunday's victory, including the winning 2-yard run.

Two years ago, Brady gave the truck he received for winning MVP honors to Malcolm Butler for the rookie cornerback's game-saving interception in the Patriots' Super Bowl win over the Seahawks.

He hinted Monday that he may not keep the next vehicle either.

"I think James White deserves it. It would be nice for him," Brady said. "It took a real team effort. ... We faced a lot of adversity this year and overcame it with a lot of mental toughness."

That said, he is definitely keeping the trophy.

When the news conference concluded, Brady looked down and grasped the silver football and cradled it under his arm as he walked off the stage.

"I'm taking it home," Brady said.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

ALPINE SKIING

FIS: Audi World Championships, Ladies Super G, 5 a.m., NBCSN

BASEBALL

Caribbean Series Final, 10 p.m., ESPNDEP

COLLEGE LACROSSE

Navy at Johns Hopkins, 4 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Maryland at Penn State, 5 p.m., BTN

Alabama at South Carolina, 5:30 p.m., SEC

LSU at Kentucky, 6 p.m., ESPN

Florida at Georgia, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Tulsa at Memphis, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Wake Forest at Notre Dame, 6 p.m., ESPNews

Georgetown at Villanova, 6 p.m., FS1

Rhode Island at UMass, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Illinois at Northwestern, 7 p.m., BTN

Vanderbilt at Arkansas, 7:30 p.m., SEC

Michigan State at Michigan, 8 p.m., ESPN

Iowa State at Texas, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Mississippi State at Auburn, 8 p.m., ESPNU

Texas Tech at TCU, 8 p.m., ESPNews

Butler at Marquette, 8 p.m., CBSSN

Utah State at Colorado State, 8 p.m., ROOT+

San Diego State at San Jose State, 10 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER

Copa del Rey: FC Barcelona vs. Atletico Madrid, 1:40 p.m., beIN, beIN2

DfB Pokal: FC Bayern Munich vs. VfL Wolfsburg, 1:40 p.m., ESPNDEP

Liga MX: Jaguares de Chiapas vs. Club America, 7:30 p.m., ESPNDEP, UDN

Ascenso MX: Cafetaleros vs. Zacatepec, 8:30 p.m., GolTV

NBA

Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m., NBAtv

Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

NHL

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+

TENNIS

ATP: Open Sud de France, 7 a.m., TENNIS

ATP: Montpellier, 12:30 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Connecticut at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., SNY

West Virginia at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSC

ON RADIO

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Texas Tech at TCU, 8 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

NBA

Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBEST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 6 p.m.

Odessa High at MHS, 6 p.m., Chaparral Center

Greenwood at Andrews, 6 p.m.

Lubbock Trinity at Trinity, 6 p.m.

Coahoma at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.

Blackwell at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.

Grady at Sands, 6:30 o.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m.

Odessa High at MHS, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center

Greenwood at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.

Lubbock Trinity at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma at Stanton, 8 p.m.

Blackwell at Garden City, 8 p.m.

Grady at Sands, 8 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

MHS vs. Lee, 5:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

BOYS SOCCER

MHS vs. Lee, 7:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FORMER CHAP HONORED AGAIN

UTPB men's basketball junior forward and former Midland College player Daeshon Francis has received his third Lone Star Conference Offensive Player of the Week honor.

Francis led the Falcons in last week, averaging 16.5 points while shooting 70 percent from the field in a pair of wins over Arlington Baptist and West Texas A&M. He came up big in the four-point win over the Buffaloes, scoring 25 points on 10-16 shooting with eight rebounds to keep the Falcons' unbeaten record at home intact.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with OF Willy Mo Pena on a minor league contract.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Claimed INF Ehire Adrianza off waivers from Milwaukee. Designated RHP Pat Light for release or assignment.

American Association

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed RHPs Troy Marks and RHP Colton Reavis. Traded LHP David Russo to Southern Maryland for a player to be named.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Traded INF Tyler Urps to Fargo-Moorhead for future considerations.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed 1B Brady Shoemaker.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Mikey O'Brien.

Frontier League

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Signed INF Ozzy Braff.

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Cody Beck.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed RHP Richard England.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed OF-1B Ryan Garvey.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed C Bobby San Martin. Traded SS Austin Wobrock to Florence for RHP Mark Smyth.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Fined Golden State coach Steve Kerr $25,000 for verbal abuse of game officials and failing to leave the court in a timely manner after an ejection.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned C Deyonta Davis to Iowa (NBADL).

MIAMI HEAT — Waived F Derrick Williams. Signed F Okaro White through the 2017-18 season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Claimed DB Tyvis Powell off waivers from Seattle.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Released CB Justin Gilbert.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Alex Chisum.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled D Karl Stollery from Albany (AHL).

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Announced D Jesse Graham was reassigned to the team from Missouri (ECHL).

ECHL

MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Announced C-RW Quentin Shore and D Alexx Privitera were called up by the Ontario (AHL), and LW Dryden Hunt was recalled by Springfield (AHL).

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed M Carlos Carmona.

PHILADELPHIA UNION — Signed M Marcus Epps.

SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Loaned F Victor Mansaray to FC Cincinnati for the 2017 USL season.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Promoted Catherine Carmignani to senior director of branding and sport administration.

BROWN — Named Karen Lockhart volunteer assistant softball coach.

CLEMSON — Named Amanda Polk women's assistant rowing coach.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON — Named Alex Ellis men's assistant golf coach.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE — Named Sean Dwyer assistant baseball coach.

FURMAN — Named Addison Williams cornerbacks coach.

HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Announced the resignation of athletic director Richard Epperson. Named Davis Yoke interim athletic director.

KANSAS — Lifted the indefinite suspension of men's sophomore basketball F Carlton Bragg Jr.

LOUISVILLE — Suspended men's senior basketball C Mangok Mathiang and sophomore F Deng Adel one game each for violating the team curfew.

WASHINGTON (MO.) — Lifted the suspension of the men's soccer team after an internal investigation found that the squad didn't violate the school's sexual harassment policy.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	54	30	16	8	68	158	134
Ottawa	50	27	17	6	60	137	135
Toronto	51	24	17	10	58	160	155
Boston	55	26	23	6	58	143	149
Florida	52	23	19	10	56	124	143
Detroit	52	22	21	9	53	132	152
Buffalo	52	21	21	10	52	126	145
Tampa Bay	53	23	24	6	52	144	157

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	53	36	11	6	78	175	114
Pittsburgh	51	33	13	5	71	184	147
Columbus	51	33	13	5	71	170	127
N.Y. Rangers	52	33	18	1	67	177	139
Philadelphia	54	26	21	7	59	144	164
N.Y. Islanders	51	23	18	10	56	153	153
New Jersey	54	23	21	10	56	127	153
Carolina	51	24	20	7	55	138	146

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	51	34	12	5	73	172	119
Chicago	54	32	17	5	69	152	141
Nashville	52	25	19	8	58	142	135
St. Louis	53	26	22	5	57	149	162
Winnipeg	55	25	26	4	54	161	172
Dallas	53	21	22	10	52	147	169
Colorado	49	14	33	2	30	99	168

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	53	33	17	3	69	144	121
Anaheim	54	28	16	10	66	141	135
Edmonton	55	29	18	8	66	156	141
Los Angeles	53	27	22	4	58	132	128
Calgary	55	27	25	3	57	146	157
Vancouver	52	23	23	6	52	123	150
Arizona	51	17	28	6	40	116	161

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Scores and schedule

Monday's Scores

St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 0

N.Y. Islanders 6, Toronto 5, OT

New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1

Today's Games

San Jose at Buffalo, 6 p.m.

Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m.

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Columbus at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Nashville, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Colorado, 8 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Mon 6:43 am packed powder machine groomed 22 - 32 base 71 of 78 trails 91% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p; Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Sun Reopen 02/08 packed powder machine groomed 30 - 54 base 42 of 44 trails 95% open, 5 of 7 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Red River — Sun 6:47 am MG machine groomed 59 - 90 base 60 of 60 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Sun Reopen 02/10 variable 29 - 29 base 39 of 39 trails 100% open, 4 of 5 lifts, Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Fri-Sun;

Sipapu — Mon 5:56 am packed powder machine groomed 36 - 42 base 43 of 43 trails. 100% open

6 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Tue No Recent Information MG machine groomed 61 - 69 base 55 of 55 trails, 100% open, 10 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Santa Fe — Sun 6:58 am packed powder machine groomed 49 - 85 base 83 of 83 trails 100% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Lee, MHS to clash in rivalry matches

From staff reports

The Tall City rivalry will hit the Grande Communications Stadium pitch today when Midland High faces Lee in a District 2-6A soccer doubleheader.

The girls' match begins at 5:30 p.m., while the boys will play at 7:30 p.m.

The girls' match should be a good one as Lee (3-3-3 overall, 0-1-0-0, 2 points in district) is coming off a penalty kick win over Amarillo Tascosa on Saturday. MHS (8-1, 0-0-0-1, 0 points) is coming off a hard-fought loss at Odessa Permian on Saturday.

In the boys' match, both teams are coming off wins to kick off district play. MHS (3-5-1, 0-1-0-0, 2 points) got a penalty kick win at Odessa Permian on Friday night, while Lee (4-5-1, 1-0-0-0, 3 points) was the only district team to get a regulation win with a 1-0 victory over district favorite Amarillo Tascosa.

District 2-6A girls soccer standings

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
Wolfforth Frenship (9-3)	1	0	0	0	3
Odessa Permian (8-4)	1	0	0	0	3
Lee (3-3-3)	0	1	0	0	2
Amarillo Tascosa (6-4-1)	0	0	1	0	1
Midland High (8-1)	0	0	0	1	0
Odessa High (10-2-2)	0	0	0	1	0

W-3 points; PW - 2 points; PL - 1 point

All matches begin at 5:30 p.m unless otherwise noted.

Saturday's Score

Lee 1, Amarillo Tascosa 1 (Lee wins 4-2 on PKs)

Today's Matches

Lee vs. Midland High at Grande Communications Stadium; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa; Wolfforth Frenship at Odessa Permian

District 2-6A boys soccer standings

Team	W	PW	L	PL	Pts
Lee (4-5-1)	1	0	0	0	3
Odessa High (4-4-3)	0	1	0	0	2
Midland High (3-5-1)	0	1	0	0	2
Wolfforth Frenship (7-2-0)	0	0	1	0	1
Odessa Permian (1-7-3)	0	0	1	0	1
Amarillo Tascosa (7-1-2)	0	0	1	0	0

W-3 points; PW - 2 points; PL - 1 point

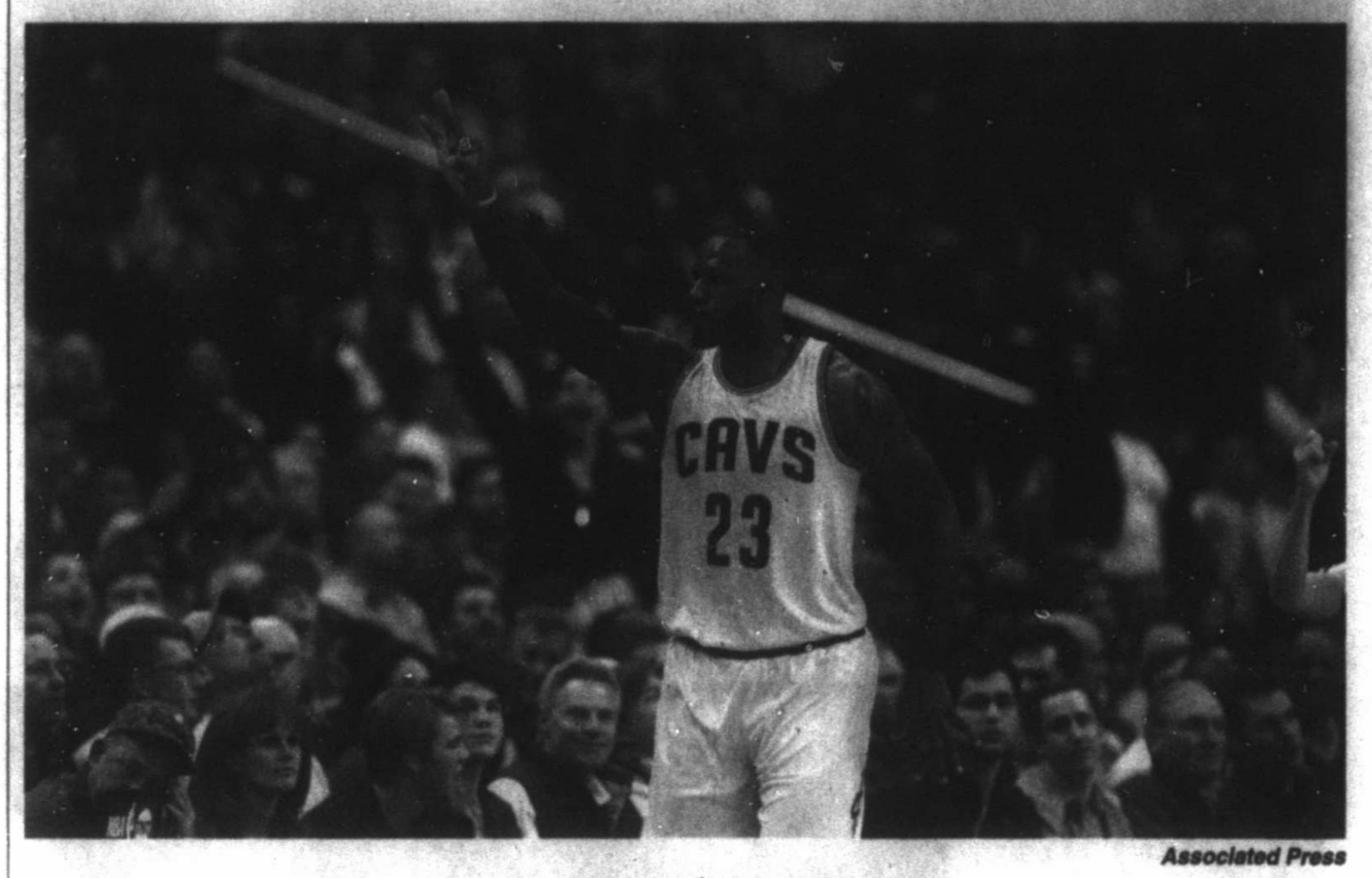
All matches begin at 7:30 p.m unless otherwise noted.

Saturday's Score

Lee 1, Amarillo Tascosa 0

Today's Matches

Lee vs. Midland High at Grande Communications Stadium; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa; Wolfforth Frenship at Odessa Permian



Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) gestures after he scored a basket during the second half of a game against the Washington Wizards on Monday in Washington.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CAVALIERS 140 WIZARDS 135, OT

WASHINGTON — Kyrie Irving scored 11 of his 23 points in overtime, including a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 35 seconds left, and the Cleveland Cavaliers edged the Washington Wizards 140-135 in a playoff-type atmosphere Monday night.

The loud, sellout crowd was standing, and so were the players on both benches, when LeBron James somehow missed a gimme layup late in the fourth quarter. Moments later, he banked in a maximum-degree-of-difficulty, step-back 3 with 0.3 seconds left to send the game overtime, where he fouled out and Irving took over for Cleveland.

James finished 32 points and a career-high 17 assists. Kevin Love had 39 points and 12 rebounds for the Eastern Conference leaders, who ended surging Washington's winning streaks of 17 in a row at home and seven in a row overall.

Bradley Beal had 41 points and eight assists for the Wizards, but he missed a potential tying 3 with about 5 seconds left in overtime. John Wall, who squared off with Irving in a duel between All-Star point guards, had 22 points and 12 assists, while Otto Porter scored 25.

James fouled out 47 seconds into OT, having left his mark with an early two-handed dunk over Markieff Morris that drew many cheers from the 20,356 spectators and his "He did what?!", land-out-of-bounds, off-the-glass tying 3-pointer at the end of the fourth quarter that drew plenty of gasps. The four-time NBA MVP hadn't been whistled for six fouls in a game since January 2014.

PELICANS 111 SUNS 106

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis capped his 34-point night with a key rebound and six free throws in the final half-minute, Jrue Holiday scored five of his 30 points in the last minute and a half, and the New Orleans Pelicans ended a four-game slide with a 111-106 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Monday.

E'Twaun Moore scored 12 points for the Pelicans, who led by as many as 10 in the first half but found themselves behind for much of the fourth quarter until Davis and Holiday took over late.

T.J. Warren scored 20 points for the Suns, while Devin Booker, Eric Bledsoe and Leandro Barbosa each added 14 points. Tyson Chandler had 12 rebounds and 11 points for Phoenix, which dropped its second straight.

Davis blocked five shots and grabbed nine rebounds, none bigger than when he corralled Warren's miss amid a crowd of players in the paint. After Davis was fouled by P.J. Tucker, he nodded emphatically while screaming, "Yeah," and the crowd fed off of his intensity, erupting with applause.

Davis only attempted two 3s, but hit one in the middle of the fourth quarter, when New Orleans trailed by four.

After scoring only eight and 17 fourth-quarter points in its previous two games — both losses — New Orleans again looked flat entering the last 12 minutes against Phoenix.

HEAT 115 TIMBERWOLVES 113

MINNEAPOLIS — Goran Dragic scored 33 points and hit a career-high seven 3-pointers to lead the Miami Heat to their 11th straight victory, 115-113 over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday night.

Hassan Whiteside had 19 points and 13 rebounds, and the Heat shot 53.6 percent (15 for 28) from 3-point range. Miami made 10 more 3s than Minnesota and held on late after a furious comeback attempt by the Wolves.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 35 points and eight rebounds for the Timberwolves, who have lost four straight games. Andrew Wiggins added 27 points, but missed two shots with chances to win the game in the final 8.5 seconds.

The Heat led by as many as 14 points — the ninth straight game they have led by double digits — and now own the second-longest winning streak in the NBA this season. Golden State won 12 in a row in November.

PACERS 93 THUNDER 90

INDIANAPOLIS — Paul George keeps taking care of business.

Last week, he outplayed the NBA's second-leading scorer. On Monday night, George's encore against the league's top scorer was every bit as impressive.

The four-time All-Star scored 21 points, grabbed eight rebounds and rallied the Indiana Pacers from an 11-point halftime deficit to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 93-90 for their seventh straight win.

"I thought the first half they brought the physicality. It took us until the second half to adjust to it," George said. "I thought we played defense (in the second half). We played defense. We got stops — simple basketball."

Indiana's winning streak is its longest in nearly two years, and it has held four straight opponents under 100 points. Along the way, the Pacers have won four straight at home and have beaten James Harden and Russell Westbrook with defense. Westbrook was limited to two assists in the final two quarters Monday.

PISTONS 113 76ERS 96

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Andre Drummond had 16 points and 17 rebounds, and the Detroit Pistons pulled away at the start of the third quarter for an easy 113-96 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Detroit led 55-46 at halftime, then made its first six shots of the third quarter. The Pistons went on to outscore Philadelphia 34-21 in the period and were never seriously challenged after that.

Detroit had seven players in double figures. Marcus Morris led the way with 19 points, and Reggie Jackson scored 14. Jon Leuer, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Aron Baynes had 12 each.

Jahlil Okafor scored 16 points for the 76ers, who have lost four straight.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	33	18	.647	—
Toronto	32	21	.604	2
New York	22	31	.415	12
Philadelphia	18	33	.353	15
Brooklyn	9	42	.176	24

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	30	21	.588	—
Atlanta	30	22	.577	½
Charlotte	23	28	.451	7
Miami	22	30	.423	8½
Orlando	20	33	.377	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	15	.700	—
Indiana	29	22	.569	6½
Chicago	25	26	.490	10½
Detroit	24	28	.462	12
Milwaukee	22	28	.440	13

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Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	39	11	.780	—
Houston	37	17	.685	4
Memphis	31	22	.585	9½
Dallas	20	30	.400	19
New Orleans	20	32	.385	20

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	33	19	.635	—
Oklahoma City	30	23	.566	3½
Denver	22	28	.440	10
Portland	22	30	.423	11
Minnesota	19	33	.365	14

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	43	8	.843	—
L.A. Clippers	31	21	.596	12½
Sacramento	20	31	.392	23
L.A. Lakers	18	36	.333	26½
Phoenix	16	36	.308	27½

Scores and schedule

Monday's Scores

Cleveland 140, Washington 135, OT

Indiana 93, Oklahoma City 90

L.A. Lakers 121, New York 107

Detroit 113, Philadelphia 96

Toronto 118, L.A. Clippers 109

Utah 120, Atlanta 95

Miami 115, Minnesota 113

New Orleans 111, Phoenix 106

Dallas at Denver, late

San Antonio at Memphis, late

Chicago at Sacramento, late

Today's Games

Brooklyn at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.

Portland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.

San Antonio at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Denver at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

Washington at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.

Miami at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

Boston at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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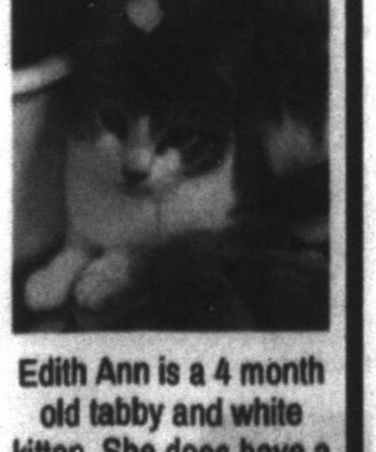
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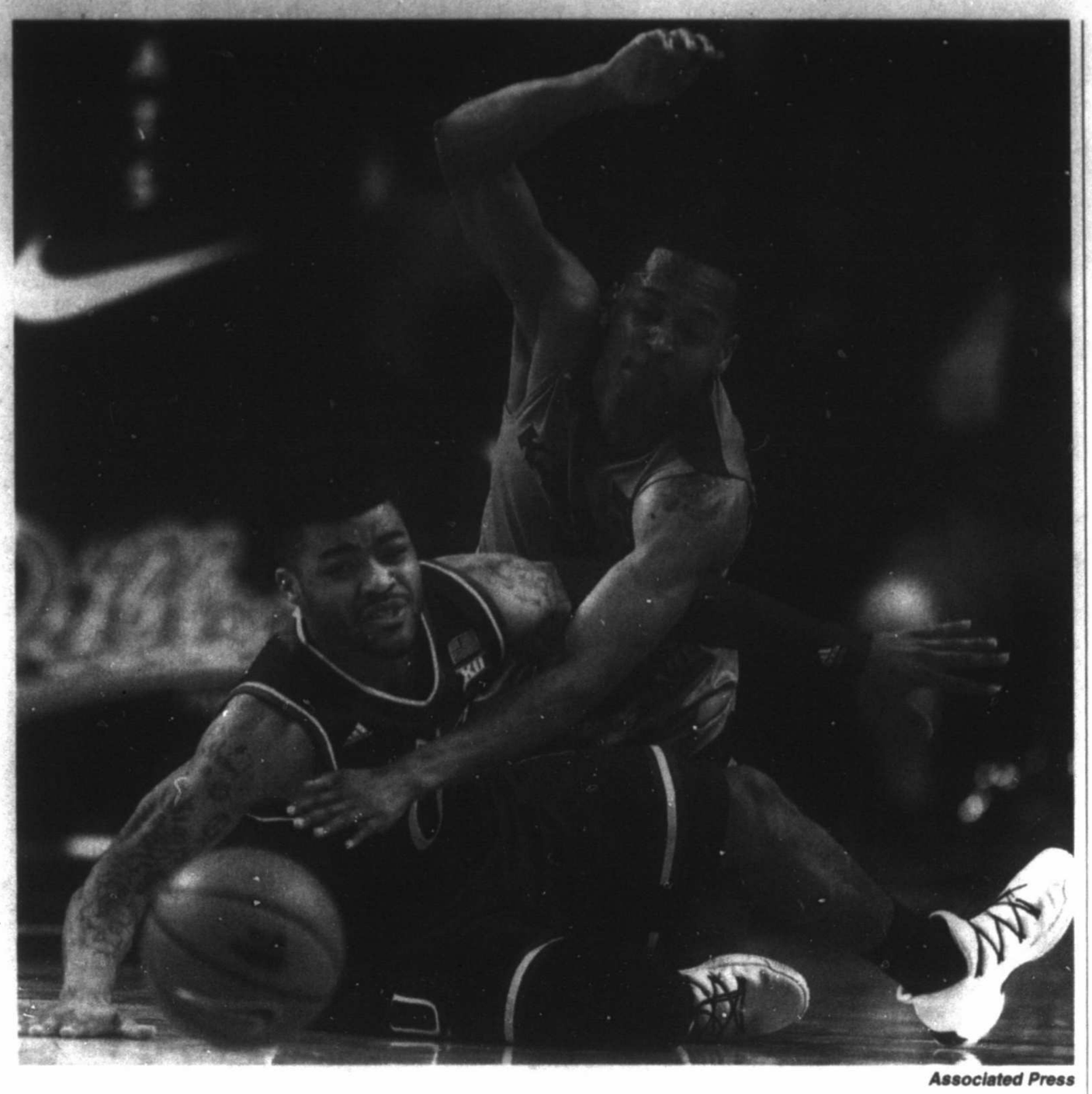
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Kansas guard Frank Mason III (0) and Kansas State guard Barry Brown (5) dive for the ball during the second half of a game in Manhattan, Kan., on Monday.

No. 3 Kansas bounces back from loss, tops Kansas State 74-71

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Frank Mason III had 21 points, Josh Jackson added 18 despite dealing with foul trouble, and No. 3 Kansas bounced back from a rare home loss to hold off Kansas State 74-71 on Monday night.

The Jayhawks (21-3, 9-2 Big 12) beat the Wildcats (16-8, 5-6) for the fifth straight time and the 19th time in 22 meetings, though it was just as nip-and-tuck as their meeting in Lawrence.

The game was tied 63-all with 2:50 left when Kansas ripped off six quick points, but the Wildcats kept hanging around. D.J. Johnson hit three of four foul shots down the stretch, and Kamau Stokes hit a 3-pointer from the wing to get within 72-69 with 19.2 seconds to go.

Devonte Graham calmly hit two more free throws to put the game away.

Dean Wade led the Wildcats with 20 points. Stokes added 16 points and eight boards, Johnson had 14 points and Wesley Iwundu contributed 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Wildcats no doubt remembered the first meeting in Lawrence, when the Jayhawks' Svi Mykhailiuk clearly traveled on the way to the basket — no whistle was blown — for the winning layup. They promptly roared out to a big early lead Monday night, leaning on their defense to produce easy offense.

But rarely do the Sunflower State rivals get together without a tussle.

Kansas used a pair of big runs to take a 37-35 lead into halftime, then appeared to flex its muscle coming out of the break. Jackson hit back-to-back 3-pointers, Landen Lucas threw down a dunk and the Jayhawks stretched their lead to 47-38 and forced Kansas State to call timeout.

The Wildcats responded by inching closer throughout the second half, and their big break came when Jackson picked up his fourth foul with 9:56 to go. With the springy freshman reduced to sitting on the bench, the Wildcats pulled ahead 60-59 on Wade's basket with 4 1/2 minutes to go.

It was still tied 63-all when Mykhailiuk hit an open 3-pointer from the wing, and that triggered a quick spurt by the Jayhawks that included free throws from Mason and Jackson.

They never trailed the rest of the way.

BRAGG RETURNS: Jayhawks coach Bill Self lifted Carlton Bragg Jr.'s indefinite suspension after the sophomore was granted diversion for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, a charge that will be dismissed if he does not commit a crime for the next six months.

BIG PICTURE: Kansas maintained control of the Big 12 race by sweeping the season series. But big games loom in the next couple weeks, including a visit from West Virginia and a trip to Baylor.

Kansas State showed in a road win over the Bears on Saturday that it can beat the nation's best, but close losses are starting to stack up. The Wildcats lost to Maryland, Texas Tech, Iowa State, TCU and now Kansas twice in games decided by five points or fewer.

No. 11 Texas women hold on for rare win at No. 2 Baylor

Associated Press

WACO — Joyner Holmes drove for the tiebreaking layup with a minute left and 11th-ranked Texas held on to win its 17th consecutive game, 85-79 at Baylor on Monday night to end the second-ranked Lady Bears' 21-game winning streak and give them their first home loss in nearly three years.

Texas (19-4, 13-0) never trailed in the first-ever matchup of teams both 12-0 in Big 12 play.

But Baylor, after facing a season-high deficit of 16 points early in the second half, fought back to tie the game at 76-all when Alexis Jones made a jumper with 1:28 left. Holmes, who finished with 18 points and 10 rebounds, then added two free throws after a Jones miss.

The Lady Bears (23-2, 12-1) had won 55 straight home games since losing to West Virginia on March 2, 2014. They also had a 14-game winning streak in their series against Texas since 2010.

Brooke McCarthy had 22 points for the Longhorns, who take over the nation's second-longest winning streak behind top-ranked UConn's 97 wins in a row. Ariel Atkins had 20 points and Lashann Higgs 16.

Kalani Brown had 24 points for Baylor, while Jones had all 19 of her points after halftime. Alexis Prince had 14 points, including four 3-pointers.

UConn was the only other team to beat Baylor, but the Huskies' largest lead over the Lady Bears was 14 back in November. All of the losses by the Longhorns were to Top 10 teams in their first six games of this season, the last setback coming against UConn on Dec. 4.

Big picture

Texas: The Longhorns certainly found a formula to beat Baylor for the first time since 2010. They shot over 50 percent from the field, a rarity against the bigger Bears, while also becoming the first team this season to outrebound them (38-37), while also outscoring them 42-38 in the paint.

Baylor: After winning their first dozen Big 12 games by an average margin of 34 points, the Lady Bears fell behind early and coach Kim Mulkey replaced all five starters less than 4 minutes into the game. Jones scored 12 of her points in a 27-11 run she capped with the tying jumper.

Lady Chaps

From 1C

the win was good for his team, he added that his team is still struggling with the mental part of the game.

"I wasn't too impressed with our mental state tonight, honestly," Jones said. "We won the game, we need the game, but we've just got to get into a better place mentally. It's something we've been dealing with all year. These are great kids, and for that reason I don't understand it. But we just talked about it and we're going to keep talking about it, keep working on it and try to do better by next week. We have two real important games that should have a lot to do with making the playoffs."

The Lady Chaps shot just 37 percent but held struggling Clarendon (11-14, 0-9) to only 23.8 percent shooting.

Women's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
New Mexico JC	8	1	19	4
Odessa College	7	1	19	1
South Plains	7	2	22	3
Howard College	4	4	8	14
Midland College	4	5	13	8
Frank Phillips	2	6	13	7
Western Texas	2	6	9	10
Clarendon College	0	9	11	14

Monday's Scores

Midland College 76, Clarendon College 56; New Mexico JC 84, Western Texas College 56; South Plains College 80, Frank Phillips College 68; Howard College and Odessa College were open

Thursday's Games

South Plains at Odessa College; Howard College at Western Texas College; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College; New Mexico JC and Midland College are open

Part of MC's mental struggles comes from the team not shooting well. Jones said that players seem to languish over their mistakes instead of moving on to the next play.

"The biggest part of it is that we have such high expectations," Jones said. "When the season started, I was honest with them and I told them what we should be capable of doing. And I think sometimes they are so disappointed when they make mistakes. You make 500 mistakes a game. Well if you reduce it to 300 you're pretty good.

"I'm doing the best I can to get these kids in the right place mentally. When we're in the right place mentally, we have played some high level games. But it's just not every day, it's not consistent."

Bunn was one player who got back on track on Monday after struggling in recent games.

"It felt good because I haven't been the scorer and rebounder like I should," Bunn said. "The only thing I've been consistent has been blocking shots, but this should help out my mental game."

Mia Castaneda led Clarendon with 22 points. Chauntel Acosta had 11 and Rae'Shawn Jones added 19 rebounds.

The Lady Chaps have the bye on Thursday before traveling to Big Spring to face rival Howard College next Monday.

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NO. 19 MIDLAND COLLEGE 76, CLARENDON COLLEGE 56

Clarendon College (11-14 0-9): Aleiyah Brantley 2-8 0-2 5, Rae Shawn Jones 0-9 0-2 0, Mia Castaneda 5-13 9-13 22, Luzel Sosa 3-12 0-0 9, Chauntel Acosta 3-13 3-4 11, Daseh Henry 0-3 3-6 3, Haley Williams 1-2 1-2 4, Keyahna Jones 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 15-63 16-29 56

Midland College (13-8 4-5): Janea Bunn 6-14 4-5 16, Kayla Bretherton 2-3 1-2 7, Alexandrea Washington 2-12 0-0 5, Caley Barnard 1-10 0-0 2, Lisa Kaempf 5-7 0-0 8, Tichina Coleman 1-2 0-1 2, Tenesha Dixon 6-12 3-8 15, Alexis Washington 2-5 0-0 6, Venia Salatera 0-2 0-0 3, A'Nyah Whittington 1-4 0-0 3, Matangiroa Flavell 2-6 2-2 7, Lowendie Laporal 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-78 10-18 76

Clarendon	8	15	14	15—56
Midland	21	12	18	19—76

3-point goals - CC 10-25 (Castaneda 3-9, Sosa 3-5, Acosta 2-6, Brantley 1-2, Williams 1-2, Jones 0-1); MC 8-25 (Bretherton 2-3, Alexis Washington 2-4, Kaempf 1-2, Alexan. Washington 1-4, Whittington 1-3, Flavell 1-2, Salateras 0-1) Total fouls - CC 16, MC 22. Fouled out - None. Rebounds - CC 41 (Jones 19), MC 53 (Bunn 18). Turnovers - CC 16, MC 16

Next: Midland College at Howard College 5:45 p.m. Monday

Men's WJCAC standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
South Plains	10	0	22	0
Odessa College	9	1	20	3
New Mexico JC	6	4	18	6
Western Texas	5	4	13	9
Howard College	4	5	15	8
Midland College	4	6	13	11
New Mexico Military	4	6	9	15
Clarendon College	2	8	11	13
Frank Phillips	0	10	11	13

Monday's Scores

Midland College 90, Clarendon College 83; Odessa College 73, New Mexico Military Institute 51; New Mexico JC 70, Western Texas College 66; South Plains College 90, Frank Phillips College 61; Howard College was open

Thursday's Games

South Plains at Odessa College; Howard College at Western Texas College; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College; New Mexico Military Institute at New Mexico JC; Midland College is open

Chaps

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Dreiling said his team still needs to work on things but adds they needed a win in the worst way on Monday night.

"I was pleased with a lot of the game," Dreiling said. "The last seven minutes of the first half I liked. We shot, we guarded. I didn't like the first 13. We were down 20-26 in with seven minutes left in the first half but then we closed with a 22-10 run, which I really loved.

"I thought Juan finished shots well for us and created some extra possessions. I thought Roland Griffin gave us a boost from the bench, and I thought even Ashawn Jones gave us a boost in the second half."

MC pushed the lead to as much as 82-67 late in the second half, but the Bulldogs (11-13, 2-8) stayed within striking distance thanks to their 3-point shooting from Brooks and Walker Small late. Brooks had 10 of his points during a late 16-5 run that closed the gap to 88-83.

"He's an exceptional player," said Dreiling of Brooks. "But a lot of that stuff came late with no real pressure on the shots. And the same thing happened at their place (on Dec. 3) and we won by four. It was the same, exact game, really."

Dreiling added that he's not going to dwell on Brooks' output but rather on having his team shoot better at the free-throw line than it did in the second half (5 of 10) and having a better focus down the stretch.

"We've got to get rid of the mental lapses," Dreiling said. "If we do that, we're going to be a much better team."

MC will have the bye on Thursday and Jackson said the break might be coming at a good time for his team.

"We've been playing hard and traveling, so I think this break is really good for us to get in the gym and get some extra shots up. And guys who aren't healthy, they can get some rest and get their bodies feeling good," he said.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE 90, CLARENDON COLLEGE 83

Clarendon College (11-14 2-8): Reece Brooks 13-22 5-6 38, Xavier Trent 2-5 0-0 4, Thomas Clement 0-3 0-0 0, Donal Gooch 0-1 0-2 1, Erik Nyberg 2-4 0-1 6, JaQuan Horne 2-3 0-0 4, Marcus Burwell 7-25 7-8 31, Walker Small 2-4 0-1 6. Totals 29-70 13-17 83

Midland College (13-11 4-6): Ashawn Jones 2-6 0-2 6, Jacha Simmons 3-9 7-10 14, Grant Weatherford 4-12 5-10 15, Steven Joseph 2-5 1-2 6, Sean Obodoe 0-1 0-0 0, Devin Campbell 0-3 2-4 2, Anthony McCoy 0-0 0-0 0, Germaine Wright 0-2 0-0 0, Roland Griffin 5-10 6-7 18, Jordan Jackson 5-9 2-3 16. Totals 30-85 23-38 90

Halftime - MC 42, CC 36. 3-point goals - CC 12-29 (Brooks 7-12, Small 3-8, Nyberg 2-3, Clement 0-2, Burwell 0-4); MC 7-21 (Jones 2-5, Griffin 2-3, Jackson 2-4, Simmons 1-5, Weatherford 0-1, Campbell 0-2, Wright 0-1). Total fouls - CC 28, MC 18. Fouled out - Trent, Technical fouls - Simmons. Rebounds - CC 33 (Horne 9), MC 46 (Cardenas 11). Assists - CC 3 (Brooks 2), MC 11 (Campbell 3, Jackson 3). Turnovers - CC 12, MC 10

Next: Midland College at Howard College 7:45 p.m. Monday

College basketball glance

Men

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas St. 67, Coastal Carolina 57
ULM 69, Appalachian St. 62

SOUTH

Alabama St. 71, MVSU 66
Alcorn St. 75, Grambling St. 65
Ark.-Pine Bluff 65, Alabama A&M 49
Augusta 86, Flagler 75
Bethune-Cookman 71, Howard 67
Delaware St. 80, Florida A&M 77, OT
Georgia Southern 74, Louisiana-Lafayette 70
Georgia St. 69, Louisiana-Monroe 55
Hampton 93, SC State 64
Kentucky St. 81, Spring Hill 77
NC Central 86, Coppin St. 77
Norfolk St. 92, Savannah St. 87
Southern U. 88, Jackson St. 75
Virginia 71, Louisville 55
Wofford 79, ETSU 76

MIDWEST

Grand View 112, Faith Baptist 66
Kansas 74, Kansas St. 71

EAST

Albany (NY) 69, New Hampshire 55
Bucknell 82, Holy Cross 68
Canisius 72, St. Peter's 70
Maine 52, Hartford 41
Monmouth (NJ) 74, Rider 69
Quinnipiac 73, Fairfield 71
Stony Brook 83, Mass.-Lowell 72
Vermont 71, Binghamton 51

Associated Press poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (59)	24-0	1619	1
2. Villanova (6)	22-2	1565	4
3. Kansas	20-3	1446	3
4. Louisville	19-4	1411	6
5. Oregon	21-3	1263	13
6. Baylor	20-3	1255	2
7. Wisconsin	20-3	1232	10
8. North Carolina	21-4	1145	12
9. Arizona	21-3	1136	5
10. UCLA	21-3	1115	11
11. Cincinnati	21-2	876	14
12. Virginia	17-5	875	9
13. West Virginia	18-5	861	7
14. Florida State	20-4	839	15
15. Kentucky	19-5	741	8
16. Purdue	19-5	537	23
17. Florida	18-5	530	24
18. Duke	18-5	514	21
19. South Carolina	19-4	493	19
20. Saint Mary's	21-2	468	18
21. Maryland	20-3	326	17
22. Butler	18-5	285	16
23. Creighton	20-4	207	22
24. Xavier	17-6	144	—
25. SMU	20-4	107	—

Others receiving votes: Wichita State 38, Southern Cal 35, Notre Dame 33, Northwestern 11, California 3, Iowa State 3, Monmouth (N.J.) 3, New Mexico State 3, VCU 3, Kansas State 1, Oklahoma State 1, Vermont 1.

USA Today poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 5, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prvs
1. Gonzaga (28)	24-0	789	1
2. Villanova (4)	22-2	766	4
3. Kansas	20-3	685	2
4. Louisville	19-4	669	7
5. Wisconsin	20-3	627	9
6. Oregon	21-3	589	13
7. North Carolina	21-4	581	10
8. Baylor	20-3	574	3
9. UCLA	21-3	562	8
10. Arizona	21-3	552	5
11. Cincinnati	21-2	463	14
12. Kentucky	19-5	443	6
13. Virginia	17-5	385	11
14. West Virginia	18-5	349	12
15. Florida State	20-4	335	16
16. South Carolina	19-4	285	20
17. Florida	18-5	283	23
18. Purdue	19-5	257	24
19. Duke	18-5	253	21
20. Saint Mary's	21-2	248	19
21. Butler	18-5	162	15
22. Maryland	20-3	159	17
23. Creighton	20-4	90	22
24. Notre Dame	17-7	84	18
25. Xavier	17-6	75	25

Others receiving votes: SMU 41, Southern Cal 33, Northwestern 20, Wichita State 9, Kansas State 7, New Mexico State 7, Iowa State 5, Miami 4, UNC-Wilmington 3, Akron 2, Oklahoma State 2, Dayton 1, Middle Tennessee 1.

Women

MONDAY'S SCORES

SOUTHWEST

Texas 85, Baylor 79

SOUTH

Alabama St. 71, MVSU 57
Ark.-Pine Bluff 65, Alabama A&M 55
Augusta 85, Flagler 76
Bethune-Cookman 75, Howard 54
Clayton St. 58, North Georgia 57
Davis & Elkins 74, Salem International 68
Florida A&M 69, Delaware St. 61
Florida St. 80, Miami 71
Grambling St. 67, Alcorn St. 63
Hampton 51, SC State 50
Mississippi 84, Florida 75
Murray St. 70, E. Kentucky 54
NC Central 58, Coppin St. 46
Savannah St. 59, Norfolk St. 53
Southern U. 80, Jackson St. 61

FAR WEST

UCLA 85, Stanford 76

MIDWEST

Notre Dame 85, Louisville 66
Siena Heights 73, Northwestern Ohio 64

EAST

Albany (NY) 64, New Hampshire 55
Binghamton 76, Vermont 61
CCSU 83, Wagner 71
Fairleigh Dickinson 58, Sacred Heart 56
Maine 86, Hartford 60
Mount St. Mary's 61, Bryant 53
Robert Morris 64, LIU Brooklyn 54
St. Francis (Pa.) 75, St. Francis Brooklyn 59
Stony Brook 86, Mass.-Lowell 44

Associated Press poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (33)	22-0	825	1
2. Baylor	23-1	790	2
3. Maryland	23-1	758	3
4. Mississippi St	23-1	709	5
5. Florida St	21-2	682	6
6. South Carolina	20-2	680	4
7. Notre Dame	21-3	606	7
8. Stanford	20-3	593	8
9. Oregon St	22-2	547	11
10. Washington	22-3	540	10
11. Texas	18-4	489	12
12. Louisville	20-5	458	9
13. Ohio St	21-5	423	14
14. Duke	20-4	407	15
15. UCLA	17-5	341	13
16. Miami	17-5	331	16
17. NC State	17-6	294	19
18. DePaul	20-5	276	17
19. Oklahoma	18-6	237	18
20. Syracuse	17-7	190	24
21. Michigan	19-5	122	—
22. South Florida	19-4	95	20
23. Arizona St.	15-8	72	23
24. Tennessee	15-8	67	—
25. Kansas St.	17-7	48	—

Others receiving votes: Drake 43, Texas A&M 22, Kentucky 14, West Virginia 12, Green Bay 12, Creighton 10, Temple 9, Gonzaga 7, California 7, Colorado St. 4, Missouri 4, Dayton 1.

Lee, MHS play key district games tonight

From staff reports

The Midland High boys basketball team got back on the winning track with an inspired 64-50 victory against rival Lee on Friday.

With the season series between the two teams now split and in the books, the Bulldogs and Rebels find themselves tied for fourth place with three district games to play.

MHS (11-16, 2-5) will host Odessa High (10-19, 1-6) at 7:30 p.m. today at Chaparral Center. A Bulldog victory would complete the season sweep of OHS and will eliminate the Bronchos from playoff contention.

Lee (9-19, 2-5) will look to rebound from Friday's loss when it travels to Wolfforth Frenship (17-10, 4-3) at 7:30 p.m. today. The Tigers are coming off an 81-49 whipping at the hands of Amarillo Tascosa on Friday.

District 2-6A boys basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Amarillo Tascosa	6	1	18	5
x-Odessa Permian	5	1	19	10
Wolfforth Frenship	4	3	17	10
Midland High	2	5	11	18
Lee	2	5	9	19
Odessa High	1	6	10	19

x-clinched postseason berth

Friday's Scores

Midland High 64, Lee 50; Amarillo Tascosa 81, Wolfforth Frenship 49; Odessa Permian 59, Odessa High 49

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian. All games at 7:30 p.m.

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District 2-6A girls basketball standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
x-Wolfforth Frenship	8	1	24	8
x-Amarillo Tascosa	8	1	19	9
x-Lee	5	4	17	8
x-Odessa Permian	4	5	13	14
Odessa High	1	8	18	12
Midland High	1	8	10	19

x-clinched postseason berth
All games tip-off at 6 p.m. unless noted

Friday's Scores

Lee 39, Midland High 27; Odessa High 45, Permian 32; Amarillo Tascosa 72, Wolfforth Frenship 65

Today's Games

Odessa High at Midland High; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian

Ashton put on an inspiring performance in her return Friday, recording three steals while playing only a few minutes.

Ashton was pleased with how her teammates rose to the occasion in her absence by winning their final three district games by an average margin of 25.7 points.

"I'm super proud of them, especially because not only have I had to face adversity, but so have they," Ashton said. "A lot of people doubted us after my injury, so I am immensely proud of them because they basically showed every one, we're not a one-person team. Every one contributes, every one is the reason why we won."

In addition to thriving without Ashton, Midland Christian's defense has shined even though it fields a roster that is scarce of tall post players.

The Lady Mustangs held Faith to only four first-half points Friday and has limited opponents to a paltry 21.3 points per game in their last three contests.

"These girls, they have bought into the way we've played defense," Daniels said. "Because we are smaller than a lot of other teams, we have to make up for it with our defense and our pressing. Rebounding is about heart and position, so we really try to preach don't get out-worked, get to the boards. We have a lot of speed so we try to utilize that as well to counteract some of our height."

That hustle to ball was evident in Friday's win as junior forward Blaire Neatherlin grabbed 10 rebounds, and senior forward Anaiz Galindo was able to tally seven rebounds.

"I think that we have learned being shorter, we just have to be more physical and work harder than the other team, just try to out-play them the best we can," Ashton said.

While the Lady Mustangs have made their mark by achieving a feat that hadn't happened in a quarter of a century, they still are hungry to accomplish more as the postseason commences later this week.

"I don't think we're to the point to where we want to stop," Galindo said. "We want to make it all the way and it would be really cool if we made it to state."

MISD teams to cap district play

Lee (17-8, 5-4) can solidify its third-place spot and No. 3 playoff seed in District 2-6A with a road win today at Wolfforth Frenship (24-8, 8-1), the co-district leader. Tip-off is 6 p.m.

"These girls, they have bought into the way we've played defense. Because we are smaller than a lot of other teams, we have to make up for it with our defense and our pressing. Rebounding is about heart and position, so we really try to preach don't get out-worked, get to the boards. We have a lot of speed so we try to utilize that as well to counteract some of our height."

Amy Daniels, MCS head coach

The Lady Rebels can also secure a No. 3 seed if fourth-place Odessa Permian (13-14, 4-5) falls in a road game to Amarillo Tascosa (19-9, 8-1).

Meanwhile, Midland High (10-19, 1-8) hosts Odessa High (18-12, 1-8) in a battle for fifth place during both teams' season finale at 6 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

MCA secures playoff bye

No. 2 Midland Classical (23-6, 4-0) notched a first-round bye in the TAPPS 3A playoffs after breezing through its TAPPS 1-3A district schedule by winning all four games by an average margin of 57.8 points.

MCA is expected to play its first postseason game in the area round Feb. 21.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK

PG Leia Beattie, Fr., Midland Classical — Beattie averaged 26.3 points in three of the Lady Knights' wins, including a 43-point, eight-assist effort in an 83-53 win over Amarillo San Jacinto Saturday.

HONOR ROLL

PG Payge Grable, Jr., Stanton — Grable had 32 points in the Lady Buffaloes' 48-43 win over Clyde Jan. 31.

SG Delanie Griffin, Sr., Midland Classical — Griffin averaged 24.3 points in MCA's three victories. Griffin scored a game-high 29 points in a 78-21 win over Amarillo Ascension Friday and had a game-high 26 points in a 73-8 rout of Abilene Christian Jan. 31.

SG Braydyn Hill, So., Lee — Hill scored a game-high 16 points to help the Lady Rebels clinch a playoff spot with a 46-31 win over Odessa High on Jan. 31.

SG Natalee Karcher, Jr., Greenwood — Karcher had a game-high 21 points as the Rangerettes (21-12, 7-0) stayed unbeaten in district play with a 77-22 win over Fort Stockton Jan. 31.

PF Blaire Neatherlin, Jr., Midland Christian — Neatherlin recorded a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Mustangs to a 42-19 win over Grapevine Faith and their first district championship in 25 years on Friday.

PG Taysha Rushton, Fr., Midland High — Rushton averaged 11.0 points and scored in double figures in both of the Lady Bulldogs' losses in District 2-6A play.

Low-tech: College football yet to embrace sideline computers

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Two years ago, the NCAA passed a proposal that encouraged college football to embrace technology by putting tablet computers on sidelines and cameras in helmets.

Two years later, college football is still behind the times when it comes to using technology to coach players during games.

"If you look now at high school football, a lot of high schools around the country, a lot of states around the country, allow the use of iPads," said South Dakota coach Bob Nielson, chairman of the football rules committee. "From a college standpoint, in terms of comparing what the NFL is doing and even what some of the high schools are doing, we're just not doing anything with regard to technology on the sideline or in the press box."

Progress stalled for two reasons:

■ Having heard about the glitches and shortcomings of the technology from their NFL brethren, some coaches were skeptical.

■ Figuring out how to pay for it and make sure it can work in an equitable way is no small task for administrators.

"I think the fact is the rule was ahead of the ability to adopt," said Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, who heads the NCAA's football oversight committee.

So for now everything is on hold. "The (rules) committee completely backtracked," NCAA coordinator of officials Rogers Redding said. "People are still saying what are we going to do? But nobody's really pushing to do anything."

Going forward, the NCAA football competition committee will take the lead on technology.

At minimum, Nielson said he would like coaches stationed in press boxes and on sidelines to have access to computer-generated video and images of the game.

Seems simple, but just getting another secure and reliable Wi-Fi signal into a stadium can be problematic at some schools.

"There are some purely technical components of it there are challenging in some locations," Bowlsby said. "The one thing that is always going to be in play is whatever one team has to the other team has to have."

The NFL has a sponsorship deal with Microsoft to provide tablets for its 32 teams. Bowlsby said it is unlikely for a sponsor to provide a similar deal for 130 FBS teams.

Nielson said ultimately it could fall on conferences to set guidelines about what is permissible and to monitor the equipment.

"What works best for your grouping of schools in order to not provide for a competitive advantage for one school or another? And obviously there's got to be a mechanism for that to be regulated," Nielson said. "We don't want our game officials having to be the ones that are checking the press boxes to make sure the equipment they have is the right equipment."

"In the case of the NFL, they have a whole 'nother group that regulates the technology component that they're able to utilize."

Technology will be on the agenda when the 13-member competition committee, headed by Arizona State athletic director and former NFL executive Ray Anderson, meets at the beginning of March at NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis. The rules committee meets at the same time.

"I fully expect that we'll adopt the use of technology at some point in time," Bowlsby said, "but we just want to make sure we're going to get it right and part of getting it right in the college environment is making it so that it's relatively accessible to everybody who might need to use it."

Stunning rally begs question: How do Pats rank in history?

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Patriots have the biggest comeback in Super Bowl history. Cue the debate on whether it translates into the greatest dynasty in the NFL, and maybe where New England ranks among dominant pro sports franchises.

Perhaps the discussion hinges on the record-setting duo of quarterback Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick.

There are some numbers that aren't debatable, like most Super Bowl appearances for a team (nine) and a quarterback (seven). Brady's five wins put him one ahead of Hall of Famers Terry Bradshaw and Joe Montana for the most by a quarterback, and Belichick's five are one better than Bradshaw's coach in Pittsburgh, Chuck Noll.

Bradshaw and Montana never had a Super Bowl rally that even remotely resembled the 25-point recovery engineered by Brady in a 34-28 win over Atlanta on Sunday night in the first Super Bowl to go to overtime.

"We've got the greatest quarterback," defensive lineman Trey Flowers said. "Calm, cool, collective and just make plays. That's what he's been doing all his career."



Associated Press

New England Patriots' Tom Brady, right, celebrates with the Vince Lombardi Trophy next to broadcaster Terry Bradshaw after Super Bowl 51 against the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday in Houston.

Green Bay won the first two Super Bowls with Bart Starr and has four titles. Bradshaw's Steelers became the team of the 1970s, with Roger Staubach and the Dallas Cowboys not far behind. Montana's 49ers dominated the '80s.

Troy Aikman helped the Cowboys become the first team to win three titles in four seasons in the 1990s — and Brady matched him a decade later.

Starr, Bradshaw, Staubach (they called him Captain Comeback), Montana, Aikman.

Vince Lombardi, Noll, Tom Landry, Bill Walsh, Jimmy Johnson.

None of them have a claim to the sustained excellence of Brady and Belichick, the only duo to go to seven Super Bowls and win five.

"He cast a wizard spell over us that changed everything," tackle Nate Solder said of Belichick and the message at halftime, when the Patriots trailed 21-3 before going down 28-3 in the third quarter.

Joking aside, the Patriots probably never panicked because they can lean on things such as 16 consecutive winning seasons (Dallas has the record with 20) and an NFL-best 34 playoff games and 25 postseason wins for Brady.

"At halftime, I would say we weren't down at all," said Brady, who won his fourth Super Bowl MVP award by leading two fourth-quarter touchdown drives that included 2-point conversions to force overtime. "We were disappointed in the way we played, and we knew that we could go out and do a lot better in the second half."

Brady and Belichick fall short of the nine NBA titles that Bill Russell and Red Auerbach won together in Boston, or the six that Michael Jordan and Phil Jackson celebrated in Chicago.

There will always be arguments for the multiple dynasties of the New York Yankees, who have 27 World Series titles. Shortstop Derek Jeter and manager Joe Torre won four together in a span of five seasons from 1996 to 2000, not to mention Mickey Mantle and Casey Stengle or Lou Gehrig and Joe McCarthy.

And don't forget about the Montreal Canadiens, who won 16 NHL titles in 27 seasons from the 1950s to the 1970s.

Then again, leagues were smaller and rosters were thinner back then, and the conversation was nearly about Atlanta ending its championship drought.

TABC RANKINGS

SUGAR LAND — High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for the week of Feb. 6

BOYS PUBLIC

Class 6A

1. Klein Forest, 27-0; 2. SA Wagner, 28-1; 3. Cedar Hill, 25-4; 4. Dallas Skyline, 26-1; 5. Houston Bellaire, 23-7; 6. Houston Sam Houston, 29-2; 7. Garland Lakeview Centennial, 26-3; 8. Cypress Falls, 25-3; 9. Fort Bend Bush, 21-4; 10. Edinburg Vela, 26-3; 11. Pearland, 26-4; 12. Pearland Dawson, 21-7; 13. Duncanville, 22-5; 14. Austin Westlake, 22-6; 15. Denton Guyer, 23-4; 16. Keller, 24-2; 17. Spring Westfield, 24-7; 18. Spring Dekaney, 22-6; 19. Killeen Shoemaker, 21-6; 20. Humble Atascocita, 20-8; 21. Laredo United, 19-8; 22. EP Americas, 28-2; 23. Dickinson, 24-7; 24. Weslaco, 29-4; 25. South Garland, 14-8

Class 5A

1. Waco University, 23-8; 2. Little Elm, 25-4; 3. Waxahachie, 22-6; 4. Lubbock Coronado, 27-2; 5. Texas City, 22-6; 6. Brownsville Veterans Memorial, 29-3; 7. Dallas Wilson, 18-1; 8. Fort Bend Elkins, 21-7; 9. Mansfield Timberview, 23-6; 10. EP Andress, 21-6; 11. Austin LBJ, 19-5; 12. SA Houston, 20-7; 13. FB Marshall, 23-7; 14. EP Burges, 21-4; 15. Dallas South Oak Cliff, 14-0; 16. Port Arthur Memorial, 22-5; 17. FW Chisholm Trail, 21-5; 18. Justin Northwest, 24-5; 19. FW Trimble Tech, 181-0; 20. Amarillo, 211-1; 21. SA Jefferson, 22-6; 22. Humble, 25-6; 23. Dallas Kimball, 18-7; 24. Mount Pleasant, 22-5; 25. CC Veterans Memorial, 24-6

Class 4A

1. Silsbee, 24-5; 2. Dallas Lincoln, 23-5; 3. Freeport Brazosport, 24-3; 4. Abilene Wylie, 24-4; 5. CC West Oso, 24-4; 6. Canter, 26-4; 7. Dallas Carter, 16-8; 8. Seminole, 161-1; 9. Argyle, 25-3; 10. Decatur, 22-7; 11. Houston Yates, 19-7; 12. WF Hirschi, 15-7; 13. Houston North Forest, 141-1; 14. Paris, 22-4; 15. Dallas Pinkston, 151-0; 16. Midlothian Heritage, 24-5; 17. Waxahachie Life, 02-47; 18. Burkburnett, 22-4; 19. Levelland, 22-6; 20. Lamesa, 23-5; 21. Wilmer-Hutchins, 141-0; 22. Wharton, 191-0; 23. Stafford, 151-1; 24. Lubbock Estacado, 171-0; 25. Huffman-Hargrave, 25-6.

Class 3A

1. Dallas Madison, 17-8; 2. Santa Rosa, 26-3; 3. Jarrell, 24-3; 4. Ponder, 24-4; 5. La Marque, 161-4; 6. Brock, 21-8; 7. Teague, 18-8; 8. Peaster, 18-6; 9. Hempstead, 21-4; 10. Littlefield, 21-6; 11. Canadian, 15-2; 12. Buna, 181-2; 13. Dallas Triple A, 171-0; 14. SA Randolph, 22-4; 15. SA Cole, 20-6; 16. Childress, 18-3; 17. Schulenburg, 21-7; 18. Kountze, 211-0; 19. Commerce, 25-2; 20. Karnes City, 25-3; 21. Wall, 19-6; 22. Bowie, 19-9; 23. Rice, 16-3; 24. Jefferson, 21-7; 25. Van Alstyne, 19-9

Class 2A

1. Muenster, 23-5; 2. Anthony, 21-4; 3. Mumford, 29-2; 4. Clarksville, 23-6; 5. Clarendon, 22-2; 6. Port Arthur, 26-3; 7. Tenaha, 21-3; 8. La Roa La Poynor, 19-8; 9. Bonnett Memorial Texas, 23-1; 10. Neches, 27-1; 11. New Deal, 25-2; 12. Kerens, 18-7; 13. Electra, 22-4; 14. Petrolia, 23-5; 15. Stratford, 18-3; 16. Grapeland, 25-5; 17. Albany, 20-4; 18. Shelbyville, 21-5; 19. Italy, 21-5; 20. Brook, 23-5; 21. Alto, 20-4; 22. Evadale, 17-5; 23. Cherino, 21-8; 24. Dallas Gateway, 9-4; 25. SA Lee Academy, 19-2.

Class 1A

1. Lipan, 27-2; 2. Happy, 18-3; 3. Leggett, 27-2; 4. Nazareth, 16-2; 5. New Home, 26-2; 6. Calvert, 15-4; 7. Lingleville, 22-6; 8. Gosford, 21-7; 9. Borden County, 13-2; 10. Lanexille, 161-1; 11. Imperial Buena Vista, 21-4; 12. Jayton, 23-5; 13. Eula, 20-6; 14. Grady, 17-4; 15. Garden City, 11-6; 16. Dime Box, 18-7; 17. Waelder, 22-6; 18. Shamrock, 21-5; 19. Turkey Valley, 12-4; 20. Menard, 16-9; 21. Meadow, 19-6; 22. Milford, 18-3; 23. Bronte, 17-7; 24. Coolidge, 14-8; 25. Rogersville, 18-4.

BOYS PRIVATE

TAPPS 6A/5PC

1. Dallas Greenhill, 25-6; 2. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 27-7; 3. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 18-9; 4. Houston Kinkaid, 21-10; 5. Tomball Concordia, 25-8; 6. SA Central Catholic, 25-8; 7. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 19-10; 8. Houston St Thomas, 19-8; 9. Houston St. Pius X, 22-13; 10. Houston Christian, 20-10.

TAPPS 5A

1. SA Christian, 35-3; 2. **Midland Christian, 28-8**; 3. Houston Westbury, 13-19; 4. Cedar Hill Trinity Christian, 26-10; 5. Tyler All-Saints, 22-7; 6. SA St. Mary's Hall, 19-7; 7. Laredo St. Augustine, 23-14; 8. Houston 2nd Baptist, 27-11; 9. FW Christian, 18-16; 10. Austin St. Michael's Catholic, 24-12.

TAPPS 4A

1. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 31-6; 2. Waco Vanguard, 28-7; 3. The Woodlands Christian, 22-4; 4. Houston St. Thomas Episcopal, 17-4; 5. Colleyville Covenant Christian, 22-8; 6. Austin Texas for Deaf, 21-5; 7. FW Lake Country, 16-9; 8. Lubbock Christian, 27-4; 9. Austin Brentwood Christian, 15-8; 10. Boerne Geneva, 18-8.

TAPPS 3A

1. Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills, 21-6; 2. Rockwall Heritage Christian, 17-3; 3. Dallas Yavneh, 26-3; 4. Willow Park Trinity Christian, 16-6; 5. SA Lutheran, 24-10; 6. Bryan Brazos Christian, 17-5; 7. Beaumont Legacy, 9-10; 8. Abilene Christian, 18-7; 9. Brownsville First Baptist, 16-8; 10. Dallas The Covenant, 14-9.

TAPPS 2A

1. Austin The Wyldcat, 24-3; 2. Sherman Texoma Christian, 24-1; 3. Huntsville Alpha Omega, 30-3; 4. Lubbock All-Saints Episcopal, 24-8; 5. Baytown Christian, 21-6; 6. Dallas First Baptist, 16-4; 7. Richardson Canyon Creek, 7-20; 8. Bryan Allen, 20-11; 9. Conroe Covenant Christian, 15-9; 10. New Braunfels Christian, 17-15.

TAPPS 1A/OTHER

1. Conroe Lifestyle Christian, 25-6; 2. Granbury North Central Texas, 18-5; 3. Kingwood The Covenant, 28-7; 4. DeSoto The Canterbury Episcopal, 12-10; 5. Fredericksburg Heritage, 15-5; 6. WF Notre Dame, 16-4; 7. Alamo Macedonian Christian, 15-9; 8. Houston Southwest Christian, 16-7; 9. Athens Christian, 18-7; 10. SA Legacy Christian, 17-11.

GIRLS PUBLIC

Class 6A

1. Duncanville, 31-2; 2. League City Clear Springs, 27-3; 3. Pflugerville, 25-7; 4. Cypress Ranch, 25-8; 5. Spring Dekaney, 28-4; 6. Katy Seven Lakes, 30-3; 7. Cibolo Steele, 26-6; 8. SA Johnson, 30-4; 9. Euless Trinity, 27-4; 10. Round Rock Cedar Ridge, 24-8; 11. SA Wagner, 23-4; 12. Converse Judson, 22-6; 13. Galena Park North Shore, 26-4; 14. Arlington Bowie, 28-3; 15. Fort Bend Hightower, 25-5; 16. Plano, 24-7; 17. Cedar Park Vista Ridge, 25-5; 18. Laredo Alexander, 33-1; 19. Waco Midway, 27-5; 20. Keller, 26-5; 21. Killeen Ellison, 26-6; 22. Houston Westside, 20-7; 23. Pearland, 24-8; 24. South Grand Prairie, 19-11; 25. Klein, 21-4.

Class 5A

1. Amarillo, 32-1; 2. Mansfield Timberview, 30-2; 3. Canyon, 23-3; 4. Barbers Hill, 28-4; 5. Saginaw Boswell, 32-3; 6. Frisco Liberty, 26-6; 7. Frisco Lone Star, 20-6; 8. Lewisville The Colony, 32-1; 9. Tomball Memorial, 25-5; 10. Austin High, 26-5; 11. Colleyville Heritage, 25-8; 12. Mansfield Summit, 25-8; 13. College Station, 26-6; 14. Kerrville Tivy, 30-4; 15. Sulphur Springs, 25-3; 16. Dayton, 26-3; 17. Houston Madison, 22-6; 18. Crowley, 23-6; 19. Georgetown, 23-7; 20. FW Trimble Tech, 26-7; 21. EP Andress, 25-4; 22. Brownsville Veterans Memorial, 27-6; 23. Laredo Cigarroa, 28-7; 24. Lubbock Monterey, 24-5; 25. Manor Bells, 23-9.

Class 4A

1. Argyle, 29-2; 2. Kennedale, 30-3; 3. Liberty Hill, 29-2; 4. Godley, 29-4; 5. Tatum, 29-0; 6. Navasota, 33-3; 7. Levelland, 27-4; 8. Madisonville, 24-3; 9. Devine, 25-4; 10. Stephenville, 24-6; 11. Houston Wheatley, 26-3; 12. Gilmer, 28-3; 13. Denver City, 22-4; 14. Cleveland, 20-7; 15. Brownwood, 22-6; 16. Fredericksburg, 19-5; 17. Abilene Wylie, 20-6; 18. Gatesville, 30-3; 19. Bullard, 27-6; 20. Burkburnett, 21-3; 21. Melissa, 18-12; 22. Cuero, 22-8; 23. La Vernia, 22-12; 24. Sweeny, 26-5; 25. Canton, 22-8.

Class 3A

1. Canadian, 26-3; 2. Little River Academy, 25-5; 3. Wall, 22-7; 4. Tuscola Jim Ned, 24-6; 5. Hitchcock, 29-3; 6. Mount Vernon, 27-5; 7. Whitewright, 29-2; 8. Pottsboro, 26-1; 9. Sunnyvale, 21-10; 10. Bowie, 27-1; 11. Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill, 25-5; 12. San Diego, 28-3; 13. Woodville, 26-5; 14. Winnsboro, 19-12; 15. Franklin, 31-2; 16. Littlefield, 22-8; 17. Goliad, 23-7; 18. Poth, 22-7; 19. Hallettsville, 27-8; 20. Brock, 23-8; 21. Odem, 25-6; 22. Marion, 23-8; 23. Buffalo, 22-4; 24. Teague, 18-5; 25. Grandview, 21-11

Class 2A

1. Martins Mill, 29-2; 2. La Rue La Poynor, 27-4; 3. Panhandle, 22-6; 4. Claude, 29-1; 5. Falls City, 25-4; 6. Bells, 25-4; 7. Windthorst, 24-3; 8. Woden, 30-1; 9. Tenaha, 25-4; 10. Hico, 28-4; 11. Weimar, 26-8; 12. San Saba, 27-3; 13. Evadale, 24-5; 14. Mason, 26-7; 15. Sundown, 25-4; 16. Abernathy, 24-5; 17. Era, 26-2; 18. Stratford, 21-8; 19. Canterville, 24-6; 20. Haskell, 26-5; 21. Farwell, 23-4; 22. Gladewater Union Grove, 22-7; 23. Grapeland, 28-6; 24. Mertzon Irion County, 25-5; 25. Ganado, 21-8.

Class 1A

1. Nazareth, 28-1; 2. Dodd City, 26-3; 3. Hucksbay, 25-2; 4. Garden City, 22-6; 5. Spur, 25-5; 6. McMahan County, 23-3; 7. Barksdale Nueces Canyon, 23-6; 8. Ira, 23-6; 9. May, 21-6; 10. Eula, 22-6; 11. Moulton, 24-5; 12. Leakey, 21-7; 13. Harmleigh, 24-1; 14. Ropesville, 22-3; 15. Lipan, 16-12; 16. Klondike, 21-5; 17. O'Donnell, 25-4; 18. Slocum, 20-8; 19. Bidell, 24-3; 20. Blum, 22-8; 21. McLean, 25-4; 22. White Deer, 19-9; 23. Apple Springs, 20-4; 24. Richland Springs, 18-5; 25. Roby, 19-4.

GIRLS PRIVATE

TAPPS 6A/5PC

1. Dallas Bishop Lynch, 25-4; 2. Houston Kinkaid, 27-3; 3. Dallas Parish Episcopal, 23-5; 4. Plano Prestonwood Christian, 22-8; 5. SA Incarnate Word, 23-5; 6. Houston Christian, 30-6; 7. Tomball Concordia, 25-14; 8. Dallas Greenhill, 22-7; 9. SA Antonian, 27-6; 10. Houston Village, 23-6.

TAPPS 5A

1. Dallas Christian, 27-6; 2. CC IWA, 32-3; 3. Houston Westbury Christian, 20-9; 4. **Midland Christian, 27-4**; 5. Austin Regents, 21-8; 6. SA Christian, 19-6; 7. Tyler Grace Community Christian, 23-9; 8. Grapevine Faith Christian, 22-7; 9. Austin St. Michaels, 21-11; 10. Houston Second Baptist, 18-18.

TAPPS 4A

1. Houston Lutheran North, 24-8; 2. Lubbock Trinity Christian, 19-12; 3. Marble Falls Faith, 29-4; 4. FW Lake Country Christian, 21-14; 5. McKinney Christian, 18-9; 6. Arlington Pantego, 17-5; 7. Austin Brentwood, 20-10; 8. Flower Mound Covenant Day, 20-6; 9. Bay Area Christian, 21-7; 10. Austin School for Deaf, 20-7.

TAPPS 3A

1. Beaumont Legacy, 29-2; 2. Midland Classical, 23-6; 3. Temple Central Texas Christian, 25-7; 4. Tomball Rosehill, 19-11; 5. Mission Juan Diego, 16-6; 6. Denton Calvary, 16-9; 7. Hallettsville Sacred Heart, 13-15; 8. SA Veritas, 13-2; 9. Spring Frassati Catholic, 17-8; 10. Dallas Lakehill, 16-7.

TAPPS 2A

1. Muenster Sacred Heart, 25-6; 2. Red Oak Ovilla, 21-2; 3. Bryan St. Joseph, 24-7; 4. Austin Waldorf, 19-9; 5. Sherman Texoma, 14-6; 6. Ehrher St. Paul, 14-9; 7. Christian Academy of SA, 11-5; 8. Bryan Allen, 13-6; 9. Plainview Christian, 15-8; 10. Universal City First Baptist, 16-11.

TAPPS 1A/OTHER

1. Edinburg Harvest Christian, 19-2; 2. DeSoto Canterbury, 16-8; 3. WF Christ, 19-8; 4. WF Notre Dame, 16-6; 5. Houston Southwest Christian, 15-5; 6. Waxahachie Prep, 9-5; 7. Longview Trinity, 19-8; 8. SA Legacy Christian, 14-10; 9. Lubbock Kingdom, 10-10; 10. EP Jesus Chapel, 12-6.

Vegas, baby! Who'll go No. 1? NFL stories to watch

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press



Associated Press

New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick and Tom Brady wait to be introduced during a news conference after Super Bowl 51 on Monday in Houston.

Tom Brady took the high road while appearing with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and collecting the silver hardware for his record fourth Super Bowl MVP award. New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick bemoaned needing to play catch-up when it comes to preparing for next season.

Yes, the Patriots rule their sport once again, thanks to the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history, and in what Goodell called "maybe one of the greatest games of all time." Now it's time to look forward.

"As great as today feels, and as great as today is," Belichick said Monday morning at a news conference with Brady and Goodell, less than 12 hours after New England erased a 25-point deficit and stunned the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 in the first Super Bowl to go to overtime, "in all honesty, we're five weeks behind in the 2017 season to most teams in the league."

Harrumph.

Truth is, there was nothing all that awkward about Monday. Brady passed up an opportunity to take a face-to-face dig at Goodell, who suspended the QB for this season's first four games, and instead said, "It's an honor to be here and have the commissioner present us with this trophy."

So maybe now we finally can put to rest the scandal that came to be known as "Deflategate," and start to focus on the story lines to watch during the offseason:

Vegas, baby!

Will the NFL actually wind up with a team in Sin City? Raiders owner Mark Davis wants to move from Oakland to Las Vegas, but a key financial backer recently said he was pulling out of a stadium deal, and Goodell said last week "there's a great deal more work to be done." The league is scheduled to vote on the possible move at its meetings March 26-29.

Tag, you're it

Teams have a March 1 deadline — three weeks from Wednesday — to assign franchise or transition tags, and one name that will be part of the speculation until then is Redskins quarterback Kirk Cousins. Coming off a pair of statistically impressive seasons, and a nearly $20 million salary under the franchise tag in 2016, Cousins could end up with another tag at about $24 million, a long-term deal or a chance to hit the market when free agency begins March 9.

Who goes where?

Other players who might head to new teams: Minnesota RB Adrian Peterson, Kansas City S Eric Berry, Arizona DE Calais Campbell, New England TE Martellus Bennett and LB Dont'a Hightower, and Cousins' top two WRs with Washington, DeSean Jackson and Pierre Garcon.

Wherefore art thou, Romo?

Now that NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year Dak Prescott is entrenched as the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, it will be fascinating to see what happens with his predecessor, Tony Romo. He's been too successful (if injury-prone) to be satisfied with being a backup, so which team will scoop him up in a trade? Cleveland? Chicago? Denver? San Francisco? Someone else?

Mock on

Plenty of time to work on those mocks between now and April 27, when the draft starts in Philadelphia. After QBs went 1-2 last year, the consensus seems to be that no one coming out of college at that position merits that high of a selection this team. That doesn't mean, of course, that QB-needy teams such as the Browns (at No. 1), 49ers (No. 2) or Bears (No. 3) won't go that route. Among the top prospects: Texas A&M DE Myles Garrett, Alabama DL Jonathan Allen, LSU RB Leonard Fournette, Ohio State S Malik Hooker, Clemson WR Mike Williams.

Game-changers

In response to TV ratings' drop of about 8 percent, the league will consider ways to make games shorter. Examples: a running clock between an extra point and ensuing kickoff; fewer commercial breaks; faster replay reviews.

Concussions

Might the NFL try to find other ways to fix its concussion and QB health problems? There are still gaps in the concussion protocol — Miami's Matt Moore in the playoffs, for example — and it's never good when teams (Dolphins, Raiders) start backup quarterbacks in the postseason because of injuries to others.

Other topics

- Will Brady, already 39, keep playing at an elite level?
- Will the Falcons take a step back, the way so many Super Bowl teams do (other than, of course, the Patriots)?
- Will two-time Super Bowl champion Ben Roethlisberger, who turns 35 next month, be back as Pittsburgh's QB after hinting he would be evaluate his status?
- What will be the outcome of the NFL investigation into Cowboys RB Ezekiel Elliott's alleged domestic violence case? Goodell said there's no timetable.

Falcons' fans still in somber mood after loss

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.
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Michael Mazza reacts after the New England Patriots scored late in the fourth quarter against the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl 51 being played in Houston while watching it on television at Fado Irish Pub in Atlanta on Sunday.

ATLANTA — There were partly cloudy skies in Atlanta on Monday, but the overcast looming over the city seemed to be more from the gloom of the Falcons' gut-wrenching Super Bowl 51 loss.

Falcons' fans are in a somber mood after their team blew a 25-point lead in a 34-28 loss to the New England Patriots on Sunday night. The abundant excitement that engulfed the city leading up to the matchup had been replaced by another heartbreaking sports setback for the A-T-L.

Even for fans used to disappointment, this "L" was unprecedented.

"We came so far. We had the rings ready to be put on our fingers," said Nylous Dickerson, a chef who watched from Dantanna's, where he works at the CNN Center in the shadows of the Georgia Dome and the Falcons' new stadium.

"We gave that game away. We gave Tom Brady too many chances. It was a somber wakeup. I still don't feel good about this."

Dickerson, like many Falcons fans, might not feel well for some time.

New England won even though the Patriots never snapped the ball with the lead. If that wasn't bad enough, the Falcons found ways to lose that had never been done: in overtime at the Super Bowl after leading by 19 points heading into the fourth quarter.

The hangover apparently was so crushing that there was hardly any rush hour traffic Monday morning in city where traffic jams are the norm.

"We had a lady call in saying she didn't want to go to work today," said Carl Dukes of Atlanta radio show 92.9 FM The Game. "We had a student call in saying she told her parents she didn't want to go to school because everybody would be talking about it. That's the feeling. Everybody is kind of still in shock about how this all went down."

Teneshia Ethridge saw a change of demeanor in Falcons fans before and after the game. She said she paid nearly $5,000 for a Super Bowl ticket to sit five rows behind the Falcons bench and watched Brady throw for Super Bowl record 466 yards for her team's loss.

Ethridge said fans had planned on partying after the game, but the loss sent most of them back to their hotel rooms in shock.

"It was vibrant, alive and colorful when we left Saturday," said Ethridge, who attends home and away games. "There was a tailgate at the gate at the airport when we were getting on the plane with a DJ. But when we came back today, it was like nobody wanted to talk. We didn't want to speak to each other. I feel completely different. Nothing was supposed to happen like this."

But this is Atlanta. The city has only one major sports championship in 169 combined seasons for its NFL team, Major League Baseball's Braves, the NBA's Hawks and two now-departed NHL teams, the Flames and the Thrashers. The Braves won the World Series in 1995.

Fans in Atlanta had hoped the Falcons would claim their first championship in their 51-year history. The anticipation was building throughout the city days leading up the big game with several rallies including one that featured Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed and R&B singer Usher at City Hall.

Rapper Ludacris narrated a short video clip called "A City Waits" in honor of the Falcons. After the loss to the Patriots, Atlanta faithful will have to wait longer.

"It was like a punch in the gut," said Demetrius Lewis, an Atlanta native who used to play football at the University of Florida. He struggled with the fact that the Falcons led the entire game until Patriots running back scored in the winning touchdown in overtime.

"My stomach hurts after this one," Lewis added. "We always come so close."

Falcons running back Devonta Freeman could barely speak above a whisper while fighting back tears. But Freeman took to social media to thank fans for their support.

Tiffani Murray hopes the Falcons and fans can rebound from the painful loss.

"Atlanta is a city of hope," she said. "I think that is why so many people move here and live here from different places. There is hope that the Falcons have reached the level of a championship game and will do so again. Hope will remain after we are through the mourning period and fans will rise up once again."

It just might take a while.

Patriots add to list of title-clinching comebacks

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

There have been bigger comebacks in sports history than what the New England Patriots pulled off in Super Bowl 51.

But such a comeback, on the ultimate stage, in a championship-deciding game — that simply doesn't happen very often.

Before Sunday, no team in Super Bowl history had ever successfully rallied from more than 10 points down. The Patriots erased a 25-point deficit to win their fifth Super Bowl victory, somehow rallying from 28-3 down to beat the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 in overtime.

"Down 25 points, it's hard to imagine us winning," said Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, who took home his fifth championship and fourth Super Bowl MVP trophy.

What the Patriots did will go down in sports lore.

And here's a look at some of the other great title-clinching comebacks that have been pulled off over the years.

2017 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF: Alabama never lost under coach Nick Saban when it entered a fourth quarter with a double-digit lead — 96-0 in such situations until last month in Tampa, Florida. The Crimson Tide led Clemson 24-14 with 15 minutes remaining in the national championship game. But a wild fourth quarter awaited, and Clemson got the winning touchdown on a Deshaun Watson pass to Hunter Renfrow in the final seconds as the Tigers (who trailed 14-0 early) won the title, 35-31.

2016 NBA FINALS: Cleveland was down by eight in the third quarter, on the road no less, against Golden State in Game 7 of the NBA Finals. But the Cavaliers outscored the hosts by 12 points the rest of the way, held the best team in NBA regular-season history scoreless in the final four-plus minutes — helped by LeBron James' amazing chasedown block in the final moments — and pulled off a 93-89 win. It was a comeback game and comeback series for the Cavs, who trailed the finals 3-1 before rallying.

1997 WORLD SERIES: The Florida Marlins were four strikes away from elimination in Game 7 of the World Series, trailing 2-1 to the Cleveland Indians in the bottom of the ninth inning. But Craig Counsell's sacrifice fly off Indians closer Jose Mesa tied the game, and the Marlins won it in the 11th when Edgar Renteria hit a series-ending single.

1992 NBA FINALS: Game 7 was awaiting the Portland Trail Blazers. They were up by 15, in Chicago, going into the fourth quarter. But Michael Jordan and the Bulls decided to end the season right then and there. They outscored Portland 33-14 in the fourth quarter, and wrapped up their second consecutive NBA title with a 97-93 win.

1988 NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR: Louisiana Tech had lost the NCAA championship game the year before, and the Lady Techsters looked like they would do so again. They were down 37-23 with 15 minutes left, but behind Erica Westbrooks' 25 points and a stellar defensive effort by Teresa Weatherspoon a comeback was pulled off — Louisiana Tech winning 56-54. It remains the biggest deficit overcome in NCAA women's title game history.

1978 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: John Mahaffey trailed by seven shots going into the final round, but shot 66 at Oakmont to put himself in position for what became his only major championship. Mahaffey beat Tom Watson and Jerry Pate in a playoff, making birdie on the second extra hole.

1971 STANLEY CUP FINAL: Chicago was up 2-0 in Game 7, on home ice, midway through the second period and well on its way to beating the Montreal Canadiens for the Stanley Cup . But the Blackhawks let it slip away. Jacques Lemaire had a goal and an assist 4 minutes apart late in the second period to tie the game, and Henri Richard's second goal of the night at 2:34 of the third period was enough to give Montreal a 3-2 Cup-clinching win.

Fox draws audience of 111.3M for Super Bowl

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox drew an audience of 111.3 million viewers for the first Super Bowl to go into overtime, a smaller audience than the game has had in the last two years but still ranking among the biggest for a television program in the United States.

The top Super Bowl audience — and the biggest for any American TV show — was the 114.4 million viewers who saw the New England Patriots beat the Seattle Seahawks in 2015, according to the Nielsen company.

Viewership for the Patriots' come-from-behind 34-28 win over the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday had a relatively modest start, perhaps because the Falcons don't have much of a national profile. The game also looked like a rout in the third quarter, and some 4 million viewers slipped away around the time the Falcons took at 28-3 lead, Nielsen said.

People returned as the Patriots came alive. During overtime, the game had its biggest audience of 117.7 million, Nielsen said Monday. The overall audience figure of 111.3 million is an average of how many people were watching during a typical minute, taking into account the game's peaks and valleys.

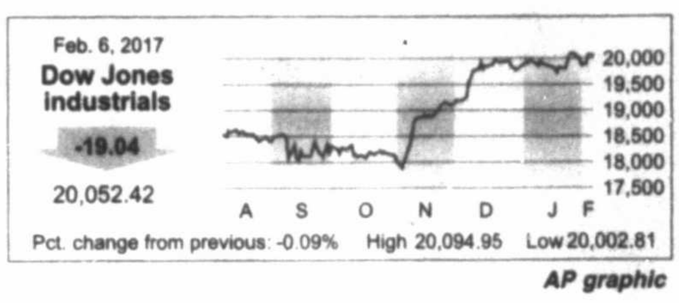
The audience was 117.5 million for Lady Gaga's halftime performance, Nielsen said. Earlier in the day, Nielsen said 12.2 million watched President Donald Trump's interview with Bill O'Reilly of Fox News Channel.

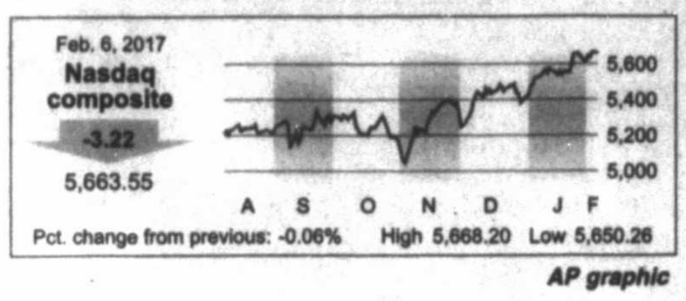
Last year's Denver-Carolina game reached an audience of 111.9 million.

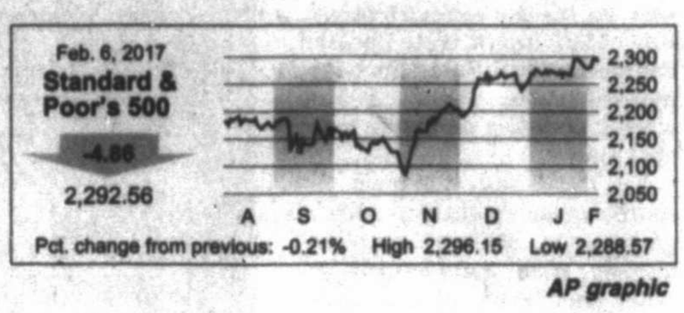
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $53.01
Previous: $53.83

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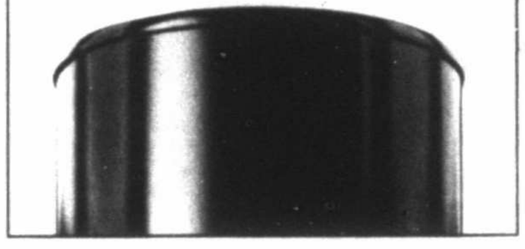
Monday: $49.50
Previous: $50.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $44.85
Previous: $45.60

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.050
Previous: $3.063



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	785955	23.12	-.17
VanEGold	675780	25.40	+.90
DrGMBll s	540214	12.94	+2.27
DxGBull s	530958	13.24	+1.35
S&P500ETF	522092	228.93	.41

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pretium g	12.40	+1.47	+13.4
CabotO&G	23.73	+2.30	+10.7
EndvSilv g	4.75	+.38	+8.7
NEurO	7.89	+.60	+8.2
SeabGrd g	10.50	+.80	+8.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WT SCEm	32.11	-64.86	-66.9
DxGlMBr rs	12.51	-3.64	-22.5
AtwoodOcn	10.91	-1.74	-13.8
VinceHldg	2.60	-.35	-11.9
DirDGBr rs	25.01	-3.01	-10.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,148
Declined	1,828
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,081
New Highs	139
New Lows	12
Volume	2,987,802,834

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PhrmAth	399268	1.01	2.29
NwGold g	116653	2.88	.03
BGold g	77976	3.36	-.25
NDynMn g	49877	3.01	+.08
Globalstar	38084	1.55	.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoldResrc	6.11	+.53	+9.5
NovaGld g	5.95	+.51	+9.4
SandstG g	4.98	+.38	+8.3
BGold g	3.36	+.25	+8.0
GtPanSilv g	2.00	+.14	+7.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EvolPetro	8.05	-.60	-6.9
Pfenex	7.55	-.45	-5.6
Asterias Bio	3.75	-.20	-5.1
DeltaApc	12.15	-.60	-4.7
NovaBay rs	3.90	-.20	-4.9

DIARY

Advanced	174
Declined	165
Unchanged	71
Total issues	360
New Highs	6
New Lows	2
Volume	158,433,419

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc	259964	130.29	+1.21	+0.9
FrontierCm	256670	3.93	.39	+11.0
Intel	195549	36.27	.25	+0.7
Pumatrx	188122	4.96	+1.12	+29.1
Microsoft	174585	63.64	.04	+0.1

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DryShp rs	5.61	+1.43	+34.2
PowerSolr g	3.70	+.90	+32.1
GlobusM rs	9.70	+2.23	+29.9
Pumatrx	4.96	+1.12	+29.1
AquaB Tch	15.76	+2.61	+19.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ComScre ll	23.22	-9.22	-28.4
VanNR pfC	2.30	.74	-24.3
VanNR pfB	2.21	.54	-19.6
AratanaTh	6.59	-1.44	-17.9
Zais Grp	2.16	-.30	-12.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,032
Declined	1,779
Unchanged	204
Total issues	3,015
New Highs	124
New Lows	25
Volume	1,642,596,781

Tyson says SEC is investigating chicken-pricing allegations

Bloomberg

Accusations of collusion that have dogged the American chicken industry in recent months took a new turn after Tyson Foods, the country's largest producer, said the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the allegations and sent it a subpoena.

The company said Monday in a filing that based upon the limited information it has, Tyson believes the investigation is related to the allegations contained in antitrust litigation involving broiler chickens. The Springdale, Arkansas-based company and its largest competitors have been named as defendants in a series of lawsuits in recent months that claim the industry colluded starting in 2008 to drive prices higher, allegations denied by Tyson and the other producers.

Tyson said in the filing it's cooperating with the investigation, which is at an early stage. Chief Executive Officer Tom Hayes, speaking on a conference call with reporters, declined to comment further except to say the company wants to defend itself in court.

Shares of Tyson fell as much as 5 percent in New York while rival producers Sanderson Farms Inc. and Pilgrim's Pride Corp. also declined. Poultry producers' shares have fallen due to the scrutiny of industry pricing practices and the SEC's subpoena, Zain Akbari, a Chicago-based analyst for Morningstar Investment Services LLC, said in a report.

The charges in the recent lawsuits "are difficult to prove" but due to their gravity, "I suspect that there is indeed a valuation overhang on Tyson's equity," Kea Shea, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst, said in an email.

Over several decades, the U.S. chicken industry has transformed itself from being comprised mostly of family owned farms into a heavily consolidated sector controlled by several multibillion-dollar companies. Per-capita chicken consumption in the U.S. has more than doubled in 40 years. Consumers spent about $90 billion on chicken products last year.

As those companies' market share and power has grown, they have drawn scrutiny for their production practices, such as their use of contract farming to raise birds for slaughter.

There have been some changes to the chicken industry amid the recent legal complaints. The Georgia Department of Agriculture, which gathered and disseminated the benchmark Georgia Dock prices that are the focus of some of those complaints, discontinued its widely used pricing index in December, citing the changes in the industry. Starting this month, the department began collecting data for a new index, although a lack of contributions has delayed the publication of the new measure.

Hayes said on a conference call with analysts that issues surrounding the Georgia Dock index a "tempest in a teapot" and said the company hasn't changed its pricing practices.

Despite the chicken controversy, Tyson had record profit in its fiscal first quarter. Net income rose to $1.59 a share for the three months through Dec. 31 from $1.15 a year earlier, beating the $1.27 average of 12 estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Earnings excluding one-time items will be $4.90 to $5.05 a share in the 12 months through September, it said in a separate statement.

The higher guidance is "primarily the result of this quarter's far-stronger-than-expected margin performance," David Palmer, a New York-based analyst for RBC Capital Markets who has a sector perform rating on the shares, said in a report on Monday.

Hayes said the company's goal is for long-term earnings per share growth to be in high single digits as it invests back into its businesses. Tyson has in the past targeted growth above 10 percent, and in fiscal 2016, its adjusted earnings rose 39 percent.

Walton foundation seeds money for loans in 2 Delta counties

Associated Press

HELENA-WEST HELENA, Ark. — The Walton Family Foundation is sending $750,000 to a loan fund to increase business lending in parts of the Arkansas and Mississippi Delta regions.

The money was loaned to Southern Bancorp Community partners, a nonprofit fund associated with Southern Bancorp, based in Helena-West Helena, Arkansas.

The money, which must be repaid after 10 years, will be loaned to small businesses and community groups in Phillips County, Arkansas, and Coahoma County, Mississippi.

Southern Bancorp Community Partners, the loan fund, seeks investments from various sources and intends to raise money to match Walton's investment.

Southern Bancorp spokesman Nathan Pittman said the loan fund secured $20 million in capital last year.

Rob Walton, former Wal-Mart Stores chairman and Sam Walton's son, was one of the founders of Southern Bancorp.

US stocks close lower

Energy companies led U.S. stocks slightly lower Monday as the price of crude oil declined, snapping a three-day winning streak for the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Phone company and real estate stocks were also among the big decliners. Technology and industrial companies eked out tiny gains.

Investors are continuing to focus on company earnings reports this week as they size up the health of Corporate America.

With just over half of all the companies in the S&P 500 having reported quarterly results, most have posted annual earnings growth. But that hasn't been enough to significantly move the stock market, which remains at near-record levels.

"A lot of this earnings growth we're seeing now is already priced in," said David Schiegoleit, managing director at the Private Client Reserve at U.S. Bank.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 19.04 points, or 0.1 percent, to 20,052.42. The S&P 500 index slid 4.86 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,292.56. The Nasdaq composite index gave up 3.21 points, or 0.1 percent, to 5,663.55.

Metal prices rise

Among metals, the price of gold rose $11.30 to $1,232.10 an ounce. Silver added 21 cents to $17.69 an ounce. Copper rose 4 cents to $2.65 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $145.12 Down 2.01

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $141.58 Down 1.12

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.88 Down 0.24

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $105.44 Up 1.02

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.35 Down 0.08

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.33 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.45 Down 0.70

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $42.05 Down 0.39

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.47 Down 0.34

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.95 Up 0.03

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		28	8.20	-.07	19.7
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	37.96	.19	3.5
Abraxas			2.40	-.07	-6.6
AdaDvsEq	92e		13.26	+.01	+4.3
AMD			14.63	+1.39	+20.2
AlonUSA	60		17.14	.06	-2.1
Amgen	4.60f	15	166.58	.95	+13.9
Anadarko	20		69.10	-1.30	-.9
Apache	1.00		57.87	-1.77	-8.8
Apple Inc	2.28	16	130.29	+1.21	+12.5
ApldMatl	40	21	35.18	-.13	+9.0
ArcelorMit		28	7.87	.05	+7.8
Archrock	48		15.05	-.23	+14.0
ATMOS	1.68	22	75.24	-.64	+1.5
AtwoodOcn	30m	2	10.91	1.74	16.9
AutoData	2.28	26	96.47	.40	6.1
BP PLC	2.40a		35.82	-.10	-4.2
BakrHu	68		61.68	.17	5.1
BcoBrad s	.43e		10.05	.13	+15.5
BcoSantSA	.23e		5.51	.21	+6.4
BkofAm	30f	18	23.12	.17	+4.6
B /PVxST rs			18.80	.02	26.3
BaringsCp s	1.20		14.93	+.21	3.6
BarrickG	.08	44	19.42	+.49	+21.5
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A			16244825.33	-820.67	+.3
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	19	61.07	-.50	-.4
BrMySq	1.56f	30	51.04	+.26	-12.7
BrownPA s		29	46.46	-.52	+.5
BrownFB s			45.45	-.25	+1.2
CVS Health	1.70f	13	76.07	+.61	-3.6
CabotO&G	.08		23.73	+2.30	+1.6
Caterpillar	3.08	28	92.87	-.41	+.1
Celestic g		10	13.51	-.16	+14.0
CntryLink	2.16	10	25.05	-.37	+5.3
ChesEng			6.38	-.19	-9.1
Chevron	4.32f		112.98	-.59	-4.0
Chicos	.32	29	13.31	-.05	-7.5
Cimarex	.32		131.20	-3.67	-3.5
Cisco	1.04	15	31.30	-.02	+3.6
Citigroup	.64	12	57.64	-.12	-3.0
ClayEng			145.12	-2.01	+21.7
CliffsNRs		21	9.10	+.31	+8.2
CocaCola	1.40	25	41.56	+.02	+.2
ColgPalm	1.56	23	65.49	-.48	+.1
ConAgra	.80	21	39.23	-.14	-.8
ConchoRes			141.58	-1.12	+6.8
ConocoPhil	1.06f		50.09	-.34	-.1
CrackerB	4.60	21	157.45	-1.05	-5.7
CSVInvNG			4.69	+.03	+54.8
CSVelVST			62.55	-.14	+33.8
CSVirSh rs			5.11	+.01	-46.3
CrosTim	1.07e	13	17.51	-.48	-2.6
DCP Mid	3.12	18	39.77	.07	+3.6
DTE	3.30f	22	98.11	.90	-.4
Dataram rs			1.44	.03	-34.5
DevonE	.24		45.27	-1.52	-.9
DrGMBr rs			12.51	-3.64	-64.3
DrGMBll s			12.94	+2.27	+121.1
DxGBull s			13.24	+1.35	+73.3
Disney	1.56f	19	109.57	-.73	+5.1
DowChm	1.84	19	60.02	-.19	+4.9
DryShp rs			5.61	+1.43	-81.0
EOG Resrcs	.67		99.70	-1.24	-1.4
EnCana g	.06		12.30	.24	+4.8
Energen	.08		53.99	-.86	-6.4
EngyTsfr	4.22		39.40		+10.0
EnPro	.84	51	67.03	-.56	-.5
EntProdPt	1.64	23	28.76	+.07	+6.4
Ericsson	.46e		5.69	-.11	-2.4
ExxonMbl	3.00	37	83.31	-.23	-7.7
Facebook		31	132.06	+1.08	+14.8
FireEye			10.85	-.08	-8.8
Fitbit n		8	5.95	-.14	-18.7
FordM	.60a	7	12.52	-.04	+3.2
FrptMcM			16.00	+.17	+21.3
FrontierCm	.42		3.93	-.09	-1.5
GATX	1.68f	9	58.23	-.37	-5.4
GabMultT	.94e		7.76	-.02	+7.2
GalenaBi rs			1.41	+.21	-27.3
GAInv	1.15e		32.65	-.06	+4.7
GenElec	.96f	24	29.86	-.04	-6.1
GenMotors	1.52	6	36.83	+.50	+5.7
Genworth			3.50	-.10	-8.1
GtPlainEn	1.10f	16	27.18	-.06	-.8
Halliburtn	.72		56.10	-.48	+3.7
Hanesbds s	.60f	12	19.32	+.34	-10.4
Hasbro	2.28f	22	94.31	+11.68	+21.2
iShChinaLC	.76e		36.79	+.16	+6.0
iShEMkts	.84e		37.66	-.09	+7.6
iS Eafe	1.70e		59.71	.43	+3.4
iShR2K	1.77e		135.84	-1.03	+.7
Intel	1.04	16	36.27	-.25	
InterDig	1.20	16	94.55	+.35	+3.5
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	86.77	-.41	-.6
JohnJn	3.20	17	113.40	-.24	-1.8
KimbClk	3.88f	20	121.24	-.30	+6.2
LegacyRes	.60m		2.35	-.08	+10.8
Lubys			3.67	-.01	-14.3
Macys	1.51	13	31.79	-.90	-11.2
McDnlds	3.76	23	124.45	+.21	+2.2
Merck	1.88f	17	64.94	+.65	+10.3
MeritMed		35	26.80	+.20	+1.1
MexcoEn					+6.6
MicronT			24.34	-.26	+11.0
Microsoft	1.56f	28	63.64	-.04	+2.4
MorgStan	.80	15	44.63	+.20	+5.6
Nabors	.24		15.82	-.39	-3.5
NatGrid	3.35e		58.14	+.13	-.3
NOilVarco	.20	20	37.46	-1.11	+.1
NwGold g		36	2.88	-.03	-17.7
NewellRub	.76	20	44.23	-2.66	-.9
NobleCorp	.08		6.90	-.38	+16.6
NokiaCp	.30e		4.75	-.08	-1.2
NSTFI3	.55e		14.30	+.06	+.9
NTXQI	.65		14.03	-.01	+2.3
Nvidia	.56f	71	117.31	+2.93	+9.9
OcciPet	3.04f		68.19	-.99	-4.3
ParTech		19	6.36	+.03	+14.0
ParkDrl			2.45		-5.8
PattUTI	.08	8	27.84	-.43	+3.4
PennaRE	.84	75	18.01	+.13	-5.0
Primian	.44e	25	8.94	-.02	+16.0
Petrobras			10.19	-.14	+.8
Pfizer	1.28f	13	32.23	+.14	-.8
PhrmAth	2.91e	1	1.01	-2.29	-68.9
PloNtl	.08		181.06	-2.76	+.6
PlainsAAP	2.20	29	32.24	+.17	-.2
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		125.83	+.15	+6.2
Praxair	3.16f	21	116.44	-1.03	-.6
PrmEgy			55.99		+3.7
PUVixST rs			23.47	-.06	
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Pulmatrix			4.98	+1.12	+744.1
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RiteAid		48	5.29	+.02	-35.8
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Vale SA	.29e		9.56	-.17	+25.5
ValeroE	2.80f	18	85.11	-.40	-4.7
VanEGold	.12e		25.40	+.90	+21.4
VanE JrGld			42.29	+3.03	+34.0
VangEmg	1.10e		38.20	-.09	+6.8
VangNatR	.36	1	.19	-.10	-71.4
VerizonCm	2.31f	12	48.03	-.55	-10.0
VulcanM	.80	44	128.08	-.80	+2.3
WEC Engy	2.08	20	57.49	-.15	-2.0
WalgBoots	1.50	17	80.80	+.33	-2.4
WeathfIntl			8.00	-.14	+20.2
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WstnRefin	.12	25	35.88	-.18	-5.2
WhitingPet			10.82	-.30	-10.0
WmsCos	.80	68	29.18	+.29	-6.3
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Xerox	.31	10	7.07	-.08	+23.0
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20,125.58	15,503.01	Dow Jones Industrials	20,052.42	-19.04	-.09	+1.47	+25.12
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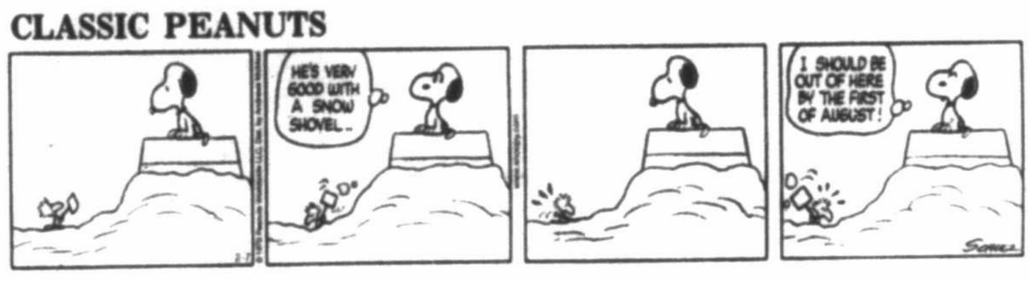
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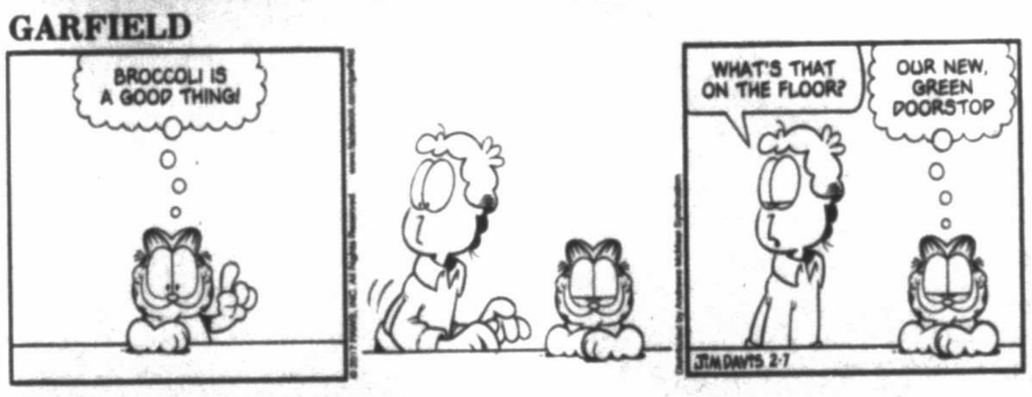
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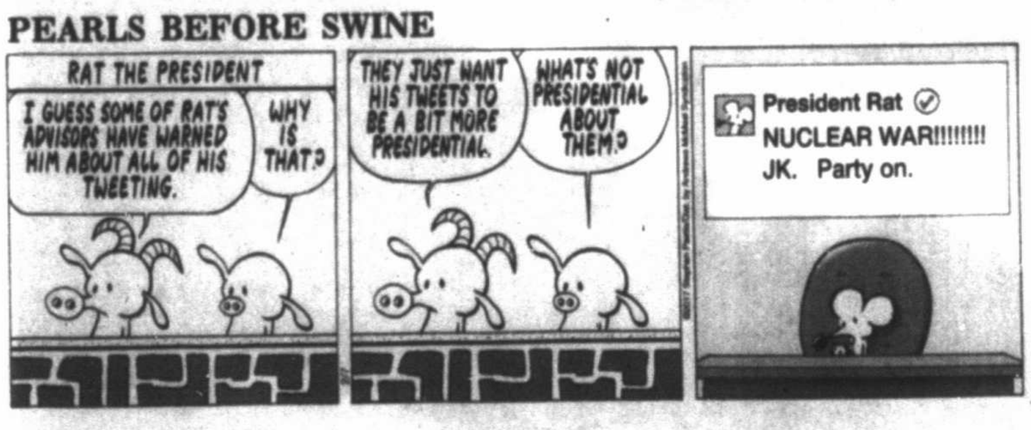
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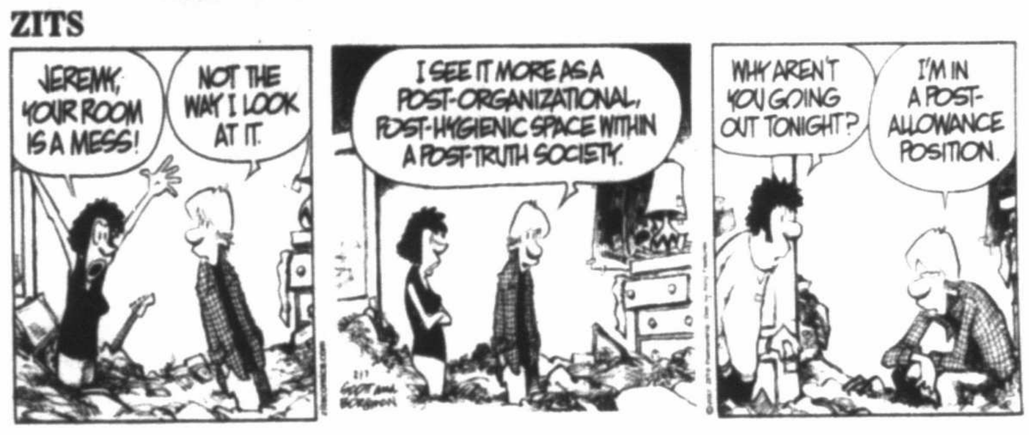
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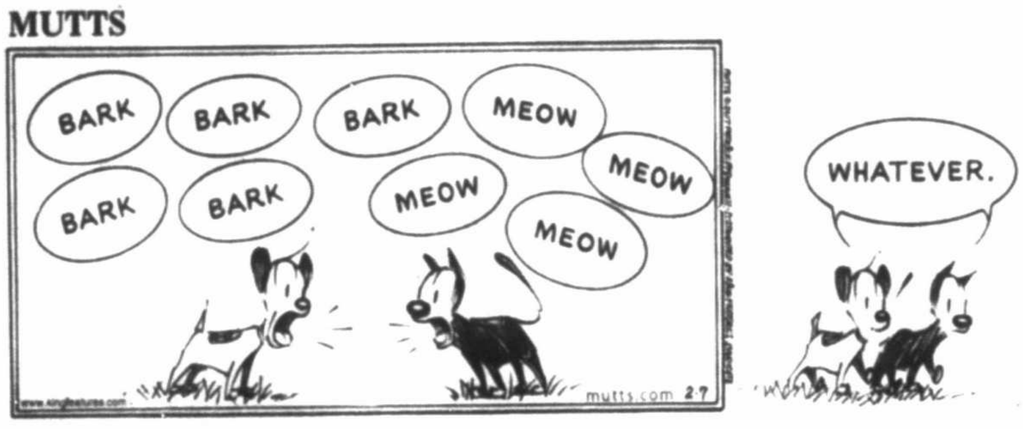
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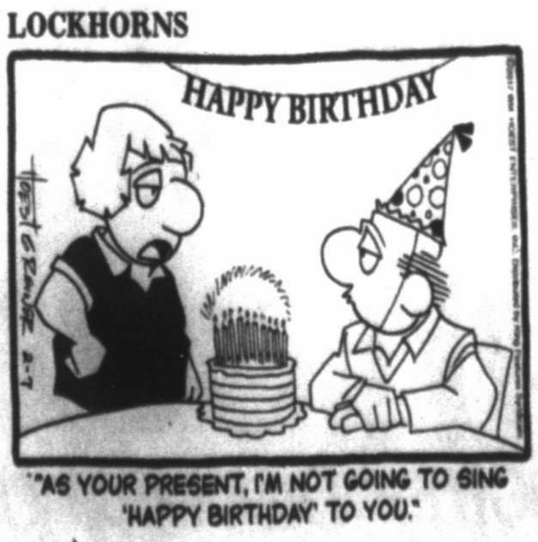


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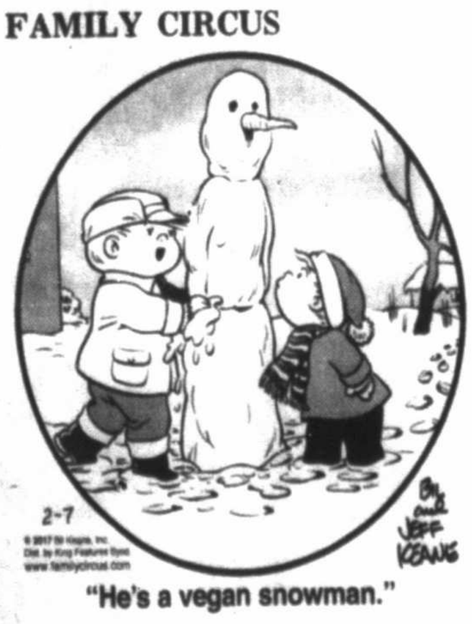


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Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm - 4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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ACCOUNTING-FINANCE

GLOBE Energy Services

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Downhole Tool Service Techs

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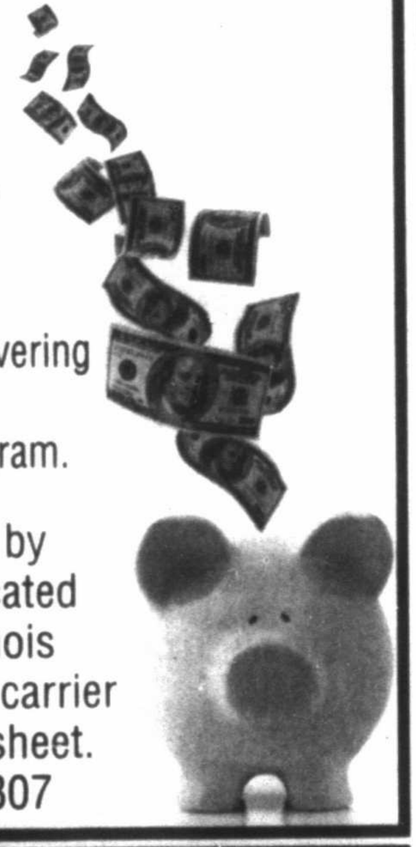
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Truck Pusher/Salesman

Truck Pusher/Salesman for a local trucking company. Must have xperience, good references and ability to follow D.O.T. regulations. Please send resume' to P. O. Box 53, Midland, Texas. 79702.

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Vacuum Truck Drivers needed. Midkiff Transports, Class A CDL required. Paid insurance & retirement benefits. Apply at 6601 FM 715, Midland, Texas.

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OTHER JOBS

Oil & Gas Field Technician

Location: Varies **Reporting To:** Boldwater Field Supervisor
Starting Date: TBD

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We are looking for motivated individuals to join us as Field Technicians to perform field work and reporting for clients within our operational purview. The individual must be willing to travel and work extended onsite shift schedules at oil & gas drilling and other field locations, communicate clearly and proficiently, exemplify superior client-service capabilities, and consistently represent Boldwater in a professional manner. Opportunities for advancement are possible. The duties of the position include, but are not limited to, the following:

• Maintain a safe working manner as the utmost priority • Receive supervision and delegate responsibility as necessary • Regular communication with client and Boldwater operations team • Work both as an individual and as a team member • Work among oil & gas drilling equipment and personnel • Learn and execute remediation and recycling work plans and implement field adjustments • Perform and facilitate job mobilization, set-up and kick-off duties • Operate heavy field equipment (excavator, backhoe, etc) • Equipment operations and safety certifications will be necessary • Complete and submit daily operational logs and reports • Inspect and maintain field equipment in good working condition • Prepare maps based on GPS coordinates for project files • Facilitate job samples for 3rd party testing

Requirements

• Oil & Gas field experience preferred • High School Diploma. College education is preferred, but not mandatory • Valid driver's license • Heavy equipment experience necessary (excavator, backhoe, etc). Certification preferred. • Basic computer skills (Microsoft Office Excel, Word, etc) • The ability to physically lift field equipment such as hoses, small pumps, etc. • All potential candidates must agree to undergo a drug test and legal background check.

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

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Amanda Maxian (713) 840-3036.

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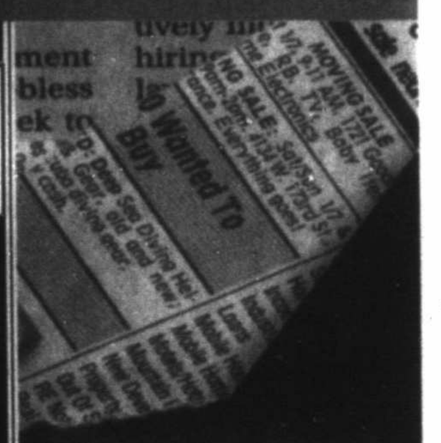
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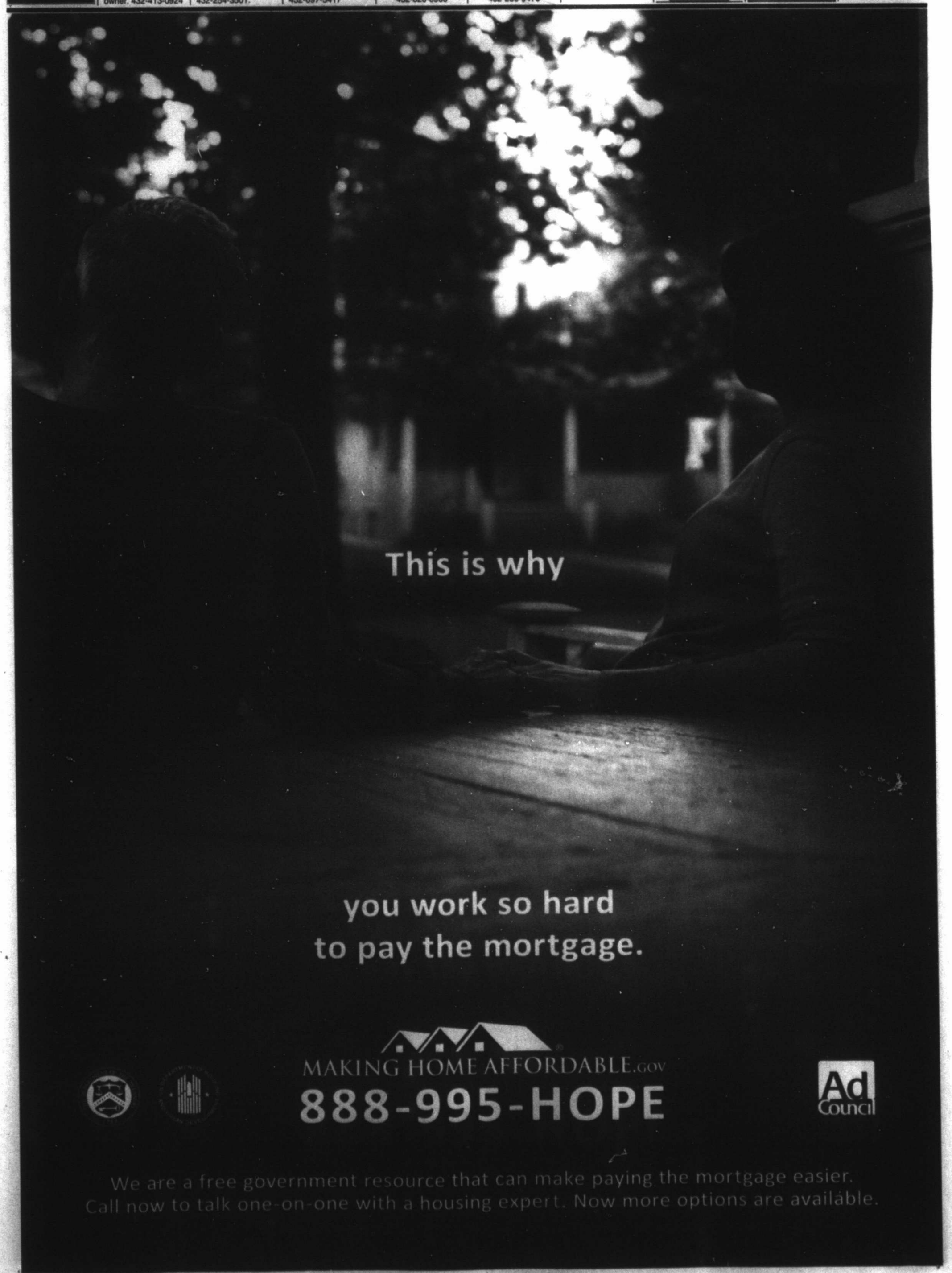
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In this Jan. 29 photo, Emily Stevenson and Alex Post repair their Tryorama at Sisyphus Brewing in Minneapolis, Minn. Ever wanted to recreate your middle school baking soda volcano? A schoolyard game of capture the flag at the Walker Sculpture Garden? So did members of The Grown-Up Club, an activity group for adults co-founded by Taylor Baldry and Victoria Nohl, the Minnesota Daily reported.

Grown-Up Club: An activity group where adults can be kids

By Maddy Folstein
Minnesota Daily

MINNEAPOLIS — Ever wanted to recreate your middle school baking soda volcano? A schoolyard game of capture the flag at the Walker Sculpture Garden?

So did members of The Grown-Up Club, an activity group for adults co-founded by Taylor Baldry and Victoria Nohl, the Minnesota Daily reported.

"I think the best thing to understand is that it started as a joke," said Grown-Up Club captain Tim Lovett. "They basically had this idea to put on these goofy (events) for their friends and strangers. It eventually morphed into a real, actual business."

Lovett became involved with the club after participating in many of their events. "I was already friends with (Baldry and Nohl), and I would go to every event that they put on , but I'm not really a person who can just sit and watch," he said.

Recently, the Grown-Up Club hosted a contest for adults, "Tryorama: A Diorama Fair for Grown-Ups."

"We had done a science fair last April, and we had people asking if we could do a diorama fair, too," Lovett said. "We're always looking to push it past expectations to make it even weirder."

Participants were asked to create a diorama imagining what the United States will be like in 50 years.

"We wanted to acknowledge how crazy the world is right now," Lovett said. "We're judging (the dioramas) based on originality, creativity and then on presentation."

Another stand-out event that the Grown-Up Club hosts is "The Singles Exchange."

"People give PowerPoint presentations about their single friends (who are not in attendance). It's for an audience of people who are also there representing their single friends. Then you send them off on a blind date," Lovett said. "It's great because it gives you an opportunity to talk about why your friend is awesome, but also why your friend is not awesome."

Besides playing matchmaker, the Grown-Up Club encourages participants to return to the games and activities they enjoyed as kids.

"Every year we play capture the flag in the Walker Sculpture Garden," Lovett said. "When you have a bunch of people that are just a little too out of shape to be playing capture the flag it's so much fun. We were actually in people's wedding pictures (one year)."

The club provides a combination of escapism and inspiration for its members, the likes of which captains of the club acknowledge are not readily available for adults.

"(Adults) don't have a lot of opportunities to get out of our comfort zone and do something that's ridiculous," Lovett said. "It's not a real club. No one pays for membership, but it's about being a part of a community that means a lot to people."

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GUEST VIEW

Science classes should teach real science

Beaumont Enterprise

The State Board of Education didn't do Texas students any favors last week when it rejected efforts to remove vague references to creationism in high school biology curriculum.

Not only are the realities of evolution and natural selection endorsed by virtually all serious scientists, this issue doesn't have to conflict with anyone's religious beliefs. Countless educated Christians believe in a supreme being and the science of evolution. The two are compatible, and this old controversy should have been settled long ago.

Unfortunately, it lingers in the biology curriculum in the form of standards that call for students to "evaluate scientific explanations" (which are actually non-scientific) on subjects like the origin of life and the appearance of fossils.

The real science on these issues is clear, even if scientists still debate various points. That's the way modern science works, and the process invariably leads to a greater understanding of complex subjects.

Texans also should not be misled by claims that it's fair to teach "both sides" of this issue. Astronomy classes don't waste time on astrology, and geography classes don't give a nod to flat-earthers.

Today's high school students will grow up in a world that requires more knowledge and skills, not fewer. Our great institutions of higher learning like the University of Texas and Texas A&M University, with their world-renowned researchers and Nobel laureates, need students who are ready for their demanding curricula.

The board even rejected the advice of its own panel of educators and experts, who said that teachers don't want to waste precious class time on non-scientific topics. That's important these days as schools struggle to balance increasing demands for more courses and extracurricular activities in a limited schedule.

The board's 9-5 vote unfortunately went along party lines. Local member David Bradley even predicted "a Republican vote." Science is neither Democrat or Republican, and the State Board of Education should realize that.

Advances in artificial intelligence are staggering

Dear PropellerHeads: I see all these articles from Google, Apple, and others about artificial intelligence. Lord knows with our current political scene, we could use all the help we can get. What's up?

A: I hear you. With "intelligence" appearing in quotes so much these days, I certainly don't know what is real news and what is "fake news."

That being said, the recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) are amazing. The pace of this technology has been nothing short of startling. The folks at PropellerHead Central have taken notice in a bigly way. Yes, this is something different and it will have a yuuuge impact on all of us.

First, a primer. Digital computers are capable of doing complex calculations, storing a lot of data, and then acting on the data in a meaningful way as long as they are programmed to do so. Think of a computer like your Excel spreadsheet. It can perform calculations and do things like highlight cells when they exceed certain values. But that is dependent on you putting in the calculations and the conditions. When factors change, the programming has to change. This is how computers have worked for decades.

The problem with this method of getting computers to help us, is that for very complex problems, the effort to program a complete solution can be close to impossible.

Enter Artificial intelligence. This basically describes the computer science field where computers can get "smarter" on their own and independently solve problems and make observations.

Consider that writing a program that can identify a raccoon in a random photograph is very hard. But what if we loaded a bunch of pictures with raccoons tagged into an AI computer? After a while, the computer could teach itself how to pick them out based on all sorts of factors. Now consider that in the process it also figures out how to identify lots of other animals, and while it's doing that it catalogs a bunch of plants.

Artificial intelligence gets its recent roots from work done at MIT in the mid-50s. In the interim, expert systems, big data analysis, and analytics have contributed to its evolution. Now, the big breakthrough comes from neural networks (bit.ly/2jCXBu5). Intended to be modeled after our brains, the idea is that connections are spontaneously created by the computer as observations are analyzed. Pretty much how we learn.

Take, for instance, how we might "learn" that something may be very hot without actually feeling it. It smokes or steams; it is red or on fire; it makes a sizzling sound; you smell cooking; you see a pan on a stove; you see someone stirring a pot; you hear someone scream when they burn themselves.

None of these uses your sense of touch, but they are all strong signals of heat. Similarly, the lack of these signals, or others like frost, may indicate cold and thus eliminate the possibility of a high temperature. This is an example of an unexpected perception. One lesson teaches you another.

The connections that let you draw those conclusions can be modeled by a computer system (with a little trial and error). That's what a neural network does. Suffice it to say that very clever programming, massive storage capacities, and faster processors have made it possible. Want to play a bit with this technology? Try this simulator: bit.ly/2ivc0eY.

This can be scary to some. If computers keep getting smarter on their own, won't they eventually be smarter than us? Too late, that ship has sailed. As I write this article, humans can no longer keep up with computers playing chess, playing Go, or now the holy grail, playing poker (bit.ly/2jjD11I). Think about it, an AI computer may be able to better navigate the China-Taiwan global dynamic and not take a damaging phone call.

The big guys don't want to fall behind, so they are working hard to emerge as AI leaders. Microsoft just purchased startup Maluuba (bit.ly/2iViqAr) to help with natural language interpretation. Google is using AI with everything from its search and photo recognition (auto-tagging) to its translation (nyti.ms/2hkLTCd). Amazon's Echo (Alexa) and Apple's Siri are both big AI fans.

I am optimistic about our future with artificial intelligence and the promises it brings. Maybe someone could call the White House and suggest we create an AI cabinet position.

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