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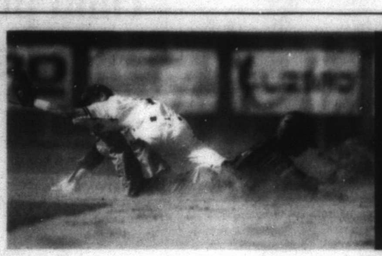

TODAY IN SPORTS

Against visiting Wolfforth Frenship, the Rebels fell behind 3-0 in a wobbly first inning for the second straight game. But no one in the Lee dugout flinched and the Rebel bats calmly battled back.

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Oil giants upending shale turf, wildcat rulers

By Javier Blas
Bloomberg

Big Oil is muscling in on shale country. ExxonMobil, Royal Dutch Shell and Chevron are jumping into American shale with gusto, planning to spend a combined $10 billion this year, up from next to nothing only a few years ago.

The giants are gaining a foothold in West Texas with such projects as Bongo 76-43, a well which is being drilled 10,000 feet beneath the table-flat, sage-scented desert, and which then extends horizontally for a mile, blasting through rock to capture light crude from the sprawling Permian Basin.

More inside

Chris Tomlinson: Now the battle of oil producers really begins.

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Although the first chapter of the U.S. shale revolution belonged to wildcatters such as Harold Hamm and the late Aubrey McClendon, who parlayed borrowed money into billions, Bongo 76-43 is financed by Shell.

If the big boys are successful, they'll scramble the U.S. energy business, boost American oil production, keep prices low, and steal influence from big producers, such as Saudi Arabia. And even with their enviable balance sheets, the majors have been as relentless in transforming shale drilling into a more economical operation as the pioneering wildcatters before them.

"We've turned shale drilling from art into science," Cindy Taff, Shell's vice president of unconventional wells, said on a recent visit to Bongo 76-43, about 100 miles west of Midland, capital of the Permian.

Bongo 76-43, named after an African antelope, is an example of a leaner, faster industry nicknamed "Shale 2.0" after the 2014 oil-price crash. Traditionally, oil companies drilled one well per pad-the flat area they clear to put in the rig. At Bongo 76-43, Shell is drilling five wells in a single pad for the first time, each about 20 feet apart. That saves money otherwise spent moving rigs from site to site. Shell said it's now able to drill 16 wells with a single rig every year, up from six in 2013.

With multiple wells on the same pad, a

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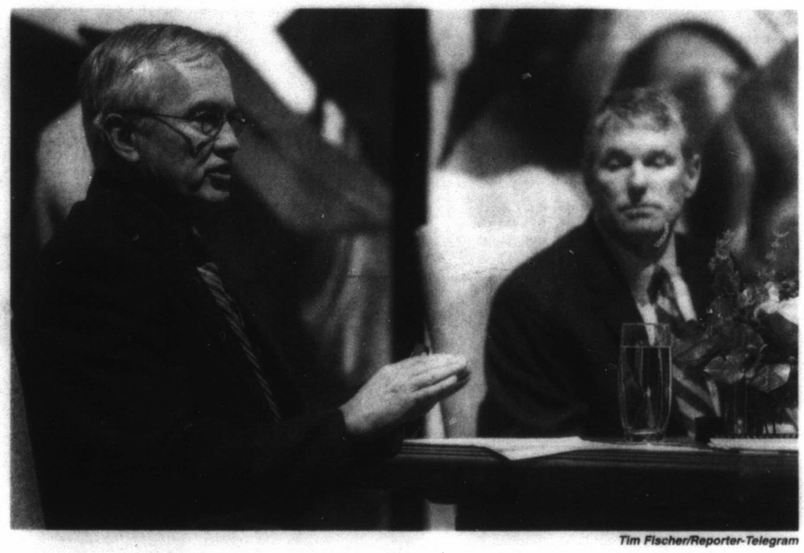

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MISD Interim Superintendent Rod Schroder and MISD board President Rick Davis speak Tuesday at the annual Chamber of Commerce State of Education luncheon at the Horseshoe Pavillion.

Interim superintendent hands out 'straight talk' at State of Education

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It didn't take long during the State of Education luncheon Tuesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion for a packed house to get to know Midland ISD's interim Superintendent Rod Schroder.

As was described, he's a straight-shooter.

"I'm going to take you through some data," Schroder said. "This data is not necessarily complimentary."

And that launched an eye-opening look at what Schroder saw when he arrived at Midland ISD.

■ Midland ISD students were meeting state standards at a rate that was below the state average and below trend taking place around the state. Midland's 66 percent passage rate trailed significantly comparable districts Hurst-Euless-Bedford (85), Cy-Fair (83), San Antonio Northeast (79) and San Antonio Northside (79).

■ MISD's economically disadvantaged students were graduating at a rate of 71 percent. The state average for economically disadvantaged students was 85.9 percent. All students inside the district also graduate at a rate well behind comparable districts.

■ Twenty-five percent of campuses were rated "improvement required" by the Texas Education Agency. Some were IR for multiple years.

"That shocked me," Schroder said. "In Amarillo when we had one go on IR, we got after it and got them off (the IR list)."

■ In grades 3-8, between 46 and 54 percent of students were able to meet Level II state standards on 2016 STAAR math and reading tests. Schroder considers being able to pass both tests

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Superintendent search will be about more than leadership profile

Editor's note: The leadership profile being sent out appears in its entirety at the end of this article.

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Midland ISD interim Superintendent Rod Schroder said Tuesday that education is going through a transformation — from a "less autocratic system" to a "more entrepreneurial system."

The Midland ISD board has been working this year to adjust to the new education reality. District officials expect trustees' superintendent search will show that.

On Tuesday night, the board put the finishing touches on a leadership profile that will be part of a package of information given to interested candidates. This package includes the district's recently completed Lone Star Governance Report, which is the district's road map moving forward.

The governance report includes superintendent and board constraints, goals, progress measures and a theory of action. For Schroder — who spent 15 years as Amarillo ISD's superintendent before coming to Midland this school year — that document (officially called the district's "AE Local" document) will be a big hook.

Earlier in the day at the State of Education event, Schroder described how the Midland ISD board has made the moves to create a district that is less top-heavy.

"When they (Hazard, Young Attea & Associates search firm members) said they shared the draft of the AE local, it was clearly received well by candidates they are talking to," Schroder said. "That is somewhat unique to see a board that is focused and has the roles defined for a superintendent and a board already laid out ahead of time. That will be exciting based on (the firm members') comments."

The leadership profile was based on feedback from the community, including board members, business leaders, teachers, administration and other interested groups. Listening session results included

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Did you know?
One of President Donald Trump's earliest campaign supporters in Oklahoma has been charged with child prostitution. More on this on Page 2A.

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

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adjective
1. of the age of 70 years or between 70 and 80 years old.

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Cities, sheriffs find flaws in Trump's immigration jail list

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Several city officials and sheriffs around the U.S. lashed out Tuesday at a White House report aiming to shame them over what the Trump administration sees as lax immigration policies, saying it includes wrong or misleading information about recent arrests of immigrants or their jail policies.

The pushback was not just from liberal local governments that are at odds with President Donald Trump over immigration crackdowns and his promise to deport "bad dudes" living in the United States illegally. In Texas, the elected Republican sheriff of conservative Williamson County said his jail didn't refuse four recent immigration detainer requests as claimed.

The list was prompted by an executive order signed by Trump in January that called on the government to document which local jurisdictions aren't cooperating with federal efforts to find and deport immigrants in the country illegally.

The first list was released Monday, citing 206 examples of immigrants who were said to have been released from custody by local jails despite requests from federal agents. The requests, often called "detainers," have taken on a greater role in the immigration debate under Trump, who strenuously opposes local policies that grant leniency to people in the country illegally.

Many "sanctuary cities" choose to not honor the requests when immigrants complete their sentences and are released from jail.

City and county officials in Oregon, Rhode Island and Texas either disputed how the report characterized their handling of immigrant arrests or challenged some of the cases. Williamson County Sheriff Robert Chody called the report from U.S. immigration and Customs Enforcement "misleading."

The list was published as some cities and counties are concerned about the administration pulling federal funding over so-called "sanctuary cities," something the new president has vowed to do.

"They cast a very broad net in who they included in this list. We're all still trying to figure out what is accomplished by this list and also how it's going to be used," said Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza.

Rhode Island generally does not honor most ICE detainer requests, but Elorza said Providence appeared to have been included over a 2011 non-binding city resolution that he says wasn't about detainers.

An ICE spokeswoman did not immediately comment on the disputed reports. The agency has already acknowledged some mistakes: Hours after the report was released Monday, ICE corrected 14 rejected detainers in Texas that were mistakenly listed from the Travis County State Jail. That facility is run by the state prison system and not Travis County, which is home to liberal Austin and had roughly two-thirds of the total number of cases on the list.

Gov. Greg Abbott has blocked $1.5 million to Travis County after the newly elected Democratic sheriff announced after Trump's inauguration that her jails would no longer honor all detainer requests. Abbott called the DHS report "deeply disturbing" and used it to rally his call for a statewide ban on so-called "sanctuary cities" in Texas.

The report wasn't the only ICE concern for Texas officials. A federal magistrate judge said in open court this week that ICE officials told him a recent immigration sweep in Austin was set off by the change in Travis County's immigrant detention policy. ICE has previously said the operations in Austin and other cities were business as usual.

In Oregon, Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett said the report doesn't accurately describe the legal problems with complying. A 2014 federal court ruling in Oregon found that law enforcement could be held liable for keeping someone in jail for immigration agents without probable cause.

The sheriff in Riverside County, California, had similar concerns. Sheriff's authorities there won't turn over immigrants to ICE because of the federal court ruling, but they will provide information about immigrants' scheduled release dates when a detainer is filed, said Assistant Sheriff Jerry Gutierrez.

The ICE report highlights a variety of crimes that included everything from traffic violations and drunken driving to rape and homicide. It does not list names, making it difficult to verify the facts surrounding the cases.

And the number cited in the report is somewhat murky. It doesn't represent all the cases in which immigration authorities sought custody of people facing criminal charges, with major cities like New York and Los Angeles underrepresented on the list. It's also unclear what period it covers.

Lawmaker charged with child prostitution filed odd bills

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — A Republican state senator charged with child prostitution once proposed a bill to prohibit the use of human fetuses in food and spent 17 years working with a program that introduces young people to government.

Shortey

Sen. Ralph Shortey, who was elected to represent part of the Oklahoma City area, planned to resign Wednesday after being accused of soliciting sex from a 17-year-old boy, according to his attorney.

Joe Dorman, a former Democratic state representative who was active in the same youth program, said the 35-year-old lawmaker was "peculiar" and "a little quirky."

"But in politics, you see all kinds of personalities," Dorman said. "But I would have never expected this."

Police in suburban Moore arrested Shortey last week after finding him with the boy in a hotel room off the interstate. The FBI and Secret Service said they have joined the investigation.

Attorney Ed Blau declined to comment Tuesday on the allegations. Shortey has not responded to phone and text messages from The Associated Press.

Shortey was an early supporter and volunteer last year for Donald Trump's campaign in Oklahoma, but Blau said he did not believe the FBI or Secret Service's involvement has anything to do with his client's political work.

The FBI conducted a search of Shortey's home, and the Secret Service often lends its expertise in computer and cellphone forensics to local law enforcement agencies.

A physically imposing man standing 6-foot-5 and weighing 315 pounds, Shortey frequently wore a fedora or straw hat that made him appear even taller.

Aside from his legislative work, he was known for his long-running involvement in a YMCA's youth government program.

Shortey became active in the program in high school and later served as a chaperone on several out-of-state trips. YMCA spokeswoman Brenda Bennett said she did not know of any allegations of wrongdoing involving his work.

He also volunteered as a bus driver for children who attended Oklahoma City's Southwest Baptist Church, where he attended services since his own childhood.

"He was very outgoing, never met a stranger," assistant pastor Ted Inman said. "We're all flabbergasted."

Shortey was a staunch conservative in the GOP-dominated Legislature, but also a bit of an outsider in the Senate fraternity, according to many of those who served with him.

"I was unaware of him having any close friendships here in the Senate," said Republican Sen. David Holt, who was first elected to the Senate in 2010, the same year as Shortey. "He was here so seldom that it made it hard to get to know him."

Shortey's voting record shows that despite living in the state's capital city, he missed nearly half of the votes before most of his Senate privileges were suspended last week, according to eCapitol, an online bill tracking service.

He also frustrated the occasional security guard posted at the state Capitol entrance by breezing through the metal detector and setting off the alarms but refusing to stop and be screened like all other visitors.

"If a legislator wants to carry a firearm in the Capitol, I think they have a constitutional protection to do that," Shortey told the AP last year, despite a Department of Public Safety prohibition on anyone bringing a gun into the Capitol building except for licensed law enforcement officers.

Court records show Shortey had some past financial difficulties dating back to before his time in the Senate, including an eviction, debt-related lawsuits and foreclosure proceedings.

He launched a political consulting firm, Precision Strategy Group, in 2014 that assisted numerous Republican candidates.

Campaign finance reports show his company has received more than $300,000 in payments from various campaigns for consulting, direct mail and polling services.

Shortey also worked earlier this year as a consultant for former state Rep. Dan Kirby, a Republican from Tulsa who resigned after being accused of sexually harassing two former legislative assistants.

When it came to legislation, Shortey developed a reputation early in his career for his harsh stance on illegal immigration, an unusual juxtaposition since he represents a heavily Hispanic district on the south side of Oklahoma City.

Among the early bills he wrote was one to deny Oklahoma citizenship to babies born to parents in the country illegally and another that would allow police not only to question people about their immigration status, but also to confiscate property — including homes and vehicles — belonging to those in the country illegally.

He later developed a niche for legislation targeting the bail bond industry, including one eventually signed by the governor to regulate bail enforcers that earned Shortey a visit from noted bounty hunter Duane "Dog" Chapman and his wife, Beth, stars of the reality television show "Dog the Bounty Hunter."

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Texas Senate OKs plan to slow local property tax increases

The Texas Senate has approved a plan designed to slow the increase of local property taxes as Republicans scramble to deliver on fiscally conservative promises despite a state budget crunch.

Tuesday's 18-12 vote sends to the state House a bill by Houston Republican Sen. Paul Bettencourt requiring local governments to seek voter approval via special elections when raising property taxes by at least 5 percent.

The current cap triggers elections on increases of 8 percent or more. Statewide, more than half of all property taxes collected go to funding public schools.

Local governments oppose the bill as legislative overreach, which may hurt it in the House.

Slumping oil prices have left Texas potentially $6 billion short of the funding needed to maintain current spending levels, making tax cuts especially contentious.

AUSTIN

Voucher plan begins rocky journey through Texas Legislature

Texas lawmakers have begun grappling with a hot-button voucher plan offering families public money to send their children to private and religious schools.

Friendswood Republican Sen. Larry Taylor's bill would create state-subsidized education saving accounts for parents and offer tax credits to businesses that sponsor children's private schooling via donations.

The issue has roiled the Legislature for years, with the Republican-led Senate backing "school choice" but such plans stalling in the GOP-controlled House. There, lawmakers worry about harming public schools that are the lifeblood of small communities they represent.

Taylor heads the Senate Education Committee, which is hearing from education and business groups applauding, and public school advocates decrying, his bill Tuesday.

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Texas 'affluenza' teen's lawyers seek his release from jail

Lawyers for a Texas teenager who used an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving wreck have turned to the Texas Supreme Court in an effort to secure his release from jail.

The motion filed Friday on behalf of 19-year-old Ethan Couch argues that a judge had no authority to sentence Couch to nearly two years in jail after his case was moved from juvenile to adult court.

Couch's attorneys argue that the judge only had jurisdiction over criminal cases and that juvenile matters are civil.

Couch was given 10 years' probation after killing four people in a 2013 wreck. He later violated his probation.

A defense expert invoked the term "affluenza" in arguing during the sentencing phase of the teenager's trial that he was coddled into a sense of irresponsibility.

FORT WORTH

Parents of murder victim want killer spared from execution

The parents of a North Texas man shot to death during a robbery in 2006 believe the execution of their son's killer set for next month should be called off and the man convicted in the killing should be locked up for life without parole.

Glenn and Judy Cherry, whose son, Jonas, was killed in the robbery of an amusement center outside Fort Worth, have written state and Tarrant County officials advocating condemned inmate Paul Storey be spared from lethal injection April 12, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

In an affidavit, Cherry's parents said Storey's execution won't bring back their son or atone for his loss.

"We are satisfied that Paul Storey remaining in prison until his death will assure that he cannot murder another innocent person in the community, and with this outcome we are satisfied and convinced that lawful retribution is exercised concerning the death of our son," they wrote.

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that the No. 1 challenge for the district was facilities. Student performance came in at No. 4.

Superintendent attributes included integrity, believes/supports every student and is committed/invested to stay in Midland.

Communication topped the list of expertise or experience sought. Academic leadership experience was second, followed by cultural competency and turnaround success.

The need to collaborate and be visible are the styles sought most. Those were followed by being approachable and data-driven.

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LEADERSHIP PROFILE OF SUPERINTENDENT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS

After seeking input from administrators, community members, faculty, parents, students, and support staff, the Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees seeks an individual who is focused on student outcomes with a commitment to integrity, who is an effective communicator with all stakeholders. This professional is a people person, who is passionate about providing excellent education for all students, while promoting and overseeing instructional best practices based upon a career of successful educational leadership and school district administration.

In addition, the selected candidate will have demonstrated turnaround success experience in a diverse setting, while possessing the necessary financial management skills. The next superintendent of Midland Independent School District will be a leader, invested in the community and committed to stay for an extended tenure. This individual will be culturally competent, embrace and value diversity while leading the continuous improvement of a School District with a plan for school improvement.

This outstanding collaborative leader openly seeks the input of others, demonstrating the value of the students, staff and the community. The next superintendent of the Midland Independent School District will balance being visible and approachable throughout the District with being actively engaged in the community.

Midland Independent School District's next leader will demonstrate the qualities of a strategic thinker and leader who makes recommendations to the Board through data driven decisions that will enhance the plan developed by the Board and staff (see attached governance report). Further, the new superintendent will engage all stakeholders so as to reinforce the bonds among the schools, the central office, and the community to advocate for children.

Further, the Midland Independent School District seeks a superintendent who has a proven track record of implementing the following priorities:

- Establish a culture of high expectations for all students and personnel
- Foster a positive professional climate of mutual trust and respect among faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Demonstrate a deep understanding of educational research and emerging best practices and implement strategies
- Recruit, employ, and retain effective personnel throughout the District and its schools
- Effectively plan and manage the long-term financial health of the District
- Provide transparent communication
- Be visible throughout the District and actively engaged in community life (CE)
- Understand and be sensitive to the needs of a diverse student population (Teaching Learning).

SCHRODER

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as a requirement for advancing to the next grade.

- The district was 10 years behind in the development of professional learning communities (PLCs), he said. Coincidentally, statistics show Midland ISD's downward performance trend started around a decade ago.

"(MISD's) system is top-down, and top-down doesn't work," Schroder said. "I was struck by how top-heavy the district was. That has to change. We have to empower the campuses and teachers."

For those who didn't realize the depth of Midland's academic performance problems, this straight-talking outsider provided a quick glimpse of where the district stood. He didn't mince words. And just as he was crystal clear about the task at hand, he offered the business leaders in attendance reasons to believe things would get better.

With that, the veteran educator with more than 40 years of experience in Amarillo ISD alone, rattled off what will get Midland ISD back on track. His three-pronged strategy involves teachers and district staff having a growth mindset for their students; a no-excuses philosophy; and fidelity in its instructional process, specifically the PLC's that he believes will make the weak campuses better and the better campuses even stronger.

He talked about how the board has fundamentally changed from the one that hired him. He specifically referenced the Lone Star Governance Report, created by the board and MISD leadership, and how he doesn't know of "a board in Texas that has taken this type of a bold plan and embraced it."

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MISD Interim Superintendent Rod Schroder

"This has a theory of action that is solid and research-based and provides a great future for the district," Schroder said.

Trustees have had a hectic start to the 2017 calendar year. They created, unveiled and approved the governance report; began the superintendent search; and at Monday night's meeting voted to close Crockett Elementary, which has been plagued by academic performance issues for more than six years.

Closing Crockett and then voting to move students from Fasken Elementary into the east Midland campus (which will be renamed) showed this board can make decisions that aren't based on adult convenience.

"It would have been 10 times more difficult to do (the governance report)," without Schroder's influence on the board, said trustee John Kennedy. "He was the grease that made everything happen.

"We can be a school district that is one of the best in Texas, not just one of the best in West Texas. But we could be one of the best in the nation if we stick to our guns and continue the progress we have already started," Kennedy said.

When asked to offer some words for the business community, Schroder said it is important that the business community feels a need to be involved.

"Be patient. Changing culture is hard," he said.

Schroder also said behavioral change is required at all levels, and because of that, a turnaround will take a while.

"He has established a great vision for MISD — one that is accountable, one that reminds teachers and all educators that every child can learn, which I think is one of the most important messages any educational institution can adopt," Abell-Hanger Foundation Executive Director Mark Palmer said. "I think he has been transformative to MISD."

Midland College raises tuition and fees

By Simone Jasper
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Midland College students will pay more next school year after the MC board of trustees voted Tuesday to increase tuition and general use fees. The decision came as the college anticipates cuts in state funding.

The cost for each semester credit hour will increase $3 for in-district students, $5 for out-of-district students and $7 for non-resident students. The increases apply to lower- and upper-division courses.

The per-semester cost of meal plans also will increase in 2017-18. The changes, effective this fall, are expected to produce about $450,000.

President Steve Thomas said state funding as a portion of the college's operating budget is about 15 percent — a historic low. He said the raise in tuition and fees helps to cover expected cuts from the Texas Legislature.

"Because of projections of state revenue for this legislative session, we'll be lucky if we receive any additional money," Thomas said.

Rick Bender, vice president of administrative services, said the college also doesn't anticipate an increase in the amount it will receive from its other revenue source, property taxes.

He said the tuition and fees at MC are comparable to other colleges in Texas.

"We're currently below our regional peers and slightly above the state average," Bender said.

The board also approved $261,400 for safety-related repairs for the parking lot behind Cogdell Learning Center.

Tuition by the numbers

Tuition and fees per semester credit hour in 2017-18

Lower-division courses	
In-district	$89
Out-of-district	$141
Non-resident	$183
Upper-division courses (bachelor of applied technology)	
In-district	$137
Out-of-district	$189
Non-resident	$231

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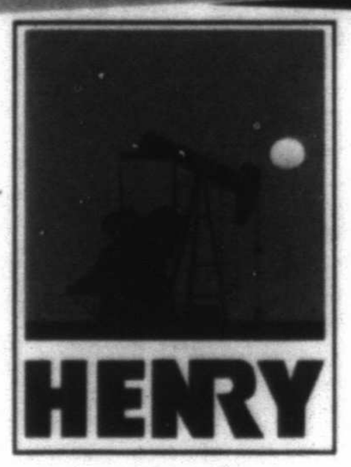

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Another hot one

For the fourth time in five days, the National Weather Service has reported a record high temperature at Midland International Air & Space Port.

The high on Tuesday reached 96 degrees, which broke the previous record for March 21 of 92 degrees set in 1995.

The following are a string of new marks set in the past week.

Friday	91 degrees
Sunday	90 degrees
Monday	94 degrees
Tuesday	96 degrees

Note: The typical average temperature is 71 degrees.

Warmest months of March

1. 1974	62.7
2. 2011	61.9
3. 2012	61.1
4. 2016	60.7
5. 1953	60.6

Note: The average temperature for March 2017 through Monday was 62.7 degrees.

Source: National Weather Service

4B forums

The 4B election is scheduled for May 6. Before the election, there will be forums where residents can get more information about the proposal involving the quarter-cent sales tax.

The following are upcoming 4B election forums:

April 12: Midland County Republican Women, 11:30 a.m., Midland Country Club. Contact www.mcrw.us for more information.

April 13: League of Women Voters, 7:30 p.m., Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. Contact http://lwv.org/local-league/lwv-midland

Note: To add your event to the calendar, please send your information to news@mrt.com.

Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library.10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Cookies with a Cop, 4 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

■ Adult Paint and Sip: "Wine Time." 6:30 p.m., The Wine Rack, 4610 N. Garfield St. $35 per person. kiddsandcanvasparties.com.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $8. For more information call 432-682-8595.

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Texas Triple Chance: 1-3-9-11-14-37-43-47-49-53
Mega Millions: 4-45-53-73-75 MB: 7 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 3-4-5-6-8-9-10-11-12-14-15-21
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All or Nothing evening: 1-4-7-8-9-10-13-16-17-19-20-24
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Today in history

Today is Wednesday, March 22, the 81st day of 2017. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 22, 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.)

EVERYONE'S MOVING AGAIN

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The extension of Beal Parkway was open Tuesday with the two-lane roadway and bike/walk pathways going from Thomason Drive to Leisure Drive near Beal Park. There is a new four-way stop at the intersection of Thomason, Illinois Avenue and Beal Parkway. Engineers designed the project to be pedestrian- and bike-friendly and connects portions of an existing hike/bike trail system. This created three continuous miles of trail between Beal Park and Lancaster Park.

Now the battle of oil producers really begins

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ ANALYSIS

Round one of the competition for dominance in the crude oil market is over. Let the crux of the battle begin.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which produces a third of the world's oil, is out of easy tricks to sell as much oil as it wants at a price that meets its members' revenue needs. OPEC's nemesis? U.S. shale companies.

Enough shale companies have survived the crucible of low prices that they are coming back strong. The fact that OPEC is limiting production now to keep prices from going down is giving them hope, even if the promise is really quite tenuous.

The contest is for share of the crude oil market, which has not grown as quickly as most experts expected. Unable to cooperate, oil producers are facing a battle of attrition to see who can suffer the most and stay in business.

Can shale really make money at current prices? Will OPEC allow U.S. crude exports to erode its market share or let prices drop even lower?

This new round started two weeks ago, when oil prices declined 10 percent. The international benchmark dropped below OPEC's desired range on news of increased U.S. production and stubbornly high inventories. The international benchmark settled at $51.78 on Friday afternoon, just barely above OPEC's $50 goal.

That's because U.S. oil companies have been bragging about how they've cut their production costs more than 30 percent since Saudi Arabia allowed the crude price to collapse on Thanksgiving Day 2014. That surprise move was intended to put shale drillers out of business and protect the Saudis' market share, but it didn't do the job.

Saudi Arabia can produce crude cheaper than just about anyone else, but oil is also the country's primary source of income. In order to allow crude prices to float freely, at one point down to $29 a barrel, the government burned through its foreign reserves and borrowed heavily.

Last December, OPEC decided that low prices were taking too high a toll on its member countries and negotiated a deal with national oil companies around the world to take 1.2 million barrels off the market. Prices jumped back above $50, and OPEC ministers had high hopes for $60.

While the OPEC strategy bankrupted more than 150 shale drillers, many survived. And bankruptcy is often just a purgatory for oil companies, one from which they can emerge after finding new financiers, as many have done.

Traders sent prices higher on news of the OPEC deal, at least for a while. The move was in anticipation of a drop in the record amount of crude in storage and the continued depression in America's shale oil fields. Neither has come to pass.

"The crude inventory overhang relative to last year continues to be the most worrisome," said Anthony Starkey, manager of energy analysis, Platts Analytics, the forecasting and analytics unit of S&P Global Platts. "More time is needed to see whether the OPEC supply cuts will be sufficient in rebalancing markets in the first half of this year."

To get ahead of any rebalancing, shale drillers are hiring more rigs to begin drilling again, adding 21 on Friday alone. My colleague David Hunn reports that U.S. companies will boost spending by $25 billion in 2017.

Shale company executives have said they are confident they can make money within the OPEC range of $50-$60 and increase production. That has clearly frustrated the Saudi energy minister, who doesn't want any new production coming online.

"Certainly, I have made clear that the excessive production that I saw coming out of shale three, four years ago cannot be absorbed by the global market," Minister Khalid Al-Falih told Bloomberg News. "We will see what levels of production are. We hope they will be manageable."

This is exactly the scenario the Saudis wanted to avoid. They worried that if they cut production to raise prices, others would simply produce more to fill the void. Those extra barrels wipe out OPEC's ability to set prices and ultimately lower revenue because they've lost market share.

As long as inventories are high, and shale drillers keep adding wells, prices are unlikely to go much higher. The real risk is that they could go lower if OPEC doesn't renew the current quotas when the members meet again on May 25.

Will OPEC ministers see shale production go up and decide that production cuts will only lead to lost market share? If OPEC lifts its quotas, we will almost certainly see $40 oil again.

That's a real dilemma for Saudi Arabia, which hopes to sell stock in its national oil company next year. Since the value of an oil company is directly related to the price of oil, low prices mean a lower valuation. But if given a choice between losing market share and delaying the stock sale, a delay could make more sense.

Like any good competition, there is no way to predict how this game will play out. The oil sector is extraordinarily complex and subject to geopolitical risks, not just economic ones. But that's why it's such a fun business to analyze, and an extraordinary one to invest in.

Mall bites: New stores, renovations coming to Midland Park Mall

From staff reports

Real estate company Simon has announced several changes at Midland Park Mall that will take place over the next few months.

■ Victoria's Secret will reopen in its original location next to Finish Line early this summer, and the company's lingerie line PINK will be sold in a standalone store where Victoria's Secret currently is located.

■ Chick-fil-A and Fuddruckers will begin their respective remodeling projects this spring. Chick-fil-A's remodel is expected to take about a week and will start in April or May. Fuddruckers will be closed for a short time in April.

■ Bath & Body Works will move to a larger space between Coach and Best Buy Mobile to accommodate its White Barn candle concept. The 4,200-square-foot space is expected to open in early summer.

■ Motherhood Maternity will move to a new 1,200-square-foot location next to Legacy Harley-Davidson this summer. The store is temporarily located between Spencer's and Visionworks.

GIANTS

From 1A

single fracturing crew can work several weeks consecutively without having to travel from one pad to other. At Bongo 76-43, Shell is using three times more sand and fluids to break up the shale, a process called fracturing, than it did four years ago. The company said it spends about $5.5 million per well today in the Permian, down nearly 60 percent from 2013.

"We're literally down to measuring efficiency in minutes, rather than hours or days," said Bryan Boyles, Bongo 76-43's manager.

Independent companies are watching the big three's arrival with ambivalence. Exxon, Shell, and Chevron will be able to spend more than independents can for service contracts and prime drilling acreage. But if the majors pursue acquisition deals, as they've done before, the wildcatters stand to reap the benefits.

Exxon invested big in shale in 2010 when it bought XTO Energy Inc. in a deal valued at $41 billion. For years, however, the major companies spent little on shale, instead focusing on their traditional turf: multibillion-dollar engineering marvels in the middle of nowhere that took years to build. The wells that Big Oil drilled were mostly in deep water, where a single hole could cost $100 million, rather than shale wells that can be set up for as little as $5 million each.

All that changed after oil prices crashed in 2014. Big companies were forced to cut costs and focus on projects that delivered cash quickly and could easily be sped up or slowed down. Shale was the solution.

"The arrival of Big Oil is very significant for shale," said Deborah Byers, U.S. energy leader at consultant Ernst & Young in Houston. "It marries a great geological resource with a very strong balance sheet."

The big three have all hatched ambitious catch-up strategies. Shell plans to spend about $2.5 billion a year, or about one-tenth of its total spending-a bet that's bigger than those of some pure-play shale companies such as Hamm's Continental Resources Inc.

"The majors arrived late," said Greg Guidry, who runs Shell's shale business. "We want to be as nimble as the independents but levering the capabilities of a major."

Chevron said it estimates its shale output will increase as much as 30 percent per year for the next decade, with production expanding to 500,000 barrels a day by 2025, up from about 100,000 now. "We can see production above 700,000 barrels a day within a decade," Chevron Chief Executive Officer John Watson told investors this month.

Exxon said it plans to spend one-third of its drilling budget this year on shale, with a goal to lift output to nearly 800,000 barrels a day by 2025, up from less than 200,000 barrels now. The company doubled its Permian footprint with a $6.6 billion acquisition of properties from the billionaire Bass family. Darren Woods, Exxon's new CEO, said shale isn't "on a discovery mode, it's in an extraction mode."

The price of oil is starting to reflect rising U.S. output. West Texas Intermediate, the national benchmark, this month dropped below $50 a barrel for the first time this year, down 10 percent from its 2017 peak.

Big Oil's dive into shale could weaken the hand of Saudi Arabia and other big exporters by raising U.S. output. Economically, the countries would have to contend with lower oil prices. Geopolitically, their share of the global energy market would fall, and the U.S. would depend less on foreign supplies.

U.S. domestic production is likely to top 10 million barrels a day by December 2018, a level surpassed only twice, in October and November 1970, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Marathon Oil to buy Permian Basin acreage for $700 million

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Marathon Oil Corp. says it will pay $700 million for 21,000 net acres in the Northern Delaware Basin in New Mexico, its second deal in the region in less than two weeks.

The Houston driller said Tuesday the all-cash transaction brings its footprint in the Permian Basin to more than 90,000 net acres. The land deal with private Fort Worth driller Black Mountain Oil & Gas and others is expected to close in the second quarter.

Oil wells on the property currently pump about 400 barrels of oil equivalent a day, but Marathon estimates the land has some 550 million barrels of oil equivalent in total resource potential, the amount of oil and gas the company believes it can extract profitably.

The company said the acreage has at least six different target layers of oil-soaked rock and 5,000 feet of so-called stacked pay, the area drillers target to harvest oil and gas.

Earlier this month, Marathon had announced it would spend $1.1 billion in cash to snap up more than 70,000 net acres in the Permian Basin, as it sold off Canadian oil sands assets for $2.5 billion to Royal Dutch Shell and Canadian Natural Resources.

"We expect to pursue additional trades and grassroots leasing," Marathon CEO Lee Tillman said in a written statement.

AP Interview: McConnell rejects Trump's foreign aid cuts

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday shot down prospects for major parts of President Donald Trump's budget, rejecting proposed cuts to foreign aid and medical research.

McConnell

"Every president sends up a budget, and with all due respect to the current president, I can't recall any time in which we have been sort of dictated to by either a Republican or a Democratic president," McConnell said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We'll put our own imprint on it, particularly with regard to overseas."

Trump's budget, which would boost military spending while slashing funds for the environment, the National Institutes of Health, public broadcasting and development projects like the Appalachian Regional Commission, was widely panned by fellow Republicans last week.

McConnell once headed the Senate panel responsible for foreign aid and stressed the importance of U.S. spending overseas. He also was a major force behind last year's Cures Act, a law that boosts spending on medical research, and he opposes any proposed cuts.

"America being a force is a lot more than building up the Defense Department," McConnell said. "Diplomacy is important, extremely important, and I don't think these reductions at the State Department are appropriate because many times diplomacy is a lot more effective — and certainly cheaper — than military engagement."

On another spending issue, McConnell said the politics of the moment mean Republicans controlling Washington won't touch benefit programs like Medicare and Social Security, known as entitlements.

On another big issue, in the interview McConnell warned fellow Republicans of political consequences if they oppose the GOP health care legislation coming up for a vote in the House this week.

"I would hate to be a Republican whose vote prevented us from keeping the commitment we've made to the American people for almost 10 years now" to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health care law, the Kentucky Republican told AP reporters and editors.

"I think the American people would be deeply disappointed that we were prevented from keeping our commitment by Republicans who in the end, in effect, voted for the status quo."

McConnell sounded confident that the bill will pass the House and come over to the Senate, where it is currently short of votes. He made clear the legislation will be changed in the Senate so it can pass, though he declined to predict what the final product will look like or guarantee ultimate success.

He indicated he expects Trump, who was on Capitol Hill on Tuesday to lobby reluctant House members, to lean on wavering Senate Republicans and bring them in line.

"The president has been very effective in helping in the House with the health care bill," said McConnell, who was with Trump in Kentucky Monday night at a health care rally. "And we intend, once it comes over from the House, to have the president weigh in with our folks, as well."

The GOP legislation would repeal the Obama law's requirement for nearly everyone to carry insurance or face fines, while phasing out an expansion of Medicaid and reducing tax credits that help consumers buy coverage. House GOP leaders are pushing toward a vote Thursday despite opposition from both left and right, and announced a package of changes overnight Monday aimed at luring wavering lawmakers with promises of more money for older Americans and other changes.

Several Republican senators have been loudly critical of the bill, including Rand Paul of Kentucky and Mike Lee of Utah. Combined with opposition from a couple of other lawmakers, McConnell does not presently have enough votes for the bill in a Senate split 52-48 between Republicans and Democrats. Democrats are unanimously opposed.

But McConnell attributed some of the turmoil to a "learning process" as Republicans turn to governing after spending years as the opposition party. And he said, "I'm optimistic that none of my members in the end want to be responsible for the status quo on Obamacare."

McConnell also addressed the Supreme Court, with the Senate Judiciary Committee in Day Two of hearings on Judge Neil Gorsuch, Trump's nominee to fill the 13-month high court vacancy.

He criticized Democrats who might oppose Gorsuch, saying "This is a futile gesture, it's playing to the mob, saying resist to everything."

While saying he hoped Gorsuch would get Democratic votes in the end, McConnell seemed ready to change Senate rules, if necessary, to confirm him with a simple majority rather than the 60 votes now required to move forward. "Gorsuch will be confirmed; I just can't tell you exactly how that will happen, yet," McConnell said.

Dylann Roof's friend gets over 2 years for hindering FBI

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — During a night of vodka, cocaine, marijuana and video games, Joey Meek listened as a childhood buddy confided that he hated blacks so much he was going to kill them at a Charleston church.

Meek said he thought his friend was all talk until a week later, when news broke of a deadly shooting rampage at Emanuel AME church. But instead of calling authorities, Meek talked another friend out of going to police and giving them Dylann Roof's name. And then he lied to the FBI about his conversation with Roof.

For those crimes, Meek, 22, was sentenced Tuesday to more than two years in prison.

The punishment was handed down by the federal judge who presided at Roof's trial, which ended in January with the avowed white supremacist sentenced to death for massacring nine black people as they bowed their heads in prayer during a Wednesday night Bible study session on June 17, 2015.

Unlike Roof, Meek showed remorse for his crimes.

"I'm really, really sorry. A lot of beautiful lives were taken," he said, reading from a statement.

He cried as he told the judge he fears retribution behind bars: "I don't know if I'll make it out of prison alive. I'm scared."

U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel's 27-month prison term was the minimum punishment under federal sentencing guidelines. The government wanted a stiffer sentence to make an example out of Meek and because he could have stopped the massacre.

None of the victims' family members spoke in court, and they had no comment for reporters.

In a deal with prosecutors, Meek pleaded guilty to concealment of a crime and lying to the FBI.

Meek was not charged for failing to tell police about the impending attack, since that is not a crime under federal law. Instead, he was prosecuted for stopping a friend immediately after the slaughter from calling the police to report Roof as a suspect.

The judge said Meek's actions delayed Roof's capture for hours, during which Roof easily could have massacred more people somewhere else.

If Meek "had just gone in his bedroom and cried and regretted not reporting, he would have committed no federal crime," Gergel said.

Meek and Roof, also 22, met in middle school, drifted apart during their high school years and then reconnected months before the shooting. Meek is the only person with whom Roof is known to have shared his murderous plans.

Meek told the FBI that he didn't report the conversation or call police even after hearing about the shootings in Charleston because he was on probation for burglary and was worried he would get in more trouble.

He also said he was so scared after hearing about the massacre that he wondered if he needed to get a gun to protect himself from Roof.

NATIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHICAGO

Police: Teen apparently gang-raped on Facebook Live

A 15-year-old Chicago girl was apparently sexually assaulted by five or six men or boys on Facebook Live, and none of the roughly 40 people who watched the live video reported the attack to police, authorities said Tuesday.

The video marks the second time in recent months that the Chicago Police Department has investigated an apparent attack that was streamed live on Facebook. In January, four people were arrested after a cellphone footage showed them allegedly taunting and beating a mentally disabled man.

Police only learned of the latest alleged attack when the girl's mother approached the head of the police department, Superintendent Eddie Johnson, late Monday afternoon as he was leaving a department station in the Lawndale neighborhood on the city's West Side, department spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said. She told him her daughter had been missing since Sunday and showed him screen grab photos of the alleged assault.

He said Johnson immediately ordered detectives to investigate and the department asked Facebook to take down the video, which it did.

Guglielmi said Tuesday that detectives found the girl and reunited her with her family. He said she told detectives that she knows at least one of her alleged attackers, but it remained unclear how well they knew each other.

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OPINION

Nation is primed for scandal all of the time

■ We're on road to political breakdown if space for rational conversation shrinks down to a thimble

BEN SHAPIRO
Creators Syndicate

Over the past two weeks, Democrats have begun to acknowledge that they have virtually no evidence demonstrating meaningful collusion between the Trump campaign and the Russian government. They proclaim that circumstantial evidence shows ties between Trump staffers and President Vladimir Putin. Former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and former Trump advisor Roger Stone allegedly had significant contacts with the Russians. But to this point, they've got nothing.

Meanwhile, the FBI director and head of the National Security Agency announced that they had no evidence that Trump Tower was wiretapped by former President Obama. Mike Rogers, the NSA head, agreed that any accusations of British intelligence involvement in Trump wiretapping is "ridiculous." Republicans point to the fact that there were multiple media reports of Trump associates being caught on wiretap. But to this point, they've got nothing.

Scandals that catch fire require two elements: first, confirmation of a widely held suspicion about a politician's character; second, actual evidence of nefarious behavior. Hillary Clinton's email scandal damaged her significantly because of her long record of untrustworthy behavior, including destruction of records. Bill Clinton's sex scandal damaged him because he had a long history of lying about his sexual conduct.

Other scandals simply never gained steam because they lacked the requisite plausibility, even if the evidence was sufficient. Yes, the IRS should have damaged President Obama. But the central contention that Obama used government as an instrument to target his opposition never took hold of the public imagination.

Sure, Iran-Contra should have severely tarnished President Reagan. But Americans didn't buy the notion of Reagan as a great international manipulator. In short, politicians we trust more are less likely to suffer from severe scandal.

And herein lies the problem: In an era in which half of the population will believe virtually everything about the other side, we're primed for scandal *all the time*. The tinder of scandal is dry, and everyone is just waiting nervously for a lit match to set the blaze.

That means a whiff of scandal pervades nearly everything. Otherwise-innocuous behavior seems laden with sinful potential. And those who claim wrongdoing about those on the other side gain additional credibility *no matter the evidence of what they claim*.

That means the conspiracy theorists gain ground while honesty loses. Those on the left willing to accuse President Trump of Kremlin connections sans evidence earn the love and support of those on their own side of the aisle; and those on the right willing to humor Trump's most extreme claims about Obama's wiretapping gain clicks and admiration on their side. The result: Those who suggest that we wait for evidence are seen as gullible, naive.

In this context, the space for rational conversation shrinks down to a thimble. Instead of the left dismissing President Trump's stupidities as stupidities, Trump becomes a nefarious character seeking doom; instead of the right acknowledging that intelligence could have swept up some Trump contacts in its pursuit of Russian interference, the entire intelligence community becomes a big blob of statist corruption. No mistake is honest; every action must be interpreted in the darkest possible way.

If this leads to an American return to smaller government — hey, we can't trust anybody anyway, so let's stop handing them power — this new paranoia might be acceptable. But it won't. Instead, Americans seems bound and determined to hand power to those on each side who are most apt to identify the nefarious intentions of those on the other side, with or without evidence. That's a recipe for not only polarization but also political breakdown.

OUR VIEW

Willingness to work with others in D.C. requires less talk, more action

Hearing a politician talk about working with the other side of the aisle is nice, but today we need less talk and more action.

We mention this because U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke traveled through the Permian Basin, spent time with people in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring and talked about the need for more cross-party communication.

It sounds good in practice.

First of all, let's congratulate the congressman for being able to find Midland. For way too long, Democrats have avoided Midland, admittedly a Republican stronghold. He made an appearance and lived to tell about it. Come 2018 and beyond, we would encourage his left-wing colleagues to follow his example.

Second, we credit O'Rourke and Republican U.S. Rep. Will Hurd for displaying that bipartisan spirit by traveling together to help bring attention to crossing those party lines to get things done.

Washington needs more of that if the big items (immigration, entitlement reform and balancing the budget, to name a few) are going to get done.

Sadly, we also know that bipartisan talk is just that, until we see our leaders less concerned with how their actions are portrayed on cable news and more concerned with how their actions impact those on main street. No representative wants to get "primaried" (having competition in his or her primary election) because moving from a farther right or left position and back to the middle for a general election is typically more manageable than the other way around.

Both Democrats and Republicans are guilty of putting their own status inside their party ahead of their country. And we have a hard time seeing this practice coming to and end anytime soon.

As far as O'Rourke possibly running for the U.S. Senate in 2018 — good luck. Ted Cruz appears to have learned from his errors in the presidential race and is back to practicing the conservatism we believe a majority of Texans appreciate. He will be tough for any Democrat to challenge. But if O'Rourke is the Democrat on the ballot, and he wants to make cross-party communication an issue, we welcome that debate. If real progress will be made in Washington, we need more Americans focused on that issue.

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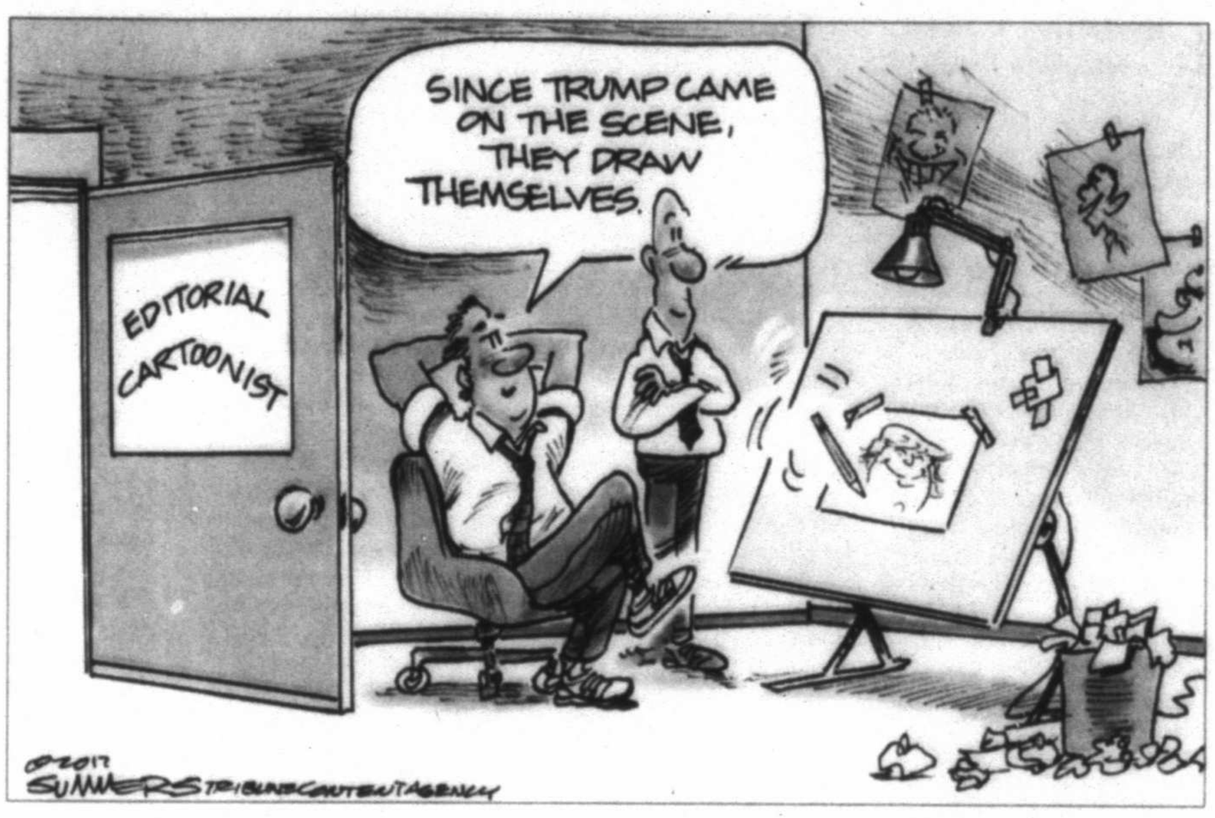

Trump has a 140-character flaw

■ The president's tweeting provides the harshest of self-inflicted wounds

RICH LOWRY
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The Trump administration is in the throes of one of the greatest self-inflicted distractions of the modern presidency.

The latest chapter comes from James Comey in his highly anticipated congressional testimony. The FBI director said that he has no information to support President Donald Trump's infamous weekend tweets alleging he was wiretapped by President Barack Obama during the campaign. This was treated as a bombshell, although what would have been truly surprising is if he said Trump's allegations had a sound factual basis.

Every administration gets knocked off its game early on by something. What makes the furor over President Trump's wiretapping claims so remarkable is how unnecessary it is. The flap didn't arise from events outside of the administration's control, nor was it a clever trap sprung by its adversaries. The president went out of his way to initiate it. He picked up his phone and tweeted allegations that he had no idea were true or not, either to distract from what he thought was a bad news cycle, or to vent, or both.

The fallout has proved that there is no such a thing as "just a tweet" from the most powerful man on the planet. Trump's aides have scrambled to find some justification for the statements after the fact and offended an age-old foreign ally in the process (White House press secretary Sean Spicer suggested it was British intelligence that might have been monitoring Trump); congressional leaders have become consumed with the matter; and it has dominated news coverage for weeks. Such is the power of a couple of blasts of 140 characters or less from the president of the United States.

The flap has probably undermined Trump's political standing, and at the very least has diverted him and his team from much more important work on Capitol Hill, where his agenda will rise or fall. In an alternative and more conventional universe, the White House would be crowing over Judge Neil Gorsuch's testimony before Congress. Instead, it is jousting with the FBI director over wayward tweets.

Spicer was reduced to arguing that Comey's categorical rejection of the wiretapping claim was only provisional. Let's not jump to conclusions, etc., etc. Such is the life of a press secretary when his boss has the power to make him defend the indefensible during a few thoughtless moments alone with his phone. Since the wiretapping allegations, Spicer's days have been spent in the semantics, air quotes and epistemological gymnastics necessary to support Trump's claims.

Only President Trump can make it stop. He has shown, despite his unwillingness ever to admit error, an ability over the past year to simply drop and move on from counterproductive controversies. He should do the same with his wiretapping tweets. All he has to say is that he accepts his FBI director's statement and that he doesn't want to talk about it anymore. That would immediately drain some of the headline-grabbing drama from it, and relieve his underlings from their current exertions.

Comey's second bombshell was the more consequential one. He confirmed that there is an ongoing FBI investigation of Russia's role in the election and possible ties to the Trump campaign. (It may eventually emerge that some of Trump's conversations were picked up when people in his orbit were being surveilled in this probe, providing a fig leaf of vindication for his tweets.) It's hard to see why the Russians would have had to involve Trump associates in what should have been a simple two-step process: 1) hack Democratic accounts; 2) give the resulting information to WikiLeaks. But Comey's acknowledgement of the investigation will stoke the darkest suspicions of the left.

All the more reason for Trump to avoid doubling down on unforced errors. There are plenty of people who want to distract and damage his administration. The president of the United States shouldn't be one of them.

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No promises and no one above law, Supreme Court pick says

By Mark Sherman and Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch declared Tuesday he's made no promises to Donald Trump or anyone else about how he'll vote on abortion or other issues and testified he'll have no trouble as a justice holding anyone accountable, including the president who picked him.

Gorsuch also called Trump's attacks on federal judges "disheartening" and "demoralizing."

During the long second day of his Senate confirmation hearings, Gorsuch made two other notable statements in response to questions from members of the Judiciary Committee, and both also related to Trump, who nominated him.

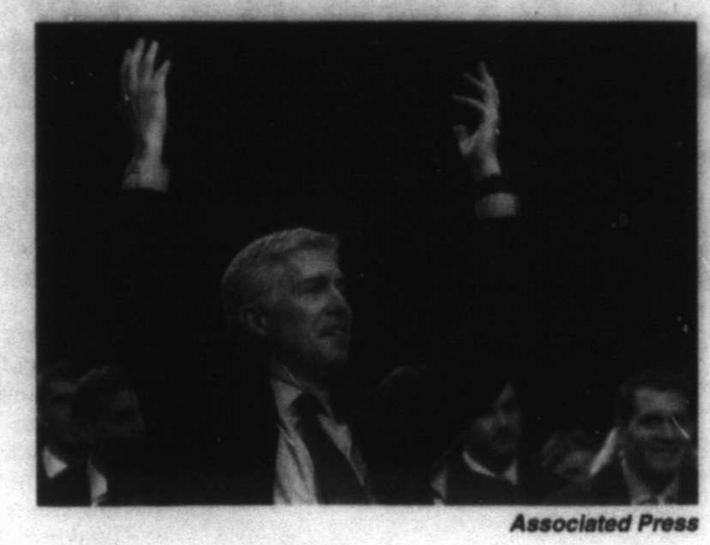
Republican Lindsey Graham of South Carolina asked Gorsuch whether Trump had asked him to overturn Roe v. Wade, the case establishing a right to abortion, and what he would have done had Trump asked him to do so.

"Senator, I would have walked out the door," Gorsuch replied. "That's not what judges do."

Later in the day, Gorsuch acknowledged that he and Trump discussed abortion during his Supreme Court interview, but only how divisive an issue it is. Their conversation touched on abortion, Gorsuch said, after Trump bemoaned his loss of Gorsuch's native Colorado in November.

When Vermont Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy asked Gorsuch if a president is free to ignore laws on national security grounds, Gorsuch replied that "nobody is above the law in this country, and that includes the president of the United States."

Some Democratic senators who are not on the Judiciary Committee called for a pause in the confirmation process after FBI Director James Comey said Monday that the bureau is investigating Russian meddling in last year's election and potential ties between Trump associates and Russia.



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Supreme Court Justice nominee Neil Gorsuch talks about playing basketball with former Supreme Court Justice Byron White as he testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday during his confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren said on Twitter that while the investigation continues, "lifetime court appointments can wait."

Judiciary Committee chairman Chuck Grassley dismissed the idea as ridiculous.

On a day mostly devoid of drama, Gorsuch batted away Democrats' efforts to get him to reveal his views on abortion, guns and other controversial issues, insisting he keeps "an open mind for the entire process" when he makes rulings. His comments were similar in response to questions from majority Republicans as they tried to help him highlight his neutrality in the face of Democratic attempts to link him to Trump.

The abortion question was especially pointed because Trump himself has insisted he would appoint "pro-life justices" who would vote to overturn the 1973 Roe decision.

Gorsuch likewise wouldn't comment on litigation over Trump's efforts to ban travel to the U.S. by people from some mainly Muslim countries. He did, however, say publicly what he had previously told senators in private about Trump's attacks on judges who ruled against him on that issue.

"When anyone criticizes the honesty and integrity or the motives of a federal judge, I find that disheartening, I find that demoralizing," he said.

Sen. Richard Blumenthal, the Connecticut Democrat, asked, "Including the president?"

"Anyone is anyone," Gorsuch replied.

As Tuesday's questioning wore on, senators and Gorsuch engaged in a routine well-established in recent confirmation hearings. The nominee resists all requests to say how he feels about Supreme Court decisions, even as he is asked about them again and again. Such was the case with questions about rulings on campaign finance, abortion, gun rights, even a privacy ruling from 1965 that John Roberts explicitly endorsed in his confirmation hearing in 2005.

Gorsuch made one exception, describing the two-year-old decision extending same-sex marriage nationwide as "settled law," a term he did not apply to any other decision.

The 49-year-old Denver appeals court judge kept a smile on his face most of the day, although he seemed to show flashes of anger under questioning from some Democrats.

Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois pressed Gorsuch on claims by a former student at the University of Colorado Law School who said Gorsuch implied in a legal ethics class in April that he believes many female job applicants unfairly manipulate companies by hiding plans to begin families. She remembered him saying that many accept job offers but quickly leave with maternity benefits.

"Those are not my words, and I would never have said them," Gorsuch said. He later explained he was trying to teach students about inappropriate questions from prospective employers, not endorsing such inquiries. Other students told the AP the accuser was misconstruing the lesson.

Gorsuch reacted sharply when Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island asked him what he knew about a multimillion-dollar ad campaign run by a conservative group that backs his nomination. Ads have been running mainly in states won by Trump last year and in which Democratic senators face re-election in 2018.

"Is it any cause of concern to you that your nomination is the focus of a $10 million political spending effort and we do not know who's behind it?" Whitehouse asked.

Gorsuch replied: "Senator, there's a lot about the confirmation process today that I regret. A lot."

Trump to GOP: Pass health care bill or seal your fate

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar and Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Time for talk running out. President Donald Trump on Tuesday warned wavering House Republicans that their jobs were on the line in next year's elections if they failed to back a GOP bill that would upend Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

The countdown quickened toward an expected vote Thursday on legislation undoing much of the law that has provided coverage to some 20 million Americans. Trump huddled behind closed doors with rank-and-file Republicans just hours after GOP leaders unveiled changes intended to pick up votes by doling out concessions to centrists and hardliners alike.

"If we fail to get it done, fail to (meet) the promises made by all of us, including the president, then it could have a very detrimental effect to Republicans in '18 who are running for re-election," said Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Texas. "If it fails, then there will be a lot of people looking for work in 2018."

Trump's message to Republicans: "If you don't pass the bill there could be political costs," said Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C.

Even with the revisions, the outlook for House passage remains dicey. After a day of cajoling votes, a senior administration official said the White House is trying to persuade about 20 to 25 House Republicans who are either opposed or undecided. House leaders and Trump can only afford to lose 21. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

The GOP bill would scale back the role of government in the private health insurance market, and limit future federal financing for Medicaid. It would repeal tax increases on the wealthy that Democrats used to pay for Obama's coverage expansion. Fines enforcing the Obama-era requirement that virtually all Americans have coverage would be eliminated.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that 24 million fewer people will have health insurance in 2026 under the GOP bill.

Trump warned House Republicans they'd seal their political doom if they waver, with the party potentially losing control of the House. Still, several conservatives were steadfast in their opposition even after the session with Trump.

"The president wouldn't have been here this morning if they have the votes," said Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, a member of the Freedom Caucus who complained that the GOP bill leaves too much government regulation in place.

Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., said Trump told Republicans he would campaign for them if they backed the bill. Trump didn't indicate what he would do to those who vote against the bill, but during the caucus, he singled out Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., an outspoken critic of the bill.

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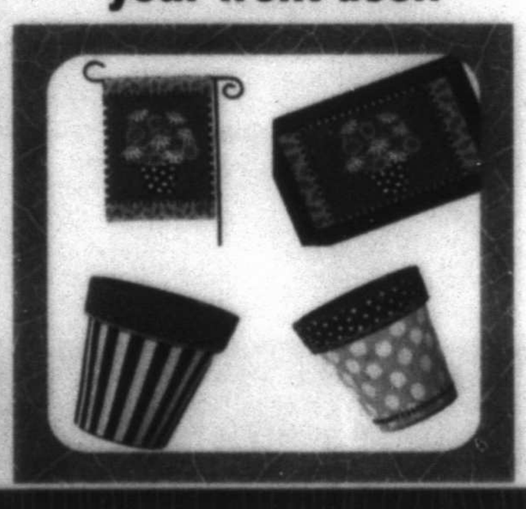

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Fox pulls Napolitano from air after Trump report

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fox News Channel has pulled legal analyst Andrew Napolitano from the air after disavowing his on-air claim that British intelligence officials had helped former President Barack Obama spy on Donald Trump.

A person with knowledge of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because it was a personnel matter said Napolitano has been benched and won't be appearing on the air in the near future. Fox had no immediate comment Monday.

Napolitano's report last week on "Fox & Friends," saying he had three intelligence sources who said Obama went "outside the chain of command" to watch Trump, provoked an international incident. Britain dismissed the report as "nonsense" after White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer quoted it in a briefing, part of the administration's continued defense of Trump's unproven contention that Obama had wiretapped him at Trump Tower during the 2016 presidential campaign.

FBI Director James Comey, testifying before Congress on Monday, became the latest official to state that no evidence has been found to support Trump's charge.

The president, when asked about the incident, said that "all we did was quote a certain very talented legal mind who was the one responsible for saying that on television. I didn't make an opinion on it. You shouldn't be talking to me. You should be talking to Fox."

Fox's Shepard Smith, on the air Friday afternoon, quickly stepped the network away from Napolitano's claim.

"Fox News knows of no evidence of any kind that the now-president of the United States was surveilled at any time, in any way," Smith said.

Napolitano is a senior judicial analyst who has worked at Fox News Channel since 1998 and frequently comments on the Fox Business Network. He was a New Jersey Superior Court judge from 1987 to 1995.

Napolitano's removal from the air was first reported in the Los Angeles Times.

Comey corrects Trump's tweets in real time

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As FBI Director James Comey was in the hot seat, being grilled on Russia's interference in the 2016 election, the White House was busy trolling him on Twitter.

Comey

The official White House account was used to tap out a series of tweets Monday trying to shift the focus to problematic leaks instead of what they'd revealed. But several times the tweets from the White House account appeared to go too far, misrepresenting Comey's testimony in obvious ways.

The episode resulted in a real-time fact-checking of President Donald Trump by the FBI director — an unprecedented moment that put a sharp focus on a pattern of misstatements and mischaracterizations by the White House.

In one of the tweets, the White House incorrectly claimed that Comey and National Security Agency Director Mike Rogers had told lawmakers "that Russia did not influence electoral process."

But the video the White House tweet included shows that wasn't the case.

The officials had been asked specifically whether they had evidence that Russia had "changed vote tallies" in certain states, including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Florida, not whether they'd influenced the election more broadly.

Indeed, Comey made clear in his testimony that Russia had "engaged in a multifaceted campaign of active measures to undermine our democracy and hurt one of the candidates — and hope to help one of the other candidates." He has declined to say whether that effort succeeded.

Comey was forced to correct the White House tweet in real time when Rep. Jim Himes, a Democrat from Connecticut, read it from his seat on the dais.

Comey responded by saying that certainly it "wasn't our intention to say that today because we don't have any information on that subject."

In another tweet, the White House quoted Comey saying that former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper was "'right' to say no evidence of collusion between Russia and Trump Campaign." But again, the video accompanying the tweet makes clear that the question that prompted the response dealt specifically with the contents of a Jan. 6 report issued by the intelligence agencies — not whether evidence exists generally.

Himes told The Associated Press that he'd been monitoring his Twitter account on his phone during the hearing and zeroed in on the White House's mischaracterization of Comey's testimony.

"For two months now, I've been very worried about presidential credibility," he said, arguing that, at some point, the president will have to talk frankly to the American people, explaining, for instance, why he might feel the country needs to go to war.

"I just thought it was an opportunity to try to demonstrate in very real time that there would be consequences for lying. And I think that happened," he said.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer denied the tweets had compromised the president's credibility.

"There's nothing we put in those tweets that is not an accurate representation of what happened," he said.

The president has long come under fire for rogue tweets he's sent from his personal account, as well as misstatements by aides, including Spicer. They include the president's unsubstantiated claim that former President Barack Obama wiretapped his phones in Trump Tower during the campaign.

Comey threw cold water on that tweet Tuesday, saying he had "no information that supports those tweets."

But this time, they were coming from the official @POTUS account, suggesting such tweets aren't restricted to Trump's personal account.

Some Republicans have expressed dismay at the wiretapping allegation, describing it as a distraction from their crowded agenda.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press that he's encouraged Trump to try to stay on message, adding: "I know I'm not the only one who's suggested maybe he'd be better off without daily tweets."

But Trump hasn't been responsive to the suggestion: "He just laughs. He loves his Twitter account. And I think he's likely to continue doing it," McConnell said.

During his joint press conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel last Friday, the president was asked whether, from time to time, he sends tweets that he regrets.

"Very seldom," the president said. "We have a tremendous group of people that listen, and I can get around the media when the media doesn't tell the truth, so I like that."

Student sues Pennsylvania school over transgender policy

By Maria Danilova
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Pennsylvania high school student Tuesday sued his school district, saying its transgender-friendly policy constitutes sexual harassment and a violation of privacy.

The action, filed Tuesday with the Eastern District of Pennsylvania federal court, comes a few weeks after the Trump administration rescinded Obama-era regulations that had instructed schools to allow students to use bathrooms and locker rooms in line with their expressed gender identity as opposed to their sex assigned at birth.

In October, the plaintiff, a high-school junior identified as Joel Doe, was changing into gym clothes in the boys' locker room before the mandatory PE class when he saw a student, wearing shorts and a bra, according to the lawsuit. The second student had recently begun transitioning from female to male, said Kellie Fiedorek of the Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative group representing the student who brought the suit.

"Joel Doe experienced immediate confusion, embarrassment, humiliation, and loss of dignity upon finding himself in this circumstance," the lawsuit says. After complaining to the school administration, Joel Doe was told that he had to "tolerate" the situation and make it as "natural" as possible.

"Our laws and customs have long recognized that we shouldn't have to undress in front of persons of the opposite sex," said ADF Legal Counsel Kellie Fiedorek.

Richard Faidley, superintendent of the Boyertown Area School District, which is being sued, declined to comment.

Eliza Byard, executive director of Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, said the situation could have easily been resolved without a lawsuit had the school made the necessary arrangements for the student who feels uneasy.

Closer US-Russia ties uncertain as Tillerson plans trip

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With Russia-tinged investigations swirling around his administration, President Donald Trump has yet to fulfill a campaign pledge of closer cooperation with Moscow. A planned trip by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson to Russia could test if detente proves anything more than talk.

In a move alarming U.S. allies, Tillerson plans to skip a meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Belgium next month, according to U.S. officials. The top American diplomat almost always attends such gatherings, and Tillerson will follow up his absence in Brussels by traveling to Russia's capital shortly afterward.

The juxtaposition of the trips — one taken and one avoided — has reinforced concerns about America's commitment to NATO, which Trump has repeatedly fueled by dressing down allies as deadbeats who aren't paying enough for their own defense and who take U.S. help for granted.

So far, though, Trump has yet to make any major steps as president to bring Russia and the U.S. closer together.

As a candidate, Trump opened the door to potentially rolling back the sanctions imposed on Russia after its annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region in 2014, a move Democrats and Republicans in Congress oppose. But as president, Trump has tamped down such suggestions as long as Russia fails to live up to its various commitments to end the fighting in Ukraine.

His administration also has resisted Russia's calls to join forces against the Islamic State group in Syria, where the former Cold War foes have long backed opposing sides in a civil war. The Pentagon is continuing only what it calls U.S.-Russian "deconfliction" contacts, designed to ensure their forces don't accidentally collide on Syria's crowded battlefield and contested skies.

But Trump's biggest roadblock to a new Russia approach might be the political realities at home.

In a remarkable public disclosure Monday, FBI Director James Comey said the bureau is investigating whether Trump campaign associates coordinated with Russian officials as Moscow sought to sway the U.S. presidential election. Several congressional committees are also investigating, ensuring the allegations of Russian meddling stay in the spotlight for months to come.

Trump has denied any collaboration between his campaign and Russia. As a candidate, he spoke frequently of his admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin and said improving relations with the traditional U.S. adversary would be positive. He argued that Russia shared America's goal of defeating IS extremists.

That's about as far as the new relationship has gone.

"Tillerson will need to publicly outline what he hopes to accomplish when he visits Moscow and what is the basis for U.S. policy toward Russia," said Heather Conley at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The prospect of Washington and Moscow teaming up, given Russia's recent actions in Ukraine, has sent chills through much of Europe. Candidate Trump exacerbated concerns by calling NATO "obsolete" and suggested the U.S. might not defend allies if they aren't paying enough for collective defense. As president, Trump has insisted the U.S. is fully committed to NATO.

Few are convinced. Western diplomats and some U.S. lawmakers expressed alarm Tuesday with Tillerson's decision to skip the upcoming NATO meeting and travel shortly afterward to Russia. Some Europeans see the decision as a U-turn from Vice President Mike Pence's pledges about safeguarding the alliance in Munich last month.

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CNN's Dr. Gupta to speak about international work

Medical correspondent's appearance is part of MC's Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series

By Simone Jasper
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CNN correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta will share insight about global health practices when he addresses Midlanders on Tuesday. The speech is one of the programs constituting Health and Wellness Week at Midland College.

Gupta is coming to campus as a Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series speaker. Rebecca Bell, dean of community relations at MC, said the practicing physician and CNN chief medical correspondent will discuss his work internationally.

"He will be talking about his travels, and he's going to talk about healthy cultures around the world," Bell said. "He will be talking about people who have longevity — what their lifestyles are like and what they eat to figure out why they live so long. Because he's a neurosurgeon, he's going to talk about diseases of the brain like Alzheimer's."

Gupta

The lecture series gives local community members an opportunity to learn from accomplished people, according to committee chair Kathy Robbins. Past lecturers have included David McCullough, Vicente Fox and Bill Nye.

Gupta won Emmy Awards for his coverage of Hurricane Katrina and the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. The Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series Committee considered Gupta's achievements and international recognition during the selection process, Robbins said.

"We're looking for standouts in the field," Robbins said. "He's exceptional in the field of medical corresponding ... because he's won so many awards."

Gupta will be the first medical doctor to lecture in the series. Robbins thinks the

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Participants in the Color Vibe 5K run through plumes of color powder March 18 at the Scharbauer Sports Complex at the start of the color run benefiting Boys and Girls Club of Midland.

GOP bill's changes in rules could undermine health of neediest

By Emily Bazar
Kaiser Health News

An under-the-radar provision in the Republican proposal to replace the Affordable Care Act would require the millions of Medicaid enrollees who signed up under the Obamacare expansion to renew their coverage every six months — twice as often as under current law.

That change would inevitably push many people out of coverage, at least temporarily, experts say, and help GOP leaders phase out Medicaid expansion — a key goal of the pending legislation.

"That's designed to move people off those rolls as soon as possible," said Ken Jacobs, chairman of the University of California, Berkeley, Center for Labor Research and Education.

The proposal to cut renewal time in half is among other changes that seem only procedural but could have a profound effect on Medicaid enrollees' health, pocketbooks and ability to get — and keep — coverage.

Another proposal would eliminate the ability of new Medicaid enrollees to request retroactive coverage for up to three months before the month they apply, which they can do under the current law — assuming they were eligible during that previous period.

Health care experts and advocates fear that could potentially saddle people on Medicaid with unaffordable medical bills, shortchange providers and raise costs throughout the health care system.

"These are changes to fundamental pieces of the Medicaid program," said Cathy Senderling-McDonald, deputy executive director of the County Welfare Directors Association of California in Sacramento, which represents human services directors from the state's 58 counties.

"They could result in people delaying their health care or having to pay out-of-pocket and not having any hope for reimbursement at all," she said.

But Michael Cannon, director of Health Policy Studies at the libertarian Cato Institute, said some of these changes would prevent fraud and keep ineligible people from obtaining benefits, thus saving taxpayer money.

"It's so hard to eliminate fraud in Medicaid, because someone always benefits from it," he said. "They don't want to give that up."

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Report lists strategies to curb smoking

■ Health leaders call for reducing number of adult smokers from 40 million to 25 million by 2024

By Jia Naqvi
Washington Post

Every year, cigarette smoking contributes to about 1 in 5 deaths in the United States. A group of prominent health leaders called for the immediate implementation of national action to reduce the number of smokers in the country by 15 million in a report published last week.

The call to action aims to curb smoking, the largest cause of preventable death and illness in the United States, by reducing the number of adult smokers from 40 million to 25 million by 2024. The report, which solicited input from 120 key tobacco leaders from different organizations in the United States, found that smoking prevention and quitting rates have made progress among young people, but smoking cessation for adults is lagging.

Every year, smoking costs the United States more than $300 billion, of which nearly $170 billion goes directly to health care for adults who have diseases caused by tobacco use. More than $156 billion is lost in productivity because of premature deaths and exposure to secondhand smoke.

"It is much cheaper to pay for cessation measures than to pay for the treatment of diseases caused by smoking," said Michael Cummings, co-leader of the Tobacco Research Program and professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Medical University of South Carolina.

About 7 in 10 adult smokers want to stop smoking. Around half attempt to quit every year and only a fraction succeed in staying off cigarettes, according to a study in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The percentage of adults who attempted to quit smoking increased by only 5 percent from 2000 to 2015.

"The average smoker takes 30 quit attempts before permanently quitting," said Chris Kotsen, program manager at the Tobacco Quitcenter of the Steeplechase Cancer Center at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset in New Jersey.

"Deaths and medical costs from smoking are entirely preventable, and clearly existing programs are not doing enough. Urgent action is needed to drastically reduce the adult smoking rate in the U.S.," said John R. Seffrin, a professor of practice at Indiana University's School of Public Health.

The report strongly recommends the adoption of three strategies that could help curb smoking among adults. The first involves raising taxes on cigarettes and other combustible tobacco products, while keeping taxes low on noncombustible nicotine products, such as nicotine replacement medications and electronic cigarettes. The contributors of the report believe this new tax structure will

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Take a Moment

Nothing is more important than time spent with family. It only takes one moment today to save you many precious moments tomorrow. Ensure these times are spent in good health. Schedule your mammogram today at **The Breast Center** at **432.682.XRAY(9729)**. Visit **midlandhealth.org** to learn more.

Obituaries

Jackie Yvonne DuBose Cary

Jackie Yvonne DuBose Cary, 84, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

She was born to Bobbie Cook DuBose and Jack DuBose in Terry County, Texas on July 27, 1932. The eldest of three, she attended school in Brownfield, Texas, graduating early at age 17, from Brownfield High School, in 1949. She received the notable honor of being crowned, 'Queen of Brownfield High School,' prior to graduation.

After high school, she went on to Draughon Business College in Lubbock, where she met a Texas Tech geology student, Audra B. Cary. While sitting on his front porch each afternoon after class, with his guitar, he would serenade her, as she walked home from class. Theirs became a love story of laughter, love, and music that would last almost 60 years.

They were married in December 1950, one week before he departed for the Army's Boot Camp at Ft. Chaffee. As a new bride, she returned home to her parent's house, where she lived and worked to save for their first home.

After finishing Boot Camp, he brought her to Ft. Smith, Arkansas where she worked in the military administrative office, and notably, became the first wife to ever discharge her own husband from the United States Army, making headlines in the local newspaper.

After his discharge, they returned to Lubbock, where Audra finished school at Tech, graduating with a Geology degree in 1953. Soon, she found herself in a new world, as an oilman's wife, when he became employed with Skelly Oil Company in the Texas Panhandle. When her husband's job transferred them between cities, almost every four years, Jackie learned to make each move her new 'home.' An avid gardener and talented artist, she enjoyed creating a life for her family in each place - Pampa, Texas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; Monahans, Texas; Pampa again; and finally, in 1969, Midland, Texas.

Influenced by her maternal grandparents, Jackie accepted Christ at a very young age and became active in every church she attended. She was a longtime member of the Fellowship Class of First United Methodist Church in Midland, and served on the Building Committee for the Activities Center at FUMC. She was also a member and leader of the Twentieth Century Study Club, Community Bible Study, and W.O.W (Women of Worship) at FUMC. As a very patriotic American, she was a proud member of the Seven Brothers of Theus Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Throughout her adult life, she loved to learn, especially in her love of art, and she had the privilege of painting with notables such as the late Dollie Ballinger, Warren Taylor, and Stan Jacobs. Jackie continued her studies, receiving an Associate Degree in General Studies from Midland College in 1986.

Jackie's love of God, her strong faith and her love for her family were most important in her life. A devoted wife and mother, she loved children, having her own two daughters - Cynthia Jill Cary Mladenka and Brenda Elayne Cary Brown. She made a lifetime of memories with her girls, and later, with her grandchildren: April and Kristen Brown, along with Jennifer, Madison and Michael Mladenka. Those were the memories she cherished the most.

After her husband's death in 2010, Jackie accepted a new 'family' at Manor Park Retirement Center. She enjoyed her new home at the Scharbauer Cottage at Manor Park, and the devoted nursing staff, who gave her much care and love. Thank you to Brenda DeLaPaz, Jessica Callins, Debbie Plumlee, Elva Trevino, Kristina Ortalejo, Patricia Williams, Mary Izquierdo, Melina Rodriguez, Hellen Owino, Marissa Rivera, Irene Sosa, Armida Flores, Vivian Ogbebor, Andrea Vanburen, Jackie Davis, Isabel Flores, Laura Booher, Sarah Anaya, Rose Rubalcava, Yazil Rascon, and Stephen Nelson.

Jackie is survived by her sister, Betty DuBose Hamilton of Brownfield, Texas; her brother, Terry J. DuBose of Austin, Texas; her daughters, Cynthia (Cindi) Cary Mladenka and husband, Mark of Midland, Texas; Brenda Cary Brown, and husband Christopher, of Las Colinas, Texas; her grandchildren, April Brown of Washington, D. C.; Kristen Brown of Austin, Texas; Madison Mladenka Luikens and husband, Zach, and Michael Mladenka, all of Midland, Texas, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in 2010 was her husband, Audra B. Cary, and in 1998, her granddaughter, Jennifer Lauren Mladenka of Midland.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

Services will be Thursday, March 23, 2017at 1:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, in Midland, with burial at Resthaven Memorial Park, immediately following.

Pallbearers will be her sons-in-law, Mark Mladenka and Chris Brown; her grandson, Michael Mladenka; grandson-in-law, Zach Luikens; and her nephews, Cary Billingsley of Midland and Loyd Hamilton of Waco, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jennifer Lauren Mladenka Memorial Scholarship Fund at The Bynum School, P.O. Box 80175, Midland, TX 79708, to the Scharbauer Cottage c/o Manor Park, Inc.; 2208 North Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707, or the charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

To Those I Love

When I am gone, release me, let me go,
I have so many things to see and do.
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears,
Be happy we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So, grieve awhile for me if you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while we must part,
Bless the memories with your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
If you need me, call and I will come.
Though you cannot see or touch me, I'll be near.
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile,
And welcome you home.

Written by Eric Seltzer, Science Dept. liaison for Abell Junior High for the Midland Reporter Telegram

Saved by Jackie DuBose Cary.

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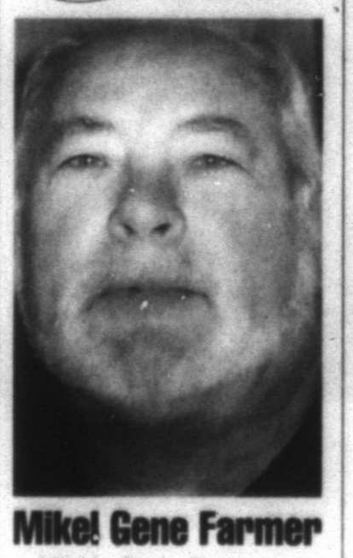

Mikel Gene Farmer

Mikel Gene Farmer was born October 22, 1952 in Noblesville, Indiana and passed away March 18, 2017 in Midland, Texas.

He joined the United States Air Force in 1972 and was honorably discharged in 1975. Mike was a highly intelligent aspiring novelist, Fox News enthusiast, and a huge procrastinator. He was also very giving. His mother always said if Mike has a dollar everyone has a dollar. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. His great-grandchildren were his world.

Mike is survived by his wife, Pamela; brothers, George Morris and wife Emma of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Larry Dean Morris of Abilene; sister, Davetta Burns and husband Ken of Marble Falls, Texas; sons, Aarn Farmer and wife Dian of Arlington, Texas, Steven Farmer and wife Lennie of Beaumont, Texas, Matt Farmer and wife Jodie of Norman, Oklahoma, and Jason Thornburg and wife Theressa of Splendora, Texas; daughters, Mary Cook and husband Charlie, and Tammy Thornburg, all of Midland; and by 20 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dave and Betty Farmer, and two sisters, Sherri and Tammy.

There will be no public services. A private memorial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in his name to the SPCA.

Sharon McWilliams

Sharon McWilliams, 59, our loving and joyful Mom, was called to Heaven on March 17, 2017. She was born to Wesley and Bertha Wright on October 26, 1957 in Midland, Texas.

Sharon found a love for working with children early while volunteering in the nursery at her church when she was 18. She attended Midland College in 1976 to pursue a teaching degree, but took a break to raise kids of her own while working as a daycare instructor throughout Odessa.

Courageously, she went back to school at 36 years old, eventually finishing her degree in history and special education at UTPB. It was during her schooling that she learned sign language and truly found her passion.

Sharon was employed with Ector County ISD as the Deaf Education Parent Infant/Itinerant teacher for the past seven years. Prior to coming to ECISD, she worked as a deaf education teacher in Midland ISD.

At ECISD, Sharon provided in-home services to parents of young deaf/hard of hearing babies in Region 18 school districts. She also facilitated the transition of the young children she worked with from home-based to the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf Early Childhood Program at Carver. Sharon was a great asset to the program, and she will be greatly missed by everyone especially her Regional Day Program for the Deaf and Special Education family.

She took any chance she could to use her knowledge to help others. She loved signing for the congregation at church or being an interpreter for someone in need. What she loved more than anything was being a "Mimi" to her grandsons.

Sharon was a kind, giving, and special person whose smile lit up a room. She is gone far too soon and will be missed by those of us on earth that must somehow carry on without her in it.

Sharon is preceded in death by her beloved father, Wesley Wright.

She is survived by her mother, Bertha Wright; her children, Mary Ann Diaz, and Carolyn Clark and her husband, Ronald; her grandchildren, Ethan Mauney and Hayden Clark; her brother, Mark Wright and his wife, Gena; sister, Margie Appleton and her husband, Mickey; several nieces and nephews; and many close and dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial contributions be made to Imagination Ft. Worth, 8008 Camp Bowie Blvd.-West, Suite 111, Ft. Worth, Texas 76116.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 4020 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas under the direction of Distinctive Funeral Choices of Odessa.

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Stella M. Garcia

Stella Maria Garcia, 58, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Viewing will be Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with a rosary starting at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set for Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish & Shrine. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Stella was born September 4, 1958 in Midland to Genaro Hernandez, Jr. and the late Vickie Chavez Hernandez. She married Julio S. Garcia on February 28, 1980.

Stella was a loving, caring, and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She enjoyed being with her family and spending quality time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed traveling, going to casinos, lottery tickets and movie theatres, and watching her favorite movies at home, "Urban Cowboy," "Grease," and the TV series "Charmed." Stella was an outgoing person who could make friends anywhere she went. She will be missed greatly by all her family and friends.

Stella was preceded in death by her mother, Vickie C. Hernandez; a nephew, Paul Philip Hernandez; and her grandparents, Clemente Franco Chavez, Sarapia Martinez Chavez, Marta Urquidez, and Genaro Guevara Hernandez, Sr.

She is survived by her husband, Julio S. Garcia; daughter, Patricia H. Garcia; a son, Julio "Julian" Garcia, Jr. and wife Josie, all of Midland; and four grandchildren, Kayla J. Garcia and Julian G. Garcia, both of Conroe, Texas, and Carlos J. Madrid and Andres J. Madrid of Midland.

Stella is also survived by her father, Genaro Hernandez, Jr. of Midland; two sisters, Rachel Porras of Tucson, Arizona and Gloria Hernandez of Midland; three brothers, Daniel T. Hernandez of Midland, Paul F. Hernandez and wife Erolinda of Andrews, Texas, and Luis Victor Hernandez of Midland; and by numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Pallbearers for the service will be Abel Lozano, Abel Lozano, Jr., Elizabeth Ann Sanchez, Manuel Sanchez, Antonio Hernandez, Carlos Lozano, Julio "Julian" Garcia, Jr., and Julian G. Garcia.

Honorary pallbearers are Carlos J. Madrid and Andres J. Madrid.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit the website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Death Notices

Carolyn "June" Russell

Carolyn "June" Russell, 82 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be at Midland Bible Church on Friday, March 24, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

June is survived by her daughters, Patti Owens and Ann White.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Celebrate spring by reducing meat consumption

Where is global warming when we need it? I do look forward to the first day of spring, balmy weather, and flowers in bloom.

The first day of spring is actually a perfect opportunity to turn over a new leaf in our personal habits — to clean house, to jog and to replace animal foods with healthy, delicious vegetables, legumes, grains and fruits.

The shift toward healthy eating is everywhere. Fast-food chains like Chipotle, Quiznos, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell and Wendy's offer plant-based options. Parade, Better Homes and Gardens and Eating Well are touting vegan recipes.

Google CEO Eric Schmidt views replacement of meat by plant protein as the world's No. 1 technical trend. The financial investment community is betting on innovative start-ups like Beyond Meat or Impossible Foods, while warning clients about "death of meat." Even Tyson Foods' new CEO sees plant protein as the meat industry's future.

Indeed, Global Meat News reports that nearly half of consumers are reducing meat intake. Beef consumption has dropped by 43 percent in the past 40 years.

Each of us can celebrate spring by checking out the rich collection of plant-based dinners and desserts in our supermarkets' frozen food, dairy and produce sections.

— Matt Rooks

Kidney stones usually painful, may require invasive treatment

Mayo Clinic News Network

Dear Mayo Clinic: How do doctors decide on the best treatment for kidney stones? When I had a calcium stone, my doctor gave me medication and told me to drink plenty of water until it passed. When my mother had one, she went through a procedure to break up the stone. Why the difference? Also, what makes these stones so painful?

A: Treatment for kidney stones depends on a stone's size, type and location. As in your case, extra fluids and medication may be all that's needed for some small stones. Other treatment may be necessary when a stone is larger. The pain associated with kidney stones usually is the result of spasms triggered by a stone stuck in the ureter, coupled with pressure in the kidney from urine backup.

Kidney stones form from minerals and acid salts. About 85 percent of kidney stones are calcium-based, typically calcium oxalate. Less common are uric acid stones, struvite stones and cystine stones. Doctors use blood and urine tests to find out what kind of stones are present. If you have passed a stone, a laboratory analysis also can reveal the makeup of the stone.

"Drinking extra water can help flush out the urinary system, making it easier for a small stone to pass. Medication to relax the muscles in your ureter — the tube that connects your kidney to your bladder — also can help a stone pass more quickly and with less pain."

Many uric acid and cystine stones can be dissolved by taking medication and drinking extra fluids. Calcium-based stones are different, because they don't dissolve. You have to get them to pass through your urinary system or have them removed.

Drinking extra water can help flush out the urinary system, making it easier for a small stone to pass. Medication to relax the muscles in your ureter — the tube that connects your kidney to your bladder — also can help a stone pass more quickly and with less pain.

Kidney stones often can be quite painful. There are several reasons for that. First, the ureter is small and inflexible, so it can't stretch to accommodate a stone. Second, when a stone gets into the ureter, the ureter reacts by clamping down on the stone in an attempt to squeeze it out. Those spasms can lead to significant pain. Third, if the stone is blocking the ureter, urine backs up into the kidney, causing pressure within the kidney.

People often describe kidney stone pain as flank pain that starts under the rib cage and goes down toward the testicles in men or the labia in women. To ease pain, health care providers often recommend over-the-counter pain relievers for those who are waiting for a kidney stone to pass. Sometimes, narcotics also are prescribed.

Stones that are too large to pass through the urinary tract on their own or stones that are causing other problems, such as bleeding, kidney damage or urinary tract infections, usually require more invasive treatment.

One procedure that can break up a kidney stone is called extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy, or ESWL. It uses sound waves to create strong vibrations that break the stones into tiny pieces. Those pieces then pass out of the body in urine.

Another option to remove a stone in the ureter or kidney is a procedure in which a thin, lighted tube, called a ureteroscope, equipped with a camera is passed through the urethra and bladder to the ureter. Once the stone is located, special tools can snare the stone or break it into pieces that pass in the urine.

If a stone is particularly large, minimally invasive surgery may be necessary. A procedure called percutaneous nephrolithotomy involves surgically removing a kidney stone using small telescopes and instruments inserted through a small half-inch incision in the back.

Because you have a history of kidney stones, if you haven't already done so, talk with your health care provider about strategies you can use to help prevent stones in the future. In many cases, dietary changes, an increase in fluids and, sometimes, medication can help reduce the risk of kidney stones.

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GUEST VIEW

Mental health education should be priority

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

There is far-reaching cultural misunderstanding when it comes to mental health. Pop culture often dictates that if you are suffering from a mental disorder, you're either weird, violent or unstable.

People absorb this from the world around them and weave it into how they perceive mental health sufferers. Yes, there are people suffering from extreme behavioral health issues, but a vast number of Americans suffer from these problems but live productive, healthy lives.

Children and teens don't usually hear about them. They only hear about the extremes that pop culture and misinformation provide, leaving kids confused, isolated and scared when they, or people they know, have mental health issues.

Education, awareness and early intervention are great ways to combat the stereotypes. Parents can help break down the stigmatization of mental health, but school will always be the best place to help educate kids properly about mental health and substance use disorders.

Rep. Four Price, R-Amarillo, the resident mental health champion in the Texas House, filed House Bill 11, which would better equip school districts to give children and teens the best mental health tools to succeed.

Early intervention is a priority in mental health.

Almost 50 percent of all chronic mental health disorders manifest by age 14. By age 24, the number jumps to 75 percent. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 10-24 says the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

House Bill 11 would address mental health education in both primary and secondary schools to create a more emotionally inclusive atmosphere for students.

The bill would also require school districts to provide mental health resource information in student handbooks, a class on mental health and substance use issues and educator tools for counseling students suffering from emotional turmoil.

HB 11 has been referred to the Public Health Committee, which Price chairs.

Funding would most likely comes from the House's proposed $162 million budget for behavioral health issues. House Speaker Joe Straus said money was to be used for implementation of the mental health committee's recommendations.

This is a smart step in mental health reform.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Health starts health-care blog

Midland Health recently introduced a health-care blog, which will be updated biweekly with articles written by nurses, staff and physicians.

Topics could include dermatology, heart health, joint care and orthopedics, overall health and wellness, pregnancy and childbirth, pediatrics and women's health.

Russell Myers, president and CEO, said the mission of Midland Health is to make Midland the healthiest community in Texas and one of the ways to fulfill that mission is by providing trustworthy and reliable information so that people can make better, more informed health-care choices.

To provide feedback or to suggest a topic, call 221-1185 or go to midlandhealth.org, click on "About Us" and then "Blog."

Blue Ribbon Run set for April 8

The ninth annual Blue Ribbon Run: The Race to End Child Abuse is set for April 8 at Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W. Cuthbert Ave. The event is organized by the Midland County Child Welfare Board, which advocates for abused and neglected children in Midland County.

Registration for the event includes entry into drawings for prizes, race day shirt, food and chip timing. Free breakfast burritos will be served courtesy of Jumburrito, and face painting will be provided for children. Top runners in each category will receive a medal and a gift card.

Participants can choose to run the 1K run, 5K run, or both. To register, go to www.midlandchildwelfare.com. Runners can also register the day of the race starting at 7:30 a.m.

Donations can be made via the Sleep-In-Supporter option at online registration.

Midland Health events

BirthPlace Tour, 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital; pre-registration required, midlandhealth.org, click on classes & events; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com

Phone number change

Permian Cardiology, 400 Rosalind Redfern Groorver Parkway, No. 240, has a new phone number.

The office's new number in 432-221-3600. The new fax number is 432-221-5170.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

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

PDAP meetings

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

CHRISTINE HALL

Centers for Children and Families

Relationship closure comes after period of self-discovery

Interpersonal relationships are complicated, and as a therapist I often see individuals struggling from a break-up and questioning "what happened?" and "how will I move on?"

It is rare when a relationship ends on good terms and both individuals involved are able to ask questions and receive the answers they need in order to move on. Closure does not usually happen with the help of an ex; it has to be self-discovered.

The individual who did not end the relationship is left with numerous questions and tends to dwell on the past. Many people who have broken up continue their own pain by refusing to let it go, re-analyzing the entire relationship, insisting on having the final word, keeping tabs on their ex and torturing themselves with the "why?"

No one will ever have all the answers, and the best way to find closure is using the information that is known. More often than not, you know enough about the person you were with and your relationship to step back and examine the explanations of why the relationship ended. It is vital to choose the explanation that allows you to find a sense of peace and let go of the resentments.

It is important to reflect and look at the faulty dynamics of the relationship. In most cases, both parties played a role in the healthy aspects of the relationship, so placing the blame on one party can prohibit closure.

Being aware that there is someone better for you will allow you to begin to forgive and heal. When you are able to think about your ex, hear their name and no longer feel a sense of anguish, you will know you are making progress. Remembering the good times and being thankful for the experience and lessons learned rather than obsessing over the negative will help you grow as an individual. Everyone is entitled to go through the grieving stages when a relationship ends. However, finding the positive and becoming a more complete person because of the experience will allow the next relationship to be that much better.

A common, but a very crucial, mistake that people make is immediately getting involved in another relationship. Individuals often enter into a "rebound" relationship as a reaction to being rejected. Reacting so quickly lacks thought and prohibits healing through the grieving process. The issues in the past relationship tend to carry over into the new one. Judgment is misguided and emotions are clouded. The result is the new person in your life feels the wrath carried over from your previous relationship.

It is important to stay single for a time after a break-up, rediscover who you really are and seek the emotional freedom necessary for you to move out of your comfort zone.

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correspondent will help Midlanders understand national and international health issues.

"The Midland medical community right now is trying to get Midland on board as a healthy place to live," Robbins said. "We thought it would be a nice compliment to it as well. Dr. Gupta is a proponent of food as medicine, something they (medical community) promote."

Wellness is the focus of other programming next week at MC. The college is partnering with Midland Health to host a public event March 29. Dr. Scott Stoll, a board-certified physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist, is slated to speak about plant-based diets during a luncheon at Scharbauer Student Center.

Bell said the college decided to host Health and Wellness Week after offering similar programming last year.

"Employees and students enjoyed it," Bell said. "I think it's important to promote wellness. Our students are caught up with studying and often work. A lot of them have families."

The college is also hosting a walking challenge, health and wellness fair and other student and employee events. The week culminates with a field day featuring physical fitness activities for the campus community.

"Midland College is a very strong proponent of Midland Health's quest to be the healthiest community in Texas," Bell said. "We hope this sends our staff and students a message."

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		G	PG	PG-13	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
BROADCAST	KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speechless	Modern Family	Black-ish	Designated Survivor "Backfire" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "The Tables Have Turned" (N)		Criminal Minds "In the Dark" (N)		CM:Beyond "The Devil's Breath" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "The Stringer"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Drowsy Mosquito"		Twilight "The Fear"
	KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Shots Fired "Pilot" (9) (N)		Empire "Sound and Fury" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
	KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
	KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Blind "Evil Did I Dwell, Lewd Did I Live" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Genes" (N)		Chicago "Remember the Devil" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Great Zebra Exodus"		Nova "Escape From Nazi Alcatraz"		Spillover: Zika, Ebola & Beyond		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Pequeños Gigantes USA		Vino el amor		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Agents of SHIELD		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX		340	575			165	(5:00) ★ Diary of a...		★★★ American Heart Jeff Bridges.				★★★ Bobby ('06, Dra) Anthony Hopkins.				★★★ Dead Man	
	HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★ Ice Age: Collision Course		Making		UConn	Big Little Lies		Girls	★ X-Men: Apocal...	
	HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:25) ★ Balls of Fury		LastWeek	Crashing	(10) UConn	(:40) Carmichael: 8		(:40) ★★★ Deadpool Ryan Reynolds.			Movie	
	HBO5		304	552	16	102		(:15) ★ Keanu ('16, Com)		Keegan-Michael Key.		Crashing	LastWeek	(:15) ★★★ The Cider House Rules				(:20) Unlocking Cage	
	MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) ★ Mission: I...		★★★ Body of Lies Leonardo DiCaprio.				(:10) ★ Lights Out Teresa Palmer.		(:35) ★ Tremors 2: Aftershocks			
	MAX2		382	558	18	122		★★★ The Birdcage Robin Williams.				★★★ RocknRolla ('08, Act) Gerard Butler.		★ Popstar: Never Stop Never ...				Movie	
	PLEX				96			(5:10) ★ The King of ...		★★ Canadian Bacon			(:40)	★★★ Summer School		(:20) ★★ Company Business			
	SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ Pelé: Birth...		Perfect in '76		Circus		★★★ A Bronx Tale Robert De Niro.			(:35) ★★★ Miami Vice		
	TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:20) ★★★ Fargo		★★ Big Eyes ('14, Bio) Amy Adams.				★★ What Women Want Mel Gibson.			(:10) ★ The Illusio...		
CABLE	A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. (N)	Duck Dyn. (N)	Jep&Jessica (N)	Jep&Jessica (N)	Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty	(:35) Duck Dynasty
	AMC		40	74	23	42	51	★★★ Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.								★★★ Gladiator ('00, Epic) Russell Crowe.			
	BET		58	-		40		★ Baggage Claim (2013, Comedy) Taye Diggs, Paula Patton.						The Quad (N)		The Quad		Daily 5..	Game
	BRAVO		65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Watch (N)	Beverly Hills		VanderR
	CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Deed (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC		50	60	31	24	42	The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans		Last Alaskans (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		The Last Alaskans		Bering Sea Gold	
	DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Tangled: The Series		StuckMid	GoodLuck	Liv/Mad	Liv/Mad	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Girl M.	Friends
	ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Washington Wizards (L)						NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Utah Jazz (L)			
	ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball NIT Tournament (L)				WBSC Baseball World Classic Final Site: Dodger Stadium (L)						SportsCenter	
	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	Cooks vs. Cons		Chopped Junior (N)		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Spring Baking		Cooks vs. Cons	
	FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Nanny McPhee				★★ Nanny McPhee Returns Maggie Gyllenhaal.				The 700 Club		★ Ramona & Beez...	
	FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Insider (N)	In the Spotlight	Rodeo RodeoHouston Semifinal -- Houston, Texas (L)				Legion (N)		Rodeo (L)/ UFC FB	Rangers Insider	WPT Poker	
	FX		31	56	59	64	69	(5:30) ★ Transformers: Age of Extinction ('14, Act) Mark Wahlberg.								Legion "Chapter 7"		The Americans	
	HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Property Brothers		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Pickers "The Big Bet"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
	LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Bad Romance"		LittleW. "Bobbleheads Will Roll"		LW Atlanta "Spill the Tea" (N)		Bringing Up Ballers "Party Foul" (N)		LW Atlanta "Spill the Tea"		LittleW. "Bobbleheads Will Roll"	
	MSNBC		47	53	-	49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey New York Islanders at New York Rangers (L)						(:45) NHL Overtime (L)	Sport	Sport	Sport
	NICK		55	-	39	34	37	Hunter	Thunder	Thunder	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.						KalieBrowderSto (N)		★★★ The Book of Eli			
	SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead M...				The Magicians (N)		The Expanse (N)		★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspi...			
	TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Conan Erin Andrews (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
	TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) ★ The Birds		★ The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance				(:15) ★★★ Hombre Paul Newman.				(:15) ★ A Touch of ...	
	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 600-lb Life "James K's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Tracey's Story" Most of the extreme weight on Tracey's body resides in her shockingly misshapen legs. (N)						My 600-lb Life "Tracey's Story" Tracey has shockingly misshapen legs due to her weight.			
	TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "Method to the Madness"		Major Crimes "Dead Drop"		Major Crimes "Bad Blood" (N)		Major Crimes "Bad Blood"		Hawaii Five-0 "O ka Pilo'Ohana ka 'Oi"		Hawaii Five-0 "Kanalu Hope Loa"	
	TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Kill Chain"		NCIS "React"		NCIS "Scope".		NCIS "Reasonable Doubts"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Flip Flop"	Modern Family
	WGN		19	85				Breaking Free		★★ We Are Marshall A football program rebuilds after a horrible tragedy wipes out the entire team.				Underground "Ache" (N)		Underground "Ache"		Underground "Ache"	

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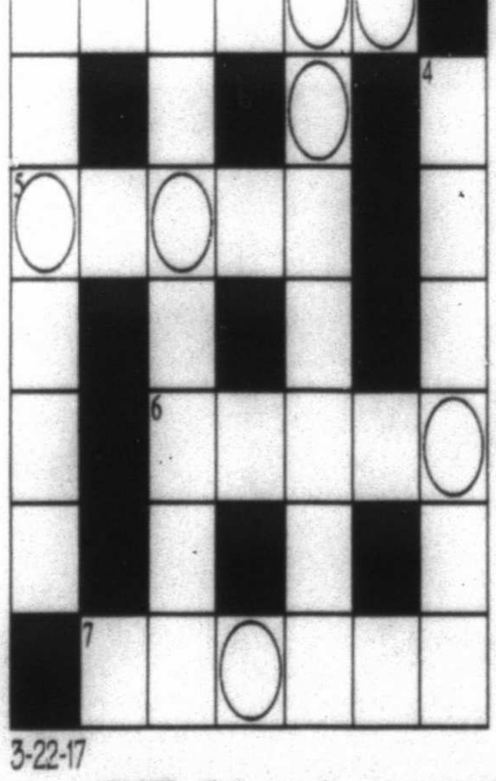

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Bestowing	NGIIVG
5. ___ teacher	SCMIU
6. Sanctify	SBESL
7. Type of motor vehicle	SERAEH

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Take a risk	BLGAEM
2. In view	BISEILV
3. ___ reaction	CNRALEU
4. ___ paper	UISETS

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.

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CLUE: This conglomerate was founded in 1938.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Giving 5A-Music 6A-Bless 7A-Hearse 1D-Gamble 2D-Visible 3D-Nuclear 4D-Tissue B-Samsung

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JUMBLE

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

GUBYG

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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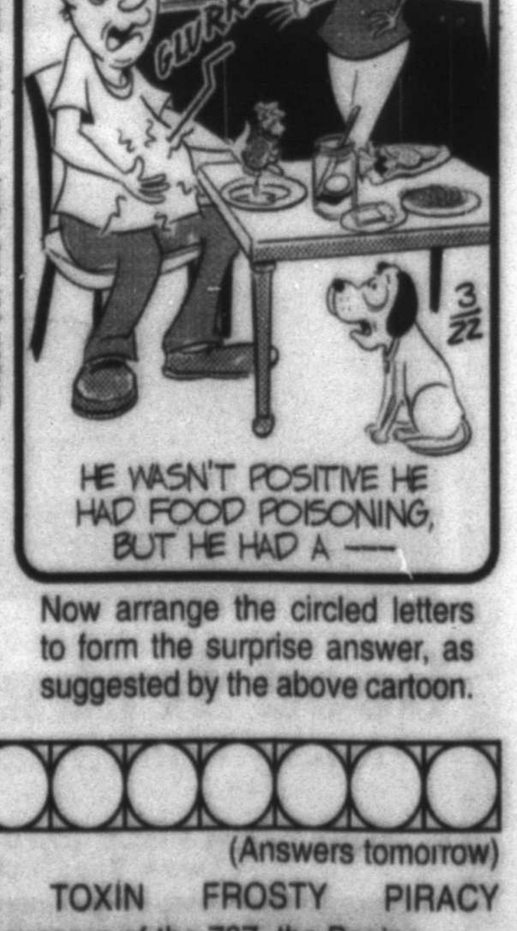


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BOGUS TOXIN FROSTY PIRACY
Answer: With the success of the 707, the Boeing Company had — SOARING PROFITS

TODAY: Sunny High: 87 Low: 61

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 81 Low: 53

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 77 Low: 49

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 80 Low: 57

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 83 Low: 53

MONDAY: Sunny High: 82 Low: 54

Local forecast

A record was set for the second straight day, with a high of 96, according to the National Weather Service. For the next six days, above-normal highs are in the forecast. On Thursday night, there is a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The previous record high for March 21 was 92, set in 1995. The record low is 25, set in 1989. On March 21 of last year, the high was 75, and the low was 42.

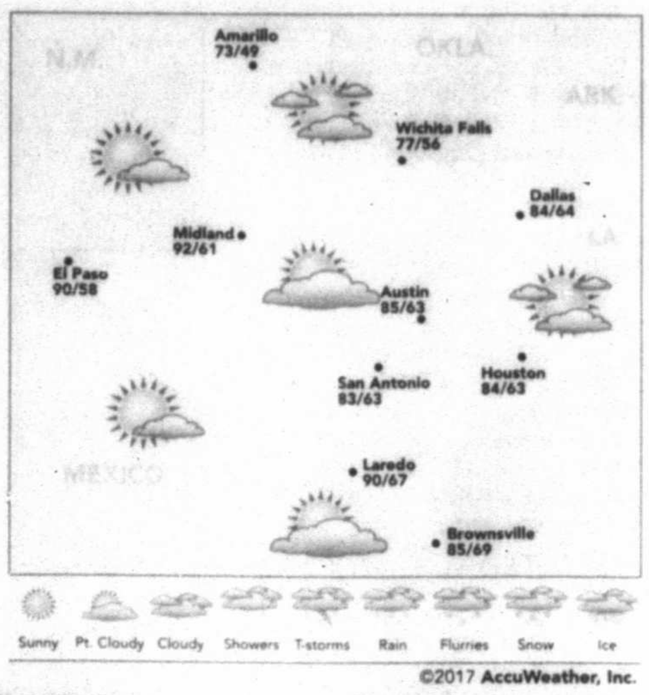
Weather brief

MIAMI

US hurricane center chief going back to The Weather Channel

The director of the National Hurricane Center is going back to work at The Weather Channel.

Rick Knabb has been director of the center in Miami since June 2012. Knabb will participate in the National Hurricane Conference next month in New Orleans and the federal government's annual Hurricane Awareness Tour before leaving the center May 12.



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Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.01 in.
Year total	1.85 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.66 in.

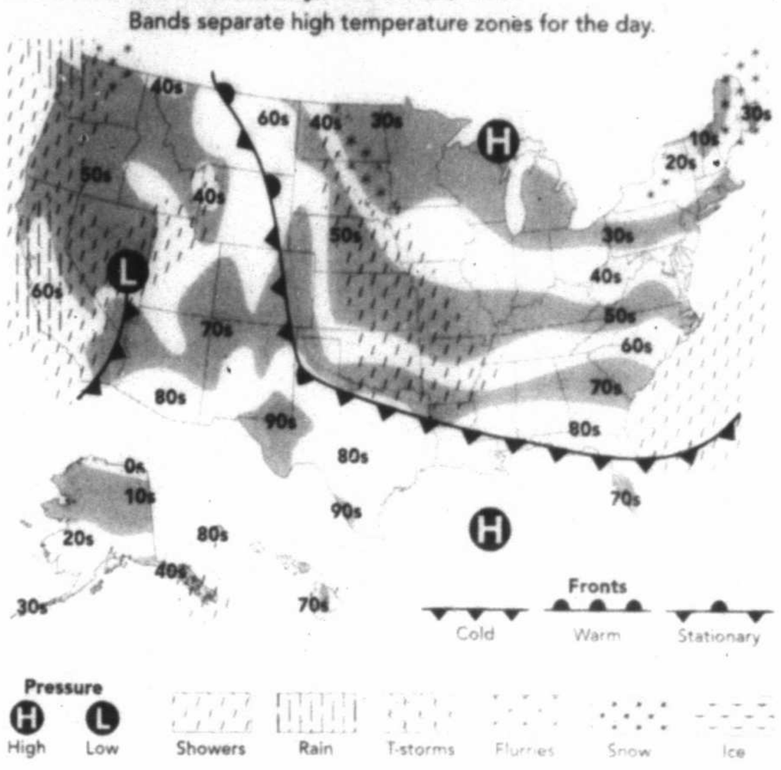
Tuesday's temperatures

High	96
Low	62
Normal high	72
Normal low	42
Sunrise	7:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:02 p.m.

National weather AccuWeather.com

Forecast for Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Mom must bear son-in-law for the sake of her daughter

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: I'm not proud to write this, but I don't like my son-in-law. I think the feeling is mutual. He's arrogant and thinks he knows everything.

My daughter and I had a close bond before she married him. That quickly changed. She barely comes to my house anymore, and I don't see my grandkids as often as I'd like. I don't have a car (I'm working on that), and I rely on them for transportation. I don't like going to their house because I don't feel wanted.

I tolerate my son-in-law because I know my daughter loves him and I try hard to stay out of their business. What advice can you offer me? — WISHING THINGS WERE BETTER

DEAR WISHING: Has it occurred to you that your daughter may be hurt or uncomfortable because she knows you dislike her husband? If he makes your daughter happy and is a good father to your grandchildren, give him points for that, and be glad you aren't the one who has to live with him.

You don't have to love him, but you must maintain a cordial relationship if only for your daughter's sake. Keep working on getting that car so you'll have your own transportation when you need it, and your visit won't be perceived as an imposition.

DEAR ABBY: My son is angry to the point of rage that my daughter is dating his best friend, "Ron." He says his sister "betrayed him" because when she and Ron broke up, she promised never to date another of his friends again, but went back to dating Ron. He also blames my husband and me for encouraging them. They are only 18 months apart in age.

We have shared that we understand his feelings of loss regarding his friend, but we don't think there's anything wrong with her dating Ron. I don't think anything will make him feel better except them breaking up again, and that doesn't look like it will happen.

My son is 22 and my daughter is 20. This is ruining the once close-knit family we had. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated. — MESS ON THE EAST COAST

DEAR MESS: Your son may be 22, but he needs to grow up. If he values his friendship with Ron, he will have to accept that he cannot control the love lives of others, and the person he is punishing with the stance he has taken is himself. It's time for you to step back. You and your spouse will be better off if you stop allowing your adult son's tantrum(s) to affect you.

DEAR ABBY: While dining in a fancy restaurant recently, I noticed a woman sitting a few tables away who had a number of tattoos on her arms and elsewhere. When she came by, I politely asked her what one of them meant. My wife was furious! Did I do something wrong? — INQUIRING QUESTION

DEAR INQUIRING: Tattoos often have deeply personal meanings to the wearer. Although some individuals might welcome the opportunity to explain them to a stranger, others would not because the tat may commemorate a very personal — or sad — milestone. Your wife may have become upset because she felt the question was presumptuous.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Innocent pitch

East-West vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ J 10 9 7 2
♥ J 4
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ 10 9

WEST
♠ 8
♥ Q 9 8 2
♦ K Q J 2
♣ 7 4 3 2

EAST
♠ K 6 5 3
♥ 10 6 5 3
♦ 8
♣ A K 8 6

SOUTH
♠ A Q 4
♥ A K 7
♦ A 10 7 4
♣ Q J 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2NT	Pass	3 ♥*	Pass
3♦	All pass		

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: King of ♥

Some of the errors made while playing bridge are very subtle and might not even be discovered in the postmortem.

South won the opening diamond lead with the ace and led a low club to dummy's 10 and East's king. South won the heart shift with the ace and led the queen of clubs to East's ace. Declarer won the heart continuation with his king and cashed the jack of clubs to discard a diamond from dummy. He crossed to dummy with a heart ruff and ran the jack of spades. When this held the trick, South continued with a spade to his queen as West shed a low diamond. Declarer exited with a diamond to West's jack, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ 10 9
♥ Void
♦ 9
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Void
♥ Q
♥ Q
♣ –

EAST
♠ K 6
♥ Void
♥ Void
♣ 8

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ Void
♥ 10 7
♣ Void

West cashed the queen of diamonds, but whatever he led next would pickle his partner's king of trumps. Should East overruff the dummy, South would overruff with the ace. Undertruff and South would discard, taking the last trick with the ace of trumps. This lovely ending is known as a "Smother Play," for obvious reasons.

Did you spot the defensive error? West should have discarded a low club on the second spade rather than a diamond. He could then have led the two of diamonds for East to ruff in the diagrammed position.

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 Wednesday, March 22, 2017:

This year you make a profound change that could affect your status in the outside world. For some of you, this transformation is the result of a job change or a commitment to your community. Others prove beneficial for you, as they help you as much as they can. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, yet you still will want your space. Finding someone with the same need could be challenging. If you are attached, the two of you take off to seek out new experiences together. Travel could play a significant role in your relationship. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You won't push yourself past a certain point, especially when it comes to making a provocative decision. Others might find you to be unpredictable in general. Do not be surprised at some of the comments you are likely to hear. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Reach out to someone who often gives you a new perspective. Your day is marked by good luck, if you are willing to receive it. You gain unusual insight by detaching and becoming more of an observer. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Could go till the wee hours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Sorting through what is real and what is speculation might challenge you today. You know how to honor a fast change and get more of what you want by tapping into your creativity. A friend surprises you and catches you off guard. Tonight: Stay away from the crowds.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might be sick of a controlling person in your life. Slow down, and try not to react right away. Come from a more secure place before deciding how to handle this matter. Don't play into his or her manipulations. A boss or parent might surprise you. Tonight: A must show.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Get as much done as possible. You have the ability to use the right words at the right time, which helps to melt others' resistance. You also have the ability to accept new ways of thinking and new insights. You will need to use that skill today. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You have what others seem to lack right now, which is a more optimistic perspective of what is happening around you. As a result, what is a boulder in someone else's path is only a pebble in yours. Use care with any risk-taking. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ An important matter needs to be handled, and if you don't take care of it, the issue will weave through the next few days. An associate continues to be too independent for your taste; try to rope him or her in before the situation gets worse. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Return calls, stay on top of emails and know what you want. You could have several discussions in which you'll need to reveal more of your inner self. Your nerves might be frayed, so take a timeout if you can, even if only for a short time. Tonight: Run some errands.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Be aware of what is happening around you financially. Take a strong stance with your finances and investments. You understand what you need to do, but you might be hesitant. Use your creativity when dealing with these matters. Tonight: Make it your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Remain confident that you will achieve your goals and desires. Opportunities naturally seem to knock on your door. You might need to make some choices that you were not prepared to make. A family member is likely to shake up the status quo. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Know what is going on around you. How you view what you want could change radically in a day or so. Make no commitments, but entertain the possibility of many different options. How you express yourself might be quite unique and different. Tonight: You get a second wind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Surround yourself with supportive friends who help you achieve what you want. First, make sure that your goals are still attainable. A close associate or loved one might discuss some key issues that are likely to surprise you. Use care financially. Tonight: Get some rest.

BORN TODAY

Actress Reese Witherspoon (1976), author James Patterson (1947), actor William Shatner (1931)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "That's enough out of you"
6 Addams family nickname
10 Festoons with Charmin, for short
13 Chicago airport
14 Barak of Israel
15 __ butter
16 Monkey cage discard
18 Phone using a tower
19 Govt. agency that supports startups
20 Kettle output
21 Ride in the desert
22 Reason for totaling, as an insured car
24 Social ranking
27 Many mobile downloads
28 Coral component
29 Cause of some tan lines
34 "All Things Considered" co-host Shapiro
35 Day of song
36 Fleece source
37 Ornate 18th-century genre
40 Thyme piece
42 Pre-hurricane emergency op
43 Runs after
44 Fluffy sun blocker
49 "No one can beat me"
50 Poker game concern
51 Unit of resistance
54 Poker at the table?
55 Baseball rarity, and a hint to the vowels in the first words of 16-, 22-, 29-, 37- and 44-Across
57 Where buds may go
58 Right hand
59 Meditation teachers
60 "The Affair" network, briefly
61 Flow with force
62 Place on a pedestal

DOWN

1 Corny leftovers
2 Starbuck's boss
3 Child tender
4 Tax-deferred plan, briefly
5 Stiffen in fear
6 Prairie home
7 The Supremes' "__ a Symphony"
8 "See if I care!"
9 Cholesterol letters
10 Annual Augusta National event
11 "Pequod" co-owner
12 Room in a maison
15 Shrimp dish
17 Off-roaders, for short
21 2-Down's title, informally
22 Dirty digs
23 Place of honor
24 Prep for a bout
25 Big name in riding mowers
26 Canadian short story writer awarded a Nobel Prize in 2013
29 Lavish wrap
30 Discount rack: abbr.
31 First-aid gear
32 Boo-boo
33 Cribbage markers
35 Prefix with drama
38 Small eggs
39 NASCAR's Yarborough
40 Z's
41 Elbow protector
43 Mine extraction
44 Names as a reference
45 Hater of David, in Dickens
46 Rx
47 Reprimand
48 Aggressive cat lover of cartoons
51 Gymnast Korbut
52 Flag down
53 Classic PC adventure game
55 Some univ. proctors
56 Curse

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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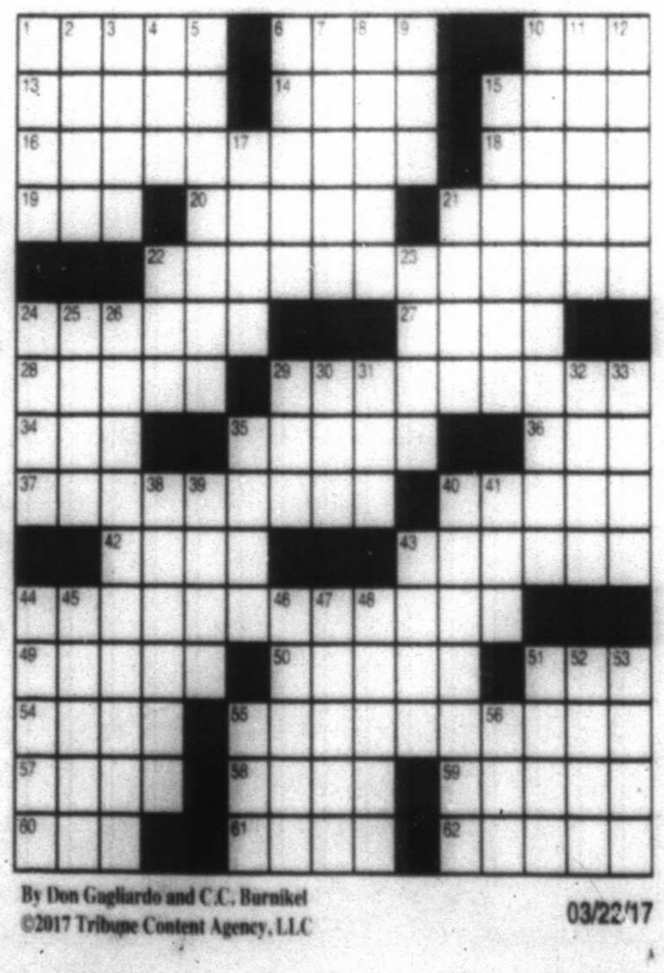

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Study: Children's exposure to opioids has decreased

By Jia Naqvi
The Washington Post

The phone rings once approximately every 45 minutes — that is how often poison control centers in the United States receive calls about children being exposed to prescription opioids, according to a study published Monday.

Over a span of 16 years, from January 2000 until December 2015, about 188,000 calls were placed to poison control centers regarding pediatric and teenage exposure to opioids, the study published in the journal Pediatrics found. Sixty percent of the children exposed to opioids were younger than 5, while teenagers accounted for 30 percent.

Pediatric exposure to opioids increased by 86 percent from 2000 to 2009 but decreased overall for all ages under 20 from 2009 until 2015, the study found. Increasing awareness among people with prescription drugs, physicians putting more thought into prescribing opioids, and prescription drug monitoring programs implemented by many states and efforts by different organizations could have contributed to the decrease in exposure, said Marcel Casavant, study author, medical director of the Central Ohio Poison Center and chief toxicologist at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus.

"We are not quite sure, and so it would be good to try to sort out of all the things that we are trying, which ones are the most effective and how can we spend more time doing that," Casavant said.

Despite the decrease, pediatric exposure to drugs such as buprenorphine and tramadol fluctuated, with exposure increasing between some years and decreasing during other years, the study found.

The increase in buprenorphine exposure is particularly concerning because almost half of such cases require admission to a health-care facility, according to the study.

"As physicians, we need to find a balance between making sure that we are helping our patients manage their pain, and making sure we don't prescribe more or stronger medication than they need," said Gary Smith, the senior author of the study and director of the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

The most commonly cited medicines in the calls to poison control centers were hydrocodone (29 percent), oxycodone (18 percent) and codeine (17 percent). Although both children and teenagers were exposed to opioids, the severity of and reasons behind the exposures differed with age, the study found.

Children younger than 5 experienced the largest number of exposures, which is particularly dangerous because even ingesting part of a pill can be harmful to a child. Most such accidents occur because children somehow find their parents' prescription opioids at home, give in to their curiosity and ingest the pills.

"When adults bring these medications into their homes, they can become a danger to the children that live there. It is important that these medications are stored up, away and out of sight of kids of all ages, in a locked cabinet is best," Casavant said.

Teenage exposures were more deliberate. Most involved either risk-taking to intentionally feel the effects of opioids or were attempts to harm themselves, Casavant said. More than two thirds of the exposures among teenagers were intentional, and the opioid-related suspected suicide rate rose by 50 percent among teenagers over the 16-year study period.

The researchers are urging greater efforts to prevent opioid exposure to children of all ages. They also are calling for prescription opioids to be packaged in blister packs or single-dose packaging instead of loosely filled pills in a prescription bottle; the more challenging packing would make accidental overdoses more unlikely.

Report

From 1B

compel more people to shift to safer noncombustible alternative nicotine products. These kinds of measures are external pressures that would also discourage people from smoking as often, said Steven Schroeder, a professor of health and health care at the University of California San Francisco.

The second strategy involves giving people greater access to tobacco dependence treatment services because the most common method used by smokers — quitting cold turkey — yields the lowest success rate, at only about 5 percent. Tobacco dependence treatment services involve a combination of behavioral counseling and pharmacotherapy consisting of nicotine replacement medications (gum, patch, lozenge, inhaler or nasal spray) or prescription non-nicotine medications (Zyban or Chantix) and have a success rate of 20 percent, which is four times higher than quitting cold turkey.

Combination drug therapies are recommended for strongly dependent individuals, Cummings said in an email. Those who choose the cold-turkey method of quitting are rarely able to stay off cigarettes, he said.

Health-care disparities make it difficult for adults who belong to certain groups, such as those with low incomes, to get access to intensive counseling and medications that ease the process of quitting, Kotsen said. Insufficient political will to support research about smoking cessation measures exacerbates the problem, he said.

The third strategy involves updating policies to facilitate dissemination and development of safer alternative nicotine products. Current tobacco product regulations were designed for cigarettes and need to be modernized to take into account technological advances that have created nicotine products that are safer and have the potential to replace cigarettes.

Bill

From 1B

The expansion of Medicaid — the federal-state health care program for people with low incomes, known as Medi-Cal in California — would be phased out under the Republicans' plan starting in 2020.

The expansion, adopted by 31 states and the District of Columbia, added more than 11 million people to the rolls. The federal government picks up a much higher proportion of the cost for this population than for traditional Medicaid enrollees.

In the GOP plan, people already covered under the expansion would continue to be funded by the federal government after Jan. 1, 2020, but if states opted to sign up new enrollees under the expansion criteria after that date, they wouldn't receive the more generous federal funding for them.

And those who remained in the program after 2020 but later lost eligibility would not draw the more generous federal funding for expansion enrollees if they became eligible again and re-enrolled at a later date.

In California, the potential loss of federal dollars caused by the rollback of the expansion would be massive. The state Legislative Analyst's Office estimated last month that the Golden State is slated to receive more than $17 billion from the federal government for the Medi-Cal expansion in 2017-18.

"We're talking about a big shift in costs to the state of California and potentially a major loss in coverage," said UC Berkeley's Jacobs.

The GOP legislation, which is scheduled for a vote on the House floor Thursday, would impose the new renewal requirement on expansion enrollees starting Oct. 1.

"They're saying to states that do the expansion, 'We'll cover people who are continuously in the program, but we'll make it really hard for people to be continuously in the program,'" Jacobs said.

Wolf Faulkins, a resident of Mariposa, California, who enrolled in Medi-Cal in 2014 as a result of the expansion, said the proposed rule change regarding renewal would add one more layer to Medi-Cal's already considerable bureaucratic requirements, none of them logical or simple.

"If I were more of a senior citizen than I am now, I would be overwhelmed" by it, Faulkins, 61, said. "I would not be a happy camper." But he would complete the extra paperwork, he added, because his Medi-Cal coverage keeps him alive: Among other things, he has a heart condition and high blood pressure as well as knee and hand ailments.

Senderling-McDonald said the new paperwork will lead some enrollees to drop out for two reasons: Either they're no longer eligible, or they're eligible but the new bureaucratic hurdle stops them.

Faulkins agreed. Even though he would jump through the necessary hoops to keep his coverage, some others probably wouldn't, he guessed. "There are people who are just going to say, 'It's important, but it's too overwhelming. There's no one to advocate for me. There's no one to help me figure this out,'" he said. "People are just going to get frustrated and say no."

The new renewal time frame has a precedent in California, which adopted a semiannual reporting requirement in 2003 for some enrollees that lasted about a decade. Though it was less cumbersome than the regular annual renewals, it nonetheless resulted in people dropping from the rolls, Senderling-McDonald said.

But the Cato Institute's Cannon believes six-month renewals are reasonable. "The savings from removing ineligible people would justify the paperwork involved," he said.

The paperwork imposed by these changes could be the least of the headaches for Medicaid beneficiaries.

Retroactive benefits, for example, are extremely valuable for new Medicaid enrollees who face medical bills during a gap in coverage, and losing them could cause financial pain.

"If they have had health expenses, like having to pay for a prescription out-of-pocket or a doctor's visit, or a woman goes into labor uninsured, they can say to the county, 'I had medical bills. Can you see if I was eligible during that time?'" said Senderling-McDonald.

Pregnant women are among the most frequent beneficiaries because they often don't know that they're pregnant right away, she added.

The GOP bill would end this, and would allow coverage to begin only the month in which enrollees apply. This provision would affect all Medicaid applicants and, like the change in renewal time, would begin Oct. 1.

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MIDLAND HEALTH

Greenwood coaches Anthony, Hartman resign

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Greenwood ISD athletic department will be undergoing some more changes.

Greenwood is seeking two new coaches after girls basketball coach Quint Anthony and boys basketball coach Paul Hartman resigned from their posts earlier this month.

Both coaches, Greenwood ISD Superintendent Ariel Elliott and newly hired GHS athletic director/football coach Jared Sanderson confirmed the resignations to the Reporter-Telegram.

"It's been a crazy semester," Elliott said. "First, we had to find a new football coach and athletic director and now we've lost both basketball coaches. We've got a lot of changes happening in the athletic department but we've got to push forward and continue and try to do what's best for our kids. Sometimes a change is needed. We wish them nothing but the best and I would not hesitate in being a reference for either one of them."

Anthony said Monday that he resigned March 6, ending an admirable 11-year career at Greenwood, which included 10 straight playoff appearances, nine consecutive trips to the area round of the playoffs, and two straight trips to the Region I-4A tournament.

Anthony compiled a 176-130 record, which included a trip to the 2016 Region I-4A Final.

Anthony said that he resigned because he didn't agree with some of the members on the Greenwood ISD Board of Trustees. Anthony said he had a good working relationship with Elliott, principal Stacy Jones and Sanderson.

"Well it's one of the things that happens, there's much you can do about it when there's disagreements between people," Anthony said. "It's a bad situation for everybody involved."

This past season, Anthony guided the Rangerettes to a perfect 8-0 record and district title in District 4-4A.

"He's a great guy and he did a great job with our program," Sanderson said of Anthony.

Hartman said the administration asked him to resign and that his last date of teaching will be May 26.

"They said they wanted to go another direction," Hartman said.

Hartman coached the Rangers for

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Greenwood girls basketball head coach Quint Anthony looks on from the bench during the game against Lubbock Estacado in the regional quarterfinal game Feb. 23, 2016, at Lamesa Middle School in Lamesa.

MRT file photo

Good feelings all around

Lee stays confident in win over Frenship

By Will Korn
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It was all about confidence for the Lee baseball team Tuesday afternoon at Ernie Johnson Field.

Against visiting Wolfforth Frenship, the Rebels fell behind 3-0 in a wobbly first inning for the second straight game. But no one in the Lee dugout flinched and the Rebel bats calmly battled back and took control of the game en route to an 8-5 District 2-6A victory over the Tigers.

Senior left-hander Wyatt Hernandez, who relieved starter J.J. Melendez to begin the second, helped keep Lee in front with 4 2/3 quality innings of relief.

Hernandez earned his first win, allowing one earned run on four hits while striking out four and walking five.

First baseman Payton Tranum led the charge at the plate for the Rebels (6-11, 3-1 in District 2-6A), as he went 2-for-3 with a game-changing two-run double in the third and a solo home run in the fifth that handed Lee a key insurance run.

Just as they did on Saturday in a 15-10 home win against Odessa Permian, the Lee batters simply stayed the course and remained confident in their ability to score runs against the Tigers (10-10, 2-2 in District 2-6A).

Hernandez said he had that feeling as he took the mound to start the second inning. The Rebels had just plated two runs in the bottom half the first with an immediate rally and the southpaw had a firm belief that if he just relaxed and threw strikes, he'd be in good shape.

"I knew coming out that my team was going hit," Hernandez said. "It makes you feel a lot better going out there, that you can just throw and they're going to score runs behind you. I felt good about it. Throw strikes, my defense is going to make plays and (the offense) is going to score."

Added Lee head coach Brian Roper: "We've got some guys that have been through this before that don't hit the panic button."

Hernandez proceeded to toss three scoreless innings and during that span, the Rebels grabbed a 5-4 lead in the third courtesy of a sacrifice fly by Chase Pederson and the two-run double to deep center by Tranum off of Frenship starter Brock Erculiani.

In his next at-bat in the fifth, Tranum's solo blast to left center extended the Rebels' lead to 6-4.

Tranum said he was confident he would come through in such a big moment for his team in a tight game and added that the team is beginning to feel that way as a whole.

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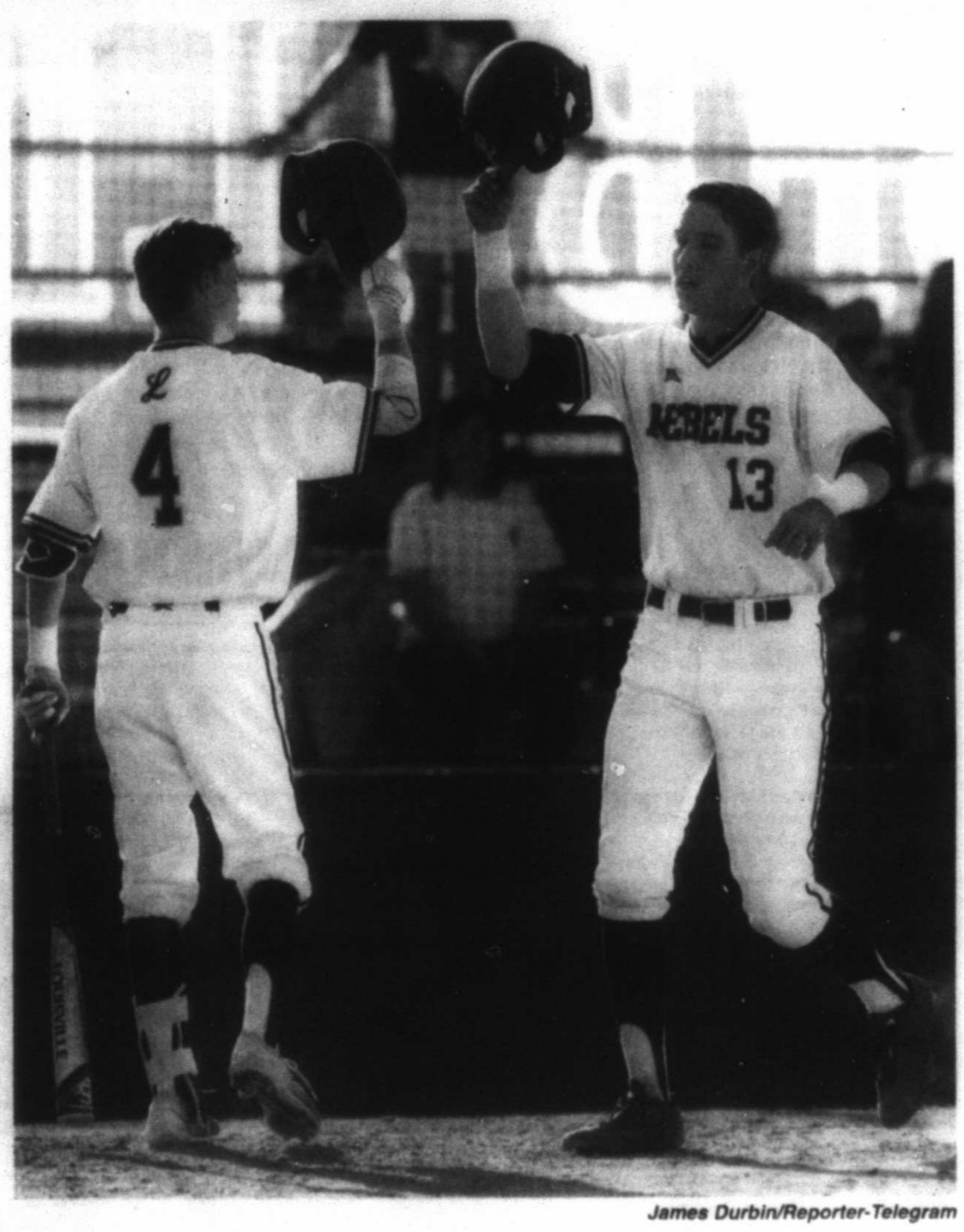

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Lee's Kasey Blackmon (4) congratulates Payton Tranum (13) after scoring against Frenship on Tuesday at Ernie Johnson Field.

Miscues, Permian's running hurt MHS in loss

By Christopher Hadorn
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Odessa Permian coach Kristin Williams has a reputation around District 2-6A for fielding teams that are aggressive on the base paths.

The No. 4-ranked Midland High softball team found that out the hard way on Tuesday afternoon at James R. "Buddy" Martin Memorial Softball Field.

Vines

The Lady Panthers scored five of their first seven runs without the need to make contact with the ball, as they coerced MHS into ill-fated throws with their base running maneuvers.

Two of the runs scored on a wild pitch that included a failed rundown try, two additional runs scored on throwing errors on pickoff attempts and another one scored on a throwing error by an infielder following a pickoff attempt.

In the end, Permian left the Tall City with a stunning 10-3 victory over MHS and moved into a first-place tie at 2-1 with the Lady Bulldogs, who entered the day as the only unbeaten team in district.

The Lady Panthers (12-7-1, 2-1) also stole four bases, including three thefts from Brianna Dominguez.

"They are always ready to run and we worked on it (Monday) a little bit," Williams said of her team. "I'm excited. They executed when they needed to. Regardless, that's a good team over there."

Permian's base running was the least of Midland High's woes. The Lady Dawgs (17-6, 2-1) left runners stranded in scoring position in every inning and ended two frames by running into outs by trying to take an additional base.

"Well we can hope that it's just a bad day," MHS coach Shawnda Vines said. "We haven't played this badly, but you have to give all the credit to Permian because Permian is the one that put the pressure on us and we didn't handle it. It's just that simple, so we have to be able to do a better job of handling adversity on the field."

Midland High starting pitcher Deandra Allen was overpowering, striking out eight Permian batters in only 3 1/3

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First triple-double for TCU sinks Richmond 86-68 in NIT

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Vlad Brodziansky scored 20 points, Kenrich Williams had the first triple-double in TCU history and the Horned Frogs rolled over Richmond 86-68 on Tuesday night to win their bracket of the NIT and advance to the Final Four for the first time.

Williams had 11 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists for TCU (22-15), which was seeded fourth and knocked out top-seeded Iowa in the second round. Desmond Bane added 13 points and Alex Robinson had 12.

The Horned Frogs, under first-year coach Jamie Dixon, will play the winner of UCF-Illinois in Madison Square Garden next Tuesday.

T.J. Cline had 33 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the sixth-seeded Spiders (22-13). De'Monte Buckingham had 11 points and Khwan Fore 10.

Brodziansky had six points in an early 11-0 run that put TCU up 21-9 and added another basket and two free throws to help push the lead to 32-15 with 4:39 left in the first half. He had 16 points and Williams had 9 with 10 rebounds as the Frogs shot 50 percent and led 41-26 at the break.

After six quick Richmond points cut it to nine, TCU went on a 13-1 run with Brandon Parrish, JD Miller and Bane hitting 3s. Richmond never challenged after that even though Cline scored 23 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Carlton vs. Richmond, 3 a.m., FSP

COLLEGE BASEBALL
UTRGV at Texas, 6:30 p.m., LHN

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
McNeese State at Texas, 4 p.m., LHN
North Carolina at Tennessee, 6:30 p.m., SEC

CRICKET
T20 Tournament: Lancashire vs. Birmingham, 1:30 a.m., ELVN
T20 Tournament: Peshawar Zalmi vs. Durham, 5:30 a.m., ELVN

CURLING
Women's World Championships: USA vs. Russia, 6 a.m., UHD
Women's World Championships: Italy vs. Canada, 8 p.m., UHD

GOLF
PGA: WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Day 1, 1 p.m., GOLF

MLB
Spring Training: NY Yankees vs. Philadelphia, Noon, MLB
Spring Training: Texas vs. LA Angels, 3 p.m., FSSW+

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
NIT Quarterfinal: Richmond at TCU, 6 p.m., ESPN2
NIT Quarterfinal: Cal State Bakersfield at UT Arlington, 8 p.m., ESPNU

MEN'S COLLEGE LACROSSE
Georgetown at Loyola-MD, 2 p.m., CBSSN

Men's Soccer
Germany vs. England, 2:30 p.m., ESPNDEP

NBA
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m., ESPN
New York at Utah, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

NHL
NY Islanders ay NY Rangers, 7 p.m., NBCSN

RODEO
RodeoHouston, Semifinal 1, 7 p.m., FSSW

RUGBY
NRL: South Sydney vs. Sydney, 4 a.m., FS2

TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Miami, 10 a.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
D2 Semifinal, 5 p.m., CBSSN
D2 Semifinal, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC
Championship: Puerto Rico vs. USA/Japan winner, 8 p.m., MLB, ESPN2, ESPNDEP

WHAT'S ON DECK

Junior college

BASEBALL
Howard College at Midland College, 7 p.m.

MC SOFTBALL

MC'S KISTNER HONORED ONCE AGAIN

Midland College freshman pitcher Crystine Kistner has once again received the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week for March 12-18.

The right-hander from Cabazon, California, went 3-0 last week and allowed just two earned runs on four hits, with 23 strikeouts and only four walks in 14 2/3 innings pitched. She also threw no-hitter against Frank Phillips College on Saturday with 10 strikeouts.

Howard College's Jackie Mercado was named WJCAC Softball Position Player of the Week as the sophomore third baseman from Rosamond, California, batted .888 with four home runs, 11 RBI and scored nine runs.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Agreed to terms with SS Tim Anderson on a six-year contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Reassigned RHPs Raúl Fernandez and Jake Reed to their minor league camp. Granted Ryan Vogelsong his free agency.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reassigned INF Gleyber Torres to Trenton (EL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with C Robinson Chirinos on a one-year contract extension.

National League
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Named Barry Bonds special adviser to the CEO.

American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed OF Robby Kuzdak.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Taylor Stanton and INF Tommy Mendonca.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed OF Jabari Henry.

Can-Am League
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed INF Nick Giampaolo. Traded C-1B Jesus Pesso to Fargo-Moorhead (AA) for LHP Will Mathis.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed LHPs Jenna Neal and Guillaume Blanchette.

Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed OF John Schultz to a contract extension.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Sam Agnew-Wieland and LHP Cole Swanson.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Signed G David Nwaba to a multi-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Assigned F Tiago Splitter to Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed FB Derrick Coleman. G Hugh Thornton and FB Soma Vainuku. Signed president Rich McKay to a five-year contract extension through June 2022.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed RB Benny Cunningham to a one-year contract.
DETROIT LIONS — Re-signed DE Armonty Bryant.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Kamar Aiken.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed LB Kiko Alonso to a contract extension through 2020.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed WR Adam Thielen to a three-year extension.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Re-signed LB Keenan Robinson.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed DE Tyson Alualu to a two-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled F Christian Fischer from Tucson (AHL). Assigned F Laurent Dauphin to Tucson.
CALGARY FLAMES — Recalled F Garnet Hathaway from Stockton (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled C Ben Street from Grand Rapids (AHL).

American Hockey League
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned F Julien Nantel to Colorado (ECHL).
STOCKTON HEAT — Signed D Adam Ollas Mattsson to an amateur tryout agreement.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended FC Dallas D Maynor Figueroa one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for serious foul play that endangered the safety of an opponent during a March 18 match against New England.

United Soccer League
NEW YORK RED BULLS II — Re-signed Stefano Bonomo. Signed Ds Andrew Lombard and David Abidor.

National Premier Soccer League
NEW YORK COSMOS B — Named Kevin Anderson coach.

COLLEGE
LSU — Named Will Wade men's basketball coach.
MICHIGAN STATE — Announced hockey coach Tom Anastos is stepping down. Named Tom Newton interim hockey coach.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	12	3	0.800
Los Angeles	11	4	0.692
Seattle	3	5	0.543
Minnesota	7	4	0.636
Oakland	7	4	0.636
Chicago	8	5	0.615
Kansas City	7	5	0.583
Baltimore	7	6	0.538
Tampa Bay	6	6	0.500
Cleveland	6	7	0.462
Boston	6	7	0.462
Houston	5	6	0.455
Toronto	4	8	0.333
Texas	2	9	0.182
Detroit	3	11	0.214

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	11	3	0.786
St. Louis	10	4	0.714
Colorado	7	5	0.583
New York	8	7	0.533
Milwaukee	8	7	0.533
Arizona	7	7	0.500
Philadelphia	6	7	0.462
San Diego	6	7	0.462
Los Angeles	6	7	0.462
Washington	5	7	0.417
Cincinnati	5	8	0.385
Chicago	4	7	0.364
San Francisco	5	9	0.357
Miami	3	8	0.273
Atlanta	4	10	0.286

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Washington 3, Atlanta 1
Houston 2, Miami 1
Philadelphia 9, Minnesota 5
Pittsburgh 8, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
L.A. Angels 9, Cincinnati 1
Milwaukee 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
San Francisco 5, San Diego 3
Arizona 4, Kansas City 2
Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., late
Oakland vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., late

Today's Games
Minnesota vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y Yankees vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:07 p.m.
Miami vs. N.Y Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Oakland vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Texas vs. L.A. Angels (ss) at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 5:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	73	41	23	9	91	200	182
Ottawa	72	40	24	8	88	191	187
Boston	73	38	29	6	82	209	195
Toronto	71	33	23	15	81	216	210
Tampa Bay	72	34	29	9	77	197	202
Florida	72	30	31	13	73	183	208
Buffalo	74	30	32	12	72	183	214
Detroit	72	29	32	11	69	180	213
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
x-Washington	72	47	17	8	102	232	161
Pittsburgh	72	46	17	9	101	252	199
x-Columbus	71	47	18	6	100	226	164
N.Y. Rangers	73	45	24	4	94	233	192
N.Y. Islanders	71	33	26	12	78	210	218
Carolina	71	31	27	13	75	186	206
Philadelphia	71	33	30	8	74	186	213
New Jersey	72	27	33	12	66	167	211

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Chicago	72	47	20	5	99	218	178
Minnesota	71	43	22	6	92	232	178
Nashville	72	36	25	11	83	212	202
St. Louis	71	38	28	5	81	197	190
Winnipeg	72	32	33	7	71	217	230
Dallas	72	29	33	10	68	196	233
Colorado	71	20	48	3	43	138	234
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
San Jose	72	42	23	7	91	196	166
Edmonton	72	39	24	9	87	209	186
Anaheim	72	38	23	11	87	186	178
Calgary	73	41	28	4	86	203	197
Los Angeles	72	34	31	7	75	175	181
Vancouver	71	28	34	9	65	181	207
Arizona	73	27	37	9	63	178	233

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
x-clinched playoff spot

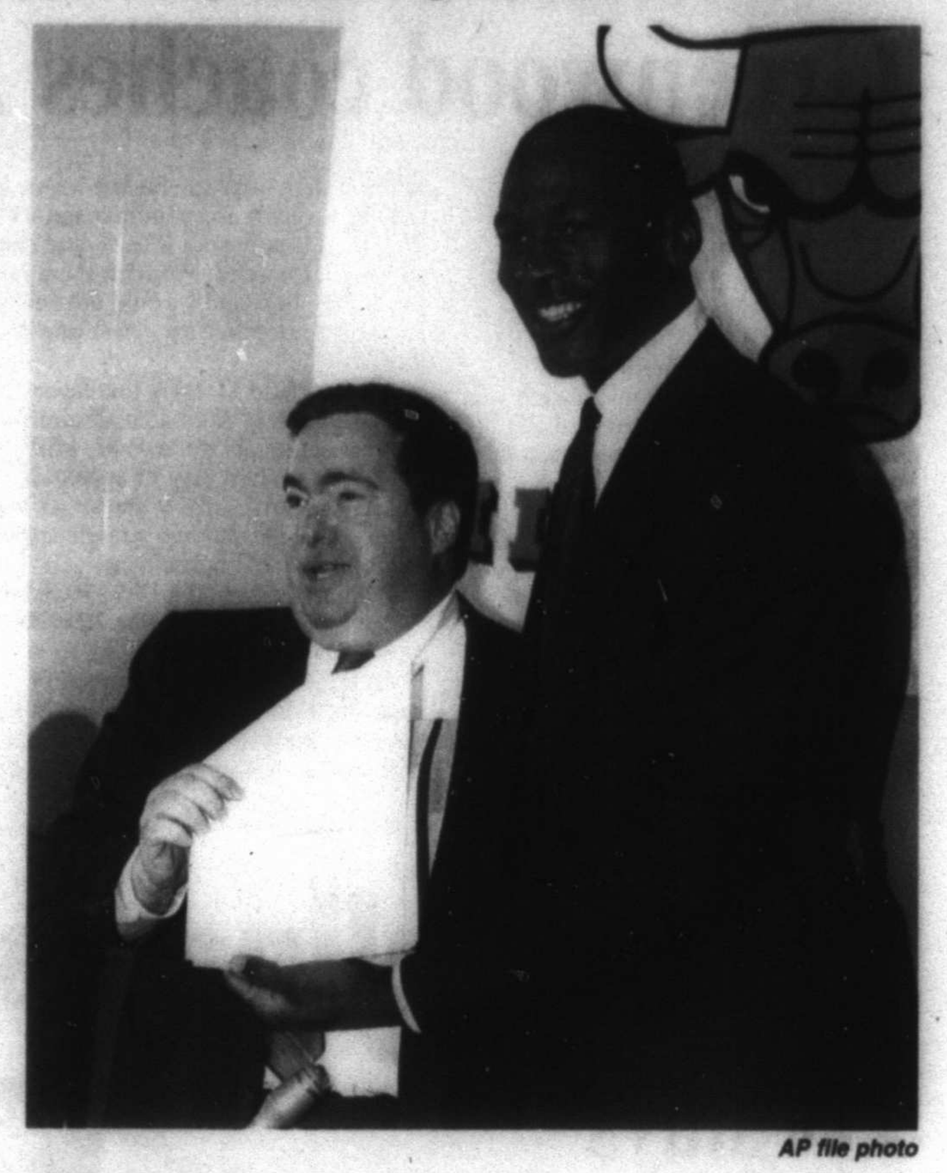
Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Washington 4, Calgary 2
Ottawa 3, Boston 2
Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 1
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Carolina 4, Florida 3
Arizona 5, Tampa Bay 3
Detroit at Montreal, late
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, late
Vancouver at Chicago, late
San Jose at Minnesota, late
St. Louis at Colorado, late

Today's Games
Toronto at Columbus, 6 p.m.
N.Y Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Jerry Krause, Bulls' GM during 1990s dynasty, dies at 77

By Andrew Seligman
Associated Press



AP file photo

In this Sept. 21, 1988, file photo, Chicago Bulls' Michael Jordan, right, is all smiles after he signed a new contract with the NBA team as general manager Jerry Krause looks on during a news conference in Chicago, Ill. Krause, the executive behind the Bulls' six NBA titles, has died, the team announced Tuesday. He was 77.

CHICAGO — Jerry Krause, the Chicago Bulls' general manager during their 1990s dynasty that saw them capture six NBA championships with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen leading the way, has died. He was 77.

The Bulls confirmed his death on Tuesday.

A Chicago native, Krause spent 18 seasons leading the Bulls' front office and was a two-time NBA executive of the year. He helped put together a run that ranks among the most successful in NBA history and made the franchise a worldwide brand.

"The entire Bulls organization is deeply saddened by the passing of Jerry Krause," chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said. "Jerry was one of the hardest working guys I have ever been around, and he was one of the best talent evaluators ever. Jerry played an integral role in our run of six championships in eight years. He truly was the architect of all our great teams in the '90s."

With Jordan and Pippen soaring around Chicago and Phil Jackson pulling the strings from the sideline, the Bulls dominated in a way few teams have. Krause, who took over as general manager in 1985, was responsible for surrounding Jordan with the pieces that propelled two championship three-peats in the 1990s.

He hired Jackson from the Continental Basketball Association as an assistant to Doug Collins and fired Collins in favor of Jackson following a run to the Eastern Conference finals in 1989.

He also acquired Scottie Pippen in a 1987 draft day trade and also selected Horace Grant, a key figure in the first championship three-peat.

Draft picks such as Toni Kukoc, Stacey King and B.J. Armstrong also played prominent roles on those teams. So did players he signed such as John Paxson, Steve Kerr, Bill Wennington and Ron Harper. The same goes for Dennis Rodman, the flamboyant force on the glass who was acquired in a trade.

"I owe a lot to Jerry. If it weren't for him bringing me to Chicago in 1985, I probably never would have been a Bull," said Paxson, now the executive vice president of basketball operations. "He had a great eye for talent, and his ability to build a team is unrivaled. He's one of the best the league has ever seen."

Krause is survived by his wife, Thelma; his two children, Stacy and David; and, his grandchildren Colette, Josh, Mia and Riley. Memorial information was pending.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WARRIORS 112 MAVERICKS 87

DALLAS — Klay Thompson had 23 points with five 3-pointers and the Golden State Warriors earned their 28th road win this season, beating the Dallas Mavericks 112-87 on Tuesday night in a matchup of the Curry brothers.

Stephen Curry, two-time MVP and the older of the brothers, had 17 points and nine assists for the defending NBA champion Warriors.

The Warriors, who have a league-high 57 wins overall this season, are the first team ever with 28 road wins in three consecutive seasons. They have a record 90 wins away from home during that span.

Seth Curry, who was undrafted in 2013 and just this year became a starter with the Mavericks, had 10 points on 4-of-12 shooting.

RAPTORS 122 BULLS 120, OT

TORONTO — DeMar DeRozan had 42 points, and the Toronto Raptors snapped an 11-game losing streak against the Chicago Bulls by rallying for a wild 122-120 overtime win on Tuesday night.

DeRozan shot 17 of 38 from the floor and also collected eight assists. Cory Joseph had 19 points for the Raptors, and Serge Ibaka scored 16 before he was ejected for his role in a memorable fight with Robin Lopez during the third quarter.

Jimmy Butler had 37 points for the Bulls, and Rajon Rondo finished with 24. It was Chicago's first loss to Toronto since Dec. 31, 2013.

PELICANS 95 GRIZZLIES 82

NEW ORLEANS — DeMarcus Cousins enjoyed his most prolific performance yet with the Pelicans with 41 points and 17 rebounds, and New Orleans beat the Memphis Grizzlies 95-82 on Tuesday night.

Cousins hit five 3-pointers, tying a career high. He made five shots inside while being fouled for three-point plays and had the jubilant home crowd chanting his nickname, "Boogie."

Cousins also blocked three shots and assisted on Anthony Davis' crowd-pleasing alley-oop dunk.

NETS 98 PISTONS 96

NEW YORK — While his twin brother was throwing punches, Brook Lopez landed a blow that really hurt.

Lopez made a jumper as time expired to give the Brooklyn Nets a 98-96 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Tuesday night.

He had heard even before he ended the game about what happened in Toronto, where Robin Lopez was ejected along with the Raptors' Serge Ibaka for fighting.

"Well, the Lopez twins were just both doing what we do tonight," Lopez said.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	45	26	.634	—
Toronto	42	29	.592	3
New York	27	43	.386	17½
Philadelphia	26	44	.371	18½
Brooklyn	14	56	.200	30½
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Washington	42	28	.600	—
Atlanta	37	33	.529	5
Miami	35	36	.493	7½
Charlotte	31	39	.443	11
Orlando	26	45	.366	16½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Cleveland	46	23	.667	—
Indiana	36	34	.514	10½
Milwaukee	34	35	.493	12
Detroit	34	37	.479	13
Chicago	33	38	.465	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	16	.768	—
x-Houston	49	22	.690	5
Memphis	40	31	.563	14
Dallas	30	40	.429	23 1/2
New Orleans	30	41	.423	24
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Utah	43	28	.606	—
Oklahoma City	40	30	.571	2½
Denver	33	37	.471	9½
Portland	32	37	.464	10
Minnesota	28	41	.406	14
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
z-Golden State	57	14	.803	—
L.A. Clippers	42	29	.592	15
Sacramento	27	43	.386	29 1/2
Phoenix	22	49	.310	35
L.A. Lakers	20	50	.286	36 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot
z-clinched division

Scores and schedule

Tuesday's Scores
Toronto 122, Chicago 120, OT
Brooklyn 98, Detroit 96
Miami 112, Phoenix 97
New Orleans 95, Memphis 82
Golden State 112, Dallas 87
San Antonio at Minnesota, late
Milwaukee at Portland, late
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games
Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
New York at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Portland, 9 p.m.

COACHES

From 1C

three seasons, which included playoff berths the past two years and an area round appearance during the 2015-16 campaign.

The Rangers improved from 3-28 in 2014-15 to 9-24 in 2015-16 to 11-20 this past season. Hartman said Greenwood could have fared better this year, but was plagued by injuries to key players.

"Well I came into a program that wasn't winning games," Hartman said. "They were down a couple of years. We steadily improved our record every year, so I am proud of what we accomplished."

Sanderson said he hopes to have two coaches hired as soon as possible.

"We've got a lot of good kids coming and we'll look to find somebody to keep building on it," Sanderson said.

Oscar LeRoy contributed to this report

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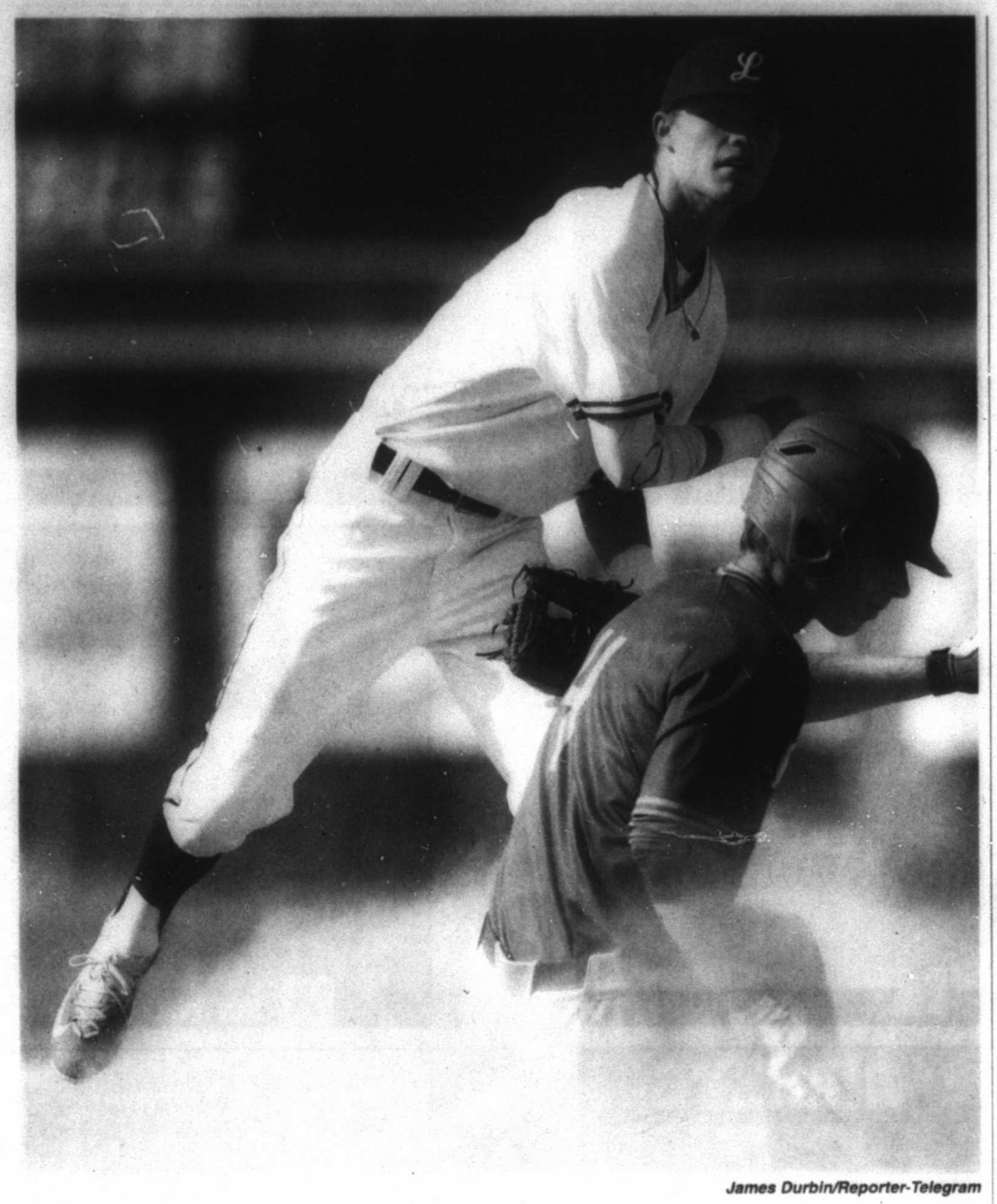

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Lee's Kasey Blackmon (4) attempts a double play against Frenship on Tuesday at Ernie Johnson Field.

Bonds rejoins Giants as special adviser, calls team 'family'

By Janie McCauley
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds is back with the San Francisco Giants, just as the club had hoped.

Bonds, who spent a one-season stint as Miami's hitting coach last year before being fired, will serve as a special adviser to CEO Larry Baer.

The home run king was scheduled to help coach at spring training beginning Wednesday in Scottsdale, Arizona. He will work with the minor league teams, something that had been in the works for a couple of months. General manager Bobby Evans mentioned it last month at FanFest .

"We are delighted to welcome Barry back home to the Giants," Baer said. "As one of the greatest players of all-time, Barry's contributions to our organization are legendary. He joins Willie Mays, Willie McCovey, Orlando Cepeda and other distinguished alumni who help advise the club and we look forward to working with him again. "

Now an avid cyclist at age 52, Bonds also will represent the organization in the community and at various Giants events.

LEE

From 1C

"Our confidence is getting there," Tranum said. "That's our number one focus is confidence and getting in the (batter's) box and doing big things. I'm totally comfortable down there (at the bottom of the order) and whatever helps out the team is what I'm going to do."

The Tigers added a run in the top of the sixth on an RBI single to center by leadoff hitter Justyce Bocanegra to make it 6-5. In the bottom half. The Rebels responded with two more runs, both coming on Frenship errors.

To close out the win, the Rebels placed their faith in hard-throwing right-hander John Wuthrich, who struggled in the final two innings in a 9-8 loss at Amarillo Tascosa last Thursday. He struck out two and walked none in 1 1/3 innings of work to earn the save.

"It what was really nice was to see (Wuthrich) come in and close it out," Roper said. "We've been missing him (on the mound). In a game like that, you want to have it in your best player's hands and that's him. That's John Wuthrich."

Ty Coleman went 2-for-3 with a double, a walk and run scored for Lee Bocanegra finished 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI and a run for the Tigers.

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District 2-6A Baseball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	T
Odessa High	3	1	13	6	0
Lee	3	1	6	11	0
Midland High	3	1	9	10	0
Wolfforth Frenship	2	2	10	10	0
Amarillo Tascosa	1	3	4	14	1
Odessa Permian	0	4	5	13	1

Tuesday's Scores
Lee 8, Wolfforth Frenship 5; MHS 10, Amarillo Tascosa 5; Odessa High 8, Odessa Permian 0

Friday's Games
Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Wolfforth Frenship at MHS, 4:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m

LEE 8, WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 5
Frenship 310 ..... 001 ... 0—5 5 5
Lee ..... 203 012 x ... —8 7 1
Brock Erculiani, Braden Kennard (6) and Zariah Pacheco. L — Melendez. Wyatt Hernandez (2). John Wuthrich (6) and Colby Standard. W — Hernandez. L — Erculiani. 2B — Lee: Ty Coleman 2, John Wuthrich. Adam Becker. Payton Tranum. HR — Lee: Payton Tranum
Records: Frenship 10-10, 2-2 in District 2-6A. Lee 6-11, 3-1 in District 2-6A
Next: Wolfforth Frenship at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Friday. Odessa High at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Friday

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Baseball

KNIGHTS EDGE CHARGERS

Midland Classical had to weather a huge late rally to edge Trinity, 14-13 on Tuesday at the MCA baseball field.

The Knights (3-4) led 9-1 before Trinity (0-7) scored 11 runs to take the lead in the top of the sixth inning. MCA answered with two runs in the bottom half and then three more in the bottom of the seventh to seal the win.

Jaxson Bayley started for MCA and allowed one earned run on one hit, while striking out 12 in five innings.

Aaron Giffin led the Knights at the plate, going 3-for-3 with three RBI, three runs scored and two walks. Bayley, Sam Reddell, Cade Miller and Caleb Patterson each went 2-for-4 for MCA, which totaled 15 hits.

MCA 14, TRINITY 13
Trinity ..... 00010(11)1—13 5 2
MCA ..... 003 042 3—14 15 6
Jaxson Bayley and Caleb Patterson, Grant Berridge (7). 2B — MCA: Jaxson Bayley, Cade Miller
Record: Trinity 0-7, MCA 3-4
Next: MCA at Denton Cavalry Academy, 4 p.m. Saturday. Trinity at Lubbock Christian, 6 p.m. April 4

Softball

GHS RUN-RULED BY FORT STOCKTON

FORT STOCKTON — Ambri Corral went 4-for-4 with two home runs, a double, six RBI and four runs to push Fort Stockton to a 14-3 victory over Greenwood in a five-inning District 4-4A affair.

Natalee Karcher went 3-for-3 for GHS (11-7-1, 1-2); Rangerettes pitcher Kyndall Dove was 2-for-3 with an RBI and GHS junior Karina Gallindo went 2-for-3 with a run.

FORT STOCKTON 14, GREENWOOD 3, 5 INNINGS
Greenwood ..... 110 01 —3 9 3
Fort Stockton ..... 333 32—1414 1
Kyndall Dove and Paysiee Sims, Mariah Bueno and Hellene Bueno. W — M. Bueno. L — Dove. 2B — Greenwood: Kaitlan Keel. Fort Stockton: Mady Natividad 2, Ambri Corral, Cristina Villarreal, Kobi Byrd. HR — Fort Stockton: Corral 2, Natividad
Records: Greenwood 11-7-1, 1-2 in District 4-4A. Fort Stockton 2-0 in District 4-4A
Next: Andrews at Greenwood, 11 a.m. April 1

MHS beats Amarillo Tascosa behind 17 hits

From staff reports

AMARILLO — The Midland High offense cranked out 17 hits and got a complete-game start from senior right-hander Brooks Betcher to pick up a 10-5 District 2-6A win against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday.

Betcher

Only one of Betcher's five runs were earned on nine hits. He struck out two and walked none in his second win this season.

MHS (9-10, 3-1 in District 2-6A) fell behind 3-1 after the first inning, but took a 4-3 advantage in the second on singles by Tyler Wade and Michael Hailey and a hit-by-pitch RBI by Sam Bertelson. The Bulldogs added four more runs in the fifth and two in the seventh in support of Betcher.

At the plate, Tyler Wade went 4-for-4 with two runs and an RBI, while Hailey and Betcher each finished 3-for-5. Jaxon Hallmark was 1-for-3 and drove in three runs for the Bulldogs.

Jon Cantu went 3-for-3 with two doubles, an RBI and a run for Tascosa (4-14-1, 1-3).

MIDLAND HIGH 10, AMARILLO TASCOSA 5
MHS ..... 130 040 2—10 17 3
Tascosa ..... 300 002 0 —5 9 1
Brooks Betcher and Sam Matchus, Zach Richards (7). Martinez, Sandoval (6) and Cantu. W — Betcher. L — Martinez. 2B — MHS: Sam Matchus, Michael Hailey, Chris Sims; Tascosa: Poles, Cantu 2. 3B — MHS: Sam Bertelson.
Records: MHS 9-10, 3-1 in District 2-6A. Tascosa 4-14-1, 1-3 in District 2-6A
Next: Wolfforth Frenship at MHS, 4:30 p.m. Friday. Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 4:30 p.m. Friday

MHS

From 1C

innings. However, the Lady Panthers worked six walks against Allen, which led to them capitalizing on base running opportunties.

"First thing is, you have to have a good at-bat," Williams said. "You got to get on. If you don't get on, we can't make the pressure happen."

Permian catcher Hannah Banker went 4-for-5 with three triples, a double, three RBI and two runs scored.

"(Allen) does throw a good rise ball," Banker said. "I just wanted to make sure that I got my pitch that she left across the plate and drive it hard."

Ashley McClellan led MHS with three hits and Taylor Conner had a pair of doubles for the Lady Dawgs.

MHS hosts rival Lee at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

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District 2-6A Softball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L	T
Odessa High	2	1	16	5	1
Midland High	2	1	17	6	0
Odessa Permian	2	1	12	7	1
Wolfforth Frenship	2	1	13	9	0
Lee	1	2	17	5	0
Amarillo Tascosa	0	3	5	19	1

Tuesday's Scores
Odessa Permian 10, Midland High 3; Wolfforth Frenship 7, Lee 6; Odessa High 16, Amarillo Tascosa 1, 4 innings

Friday's Games
Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Wolfforth Frenship at Odessa High, 7 p.m.

ODESSA PERMIAN 10, NO. 4 MIDLAND HIGH 3
Permian ..... 031 310 2—10 12 1
Midland ..... 100 020 0 —3 11 4
Miranda Martinez and Hannah Banker. Deandra Allen. Alli Monarrez (4) and Natalie Gamboa. W — Martinez. L — Allen. 2B — Permian: Banker. MHS: Taylor Conner 2, Gamboa. 3B — Permian: Banker 2. RBI — Permian: Banker 3, Hunter Harkrider, Abigail Pawlik. MHS: Abbi Sanchez, Gamboa, Reagan Keithley
Records: Permian 12-7-1, 2-1 in District 2-6A. Midland High 17-6, 2-1
Next: Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Friday. Permian at Amarillo Tascosa, 4:30 p.m. Friday

Late HR sinks Lady Rebels against Frenship

From staff reports

WOLFFORTH — Keeley Etchison hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to propel Wolfforth Frenship to a 7-6 win over Lee in District 2-6A softball action on Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels raced out to a 5-0 lead through 3 1/2 innings, scoring two runs in the third and three runs in the fourth.

Lee's Alex James cracked a three-run homer in the fourth and finished 2-for-3.

Anna Williams homered in the bottom of the fourth for the Lady Tigers (13-9, 2-1), capping a five-run inning.

Lee (17-5, 1-2 in District 2-6A) took a 6-5 lead in the top of the fifth inning when Emily Gonzalez hit a sacrifice fly to score Abby Jordan.

With the win, Frenship moved into a four-way tie for first place at 2-1, with Midland High, Odessa High and Odessa Permian, in the District 2-6A standings.

WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP 7, LEE 6
Lee ..... 002 310 0 —6 9 3
Frenship ..... 000 502 x —7 6 2
Melanie Mann and Baylee Leonard. Keeley Etchison, Torrey Hogan (5) and Caroline Kerr. W — Hogan. L — Mann. 2B — Lee: Kirklynd Newsom, Tana Gonzales; Frenship: Anna Williams. HR — Lee: Alex James; Frenship: Williams, Etchison.
Records: Lee 17-5, 1-2 in District 2-6A; Frenship 13-9, 2-1
Next: Lee at Midland High, 4:30 p.m. Friday; Frenship at Odessa High, 7 p.m. Friday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GLANCE

NCAA Men

FIRST FOUR
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday, March 14
Mount St. Mary's 67, New Orleans 66
Kansas State 95, Wake Forest 66
Wednesday, March 15
UC Davis 67, N.C. Central 63
Southern Cal 75, Providence 71
EAST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
Wisconsin 65, Villanova 62
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Florida 65, Virginia 39
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
South Carolina 58, Duke 51
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Baylor 82, Southern Cal 76
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
South Carolina (24-10) vs. Baylor (27-7), 6:29 p.m.
Wisconsin (27-9) vs. Florida (26-8), 9 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Butler 71, Middle Tennessee 65
Sunday, March 19
At Bon Secours Wellness Arena
Greenville, S.C.
North Carolina 72, Arkansas 65
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Kentucky 65, Wichita State 62
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
UCLA 79, Cincinnati 67
At FedEx Forum
Memphis, Tenn.
Regional Semifinals
Friday
Butler (25-8) vs. North Carolina (29-7), 6:09 p.m.
Kentucky (31-5) vs. UCLA (31-4), 8:40 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
MIDWEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At BMO Harris Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Purdue 80, Iowa State 76
Sunday, March 19
At Bankers Life Fieldhouse
Indianapolis
Michigan 73, Louisville 69
At BOK Center
Tulsa, Okla.
Kansas 90, Michigan State 70
At Golden 1 Center
Sacramento, Calif.
Oregon 76, Rhode Island 72
At The Sprint Center
Kansas City, Mo.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 23
Michigan (28-11) vs. Oregon (31-5), 6:09 p.m.
Purdue (27-7) vs. Kansas (30-4), 8:40 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Semifinal winners
WEST REGIONAL
Second Round
Saturday, March 18
At KeyBank Center
Buffalo, N.Y.
West Virginia 63, Notre Dame 71
At Amway Center
Orlando, Fla.
Xavier 9*, Florida State 66
At Vivint Smart Home Arena
Salt Lake City
Gonzaga 79, Northwestern 73
Arizona 69, Saint Mary's 60
At SAP Center
San Jose, Calif.
Regional Semifinals
Thursday
Gonzaga (34-1) vs. West Virginia (28-8), 6:39 p.m.
Xavier (23-13) vs. Arizona (32-4), 9:10 p.m.
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 25
Semifinal winners
FINAL FOUR
At University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, Ariz.
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion
National Championship
Monday, April 3
Semifinal winners

NCAA Women

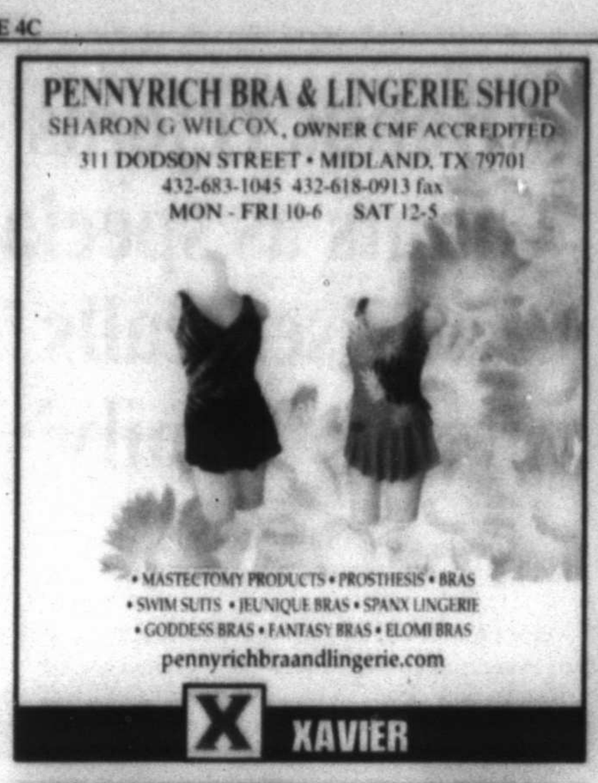
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
At Bridgeport, Conn.
Maryland (32-2) vs. Oregon (22-13), 10:30 a.m.
UConn (34-0) vs. UCLA (25-8), 1 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners
OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
At Oklahoma City
Mississippi State (31-4) vs. Washington (29-5), 6 p.m.
Baylor (32-3) vs. Louisville (29-7), 8:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Second Round
Sunday, March 19
At Lexington, Ky.
Ohio State 82, Kentucky 68 At Austin, Texas
Texas 84, N.C. State 80 At South Bend, Ind.
Notre Dame 88, Purdue 82, OT Monday, March 20
At Manhattan, Kan.
Stanford 69, Kansas State 48 Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 24
At Lexington, Ky.
Notre Dame (32-3) vs. Ohio State (28-6), 6 p.m.
Texas (25-8) vs. Stanford (30-5), 7:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 26
Semifinal winners
STOCKTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 25
At Stockton, Calif.
South Carolina (29-4) vs. Quinnipiac (29-6), 3 p.m.
Florida State (27-6) vs. Oregon State (31-4), 5:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
Monday, March 27
Semifinal winners
FINAL FOUR
At Dallas
National Semifinals
Friday, March 31
Bridgeport winner vs. Oklahoma City winner
Lexington winner vs. Stockton winner National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Semifinal winners

NIT Men

Second Round
Saturday, March 18
Mississippi 85, Syracuse 80 Sunday, March 19
Georgia Tech 71, Belmont 57
TCU 94, Iowa 92, OT
Richmond 87, Oakland 83
Monday, March 20
UCF 63, Illinois State 62
Texas-Arlington 85, Akron 69
Illinois 71, Boise State 56
CS Bakersfield 81, Colorado State 63
Quarterfinals
Tuesday
TCU 86, Richmond 68
Mississippi (22-13) vs. Georgia Tech (19-15), late
Today
Illinois (20-14) at UCF (23-11), 6 p.m.
CS Bakersfield (24-9) at Texas-Arlington (27-8), 8 p.m.
Semifinals
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 28
Semifinal, 6 p.m.
Semifinal 8:30 p.m.
Championship
Thursday, March 30
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

NIT Women

Second Round
Saturday, March 18
Michigan 71, Wright State 66
Iowa 79, South Dakota 73
Washington State 68, Wyoming 67, OT
Sunday, March 19
Indiana 71, Saint Louis 53
St. John's 60, Harvard 55
Villanova 56, Drexel 51
James Madison 61, Virginia 55
Virginia Tech 73, Navy 62
Penn State 70, Fordham 51
Colorado 81, South Dakota State 75, OT
Alabama 55, Little Rock 53
Middle Tennessee 73, Wake Forest 66
UC Davis 58, Colorado State 57
Georgia Tech 63, UCF 51
Tulane 68, Grambling State 49
Monday, March 20
SMU 59, Abilene Christian 52
Third Round
Thursday March 23
St. John's at Michigan, 5 p.m.
Middle Tennessee at Georgia Tech, 6 p.m.
Virginia Tech at Penn State, 6 p.m.
Villanova at James Madison, 6 p.m.
SMU at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Iowa, 7 p.m.
Tulane at Alabama, 7 p.m.
UC Davis at Washington State, 9 p.m.
Quarterfinals
March 25-27
UC Davis-Washington State winner vs. Colorado-Iowa winner
Tulane-Alabama winner vs. Middle Tennessee-Georgia Tech winner
St. John's-Michigan winner vs. Virginia Tech-Penn State winner
Villanova-James Madison vs. SMU-Indiana winner Semifinals
Wednesday, March 29
TBD Thursday, March 30
TBD Championship
Saturday, April 1
TBD, 2 p.m.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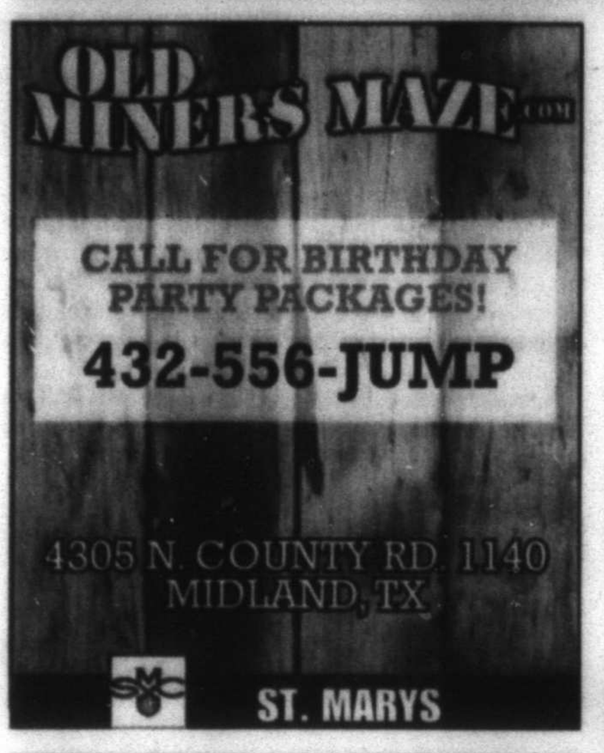
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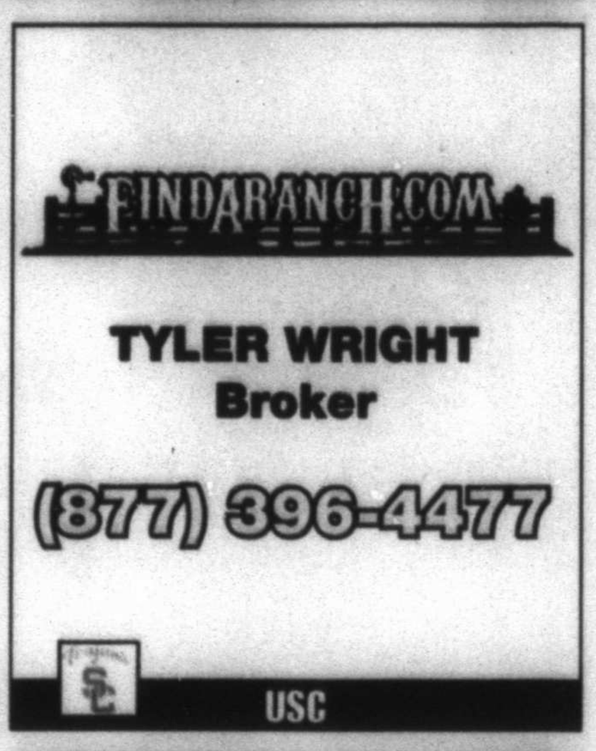
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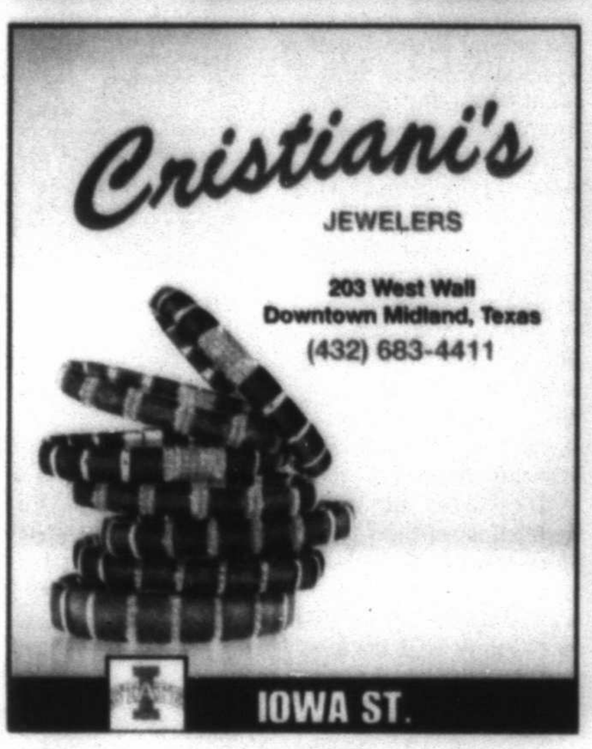
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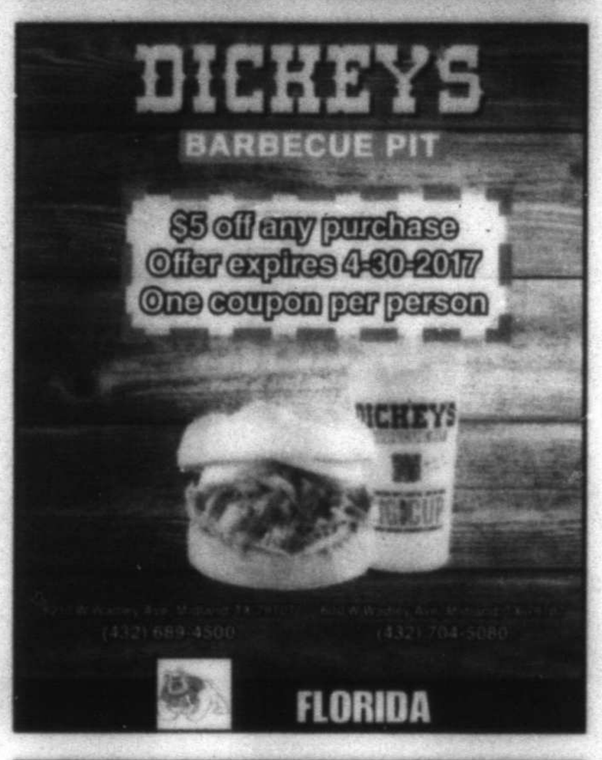
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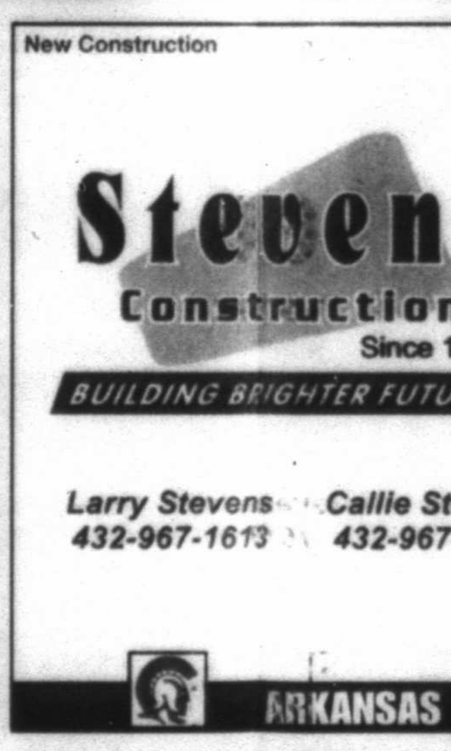
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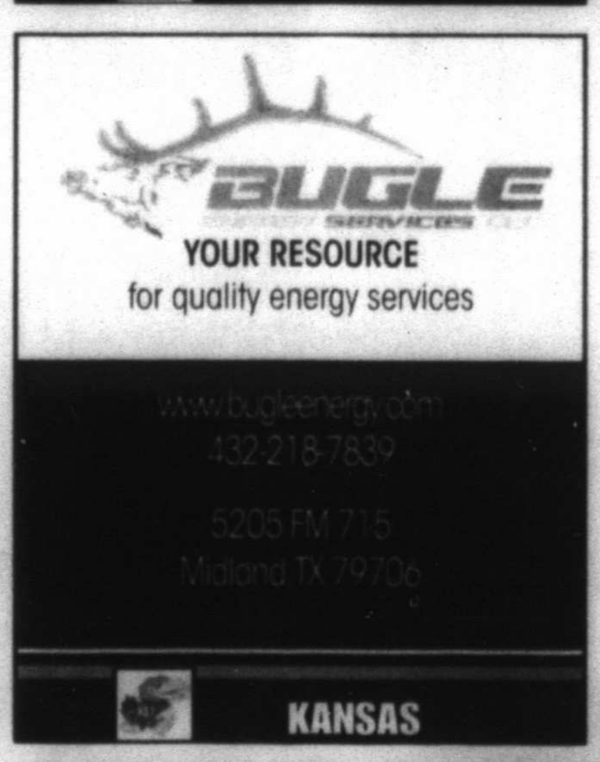
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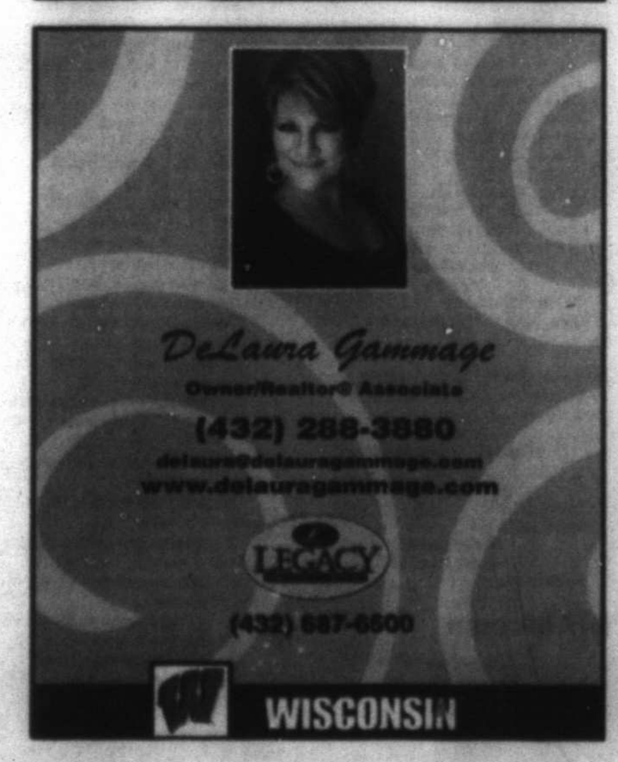
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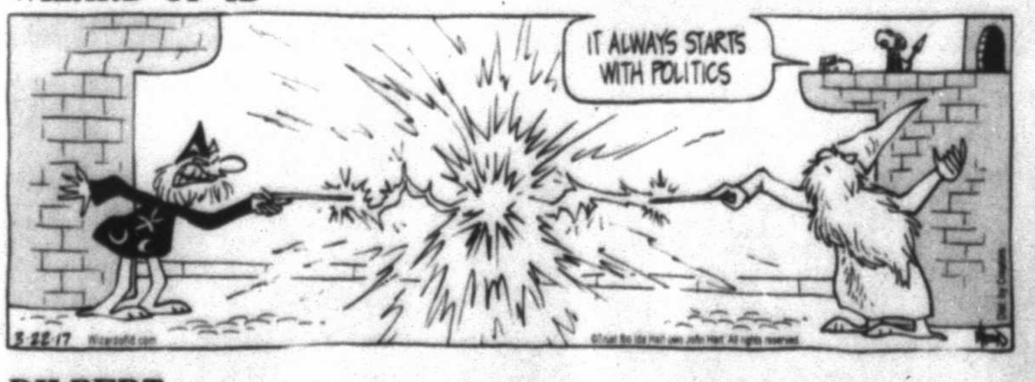

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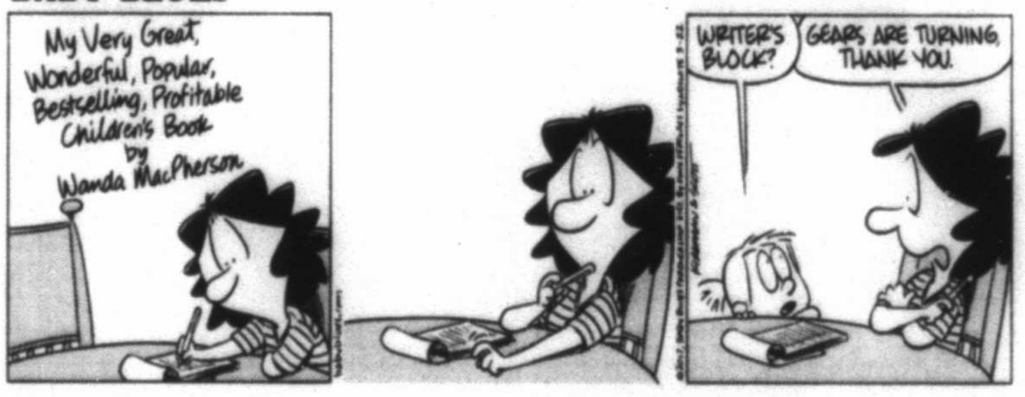

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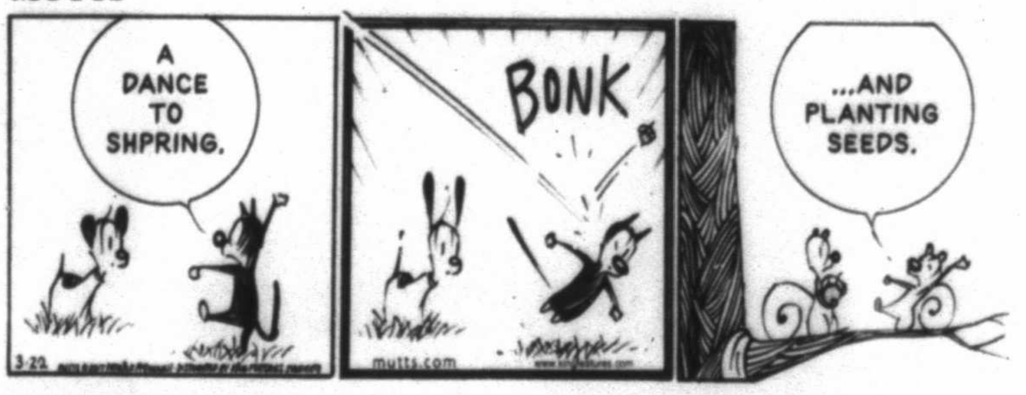

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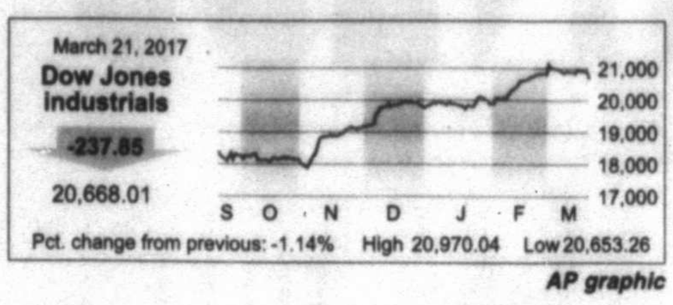

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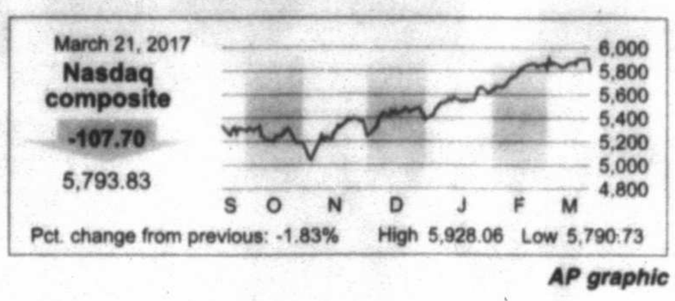

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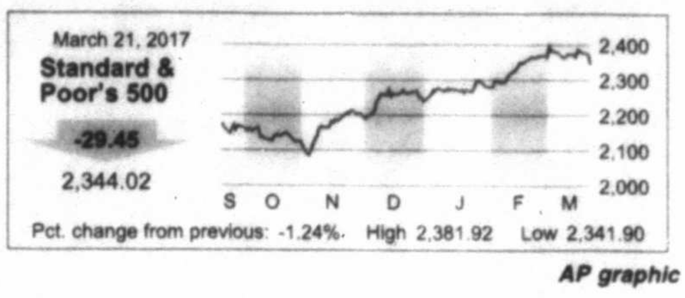

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioMrn	2579712	23.02	-1.42
SPDR Fncl	1861801	25.57	-.68
S&P500ETF	1200106	233.73	-3.04
B iPVxST rs	1082958	16.40	+.59
FordM	1001876	11.72	-.56

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Navios pfG	14.38	+2.13	+17.4
NavMH pfH	14.00	+1.88	+15.5
Hornbeck	4.19	+.48	+12.9
SibanyeG	8.88	+.43	+5.1
SJuanB	6.98	+.34	+5.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DxRBlkBull	56.46	-10.69	-15.9
SunTr wtB	12.50	-2.20	-15.0
GlassBr rs	6.16	-1.05	-14.6
GencoSh rs	10.68	-1.81	-14.5
DxBlotBll rs	44.60	-7.55	-14.5

Diary

Advanced	620
Declined	2,367
Unchanged	84
Total issues	3,071
New Highs	106
New Lows	51
Volume	4,143,718,140

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	102475	2.98	+.09
B2gold g	88105	3.11	+.04
Globalstar	69903	1.61	+.04
NDynMn g	64203	1.42	-.15
Versar	48912	1.55	+.42

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AsteriasBio	3.40	+.22	+6.9
RxWrxWk	4.92	+.20	+4.2
IntelgSys	4.64	+.18	+3.9
Innsuites	2.03	+.08	+3.9
NwGold g	2.98	+.09	+3.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Plexus	5.99	-.59	-9.0
inTestCorp	5.80	-.46	-7.3
Skyline	8.36	-.65	-7.2
Arrhythm	3.89	-.29	-6.9
LGL Grp	4.92	-.36	-6.9

Diary

Advanced	99
Declined	247
Unchanged	25
Total issues	371
New Highs	7
New Lows	7
Volume	135,824,206

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	3822641	139.84	-1.62
FrontierCm	354398	2.36	-.05
PwShs QQQ	3512521	129.81	-2.00
SiriusXM	331308	5.19	-.12
Facebook	2856771	138.51	-1.43

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pulmatrix	3.88	+1.10	+39.6
Easterly un	12.25	+2.15	+21.3
SilcLtd	46.74	+8.03	+20.7
EssaPhm g	3.24	+.43	+15.3
BeasleyB	11.50	+1.43	+14.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BebeStr rs	3.57	-2.86	-44.5
Ominto n	9.90	-4.42	-30.9
SunshHrt rs	2.05	-.78	-27.6
AxsomeT n	3.60	-.80	-18.2
ZionsB wt20	10.42	-1.88	-15.3

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Advanced	454
Declined	2,400
Unchanged	190
Total issues	3,044
New Highs	137
New Lows	82
Volume	2,114,657,039

Wells Fargo: All ATMs will take phone codes, not just cards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wells Fargo plans to upgrade all 13,000 of its ATMs next week to allow customers to access their funds using their cellphones instead of traditional bank cards.

The announcement was made by Wells Fargo CEO Tim Sloan on Tuesday at an employee town hall in Orlando.

While banks like JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America have announced similar upgrades to their ATMs, those are still being rolled out. Wells would be the first to upgrade all of its ATMs with the feature across the United States.

To access their money, customers would get unique eight-digit codes from their Wells Fargo smartphone app, and enter the code into the ATM along with their PIN number. The machines will still accept debit cards, as well.

"Whether a customer happens to have a card on them or not, (the upgrade) provides another simple and secure way to withdraw cash at any of our ATMs," said Adam Vancini, head of virtual channel operations at Wells Fargo.

One limitation of the one-time code, though, is that it won't work on the secure doors that many branches have for non-business hours that require a customer to swipe an ATM or debit card to gain entry. Wells Fargo said those secure doors are found at a small percentage of branches, mostly in major metropolitan areas like New York City or Chicago.

The announcement comes as Wells Fargo is looking for ways to woo back the customers it alienated after the San Francisco-based bank admitted that employees opened as many as 2 million checking and credit card accounts for their customers without getting authorization. The bank said Monday that activity at its branches remains depressed from a year ago, with customers opening 40 percent fewer checking accounts per day last month compared to a year earlier, while the number of customer interactions with branch bankers per day was down 17 percent.

Wells said it plans to roll out another upgrade to its ATMs later this year, which will allow customers to access the ATMs by holding their smartphones up to a reader on the machine, instead of entering the eight-digit code. It would be similar to using Apple Pay or Samsung Pay, the bank said.

Chase, Citigroup and Bank of America all announced last year similar upgrades to their ATMs, but the rollout has been slow. Chase's upgraded machines are still in major markets like New York, Miami and San Francisco, while Bank of America says roughly half of its ATMs have the cardless capabilities.

Israel-Turkey gas talks may wrap up in summer, Steinitz says

Bloomberg

Talks between government officials on building a natural gas pipeline from Israel to Turkey may conclude as early as this summer, Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz said on Tuesday.

The aim is to create a framework that would let companies on both sides advance their own negotiations, with gas flowing to Turkey in about three years, Steinitz said in an interview with Yousef Gamal El-Din and Shery Ahn on Bloomberg Television. Israel is also in talks for a more ambitious pipeline that would pass through Cyprus and Greece to Italy, whose energy minister plans to visit Israel in early April to discuss the project, he said.

"The purpose is to conclude by this summer a government-to-government agreement on a gas pipeline stretching from Israel to Turkey, in order to export natural gas from Israel and also the vicinity, to Turkey," he said.

The Israeli push to connect the eastern Mediterranean through pipelines in a region riven by old conflicts is going to be hard to pull off, especially as world energy prices remain depressed. A conduit to Turkey would have to go through Cyprus, which has been divided since a Turkish invasion of the north in 1974.

Israel has discovered two large offshore reservoirs holding an estimated 930 billion cubic meters of natural gas, more than enough to supply its own domestic needs for at least two decades. It is auctioning new fields this summer and is trying to find nearby export destinations to bring in billions of dollars in revenue while strengthening Israel's geopolitical standing in the region. Jordan has already signed an estimated $10 billion deal to import Israeli gas and Steinitz said talks continue to export gas to two idle liquefaction facilities in Egypt.

The partners in Leviathan, Israel's largest offshore gas find, started working on a $3.75 billion development plan to service the domestic contracts and the Jordanian market. The companies, led by Houston-based Noble Energy Inc. and Israel's Delek Group Ltd., are planning to extract surplus gas for export to either Turkey or Egypt in a second phase of development.

Banks nosedive

U.S. stocks took their biggest loss in five months Tuesday as a health care bill backed by President Donald Trump ran into trouble in Congress, which raised some questions about his agenda of faster economic growth spurred on by lower taxes and cuts in regulations.

Banks plunged as bond yields continued to fall, which will mean lower interest rates on loans. Transportation companies including airlines, railroads and rental car companies dropped, and so did materials companies like steel and chemicals makers. The dollar weakened. Small-company stocks, which stand to benefit the most from Trump's policy proposals of lower taxes and looser regulations, fell more than the rest of the market.

"President Trump promised that this health care bill would be signed, sealed, delivered within the first couple of weeks of him taking office," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer for BMO Capital Markets.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index tumbled 29.45 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,344.02. That was its biggest drop since Oct. 11. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 237.85 points, or 1.1 percent, to 20,668.01.

Metal prices rise

The price of gold jumped $12.50, or 1 percent, to $1,246.50 an ounce. Silver gained 15 cents to $17.58 an ounce.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $128.47 Down 1.78

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $127.72 Down 2.94

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.53 Down 0.34

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.12 Down 1.59

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.97 Down 0.10

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.77 Down 0.17

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.80 Down 0.40

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.05 Down 0.31

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $39.09 Down 0.84

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.04 Down 0.53

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.44 Down 0.16

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	26	7.41	-.86	-27.4
AT&T Inc	1.96	16	42.08	-.34	-1.1
Abraxas	...	...	1.94	-.16	-24.5
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.62	-.15	+7.2
AMD	...	...	13.82	-.58	+21.9
AionUSA	.60	...	12.58	-.15	+10.5
Ambev	.06e	5	5.59	-.12	+13.8
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**166.85**	**-2.39**	**+14.1**
Anadarko	.20	...	61.82	-1.02	-11.3
Apache	1.00	...	50.30	-.63	-20.7
Apple Inc	2.28	17	139.84	-1.62	+20.7
ApldMatl	.40	19	38.58	-.99	+19.6
ArcelorMit	...	9	8.57	-.50	+17.4
Archrock	.48	...	12.25	-.45	-7.2
ATMOS	**1.80f**	**23**	**79.90**	**+1.23**	**+7.8**
AuriniaPh	...	...	8.37	-.41	+298.6
AutoData	2.28	27	103.12	-1.33	+.3
BP PLC	**2.40s**	**41**	**34.24**	**+.05**	**-8.4**
BakrHu	.68	...	60.23	-.18	-7.3
BcoBrad s	.43e	...	10.01	-.38	+15.1
BlackMn	.30f	18	23.02	-1.42	+4.2
B iPVxST rs	...	...	16.40	+.59	-35.7
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.19	+.04	-1.9
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	172536	51.03-4348.99	+3.9
BlkHillsCp	**1.78f**	**21**	**65.65**	**+.54**	**+7.0**
BrMySq	**1.56f**	**33**	**55.71**	**-.70**	**-4.7**
BrownFA s	...	**29**	**47.79**	**+.17**	**+3.3**
BrownFB s	...	...	**47.28**	**+.47**	**+5.3**
CSX	.72	25	45.62	-1.26	+27.0
CVS Health	2.00f	13	78.61	-.21	-.4
CallonPet	...	**53**	**11.71**	**-.47**	**-23.8**
Caterpillar	3.08	28	92.43	-2.97	-.3
Celestic g	...	10	13.77	-.04	+16.2
CntryLink	2.16	10	23.36	-.28	-1.8
ChesEng	...	...	5.07	-.11	-27.8
Chevron	**4.32f**	**...**	**108.04**	**+.38**	**-8.2**
Chicos	.33f	19	13.56	-.48	-5.8
Cimarex	.32	...	118.47	-1.66	-12.8
Cisco	1.16	17	33.88	-.40	+12.1
Citigroup	.64	12	58.04	-1.55	-2.3
ClayEng	...	...	**128.47**	**-1.78**	**+7.7**
CliffsNRs	...	8	8.34	-.94	-.8
CocaCola	**1.68f**	**26**	**42.50**	**+.32**	**+2.5**
ColgPalm	**1.60f**	**26**	**73.70**	**-.10**	**+12.6**
Comcast s	.63f	21	37.07	-.41	+7.4
ConAgra	**.80**	**22**	**40.79**	**-.03**	**+3.1**
ConchoRes	...	...	**127.72**	**-2.94**	**-3.7**
ConocoPhil	**1.00f**	...	**45.18**	**-.68**	**-9.9**
CrackerB	4.60	25	157.80	-2.94	-5.5
CSVelrVST	...	...	70.65	-2.75	+51.1
CrosTim	**1.07e**	**13**	**14.50**	**-.17**	**-19.3**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	37.51	-.34	-2.3
DTE	3.30f	23	101.47	+1.24	+3.0
Dataram rs	...	...	1.14	-.10	-48.2
DeutschBk	.83e	...	17.08	-1.30	-5.6
DevonE	**.24**	...	**39.80**	**-.74**	**-12.9**
DxGlMBr rs	...	...	13.29	-.74	-62.1
DxSCBear rs	...	...	19.65	+1.51	-1.0
DrGMBll s	...	...	7.37	+.29	+32.1
DxGBull s	...	...	9.61	+.59	+25.8
Disney	**1.68f**	**20**	**111.75**	**-.96**	**+7.2**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.08**	**-1.42**	**+10.2**
DrySbp rs	.02	1	1.41	+.03	-95.2
EOG Resces	**.67**	...	**94.53**	**-1.69**	**-6.5**
Energen	.08	...	51.45	-.85	-10.8
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	34.43	-.75	-3.9
EnPro	**.88f**	**54**	**63.57**	**-2.53**	**-5.6**
EntProdPt	1.64	22	27.21	-.19	+.6
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.48	-.13	+11.1
Esperion	...	...	39.05	-2.17	+211.9
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**36**	**81.83**	**-.17**	**-9.3**
Facebook	...	33	138.51	-1.43	+20.4
Fitbit n	...	...	5.60	-.14	-23.5
FordM	.60a	6	11.72	-.56	-3.4
FrptMcM	...	...	12.57	-.16	-4.7
FrontierCm	.42	...	2.36	-.05	-30.2
GATX	**1.68f**	**9**	**57.48**	**-1.49**	**-6.7**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**7.89**	**-.05**	**+9.0**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**33.41**	**-.22**	**+7.2**
GenElec	**.96**	**24**	**29.39**	**-.35**	**-7.0**
GenMotors	1.52	6	34.55	-1.16	-.8
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**17**	**28.87**	**+.30**	**+5.6**
Halibrtn	.72	...	50.15	-.49	-7.3
HP Ent n	.26f	11	22.25	-.70	-3.8
HuntBncsh	.32	19	12.70	-.82	-3.9
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	36.71	-1.30	+10.1
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.17	-.43	+12.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.51	-.44	+12.9
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	61.82	-.28	+7.1
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	86.29	-.62	-.3
iShR2K	1.77e	...	133.97	-3.89	-.7
Intel	**1.04**	**15**	**35.04**	**-.39**	**-3.4**
InterDig	1.20	10	83.75	-2.45	-8.3
iShCorEM	1.09e	...	47.89	-.59	+12.8
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	12.19	-.30	+18.7
JPMorgCh	1.92	15	87.39	-2.64	+1.3
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**127.25**	**-.82**	**+10.5**
Keycorp	.34	17	16.90	-1.18	-7.5
KimbClk	**3.88f**	**22**	**133.68**	**-.06**	**+17.1**
KindMorg	.50	68	20.94	-.25	+1.1
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.97	-.10	-7.1
Lubys	...	...	**3.24**	**-.04**	**-24.3**
MGM Rsts	.39p	23	26.13	-.49	-9.4
MarathnO	.20	...	15.05	-.43	-13.1
McDnlds	3.76	24	128.52	-.26	+5.6
Merck	1.88	17	63.91	-.20	+8.6
MerrMwd	...	**38**	**29.80**	**-1.75**	**+12.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.77	-.17	-24.6
MicronT	...	...	25.52	-.69	+16.4
Microsoft	1.56	28	64.21	-.72	+3.3
MorgStan	.80	15	42.66	-1.93	+1.0
Nabors	.24	...	13.11	-.35	-20.1
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**62.75**	**+1.28**	**+7.6**
NOilVarco	.20	30	38.92	-.29	+4.0
NokiaCp	.30e	...	5.40	-.14	+12.3
NSTFl3	**.55p**	...	**14.09**	**+.02**	**-.6**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**14.27**	**+.05**	**+4.0**
Nvidia	.56	40	105.91	-3.54	-.8
OceiPet	**3.04**	...	**63.38**	**-.30**	**-11.0**
Oracle	.60	22	44.84	-.39	+17.1
PDC Engy	...	...	**63.04**	**-1.73**	**-13.1**
PainTher h	...	...	.99	+.31	+73.7
ParTech	...	21	**7.05**	**-.05**	**+26.3**
ParkDrl	...	...	**1.40**	**-.15**	**-46.2**
PattUTI	**.08**	...	**24.91**	**-.46**	**-7.5**
Penney	...	...	5.63	-.22	-32.3
PennaRE	**.84**	**10**	**14.46**	**-.25**	**-23.7**
Pmian	.44e	25	8.97	-.23	+16.3
Petrobras	...	...	8.81	-.36	-12.9
Pfizer	**1.28f**	**14**	**34.25**	**-.13**	**+5.4**
PolMrt	.08	...	182.30	-1.69	+1.2
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**31.22**	**-.08**	**-3.3**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	129.81	-2.00	+9.6
Praxair	**3.15f**	**21**	**116.95**	**-1.29**	**-.2**
PrmEgy	...	...	**52.00**	...	**-3.7**
PUVixST rs	...	...	17.56	+1.21	
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**91.19**	**-.03**	**+8.5**
Pulmatrix	...	...	3.88	+1.10	+557.6
RangeRs	.08	...	27.42	-.30	-20.2
RegionsFn	.26	16	14.10	-.78	-1.8
RiteAid	...	41	4.48	-.23	-45.6
Rowan	.40	7	14.32	-.30	-24.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	80	52.73	+.32	-3.0
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	206.35	-2.46	+4.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	233.73	-3.04	+4.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	38.30	-.29	-.4
SpdrS&P RB	.74e	...	52.74	-2.99	-5.1
SabnR	1.92e	16	35.00	-.10	-.4
SanderFm	**.96**	**11**	**96.04**	**+.19**	**+.8**
Schlmbrg	2.00	68	78.69	-.23	-6.3
SiriusXM	.01p	40	5.19	-.12	+16.6
Smucker	3.00f	17	134.61	-3.89	+5.1
Snapinc A n	...	...	20.38	+.45	-16.7
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	74.46	-.57	+8.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.57	-.68	+1.4
SP Util	1.55e	...	51.61	+.72	+6.3
SunocoLog	2.08f	24	23.15	-.44	-3.6
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	...	**11.13**	**-.10**	**+21.0**
Tesoro	2.20	12	82.01	-2.22	-6.2
3M Co	4.70f	24	192.13	-.68	+7.6
Torchmark	**.60f**	**17**	**76.57**	**-1.85**	**+3.8**
TriContl	**.52e**	...	**22.93**	**-.25**	**+3.5**
Twitter	...	...	14.54	-.55	-10.8
TylerTech	...	**49**	**154.51**	**-1.74**	**+8.2**
UBSI	**1.32**	**20**	**40.55**	**-2.75**	**-12.3**
US OilFd	...	...	10.11	-.16	-13.7
USSteel	.20	...	33.76	-3.34	+2.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.44	-.85	+23.9
ValeantPh	...	3	10.72	+.08	-26.2
ValeroE	2.80f	18	67.15	-1.38	-1.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.26	+.37	+11.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	37.46	+.62	+18.7
VangEmg	1.10e	...	39.96	-.49	+11.7
VulcanM	**1.00f**	**37**	**114.10**	**-.95**	**-8.8**
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.74	+1.03	+3.6
WaigBoots	1.50	18	83.21	-1.42	+.5
WealthInt	...	...	6.11	-.07	+22.4
WellsFargo	1.52	14	55.85	-1.78	+1.3
WstnRefin	1.52	29	35.37	.87	-6.6
WhitingPet	...	...	8.72	-.43	-27.5
WmsCos	1.20f	48	28.36	-.38	-8.9
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**44.36**	**+.77**	**+9.0**
Xerox	**.25m**	**10**	**7.20**	**-.23**	**+25.2**

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21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,668.01	-237.85	-1.14	+4.58	+17.55
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	8,930.66	-170.38	-1.87	-1.25	+11.47
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	701.16	+9.47	+1.37	+6.30	+7.05
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,420.43	-138.51	-1.18	+3.29	+12.03
5,915.12	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	5,793.83	-107.70	-1.83	+7.63	+20.16
2,400.98	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,344.02	-29.45	-1.24	+4.70	+14.35
1,761.08	1,399.84	S&P Midcap	1,688.95	-33.18	-1.93	+1.71	+18.11
25,008.97	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,429.98	-153.90	-.63	+4.29	+15.78
1,414.82	1,065.62	Russell 2000	1,348.55	-37.55	-2.71	-.78	+22.71

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Monitors orders and schedules and reviews daily work plan with supervisor. Assists with inventory control at the frac site and observes operations to ensure quality control is maintained. Ensures the safe and efficient movement of trucks and forklifts at the frac site at all times. In compliance with established safety policies, ensures daily, weekly, and/or monthly safety protocols are performed and logged.

Hourly positions require 2 years of conveyor system operation or comparable experience along with prior experience operating small equipment including 36,000 lb. capacity forklifts (certification preferred.) Experience with oilfield uni-belt/ dual-belt frac conveyors desirable. Must be able to work 12-14 hour rotating shifts (two weeks on/one week off).

Salaried: We also are recruiting for **site supervisors and inventory coordinators,** both requiring prior frac site operations experience.
Hi-Crush offers competitive compensation and 100% employer paid premiums for employee medical/dental/vision/life insurance along with 401(k) and incentives.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
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 lifting 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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SALES JOBS

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Retail Advertising customers. Responsibilities include prospecting new clients, working closely with new and existing clients to develop multi-media advertising campaigns that provide outstanding results, tracking sales activity, and meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals.

Qualified candidates must be a self-starter and possess excellent communication and organizational skills, be detail oriented and assertive, excel in spelling/grammar/ punctuation, excel in time management, and possess a positive attitude.

We are willing to train and offer a competitive compensation and benefits package, guaranteed commission for three months and the opportunity to advance your career in an exciting, progressive and innovative organization in one of the fastest growing markets in Texas.

If you want to join a GREAT TEAM and are ready to SUCCEED, please send a resume to:
Chad Anderson, Advertising Sales Manager
201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701
or cranderson@mrt.com.
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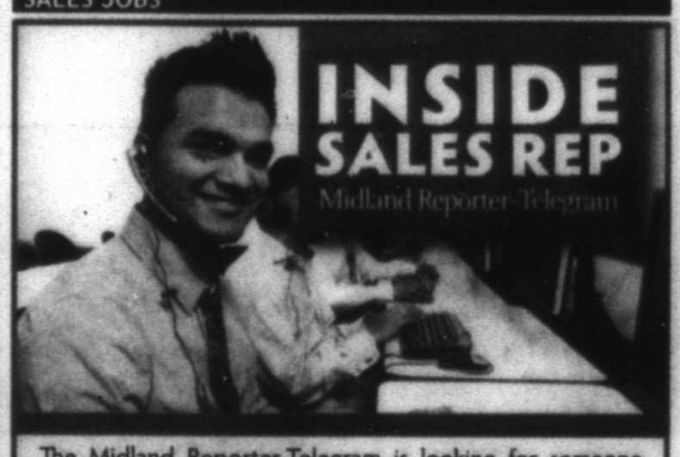

The Midland Reporter-Telegram is looking for someone with excellent communication skills to provide outstanding customer service to our Classified Advertising customers. Responsibilities include answering incoming Classified calls, assisting walk-ins, making outbound sales calls for recruitment and special projects, tracking sales activity, meeting/ exceeding established monthly sales goals, and develop multi-media advertising campaigns.

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
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 occassionally. We will train the right person.
$10.00 per hour

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ACCOUNTING-FINANCE

Receptionist/ Administrative Assistant
Production Lift Cos. is looking for a receptionist with professional phone skills to answer phone and greet visitors. Additional duties will be daily filing and administrative support. Hours are Mon-Fri, 8-5. Compensation is hourly with a company benefits program. Respond to: mswihart@productionlift.com.

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CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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Midland Reporter-Telegram - A Hearst Media Company

Immediate opening for a dynamic self-starter with great communication skills. Must be able to multi-task ina deadline oriented environment with minimal supervision. Duties include supporting the advertising sales staff in day-to-day operations and helping the sales team consistently reach its revenue targets. Conducting sales and marketing research, creating sales presentations, event coordination and preparing reports are a few of the duties required. Working knowledge of PowerPoint and Excel is necessary. Excellent wage and benefits package. $1,000 sign-on bonus available after 90 days.

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Field Service Technician
Natural Gas Services Group has an opening for a **Field Service Technician.** Technician will provide maintenance and repairs to flares and flare systems. Must have piping and basic mechanical skills. Wiring and PLC knowledge a plus. Field experience preferred. Clean driving record is required. Excellent Salary and benefits for the right person. To apply submit your resume to **employment@ngsgi.com** or call 432-262-2700.

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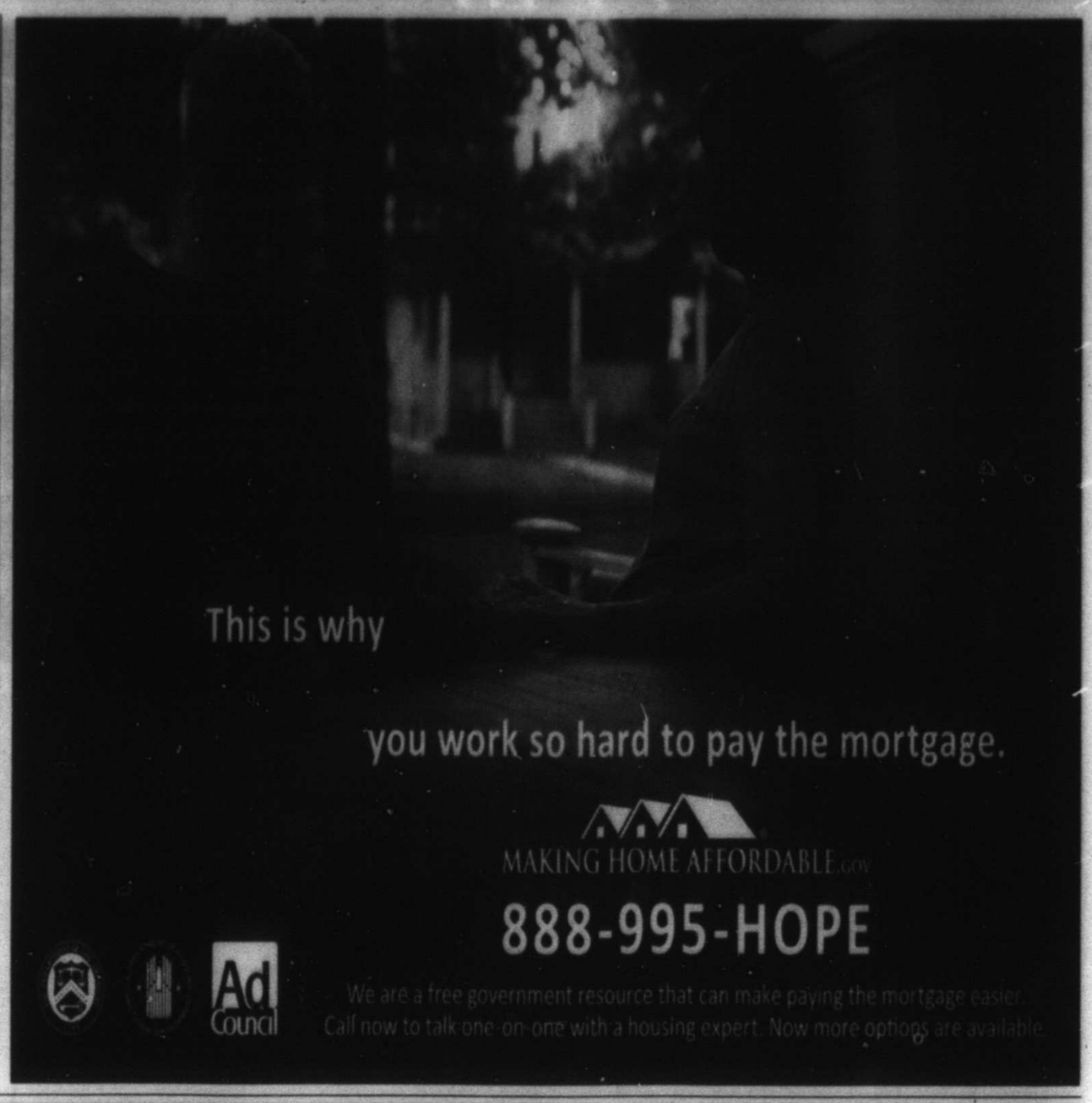

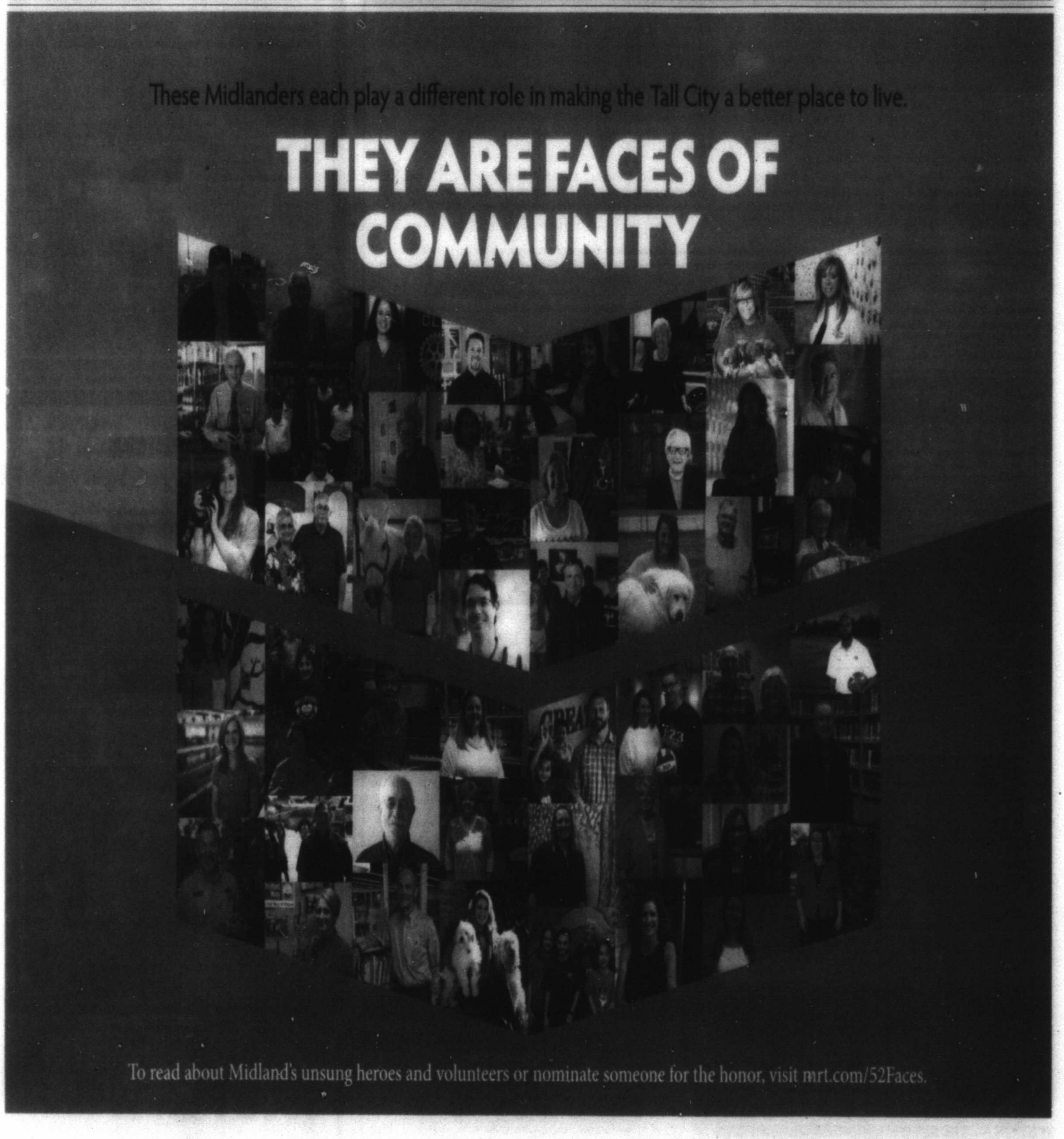

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Legal and Public Notices

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XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid, and gas into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will modify the injection interval.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Grayburg-San Andres Formation in the Means/ San Andres/ Unit Lease, well number: 2908W. It is located in Blk A35, Section 23, which is approximately 5.3 miles northeast from the city of Andrews and is in the Means Field in Andrews, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4100 to 5000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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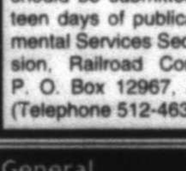

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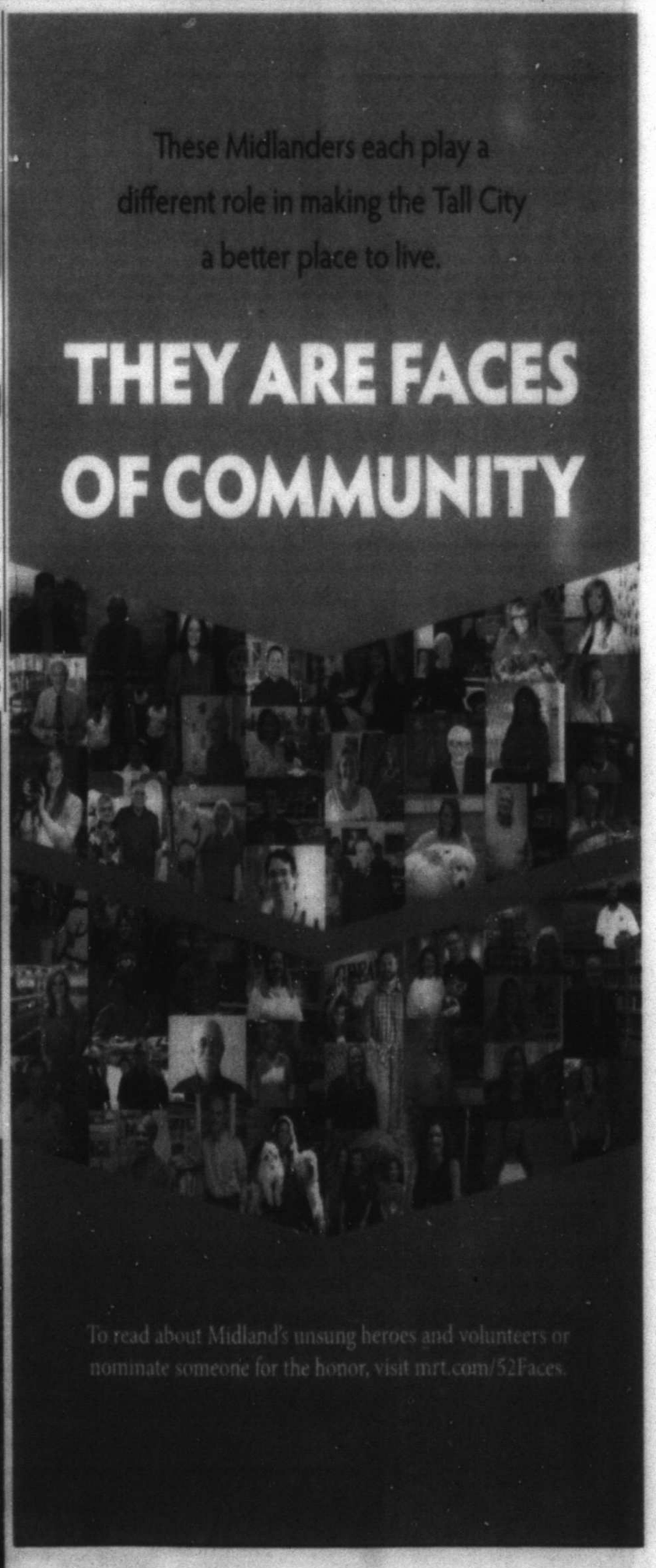

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