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Midland unemployment falls to 2.2 percent

■ Labor force tops 101,000

By Mella McEwen
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A surging oil and gas sector continued to strengthen the Midland labor market in July, according to figures released Friday by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The commission reported the July unemployment rate in its Midland metropolitan statistical area fell to 2.2 percent from 2.4 percent in June and 3 percent last July. Midland reported the state's lowest unemployment.

The Odessa metropolitan statistical area

Rig count

Not many changes in this week's rig count.

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saw its unemployment rate drop to 2.9 percent from 3.2 percent in June, tying Midland's western neighbor with Amarillo for the state's second lowest unemployment.

"We have a very hot economy in the Permian Basin," observed Willie Taylor, chief executive officer of the commission's Workforce Solutions Permian

Basin.

He noted that the area's dominant industrial sector, Mining, Logging and Construction, which includes the oil and gas industry, seems to be expanding. In Midland, the sector now comprises 34 percent of its industrial composition, up from an average 32 percent.

Taylor added that Midland's strong wages — among the highest in the state — reflect the fact "we don't have enough workers." He put average weekly wages in the Permian Basin at \$1,200 compared to \$1,100 statewide "and Midland is even higher."

"Mining, Logging and Construction is driving the economy; everything else is

along for the ride," he said.

Midland's civilian labor force topped 100,000, coming in at 101,167, up from 100,082 in June and 93,349 in July 2017.

"Midland has seen an increase of about 1,000 in its workforce every month since January of this year," James Beauchamp, president of the Permian Basin Coalition, a public-private alliance supporting safe, reasonable development in the Permian Basin, told the Reporter-Telegram by email. "It is a tremendous increase, and frankly, it is an increase that one, most people are not really aware of, and two, that we are simply not prepared for."

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Growing pains



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Oilfield traffic is shown July 31 in downtown Pecos.

Coming Sunday

The Reporter-Telegram takes a look at the growth in Pecos and what changes it is forcing on residents in the heart of the most active county in the state for drilling.

Check out all the coverage in Sunday's edition and at mrt.com.

Trump help for Cruz could spell new twist for odd couple

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

TEMPLE — Gary Malcik wore a Trump T-shirt as he waited in a long, post-rally line to pose for pictures with Ted Cruz.

It was a far cry from the waning weeks of the 2016 GOP presidential primary, when Donald Trump supporters repeatedly heckled the Texas senator at campaign events, and from that year's Republican National Convention when Cruz was booed for refusing to endorse

the party's nominee. But Malcik, 69 and self-employed, said he's glad to no longer have to choose sides.

"People like Ted," he said. "People love Trump."

Now facing a high-profile re-election fight with Democratic Congressman Beto O'Rourke, Cruz says he'd welcome Trump coming to Texas before November — though he shrugged off suggestions he needs the president's coattails to win.

"In the last year and a half, we have seen major victories for Texans," Cruz said moments after posing with Malcik at a barbecue restaurant whose walls were cluttered with hunting trophies in Temple, 130 miles south of Dallas.

Trump has visited Texas five times as president, including after Hurricane Harvey and to address the National Rifle Association's annual convention. Still, the prospect of his potentially boosting candidate Cruz creates another twist in the awkward dance of one of the leading odd couples in all of politics.

The off-again, on-again relationship lays bare just how uncomfortable Trump

is for Republicans who want to demonstrate loyalty to someone the Republican base loves, but who also thrived before his rise — and hope to continue to do so after he's gone.

Complicating matters is Cruz's refusal to rule out running again for president after Trump leaves the White House, even if the political contortions get awkward in the meantime.

"It gets awfully hard to talk glowingly about a guy when you openly pined for his job," said Joe Bretzell, a Republican strategist in Houston who nonetheless conceded that Cruz "has no other choice. Donald Trump's going to be president for at least two more years."

Cruz spent the early months of the 2016 presidential race praising Trump, betting that the reality TV star's supporters would flock to him if their candidate's meteoric rise flamed out.

The two later clashed bitterly as Cruz finished second for the GOP nomination, with Trump suggesting that Cruz's Cuban-born father had a hand in John F.

Please see CRUZ/2A

Trost files for at-large council seat

By Stewart Doreen
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Michael Trost is looking to return to the Midland City Council.

The former representative of District 4 has added his name to those filed to run for at-large seats.

Currently, there are three filed for at-large, including current Councilman Spencer Robnett and former P&Z Chairman Chase Gardaphie. Voters will have the option to pick two from the list of candidates. The top two vote-getters earn seats on the council.



Trost

Trost was the representative for District 4 from 2008 to the end of 2013. In a press release, he talked about his experience on the Midland City Council, the Midland Development Corp., the Airport Advisory Board, the Parks Board, Midland Odessa Urban Transit District Board and as a business owner.

"In these incredible economic times, experienced leadership is required to tackle the issues of affordable housing, traffic congestion, our aging infrastructure and more," Trost said. "I'd be honored to serve the citizens of Midland again."

Trost told the Reporter-Telegram later that affordable housing and traffic are two of the biggest issues facing the community at this time. He would like to see steps put into place (like faster permitting and a quicker inspection process) that make it easier for developers to build houses and apartments.

"We know supply will equal lower prices," Trost said.

Trost said it is through experience that he knows it is better to understand what changes might be needed and be ready. He said government must plan — not for the next five to 10 years — but for 50 and 100 years and anticipate a community's needs.

"I don't think (current leadership) has been anticipating those needs," he said. Lastly, Trost said his voting record was consistently conservative and that these are the times when experience matters.

The last day a person can file with the City Secretary's Office for one of the four seats on the November ballot is Monday.

On the ballot so far

At large

Chase Gardaphie
Spencer Robnett
Michael Trost

District 1

Scott Dufford

District 2

John B. Love III

Note: Monday is the last day a person can file to be on November's ballot.

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The reigning Miss America says she has been bullied, manipulated and abused by the pageant's current leadership. Page 6A

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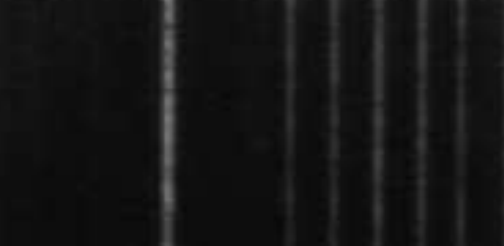
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Not many changes in week's rig count

From staff reports

The Permian Basin gained one rig this week for a total of 489, according to data collected by Baker Hughes. Reeves County still had the most activity by far with 79 rigs. Midland County followed with 58. Lea and Eddy counties in

New Mexico tallied 53 and 47, respectively.

There wasn't much change across the board as Texas gained three rigs and increased its overall rig count to 525. New Mexico lost three to fall to 104 drilling rigs, and there was no change in the U.S. rig count (1,057 rigs, 869 for oil and 186 for gas).

Engie North America launches wind project in West Texas

By L.M. Sixel
Houston Chronicle

The North American arm of the French electric utility company Engie announced it obtained \$147 million in construction financing and \$155 million in tax equity financing to build a wind project in Schleicher County near San Angelo in West Texas. The Live Oak Wind Project will have a total capacity of 200 megawatts and is scheduled to go on-

line by the end of the year. One megawatt is enough to power about 200 Texas homes on a hot summer day.

The company also announced it obtained a power hedge, a financing mechanism that typically guarantees a price for a portion of power generated by a project.

Engie has agreed to sell half of the hedged power to Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Commodities for commercial and industrial customers.

Midland unemployment

January 2018	2.4 percent	Sherman-Deason	3.3 (3.6)
January 2017	4 percent	Lubbock	3.4 (3.6)
February 2018	2.5 percent	San Angelo	3.4 (3.6)
February 2017	3.8 percent	Ablene	3.5 (3.7)
March 2018	2.4 percent	San Antonio	3.5 (3.7)
March 2017	3.5 percent	New Braunfels	3.5 (3.7)
April 2018	2.1 percent	Dallas-Plano-Irving	3.6 (3.8)
April 2017	3 percent	Fort Worth-Arlington	3.7 (3.8)
May 2018	2.1 percent	Tyler	3.7 (3.9)
May 2017	3 percent	Wichita Falls	3.7 (3.9)
June 2018	2.4 percent	Waco	3.9 (4.1)
June 2017	3.2 percent	Laredo	4.0 (4.3)
July 2018	2.2 percent	Victoria	4.1 (4.3)
July 2017	3 percent	Killeen-Temple	4.2 (4.4)
Preliminary numbers for July with numbers in parentheses:		Longview	4.3 (4.5)
Midland	2.2 (2.4)	El Paso	4.4 (4.7)
Amarillo	2.9 (3.1)	Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	4.4 (4.6)
Odessa	2.9 (3.2)	Corpus Christi	5.2 (5.5)
Austin-Ft. Worth	3.1 (3.2)	Texasians	5.3 (5.6)
College Station-Bryan	3.3 (3.5)	Baumgartner-Port Arthur	6.3 (6.4)
		Brownsville-Harlingen	6.6 (6.9)
		McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6.9 (7.2)

UNEMPLOYMENT

From 1A

The coalition recently hosted a regional luncheon at the Petroleum Museum to discuss how infrastructure needs, from roads to housing to pipelines, could hamper the region's economic growth.

"Most of the Texas Department of Transportation energy sector projects are all centered around the Delaware Basin, so there isn't really much added capacity for roads outside of projects that were leveraged through the Midland Development Corp., such as completion of North Loop 250, and county efforts aimed at the county road extension that could someday serve as South Loop 250," Beauchamp continued.

He went on to add, "While Midland has had tremendous gains in housing, those gains have not kept up with demand. Additionally, it isn't possible to add additional housing as fast as we are adding people, and as these folks look for places to live, it is going to drive up the price of housing units and rents."

Infrastructure was also on Taylor's mind as he told the Reporter-Telegram that infrastructure will play a significant role in the region's growth. "We want people to be able to bring their families. That means teachers, people in the medical field," he said.

Midland added 400 nonfarm jobs from June to July, bringing the total to 104,000.

The Education and Health Services sector added 400 jobs during the month, followed by the Mining, Logging and Construction sector with 300 jobs.

But those gains were offset by the loss of 200 jobs in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector and 100 jobs in the Leisure and Hospitality Sector.

For the 12 months from July 2017 to July 2018, the Midland MSA added 9,500 nonfarm jobs for a growth rate of 10.1 percent, a number Taylor called "phenomenal."

The Mining, Logging and Construction sector added 7,400 jobs, followed by the Leisure and Hospitality sector with 600 new jobs.

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities sector added 500 new jobs and the Education and Health Services 400 new jobs. Some 300 new jobs were added in the Professional and Business Services sector while the Manufacturing sector, Information sector and Other Services sector each added 100 new jobs.

"We're going to continue to see growth. We can't just sit back and watch it," Taylor warned.

The area's cities and counties need to get aggressive in addressing how they're going to handle the growth, he said. And, he added, "We need to look at our mentality towards growing communities."

He said he continues to encourage younger residents "without skills to go to the local colleges and upgrade their skills. It can make the difference between making \$15 an hour and \$20 an hour."

Statewide, the unemployment rate remained at 4 percent in July. The Workforce Commission said the state added 23,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs, marking 25 consecutive months of employment growth.

For the year, the commission says the state has added 377,100 jobs for an annual employment rate growth of 3.1 percent.

While Midland reported the lowest unemployment, McAllen-Edinburg-Mission posted the highest at 6.9 percent.



Gregory Bull/Associated Press

Calet Garcia, center, of Honduras, cries once he realizes he will be able to apply for asylum in the U.S. with his friend Daisy Avelar, second from left, of El Salvador on Thursday near the San Ysidro port of entry in Tijuana, Mexico. As the Trump administration faced a court-imposed deadline Thursday to reunite thousands of children and parents who were forcibly separated at the U.S.-Mexico border, asylum seekers continue to arrive to cities like Tijuana, hoping to plead their cases with U.S. authorities.

Judge tells US officials, ACLU to create asylum plan

By Julie Watson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge on Friday called on the U.S. government and the American Civil Liberties Union to come up with a plan to address the rights of parents and children to seek asylum.

During a hearing, U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw asked the two sides to come to an agreement over whether some deported parents should be returned to the U.S. to pursue asylum with their children.

The hearing came a day after Sabraw extended a freeze on deportations, saying "hasty removal of these children and their parents at the expense of an ordered process provided by law" would go against the public's interest and deprive the minors of their right to seek asylum.

The order gives a reprieve to hundreds of children and their parents who want to remain in the United States.

Lee Gierlert, an ACLU attorney representing separated families, said some deported parents should be allowed to return to accompany their children through the asylum process. He told the judge others should be let back in because they were misled into believing that if they agreed to be deported, they would be reunited with their children.

As many as 366 parents who were deported to their homelands have not yet been reunited with their children. Sabraw asked the government to provide a detailed report next week on the progress of its efforts to reunify those families.

The government has opposed delaying deportations, saying parents waived the rights of their children to pursue asylum claims after the adults signed deportation forms.

The order to extend the freeze, which Sabraw first put in place July 16, affects many of the more than 2,500 children who were separated from their parents.

Sabraw said delaying the deportations

NEW MEXICO CONTRACTOR MAKES PROGRESS ON NEW BORDER WALL IN STATE

SANTA TERESA — Construction workers have completed more than half of a new barrier along a desolate stretch of the U.S.-Mexico border in southern New Mexico as part of President Donald Trump's fight against drug trafficking and illegal immigration.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials confirmed this week that more than 8,100 panels spanning more than 11 miles had been constructed as of Aug. 8.

Work on the \$73 million project west of Santa Teresa, near New Mexico's state line with Texas, began in April.

Officials have touted the new wall as harder to get over, under and through. When finished, it will cover 20 miles, replacing old post and rail barriers that were meant to stop vehicles but have been useless against people trying to cross on foot.

Environmentalists are suing over the project.

"would not unfairly or unduly tax available government resources."

He said claims of people persecuted in their homelands should at least be heard as they seek asylum. Many families have said they were fleeing violence in their home countries in Central America and planned to seek asylum.

"The court is upholding the rights provided to all persons under the United States Constitution, rights that are particularly important to minor children seeking refuge through asylum," Sabraw wrote.

In late June, Sabraw ordered that children under 5 be reunited with their parents in 14 days and children 5 and older be reunited in 30 days.

The order came days after President Donald Trump, amid public outrage about children being taken from their parents, halted the "zero-tolerance" policy implemented in the spring that split up families at the border.

The government so far has reunified at least 2,089 children with their parents or others, including sponsors. Nearly 600 were still separated.

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO Results show grades for schools remain flat

ALBUQUERQUE — The number of New Mexico public schools receiving top grades remained flat while some schools face closure for constantly getting a failing grade, according to statewide results released Friday.

The New Mexico Public Education Department's annual report card showed that 12.9 percent of public schools earned an A for the 2017-2018 academic year. That's a drop from 14.5 percent the previous year.

The percentage of B grades ticked up slightly to 25.9 percent — an increase of 2 percent.

However, 14.6 percent of schools earned an F, a small decrease from 15.7 percent from the previous year.

Although grades remain flat, Education Secretary Christopher Ruszkowski said statewide student standards have gotten more rigorous and it's harder for schools to earn high grades.

OKLAHOMA Police still seek motive in school stabbing

OKLAHOMA CITY — Police and school officials in Oklahoma said Friday that a 14-year-old boy accused of repeatedly stabbing a female classmate during a school assembly had no history

of causing trouble before bringing a pocket knife a 4-inch blade onto campus.

Luther Public Schools Superintendent Barry Gunn declined to discuss the boy further, citing federal privacy laws.

State law does not appear to address knives on campus, but Gunn said a blade that size to school is against the rules.

"It would be against school policy to have a weapon on campus and a knife larger than 2-inches is described as a weapon," Gunn said.

The boy is being held in juvenile custody on an arrest warrant for assault and battery with a deadly weapon, Luther Police Chief David Randall said.

CRUZ

From 1A

Kennedy's assassination.

Cruz responded that Trump was "utterly amoral" and refused to endorse him during his party's convention in Cleveland, only to suddenly announce his support barely a month before Election Day 2016.

Neither has apologized for his earlier harsh words, but Cruz says his office now speaks to the White House weekly — sometimes daily — about policy.

"There's no doubt my relationship with Donald Trump has had its ups and downs," Cruz said, adding that, since 2016, on issues like pulling out of the Paris climate agreement, "I've been very grateful that the president has listened to me and agreed with my position."

The White House hasn't commented on the prospect of Trump campaigning in Texas.

But the president has dropped into a number of battleground states, visiting Pennsylvania, Alabama and

Ohio before elections there this year.

O'Rourke, a one-time punk rocker who has spent the past 18 months visiting all of Texas' 254 counties, has consistently outtraced Cruz, including raking in \$10.4 million to the incumbent's \$4.6 million during the three-month period through June.

His campaign declined to comment about the prospect of Trump coming to Texas.

Cruz remains favored in the race, but told hundreds who thronged the Temple rally, "We've got a battle on our hands."

"The far left is angry," he said. "They're energized and they're filled with rage and fury at the president. That's dangerous."

In one indication that Cruz still hasn't lived the presidential race down, a protester interrupted him with cries of "Lyn' Ted." Trump's trademark 2016 insult for Cruz. And, when the senator accused O'Rourke of being open to impeaching the president, a man bellowed "For what?" dissipating the anti-

Obituaries



Zackary Wayne Glasscock

Zackary Wayne Glasscock, 27, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 18, 10:00 a.m. at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland.

Zackary was born on April 27, 1991 to Cristy Stevens and Christopher Glasscock, in Odessa, TX. Zack's three boys were the most important thing in his life. He turned them into fishermen and hunters at an early age.

Everyone agrees that Zack was an extremely hard worker. It was recently told to the family by his current employer that he was a very special young man and had gained the respect of all, due to his fun, loving, personality and his impeccable work ethic. He worked as an operator at Basin Pump Down Services.

Zack loved sports since he was a little boy. His favorite team was the Green Bay Packers and he knew, and loved, that they were not liked by most west Texans. Although he would never admit it, he loved the bantering and trash talking involving other NFL teams amongst his friends and family. He had the most loving and giving spirit. Zack had the biggest heart and always had a beautiful smile on his face.

Zack is survived by his parents, Cristy Stevens Cates and Jeffrey Cates, Chris and Donella Glasscock, children, Scott Glasscock, Daniel Glasscock, and Kevin Glasscock, four siblings, Britni Chambers, Ashley Daniels, Samuel Glasscock, and Justine Glasscock, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins who adored him.

Luke 22:42-43 "Then he said, Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'"

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cole's Grace Project, www.coles-grace.org. Agape Counseling, c/o Cole's Grace Project, 3500 N. A. Street, Ste 2400, Midland, TX 79705.

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

Death Notices

Kathryn Sharce Whaley

Kathryn Sharce Whaley, 77, of Midland, passed away Tuesday August 7, 2018.

Memorial service will be Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include husband, Robert Lee Whaley, daughters, Sharce Whaley, Theresa Halford, Pamela Lomas, and Kelley Whaley, and one sister.

O'Rourke gasps Cruz was hoping to elicit.

Olga Bradley, a retired Veterans Administration employee, said she came to the Temple rally because she wanted to be reassured that Cruz would defend Trump after his past opposition.

She said she'd repeatedly ignored phone calls seeking support from the Cruz campaign while she awaited further evidence.

"We want politicians who support the president," said Bradley, 72, who agreed with a friend wearing a "Make American Great Again" baseball cap who quipped that a joint Trump-Cruz rally in Texas would be so well attended that "they'd better have it in a 10,000-acre field."

Malcik said he wasn't worried about Trump-Cruz awkwardness but is afraid that O'Rourke can stay within striking distance of Cruz.

"If Trump came down it would be a lot easier," Malcik said. "He'd really pull him over the finish line."

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Things to do

Midland Downtown Farmers
Market celebrates its 11th season,
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of the
Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com

Free yoga. Open class; partici-
pants are encouraged to bring mats.
9 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church
of Midland, 3301 Neely Ave. Free.

Sensory-friendly screening:
"Disney's Christopher Robin," 9:30
a.m., Energy Midland, 1917 Liberty
Drive. This special screening features
an accommodating theater for guests
on the spectrum or with sensory-
processing disorders.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m., Allison
Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave.
\$3. Permenbridgeclub.com.

Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m.,
Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley
Ave. \$6. For more information call
682-8595.

Cinema Under the Stars: "E.T.,"
noon; "The Karate Kid," 3:30 p.m.;
"Ferns Bueller's Day Off," 7 p.m.,
Wagner Hotel Performing Arts Center,
1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788.
Free. wagnerhotel.com.

Fight Night with Drs. Les and
Leslie Parrott is a relationship work-
shop, 2-4:30 p.m., Stonegate Fellow-
ship Church, 6000 W. Wadley Ave.
\$26.49. Stonegatefellowship.com.

Broga: Dudes do Yoga, 2:15
p.m., Dharma Art, 2034 W. Culbert
Ave. \$25. mydharmaart.com.

The third annual Revolution-
ary Life at the Library, 4:30-6 p.m.,
Midland County Public Library
Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250
N. Guests can learn about life during
the Revolutionary War.

Steak Night, 6 p.m., Ranchland
Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave.
ranchlandhills.com.

Yugoslav tournaments, 6-10 p.m.,
Entertainment, 3111 W. Culbert
Ave. \$5.

The Holistic Approach monthly
meeting by Earth, Body and Soul,
7 p.m., Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N.
Garfield St.

The 70th Season of Summer
Musicals: "Diabolical Deeds on
the Diamond or Wall - Was that a
Squirrel in the Infield?" 8 p.m., Yucca
Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. \$12-\$25.
MCTmidland.org.

Wicked West Band, 9 p.m., Hot
Shots, 615 W. Wall St.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

MISD summer graduates process in to the Bowie Fine Arts auditorium Tuesday for commencement ceremonies.

DJ Joel, 9 p.m., Supanova
Nightclub, 2215 N. Midland Drive.
\$10.

Pool information

Doug Russell and Washington
Family aquatic centers will be open
on an alternating-day schedule this
weekend.

Doug Russell is open today, and
Washington is open Sunday.

It's open today

U.S. Postal Service
Graves, 3304 W. Wadley Ave., 10
a.m. to 2 p.m.

Midland County Public Library
Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop
250 N., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Today in history

Today is Saturday, Aug. 18, the
230th day of 2018. There are 135
days left in the year.

Today's highlight
On Aug. 18, 1820, the 19th
Amendment to the Constitution, guar-

anteeing all American women's right
to vote, was ratified as Tennessee
became the 36th state to approve it.

On this date
In 1987, Virginia Dare became
the first child of English parents to
be born in present-day America, on
what is now Roanoke Island in North
Carolina. (However, the Roanoke
colony ended up mysteriously disap-
pearing.)

In 1914, President Woodrow
Wilson issued his Proclamation of
Neutrality, aimed at keeping the
United States out of World War I.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and
Art Fair in Bethel, New York, wound to
a close after three nights with a mid-
morning set by Jimi Hendrix.

In 1983, Hurricane Alicia slammed
into the Texas coast, leaving 21 dead
and causing more than a billion dol-
lars' worth of damage.

In 1986, Vice President George
H.W. Bush accepted the presidential
nomination of the Republican Na-
tional Convention in New Orleans.

Today's Birthdays: Former first
lady Rosalynn Carter is 91. Actor-
director Robert Redford is 82. Actor
Denis Leary is 61. Actor Edward
Norton is 49.

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 1-2-
3-7-9-10-12-14-16-17-21-22

All or Nothing day: 1-7-8-9-
10-11-12-16-17-21-22-24

All or Nothing evening: 1-2-7-
8-11-12-13-15-17-19-20-22

All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-5-
10-13-14-15-18-19-22-23

Cash Five: 7-11-18-23-30

Daily 4 morning: 8-5-5-1

Daily 4 day: 5-5-5-2

Daily 4 evening: 8-2-8-0

Daily 4 night: 2-2-2-6

Mega Millions: 1-31-32-47-56

MB 3 Megaplier: 2

Pick 3 morning: 1-7-5

Pick 3 day: 2-9-4

Pick 3 evening: 5-5-4

Pick 3 night: 9-4-4

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Weather

Friday's temperatures

High.....97

Low.....75

Normal high.....94

Normal low.....69

Aug. 17's records

Record high: 106, set in
1969

Record low: 75, set in 1931
and equaled in 1972

Precipitation

Saturday.....0.00 in.

Sunday.....0.00 in.

Month total.....2.88 in.

Year total.....8.14 in.

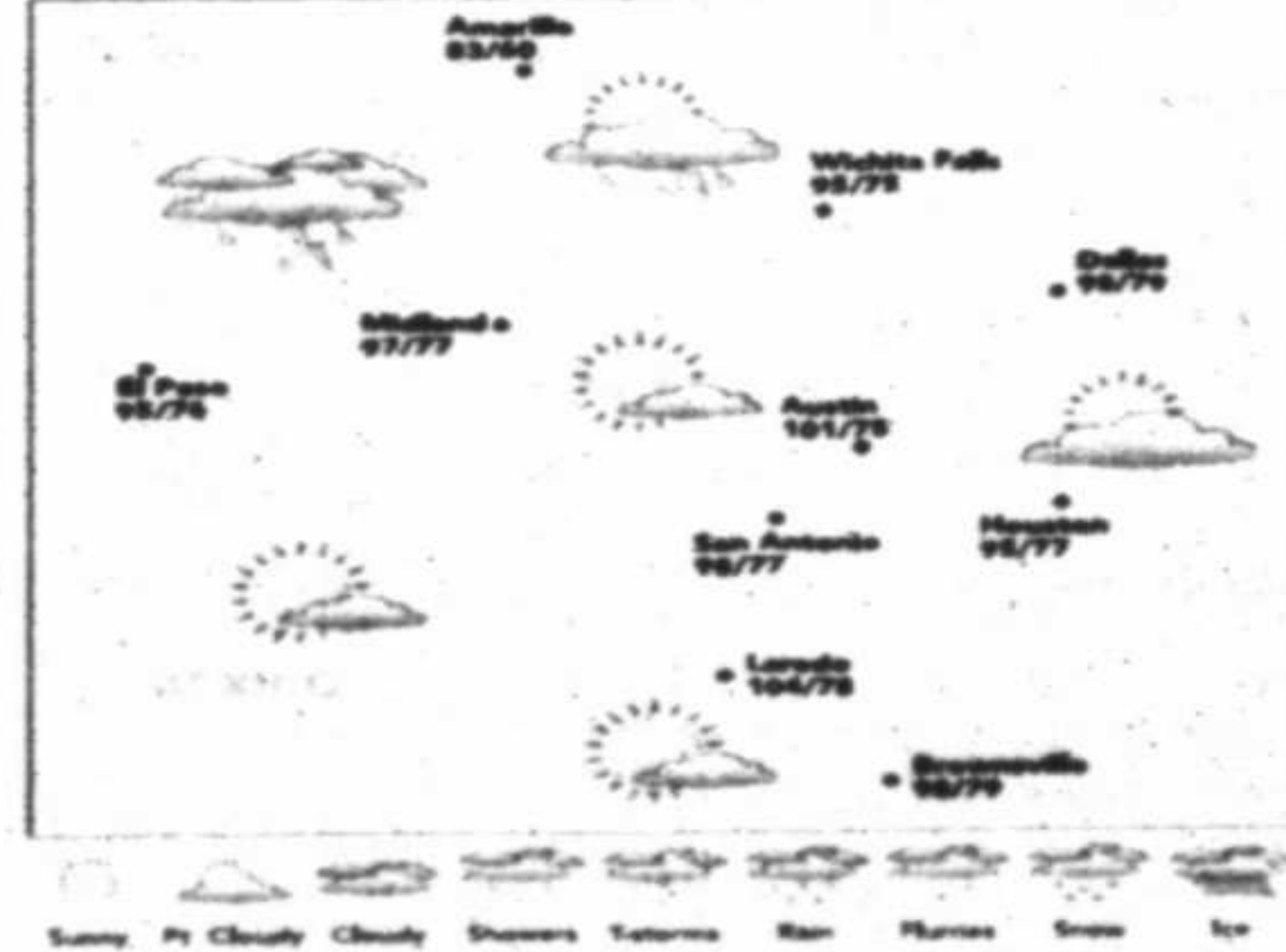
Normal total
(year to date).....8.82 in.

Winds

Average wind speed: 7.3
mph

Highest sustained wind
speed: 15 mph

Forecast for Saturday, August 18, 2018



Highest gust speed: 19 mph

the day and night

Today's forecast

High: 88

Low: 67

Conditions: Mostly
sunny during the day/mostly
cloudy at night

Winds: 10-15 mph during

Chance of rain: 30 percent
at night

Sunrise.....7:15 a.m.

Sunset.....8:29 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a
Sun in Leo and a Moon in
Scorpio if born before 12:45
p.m. (ET). Afterward, the
Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for

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This year you have an
unusual drive to create and
complete. You might uncover
a new interest or hobby. Be
willing to try new routines in
your work or personal life.

If you are single, meeting
someone could be a snap, but
don't move to the commit-
ment phase too quickly. This
year could bring a significant
relationship to the forefront.

If you are attached, you will
want to strengthen your bond.
The choice will depend on
your relationship and the
phase you are in. SAGIT-
TARIUS feeds off of your
humor and high energy.

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bored. You need human un-
predictability. Tonight: Say
"thank you" in a meaningful
way.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Reach out to
someone you really care
about. Before you realize it,
others might start gossiping
and expressing delight in how
available you seem to be.

Say "yes" to plans, even if an
activity is totally new to you.
Tonight: Join friends who are
going from party to party.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others appreciate
your imagination and
naturally romantic ways.
Your sensitivity emerges so
much that you might become
defensive and pull back. You
could be stunned by what you
hear from those closest to
you. Get all the facts before
reacting. Tonight: How about
a barbecue?

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might feel
stuck in the morning, espe-
cially when dealing with a
personal or domestic matter.
Understand where someone
else is coming from. You will
feel much better if you really
try to hear his or her message.
Avoid a knee-jerk reaction.
Tonight: Choose a favorite
hobby.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to a
loved one. You might want
to make plans. One of you
would appreciate staying
close to home, no matter what
the possibilities are. Do not
fight city hall. You could stun
a friend with a sudden burst
of energy. Tonight: Whatever
you decide to do, just don't
be alone.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be

sluggish as the day starts,
yet you'll get through your
responsibilities and errands
by nighttime. When you
finally kick back, you could
have a wild time. Others will
be amazed by what you share.
Give them a glimpse of your
life. Tonight: Wish upon a
star.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the morning
hours for yourself and any
important talks or interac-
tions. You are full of energy,
yet you might choose to
schedule some quiet time for
yourself to reflect. You have
a way of drawing others in,
for better or worse. Tonight:
Head to bed early and get lots
of rest.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ After you
visit with an older friend or

relative, spring yourself free.
You are likely to find that
your friends are off together,
perhaps at the beach or a
baseball game. You could
decide to join. The choice is
yours, but you must not be
alone. Tonight: Go where the
action is!

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You want to
make a good impression on
someone at a distance. You
could find this difficult, as
you might be a little dis-
tracted or pressured. This,
too, shall pass. Relate directly
to a respected friend or loved
one. Go to a sports game or
a movie. Tonight: A force to
be dealt with.

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Actor Robert Redford
(1936), actor Edward Norton
(1969), actress Kaitlin Olson
(1975)

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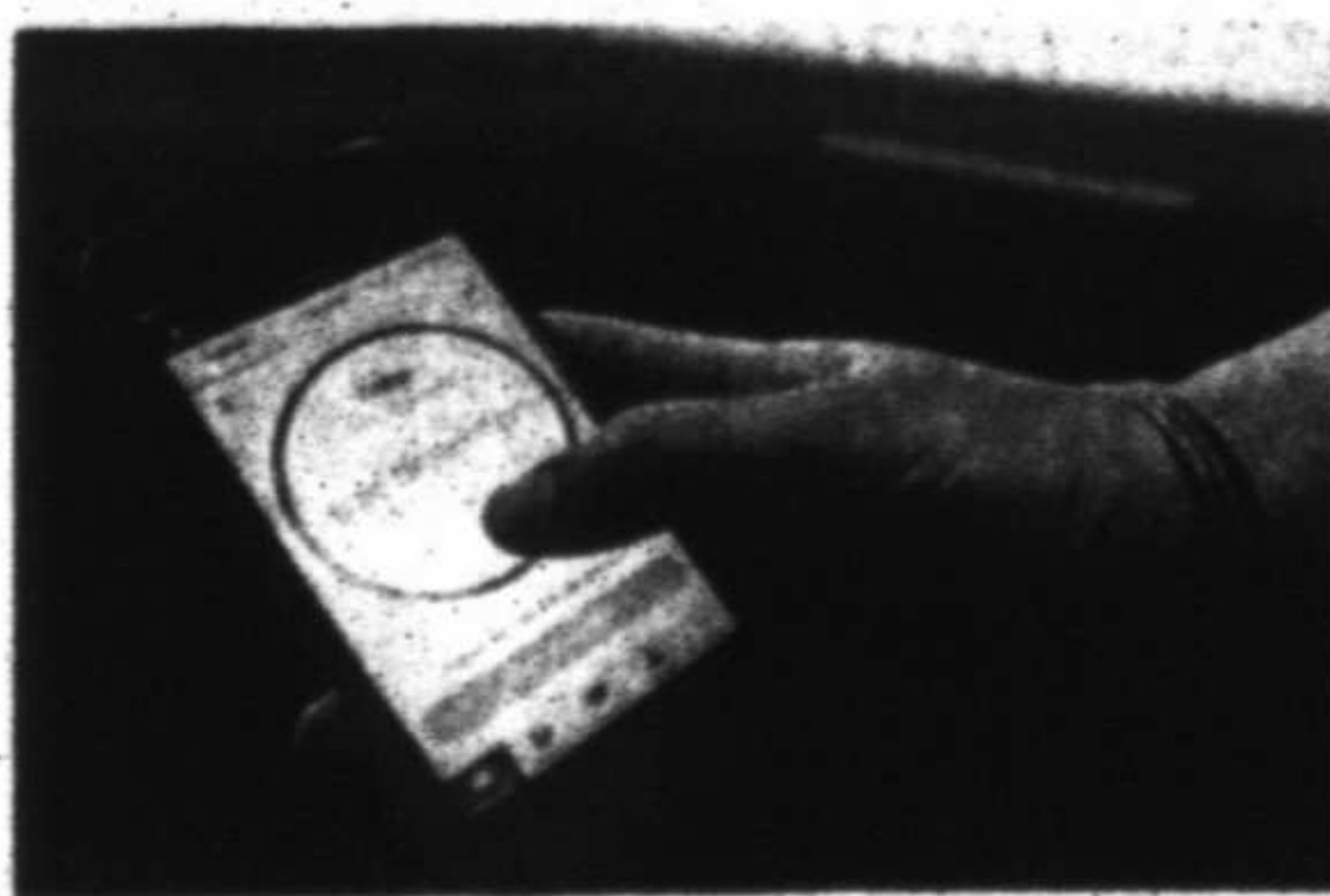
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Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

Former White House staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman speaks during an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday in New York. Manigault Newman declared she "will not be silenced" by President Donald Trump, remaining defiant as her public feud with her former boss shifted from a war of words to a possible legal battle.

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She cites examples of mistreatment including being excluded from the nationally televised announcement that swimsuits were being eliminated — even though she was with Carlson at the TV studio where it was made. She says pageant handlers ridiculed her clothing choices and chided her for wearing the same outfits too often. When she reached out to former Miss Americas to see if they had been treated similarly, "I was reprimanded by Regina, who told me that problems and concerns had to be kept 'in the family.'"

AP source: It's not just audio, Manigault Newman has video

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's not just audiotapes.

Omarosa Manigault Newman has a stash of video, emails, text messages and other documentation supporting the claims in her tell-all book about her time in the Trump White House, a person with direct knowledge of the records told The Associated Press Friday.

Manigault Newman has made clear that she plans to continue selectively releasing the pieces of evidence if President Donald Trump and his associates continue to attack her credibility and challenge the claims in her book, "Unhinged." She's already dribbled out audio recordings of conversations, and video clips, texts or email could follow, according to the person who described what Manigault Newman has called a multimedia "treasure trove." The person was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly and asked for anonymity.

"I will not be silenced. I will not be intimidated. I'm not going to be bullied by Donald Trump," the former Trump aide told The Associated Press this week as she seemed to dismiss a



Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

Former White House staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman speaks during an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday in New York. Manigault Newman declared she "will not be silenced" by President Donald Trump, remaining defiant as her public feud with her former boss shifted from a war of words to a possible legal battle.

threat from Trump's campaign. She spoke to the AP hours after Trump's campaign announced it was filing an arbitration action against her alleging she'd violated a signed agreement with the campaign that prohibits her from disclosing confidential information.

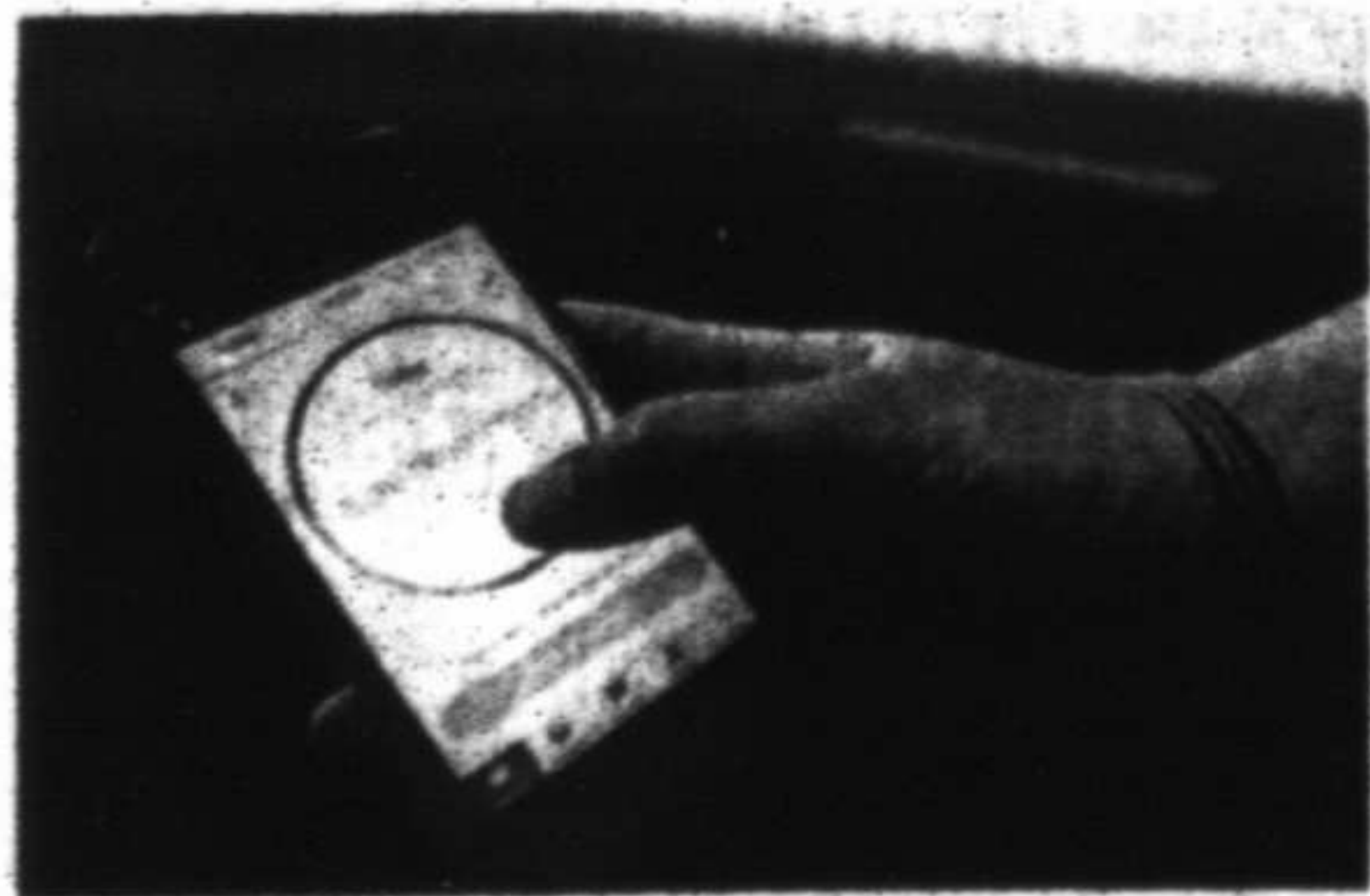
She told PBS in a separate interview this week: "I have a significant amount, in fact, a treasure trove, of multimedia backup for everything that's not only in 'Unhinged,' but everything that I assert about Donald Trump."

Manigault Newman claims Trump officials offered her a job on the campaign as a way of silencing her, after she was fired from the White House. She's accused Trump of being racist and suffering from a mental decline.

The White House has countered by branding Manigault Newman as a disgruntled former staffer with credibility issues who is now trying to profit from a book based on false attacks against an individual she has called a mentor and has admired for more than a decade.

Trump has also lashed out at Manigault Newman, calling her a "lowlife," "wacky and deranged" and a "dog."

Simon & Schuster this week also dismissed threatened legal action from Trump's campaign. A campaign attorney told Simon & Schuster in a letter that "Unhinged" violated Manigault Newman's confidentiality agreement, but the publisher responded that it was acting "well within" its rights.



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A woman demonstrates using the Natural Cycles smartphone app, Friday in London. The mobile fertility app, has become the first ever digital contraceptive device to win FDA (US Food and Drug Administration) marketing approval, enabling women to track their menstrual cycle and use an algorithm to determine when they're fertile, and need to use birth control protection.

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He recently told me he's afraid of holding our 4-month-old daughter or changing her diaper in case he does something abusive by mistake. Besides constant reassurances and encouragement, how can I help the man I love when he refuses the outside help denied to him as a child?

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old female college student who often comes home to sleep because it's close to my job, and it's my primary residence during the summer and holidays.

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Mom often can't sleep because of it.

Sometimes, he sleeps on the couch, and she'll get a reprieve. However, several times a week, Mom will sleep in my bed. Not only does this disrupt my sleep, but I would love to have my privacy back. She has tried earplugs, but they help only a little bit. How can I get my personal space back? I would value some advice. — **OVER IT IN BUFFALO**

DEAR OVER IT:

Because your stepdad's snoring can't be heard from the couch, on nights when your mother needs to sleep in your bed, why don't

YOU take the couch? That way all of you can get a good night's rest. However, until you are independent and able to make other living arrangements, you may have to sacrifice your need for privacy in the interest of practicality.

P.S. Individuals who have a serious snoring problem should let their doctor know, because it could be a symptom of a life-threatening medical condition called sleep apnea. Please tell your mother that if her husband's snoring is irregular and he "holds his breath" between snores, it shouldn't be ignored.

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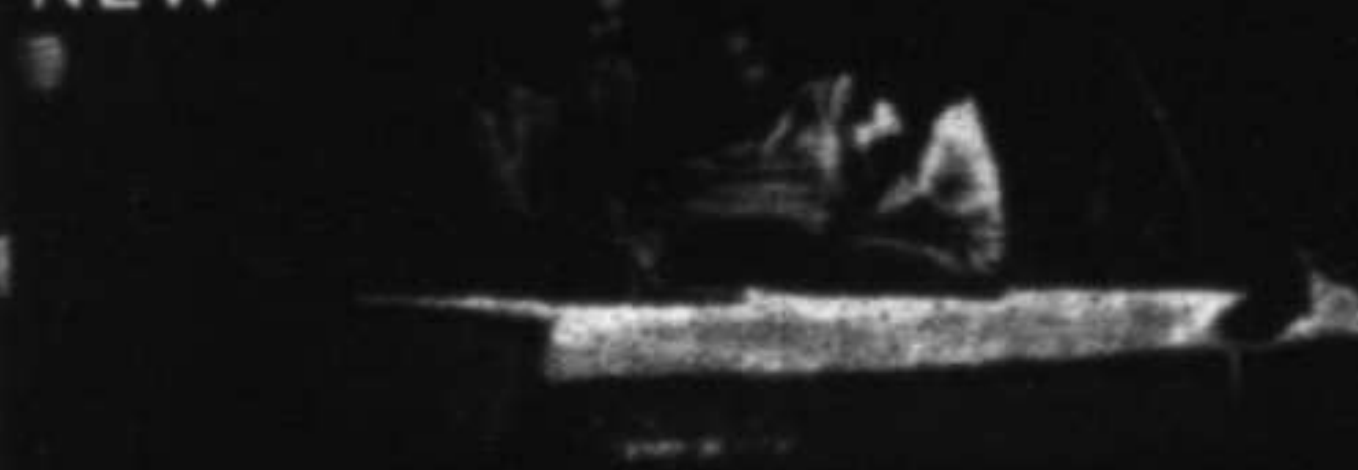
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Colorado girls' bodies were submerged in crude oil 4 days

By Kathleen Foody
and Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

FREDERICK, Colo. — The bodies of two young girls were submerged in crude oil for four days before authorities discovered them on Thursday, according to court documents filed Friday by an attorney defending the girls' father against accusations that he killed his children and wife.

The motion filed Friday by Christopher Watts' attorney, James Merson, also asked that DNA swabs be taken from the girls' necks. The request quotes an expert who believes the oil would not eliminate DNA and said samples can be obtained "after strangulation."

Authorities separately announced that the Weld County Coroner's Office had performed autopsies on Friday and confirmed the bodies as 34-year-old Shanann, 4-year-old Bella and 3-year-old Celeste Watts.

Police did not release any information about how the mother and daughters died. More testing is planned to help determine the cause of their deaths.

Richard Eikelenboom, the expert cited by Watts' attorney, also recommended taking DNA samples from the girls' hands and the hands and nails of their mother. Eikelenboom has testified in several high-profile criminal trials, often on so-called "touch DNA" when small samples of genetic material are left on a surface.

After his wife and daughters were reported missing on Monday and before his arrest, Watts told reporters he missed them, and longed for the simple things like telling his girls to eat their dinner and gazing at them as they curled up to watch cartoons.

Authorities are expected to file formal charges Monday against Watts, an oil and gas worker who authorities said dumped his wife and daughters' bodies on his employer's property.

Police said the mother, Shanann, was found dead on property owned by Anadarko Petroleum, one of the state's largest oil and gas drillers, where 33-year-old Christopher Watts worked as an operator. Investigators found the bodies of Bella and Celeste



Joshua Pelson/The Greeley Tribune via AP, Pool

Christopher Watts glances back at a Weld County Sheriff's Deputy as he is escorted out of the courtroom at the Weld County Courthouse on Thursday in Greeley, Colo. Watts, whose wife and daughters disappeared this week, was arrested on suspicion of killing them.

nearby.

Watts was fired on Wednesday, the same day he was arrested, the company said. He did not respond to reporters' questions when he was escorted into the courtroom Thursday.

Merson, Watts' attorney through the Colorado State Public Defender's Office, left Thursday's court hearing without commenting to reporters. He did not respond to multiple messages seeking comment by The Associated Press.

Police have not released any information about a motive or how the three were killed.

The family's two-story home is just outside Frederick, a small town on the grassy plains north of Denver, where fast-growing subdivisions intermingle with drilling rigs and oil wells.

According to a June 2015 bankruptcy filing, Christopher Watts had gotten a job six months earlier as an operator for Anadarko, and paystubs indicate his annual salary was about \$61,500. Shanann Watts was working in a call center at a children's hospital at the time, earning about \$18 an hour — more for evenings, weekends or extra shifts she sometimes worked.

But the family remained caught between a promising future and financial strain from debt and other obligations.

The couple had a combined income of \$90,000 in 2014. But they also had tens of thousands of dollars in credit card debt, along with some student loans and medical bills — for a total of \$70,000 in

unsecured claims on top of a sizable mortgage.

They said in the filing that their nearly \$3,000 mortgage and \$600 in monthly car payments formed the bulk of their \$4,900 in monthly expenses.

Details about what led police to arrest Watts late Wednesday night on suspicion of three counts of murder and tampering with evidence likely were to be revealed next week.

Prosecutors will ask a court to unseal the affidavit for Watts' arrest after filing formal charges, which are due by mid-afternoon on Monday, said Krista Henery, a spokeswoman for district attorney Michael Rourke.

Family and friends of Shanann Watts are left searching for answers, trying to reconcile Watts' cheery Facebook posts about her daughters, her pregnancy and her love for her husband with the pending charges.

Ashley Bell met Shanann Watts about two years ago, when the mother of two came into Bell's new tanning salon in nearby Dacono. The two women quickly became friends, and before long they were texting or calling each other almost daily. Their daughters played together during salon visits.

"I just don't understand it," said Bell, who described Christopher Watts as a loving father.

Shanann Watts was from North Carolina, and her parents' next-door neighbor, Joe Beach, said he saw her recently when she visited the neighborhood of modest homes in Aberdeen.

As Musk admits to job stress, Tesla's board may have to act

By Tom Krisher and Stan Choe
Associated Press

Elon Musk's erratic behavior was front and center again this week as the CEO of Tesla conceded that he's overwhelmed by job stress, pushing his electric car company's stock down and bringing pressure on its board to take action.

Musk's revelation, in a Thursday interview with The New York Times, came as government regulators are reportedly investigating whether his recent out-of-the-blue tweet about taking Tesla private violated disclosure requirements.

Now, experts say Tesla has reached an intersection where the board must decide the direction of its leadership. Among their suggestions: Remove Musk as CEO, permanently or via a temporary leave of absence, or appoint a No. 2 executive who could act as a steadying hand.

"It's kind of bizarre," said Charles Elson, director of the corporate governance center at the University of Delaware. "It's a drama we shouldn't be watching."

Tesla presents plenty of challenges for the top executive: It routinely loses money and is burning through cash as it ramps up development of its Model 3 sedan, a less-expensive electric car it hopes appeals to the mass market. A large number of investors known as short-sellers have bet against the company.

Musk has added to those pressures with lofty projections for profits and production that Tesla often fails live up to. Plus, the eccentric billionaire is the head of at least two other companies, including the rocket company Space X.

Musk admitted to the Times that the past year has been the most "difficult and painful" of his career. The newspaper reported that during an hour-long telephone interview on Thursday, an emotional Musk acknowledged that he was working up to 120 hours a week and sometimes takes Ambien to get to sleep.

Yet he said he has no plans to give up his dual role as Tesla's chairman and CEO.

"If you have anyone who can do a better job, please let me know. They can have the job. Is there someone who can do the job better? They can have the reins right now," he told the paper.

Tesla's board showed no sign of taking action on Friday. In a statement to The Associated Press, directors praised Musk's

leadership, saying he had put hundreds of thousands of popular cars on the road, created tens of thousands of jobs and created significant returns for shareholders. Musk was not involved in crafting the statement.

Shares of Tesla Inc. tumbled about 9 percent, closing Friday at \$305.50, their lowest level since Aug. 1. For the week, the company shares lost 14 percent, or \$8.5 billion in market value.

Recent developments put board members in a difficult position because Musk, who entered Tesla as a major investor and built the company into a force that has changed the perception of electric cars, is the company's public identity.

But Erik Gordon, a University of Michigan business and law professor, said the board has a duty to shareholders.

"If the board does not get him out of this slot at a minimum on a leave of absence basis, I think the board is going to be seen by a lot of people who love the company as being derelict in their duties," Gordon said Friday.

The board has stood behind Musk despite some bizarre behavior. For instance, in a recent tweet he labeled a diver who aided in the cave rescue of Thai soccer players as a pedophile. He later apologized.

But a tweet Musk said he fired off on Aug. 7 while driving to the airport may force the board to act. In it, Musk said he had "funding secured" to take Tesla private. Investors pushed Tesla's shares up 11 percent in a day, boosting its value by \$6 billion.

There are multiple reports that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating the disclosure, including asking board members what they knew about Musk's plans. Experts say regulators likely are investigating if Musk was truthful in the tweet about having the financing set for the deal.

Musk told the Times he stands by the tweet.

At a normal company, Musk, 47, would have been replaced already, Elson said. But Tesla isn't quite normal.

Elson said most of the company's directors have relationships with Musk, who owns about 20 percent of the company.

"At some point the board is going to have to assert its authority," Elson said. "They're at a point where they're going to have to distance their oversight from any prior relations."

But even if Tesla's board wanted to remove Musk as CEO, it would be dangerous to do it abruptly given how much faith investors have in Musk, said David Whiston, equity strategist at Morningstar. Even with this week's losses, Tesla's market value is \$52.12 billion, slightly higher than General Motors.

"Without the cult of personality around Elon, they're just a cult of personality that's burning a lot of cash."

It's clear from the interview that Musk is overworked, and Whiston said the best course may be to bring in another executive to help with day-to-day operations. The challenge would be finding someone good at the job yet willing to work at a company so dominated by one person, Whiston said.

AP Interview: Top Republican opens up about Russia probe

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For much of the last two years, Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr has been the Russia investigator who is seen but rarely heard on Capitol Hill.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, the North Carolina Republican opened up about the investigation that has now consumed 19 months of his life. He says it has been "frustrating as hell" and much more difficult than he originally envisioned. But he says the integrity of the investigation — and its importance to the institution of the Senate — is something he has labored to protect.

"Nothing in this town stays classified or secret forever," Burr said. "And at some point somebody's going to go back and do a review. And I'd love not to be the one that chaired the committee when somebody says, 'well, boy, you missed this.' So we've tried to be pretty thorough in how we've done it."

Burr said there is "no factual evidence today that we've received" on collusion or conspiracy between Russia and President Donald Trump's campaign. But he said he's still open on the issue and hasn't personally come to any final conclusions, since the investigation isn't finished.

The Senate investigation is the last bipartisan congressional probe of Russia's interference in the 2016 election and connections to Trump's campaign. Working with the panel's top Democrat, Virginia Sen. Mark Warner, Burr has so far managed to keep the investigation free from the extraordinary acrimony that has plagued work on the House side of the Capitol. The House Intelligence Committee bitterly fought through its entire Russia investigation, which ended earlier this year despite the objections of Democrats.

"From an institution standpoint I want the American people to understand that the Senate can function, even on the most serious things," Burr said.

Normally a self-described creature of habit, Burr says his schedule has been upended. He says he has had "no life" since January 2017, when Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asked him to start the investigation, and as the panel has chased leads — and leads that came from those leads — in the United States and abroad. He says the international aspect of the probe, the sheer number of players connected to one another and the many lawyers that they have to deal with have made the work more challenging than originally expected.

Still, he says he doesn't think the committee should rush to wrap up the work,

saying "the worst thing we can do is to prematurely try to end" the probe. He says the panel still has a handful of people to interview behind closed doors and some who they may want to interview again, though he isn't making any commitments on bringing witnesses forward publicly.

"If the intent is to have a show trial, I'm not a participant," Burr says on public hearings. He says "I don't see a reason today" to bring back Donald Trump Jr., the president's son, who participated in a meeting with a Russian lawyer at Trump Tower during the election. That meeting has been a focus of the committee probe and special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. Trump Jr. spoke to committee staff at the end of 2017.

The committee is also still talking to lawyers for former British spy Christopher Steele, who compiled a dossier containing allegations of ties between Trump, his associates and Russia during the election, and lawyers for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in hopes of gaining closed-door interviews, Burr said. WikiLeaks released hacked emails from Hillary Clinton's campaign in 2016.

Burr won't give a timeline for the end of the investigation or a final report, which could create fissures in the panel's so-far bipartisan unity. Many

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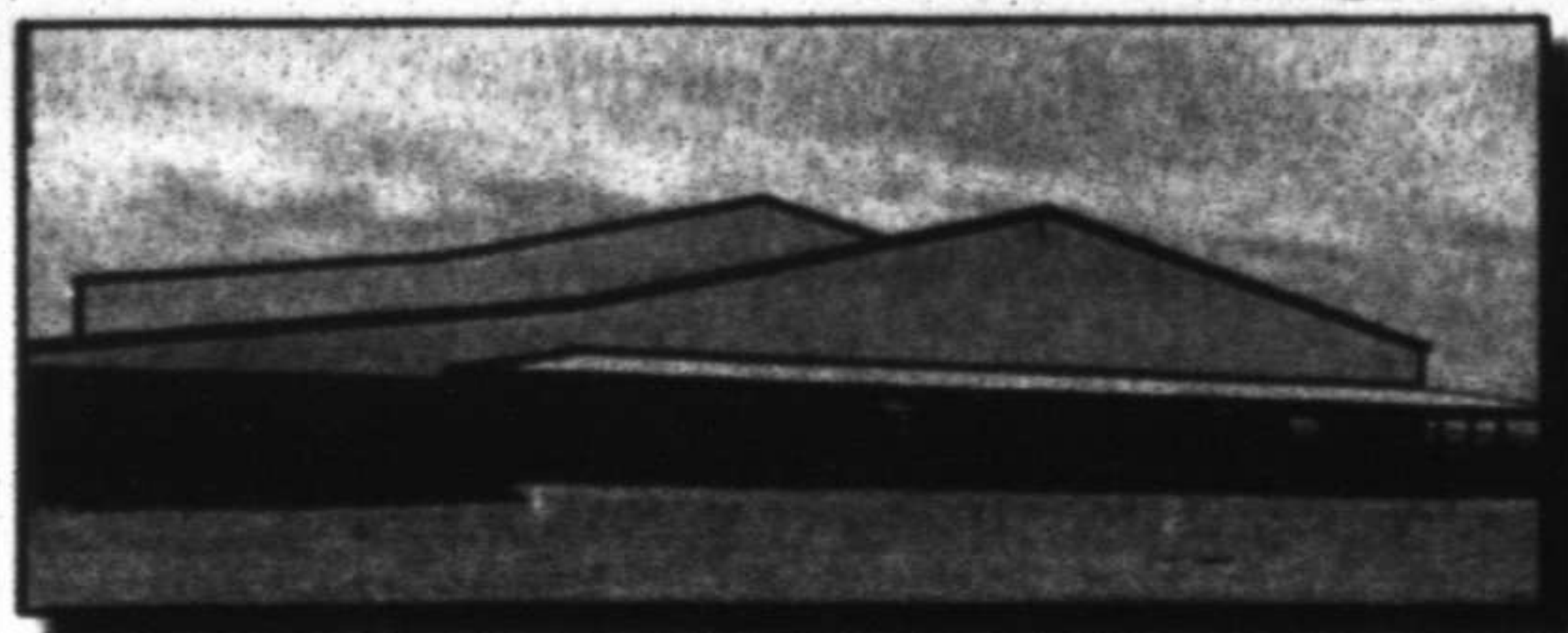
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Trump blames DC, as military parade plans unravel over costs

By Lolita C. Baldor
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cancellation of President Donald Trump's Veterans Day parade came swiftly when senior White House and Pentagon leaders saw the estimated \$92 million price tag play out in public, setting off a chaotic volley of tweets and accusations between the president and the mayor of the nation's capital.

The drama that unfolded Thursday and Friday also highlighted, not for the first time, a disconnect between the Pentagon and the White House when it comes to turning some of Trump's more mercurial ideas into reality.

While Defense Secretary Jim Mattis dismissed the price estimate for the parade as fiction — likening the report of it as the work of someone who had been smoking pot — Trump wasn't denying the projected costs.

He was lashing out at Washington, D.C., politicians he claimed were to blame for the sky-high price.

"When asked to give us a price for holding a great celebratory military parade, they wanted a number so ridiculously high that I cancelled it. Never let someone hold you up!" Trump tweeted.

He held out hope of holding the parade next year instead, and said this year he would travel to Paris for events marking the centennial of the end of fighting in World War I, which falls on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. "Now we can buy some more jet fighters!" he added.

Despite Trump blaming municipal authorities for the high estimate, the bulk of the cost was the \$50 million Pentagon portion that would cover military aircraft, equipment, personnel and other support. The remaining \$42 million would cover costs borne by the city and other



AP file photo

Military units participate in the inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House on Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington. A U.S. official says the 2018 Veterans Day military parade ordered up by President Donald Trump would cost about \$92 million — more than three times the maximum initial estimate.

agencies and largely involved security costs.

The Republican president's finger-pointing set off a social media spat with D.C.'s Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser. She shot back on Twitter Friday that she was the one who "finally got thru to the reality star in the White House with the realities (\$21.6M) of parades/events/demonstrations in Trump America (sad)."

District of Columbia officials called the price-gouging charge by Trump "patently false." A city official said the \$21.6 million estimate of the costs the city would incur was their "best stab at it," since they did not know what the exact route would be or how long it would last. The official, who wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said there had been little interaction with the Pentagon and few details

provided.

Trump decided he wanted a military parade in Washington after he attended France's Bastille Day celebration in the center of Paris last year. Several months later Trump praised the French parade, saying, "We're going to have to try and top it."

It was a demand that drew criticism not just from Trump's political opponents but some Republicans too.

As the Pentagon began planning for the U.S. version, the cost became a politically charged issue — as did the prospect of streets in the nation's capital being churned up by tank treads.

According to officials familiar with the unfolding events, senior Pentagon leaders were briefed Wednesday about the parade costs.

But officials said the estimates were still preliminary and so were not

submitted to Mattis or Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private meetings and conversations.

When details came out publicly Thursday, senior White House officials, including Chief of Staff John Kelly, were angry about the \$92 million amount, which was more than triple early estimates of \$10 million to \$30 million by the White House budget director.

It's not clear when Trump was told, but the order to cancel the parade came quickly and was made by the end of the work day.

The Pentagon announced the decision just before 8 p.m.

Throughout the day, multiple U.S. officials had confirmed the \$92 million estimate that was put together by the interagency

parade planning group. And Pentagon officials did not push back or at any point suggest the reporting was wrong.

Still, when asked about the price Thursday evening, Mattis excoriated the media and said he had seen no such estimate.

"I'm not dignifying that number (\$92 million) with a reply. I would discount that, and anybody who said (that number), I'll almost guarantee you one thing: They probably said, 'I need to stay anonymous.' No kidding, because you look like an idiot. And No. 2, whoever wrote it needs to get better sources. I'll just leave it at that," Mattis told reporters traveling with him.

He said that whoever leaked the number to the press was "probably smoking something that is legal in my state but not in most" — a reference to his home state of Washington,

where marijuana use is legal.

Mattis' comments came hours after the estimate was made public, and not long after the cancellation decision was made — giving his staff plenty of time to ensure he was made aware of the planning estimate's accuracy.

One reason for the political sensitivity was that Trump himself had boasted that the cancellation of a major military exercise with South Korea amid easing tensions with North Korea would save the U.S. "a tremendous amount of money." The Pentagon later said the Korea drills, which typically take place every August, would have cost \$14 million — an amount dwarfed by the estimated cost of the parade.

The cancellation of those drills, like Trump's demand for a parade, initially caught the Defense Department unawares. Mattis was also widely viewed as being unenthusiastic about the president's plans to set up a Space Force as a new branch of the military — but as in the other cases, he has toed the line of the commander in chief.

The parade was expected to include troops from all five armed services — the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard — as well as units in period uniforms representing earlier times in the nation's history.

It also was expected to involve a number of military aircraft flyovers, which can carry significant costs in personnel, aircraft and support.

A Pentagon planning memo released in March said the parade would feature a "heavy air component," likely including older, vintage aircraft. It also said there would be "wheeled vehicles only, no tanks — consideration must be given to minimize damage to local infrastructure." Big, heavy tanks could tear up streets in the District of Columbia.

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Democrats are likely to disagree that there is no evidence of collusion, if that is the committee's final conclusion.

"I am sure there will be people at the end of this who feel that we came to a conclusion that they vehemently disagree with," Burr said. "I know that from a committee's integrity standpoint we've got to prove what we find. And if you can't prove it then we can't make the claim."

By putting off the final report, Burr and Warner have so far been able to maintain the bipartisan tenor.

"I have confidence in Richard Burr that we together, with the members of our committee, are going to get to the bottom of this," Warner said last year. "And if you get nothing else from today, take that statement to the bank."

Unlike many of his Intelligence Committee colleagues, Burr has eschewed cable television appearances and refrained from visiting the White House and interacting with Trump. Republican Sen. Jim Lankford of Oklahoma, who sits on the intelligence panel and is close to Burr, says Burr started every meeting at the beginning of the probe by asking senators not to talk to the media "until we get additional facts and we put things out together."

Lankford says it's possible the final report will split the committee.

"The hardest part is when staff starts going through all of the details and writes the last report," Lankford says. "And then

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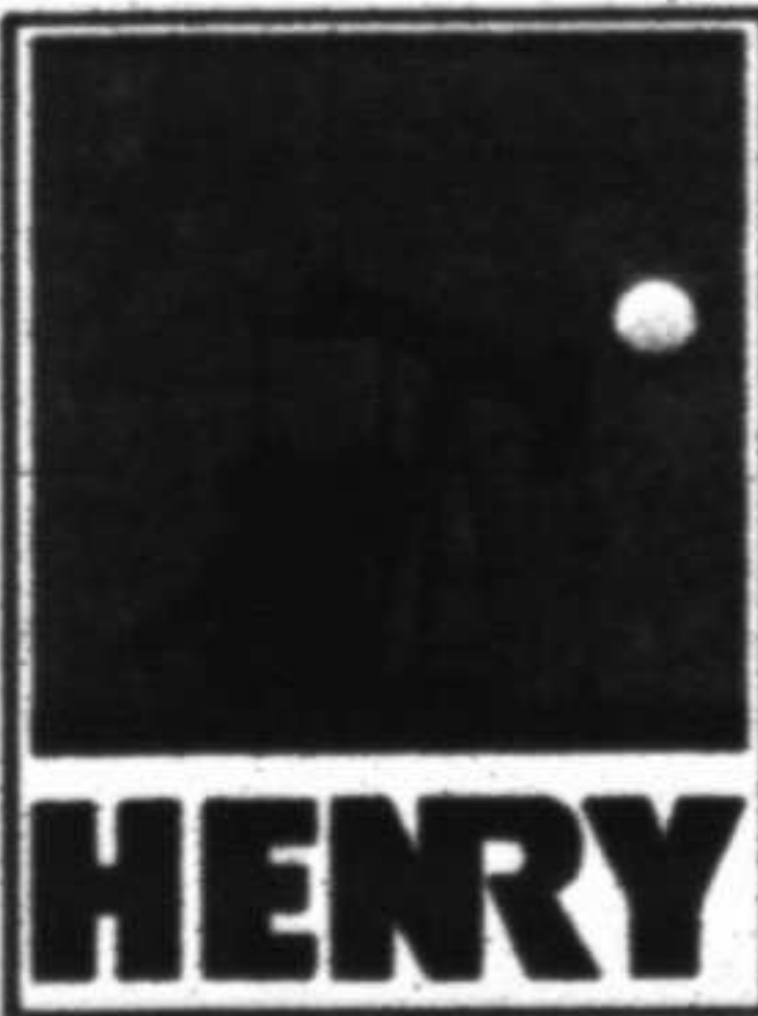
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Trump blames DC, as military parade plans unravel over costs

By Lolita C. Baldor
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The cancellation of President Donald Trump's Veterans Day parade came swiftly when senior White House and Pentagon leaders saw the estimated \$92 million price tag play out in public, setting off a chaotic volley of tweets and accusations between the president and the mayor of the nation's capital.

The drama that unfolded Thursday and Friday also highlighted, not for the first time, a disconnect between the Pentagon and the White House when it comes to turning some of Trump's more mercurial ideas into reality.

While Defense Secretary Jim Mattis dismissed the price estimate for the parade as fiction — likening the report of it as the work of someone who had been smoking pot — Trump wasn't denying the projected costs.

He was lashing out at Washington, D.C., politicians he claimed were to blame for the sky-high price.

"When asked to give us a price for holding a great celebratory military parade, they wanted a number so ridiculously high that I cancelled it. Never let someone hold you up!" Trump tweeted.

He held out hope of holding the parade next year instead, and said this year he would travel to Paris for events marking the centennial of the end of fighting in World War I, which falls on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. "Now we can buy some more jet fighters!" he added.

Despite Trump blaming municipal authorities for the high estimate, the bulk of the cost was the \$50 million Pentagon portion that would cover military aircraft, equipment, personnel and other support. The remaining \$42 million would cover costs borne by the city and other



AP file photo

Military units participate in the inaugural parade from the Capitol to the White House on Jan. 20, 2017, in Washington. A U.S. official says the 2018 Veterans Day military parade ordered up by President Donald Trump would cost about \$92 million — more than three times the maximum initial estimate.

agencies and largely involved security costs.

The Republican president's finger-pointing set off a social media spat with D.C.'s Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser. She shot back on Twitter Friday that she was the one who "finally got thru to the reality star in the White House with the realities (\$21.6M) of parades/events/demonstrations in Trump America (sad)."

District of Columbia officials called the price-gouging charge by Trump "patently false." A city official said the \$21.6 million estimate of the costs the city would incur was their "best stab at it," since they did not know what the exact route would be or how long it would last. The official, who wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said there had been little interaction with the Pentagon and few details

provided.

Trump decided he wanted a military parade in Washington after he attended France's Bastille Day celebration in the center of Paris last year. Several months later Trump praised the French parade, saying, "We're going to have to try and top it."

It was a demand that drew criticism not just from Trump's political opponents but some Republicans too.

As the Pentagon began planning for the U.S. version, the cost became a politically charged issue — as did the prospect of streets in the nation's capital being churned up by tank treads.

According to officials familiar with the unfolding events, senior Pentagon leaders were briefed Wednesday about the parade costs.

But officials said the estimates were still preliminary and so were not

submitted to Mattis or Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private meetings and conversations.

When details came out publicly Thursday, senior White House officials, including Chief of Staff John Kelly, were angry about the \$92 million amount, which was more than triple early estimates of \$10 million to \$30 million by the White House budget director.

It's not clear when Trump was told, but the order to cancel the parade came quickly and was made by the end of the work day.

The Pentagon announced the decision just before 8 p.m.

Throughout the day, multiple U.S. officials had confirmed the \$92 million estimate that was put together by the interagency

parade planning group. And Pentagon officials did not push back or at any point suggest the reporting was wrong.

Still, when asked about the price Thursday evening, Mattis excoriated the media and said he had seen no such estimate.

"I'm not dignifying that number (\$92 million) with a reply. I would discount that, and anybody who said (that number), I'll almost guarantee you one thing: They probably said, 'I need to stay anonymous.' No kidding, because you look like an idiot. And No. 2, whoever wrote it needs to get better sources. I'll just leave it at that," Mattis told reporters traveling with him.

He said that whoever leaked the number to the press was "probably smoking something that is legal in my state but not in most" — a reference to his home state of Washington,

where marijuana use is legal.

Mattis' comments came hours after the estimate was made public, and not long after the cancellation decision was made — giving his staff plenty of time to ensure he was made aware of the planning estimate's accuracy.

One reason for the political sensitivity was that Trump himself had boasted that the cancellation of a major military exercise with South Korea amid easing tensions with North Korea would save the U.S. "a tremendous amount of money." The Pentagon later said the Korea drills, which typically take place every August, would have cost \$14 million — an amount dwarfed by the estimated cost of the parade.

The cancellation of those drills, like Trump's demand for a parade, initially caught the Defense Department unawares. Mattis was also widely viewed as being unenthusiastic about the president's plans to set up a Space Force as a new branch of the military — but as in the other cases, he has toed the line of the commander in chief.

The parade was expected to include troops from all five armed services — the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard — as well as units in period uniforms representing earlier times in the nation's history.

It also was expected to involve a number of military aircraft flyovers, which can carry significant costs in personnel, aircraft and support.

A Pentagon planning memo released in March said the parade would feature a "heavy air component," likely including older, vintage aircraft. It also said there would be "wheeled vehicles only, no tanks — consideration must be given to minimize damage to local infrastructure." Big, heavy tanks could tear up streets in the District of Columbia.

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Democrats are likely to disagree that there is no evidence of collusion, if that is the committee's final conclusion.

"I am sure there will be people at the end of this who feel that we came to a conclusion that they vehemently disagree with," Burr said. "I know that from a committee's integrity standpoint we've got to prove what we find. And if you can't prove it then we can't make the claim."

By putting off the final report, Burr and Warner have so far been able to maintain the bipartisan tenor.

"I have confidence in Richard Burr that we together, with the members of our committee, are going to get to the bottom of this," Warner said last year. "And if you get nothing else from today, take that statement to the bank."

Unlike many of his Intelligence Committee colleagues, Burr has eschewed cable television appearances and refrained from visiting the White House and interacting with Trump. Republican Sen. Jim Lankford of Oklahoma, who sits on the intelligence panel and is close to Burr, says Burr started every meeting at the beginning of the probe by asking senators not to talk to the media "until we get additional facts and we put things out together."

Lankford says it's possible the final report will split the committee.

"The hardest part is when staff starts going through all of the details and writes the last report," Lankford says. "And then

we start having people say, I won't say that. That's the threat."

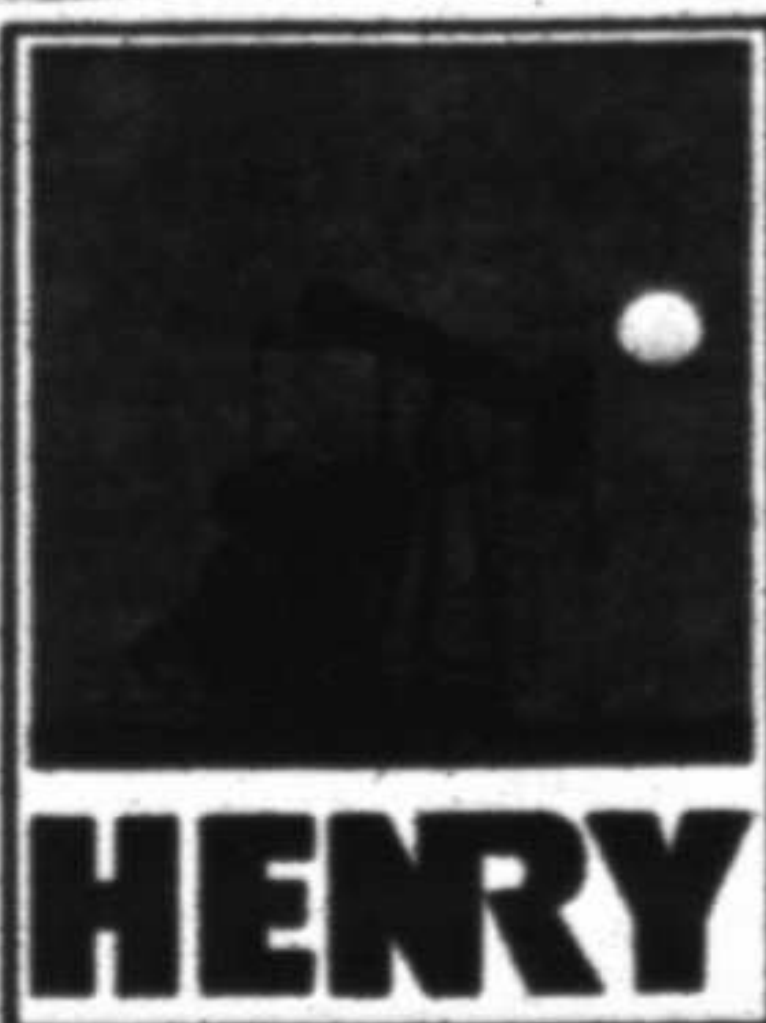
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These file photos, top row from left are former CIA Director Michael Hayden, former FBI Director James Comey, former acting FBI director Andrew McCabe and former national security adviser Susan Rice. Bottom row from left are former FBI Deputy Assistant Director Peter Strzok, former FBI lawyer Lisa Page, former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates and former National Intelligence Director James Clapper. President Donald Trump acted Wednesday on a threat and revoked the security clearance of former CIA Director John Brennan, citing a constitutional responsibility to protect classified information. Trump says he is reviewing security clearances for nine other individuals, including the eight pictured.

Trump warns he'll revoke clearance of Justice Dept official

By Jill Colvin and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday that he suspects he'll "very quickly" revoke the security clearance for a Justice Department official whose wife worked for the firm involved in producing a dossier on Trump's ties to Russia.

Signaling that his efforts to target clearances over his frustration with the Russia investigation were not over, Trump tweeted that it was a "disgrace" for Bruce Ohr to be in the Justice Department.

His comments came two days after he yanked the security clearance of former CIA Director John Brennan, saying he had to do "something" about the "rigged" federal probe of Russian election interference. Critics have cast it as an act of political vengeance.

Ohr has come under Republican scrutiny for his contacts to Glenn Simpson, co-founder of Fusion GPS. The opposition research firm hired former British spy Christopher Steele during the 2016 presidential campaign to compile the dossier on Trump and his Russia ties.

Ohr's wife, Nellie, worked for Fusion GPS during the campaign — something Trump has tweeted about to highlight his assertions of political bias behind the Russia investigation.

Former U.S. security officials on Thursday issued scathing rebukes to Trump for moving against Brennan. Trump's admission that he acted out of frustration with the Russia probe underscored his willingness to use his executive power to fight back against an investigation he sees as a threat to his presidency. Legal experts said the dispute may add to the evidence being reviewed by special counsel Robert Mueller.

In an opinion piece in The New York Times, Brennan said Trump's decision, announced Wednesday, to deny him access to classified information was a desperate attempt to end Mueller's investigation. Brennan, who served under President Barack Obama and has become a vocal Trump critic, called Trump's claims that he did not collude with Russia "hogwash."

The only question remaining is whether the collusion amounts to a "constituted criminally liable conspiracy," Brennan wrote.

Later Thursday, the retired Navy admiral who oversaw the raid that killed Osama bin Laden called Trump's moves "McCarthy-era tactics." Writing in The Washington Post, William H. McRaven said he would "consider it an honor" if Trump would revoke his clearance, as well.

"Through your actions, you have embarrassed us in the eyes of our children, humiliated us on the world stage and, worst of all, divided us as a nation," McRaven wrote.

That was followed late Thursday by a joint letter from 15 former senior intelligence officials calling Trump's action "ill-considered and unprecedented." They said it "has nothing to do with who should and should not hold security clearances — and everything to do with an attempt to stifle free speech."

The signees included seven former CIA directors, six former CIA deputy directors and two former national intelligence directors, James Clapper and retired Navy Adm. Denny Blair. Clapper and former CIA Director Michael Hayden have appeared on

a White House list of people who may also have their security clearances revoked.

Then on Friday, 60 former CIA officials issued their own statement, joining a chorus of opposition from the intelligence community to Trump's decisions to threaten to or actually pull clearances. They said former government officials have a right to express unclassified views on national security issues without fear of being punished for doing so.

They said they did not necessarily concur with all the opinions expressed by Brennan, or the way in which he expressed them. But they said they believe the "country will be weakened if there is a political litmus test applied before seasoned experts are allowed to share their views."

Trump on Wednesday openly tied his decision to strip Brennan of his clearance — and threaten nearly a dozen other former and current officials — to the ongoing investigation into Russian election meddling and possible collusion with his campaign. In an interview with The Wall Street Journal, Trump again called the probe a "rigged witch hunt" and said "these people led it!"

"So I think it's something that had to be done," he said.

The president's comments were a swift departure from the official explanation given by the White House earlier Wednesday that cited the "risks" posed by Brennan's supposed "erratic conduct and behavior." It marked the latest example of the president contradicting a story his aides had put forward to explain his motivations.

Attorneys said the revocation appeared to be within the president's authority. But they noted the power play also could be used to reinforce a case alleging obstruction of justice, following the president's firing of former FBI Director James Comey and his repeated tweets calling for the investigation to end.

Patrick Cotter, a former assistant U.S. attorney in the Eastern District of New York and a longtime white-collar defense attorney, said that while a prosecutor could argue that Trump's targeting of clearances was intended as a warning that "if you contribute to, participate in, support the Russia probe and I find out about it, I'm going to punish you," it is likely not obstruction in itself.

But, he said the move would be a "powerful piece of evidence" for prosecutors as part of a pattern to demonstrate an intent to use presidential power in connection with the probe.

Renato Mariotti, a former federal prosecutor agreed.

"What it shows is that the president is fixated on the Russia investigation, he's angry about it, and he wants to do everything he can to discourage or slow down the investigation," he said.

Mueller and his team have been looking at Trump's public statements and tweets as they investigate whether the president could be guilty of obstruction.

"I don't think it advances the criminal obstruction case, but I think it's factually relevant," said Mark Zaid, a national security attorney. "I think it shows the state of mind and intent to interfere or impede any unfavorable discussion of his potential connection to Russia."

Former CIA directors and other top national security officials are typically allowed to keep their clearances, at least for some period.

Cuomo on his 'inartful' remark: 'Of course America is great'

By David Klepper
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. Andrew Cuomo, running for a third term and a potential candidate for president in 2020, acknowledged Friday that he was "inartful" when he said this week that America "was never that great."

The Democrat went on to expound on something that few elected officials ever need to spell out.

"I want to be very clear: Of course America is great and of course America has always been great," Cuomo said on a teleconference

with reporters.

Cuomo's appraisal of the nation was somewhat different Wednesday when, speaking at a Manhattan bill signing, he critiqued Republican President Donald Trump and his slogan, "Make America Great Again."

"We're not going to make America great again — it was never that great," Cuomo told the audience, which reacted with gasps and laughter. "We have not reached greatness. We will reach greatness when every American is fully engaged."

The comment set off a wave of criticism of Cuomo.

New York Republicans demanded an apology and purchased Cuomo a one-way bus ticket to Montreal. Trump tweeted that Cuomo was having a "total meltdown." Cuomo primary challenger and former "Sex and the City" star Cynthia Nixon accused Cuomo of trying to sound like a liberal and failing. CBS late night host Stephen Colbert said the comment was "the dumbest thing you could say as a politician."

Trump ridiculed Cuomo again Friday in several tweets, comparing the comment from "Highly Intelligent Andrew Cuomo" to Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton's use of the word "deplorable" to describe many Trump supporters during the 2016 campaign.

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Lee faces Leander Rouse in first of two scrimmages

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Lee football team will see a welcomed change to its preseason routine today.

After two weeks of grueling two-a-day practices, the Rebels face Class 5A Division I program Leander Rouse in a 5:30 p.m. scrimmage at LeGrand Stadium in San Angelo.

Lee head coach Clint Hartman and his staff will get to evaluate their roster going up against an opponent for the first time.

"What we are looking for when we watch film is our alignment and is our assignment right?" Hartman said. "After those things, who plays football like we want them to play football at Lee High School? Who plays with their hair on fire and plays really physical? Those are the guys that are going

to start moving around and start finding spots, so that's what we are looking for.

"If they mess up and they're going 100 miles per hour, I can coach that. But if they mess up and they're not going 100 miles per hour, it's hard to coach you to be good if you're not going 100 miles per hour."

The Rebels also hope to get more information on their three quarterbacks competing for the starting spot.

Senior Felix Hinojosa is slated to play under center with the first-team offense because of the experience he brings to the table. Sophomores Mikey Serrano and Shemar Davis will both get second-team repetitions at quarterback.

Even if the sophomore quarterbacks don't win the starting job, Hartman envisions Serrano help-

ing the Rebels at wide receiver, and Davis drawing playing time at both receiver and running back.

"All three of them are great players and all three of them will help the Lee Rebels this year somewhere," Hartman said of his quarterback trio.

Hartman says the last two weeks have been a learning process of where the staff can create depth and move certain players.

The five starters on the offensive line are still being sorted out, but Hartman believes he has nine kids that can step in and play at the varsity level. Hartman said offensive line coaches Boe Smith and Brent Swanson have done an admirable job of developing players.

Additionally, Hartman also likes his team depth at wide receiver, on



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Please see LEE/SB Lee football players run drills on Aug. 6 on the first day of practice.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH



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Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury looks down at his notes on Nov. 18, 2017, during the second half of the team's NCAA game against TCU in Lubbock.

Kingsbury not nervous about QB uncertainty

By Stephen Hawkins
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Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury was asked if he was nervous about the uncertainty at quarterback for the Red Raiders.

"Just because they're young or inexperienced, to me you never know how they're going to respond," Kingsbury said. "I wouldn't say nervous. I think excited to not really know who it is and be able to work with those guys and try to have one guy really step up."

Sophomore Jett Duffey is a dual-threat option with some similarities to Patrick Mahomes, who bypassed his senior season at Tech for early entry into the NFL draft and was succeeded last year by Nic Shimonek (3,963 yards passing, 33 TDs) in his final season. Shimonek finished the regular season ending win over Texas that solidified

Kingsbury's return as coach after McLane Carter got his first start in that game.

Along with Duffey and junior Carter, the Red Raiders have talented true freshman Alan Bowman, who was there for spring drills.

"We'll stress them, put them in a lot of high-stress situations over camp to see who responds," said Kingsbury, who threw for 12,429 yards and 95 TDs in 43 games for the Red Raiders from 1999-2002, and is 30-33 overall (16-29 in Big 12) in five seasons as their coach.

While making no wild predictions about his current quarterbacks, Kingsbury brought up his first year as head coach in 2013 with freshmen Baker Mayfield and Davis Webb, now with the New York Giants after ending his college career at California.

"Those two true freshmen that we didn't know, and those guys turned out

to be pretty decent," said Kingsbury, who before that was offensive coordinator at Texas A&M with Heisman Trophy-winning freshman quarterback Johnny Manziel.

In Kingsbury's first game as Tech's coach, Mayfield became the first walk-on true freshman quarterback to start a season opener for a BCS school. Mayfield was at Tech only one season before transferring to Oklahoma, where he led the Sooners to three consecutive Big 12 titles, won the Heisman Trophy last season and was the top overall pick in the NFL draft.

With David Gibbs going into his fourth season as defensive coordinator, and the defense greatly improved in that time, Kingsbury can put more attention into the quarterback situation. The defense could also take some pressure

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More drivers step away from long schedule

By Jenna Fryer
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BRISTOL, Tenn. — Two more drivers are headed to the checkered flag of their NASCAR careers and the laps are winding down for a golden age of racing.

Kasey Kahne and Elliott Sadler both said this will be their final season of racing full time as they become the latest two veterans to find they no longer want to be part of the traveling circus. Dale Earnhardt Jr., Jeff Gordon, Tony Stewart, Carl Edwards, Greg Biffle and Danica Patrick have already given up their seats in stock cars to spend more time doing, well, everything they've missed in life.

Kahne and Sadler, who have a combined 1,589 starts at the NASCAR national level, want to spend more time with their kids and not spend 38 weekends a year at a track. They are part of a group of drivers that broke into NASCAR when the sport went mainstream and money poured in from corporations all over the world.

If a driver could get a seat in the Cup Series and parlay it into a strong sponsorship deal, they virtually guaranteed themselves a lengthy career that earned them massive paydays, private planes, mansions, motorhomes and long-term financial security.

"I got to basically make a run and live in an awesome time in NASCAR," said Kahne, who debuted in 2002 and has logged 15 years in the Cup Series. He has 18 career victories and, prior to 2016 when NASCAR stopped publishing winnings, Kahne had earned \$71.4 million.

Kahne grew up racing sprint cars but followed the path of Stewart, who paved the way for dirt racers to chase new money in NASCAR. Kahne at the end of last year lost his ride with Hendrick Motorsports and has been slogging along this year with single-car team Levine Family Racing.

He is 29th in the Cup standings with one top-10 finish all season, but is fresh off watching sprint car driver Brad Sweet drive a Kasey Kahne Racing entry to victory last weekend in the prestigious



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TCU's new QB will have talented skill players around him

By Stephen Hawkins
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FORT WORTH — Shawn Robinson won his only start last season, making the sophomore TCU's most experienced quarterback.

Coach Gary Patterson has always said he judges quarterbacks by what they do on Saturdays. Robinson, filling in that mid-November day at Texas Tech for injured Kenny Hill, got a key victory that helped the Horned Frogs get into the Big 12 championship game on way to another 11-win season.

While Patterson Robinson to Big 12 media days this summer, a rare move by the coach with a younger player with limited playing time, he still hasn't declared Robinson as the starter over fellow sophomore Michael Collins, a 6-foot-5 transfer from Penn who redshirted last season.

"The quarterback competition is a lot closer than you thought it was in the spring," Patterson said. "Mike actually did a lot of good things."

Whoever is at quarterback for TCU will be surrounded by talented skill players. Speedy receivers Jalen Reagor and KaVontae Turpin have both shown their big-play ability, while Darius Anderson and Sewo Omojola may be the best running back duo in the Big 12.

The big concern for the Horned Frogs is replacing four starting offensive linemen, and tight ends that provided additional protection.

TCU's defense also took a big hit when 6-4, 329-pound athletic tackle Ross Blacklock suffered a season-ending Achilles injury during non-contact work in fall practice. Blacklock and Corey Bethley stood out as freshmen on the defensive line last season.

Linebacker Travin Howard, the

only player in TCU history with three consecutive 100-tackle seasons, and Big 12 sacks leader Mat Boesen were among Frogs seniors who finished their careers in the Alamo Bowl victory over Stanford last December.

But big Ben Banogu is back. The 6-4, 249-pound defensive end, who had 16 1/2 tackles for loss and 8 1/2 sacks in his TCU debut after transferring from Louisiana-Monroe, bypassed early entry into the NFL draft despite the potential to be a high pick. He instead returned to TCU to finish his degree and get better on the field.

"Being in the NFL, getting drafted, all of that will come," Banogu said. "My biggest thing is I want to learn as much I can, expand on my game so whenever I get there, I'm hitting everything in stride."

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TCU wide receiver Jalen Reagor (16) catches a touchdown pass in front of Oklahoma cornerback Powell Motley (11) on Dec. 2, 2017, in the first half of the Big 12 Conference championship game in Arlington.

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2-for-4 with a double and a run

scored. ... Also for the Rock-

Hounds, Skye Bolt went 2-for-4

with two doubles, an RBI and a

run scored, while Luis Barrera

was 2-for-4 with a double,

an RBI and a run scored. ...

Dario Pizzano went 2-for-4

with a home run, a double, four

RBI and a run scored for the

Travelers.

TOP PITCHER: Rock-

hounds reliever Joel Seddon

was victorious after tossing two

scoreless innings of two-

hit ball.

HIGHLIGHTS: Leading 1-0,

the Hounds increased their

lead to 3-0 in the third inning

behind an RBI single from

Seth Brown and a run-scoring

double from Bolt. ... Pizzano's

two-run homer to right field

cut Midland's lead to 3-2 in the

fourth. ... Eli White's RBI single

pushed Midland to a 4-2 lead

in the bottom of the fourth. ...

Pizzano cracked a two-run

double in the sixth, tying the

game at 4. ... Heim's line drive

to center field with one out

placed Barrera for the game-

winning run in the ninth.

NOTES: The RockHounds

wore Midland Angels uniforms

for the second straight night,

which commemorates the

team's affiliation with the

Angels franchise from 1985-

1998. ... Brown's 79 RBI rank

second in the Texas League

leaders, trailing only Arkan-

sas' Joey Cuetara with 88. ...

Midland took a 1-0 lead in the

Tl. standings

Second Half

North Division

Team W L Pct GB

Tulsa (Dodgers) 29 22 .569 -

Arkansas (Mariners) 28 23 .558 1

NW Arkansas (Royals) 24 28 .462 5 1/2

Springfield (Cardinals) 21 32 .396 9

South Division

Team W L Pct GB

Corpus Christi (Astros) 33 20 .623 -

Frisco (Rangers) 28 25 .528 5

San Antonio (Padres) 25 28 .469 7

Midland (Athletics) 22 32 .407 11 1/2

Friday's Scores

Tulsa 9, San Antonio 0

San Antonio at Tulsa, Game 2 TSD

Midland 5, Arkansas 4

Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, late

Corpus Christi 5, Springfield 0

Today's Games

Corpus Christi at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.

Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

Northwest Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

San Antonio at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

Three-game series. The series

continues at 7 p.m. today. The

'Hounds have won three of

four games on their current

homestand and have won four

of their last five.

ROCKHOUNDS 5, TRAVELERS 4

Arkansas 4, Midland 5

Taylor 4, 1-0, E. White 4, 0-2

Marshall 4, 1-0, Ramirez 4, 1-0

Felix 4, 0-0, Springer 3, 4-0

Curtis 1, 0-1, Brown 1, 4-1

Pizzano 1, 0-1, Bolt 1, 4-1

Lewis 1, 0-1, Mondy 1, 4-1

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Roughed Odor drives in 3 for Rangers in 6-4 win over Angels

By Stephen Hawkins

Associated Press

ARLINGTON —

Roughed Odor drove in

three runs with a single

and a sacrifice fly, Joey

Gallo ripped a two-run

double and the Texas

Rangers beat the pitching-

depleted Los Angeles An-

gels 6-4 on Friday night.

Odor's two-run single

capped a five-run outburst

in the second inning off re-

cently acquired Odismar

Despaigne (2-1), the 14th

starting pitcher used by the

Angels this season.

Drew Hutchison (2-2)

struck out six and allowed

two runs over five innings

in his third start for the

Rangers. Jose Leclerc

struck out the side in the

ninth for his fourth save.

Gallo's double into the

right-field corner put Texas

up 2-1 before he scored

on a groundout by Isiah

Kiner-Falefa. Odor's two-

run single was the fourth

consecutive Rangers hit af-

ter that, and he added a sac

fly in the seventh inning.

Andrelton Simmons hit a

two-run homer, his eighth,

that got the Angels within

5-4 in the sixth.

Carlos Tocci had three

hits and scored twice for

Texas.



Jim Cowser/AP

Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar, foreground, slides and scores ahead of the tag by Los Angeles Angels catcher Rene Rivera on a double by Joey Gallo on Friday during the second inning in Arlington.

Trainer's room

Angels: RHP Matt Shoe-

maker, who made only one

start before going on the

DL with a right forearm

strain the first week of the

season, is working out in

Arizona. Manager Mike

Scioscia said "Shoemaker

is making some great

strides, and that's great to

see." The Angels play in

Arizona next week.

Rangers: CF Delino

DeShields was placed on

the 10-day disabled list

with a fracture on the tip

of his right middle finger.

He got hurt in the series

opener Thursday night

when he got hit by a pitch

on an attempted bunt. ...

3B Adrian Beltre missed

his third consecutive game

since coming out Monday

night after aggravating his

trouble left hamstring that

has already landed him on

the DL twice this season.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

INDIANS 2, ORIOLES 1

CLEVELAND — Carlos Carrasco

pitched seven scoreless innings

and moved into a tie for the AL lead with his

15th win. Jose Ramirez hit his 37th home

run and the Cleveland Indians beat the

Baltimore Orioles 2-1 on Friday night.

Carrasco (15-6) allowed three hits,

struck out six and retired his final 10

batters. The right-hander is tied with

teammate Corey Kluber, New York's Luis

Severino and Boston's Rick Porcello for

most wins in the league.

Ramirez's first-inning homer tied him

with Boston's J.D. Martinez, who entered

Friday with the major league lead.

Cleveland has won six straight and is a

season-high 19 games over .500 (70-51).

David Hess (2-7) allowed two runs in six

innings for the Orioles. Trey Rickard's RBI

single in the eighth scored the only run for

Baltimore, which has lost 11 of 13.

Cody Allen walked Renato Nunez with

one out in the ninth. Pinch-runner Craig

Gentry stole second before Tim Beckham

fled out. Allen struck Joey Rickard for his

24th save in 27 chances.

Both starters worked out of bases-loaded

jams. Hess struck out Yonder Alonso

to end the third while Carrasco struck out

Rickard to finish the fourth.

Carrasco has been nearly unbeatable

since coming off the disabled list last

month after being hit on the elbow by a

line drive on June 16. He's 7-1 in his last

nine appearances, allowing 10 earned

runs with 64 strikeouts in 52 innings.

RED SOX 7, RAYS 3

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts hit a two-

run triple and added a pair of doubles, and

the Boston Red Sox scored seven straight

runs after allowing three in the first to beat

the Tampa Bay Rays 7-3 on Friday night.

Jackie Bradley Jr. had two hits, including

an RBI double in the sixth, and the

Red Sox improved on the best record in

the majors with their 57th victory.

Brian Johnson recovered after getting

roughed up in the first with three runs on

four hits and a walk. Johnson (4-3) didn't

allow another run and pitched 5 2/3 in-

nings before leaving after Joey Wendle's

two-out double in the sixth — Tampa Bay's

first hit since the first inning.

Wendle drove in two runs with a double

in the first and Carlos Gomez had an RBI

single for the Rays.

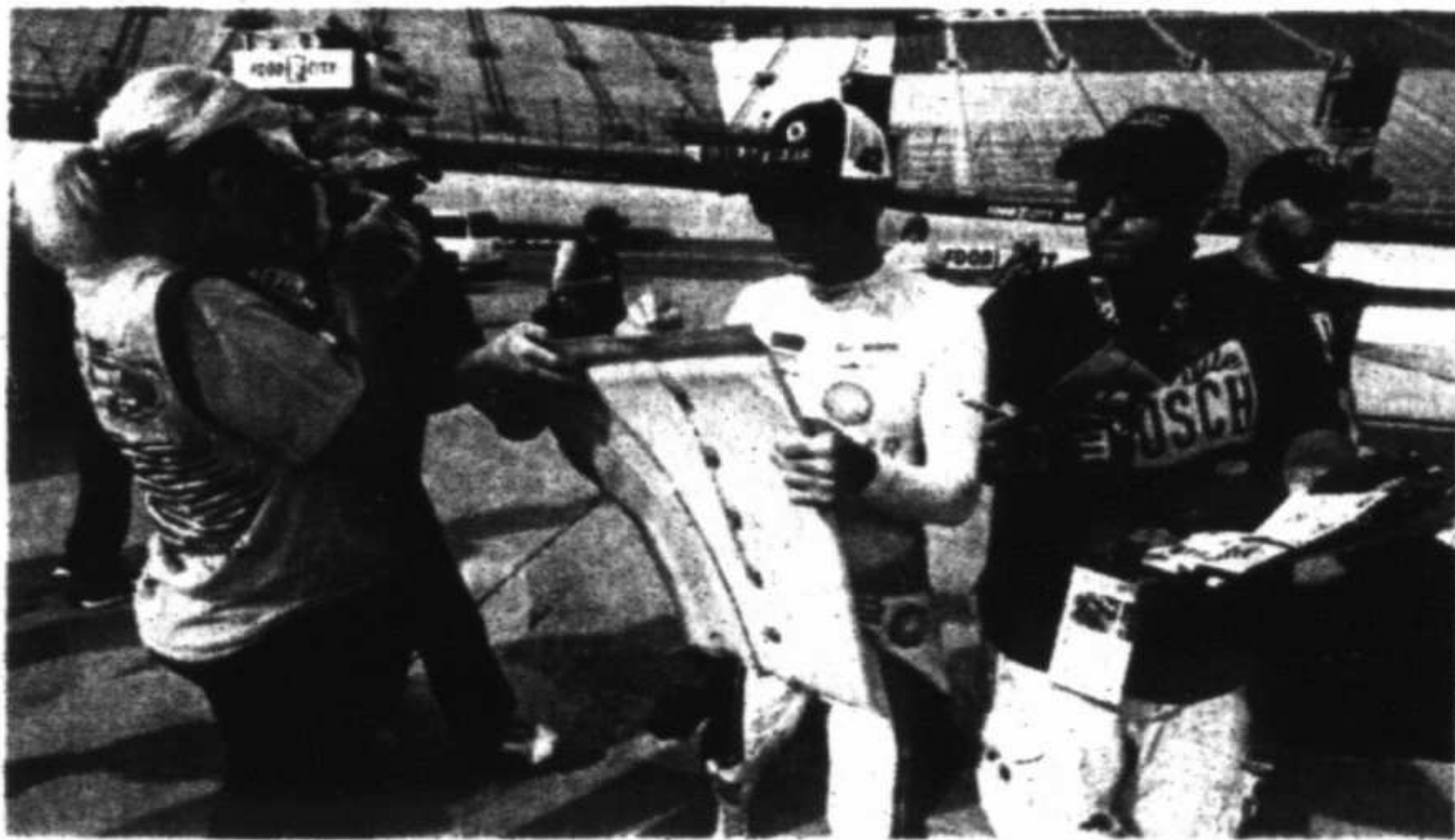
Yonny Chirinos (1-5) took over for Ryne

Storck in the second inning and allowed

five runs on nine hits over six innings.

Bogaerts pulled Boston within 3-2 on a

triple



Wade Payne/AP

Kyle Larson signs autographs before practice for a NASCAR Cup Series race on Friday in Bristol, Tenn.

Kyle Larson takes NASCAR Cup pole at Bristol

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kyle Larson won his third pole of the season as he eyes his first NASCAR Cup Series victory of the year.

Larson turned a lap at 127.792 mph Friday in qualifying at Bristol Motor Speedway. Chase Elliott was second at 127.665.

Kyle Busch was third on a track that he's mastered throughout his career. Busch will be seeking his eighth Cup victory at Bristol in Saturday night's race.

Larson calls this his favorite track, but he's never won here. He believes that could change Saturday night.

"We've been close so many times," Larson said. "I feel like we've been second or third and led the most laps here so many times."

Larson's chances of winning could depend on

whether he can hold off Busch, who already has seven Cup victories at Bristol.

Busch has won six Cup races this year and holds a narrow lead over Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. in the season standings.

Harvick qualified sixth. Truex didn't make it out of the second round of qualifying and will start 17th out of 40 cars Saturday. That represents his lowest qualifying position since he started 36th on July 1 at Chicagoland, where he went on to finish fourth.

Saturday night marks the 40th anniversary of Bristol's traditional late-summer Cup race. The threat of inclement weather has caused the starting time for Saturday's race to move up to 6:45 p.m., an hour earlier than the originally scheduled start.

NASCAR Busch Pro Shops NRA Night

Race Lineup

Friday, August 17, 2018
At Bristol Motor Speedway
Bristol, Tenn.
Lap length: 0.533 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 127.792 mph
2. (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 127.665
3. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 127.639
4. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 127.605
5. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 127.554
6. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 127.539
7. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 126.896
8. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 126.880
9. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 126.803
10. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 126.762
11. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 126.253
12. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 125.988
13. (48) James Jones, Chevrolet, 125.952
14. (20) Eric Jones, Toyota, 125.950
15. (30) David Ragan, Ford, 125.891
16. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 125.875
17. (70) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 125.850
18. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 125.837
19. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 125.481
20. (17) James McQuay, Chevrolet, 125.404
21. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 125.363
22. (88) Alan Bowman, Chevrolet, 125.117
23. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 125.090
24. (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 124.947
25. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 124.897
26. (88) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 124.867
27. (42) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 124.815
28. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 124.210
29. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 124.086
30. (72) Corey Lakin, Chevrolet, 123.957
31. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 123.882
32. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 123.861
33. (88) Jesse Little, Toyota, 123.810
34. (7) AJ Vane, Chevrolet, 121.798
35. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 121.767
36. (51) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 121.274
37. (80) Tommy Joe, Toyota, 120.819
38. (99) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, 120.807
39. (40) Larson Cabot, Chevrolet, 120.407
40. (23) Blake Jones, Toyota, 119.173
41. (52) J. McLeod, Ford, 120.111

NASCAR

From 1B

Knoxville (Iowa) Nationals. Five days after that win, Kahne announced he wants to spend more time with his young son and his sprint car team.

"I need to just back off a little bit," Kahne said. "My mind is always in racing. It's all I've thought about for 25 years. It's all I've wanted to do and figure out how to get better as a driver, as a team, understanding the cars. That is all that has been on my mind."

"So, just back off of that a little bit I think will be really refreshing and be really good for me and my family, friends, things like that."

Sadler cited his two young children and their packed schedules as one of the reasons he'll stop running full-time in the Xfinity Series at the end of the season. He is currently second in the championship standings.

Stewart stopped racing in NASCAR and now spends most of his nights at dirt tracks. Gordon just took a family vacation to Greece. Patrick is pursuing a new career as a lifestyle guru. Earnhardt got married and had a baby. Edwards abruptly quit NASCAR and has hardly been heard from since he retired after losing the 2016 title.

Kyle Busch has a 3-year-old son and is already stressed about the things he will miss while he's working. He assumes Brexton Busch will want to race, and knows he'll have to turn some of the guidance over to other adults. But retirement isn't in the future for the 33-year-old.

"I've asked my accountant that question and he says I'm screwed. I've got to keep going. I've got way too much debt," Busch said. "I don't think I can retire as soon as the rest of those guys are currently (retiring)."

Reigning NASCAR champion Martin Truex Jr. acknowledged the schedule is a grind, but said he's found it to be much



Wade Payne/AP

Kasey Kahne walks across the track before practice for a NASCAR Cup Series race on Friday in Bristol, Tenn.

more tolerable when he's winning races. His four victories this year trail only series leaders Busch and Kevin Harvick, who have seven wins each.

"Definitely busy schedules and look, some of these guys have been racing since they were six, seven, eight years old and they have families and they want to do some other things," Truex said. "The more partners you have, the more things away from the track and the more things you have to do and the more commitments you have. It's definitely a tough balance."

Truex currently needs sponsorship to keep his Furniture Row Racing team intact. The championship-winning team needs a sponsor for 2019, as well as new contracts with Truex and a manufacturer. Without funding, Truex could be on the move next season, and starting over with a new team would add even more work to his

schedule.

NASCAR's final week off of the season follows Saturday night's race at Bristol and drivers have their last chance to catch their breath before the playoffs begin. But even that is somewhat compromised as many in the field send their children back to school in the coming days.

Harvick said next week will be centered around 6-year-old Keelan ending his summer.

"I will be there first day," Harvick said. "You just have to make sure that things are going well so that when you leave, mom is not pinned against the wall and not happy. That's really part of the lifestyle that we live and part of the situation that we constantly work on — just to make sure that life in general is livable. The off week, where it falls, it revolves around what he does and getting him comfortable in school. That's really the only plan."

Amid turmoil, USA Gymnastics takes small steps forward

By Will Graves
Associated Press

BOSTON — The pep talk was short and to the point, a reminder to reigning world gymnastics champion Morgan Hurd that all was not lost.

The 17-year-old had just fallen off the beam at the U.S. Classic last month, ending any serious chance she had at making a run at Simone Biles in the Olympic champion's return to competition after a two-year break. In the moment, Hurd was frustrated.

And then Tom Forster came over. The newly appointed high-performance team coordinator for the embattled USA Gymnastics women's elite program pulled Hurd aside and put things in perspective.

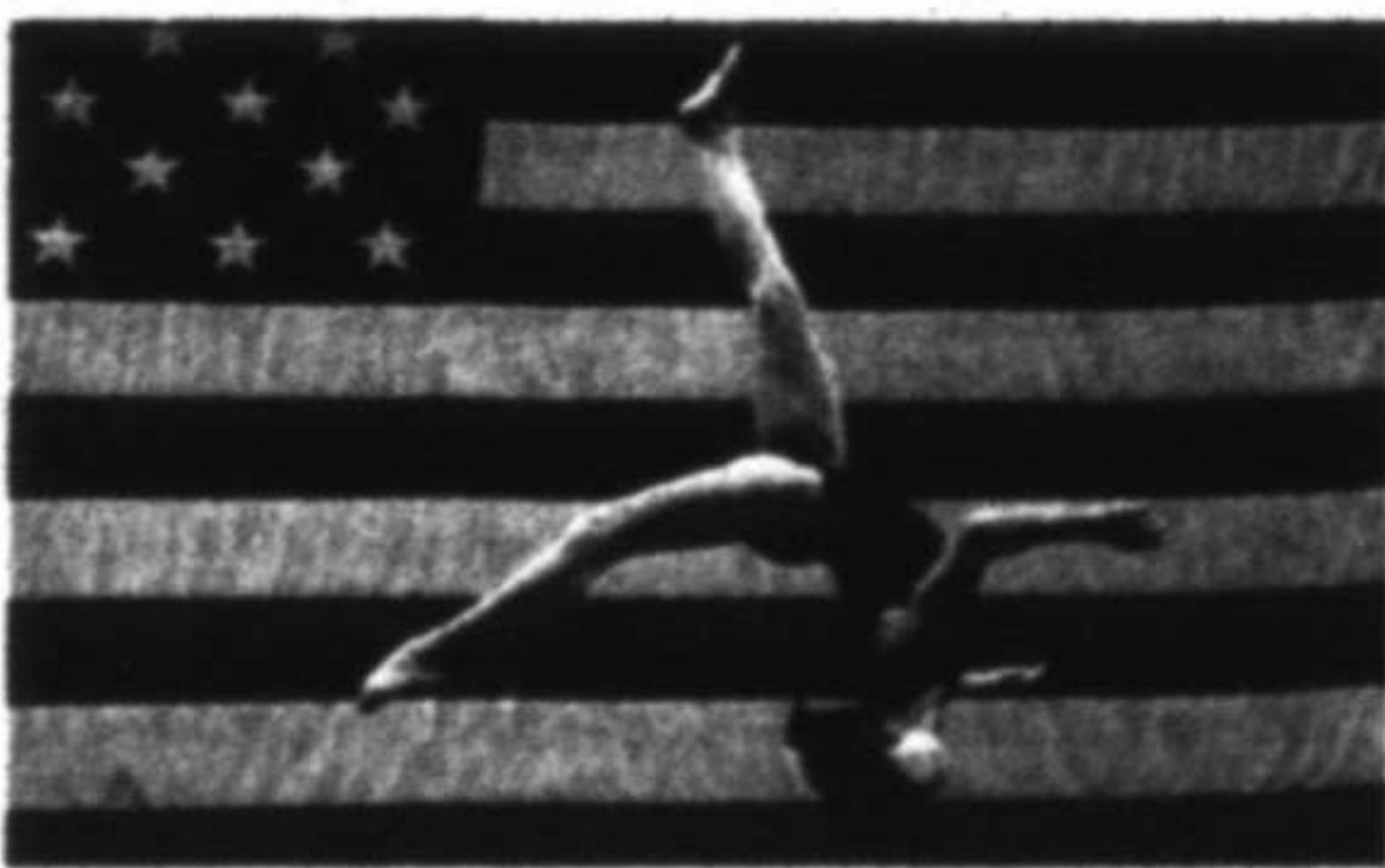
"He was like, 'It's OK because now is not your peak time anyways,'" Hurd said. "That was the exact mindset I had."

It was a small moment, one of many Forster shared with various competitors as he walked the floor during the first significant meet of his tenure. He plans to do the same when the U.S. championships start on Friday night. He insists he's not grandstanding or putting on a show or trying to prove some sort of point about a new era of transparency in the wake of the Larry Nassar scandal.

The way Forster figures it, he's just doing what he's always done. His title has changed. The way he acts around athletes — many of whom he's known for years while working with the USA Gymnastics developmental program — will not.

Forster will play an integral role in figuring out which gymnasts will compete internationally for the U.S. His approach is in stark contrast to longtime national team coordinator Martha Karolyi's aloofness. Karolyi would spend most of her time on the floor but watching from a table, lips often pursed and her face betraying little. It was the same during national team camps, with Karolyi often talking to the personal coaches of the athletes rather than the athletes themselves.

That's not Forster.



Elise Amendola/AP

Morgan Hurd practices on the balance beam during a training session on Wednesday at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships in Boston.

"I never envisioned being in this role, so I never really thought about sitting at that big table and just watching," he said.

It's a departure, one Hurd called "kind of strange" but welcome.

"He's walking around practices and interacting with absolutely everyone," she said. "I think it's pretty cool."

USA Gymnastics' response to the scandal involving disgraced former national team doctor Larry Nassar — who abused hundreds of women, including several Olympians, under the guise of medical treatment — has included a massive overhaul of the leadership and legislative changes designed to make the organization more accountable from the top down. It has also been peppered almost non-stop with buzzwords like "culture change" and "empowerment."

A true shift will take years. Forster understands that. Still, he's taken steps during his first two months on the job designed to create a more open, welcoming environment.

For Margzetta Frazier, the proof came in June when her phone buzzed with a number she didn't recognize. The 18-year-old decided in the spring she was retiring from elite gymnastics and would instead focus on her college career at UCLA. At least, that was the plan until she slid her thumb to the right and answered.

"Tom was like, 'Hey, I know you retired, but can you come back? We need you,'" Frazier said. "I had no idea he even had my

number."

For the first time in a while, Frazier says she "felt respected" by USA Gymnastics. That wasn't the case this spring, when she took the unusual step of texting USA Gymnastics president Kerry Perry to express her disappointment in the organization's decision to fire senior vice president Rhonda Faehn in the middle of a national team camp. Frazier briefly posted her text to Perry on Instagram.

"I was taught to speak my mind respectfully," Frazier said. "It was so unprofessional to have one of our top coordinators fired. I was mentally distressed. I had to say something."

So she did. And then she retired. And then Forster called. And she couldn't say no. So she didn't say no. Instead, she developed a training plan with Chris Waller and 2011 world champion Jordyn Wieber and will be in Boston this weekend hoping to do enough during the next two months to earn a spot on the world championship team.

All because Forster called her out of the blue. Now Frazier views her second chance as an opportunity to help the athletes steer the culture in a more positive direction. It's quite literally the "empowerment" that Perry talks about in action.

While Frazier understands Nassar victims — a list that includes Wieber and UCLA teammates Kyle Ross and Madison Kocum — are clamoring for change, Frazier believes the athletes still competing at the elite level can be an integral part of the process.



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Florida Atlantic head coach Lane Kiffin gestures from the sidelines on Sept. 9, 2017, during an NCAA game against Wisconsin in Madison, Wis.

FAU favored to repeat as C-USA champ after change under Lane

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Lane Kiffin knew very little about Conference USA before he became Florida Atlantic's head coach. Same for Butch Davis at Florida International.

The high-profile coaches made immediate impacts in their new league, and at their new schools not all that far apart. FAU is the preseason favorite to repeat as league champs after a school-record 11 wins and its first C-USA title. The Owls, coming off three consecutive 3-9 seasons, overcame a 1-3 start last season and now carry a 10-game winning streak into their 2018 opener at Oklahoma.

FAU went 8-5, doubling its win total from the previous season for the team's first winning record since joining the conference in 2013.

"Way better than people think that it is," Davis said about C-USA. "The level of the coaches in this conference, there's some damn good football coaches in just about every place. ... There's a lot more talent, there's a lot of really good athletes in this conference."

Kiffin, who spent the previous three seasons with Nick Saban at Alabama, had a similar impression about a league that had 10 bowl-eligible teams and sent nine to postseason

games (only the SEC and ACC has more).

"Especially (when) you've got some games where they're basically assuming that you're going to lose early in the year, to be able to still have that many teams bowl-eligible again speaks to the players, but to the coaches, too," Kiffin said.

Rick Stockstill is the longest-tenured C-USA coach, going into his 13th season at Middle Tennessee. This is Doc Holliday's ninth season at Marshall. Louisiana Tech has won bowl games each of the past four seasons under coach Skip Holtz, while North Texas has played in bowls both seasons since former North Carolina assistant Seth Littrell became its coach. Mike Sanford Jr. was Notre Dame's offensive coordinator before going to Western Kentucky last year.

The whole league will be watching when FAU opens at Oklahoma, the preseason favorite to win its fourth consecutive Big 12 title after being in the College Football Playoff last season. So what if the Owls could pull off an upset Sept. 1?

"That would do a ton for the program, and for the conference, and Group of Five," Kiffin said. "We've got a very tough schedule, we're not putting everything into that game. Then all of a sudden you don't win that game and ... you

start losing games that you should win."

Father-son finale

Middle Tennessee quarterback Brent Stockstill remembers being a little standoffish with the head coach when he first got to school there "just to try to prove that I was there was a football player and not because of (being) his son." Stockstill goes into his senior season already as the Blue Raiders career leader in touchdown passes (77) and 300-yard passing games (14).

"It's everything that I wanted it to be, and more," said the younger Stockstill, who plans to be a coach like his dad. "We've grown closer and closer and really tried to just do it the right way and show people that it's a special opportunity."

Rick Stockstill said it's hard to put into words how much he's enjoyed the time coaching his son.

The favorites

East Division: Florida Atlantic returns 15 starters, including running back Devin Singletary and linebacker Azeem Al-Shaarir, the preseason C-USA offensive and defensive players of the year. Singletary led the nation with 32 rushing touchdowns while running for 1,920 yards, and Al-Shaarir had 147 tackles. The Owls will have a new starting quarterback —

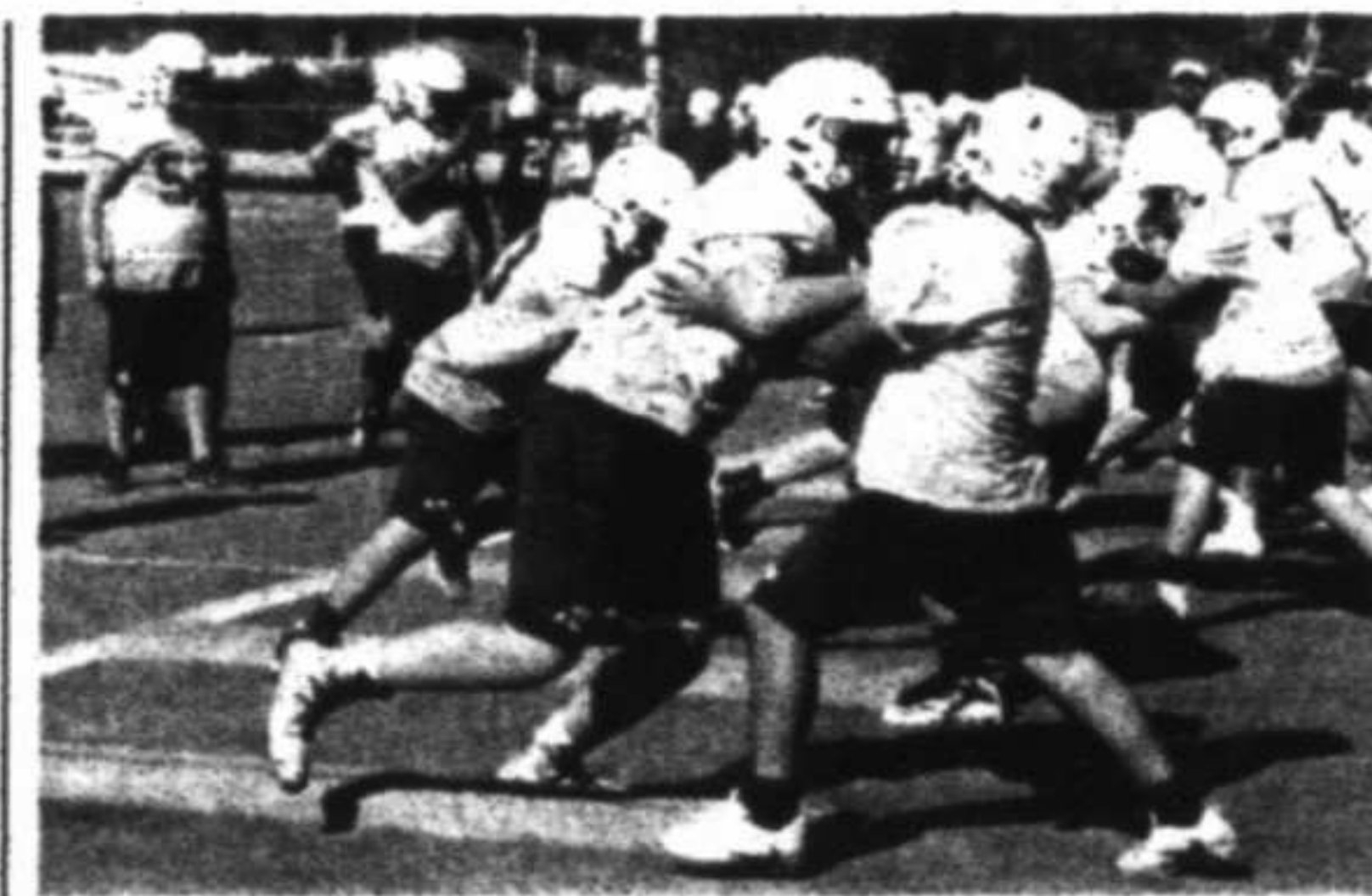
former Oklahoma player Chris Robison or DeAndre Johnson, by way of Florida State and East Mississippi Community College.

West Division: Two of the losses by North Texas last season were to FAU, and both were lopsided — first in the regular season and then in the C-USA championship game. But the Mean Green were 7-0 against other C-USA opponents. Quarterback Mason Fine (school records of 4,052 yards passing and 31 TDs), last year's C-USA offensive player of the year, is among 17 returning starters. Top tackler E.J. Ejiya is also back. FAU visits Denton on Nov. 15, about two weeks before the league championship game.

New coaches

Mike Bloomgren takes over at Rice as a first-time head coach after the past seven seasons as a Stanford assistant. The 41-year-old Bloomgren replaced two-time C-USA coach of the year David Baliff, fired after Rice finished 1-11 in his 11th season.

New UTPE coach Dana Dimel was previously head coach at Wyoming (1997-99) and Houston (2000-02), and was an assistant at Kansas State, his alma mater, the past nine years. The Miners were the only Division I team that didn't win a game last season.



Lee football players run drills on Aug. 6 on the first day of practice.

LEE

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the defensive line, among the linebacking corps and in the secondary.

Despite the depth, Hartman says the team is still in the process of gelling with the two weeks remaining until the Aug. 31 season opener at Smithson Valley.

"Right now we've figured out we're not a team yet," Hartman said. "We don't really know each other and care about each other the way we need to, so we are doing a lot of team bonding and getting to know what people are like, who they are, what makes them tick. When you mix sophomores that have not been on campus with older guys, we got to figure those things out. But we're excited about what they are. We think we have a good football team with a bunch of athletes. We have to get them playing really,

really hard fundamental football."

This is the first of two scrimmages for the Rebels, who will be facing Amarillo High next Friday at Lubbock Estacado High School.

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SCRIMMAGE

LEE VS. LEANDER ROUSE

When/where: 5:30 p.m. today, LeGrand Stadium, San Angelo

Scrimmage order of events: First team offense vs. first team defense for 10 plays (both sides); Second team offense vs. second team defense for 10 plays (both sides); First team offense vs. first team defense for 10 plays (both sides); Second team offense vs. second team defense for 10 plays (both sides); Special teams session; First running clock 12-minute quarter with no special teams; Second running clock 12-minute quarter with no special teams

TECH

From 1B

off of the offense.

"I think with the younger quarterback, hopefully you're not (feeling) you've got to out and score every possession to try to keep up," Kingsbury said. "If your defense is keeping you in the game, that alleviates some of that pressure on a young quarterback."

Texas Tech opens the season at a neutral site for the first time ever, Sept. 1 against Ole Miss in Houston.

Rare fourth

Gibbs is the first Texas Tech defensive coordinator in two decades to stay four consecutive seasons. Gibbs is under contract through 2019. The last defensive coordinator to stay that long was John Goodner, the DC from 1995-99 while on Spike Dykes' staff.

"We have a chance to be a better defense than we've been," Kingsbury said. "I think just the continuity has a lot to do with that."

Where pros play

Texas Tech will open and close its regular season in NFL stadiums. The opener against Ole Miss

is in NRG Stadium, home of the Houston Texans, and the finale is Nov. 24 against Baylor at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, where the Dallas Cowboys play their home games.

Schedule

The Red Raiders have four Big 12 games at home, and three of them come in a four-week span. They host Kansas on Oct. 20, then go to Iowa State before back-to-back home games against Oklahoma and Texas. After the neutral site opener, Tech's other two non-conference games are at home, against Lamar and Houston.

Healthy kicker

Clayton Hatfield made 27 of 30 field goal attempts his first two seasons for Tech, but was only 6-of-10 in six games last year while dealing with nagging injuries. He missed inside of 40 yards (31-yard attempt) for the first time in his career.

Kingsbury said he felt Hatfield "was trying to kind of overcompensate and do some different things because he was injured and didn't get back into a rhythm until after the season when he was fully healthy."

TCU

From 1B

TCU opens the season Sept. 1 at home against SWAC team Southern.

Senior Summers

Ty Summers is an impact player whether he is lining up as a linebacker or defensive end. As a sophomore linebacker two seasons ago, his 121 tackles ranked second in the Big 12 behind only Howard. Splitting between two positions last year, Summers' 64 tackles included eight for loss, three more than 2016.

"Linebacker-slash-defensive end, let's keep it at that," he said about his role as a senior. "Versatility is a big thing, and I'm the kind of guy that I'm going to do what the team needs to be successful."

Before the Big 12

The marquee non-conference matchup is Sept. 15 against Ohio State, the only team with more 11-win seasons than TCU over the past 15 seasons. That game will be played in the home stadium of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, about 20 miles from the TCU campus. That is also the home of the Big 12

championship game, and where Ohio State won the national championship four seasons ago. TCU has won at least 11 games 10 times in the past 15 seasons — the Buckeyes have 11. That is a week before the Frogs open their round-robin Big 12 schedule at Texas, Iowa State, which beat TCU last season, then is in Fort Worth on Sept. 29.

First for GP

Robinson, who appeared in six games, was the first true freshman quarterback to start a game under Patterson, who is in his 18th season as head coach. On a windy day in Lubbock, Robinson ran 10 times for 84 yards and completed 6-of-17 passes for 85 yards and a touchdown in a 27-3 win.

Coach Hill

Hill, who initially pursued a pro career, is back at TCU as a student coach while working to finish his degree. After two years as the Frogs starter, he will now help the former teammates competing to replace him.

"I think Kenny will be big," Patterson said. "It's good to get an older person that was part of the group."

Michigan-Notre Dame leads off games to watch

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

Remember last year, when everyone was eyeing the season-opening Alabama-Florida State game as one of the most anticipated matchups?

The third-ranked Seminoles lost that game and several more, barely finishing with a winning record. Even late in the season, a huge showdown between two top teams might not mean as much in hindsight. Consider the Iron Bowl between No. 1 Alabama and No. 6 Auburn. The Crimson Tide lost but still went on to win the national title.

So predicting the most important games of the regular season is a tricky proposition, but with that caveat out of the way, there are several matchups that already stand out when looking through this year's schedule. Here are a few of those games to watch in 2018:

Michigan at Notre Dame (Sept. 7)

Jim Harbaugh is 28-11 since taking over the Wolverines. That's a clear improvement from where Michigan was, but a bit underwhelming considering the hype and expectations that accompanied Harbaugh's arrival. Specifically, the Wolverines have struggled against their big rivals, going 1-5 against Ohio State and Michigan State. This year's Michigan State team has the potential to be terrific after adding transfer quarterback Shea Patterson, but it also faces a brutal schedule that includes road games against Notre Dame, Michigan State and Ohio State. Win this opener against the Irish, and it's a big step forward for Harbaugh's program. Lose, and the honeymoon is well and truly over.

LSU vs. Miami (Sept. 2)

The Hurricanes took a 10-0 record into their regular-season finale in 2017. Then a loss at Pittsburgh started a three-game losing streak that took some of the shine off Miami's resurgence. Both LSU and

Miami may have tougher games down the road in conference play, but the winner of this early-season showdown in Arlington, Texas, will earn some immediate buzz.

Oklahoma at TCU (Oct. 26)

TCU takes on Ohio State in a huge nonconference matchup Sept. 15. If the Horned Frogs win that one, then this showdown a month later with the Sooners becomes even more intriguing. TCU had one of the nation's top rushing defenses last year, but Oklahoma's Rodney Anderson gained 151 yards on the ground against the Horned Frogs.

UCLA at Oregon (Nov. 3)

Chip Kelly's debut season at UCLA includes a trip to Oregon to face the Ducks. Even if neither team turns out to be a title threat in the Pac-12, this should be quite a scene when the star coach takes on his former team. See also: Dan Mullen and

Florida playing at Mississippi State on Sept. 29.

Auburn at Georgia (Nov. 10)

These Southeastern Conference rivals split two meetings three weeks apart toward the end of last season. Auburn won 40-17 in November, only for Georgia to take the rematch 28-7 in the SEC championship game. There's every possibility that this matchup could impact the title race in both SEC divisions.

Wisconsin at Penn State (Nov. 10)

Given the uncertainty surrounding Urban Meyer at Ohio State, it may be Wisconsin that is the Big Ten's most likely playoff team. The Badgers appear to have a smooth path through their division, but they'll have a lot to prove in a pair of crossover matchups against teams from the East. Wisconsin plays at Michigan on Oct. 13 and has this trip to face the Nittany Lions.

Luck, RG3 following different paths through NFL careers

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

WESTFIELD, Ind. — Andrew Luck and Robert Griffin III spent most of their football careers going head to head.

The two high-profile Texas prep stars were both recruited by Stanford, finished one-two in the 2011 Heisman Trophy race, went first and second in the 2012 NFL draft and were the top two vote-getters in the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Year balloting.

Now, the 28-year-old quarterbacks find themselves in an odd place — rooting for each other's comebacks.

"You know it seems like the combine was just yesterday," Griffin said after the first of two joint practices on the final week-end of training camp.

"He's always going to be the geeky guy and I'm always going to be the guy who wears the goofy socks."

Maybe those sentiments sound strange coming from two guys who were supposed to join the long list of memorable rivals.

But fate, as it sometimes does, changed everything. Instead of becoming fierce foes, Griffin and Luck developed a mutual admiration for each other's work. They respect one another so much that Luck even took a moment during a brief stoppage at practice to jog over and give Griffin a hug.



Nick Wass/AP

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck, left, greets Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III on Aug. 25, 2012, after an NFL preseason game in Landover, Md.

"He's a really good guy. He's a Texas guy, so we have some links there," Luck said earlier this week. "I got to know him at the Heisman and then the combine and draft. I've always been a big fan. Our families got to know each other a fair bit. I'm excited to see him."

Much has changed since these two last threw passes on the same field, six years ago in one of the few highly anticipated preseason games, pitting the seemingly can't-miss prospects.

Luck was considered the polished, establishment guy, who learned the game from his NFL-playing father, who was groomed in Stanford's pro-style offense had a resume that resembled Peyton Manning's.

Griffin was the flashy new guy with plenty of upside, legs that were supposed to be as difficult to stop as his arm, who could make any offense high octane and who took home four of college football's most prized trophies in 2011.

Both began with a bang. Luck led the Colts to the playoffs each of his first three seasons, made the Pro Bowl each year and helped lead the Colts one step deeper in the playoffs each successive year, culminating with an AFC championship game appearance following the 2014 season.

Griffin countered by leading the Redskins to their first playoff appearance in five years, drawing praise from President Barack Obama and making the Pro Bowl as a rookie.

Then things suddenly went awry.

Griffin sprained a ligament in his right knee in December 2012, but was cleared by doctors in time to return for the final two regular-season games and the playoff game against Seattle. During the fourth quarter of the loss to the Seahawks, Griffin's knee gave out and he wound up needing surgery for two torn ligaments and a torn meniscus.

"I don't think about the past because otherwise I can't stay in the present," Griffin said. "I'm a football player. If they tell me I can go, I'm going to go."

He was never the same. Since starting 9-7, he is just 6-19 as a starter. Griffin lost the starting spot in Washington three times over the next three seasons and finally signed with Cleveland in 2016, where he spent most of the season on injured reserve with a fractured bone in his left shoulder. He still holds the distinction as the most recent starting quarterback to lead the Browns to a victory on Dec. 24, 2016.

The Browns released Griffin in March 2017 — before he collected a \$750,000 roster bonus — and he was out of football all of last season.

"It was hard, very hard," Griffin said. "But the Ravens gave me an opportunity and I'm here to make the most of this opportunity."

Luck, meanwhile, dealt with other obstacles.

He injured his right shoulder in the third game of the 2015 season, ending a starting streak of 57 consecutive games.

Luck finished his fourth pro season on injured reserve with a lacerated kidney, played through the continual pain in his right shoulder in 2016 then opted for surgery on a partially torn labrum in January 2017. The recovery cost him all of last season.

The Colts missed the playoffs all three of those years and now he's finally back, looking to find his pre-surgery form.

"I know he was just hurting," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "When you miss that much football, you start questioning everything. For him to be back out here has to be a joy for him."

Luck will continue lining up behind center for the second joint practice Saturday and likely for more than a quarter in Monday night's game.

Griffin, meanwhile, is trying to restart his career by winning a job behind Super Bowl-winning quarterback Joe Flacco and first-round draft pick and Heisman winner Lamar Jackson, meaning Griffin and Luck could be watching each other's comebacks.

"I'm always root for quarterbacks," Griffin said. "I really hope he (Luck) comes back and not just to the level he was before but to the level the Colts expect."

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons \$65 an hour or \$40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-8108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6090

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up.
For more info: wtbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: \$25 per session, one to two people; \$15 for groups of three or more.
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Baseball

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
What: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Mullen Post 684-5175 or Cactus Lanes 684-0177

Edith McIlhenny Three-Person League
What: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Football leagues

registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: \$10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: \$15 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646
Camps/Clinics
Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at lanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: \$25/\$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 689-1718 or go to www.pbba.org

Baseball

Sticks and Kicks League
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: \$35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 2918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-8633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided.
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendez at 432-254-9214

Golf

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association
What: Membership open to any woman over 18 who is interested in golf. All skill levels welcome.
When: Playdays are 9 a.m. Thursdays, business meetings held before play the first Thursday of the month.
Dues: \$35
Handicap fee: \$25
For more info: Call Mary Jane Belden at 432-638-1854 or Debbie Borden at 432-413-6060

Baseball

Albino
When: Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in freestyle, butterfly, side, and backstroke.
For more info: Call John

Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available.
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/Where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woolers & Twisters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokerleague.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: \$50 down; \$35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Payson-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info: call 432-887-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: \$20 per year for individual membership; \$30 for per year for family membership.
For more info: Go to www.permianbasinrunningclub.com or email Shawn Haley, president at haleyshawn@permianbasinrunningclub.com

Gauchos Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Ferguson Leonard at 512-782-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shooters
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first

Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshooters.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
What: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Midland Softball Association
Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodcut Football Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Mens-Woodcut-Football-Association or wyotestpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabey Aquatic Center
Cost: \$48 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Aquatics Camps
What: Swimming, diving, water polo
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages

Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11-14 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: \$40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasizes skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets.
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment.
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allow adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours.
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Artistic Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 8 and up
For more info: Call Leaf Feller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call Heidi Winkler at 972-955-8080, email WestTexasTennis@gmail.com or visit www.westtexas-tennis.com

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balcon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade; freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open.
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com
Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
What: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults \$65, youths \$30, families \$140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0522 or email midlandwomenstennis@gmail.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel.
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult.
For more info: Go to www.midlanddroughtultimatefrisbee.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

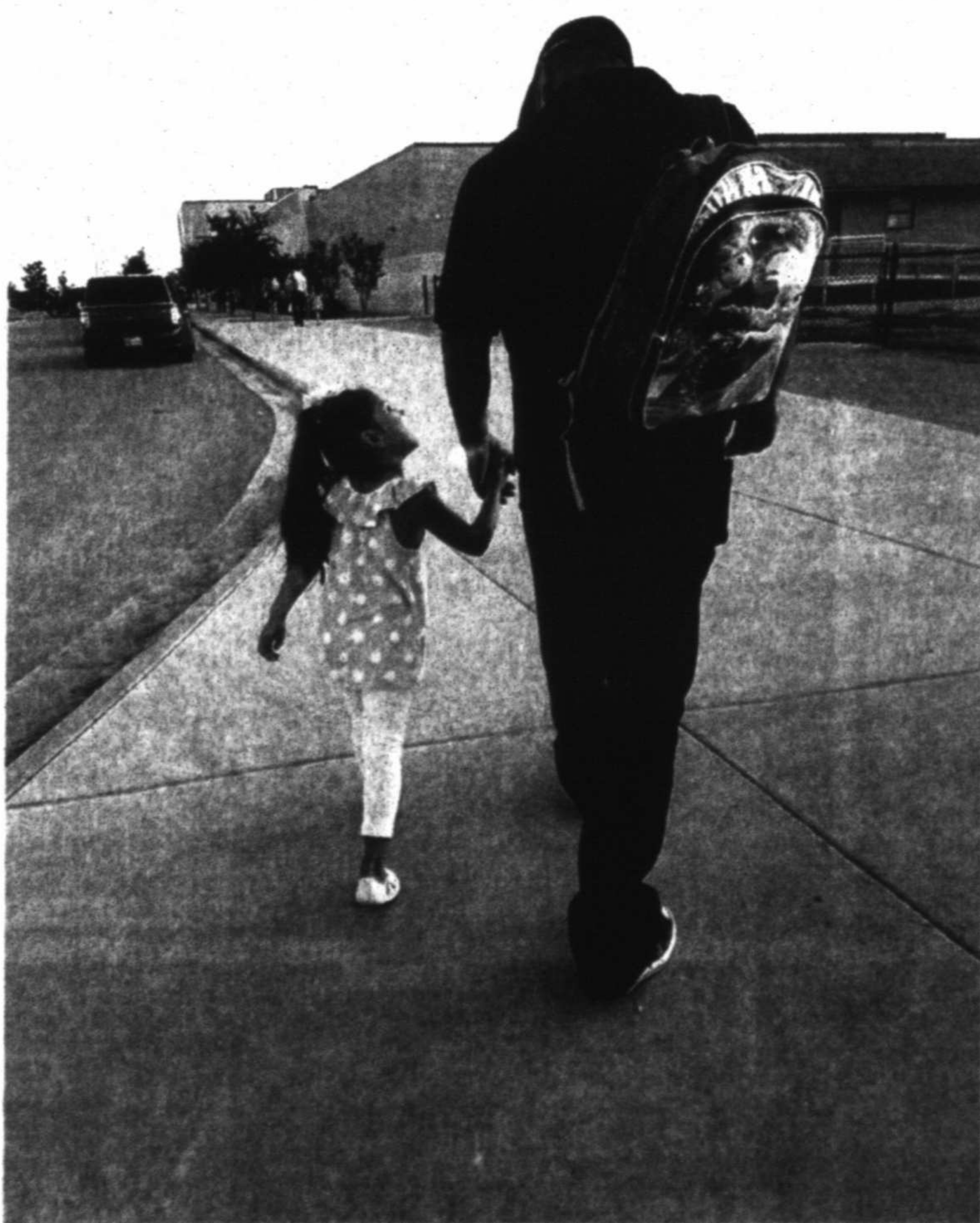
Walking

Midland Walkabout ARA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: \$15 per family. One Saturday morning per month.
When: First Monday of the month at Mary's Dail on Friday at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-687-4210, email garypotterson@mypride.net or visit midlandwalkabout.araclub.com

BACK TO SCHOOL

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School is back in session for many kids, and readers shared their photos with us. You can find more at mrt.com.



CENTERS

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On Thursday, Centers hosted An Evening With Ernie Johnson at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Johnson is an Emmy-winning broadcaster who hosts "Inside the NBA" on TNT. Here are scenes from the event.



Ernie Johnson speaks during the fundraiser.



Ellen Ramsey is honored at the event.



Ann Bradford, center, is honored.



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

SOLUTION TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

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7. Break		CESERS

CLUE	DOWN	ANSWER
1. Cow or buffalo		VNBOEI
2. Press		EAELERS
3. Dodgy		VSAVEEI
4. Careless		ESIRSM

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

CLUE: See

CLUE: Counterpart

CLUE: Wordy

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

UGGEO

PGUYP

ONEDOL

SSUHAQ

When it came to tilling the soil by hand, he was ---

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

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Print your answer here: O O O O O O O O O O

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THEME SLYLY PULPIT INJURE
Answer: She needed a blood transfusion. Luckily, the patient's boyfriend was — JUST HER TYPE

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Break away from the pack
10 Mixer setting
14 One in a doll dozen
16 Accent sound?
17 Eligible voters
18 Bill nos.
19 Strips on a tree
20 Under-the-bed figment, hopefully
22 "... 281": film about the making of "Citizen Kane"
23 Crest
25 Capital city that's home to the Garden of Babur
27 "... Blues": "White Album" track
28 Heat fig.
29 Burrito filling word
30 "Be right there"
34 Words dismissing the statement that preceded them
36 "That's enough of that!"
37 "... porridge hot ..."
38 Cybertalk elements
39 "Portlandia" network
42 Rhyme scheme for Edward Lear
43 Sounds from squeaky toys?
45 Emulating
46 "The Wiz" tune with the lyric "You're the bravest of them all"
48 Samples
51 Former?
52 Seriously sedate
54 Dictate
55 Covert '50s-'70s federal liar
56 Eminem-inspired word for a rabid supporter
57 Wicked "stawn"

DOWN

1 "The only thing that matters": Cummings
2 Not typical of
3 Property claimant
4 Loans drawn as needed: Abbr.
5 Stud stake
6 Spanish cable network
7 Audition user?
8 Height of one's ability
9 Cleanse goal
10 Hockey announcer's "Great stop!"
11 Principal place of operations
12 One breaking in
13 World Cup tiebreakers, for short
15 Dance judge Goodman
21 Camel performers
24 Deceive
26 Wisconsin's Fond du
28 Agreement with Satan, by most accounts
30 Capital of Hesse

31 Average
32 Not cool
33 "I'd say ..."
34 Check into
35 Strauss opera
36 New Deal agcy.
39 Disappointing reply to "Where's the last chocolate truffle?"
40 Cool-weather material
41 Reagan defense secretary
43 "Coming along?"
44 Opening
47 Hoppy initials
49 On the water
50 Shutterbugs' buys
51 Woolf's "Dalloway"
53 One on the water

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

T	E	N	T	H	K	I	T	S	A	C	H	S
E	N	E	R	O	I	P	A	T	R	O	U	T
N	A	V	I	G	A	T	O	R	R	I	V	E
A	M	A	S	S	E	S	O	B	E	S	E	
N	O	D	E	C	C	R	O	P	E	N	E	R
T	R	A	C	E	H	O	E	D	S	A	L	E
T	B	A	S	L	I	T	N	O	D			
G	A	G	B	R	I	E	F	L	I	T	I	O
A	M	A	S	R	T	A	Y	R	S			
Z	I	N	C	O	A	T	H	E	M	A	G	S
A	R	G	O	S	E	A	R	O	V	E	N	
L	E	M	O	N	R	O	U	T	I	N	E	
C	A	I	R	O	T	I	M	E	S	H	A	R
S	H	O	C	K	S	R	O	M	E	T	E	R
T	A	N	E	Y	B	E	N	C	R	E	S	S

WUZZLES

WORD PUZZLES BY WOOD TOM

1. Bt. Bt. Bt.
Bt. Bt. Bt.

2. T P R A T N

Print Your Answers Here:

1.

2.

Today's Answers:

1. Six feet of rope
2. Transcript

Answers

1. Six feet of rope
2. Transcript

WUZZLES

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DAY ON WALL STREET

218.89

25,669.32

Pct. change from previous: 0.43%

F M A M J J A

24,000

23,500

23,000

Aug. 17, 2018

Nasdaq composite

8.91

7,816.33

Pct. change from previous: 0.13%

F M A M J J A

8,000

7,800

7,600

7,400

7,200

7,000

6,800

6,600

Aug. 17, 2018

Standard & Poor's 500

9.44

2,850.13

Pct. change from previous: 0.33%

F M A M J J A

2,900

2,800

2,700

2,600

2,500

AP

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
VeriGen	198,294	18.72	+56
GenSight	75,949	42.21	+44
SAP500ETF	676,108	1285.08	+100
Ambac	517,326	4.91	+05
ISHCNEX	511,250	41.52	+54

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ZoroKlchzn	12.74	+3.18	+33.3
Yrendan	17.66	+3.69	+26.4
PPDMn	4.85	+5.56	+115.8
Nordstan	59.18	+6.80	+13.2
Frontier	5.12	+5.2	+11.3

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AutismGI	5.13	-1.01	-16.4
Sandri	47.20	-8.55	-15.3

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TeladiteI	587,31	3.25	+85
Shinobi	52,079	35.37	+53
NetGold	51,314	10.00	+02
NHCOIG	45,218	2.87	+09
SandriG	36,557	5.98	+04

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TeladiteI	3.25	+6.65	+20.0
Contango	6.32	+6.65	+12.1
Shinobi	37.85	+5.55	+16.7
Glaxo	2.72	+1.65	+63.3
Bowling	4.86	+2.25	+50.0

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chinelli	2.40	+4.25	+25.7
AmnCani	81.55	+14.55	+21.7

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apptel	525,753	43.77	+58
Apple Inc	350,288	217.58	+15
MicroT	343,038	21.55	+15
Nvidia	285,339	244.82	+12
Inter	263,673	47.10	+12

GAINERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chinelli	2.40	+4.25	+25.7
AmnCani	81.55	+14.55	+21.7
Ossiminn	2.20	+4.00	+18.2
Wellness	6.50	+5.55	+85.4
Chasera	2.00	+2.25	+11.3

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Boatright	3.98	-1.29	-32.0
AMAC	12.20	-2.30	-18.8

INDEXES

DIARY						DIARY						DIARY					
Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total Issues	New Issues	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total Issues	New Issues	Advanced	Declined	Unchanged	Total Issues	New Issues			
1,599	837	117	2,513	48	152	133	25	310	4	152	133	25	310	4			
48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48			
2,992,063,126					91,618,918					1,780,756							

INDEXES

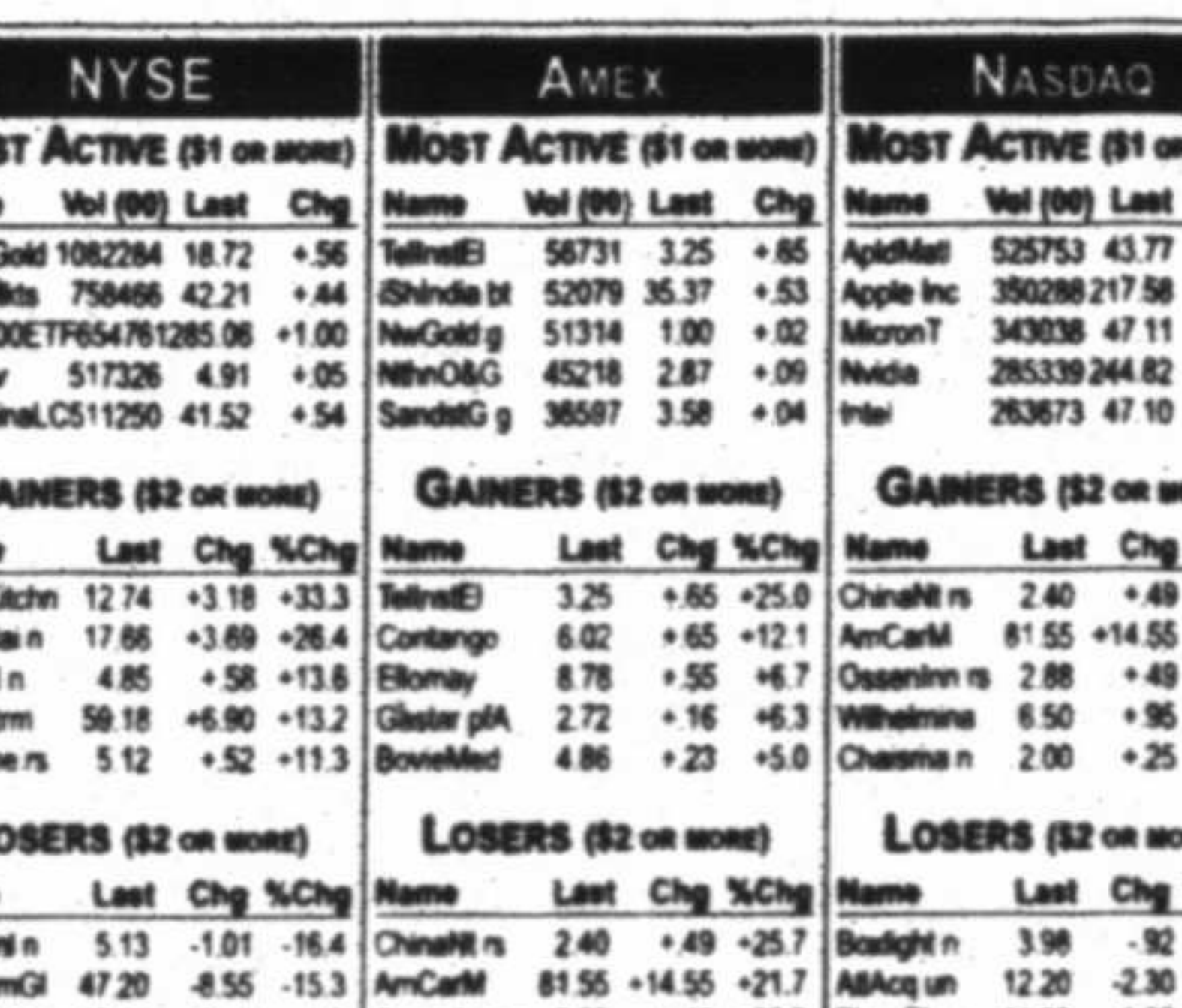
52-Week High	Low	Name	Volume	Last	Chg	% Chg	% YTD
26,816.71	21,000.34	Dow Jones Industrials	25,669.32	+110.50	+	+43	+3.84
11,423.92	9,010.19	Dow Jones Transportation	11,227.80	+37.37	+	+37	+3.33
776.80	547.81	Dow Jones Utilities	743.92	+2.94	+	+40	+2.85
13,817.02	11,670.86	NYSE Composite	12,366.28	+46.36	+	+51	+3.18
7,933.31	6,177.19	Nasdaq Composite	7,816.33	+8.81	+	+13	+13.22
2,872.87	2,417.37	S&P 500	2,850.13	+9.44	+	+33	+6.60
2,022.93	1,886.25	S&P Midcap	2,010.19	+8.85	+	+49	+5.77
29,842.86	25,030.07	Wallstreet 5000	29,670.70	+99.85	+	+34	+8.69
1,708.56	1,349.35	Russell 2000	1,682.95	+7.20	+	+43	+10.25

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

Average of 100% interest based

Name	Div	PE	Last	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	YTD	
AK Steel			2.43	+13	-22.8	Kroger's	566	12	31.85	+82
AT&T Inc	2.00	6	33.03	-08	-15.0	Lycaptech			4.74	+14
Alcoa			2.16	-91	-42.0	Logistics			3.07	+03
Auto-Ex	1.32		16.15	+	+7.5	Lufthansa			2.18	+98
AMD			19.77	+44	+92.1	Mayco	1.51	11	36.03	+22
Amgen	1.51		112.78	+79	+2	MerckCo	2.00	18	51.51	+18
Amphenol	1.35		11.10	+11	+2.9	MerckTch	24	18	19.75	+49
Alphas			89.17	+03	-2.4	Marriott	4.04	24	16.18	-58
Amber	0.50	8	4.91	+05	-24.0	Merck	1.92	26	89.08	+21
Amgen	3.39	17	197.42	+39	+13.9	MerckBld			96.86	+98
Amstar	1.94	72	1.97	-46	-15.7	MicroGen			5.92	+03
Amstar	1.90	27	42.88	+17	+5	MicroInt			5	47.11
Apple Inc	2.92	25	217.58	+26	+26.6	Microsoft	1.68	51	107.58	-06
ApplSoft	89	13	43.77	-3.86	-44.4	Nabors	24	5.99	+18	
Archrock	5.31	24	12.90	+05	+14.3	Norfolk	20	43.84	+09	
AT&T	1.94	17	94.34	+16	+9.8	Norfolk	19	316.78	+94	
Auto-Ex	2.78	38	142.50	+1.31	+21.6	Norfolk	19	5.22	+06	
BP PLC	2.38	22	49.91	+19	+3	Norfolk	1.48	22	58.18	-60
Boc	0.66		7.29	+21	-21.8	NTSF	356		14.81	-80
Boc	0.66		16.30	+30	+74	NTSF	356		14.81	-80
Boc	0.66		29.40	+87	+5.3	NTSF	356		14.81	-80
Boc	0.66		15.30	+30	+74	NTSF	356		14.81	-80
Boc	0.66		12.50	+10	-12	NTSF	356		14.81	-80
Boc	0.66		253.140.88<		+6.3	PDC Energy			91.85	+140
Boc	0.66		18.18	+61	+17	ParTech			98	23.12
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Boc	0.66		39	93.87	+87	ParTech			3.18	+17
CVS Health	2.00	13	73.68	+48	+1.8	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins			10.00	+40	-20.9	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins			22.79	+29	+11.5	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	3.48	17	138.34	+108	+64	ParTech			3.18	+17
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Cummins			2.16	11	+40.8	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins			7	23.41	+03	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	4.68	82	117.88	+14	+6.8	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	34	13	10.97	+14	+1.2	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	64	12	82.25	-120	-32.6	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	1.89	23	45.87	+71	+19.8	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	1.89	23	89.87	+11	+6.4	ParTech			3.18	+17
Cummins	1.89	88	46.89	+38	+1.8	ParTech			3.18	+17
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PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

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DIARY		DIARY		DIARY	
Advanced	1,959	Advanced	152	Advanced	
Declined	837	Declined	133	Declined	
Unchanged	117	Unchanged	25	Unchanged	
Total issues	2,913	Total issues	310	Total issues	
New Highs	90	New Highs	4	New Highs	
New Lows	48	New Lows	7	New Lows	
Volume	2,992,063,128	Volume	91,618,918	Volume	1,780,785

INDEXES

Index	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%	YTD
High				%	%	%
71	21,900.39	Dow Jones Industrials	25,669.32	+110.50	+43	+3.84
72	9,052.94	Dow Jones Transportation	11,227.80	+37.37	+33	+0.85
80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	743.96	+2.94	+40	+2.85
82	11,670.00	NYSE Composite	15,008.26	+66.96	+52	+7.78
83	8,177.19	Nasdaq Composite	7,669.32	+8.11	+13	+13.22
87	2,417.37	S&P 500	2,850.13	+9.44	+33	+6.00
93	1,886.25	S&P Midcap	2,010.19	+8.85	+49	+5.77
98	25,030.07	Wilshire 5000	29,700.70	+90.05	+34	+6.89
99	1,349.35	Russell 2000	1,892.96	+72.61	+43	+10.25

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	
					%Chg						
	200	4	37	+13	22.8	Kroger's	560	12	31.55	+82	
	20	8	33.03	-0.06	-0.15	LycySoft			4.74	-1.4	
				-2.16	-81	LycySoft	47a		3.07	+0.3	
MLP	1.33a					Layco			2.15	-0.8	
				19.77	+44	Levy's	1.51	11	30.03	-22	
	51	172.70			+79	Levy's	20		19.13	-22	
	1.35a	11.10	+1			MarvelTech	24	18	19.79	-49	
		88.17	-0.03	-2.4	-0.04	McDermott	24	18	161.15	-58	
	05a	8	4.91	+0.05	+24.0	Merck	1.92	26	69.09	+21	
	5.20	17	197.42			Merck		56	98.00	-22	
	1.60	72			-38	MetLife			5.02	-0.3	
	1.80	27	42.80	-0.17	-0.57	MicroT	5	47.11	+91		
	2.92	25	217.58		+24	Microsoft	1.60	51	1.59	-0.6	
	80	13	43.77	-0.68	-14.6	Nabors	24	5.59			
	1.23	24	12.90	+0.01	+0.8	Norfolk	20	43.84	2.08	-0.1	
	1.94				-1.16	Norfolk	20		316.75	-5.0	
	2.70	36	142.55	+0.31	+21.6	Norfolk	19a		5.22	-0.8	
	2.38	22	41.91	-0.19	-3	Norfolk	14a	22	59.10	-9.0	
	06a		7.29	+21	+21.8	Novartis	15a		14.81	-0.8	
	60	16	30.74	+0.21	+6.1	Novartis	60		12.79	-1	
Co	1.20	29	47.07		+10	Novartis	60		12.79	-12.8	
Co	12	50	15.36	-10	-6.8	Novartis	3.12f		76.85	+83	
	12	50	15.36	-10	-6.8	Novartis	76	65	40.36	-26	
A	200	239,948.09	-884.89		-0.3	Novartis			91.88	+1.66	
	1.80	18	61.23	+0.17	+0.3	Novartis			33.12	+2.2	
	1.80	72			+1.8	Novartis			19.89	+0.7	
	79	32	54.86	-0.84	-1.8	Novartis			16.18	+4.1	
	39	38	53.87	-0.87	-1	Novartis			3.79	+0.3	
with	200	13	73.85	+4.0	+1.6	Novartis	84	14	16.88	+28	
with	32		19.50	+0.0	+0.9	Novartis	34a	25	16.71	+0.8	
	3.44	17	138.34	+0.26	+1.1	Novartis	1.38		10.71	-22	
	10	10	12.25	+0.0	+0.9	Novartis	1.38		12.72	+11	
	2.16	11	23.46	+0.15	+6.5	Novartis	1.38		37.88	+23	
	4.48	82	117.80	+5.4	+5.9	Novartis	1.38		172.74	+74	
	34	13	10.07	+0.0	+14.2	Novartis	3.26	38		+1.61	
	64	12	62.25	-12.0	-32.6	Novartis			73.19	-19.7	
	1.23	29	45.87	+0.71	+15.8	Novartis			94.11	+26	
	1.60	12	126.67	+0.0	+1.5	Novartis	1.38		12.74	-0.2	
	1.60	12	126.67	+0.0	+1.5	Novartis	1.38		12.74	-0.2	
	1.60	24	67.89	+0.79	+18.5	Novartis	2.48		66.86	-30	
	76	17	35.60	+0.0	-10.8	Novartis			14.86	+23	
	1.80	18	37.48	+0.30	+5.5	Novartis	58	17	19.49	-89	
PM	1.50	18	60.77	+0.47	+6.1	Novartis	2	4.45		-0.5	
PM	5.00	16	152.11	+0.0	+1.3	Novartis	3.76	92	63.19	+32	
	1.60	15	15.48	+0.02	+6.6	Novartis	1.38		258.51	-57	
	1.32	61	43.41	+0.41	+19.5	Novartis	3.19a		38.70	+1.00	
	1.32	20	113.82	+0.0	+3.8	Novartis	27a		28.76	-0.7	
	32	26			-1.1	Novartis	27a		21.10	-10	
			13.86	+1.06	+6.0	Novartis	1.28	9	168.85	+233	
	06a		7.82	+58	+58.0	Novartis	2.00	38	62.83	-34	
	1.60	16	112.48	+0.0	+1.5	Novartis	34	39	8.57	+33	
	388		65.56	+0.44	+6.8	Novartis	3.49	15	11.97	+2.0	
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	50a		11.80	-28	-16.3	Novartis	US GDP	1.72	14	59.30	-39
			1.46	+36	+67.7	Novartis	US GDP	1.36	12	30.47	-48
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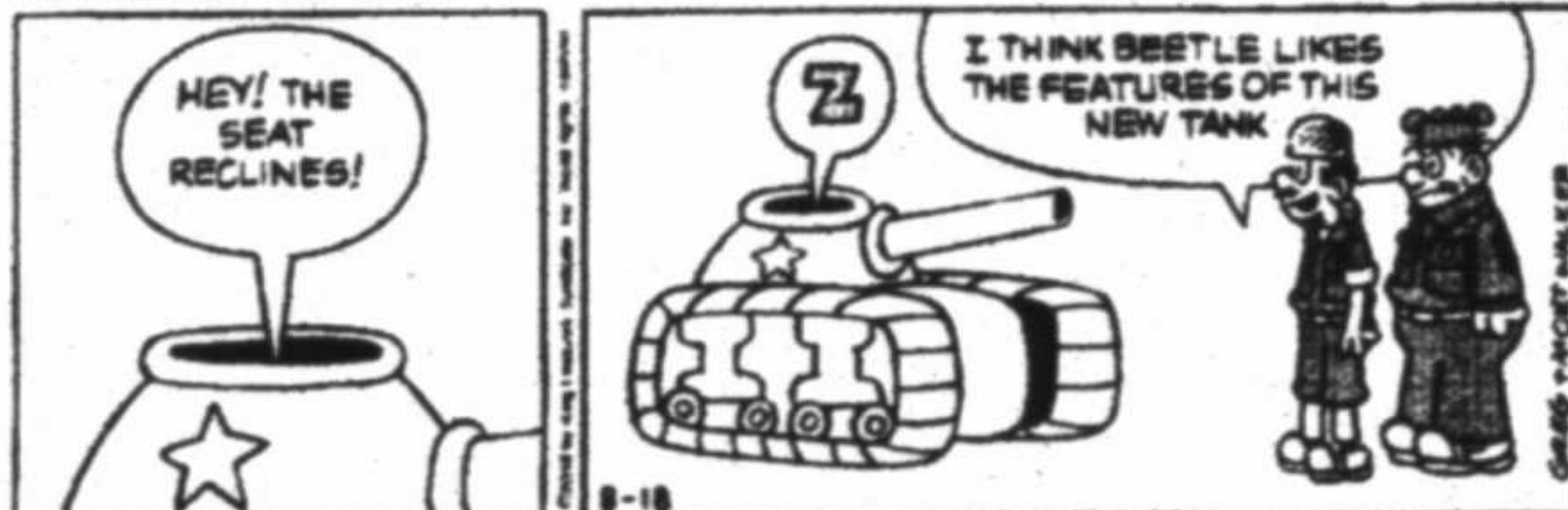
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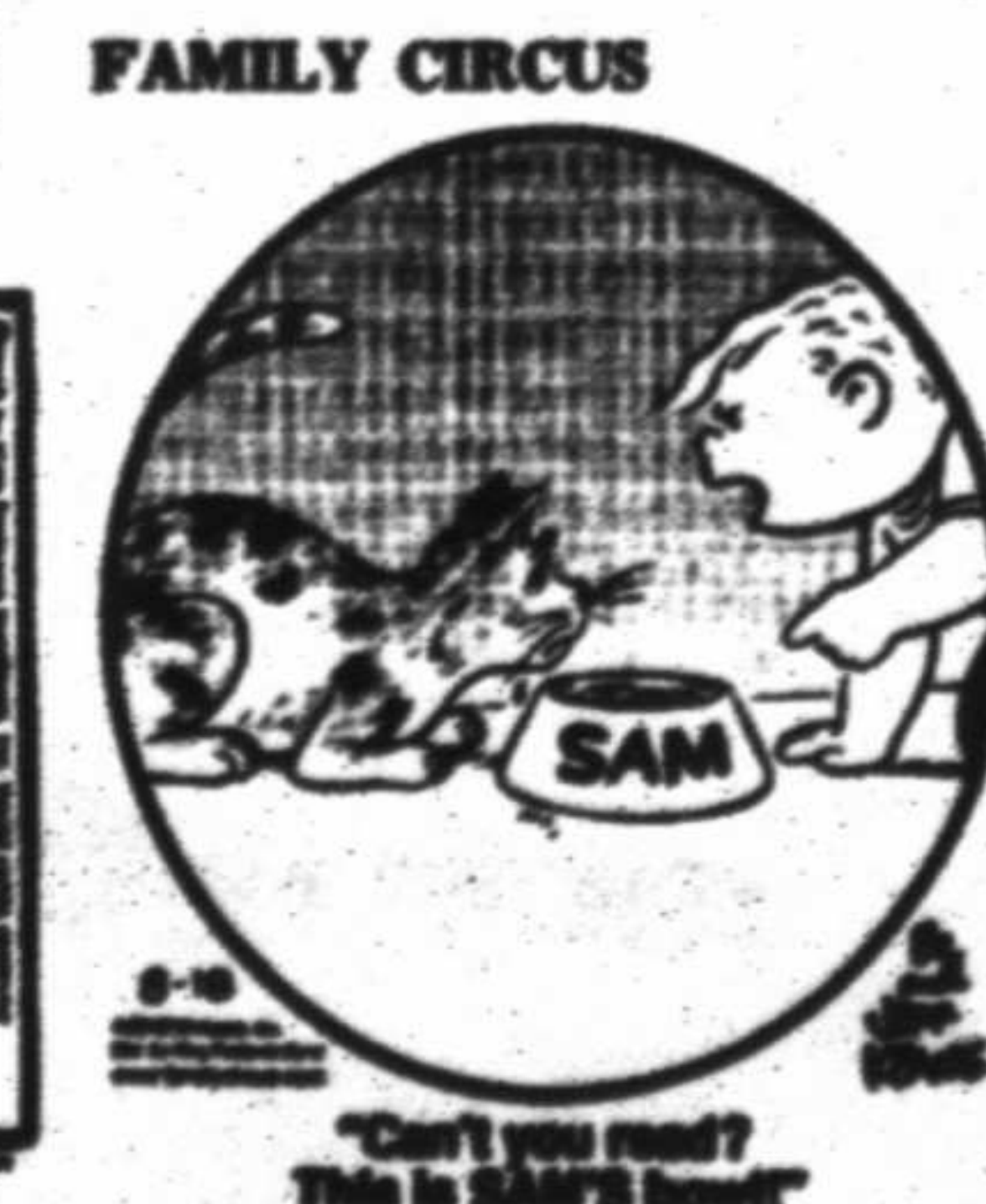
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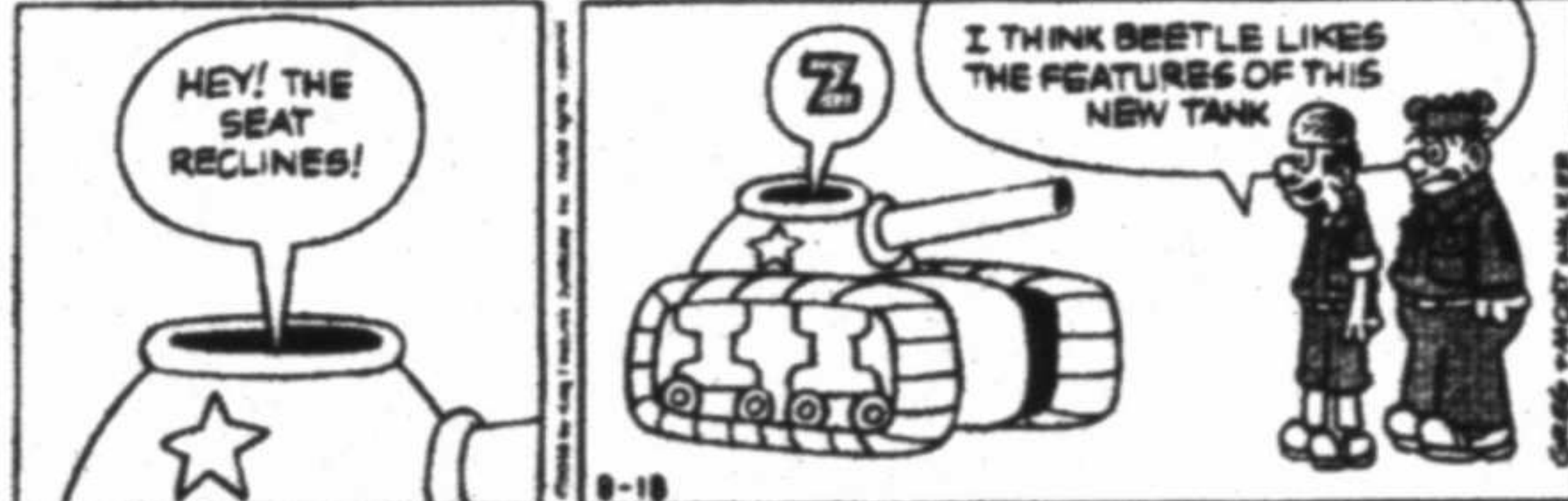
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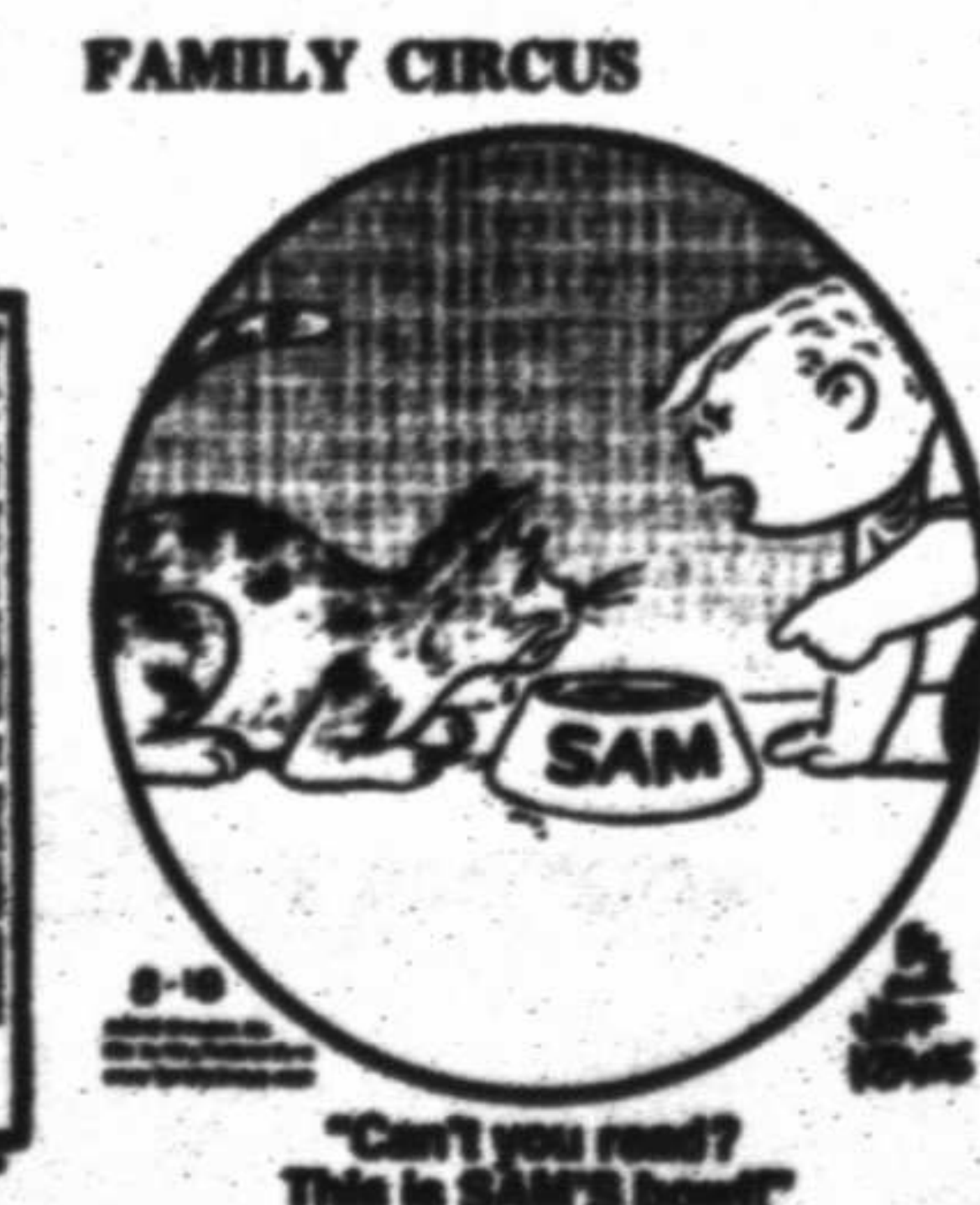
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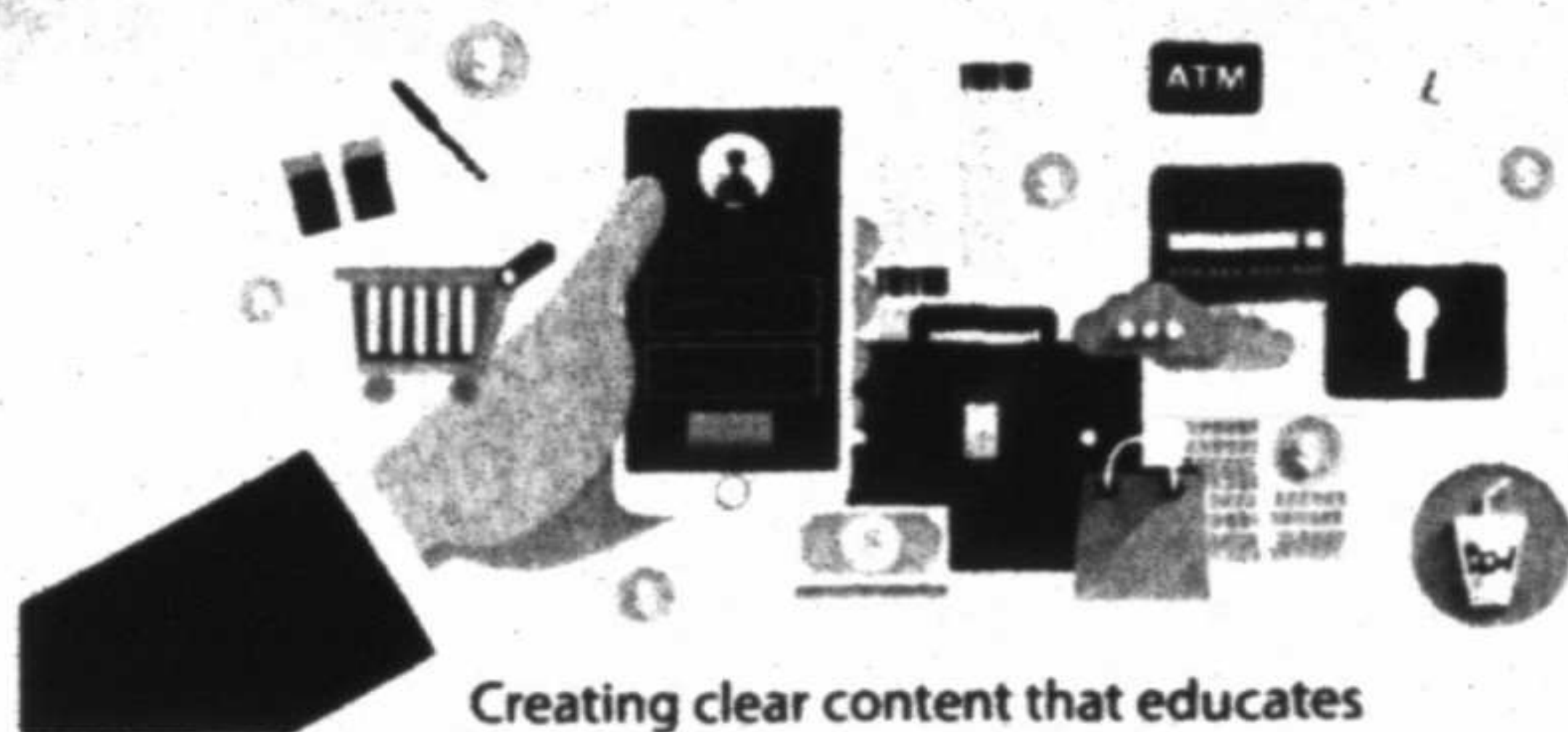




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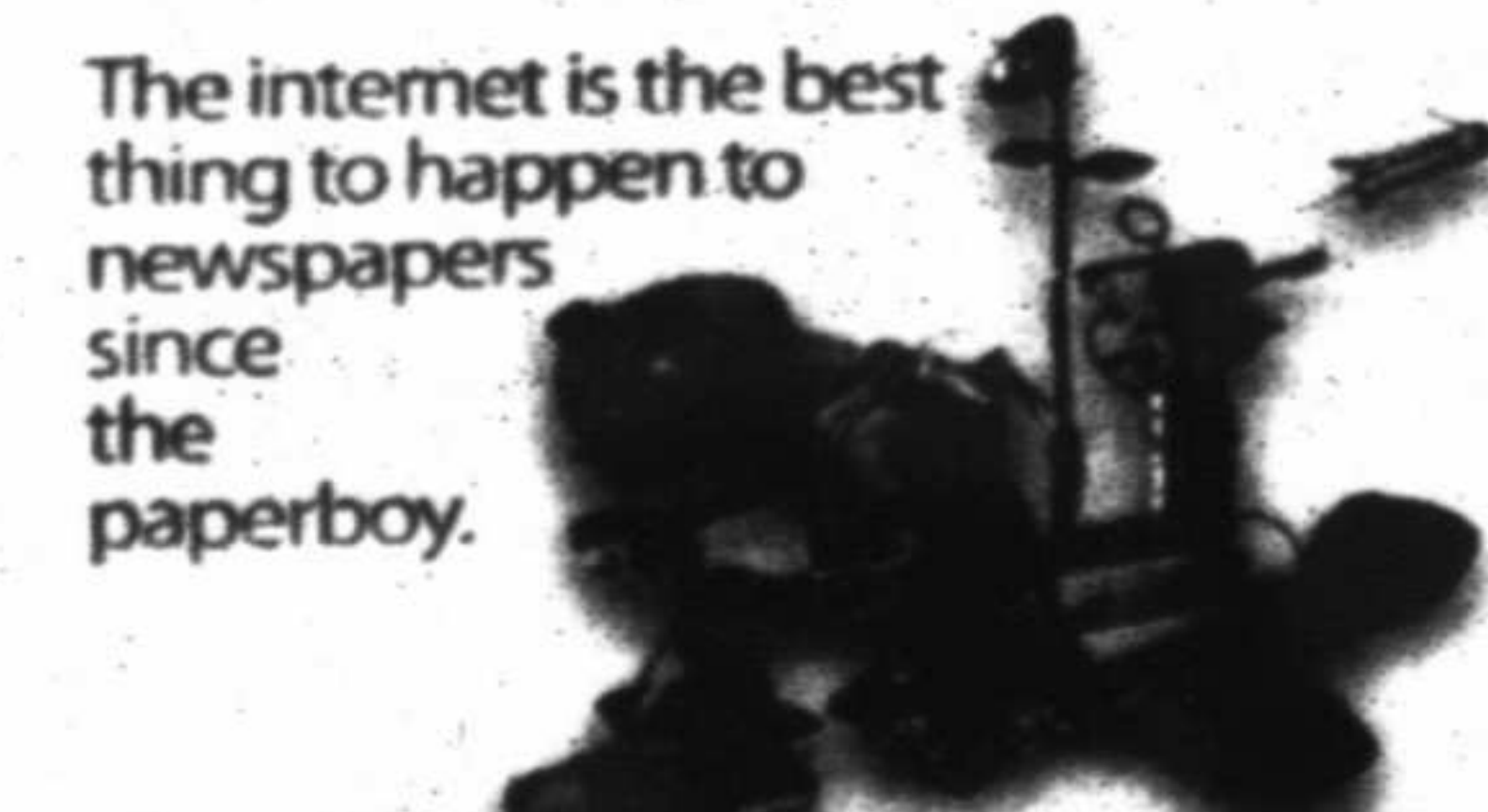
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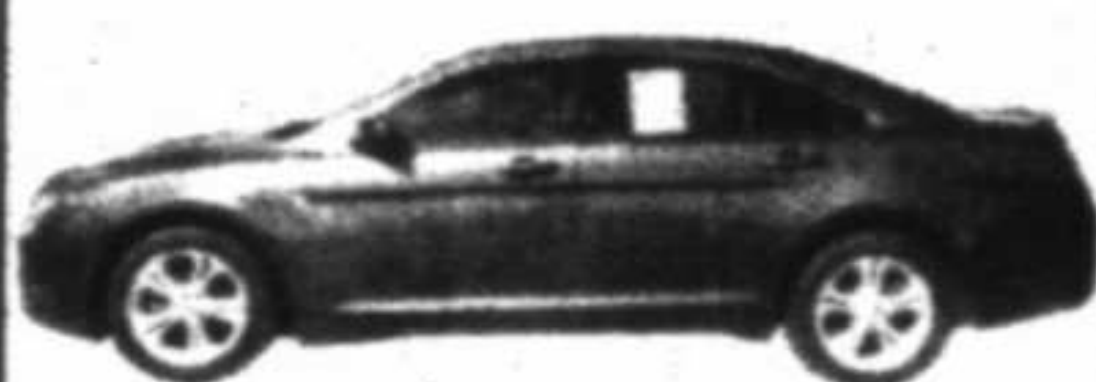


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2017 Chevrolet
Camaro

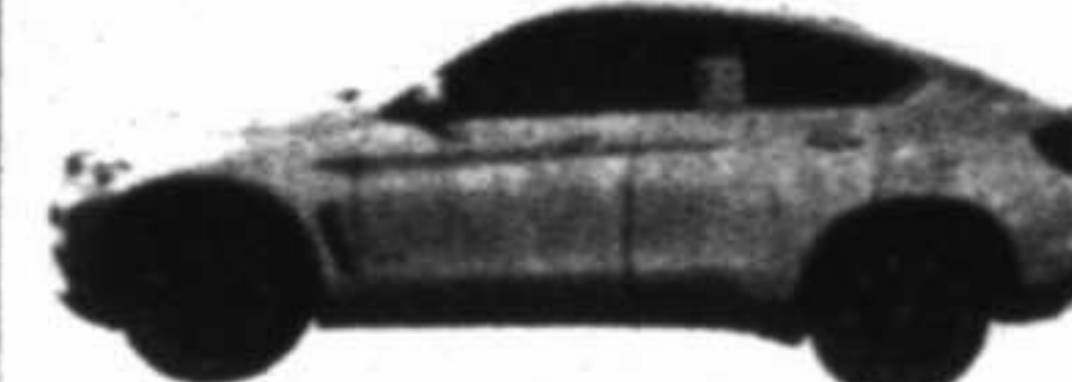
22,844 Miles
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Was ~~\$27,995~~
NOW \$22,995

2015 Ford
Explorer

42,103 Miles
Stk# 1840040



Was ~~\$46,995~~
NOW \$42,995

2016 BMW
X6

33,619 Miles
Stk# 18312381



Was ~~\$20,995~~
NOW \$18,995

2018 Chevrolet
Malibu

23,645 Miles
Stk# 1840053



Was ~~\$25,995~~
NOW \$24,995

2016 Nissan
Maxima

10,565 Miles
Stk# 18800351



Was ~~\$25,995~~
NOW \$21,995

2017 Ford
Escape

21,562 Miles
Stk# 1850017



Was ~~\$41,995~~
NOW \$39,995

2015 Toyota
Sequoia

56,062 Miles
Stk# 1880119A



Was ~~\$34,995~~
NOW \$32,995

2017 Lincoln
MKC

45,939 Miles
Stk# 1850030



Was ~~\$40,995~~
NOW \$35,995

2016 Toyota
Tundra

52,395 Miles
Stk# 18310571



Was ~~\$33,995~~
NOW \$31,995

2017 Nissan
Murano

14,090 Miles
Stk# 1840048



Was ~~\$26,995~~
NOW \$23,995

2017 Nissan
Rogue

11,628 Miles
Stk# 1840046



Was ~~\$16,995~~
NOW \$13,995

2017 Ford
Fiesta

22,193 Miles
Stk# 1850035



Was ~~\$32,995~~
NOW \$26,995

2016 Jeep
Wrangler

50,454 Miles
Stk# 1850021



Was ~~\$17,995~~
NOW \$16,995

2017 Ford
Focus

21,596 Miles
Stk# 1850037



Was ~~\$23,995~~
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2318 NEELY

Beautifully updated 3 bedroom home in great central location! Paved front driveway allows for lots of parking. Lovely large sunroom with windows all around! New carpet and tile floors. Both baths have been updated! Call Lance Brock Realtors for questions/ showings.

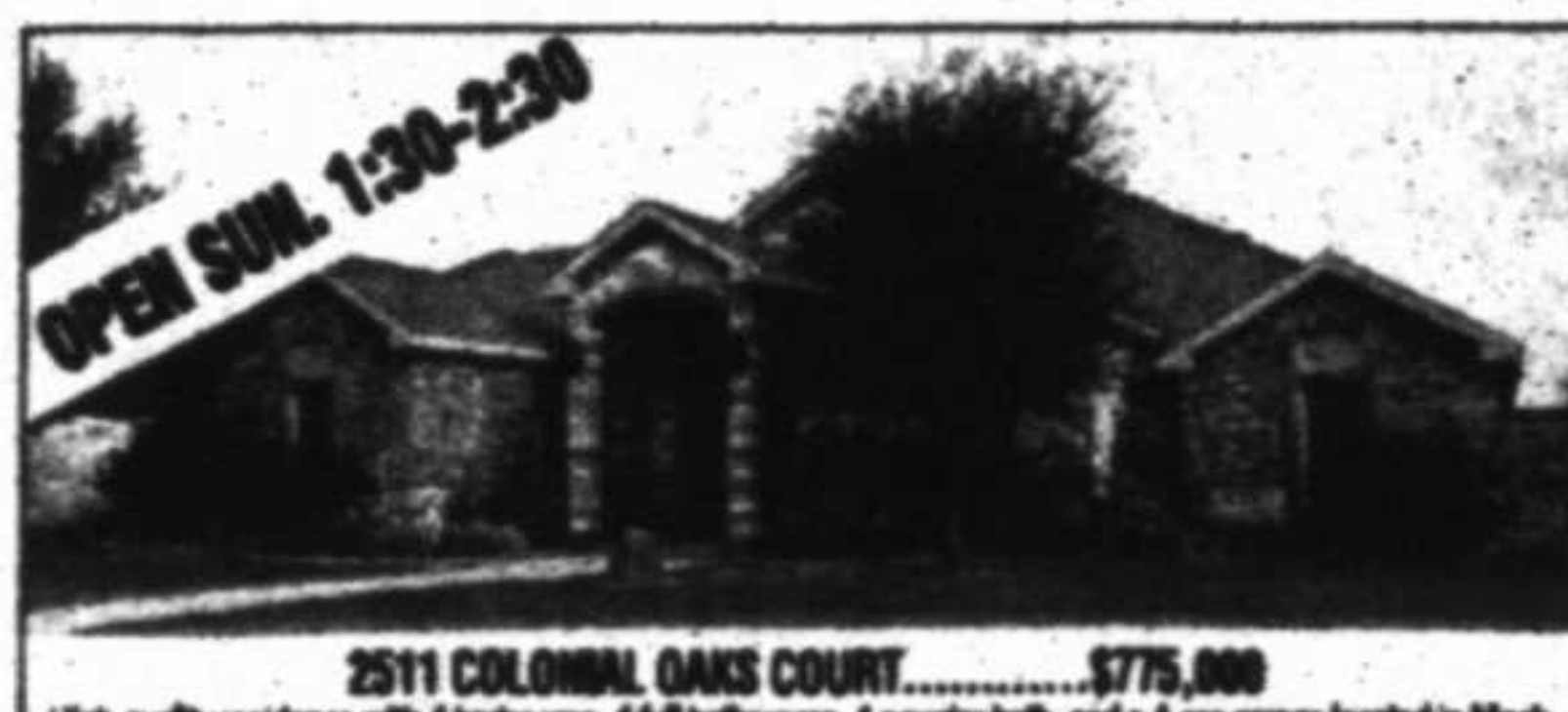
LANCE BROCK REALTORS 528-6750



2218 SOUTHAMPTON - \$439,000

Uniquely updated with little farmhouse flair! 4 bed, 3 bath, 2 living (open cave or game room) & formal dining. New beach stainless appliances, granite in the kitchen & wood tile throughout all main living. Newer front 2016, fresh exterior paint, great office or nursery. Beautiful back yard w/ sparkling pool, hot tub & fabulous trees! 3 car garage! Quiet neighborhood! Call Peggy Spence 432-464-9811.

SPENCE REAL ESTATE W/J.M. BASINGER CO. 664-3011



2511 COLUMBIA OAKS COURT - \$775,000

High quality residence with 4 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms, 1 powder bath, and a 4-car garage located in Blackwood Oaks. The gourmet kitchen offers granite countertops, premium cabinets, stainless steel appliances including fridge and wine cooler. Super master suite with huge closet, jetted tub, dual vanities and walk-in shower. Other features include crown molding, plantation shutters, water wall, extended living patio. Approx. 3,592 sq. ft. Call Shawna McElwaine 432-454-4264 for more info. www.livewithshawna.com

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OPEN SAT. 2-3

1500 FORT WORTH

Completely remodeled bedroom / 2 bath home. Two story with open living/dining area. Both bedrooms beautifully remodeled! Kitchen w/ granite and new appliances! All new flooring, carpet, windows and doors. Two new central heat and air units. New roof and all new paint. Upgraded electric service. Plumbing changed from cast iron to PVC. Awesome inside and out! Call Lillian Reynolds 432-219-8882.

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OPEN SAT. 2:30-4:30

3100 HUNTER

What a GRAND home! Turn and Turn of space, with a perfect location right across an awesome manicured park! Wonderful layout! Huge bedrooms! Close to shopping and dining! Two fireplaces and a spacious closed in sun room. In this home having light, bright and extra open! New AC and new fence! Low Maintenance! Call today! Call Lillian Reynolds 432-219-8882.

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OPEN SAT. 1-2

1202 PORTERFIELD

Gorgeous town home featuring 3 bedrooms / 2.5 baths. Master suite features formal living overlooking area. Granite kitchen with abundance of cabinet space. Sun top and breakfast area open to living area with fireplace. Full bath & utility room. Unsurpassed master with dual closets. Upstairs - 2 very spacious bedrooms and bath. Designer colors! Finished concrete floors downstairs! Must see! Call Lisa Jones 432-481-0385.

KELLER WILLIAMS REALTY (432) 520-5151



OPEN SAT. 1-2

2100 NEELY

Spectacular home! Recent updates: hardwood floors, newer carpet, beautiful tile, granite in kitchen w/ island granite in 2 bathrooms, stainless & 1/2 bath spacious bedrooms with lots of storage! Master is full! New windows on front bedrooms. 3 sets of french doors leading to the sparkling pool with beautiful pool deck! Fresh paint thru out the house gives downstairs! Light and bright! Must see! Call Lisa Jones 432-481-0385.

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OPEN SAT. 2-3

4220 THUNDERBOLT

Gorgeous town home featuring 3 bedrooms / 2.5 baths. Master suite features formal living overlooking area. Granite kitchen with abundance of cabinet space, sun top and breakfast area open to living area with fireplace. Full bath & utility room. Unsurpassed master with dual closets. Upstairs - 2 very spacious bedrooms and bath. Designer colors! Finished concrete floors downstairs! Must see! Call Lisa Jones 432-481-0385.

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OPEN SAT. 1-2

2100 WINDCRAFT - \$449,000 - MLS#1808010423A

Beautiful 4 bedroom 3 bath w/2 spacious living areas! Stunning granite in kitchen, tons of counter cabinet space! Stainless appliances! Living area has great closet space! Big master suite offers beautiful walking closet, his & her vanities, huge jetted tub & amazing walk in closet! Other bedrooms offer large closets & abundance of sun light! Great covered patio w/ outdoor kitchen & fireplace! Home by Pulte Homes! 432-507-9057. Listed by Ed Laine Shoupco.

LEGACY REAL ESTATE 687-6500



OPEN SAT. 10-12

5004 DIAMOND DR.

Gorgeous Corrae Custom home with all the bells and whistles! Amazingly open floor-plan with soaring ceilings and a gourmet kitchen that is every cook's dream come true! Crown molding everywhere you look and beautiful handcrafted marble touches in all the right places! The beautiful arches truly make this home a showstopper!

HOLLY REALTORS 638-3090



OPEN SAT. 12-1:30

5001 RIO GRANDE - \$349,000

Gorgeous Mark Payne ready with all the bells and whistles! This home has been so gently lived in you won't want to miss it! Wide open spaces and tons of light in this gorgeous home on this large corner lot that has been landscaped on beautifully! You'll love the 4 extra large bedrooms and huge open kitchen that overlooks the wide open living room! Hurry and get a look at this beauty!

HOLLY REALTORS 638-3090



OPEN SAT. 2-3:30

6005 OAK CREEK - \$409,995

This gorgeous custom built Tom Woodruff Signature Home could be your's! Walking distance from the community pool, this home is perfectly appointed in every way! High ceilings, large open kitchen, granite throughout, huge bedrooms, beautiful, panoramic views, open and all located on a lovely, quiet street with fantastic neighbors! This home will not last long so call your agent today before it's gone!

HOLLY REALTORS 638-3090



OPEN SAT. 4-5:30

4323 BEDFORD - \$199,900

Such a great starter home with so much potential and tons of room! Huge lot with a storage building and a huge SHED!! MUST SEE TO BELIEVE THIS!! Water well has not been used by the sellers but perfect when they bought the house. Well is not warranted. Garage door openers were just replaced! Water softener was here when the sellers bought the house but they did not use it so not warranted!

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OPEN SUN 2-3

5006 OAK CREEK DR - \$409,000

Gorgeous custom built in Midland! Great investment opportunity! This one has all the bells and whistles. Granite, plantation shutters, tile and hardwood! Large open concept living and kitchen area, study or formal dining and breakfast room. Unsurpassed master with walk-in closet. Also close to schools and shopping! Don't miss this beautiful home! Presented by Elizabeth Hight with Keller Williams 432-512-4178

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OPEN SUN 2-3

7 LAKES DR.

One-of-a-kind CUSTOM home in one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in Midland, Texas, Southlake Club Lakes. The view from the backyard alone is absolutely breathtaking, not to mention all of the custom built-in cabinets, drawers, etc. Every inch of this amazing property has a purpose. The abundance of storage in the kitchen and the garage alone will blow your mind. This is a MUST SEE! Tony Daniels, Realtor (940) 479-4222 (940) 479-4222

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