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City on pace to set record for sales tax collection

April's collection of \$3.7 million is 40.19 percent higher than April 2017

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The city of Midland's record for sales tax collections continues this month.

The city reported Thursday a record collection for the month of April: \$3,785,987, which extends the collections hot streak in terms of the collection and the percent increase compared to fiscal year 2017. This month, that increase was 40.19 percent. That followed March when the increase was 51.22. City officials have reported

nine straight months of increases greater than 20 percent (compared to the same month during the previous year).

As for fiscal year 2018, the \$28.02 million collected thus far is on pace to not only shatter last year's total collection — it is ahead by 37 percent through seven months this year — but it is in excess of \$800,000 more than the record year for the city.

In FY 2015, the city collected nearly \$45 million. If the city outpaces last year by 12 percent during the rest of the fiscal year, it will eclipse the old record by

nearly a half million dollars. That scenario seems likely because the average monthly increase over the past seven months is 38.6 percent.

A 12 percent increase will also mean about an \$8 million increase compared to last year. As recently as Tuesday, council members said excess sales tax will be used for projects — such as new fire stations and infrastructure — that help the community deal with expected growth.

A strong month for city sales tax means another strong month for the Midland Development Corp. collection. The MDC is

funded by a quarter-cent city sales tax. In April, that quarter-cent raised more than \$900,000. This fiscal year, the MDC has already collected more than \$6.8 million.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months before collection; April collection is based on February sales.

April also marked the 10th straight month of positive sales tax collections (all 10 of which were by double-digit percentage totals). The city's fiscal year runs from October through the following September.

By the numbers

Recent city sales tax collection increases:

April	40.19 percent
March	51.22 percent
February	34.24 percent
January	29.80 percent
December	32.58 percent
November	41.71 percent
September	40.91 percent
August	27.82 percent
July	27.81 percent
June	18.55 percent

City of Midland

ROAD WORRIES



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The state is looking for a legislative fix to the Permian Basin's roads, which are being damaged by heavy oilfield traffic. Some rural leaders say the state is enjoying a free lunch at the expense of local property owners who have to pay for the damage to their roads — often through higher property taxes. Read more about this in Sunday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

AAA Texas: State's most expensive gas returns to Midland

Price jumps 7 cents from a week ago

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Last week, Odessa ended Midland's hold as the Texas city with the most expensive gasoline, according to AAA Texas.

This week, Midland took the title back. So, for the 18th time in the past 19 weeks, Midland claims the top spot among the 27 larger metropolitan cities AAA Texas surveys across the state. The reason for the return to the top slot was a state-leading 7 cents increase in the price of gas from last week to this week. That differential, which was 5 cents higher than the state average, pushed the average price in Midland to \$2.69 a gallon for regular unleaded. Odessa, last week's No. 1, showed a price drop of 3 cents compared to last week but still finished second with an average of \$2.65 a gallon.

Midland's position at the top of the state's gas price list doesn't just go back four months. AAA Texas, in this week's report, shows Midland and Dallas were tied for the top spot one year ago. However, while the price of gas in Dallas increased 15 cents over the past 12 months, the average price of gas in Midland climbed by 35 cents — the highest rise of any of the 27 cities AAA Texas surveys. Abilene and Odessa had average price increases of 33 cents over the past 12 months, which tied for second in the state. The average price of gas in Abilene was \$2.57, which was the third highest total in the state, trailing only Midland and Odessa.

Distributors have told the Reporter-Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and the distance Midland is from pipelines.

TexasGasPrices.com reports an average price of \$2.68 in Midland-Odessa. That price, according to the website, is about 22 cents higher than the state average. One year ago, the average price in Midland-Odessa was 10 cents higher than state average.

The average price across the state moved to \$2.45 a gallon, while the average price across the nation inched up by a penny to \$2.67, according to AAA Texas. The cheapest gas in Texas again could be

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Real war rattles oil more than trade war, crude boom

Bloomberg

In the oil market, missiles over the Middle East are currently trumping just about everything else.

Geopolitical tensions are affecting prices now and will lift crude higher if they persist, Fatih Birol, the executive director of the International Energy Agency, said in an interview on Thursday. Meanwhile, trade disputes such as the one between U.S. and China that's hurt investor sentiment recently are not unusual and won't have "a direct impact on oil markets for now," he said on Bloomberg Television in New Delhi.

Crude has surged to levels last seen in 2014 as the risk of violent conflict grips the market and raises concerns over potential Middle East supply disruptions. Top OPEC producer Saudi Arabia on Wednesday intercepted a missile attack by Yemeni rebels, who are seen as being supported by fellow group member Iran. That was after U.S. President Donald Trump warned Russia to expect an American missile barrage toward its ally, Syria.

The escalating tensions have taken investor focus away from data that may otherwise have dragged prices down. An Energy Information Administration report Wednesday showed U.S. production climbed to another record last week.



AP file photo

Pumpjacks work in a field near Lovington, N.M., in 2016.

while nationwide inventories posted a surprise gain. Still, as of Thursday, oil is poised to post its biggest weekly advance since July 2017.

"Oil markets are very much linked

to geopolitical tensions, especially if they're in the Middle East, the heart of global oil exports," Birol said.

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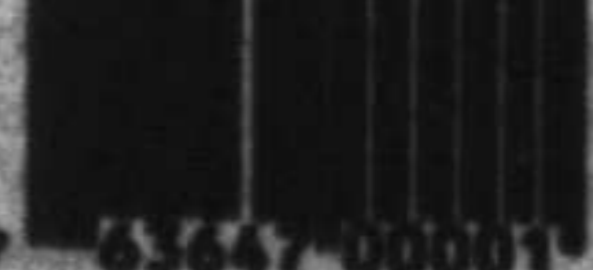
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Report: Drought expands; Okla. sees worst conditions

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Drought is tightening its grip across the American Southwest as extreme conditions spread from Oklahoma to Utah, according to new federal data released Thursday.

On the southern high plains, Oklahoma remains ground zero for the worst drought conditions in the United States. About 20 percent of the state is facing exceptional drought conditions — the worst possible classification.

Most of Colorado also is under severe drought and almost all of the Texas Panhandle is seeing extreme drought or worse conditions.

The federal drought map shows dry conditions have expanded in Arizona and intensified across northern New Mexico.

Royce Fontenot, a senior hydrologist with the National Weather Service in Albuquerque, said the drought has developed rather quickly thanks to a dry winter.

Some areas of Union and Colfax counties in northeastern New Mexico have received less than 5 percent of normal precipitation over the past six months, leaving wheat crops in poor shape. Many areas went over 100 days without moisture.

"That's incredible, even for New Mexico," Fontenot said during a briefing Thursday.

Most of the storms that have crossed

the region have been what Fontenot calls "dust cutters" rather than drought busters. In other words, they haven't produced meaningful snow or rain.

Overall, nearly half of New Mexico and Arizona are facing extreme drought or worse conditions while about 60 percent of Utah is under severe drought, according to the National Drought Mitigation Center.

Utah's drought can be traced to a 12-week stretch of low precipitation this winter, when the mountains saw some of the lowest snow totals in recent history — also an ominous sign for the state's renowned skiing sites.

"People come here to ski Utah powder, and when you don't have it snowmaking

has to take over," said Brian McInerney, a hydrologist at the National Weather Service. "Snowmaking is not as good as what you get naturally from the atmosphere."

Much of Utah's water reserves were replenished last winter, after a bruising period from 2012 to 2016 that nearly depleted the state's water reserves.

As a result, lack of water isn't a concern now, McInerney said.

But danger of forest fires will be elevated as the hot summer edges closer, he said.

Fire danger across much of the region was elevated Thursday by strong winds that prompted red-flag warnings and other advisories as 50 mph gusts in some places kicked up dry soil and reduced visibility.



Taylor Barton, a culinary assistant with the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, hands Tulsa mother Kayla Jackson a free boxed lunch for her daughter, who has been at home while schools remained closed, Wednesday. The food bank has distributed about 800 lunches a day since the walkout began earlier this month.

Teacher walkout means creative care for kids

By Adam Kealoha Causey and Justin Juizapavicius
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Massive teacher protests at the Oklahoma state Capitol have done more than put political pressure on lawmakers: The situation has forced school districts, churches, community organizations and parents to improvise to take care of students.

The state's largest two school districts were closed for a ninth consecutive day Thursday, matching the length of a walkout in West Virginia earlier this year that started a rebellion of teachers in some Republican-led states including Kentucky and Arizona.

Oklahoma Republican Gov. Mary Fallin approved teacher pay raises of about \$6,100, but many educators say that's not enough because classrooms still need more money.

Teachers' union leaders have not indicated when they expect demonstrations to end, but the number of protesters has dwindled, and Republican legislative leaders say they don't plan to consider more bills to raise more revenue.

Still, groups have worked together to make sure kids have been entertained, educated and fed.

Here are some ways they did it.

Converted cafeterias

Nutrition workers for the Oklahoma City school district made cafeterias mobile to deliver food to hungry kids.

Employees packed ice chests that typically carried premade peanut butter and jelly or turkey and cheese sandwiches, apples and oranges, and milk or water. School buses then hauled the meals to places where kids were already gathering. The district has served nearly 17,000 sack lunches just this week at more than 30 sites including community centers, city parks and churches.

They delivered enough Wednesday to feed the 80 elementary school-age children at South Lindsay Baptist Church,

a temporary home for a Boys & Girls Club that normally meets at nearby Cesar Chavez Elementary School in a poor neighborhood on the city's south side. All Oklahoma City school district campuses have been closed to the public during the walkout.

Group activities there ranged from ballet lessons and study sessions to hula-hooping to Taylor Swift and playing Uno. Teen and adult volunteers, including teachers from the district, have helped keep the kids active.

Otis Moses, a supervisor in the school district's meal services division, said day-to-day operations may differ from typical school days, but he said his team has pulled together to serve kids and support teachers through the walkout.

Learning outside the classroom

Parents Nichole and Nathan Dill took their five kids — who range in age from 2 to 9 — for a stroll in Oklahoma City's Myriad Gardens on Wednesday with campuses for their school-age children in the suburb of Newcastle closed.

In the eight days of canceled classes, the mother has worked on multiplication tables with one daughter, and reading skills for a son who would be preparing for standardized tests if he were in school. They've spent time at their local library, and they were planning to see the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which honors the 168 victims of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The Dills are missing out on money they would be making at their business Turf Wars, an indoor Nerf gun arena. They've kept it closed this week because whether their school district will have class or not has been a day-by-day decision. But the Dills say it's worth it to stand up to legislators who have refused to properly fund schools. In Newcastle, parents have started buying items on teachers' Amazon wish lists to make sure they have classroom supplies and furniture.

Nichole Dill said she also took her kids to see demonstrations at the Capitol to show them teachers aren't in school for good reason.

"We fully support them being out right now," she said.

Teachers still coaching

Oklahoma City teachers may not be in the classroom, but they are still on the sports field.

Peter Evans, executive director of the nonprofit Oklahoma City Police Athletic League, said dozens of teachers serve as coaches for soccer season, which is just now underway. The walkout hasn't stopped them from showing up for practices and coaching the more than 1,000 kids on 50 teams. The first matches are set for this weekend.

Kids representing 31 elementary schools in the Oklahoma City Public Schools system compete for free. The league picks up the cost of the programs, which also include football, volleyball, basketball and cheerleading.

Evans estimated that out of the roughly 100 soccer coaches signed up for this season, at least 70 are teachers.

Helping families

The Tulsa-based Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma has dispatched two food trucks to nine locations and served nearly 800 lunches a day since the teacher walkout began April 2.

Wednesday's first stop offered pepperoni pizza, salad, a banana and strawberry milk at an apartment complex in east Tulsa. Helping prepare food inside the truck was Jimmy Burdette, a multimedia teacher at Broken Arrow High School just outside Tulsa. He said with tens of thousands of fellow teachers already rallying at the state Capitol, he thought he could do the most good back here, serving meals to out-of-school students.

"A lot of them, the only meal they get that's hot is in school," Burdette said.

Latarris Williams watched as his school-age sister and brother got their lunches. The 24-year-old said the free meals have been crucial for families in the area who depend on school meals to feed their children.

STATE BRIEFS

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SAN ANTONIO 2 deputies charged for assaulting inmate

Two deputies have been indicted on accusations of assaulting an inmate while responding to a disturbance at a south central Texas jail.

Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar announced Wednesday that 30-year-old Michael Gomez and 26-year-old Joseph Anthony Hernandez have both been charged with official oppression, assault, bodily injury and civil rights violation of a person in custody.

Salazar says the deputies were called to subdue an inmate in June when the alleged assault occurred. He says one deputy struck the inmate with a stick while he was surrendering and the other punched the inmate in the face after he was handcuffed.

Salazar says Gomez and Hernandez also retaliated against the colleagues that reported them. He's expecting additional charges to be filed in connection to the retaliation allegations.

The Public Integrity Unit is handling the investigation.

HOUSTON Texas woman gets prison; abandoned newborn covered with ants

A 22-year-old suburban Houston woman has been sentenced to four years in prison for abandoning her newborn daughter in an apartment complex flower bed where the child was found covered with ants.

State District Judge Katherine Cabanis Parsley sentenced Sidney Woytaszczyk after the Spring woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to a felony charge of child abandonment. Woytaszczyk was arrested after investigators last August followed a trail of blood to her apartment in the north Houston suburb where she'd given birth hours earlier.

Another resident had discovered the baby who authorities believed was in the dirt for about six hours.

Deputies said the woman told investigators she didn't know she was pregnant and feared the baby would come between her and the father. The father was not charged in the case.

DALLAS Warrant: Former Texas nurse a suspect in 2 patients' deaths

A nurse who has been charged with murder intentionally caused stroke-like injuries to seven patients at a Texas heart hospital, leading to the death of two and serious injuries to the others, according to an arrest warrant.

William George Davis, 34, is seen on security video entering patients' rooms at the hospital on the campus of Christus Trinity Mother Frances Health System in Tyler, the warrant alleges. He leaves a short time later and then the patients suffered "unexpected medical emergencies."

Davis, a registered nurse, was working a night shift when each patient suffered an emergency, according to the warrant, and authorities say in at least some cases he introduced air into their circulatory systems, leading to an air embolism.

Davis was fired in February and arrested Tuesday on a murder charge. He was being held Thursday at the Smith County jail on a \$2 million bond. Tyler police spokeswoman Jenny Wells said it's not clear when he will appear in court.

Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney. The office of Tamlynn Mackay, a lawyer who had represented Davis earlier this year at a Texas Board of Nursing hearing, said she's no longer representing him.

Family of Houston man fatally shot by deputy files lawsuit

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The family of an unarmed, black Houston man who was fatally shot by a sheriff's deputy has filed a federal lawsuit and on Thursday argued that authorities should have used non-lethal force as he was in the midst of a mental health crisis.

Danny Ray Thomas died after a March 22 confrontation with Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Cameron Brewer. His family's lawsuit was filed Wednesday in Houston federal court.

"This lawsuit is about dealing

with issues that are way too pronounced in America, involving mental illness, as well as race, unarmed citizens being killed unnecessarily by the people who are supposed to protect and serve us," civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump, one of the family's lawyers, said at a news conference Thursday.

Crump has represented families in similar cases around the country, including Trayvon Martin's. The unarmed, black Florida teenager was shot and killed by a neighborhood watch volunteer in 2012.

In the Texas case, witnesses

say 35-year-old Danny Ray Thomas had been walking in the street with his pants around his ankles, hitting passing cars with his hands and talking to himself when Brewer confronted him. Authorities say Thomas was shot after he continued to approach Brewer and ignored commands to get on the ground.

Video footage from Brewer's dashboard camera and from a bystander shows Thomas, who didn't have anything in his hands, walking toward Brewer. Neither video shows him being shot.

The shooting happened about

30 seconds after Brewer arrived at the scene.

No footage from Brewer's body camera is available because the deputy had only been issued the camera two hours before the shooting and it was charging in his vehicle at the time of the confrontation, according to the sheriff's office.

Brewer, whose race has not been released, was equipped with a Taser at the time of the shooting.

First Assistant Harris County Attorney Robert Board said officials are aware of the lawsuit but the county does not comment on pending litigation.

The sheriff's office and the union representing deputies didn't immediately respond to email Thursday seeking comment about the lawsuit.

Marketta Thomas said her brother was not a threat to anybody and had been grieving the loss of his two children. Danny Ray Thomas' estranged wife, Sherborn Thomas, is awaiting trial on two capital murder charges for the 2016 deaths of the couple's 5-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son. Authorities allege she drowned the children in a bathtub.



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Ryan's departure sends shudders through GOP

■ Congressional leaders don't quit when they're on top — not if they can reasonably foresee years of uninterrupted power ahead

Speaker Paul Ryan's decision to retire isn't a good omen for the Republican Party.

Congressional leaders don't up and quit when they're on top — not if they can reasonably foresee years of uninterrupted power ahead. They don't walk away when they have a reliable ally in the White House pushing the same agenda.

But those aren't the conditions Ryan faces.

"I have every confidence that I'll be handing this gavel on to the next Republican speaker of the House next year," Ryan said, despite growing evidence that the 2018 midterms will deal a body blow to his party.

He also insisted that dealing with President Donald Trump and coping with the chaos Trump has brought to Washington and the party had nothing to do with his decision.

"Not at all," he said. "I've made a big difference and he's given us that chance." Ryan has made a big difference for Republicans.

When tensions with the Freedom Caucus/tea party wing became too much for John Boehner to bear, Ryan stepped into the breach. As chairman of the Budget



TODD GILLMAN
Dallas Morning News

and Ways and Means committees, and as Mitt Romney's running mate in 2012, he'd earned deep admiration for his sunny demeanor, magnetism and steadfast conservatism.

In the post-Boehner era he was by far the most unifying leader available. He's been the lid atop a simmering stew of grievances and cross-purposes.

And he has strategically kept the congressional wing of the party at a safe distance from a volatile president.

"I understand his frustrations," Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Democratic minority leader, said on the Senate floor after Ryan announced that he won't seek re-election. He all but dared the lame duck speaker to use "his newfound political freedom ... to break free from these hard-right factions that have plagued him."

Some considerations as Ryan's move sinks in:

No way to put lipstick on this pig
This is not good news for Republicans. Ryan's departure puts his own Wisconsin

district at risk. It sets off a leadership fight between Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Whip Steve Scalise and possibly the likes of Rep. Michael McCaul of Austin, whose tenure as homeland security chairman is ending.

The infighting will drain energy just as the party needs a unified front to protect a majority that is very much at risk in November.

A blue wave is probably coming
Midterm elections are almost always painful for the president's party. There's no reason to expect Trump to buck the trend, given how unpopular he is, the staff churn at his White House, questions about hush money to a porn star and the ongoing drama regarding his desire to fire special counsel Robert Mueller.

The list is growing of House Republicans quitting rather than tough out a dreadful re-election season. And since it's always easier for incumbents to keep a seat than for a newcomer to win a vacancy, the exodus reflects the GOP's challenge and makes it worse.

Timing is everything in politics
For years it appeared that Dallas Rep. Jeb Hensarling — a close friend of Ryan, and incidentally, Vice President Mike Pence — nursed ambitions of becoming speaker. His moment has passed.

He announced months ago that he won't seek re-election and he's already missed the Texas primary so it's too late to

change his mind. Although the Constitution allows the House to elect a speaker who isn't a member of Congress, that has never happened.

Trump shouldn't be happy.

Ryan was an accidental speaker. He didn't seek the job but after he comported himself so well as the vice presidential nominee in 2012, Boehner and others twisted his arm, playing on his sense of duty to party and country, and he agreed.

But Ryan's real ambition, other than the quixotic policy goal of revamping entitlement programs, is the Oval Office. Stepping down as speaker positions him for that in 2024. And it sets him up to be a white knight in 2020 if Trump looks vulnerable or is impeached.

Ryan insisted that he's not interested in running for office at any level. That may be true now, but it's not ironclad.

"Not while my kids are growing up," he told CNN's Jake Tapper Wednesday afternoon. "I really thought when I took this job, Jake, that this is probably the last elected office I would have. I'm not going to run for president."

Worst case for Ryan is that he's shedding a dead-end job when it comes to angling for the White House. James Polk, a Tennessee Democrat, remains the only president who had ever held the office of speaker, and that was before the Civil War.

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OPINION EXTRA

Social Security benefits are becoming more generous, not less

Ronald Reagan once quipped that he didn't worry about the budget deficit, because it was "big enough to take care of itself." On that theory we should be relieved to learn that the Congressional Budget Office is projecting a deficit larger than \$1 trillion in 2020.

Five eminent Democratic economists have offered one interpretation of this report, under the headline: "A debt crisis is coming. But don't blame entitlements." Their actual argument is a little more nuanced than that. They want a "balanced approach" to deficit reduction rather than one that relies entirely on cuts in future spending on Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

Much of their case is reasonable. But here I want to focus on one sentence of the Democrats' argument: "These widely popular programs are indeed large and projected to grow as a share of the economy, not because of increased generosity of benefits but because of the aging of the population and the increase in economy-wide health costs." It's a comment that glides over an important point that is not well understood.

The truth is that the increased generosity of Social Security benefits is an important contributor to our projected debt. Congress has not kept passing legislation to expand those benefits. But the program automatically expands benefits over time.

That's because the size of the initial Social Security check that a retiree draws is tied to wage levels, not prices. Because wages have usually grown faster than prices, today's retirees get bigger checks than yesterday's, even when you adjust for inflation. Tomorrow's retirees will likely get bigger checks still.

A medium-wage worker who retires this year will receive an annual benefit of \$20,222. His equivalent in 2040 is projected to get \$27,948 in today's dollars. That's a 38 percent increase, although of course Social Security's actuaries may be wrong about how much wage growth will take place between now and then.

An alternative policy would be to tie Social Security benefits to prices rather than wages. That way future Social Security benefits would keep up with inflation, but would not rise more than that. That policy would eliminate 94 percent of Social Security's financing gap over the next 75 years.

An implication of that change is that over time, Social Security would replace a smaller and smaller portion of the income people made during their working lives. A retiree's Social Security check would also shrink as a percentage of the average income of a current worker. Again, that's because the checks would stay roughly at the same level in constant dollars while wages rise. This fall in the replacement rate is often considered a drawback of shifting from a wage index to a price index.

If we want to keep the replacement rate from falling — if, that is, we want to maintain the current policy of letting Social Security benefits rise in real terms over time — we need to raise taxes in a broad-based way. We need, that is, to make middle-income workers pay more today in order to get higher benefits tomorrow.

A lot of people would probably prefer to keep the money up front, and save some of it themselves. That's especially the case because a lot of people can expect to be in a better financial position in retirement than during their working lives.

The good news is that we don't actually have to cut Social Security benefits from their current levels to make fiscal progress. We need only stop, or at least moderate, their growth. It would not by itself keep the national debt from rising. But it ought to be part of the solution.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg

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Ryan has share of accomplishments

■ The Wisconsin Republican is one of the best things to happen to Washington in years

House Speaker Paul Ryan is retiring, and some say good riddance to bad rubbish, while others of us say the rubbish resides in the critics. He is one of the best things to happen to Washington in years, this Wisconsin Republican who has been pragmatic, principled, prudent, caring, honest, knowledgeable, calm, compromising and innovative.

The trouble is that being the best thing can also make you a bad fit. How many others, for instance, would be so audacious as to try to fix Medicare in order to sustain it and deal with a killer debt? Doing something so responsible is to have demagogues lynch you or, seeing as how that could get them in trouble, come up with a televised video showing you push an old lady off a cliff in her wheelchair.

This is precisely the kind of vile tactic the left has consistently employed to win votes and devastate the public. The fact is that Medicare and Social Security constitute a mammoth part of the unified budget, that baby boomer retirements are causing a cost explosion and that the only way to fix things without economic mayhem is adjustments to the programs. That does not mean people are suddenly going to be cheated left and right, but that is what the left pretends by way of cheating the people left and right.

So Ryan came up with a voucher program that would still serve beneficiaries while reasonably tamping down the dangers, and that's just not the way Washington works. Along the same lines, he then came up with a welfare reform package that would mightily serve the poor, believe it or not.

The program would be work-oriented, and here was its genius: It would have third parties regularly evaluate whether different parts were working so that it could be revised as needed and actually accomplish its objective. Fellow conservatives did not leap aboard. Nor did very many rush to embrace his concerns about mass incarceration, a significant problem in my estimation.

His fellow office holders did recognize his leadership qualities, however. Even President Barack Obama voiced appreciation for his



JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service

willingness to buy into reasonable compromise. The congressman has had his share of important accomplishments, and he has provided able leadership that has helped keep the worst from happening no matter how hard so many worked to get there.

Some say the latest budget was close to the worst, and it was definitely not good in its trillion-dollar deficit ambitions. Was something better possible given our confused, tweet-fueled president's weaving-and-waving strategies and the impossibilities of anything of merit ever passing through either the Senate or the House? "Polarization" is the word of the moment, "ideological idiocy" is a competing phrase and "politics as usual" has come to mean chaos.

There are so, so many destabilizing factors in Washington today. Lacking 10 volumes in which to list them, let's just note a special counsel probe as determined as a falling rock to land on something, a dissolution of congressional powers, an administration deserted by some while firing others and policy overstatements that are either the art of the deal or the deals of the artless.

Actually, there was a major matter that did get through the Senate and House under Ryan, and that was a tax reform measure helping to revamp the economy even as we speak. Here is something that will do so much for so many that it is hard to overstate its value. We are talking about American revitalization if doing something about the debt is not forgotten.

Ryan could just maybe help in all of this, but especially with the possibility of Democrats taking Congress in the midterm elections, futility could also become his middle name. He says he wants to spend time with his children.

That's important, too.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



House GOP seeks stricter work requirements on food stamps

By Andrew Taylor and Juliet Linderman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans controlling the House are proposing sweeping new work mandates on the nation's more than 40 million food stamp recipients as they kick off debate on a politically-freighted election-year overhaul of the government's food and farm programs.

Legislation released Thursday would require able-bodied adults aged 18-59 to work or participate in job training for 20 hours a week in order to receive food stamp benefits that average about \$450 a month for a family of four.

The measure, which ignored recommendations outlined in President Donald Trump's 2019 budget proposal, has already sparked opposition from Democrats, whose support is generally needed to pass the measure through Congress.

They say the tougher work requirements would drive millions of people off of the program.

The measure also would renew the government's safety net for producers as farm country endures a downturn and as President Donald Trump's tough talk on tariffs threatens a trade war that could depress prices for farm commodities such as soybeans.

The legislation has traditionally been bipartisan, blending support from urban Democrats supporting nutrition programs with farm state lawmakers supporting crop insurance, farm credit, and land conservation.

The latest proposal will again test this longstanding marriage of urban and rural lawmakers. Efforts to cut food stamps prolonged the most recent farm bill debate before GOP leaders largely gave up on the proposals when passing the current farm law four years ago.

The House Agriculture Committee prefers to operate on a bipartisan basis, but Democrats upset over the new food stamp proposals have broken off talks. Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Texas, says the panel will vote on the bill next week.

"We believe breaking this poverty cycle is very important," Conaway said.

The latest proposal on food stamps, officially called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, would require states to impose stricter uniform work requirements for SNAP recipients between 18 and 59.

Currently, adults 18-59 are required to work part-time or agree to accept a job if they're offered one. Stricter rules apply to able-bodied adults without dependents between the ages of 18 and 49, who are subject to a three-month limit of benefits unless they meet a work requirement of 80 hours per month. Under the new bill, that requirement would be expanded to

apply to all work-capable adults, mandating that they either work or participate in work training for 20 hours per week with the exception of seniors, pregnant women, caretakers of children under the age of six, or people with disabilities.

The new work requirements would take effect in 2021, and increase to 25 hours per week in 2026. Each new SNAP recipient would have one month to comply with the rule.

The measure also limits circumstances under which families who qualify for other poverty programs can automatically be eligible for SNAP.

The bill earmarks \$1 billion to expand work training programs.

Conaway also announced plans to create a national database of SNAP recipients in an effort to prevent people from signing up for the program in multiple states, though he could not say whether such fraud is widespread.

POLITICS BRIEFS

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SAN DIEGO
Guard faces tricky dance in California border mission

California Gov. Jerry Brown is crystal clear that his National Guard will help President Trump go after drugs and thugs on the Mexican border, but not immigrants. Drawing that line may be hazy.

Brown's pledge of 400 troops allows the president to boast that governors in all four border states back his mission to send the Guard on its third large-scale deployment since 2006. It helped bring commitments from Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas to about 2,400 troops — above the low end of Trump's target of sending 2,000 to 4,000 troops to the border shared by the four states.

The Democratic governor, who cast his decision as a welcome infusion of federal support to fight transnational criminal gangs and drug and firearms smugglers, broke from his Republican counterparts from the three other states by insisting that his troops will have nothing to do with immigration enforcement.

But some experts were skeptical that Brown will be able to force his vision of the mission on California's Guard members participating in Trump's operation.

"I think it'll be very difficult for the California National Guard to be able to walk that fine line because those things in the field are indistinguishable," said Eric Olson, deputy director of the Wilson Center's Latin America program, who specializes in organized crime and security. "It's not like someone crossing the border says, 'I'm carrying drugs.' How can you tell?"

Trump praised Brown on Twitter on Thursday, but did not address the governor's conditions for non-participation in an immigration role for the California troops.

WASHINGTON
Trump orders faster issuance of air pollution permits

President Donald Trump is ordering the Environmental Protection Agency to move faster on processing air pollution permits for businesses.

A White House memorandum issued Thursday instructs the EPA to take final action on Clean Air Act permit applications within one year.

It also calls for giving states more control over efforts to reduce haze in national parks and for considering pollution originating in other countries when determining how well states are meeting clean air standards.

Ryan's departure sparks unrest, GOP fears losing House

By Lisa Mascaro and Bill Barrow
Associated Press



Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who announced Wednesday he will not run for re-election, holds his weekly news conference at the Capitol on Thursday. Ryan was asked to reflect on his time as a steady if reluctant wingman for President Donald Trump's policies.

WASHINGTON — When House Speaker Paul Ryan announced his retirement decision, he did so on his own terms. The political fallout may not be so easy to control.

Ryan's relinquishing of one of the most powerful positions in Washington left Republicans reeling Thursday over not just who will replace him but whether Ryan's lame-duck status will jeopardize the GOP's pitch to voters and donors, and worsen their chance of keeping the majority.

Control of the House was already at risk in a tough midterm election. Voters are fired up amid rising opposition to President Donald Trump and sagging GOP accomplishments. Now some wonder aloud if the GOP grip on the House majority is already lost.

"It's like Eisenhower resigning right before D-Day," said Tom Davis, a former Republican congressman from Virginia who once headed the House GOP's campaign committee.

"Paul Ryan was the franchise," Davis said. "With

Paul, this was a Republican Party they could still give to. He's a great brand for the party. He's gone."

On some level the impact is symbolic. Ryan was once viewed as the future of the party, and he currently is a rudder for a party regularly tossed about by Trump's shifting impulses. For Republicans fighting for their political survival, it's hard not to take Ryan's decision as vote of no confidence.

One Republican in the long list of those already retiring, Rep. Ryan Costello of Pennsylvania, said the speaker didn't try to walk him off his decision, and

in fact seemed to identify with his preference for returning home to family. Some four dozen House Republicans — including powerful committee chairmen — are calling it quits.

Add Ryan's retirement to the mix, and donors, lawmakers and strategists are raising red flags about a prolonged period of

uncertainty unlike anything ever seen in modern House history.

"It's not confidence building," said Ron Nehring, a former party chairman in California, who says Republicans need to boost their legislative accomplishments, especially after having failed to keep their promise to voters to repeal Obamacare, if they hope to motivate Republicans to the polls. "Democrats are going to walk a mile on broken glass to vote against the president."

On Thursday, Ryan dismissed suggestions from some corners, including lawmakers, that maybe it would be best if he stepped aside rather than stick around until January, when the new Congress is seated, as he intends to do.

"My plan is to stay here and run through the tape," Ryan told reporters, noting he had "shattered" fundraising efforts by previous speakers, more than doubling his \$20 million goal. "I talked to a lot of

members — a lot of members — who think it's in all of our best interest for this leadership team to stay in place," Ryan said. "It makes no sense to take the biggest fundraiser off the field."

Few Republicans talk any more of retaining control of the House as a certainty. Those doubts are clear in the way they talk about the fight to replace Ryan.

Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala., a member of the conservative Freedom Caucus, said he won't worry much about whom he will support for the leadership post until House Republicans figure out if they'll be choosing their new speaker in fall — or simply the minority leader.

"At that point we'll know if we're going to elect a Republican or Democratic speaker," he said.

Ryan's allies insist the party's top fundraiser and champion of a crisp GOP message remains in full force.

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SATURDAY



TOY STORY Dress up for a fancy night out at Big Boys' Toys at the Horseshoe Pavilion. The event benefits MARC and will be headlined by country singer Josh Turner. 6 p.m. marc.texas.org.

MONDAY



THREE OF A KIND Join the Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women in a game of fundraising Bunco at Midland Beer Garden. Proceeds benefit scholarships for women going back to college. 6 p.m.

TUESDAY



BOOK TIME The Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading Event at the Bush Childhood Home will feature the book "Mr. Cornell's Dream Boxes" with copies given to each child in attendance. Space is limited so reservations are encouraged. 4:30 p.m.

IN NEED

SPECIAL EVENT VOLUNTEER Volunteers are needed for various positions at the Autism SHARE Walk on April 28. Call 818-1258 for details.

DONATIONS NEEDED Crisis Center of West Texas is looking for magazines as part of a self-esteem lesson for students. Take your issues to the offices at 910-B S Grant Ave. in Odessa.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities for current needs by area nonprofits at midlandvolunteerconnections.com.

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KIDS FIRST VOLUNTEERS are needed Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings to observe visits between children and non-official parents at Centers. Call 578-1084, ext. 225.

FAITH & PHILANTHROPY

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Children get up close look at trucks

By Ronald W. Erdich
Abilene Reporter-News

SNYDER — Pay attention to these words: Touch-A-Truck. Calvary Baptist Church held an event on a recent Wednesday during an evening AWANA youth program.

"AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," explained Jayna Hunter, the church children's director. "It comes from II Timothy 2:15, and it's about training children to serve the Lord."

The kids range from 2 to fifth grade, she said. About once a month, they hold a theme night, this month it was Touch-A-Truck. During their study breaks, adults led groups of children across the street to visit and interact with a small fleet of service vehicles.

"All kinds of trucks," Hunter said. "Firetrucks and bucket trucks; dump trucks, trash trucks, monster trucks. Just anything I could get together."

Hunter got the idea off of Pinterest after searching Google for AWANA theme ideas. "Maybe it will spark their interest in a future career," she said. "Respect for authority, knowledge of what other people in the community do to serve them."

Shawn McCowen, a cotton farmer who lives about 100 miles south of town, brought a pair of large tractors. Nearly every kid took a turn sitting inside the oversized rims on the big rear tires.

"Yep, that's what I did when I was their age on my dad's farm," he said, chuckling. "It's a neat deal; we go to church here, and I'll do anything for kids."

McCowen echoed the words of several others in the church parking lot on how interacting with these large machines is beneficial to young minds.

"It's something that they don't get to do, especially in town. It makes them think," he said, waving at the tractor behind him. "They see this stuff occasionally, but they're usually far away. They don't realize how big it is. So here they get to sit in it, touch it, and crawl around on it."

Nathan Hines, a fire marshal in the Snyder Fire Department, gave fire shield stickers to the kids after showing off one of the department's fire engines. He explained how young children getting an up-close look at the truck, the firefighters' air tanks, and all the other gear might pay



Ronald W. Erdich/The Abilene Reporter-News via AP

Jaci Welsh, 7, reclines in the wheel, April 4, as Jared Hernandez, 8, pretends to drive the tractor with his friend Bobby Rangel, 6. Snyder's Calvary Baptist Church held a Touch-A-Truck event. The evening featured 10 service vehicles for children in the church youth group to inspect up-close and crawl around on.

off in the future. "For the little ones, it's really good because they're not scared when we show up," he explained. "That's the main

thing we're looking for, that they won't be scared when we do show up at a fire scene." Dana Evans, a clerk at the city barn, brought a truck with its

own special scent. "This is a trash truck," he said. But what is its technical? Please see TRUCKS/4B

Blue Ribbon Run is full-circle moment for local advocate

By Rich Lopez
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Blue Ribbon Run organizers will celebrate 10 years at Midland Memorial Stadium. The event rose from humble beginnings as a Girl Scout Gold Star project for Claire Nelson and Jayme Shrauner. The event coincides with Child Abuse Prevention Month and now is hosted by the Midland County Child Welfare Board.

Nelson, is glad to be back where she started.

She and Shrauner were working toward their Gold Star, the highest award in Girl Scouts. Under the guidance of Nelson's mother and troop leader, Patricia Nelson, the scouts created the Blue Ribbon Run. "As Girl Scouts, we can't raise money, so the goal for the first event was to raise awareness about child abuse and prevention," Nelson said.



Courtesy photo

Jayme Shrauner, Patricia Nelson and Claire Nelson pose for a photo at the first Blue Ribbon Run in 2008.

If you go

Blue Ribbon Run X: The Race to End Child Abuse. 8:30 a.m. - 1K, 5 a.m. - 5K at Midland Memorial Stadium, 2001 W Culbert Ave. midlandchildwelfare.com.

Soon after, Nelson moved away to attend Texas Christian University, where she received a degree in marketing at in 2014. After graduation she returned to Midland.

In the meantime, the all-volunteer board had taken over the event.

"I wasn't involved during college, but the board kept improving and growing the event. It's impressive that this project has continued for so long," she said.

When Nelson returned to Midland she also returned to the Blue Ribbon Run.

"Coming back with a career in marketing, I got to see it in a new light and I've enjoyed being able to grow it through that and social media and use my skills for something that was such a big part of my life," she said.

Nelson again has teamed up with her mother, who has been on the board for more than 15 years. Nelson applied her skills to

Please see RIBBON/3B

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church has new rector

From staff reports

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church will be led by a new rector, effective April 23.

The Rev. Nancy A. Springer will replace the Rev. David Huxley, who retired in July.

After Huxley's retirement, a search committee was tasked with finding a new rector.

"The search committee was unanimous in its enthusiastic decision to recommend to the vestry of St. Nicholas' the Rev. Nancy Springer," committee chairman Josh Whitt said in a press release. "We believe she is a good fit for our parish and will bring many gifts, energy and abilities to further our discernment to follow God's plan."

Springer previously served as associate rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Harlingen and as assistant and associate rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English from the University of Texas at San Antonio and a master of divinity from Wycliffe College in Toronto, Ontario. She was ordained by the Sacred Order of Deacons and the Sacred Order of Priests in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

"I look forward to joining St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church as their rector," Springer said in the release. "Together with the good people of St. Nicholas' we will continue to seek God's path and plan for us as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, sharing his love with the world."

"My husband, Jim Chen, and I are also looking forward to our move back to a community of family and friends in the Midland Odessa area," she said.



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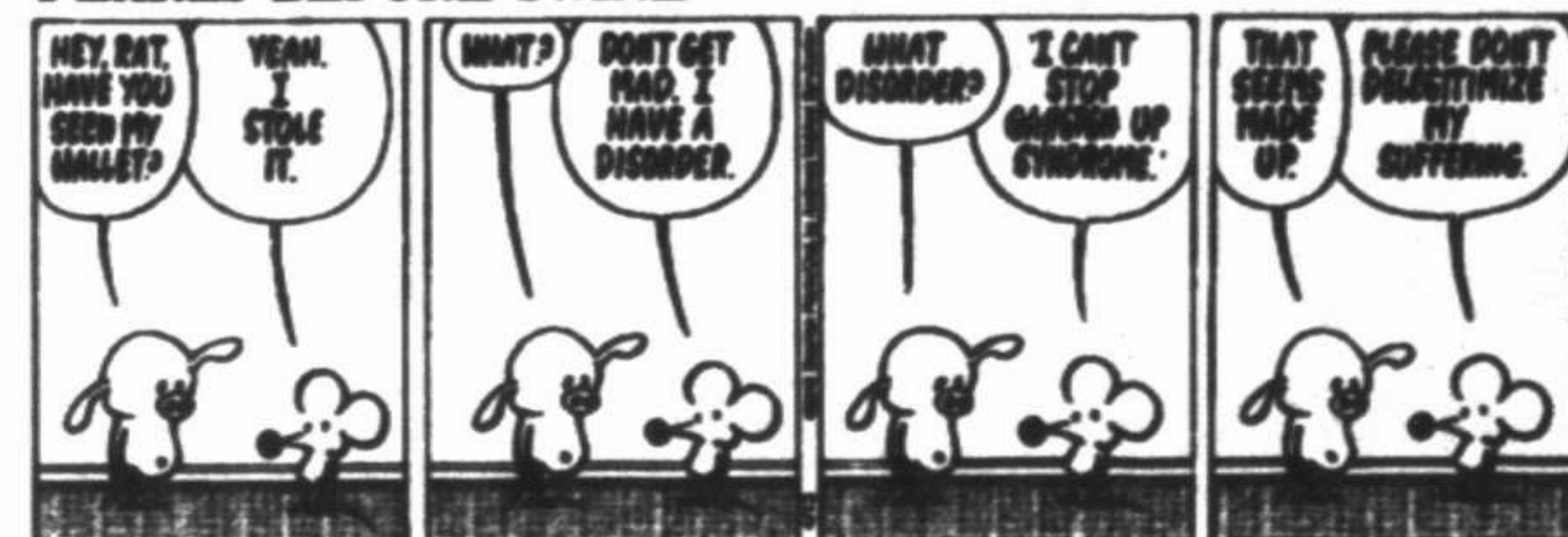
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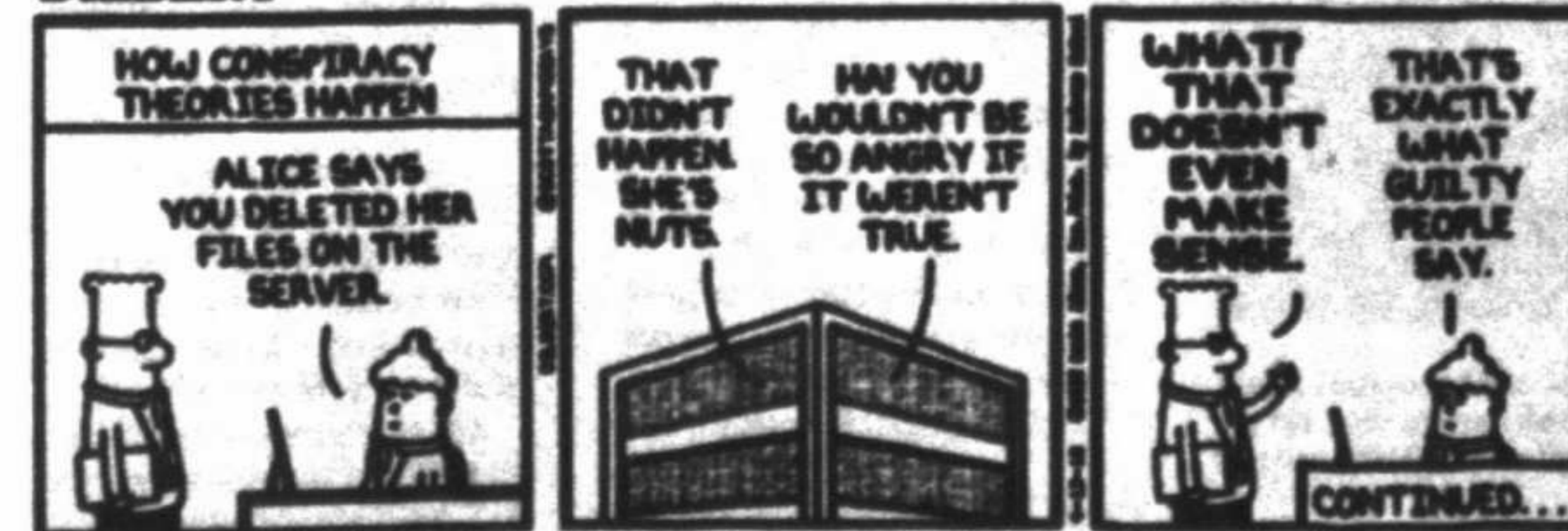
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Texas Tech folks are ready for Kingsbury to win

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Kliff Kingsbury is still popular at Texas Tech, five years after his hiring as coach unified a fractured football program at his alma mater.

As much as fans on the West Texas plains want one of their own to succeed, patience wanes with just two winning seasons and a losing overall record heading into the former quarterback's sixth year.

Once dubbed "Coach Cool" because of adoring students, his sunglasses on the sideline and a perpetual 5 o'clock shadow, Kingsbury feels the urgency, with or without his athletic director saying the Red Raiders should be relevant in the Big 12 championship race every November.

Though that hasn't happened under Kingsbury, Kirby Hocutt declared immediately after Texas Tech beat Texas last November that the coach he put in charge of a program for the first time at age 33, with just two years of experience as an offensive coordinator, would return for another season. Kingsbury's contract runs through 2020.

"I understand that what we've been the last couple of years isn't good enough, record-wise," Kingsbury told The Associated Press a few weeks before the start of spring practice, which wraps up Saturday. "And we have to show improvement. That comes with the territory. Being an alum of Texas Tech, I want it as much as anybody if not more." Hired after Johnny Manziel

became the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy under his watch at Texas A&M in 2012, Kingsbury electrified a fan base that had splintered.

Tommy Tuberville had left suddenly for Cincinnati, with the perception that he never really wanted a job he held for three years. Predecessor Mike Leach, the winningest coach in school history, was fired following allegations that he mistreated Adam James when the son of former SMU star Craig James had a concussion.

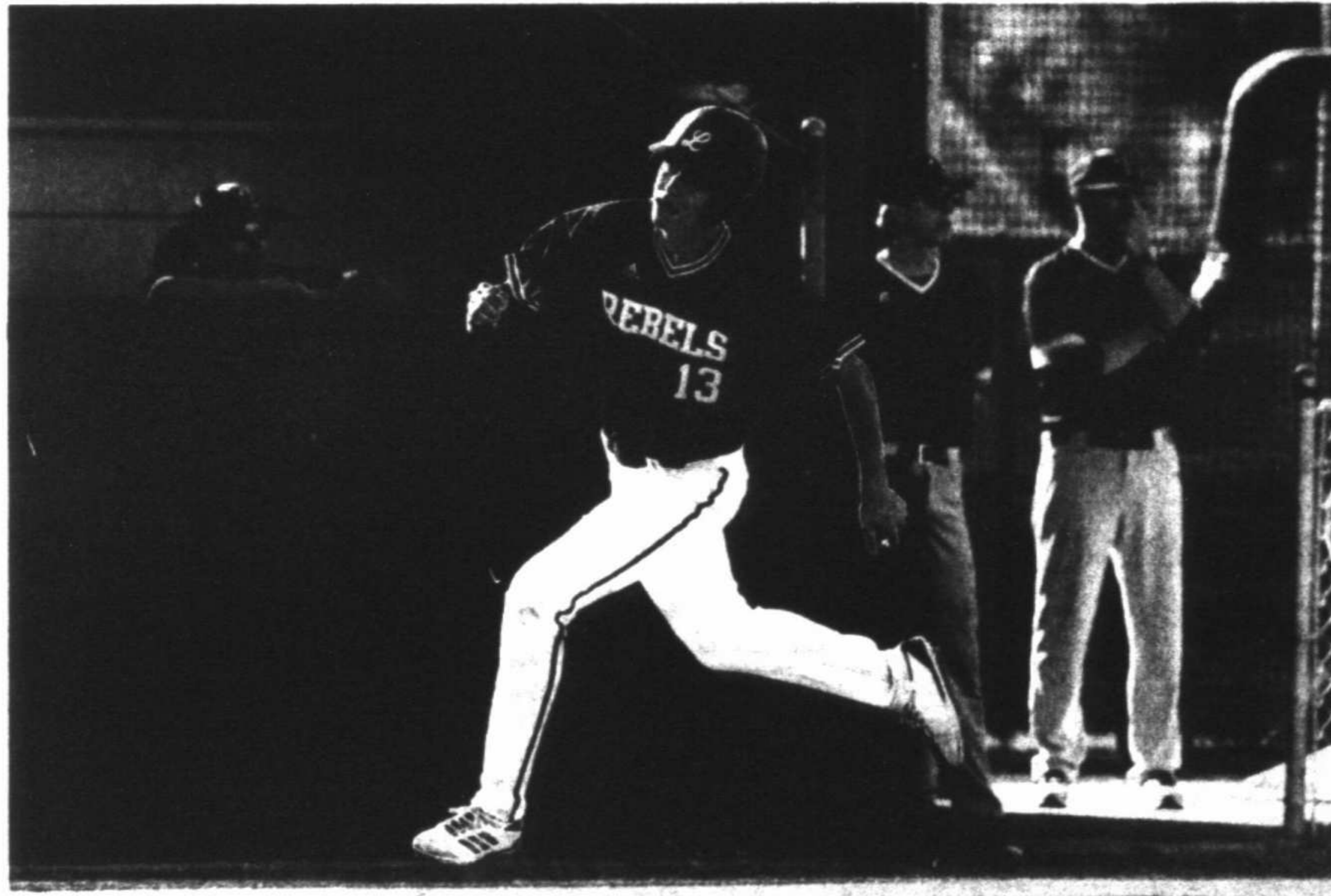
The arrival of Kingsbury was similar to that of his former coach, Spike Dykes. The West Texas native took the Texas Tech job when David McWilliams left



Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury looks down at his notes during the second half against TCU in 2017 in Lubbock. Kingsbury is still popular at Texas Tech, five years after his hiring as coach unified a fractured football program at his alma mater.

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A race to the finish



Lee's Tyler Madrid (13) runs home to score against Amarillo Tascosa on March 29 at Ernie Johnson Field.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

HS BASEBALL REPORT

Lee, MHS series will impact 2-6A pecking order

By Will Korn
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It's stretch time in District 2-6A and both the Lee and Midland High baseball teams are bracing for a potential photo finish in the district standings.

In one of the most competitive district landscapes in years, all six teams are still fully in the playoff hunt with six games remaining.

The district race will no doubt be heavily impacted by this weekend's home-and-home showdown between the Rebels and Bulldogs.

There will be a clear sense of urgency when the two rivals will meet at 4:30 p.m. today at

Zachery Field and then again at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ernie Johnson Field.

Lee (14-10, 5-4 in District 2-6A) won the season's first meeting, 3-1 back on March 13 at Christensen Stadium, an affair filled with the tense moments one would fully expect from this rivalry.

Entering today's contest a number of issues seem to surround MHS, which has struggled en route to dropping its last three contests. During that span the Bulldogs have hit just .205 as a team, stranded 22 of their 29 baserunners and have also committed 10 errors

Please see BASEBALL/4C



Midland High's Ivan Dominguez (4) prepares to tag Odessa High's Bobby Salinas (not pictured) at third base March 17 at Zachery Field.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Losses mounting for Texas Rangers in lineup, standings

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The losses are mounting quickly for the Texas Rangers, both in the standings and their starting lineup.

By time the Rangers finally had their first off day of the season Thursday, the last team in the majors to get a break, they were the first team with 10 losses.

They were also awaiting word on how long No. 3 hitter and 10-season starting shortstop Elvis Andrus will be out because of a broken right elbow. He was hit by a pitch on his throwing arm in the bottom of the ninth inning of their fourth straight loss, 7-2

to the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

Second baseman Rougned Odor (left hamstring) and center fielder Delino DeShields (left hand) were already on the disabled list, along with right-hander Doug Fister (right hip strain).

DeShields has been on the DL since March 31. Odor and Fister joined him Tuesday, a day after both aggravated previous issues in the opener against the Angels.

"In the interim, there is a toughness that you have to have as a group, as a team, as an organization, to maneuver through things like this,"

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Texas Rangers' Elvis Andrus rolls on the ground by home plate following his right elbow after being hit by a pitch from Los Angeles Angels' Koyan Middleton in the ninth inning on Wednesday.

Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Nowitzki, Smith want Mavs to be relevant again

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki plans to become the first player to spend all 21 seasons with the same NBA franchise.

Dennis Smith Jr. will be half the German star's age when the Dallas Mavericks open next season looking to end the first two-year playoff drought in nearly two decades. The team posted its worst record since 1997-98, the year before Nowitzki arrived.

The No. 9 overall pick who turned 20 early in what ended up as a solid rookie season, Smith figures to have a new teammate facing high expectations the way he did. Dallas will pick no lower than seventh in June.

Smith will have at least one thing in common with Nowitzki, who turns 40 this summer. They want the Mavericks to be regulars in the postseason again, the way they were before the current swoon.

"I've been in a couple of arenas that are playoff teams, and I just witnessed the atmosphere," Smith said. "I can only imagine how it is playoff time."

It's certainly better than 24-58, tied with Atlanta for the league's third-worst record. Youth, injuries and a difficult schedule buried the Mavericks early for the second straight year.

They spent the last half of the season wondering where they would fall in the lottery, and owner Mark Cuban was fined \$600,000 for suggesting that Dallas had been tanking for two seasons. Part of Cuban's point was that he'd had enough of that approach.

"We do not want to go back to what we just experienced," president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said. "That's unanimous, from the top on down. When you go through retooling or rebuilding situations like we're going through now, it's done with the right people."

For Nelson, two of those three people are in place in Smith and leading scorer Harrison Barnes. The third is coming in the draft. Nelson compared the situation to when he joined his dad, former coach and general manager Don Nelson, in Dallas 20 years ago. Michael Finley was already there. Steve Nash and Nowitzki were on the way.

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Dallas Mavericks center Dirk Nowitzki (41) attempts to shoot as Minnesota Timberwolves forward Taj Gibson watches in the second half March 20 in Dallas.

Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

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