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FOR SALE

Laura Bush's childhood home in Midland is up for sale.

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STATE GOLF ROUNDUP

Behind an impressive second round card of 314, the Andrews Black girls golf team ran away with its new record seventh straight state title and 15th overall Tuesday in Marble Falls. This and more golf coverage inside.

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White House: Trump disclosures 'wholly appropriate'

By Vivian Salama and Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House on Tuesday defended President Donald Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials as "wholly appropriate," as Trump tried to beat back criticism from fellow Republicans and calm international allies increasingly wary about sharing their secrets with the new president.

The highly classified information about an Islamic State plot was collected by Israel, a crucial source of intelligence and close partner in the fight against some of the America's fiercest threats in the Middle East. Trump's disclosure of the information threatened to fray that partnership and piled pressure on the White House to explain the apparently on-the-spot decision to reveal the information to Russian diplomats in a meeting last week.

In a series of morning tweets, Trump declared he has "an absolute right" as president to share "facts pertaining to terrorism" and airline safety with Russia. Although top aides on Monday had declared reports about Trump's discussions false, National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster on Tuesday sought instead to downplay the significance of the information Trump revealed. The president had been engaging in "routine sharing" with foreign leaders, he said, arguing that some of the information was publicly available.

Still, the revelations sent a White House accustomed to chaos reeling anew. It is extraordinary for a president to share such information without consent of the country that collected it, apparently violating the confidentiality of an intelligence-sharing agreement with Israel. It was, perhaps, even more remarkable that Trump chose to confide in representatives of an adversary, who could use the information to find its source.

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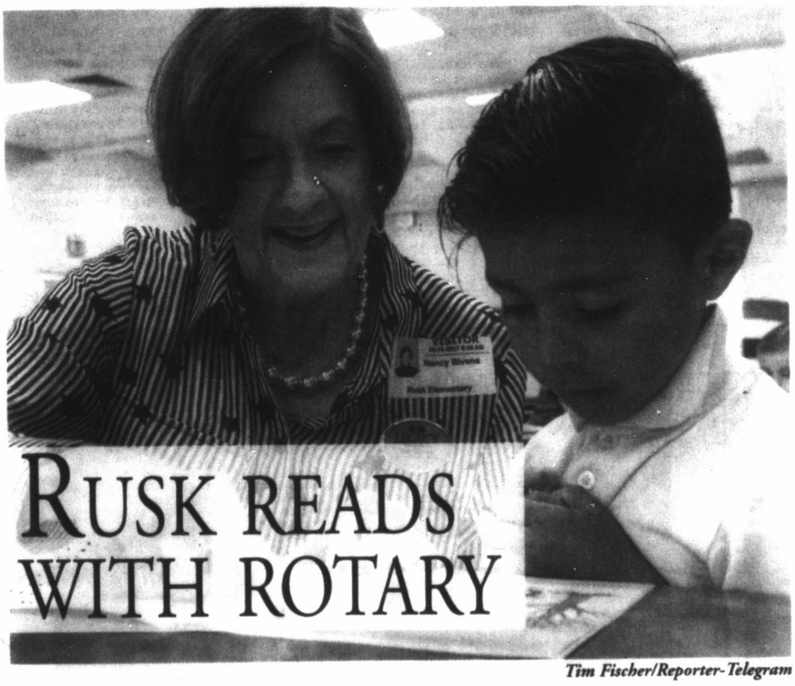

RUSK READS WITH ROTARY

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Rotarian Nancy "Kay" Bivens reads with Rusk Elementary kindergartner Alais Taylor on Tuesday as part of Midland Rotary Clubs' literacy project. The clubs presented each Rusk kindergartner with a copy of the book "How I Became a Pirate." See more photos of the event in a future edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Instacart to start delivering groceries

■ Dollar General opens 11th store in Midland County

From staff reports

Imagine a world where you could get H-E-B groceries delivered to your home. It's perhaps the dream of many Texas shoppers before they head out into the busy streets, but this week it's slated to become reality.

Grocery delivery service Instacart will launch its Instacart Express membership program Thursday in Midland and Odessa, according to a company press release. Instacart Express offers unlimited same-day, one-hour grocery deliveries on orders of $35 or more.

The company has looked to enter the Midland-Odessa market for quite a while. "We've been interested in the area for a couple years now," General Manager Chad Shepler said via email. "What changed is, earlier this year, we saw zip code signups increase. A good sign that potential customers are gaining general awareness of Instacart and online delivery service."

And the company is growing nationwide. "Instacart currently serves 30 percent of the households in America, but we plan to bring our service to over 100 more markets this year and to serve 80 percent of American households by 2018," Shepler said.

Please see **INSTACART**/5A

City confirms 4B sales tax election results

By Trevor Hawes
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The city of Midland confirmed the Type 4B sales tax election results Tuesday during an early morning special City Council meeting.

A special election was held May 6 to give voters the chance to choose whether to keep the Type 4B quarter-cent sales tax, which would have been repurposed.

Originally passed in 1999 to pay debt on the Scharbauer Sports Complex, the rewritten 4B focused on constructing tournament facilities to lure more sports tourism to the city, renovating and improving parks, continuing to fund maintenance of the sports complex and putting money toward road construction projects.

Voters opted to not keep the 4B sales tax, which will be eliminated Oct. 1. The new sales tax rate will be 8 percent.

The city confirmed there were 6,783 total votes: 3,092 for the proposition and 3,691 against. These tallies differ slightly than the unofficial final results that were available on the county's election website Tuesday morning. The unofficial count had two fewer votes for the proposition and the total.

The elections office confirmed to the Reporter-Telegram that the city's figures in its canvassing report are correct, and it posted the official final results on its website Tuesday afternoon.

In total, the proposition failed by 599 votes. It was the second straight ballot initiative to fail in Midland, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. In October, voters defeated a Midland Independent School District tax increase proposal by a near 2-to-1 margin. It was the first time in more than 20 years that Midlanders voted to defeat initiatives on consecutive ballots.

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The big number
2 small earthquakes brought the total number to more than a dozen during the weekend in Oklahoma. Page 3A

Word of the Day: stanchion
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'FrackNation' to be screened today

From staff reports

The Texas Tech University School of Law Energy Law program will host a screening of the documentary "FrackNation" today at Cinergy Cinema, 8250 E. State Highway 191 in Odessa.

Co-producers and directors Phelim McAleer and Ann McElhinney will be at the event and conduct a Q&A afterward.

Seating begins at 6:30 p.m., and the film begins at 7 p.m.

"FrackNation," originally released in 2013, is a reaction to the documentary "Gasland," which showed the environmental impact of the practice of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas extraction in Pennsylvania.

McAleer confronted "Gasland" director Josh Fox at a Q&A event in Chicago and questioned Fox's deliberate non-inclusion of being able to ignite natural-gas-laden tap water well before hydraulic fracturing was introduced to Pennsylvania's Marcellus shale formation, according to the "FrackNation" website.

The event spurred McAleer to produce his own documentary that aims to dispel myths about the practice of fracturing. The documentary was funded through a Kickstarter campaign.

TxDOT: Number of seat belt-related deaths has increased

■ 1 in 10 Texans didn't buckle up from 2015-16, department says

By Silvio J. Panta
Odessa American

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Federal statistics show that since a seat belt usage campaign began 15 years ago, there have been 5,068 fewer fatalities on the nation's roadways, while deaths resulting from not wearing the belts in Texas resulted in a 9 percent uptick last year, officials said Tuesday during an event with the Texas Department of Transportation.

One in 10 Texans were still not buckling up from 2015 to 2016, which analysts said resulted in the percentage increase. This means that 994 people died in 2016 because they weren't wearing seat belts, compared to the 908 fatalities that were reported in 2015, according to TxDOT.

But the news by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration over how the "Click It or Ticket" campaign resulted in fewer fatalities were highlighted during the promotional event that was attended by Odessa Mayor David Turner and members of law enforcement at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Law enforcement officials generally believe that wearing seat belts can keep occupants from getting thrown out during a collision and can increase the chances of surviving a crash in a passenger car by 45 percent, and up to 60 percent in a truck, TxDOT spokesman Gene Powell said.

Police departments throughout Texas and across the nation are expected to keep an eye out for motorists who fail to use seat belts from May 22 to June 4, he said.

Texas' Click It or Ticket campaign is credited for not only saving lives but also is believed to have prevented more than 86,000 serious injuries and saved Texas more than an estimated $19.3 billion in economic costs, TxDOT said.

When the Click It or Ticket campaign was launched in 2002, about 76 Texans used their seat belts, according to TxDOT.

"Today, nearly 92 percent (of people) buckle up, but 8 percent still don't and the number of people who don't buckle up doubles to 16 percent at night," according to a statement from TxDOT.

Wearing seat belts can actually save lives, a state official said.

"Wearing a seat belt is the single most important step you can take to protect yourself in a crash, and in Texas it's the law," TxDOT Director James Bass said in a prepared statement.

"People make a lot of excuses for not buckling up; those excuses will not save your life or prevent you from getting a ticket. The fact is, it only takes a few seconds to buckle up and it could mean the difference between life and death."

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midlander dies in Reeves County wreck

A 39-year-old Midland man died early Sunday afternoon in a one-vehicle wreck in Reeves County, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jesus M. Marmolejo was a passenger in a Dodge 4500HD that was traveling south on Farm-to-Market Road 2119, 27 miles southeast of Pecos. When the pickup left the roadway, the driver overcorrected and the vehicle rolled over.

Marmolejo, who was not wearing a seat belt, died at the scene, according to the release. The driver and a second passenger — both from Midland — were wearing seat belts. The driver was transported to Reeves County Hospital with "non-incapacitating injuries," and the other passenger was treated at the scene, according to the release.

DPS: Driver flees after collision that killed motorcyclist on I-20

The driver of a Ford F-150 that struck and killed a motorcyclist on I-20 fled the scene Saturday morning, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Joseph C. Privitt, 48, of Mineral Wells was traveling west on the inside lane of I-20 about 1 mile west of Midland at about 2:45 a.m., according to a report from DPS. It was there that an "unknown" driver operating a Ford F-150 — traveling east in a westbound lane of I-20 — struck Privitt's 2006 Harley Davidson. The collision forced Privitt's motorcycle into a 2014 Peterbilt truck tractor that was towing a semi-trailer, according to DPS. Privitt was pronounced dead at the scene.

Privitt is the 12th person to die in fatality accidents on roads inside Midland County. Through May of last year, seven people died in accidents on roads inside Midland County, according to Reporter-Telegram records. In 2015, that number was 10. The last time there were more fatalities during a month of May was 2014 — 18 through the end of the month.

STATE & REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Former President George H.W. Bush in Maine for the summer

It's a sure sign that summer is on its way: Former President George H.W. Bush and wife Barbara are back in Maine.

A spokesman confirms they arrived at Walker's Point on Monday, less than a month after the former president was released from a hospital in Texas.

Officials said last month that the 92-year-old Bush was treated for a mild case of pneumonia and chronic bronchitis, but that it wouldn't interfere with his summer plans.

Bush, the nation's 41st president, has spent every summer in Kennebunkport, Maine, except during World War II, when he was a naval aviator. The Bushes spend the winter in Houston.

OLTON

Lubbock-area city manager on 2-months paid leave in theft case

A West Texas city manager has been put on 60 days of paid leave after being arrested on two felony theft counts related to his alleged misuse of municipal property.

The Olton City Council on Friday placed Marvin Tillman on administrative leave.

Records show Tillman was arrested May 5 on two counts of theft of property for allegedly using 72 acres of municipal land and water and not paying the city. He's free on bond.

An initial city statement, following Tillman's arrest, said he would be away from work for two weeks.

Olton Mayor Mark McFadden didn't immediately return a message for comment Tuesday. A message for the city attorney for Olton, a town of about 2,200 located 45 miles northwest of Lubbock, also wasn't immediately returned.

OKLAHOMA

2 small earthquakes bring count to dozen over weekend

RED ROCK — Two small earthquakes recorded in Oklahoma by the U.S. Geological Survey bring to a dozen the number of temblors recorded in the state during the weekend.

A 2.9 magnitude quake was recorded at 2:24 a.m. Sunday near Red Rock in northern Oklahoma and a 2.5 quake was recorded at 4:22 a.m. near Seiling in northern Oklahoma.

They come after 10 quakes on Saturday, including a 4.2 magnitude temblor near Waynoka. The others were magnitude 3.1 or less.

No injuries or damage have been reported.

Many of the thousands of earthquakes in Oklahoma in recent years have been linked to the underground injection of wastewater from oil and natural gas operations. State regulators have directed the companies to close some disposal wells and reduce the volume of others.

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Stanchion
[stan-shuh n]
noun
1. an upright bar, beam, post, or support, as in a window, stall, ship, etc.
verb (used with object)
2. to furnish with stanchions.
3. to secure by or to a stanchion or stanchions.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

■ Dome shows at Blakemore Planetarium, "Oasis in Space," noon, "Super Volcanoes," 2 p.m., "Astronaut," 4 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

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

■ Wine Dinner: Reds of the World is a five-course dining event with red wines from France, Germany and Spain. Guest David Salinas of Pioneer Wine Company will provide tasting notes throughout the meal. 6:30 p.m. at Opal's Table, 223 W Wall St. $125 per person. opalstable.com.

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

■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

■ Mighty Microgreens Class, 9 a.m., West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave. $10.

Community calendar

■ The city's Parks and Recreation Department will kick off its Movie in the Park series on Friday with "Moana." The free showing begins about 9 p.m. at Hill Park, 1301 W. Cuthbert Ave.

The series, presented in partnership with Fox 24, will continue through Aug. 18. For the series schedule, visit www.midlandtexas.gov/movies.

■ The Alzheimer's Association's eighth annual Bark in the Park is 9 a.m. Saturday at the Beal Wagging Trail Dog Park, 5200 W. Wall St. There will be vendors, contests, demonstrations and raffles.

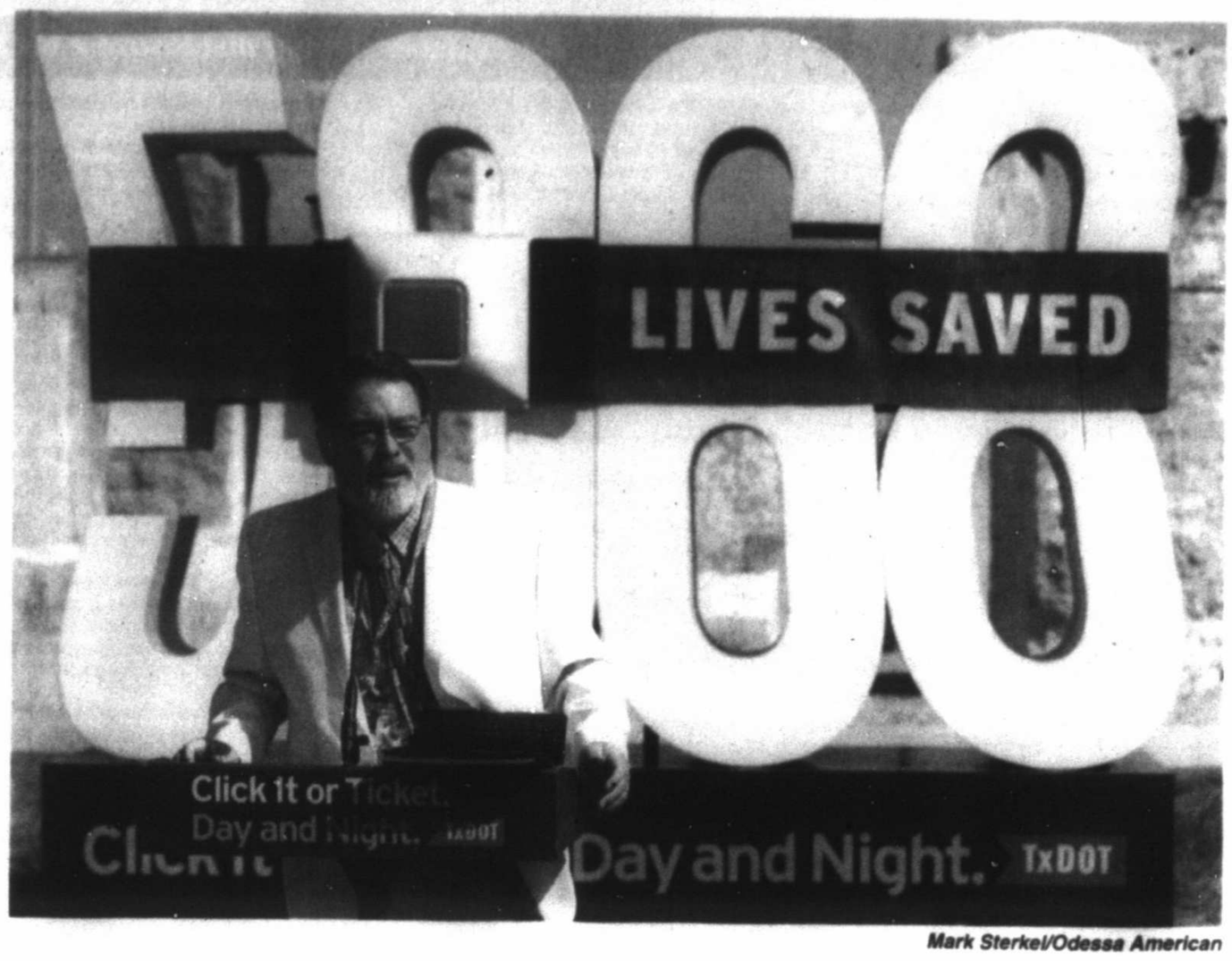
For more information, call Janet Cross, at 570-9191, extension 8031

■ The Midland Police Department's commemoration of National Police Memorial Week continues with a memorial service at 3 p.m. Thursday at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave. The names of each officer will be read aloud and a rose will be placed in their memory.

The service is open to the public.

■ Permian Basin Ride of Silence is May 24. The 12-mile ride begins at 7 p.m. from the CEED building, State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The annual event honors bicyclists killed on local roadways and serves to educate about responsibilities when sharing the road.

For more information, contact John Floyd at 681-7648, 413-4785 or jfloyd@midlandtexas.gov.



Mark Sterkel/Odessa American

Gene Powell Jr., public information officer for the Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District, kicks off a news conference announcing the 15th year of the Click It or Ticket seat belt campaign Tuesday morning at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Estimates indicate that as many as 5,000 lives have been saved during the 15 years of the campaign. Powell was joined by representatives from several local law enforcement agencies.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 17, the 137th day of 2017. There are 228 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 17, 1792, the New York Stock Exchange had its beginnings as a group of brokers met under a tree on Wall Street and signed the Buttonwood Agreement.

On this date:

In 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was run; the winner was Aristides ridden by Oliver Lewis.

In 1954, a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court handed down its Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka decision which held that racially segregated public schools were inherently unequal, and therefore unconstitutional.

In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro offered to release prisoners captured in the Bay of Pigs invasion in exchange for 500 bulldozers. (The prisoners were eventually freed in exchange for medical supplies.)

In 1973, a special committee convened by the U.S. Senate began its televised hearings into the Watergate scandal.

In 1987, 37 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi warplane attacked the U.S. Navy frigate Stark in the Persian Gulf. (Iraq apologized for the attack, calling it a mistake, and paid more than $27 million in compensation.)

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-4-4
Pick 3 day: 8-4-6
Pick 3 evening: 9-5-9
Pick 3 night: 6-1-1
Daily 4 morning: 3-3-3-3
Daily 4 day: 9-4-5-8
Daily 4 evening: 9-1-3-1
Daily 4 night: 8-3-6-7
Cash Five: 7-16-25-34-37
Texas Triple Chance: 1-5-10-28-33-36-43-44-46-49

Mega Millions: 4-35-39-56-72 MB: 11 Megaplier: 5
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-6-7-8-9-11-16-17-19-20-24
All or Nothing day: 1-7-9-10-11-13-14-17-18-19-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-6-7-8-9-12-13-15-18-22-24
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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High	96
Low	73
Normal high	88
Normal low	60

May 16's records
Record high: 102, set in 2000 and 1996
Record low: 42, set in 1945

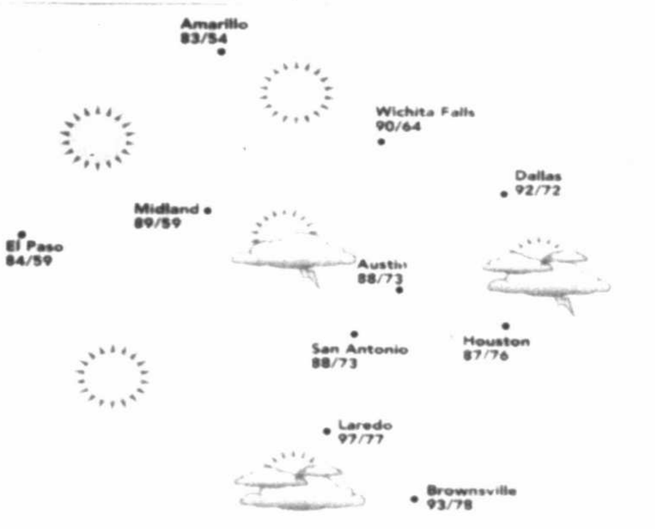
Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.05 in.
Year total	4.85 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.21 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 24 mph
Gust speed: 32 mph

May 17 forecast
High: 88

Forecast for Wednesday, May 17, 2017



Low: 63

Conditions: Sunny today/clear tonight

Winds: West 15 mph today/south 15-20 mph, with gusts up to 25 mph

Chance of rain: none

Sunrise 6:50 a.m.
Sunset 8:41 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 put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Taurus and a Moon in Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, May 17, 2017:

This year you become more visible and content. You are more focused on your day-to-day life, especially your work and hobbies. You also are likely to network and socialize to your heart's content. If you are single, romance will not be a stranger in your life. You could meet someone of significance at any given time. If you are attached, the two of you have a lot in common. You enjoy a mutual interest or hobby that brings you closer together. AQUARIUS makes an excellent friend for you.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel as if you can handle anything that heads your way at the moment. Use this sense of well-being to take care of what you must. You are likely to witness a change in a close associate's or friend's attitude. Decide not to take it personally. **Tonight:** Out with the gang.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Touch base with an older relative. You could feel off and as if you have little choice as to what to do. You have the ability to socialize with those in power very easily right now. Start networking, and put yourself in the position of being noticed. **Tonight:** Out on the town.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You feel much more in touch with your priorities and with what you want to do. You could be presented with an interesting offer that seems too good to be true. Detach and take a hard look at it before deciding what to do. Your creativity emerges. **Tonight:** As you like it.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to try a different approach to a personal matter, especially if you desire a particular type of communication to take place. Add to the fun and lightness of the moment. Worry less about the results for the moment. **Tonight:** Pull in closer to a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others seem to hold your interest more than usual. You could find the present situation difficult, as you seem to have a problem getting to the bottom of the issue. Try turning on your charm, and you might be able to get much more of what you want. **Tonight:** Trust in Lady Luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
HHHH You might want to look beyond the obvious, yet you could feel slightly held back by your routine. Your ability to make a good impression on others, especially someone who could make a difference in your life, needs to come out. Stay loose and easy. **Tonight:** Play it relaxed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your emphasis is on love and romance. You could have difficulty getting to the bottom of a problem, but your positive attitude and optimistic ways save the moment. Someone close to you finally says exactly what you needed to hear. Listen carefully. **Tonight:** Ever playful.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you can get away with nearly anything right now. Be careful, as others are watching you more closely than you realize. You have a unique way of doing things. Make plans to visit a friend whom you don't often get to see. **Tonight:** Take some time off.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A conversation could end up being more positive than you originally had thought possible. You'll see the power of using a little charm and showing your willingness to get past a problem. Ask a friend for some feedback, and you'll feel much better as a result. **Tonight:** As you like it.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
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Consternation on Capitol Hill over Trump's Russia meeting

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consternation and confusion overtook Capitol Hill on Tuesday as Republicans confronted revelations that President Donald Trump had disclosed highly classified information to the Russians in the Oval Office a day after firing FBI Director James Comey.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell paused and answered simply "no" when asked if he had concerns about the president's ability to properly handle classified information in wake of the revelations. The Kentuckian said "no" again when asked if he was losing confidence in the president.

But he acknowledged that "it would be helpful to have less drama emanating from the White House."

Just the opposite happened a few hours later. In a memo, FBI Director James Comey wrote that Trump had asked him to shut down an FBI investigation into ousted national security adviser Michael Flynn, according to a person familiar with the situation. The White House denied what was first reported by The New York Times.

Republicans caught off-guard by the latest revelation insisted they wanted to hear from Comey rather than reacting to the reports.

"Let's get to the bottom of what happened with the director. And the best way to get to the bottom of it is for him to testify ... I'm not going to take a memo, I want the guy to come in," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.

Democrats badgered Republicans to stand up to the president, and demanded access to the transcripts of Trump's meeting last week with two Russian diplomats. After the news broke of the Comey memo, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., stood in the chamber and said, "I say to all of my colleagues in the Senate — history is watching."

But while a number of prominent GOP senators displayed anxiety and displeasure, Republicans did not appear poised to abandon a president who remains critical to their goals of acting on health care and tax legislation. Several came to his defense and sought to close ranks.

"There isn't anybody who can run the White House without criticism," said Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, a senior lawmaker. "This man has been subject to more criticism than any predecessor that I know of. They hate him, they didn't like the fact that he won, he beat their favorite, it was a remarkable election."

The Washington Post first reported Monday that Trump shared details about an Islamic State terror threat, related to the use of laptop computers on aircraft, with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak. The Associated Press and other news outlets subsequently confirmed similar details.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C., said around midday Tuesday that he'd spent the morning trying to get someone at the White House to call him and explain what had actually happened.

"My major concern right now is that I don't know what the president said," Burr said. "I'd like to think somebody from the White House who was in the room is going to get on the phone and tell me what they said. ... Maybe they're busy."

Burr's committee has requested additional information from the administration, according to McConnell.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who chairs the Foreign Relations Committee, offered less than a vote of confidence when asked if Trump could still be trusted with classified information. Corker paused for several seconds, shrugged and then said, "Sure."

"The president is the commander in chief, he decides what is ultimately classified information and what is not, and we all make mistakes obviously, but I think most of us believe that the president in terms of our national security interests is going to put America first," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 3 Senate Republican.

Armed Services Chairman John McCain issued a statement calling the reports "deeply disturbing" and said they could impede allies' willingness to share intelligence with the U.S. in future.

AP explains: Trump disclosure a breach of trust, if not law

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump didn't appear to break any law by sharing highly classified information with Russia, but that doesn't make it any less problematic for America's intelligence agencies and their overseas partners.

Even as Trump's national security adviser insisted the Oval Office disclosure to visiting Russian diplomats was "wholly appropriate" and routine, few people outside of the White House saw it that way. Especially troubling was that a foreign country provided the intelligence confidentially to the U.S.

A look at the legal and national security issues at stake:

What did Trump tell the Russians?

Trump shared information about a threat from the Islamic State group while hosting Russia's foreign minister and ambassador to Washington. The threat related to laptops carried on airplanes, according to a senior U.S. official.

The information appears to be related to the basis for a U.S. and British decision in March to bar laptops and tablets from being carried on board international flights from cities in Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries. U.S. and European Union officials more recently have discussed expanding the ban to include flights from Europe.

Where did Trump get the information?

A U.S. ally provided the information, the official said, meaning it wasn't necessarily Trump's to share with anyone else.

The New York Times reported that Israel was the provider, though administration officials wouldn't confirm that was true.

The White House said Trump wasn't briefed on the source of the intelligence and didn't know where it came from when he passed it along to the Russians.

Was what Trump did legal?

Probably.

The system for how U.S. secrets are classified and the rules for how they're handled derive from an executive order.

That means secrets are governed by the president and not by laws passed by Congress. The president's authority to make the classification rules comes from his constitutional powers as the commander in chief and head of the executive branch.

Typically, that has been interpreted to mean that the president has the ultimate authority to classify and to declassify information. Put another way, classified information becomes unclassified by default the moment the president chooses to disclose it.

But there are other laws that could come into play when sensitive information is disclosed to harm the U.S., according to David Pozen, who teaches national security law at Columbia Law School. These include the Espionage Act and Identities Protection Act.

Still, it's hard to imagine the president being prosecuted under those laws given that it's his constitutional power to make national security decisions.

So what's the problem?

The disclosure to Russia appeared to violate an intelligence-sharing agreement that provides the U.S. critical information about threats to the nation.

A breach of trust raises the possibility that U.S. friends might curtail such intelligence partnerships out of concern their secrets — and their sources and methods — could end up in the wrong hands.

The fact that the secrets went to Russia, an adversary of the U.S. and many of its allies, was especially alarming.

U.S. intelligence-sharing agreements include the Five Eyes program with Canada, Australia, Britain and New Zealand. These countries share vast amounts of information and promise not to spy on each other. The U.S. also shares intelligence with countries like Germany that broadly share U.S. national security goals.

Russia, a top espionage concern for the U.S., is different. Even sharing limited amounts of intelligence about terrorist targets with Russia, in Syria for example, has been the source of major controversy in the past.

And Russia's allies and partners include Syria, Iran, China and other American rivals.

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

Cornyn says he will stay in Senate, won't be FBI director

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Texas Sen. John Cornyn has told the Trump administration he isn't interested in serving as FBI director, the second member of Congress to take himself out of the running this week.

Cornyn, a former Texas attorney general and judge on the state supreme court, was interviewed for the position after President Donald Trump abruptly fired James Comey last week. Trump himself called and urged Cornyn to take the job, but the senator said in a statement Tuesday that he would rather remain in the Senate.

"Now more than ever the country needs a well-credentialed, independent FBI director," Cornyn said. "I've informed the administration that I'm committed to helping them find such an individual, and that the best way I can serve is continuing to fight for a conservative agenda in the U.S. Senate."

Another Republican whose name had been mentioned as a possible candidate, Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, said Monday that he had taken himself out of the running. A friend of federal appeals court Judge Merrick Garland, someone recommended by several senators, also said Tuesday that Garland is happy in his job and has no interest in leaving the judiciary to head the FBI. The friend spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

The administration has interviewed at least eight candidates to replace Comey, of more than a dozen being considered. Trump has said a decision could come before he leaves Friday for a trip to the Mideast and Europe. In addition to members of Congress, the list includes current and former FBI and Justice Department leaders and federal judges.

A source familiar with Cornyn's thinking said the senator felt "obligated" to consider the job because a friend, Attorney General Jeff Sessions, asked him to, and Trump called and asked him to think about it. The source declined to be named because the decision was private.

Cornyn is the No. 2 Republican in the Senate behind Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who said Tuesday that he'd recommended that Trump nominate Garland for the post.

Garland's name began to surface as a possible replacement last week when GOP Sen. Mike Lee of Utah suggested it on Twitter. McConnell later agreed that he would be a good choice.

President Barack Obama nominated Garland to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court last year after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, but McConnell declined even to hold a hearing. Senate Republicans insisted at the time that the next president should replace Scalia, and the strategy paid off when Trump won the election. The high court vacancy was filled last month by Neil Gorsuch.

Disclosures

From 1A

A U.S. official who confirmed the disclosure to The Associated Press said the revelation potentially put the source at risk.

The U.S. official told AP that Trump shared details about an Islamic State terror threat related to the use of laptop computers on aircraft with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak. The official said the disclosure came as Trump boasted about his access to classified intelligence. An excerpt from an official transcript of the meeting reveals that Trump told them, "I get great intel. I have people brief me on great intel every day."

The official said the information was provided to the U.S. by Israel.

The extraordinary leak of Trump's private conversations in the Oval Office appeared to be a direct consequence of the president's combative relationship with the U.S. spy agencies. The White House vowed to track down those who disclosed the information.

The president's action drew rare criticism from some Republicans, who are desperate to get the White House refocused on health care and tax changes. Coming days before Trump's first trip abroad, it also raised questions about his standing with world leaders and led some countries to start second-guessing their own intelligence-sharing agreements with the U.S.

In a statement, Israel's ambassador to the U.S. Ron Dermer said the partnership between the U.S and Israel was solid.

"Israel has full confidence in our intelligence sharing relationship with the United States and looks forward to deepening that relationship in the years ahead under President Trump," Dermer said.

But other nations appeared to be reconsidering. A senior European intelligence official told the AP his country might stop sharing information with the United States if it confirms that Trump shared classified details with Russian officials. Such sharing "could be a risk for our sources," the official said. The official spoke only on condition that neither he nor his country be identified, because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The revelation was first reported by the Washington Post.

After he spoke with the Russians, Trump was informed that he had broken protocol and White House officials placed calls to the National Security Agency and the CIA looking to minimize any damage. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly. The New York Times first reported that Israel was the source of the information.

On Tuesday, McMaster, in a White House briefing, cast some of Trump's revelations as information that was available from publicly available "open-source reporting" and added that the president did not know the precise source of the intelligence he had shared. He appeared to be suggesting that Trump had not knowingly compromised a confidential source, but the statement also indicated that the president had not asked his advisers for detailed information about the intelligence report he'd received.

"In the context of that discussion, what the president discussed with the foreign minister was wholly appropriate to that conversation and is consistent with the routine sharing of information between the president and any leaders with whom he is engaged," McMaster said.

On Capitol Hill, Democrats and Republicans alike expressed concern. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., called the reports "deeply disturbing" and said they could affect the willingness of U.S. allies and partners to share intelligence with the U.S.

Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called for Congress to have immediate access to a transcript of Trump's meeting with the Russians, saying that if Trump refuses, Americans will doubt that their president is capable of safeguarding critical secrets.

Trump ignored reporters' questions about whether he disclosed classified information. Following a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Trump said only that his meeting last week with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov was "very, very successful."

CIA Director Mike Pompeo was to brief members of the House intelligence committee late Tuesday.

The new controversy left White House staffers, already under siege following last week's botched handling of FBI Director James Comey's firing, on edge. The communications team, in particular, has come in for sharp criticism from the president, as well as his son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner. Trump has told advisers he's aware of a need to make changes to his White House team, though it was unclear what those moves might be or whether any were imminent.

Analysis: Trump intel sharing risks damaging US alliances

WASHINGTON — For months, U.S. allies have anxiously wondered if President Donald Trump could be trusted with some of the world's most sensitive national security secrets.

Now, just a few days before Trump's debut on the international stage, he's giving allies new reasons to worry, and potentially putting crucial intelligence-sharing agreements at risk.

Revelations that Trump revealed highly classified information to senior Russian officials during an Oval Office meeting last week prompted one European official to tell The Associated Press that his country might stop sharing intelligence with the U.S. as a result.

A second official, senior German lawmaker Burkhard Lischka, called Trump's disclosures "highly worrying."

The information Trump revealed to Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Ambassador to the U.S. Sergey Kislyak centered on an Islamic State plot and was based on intelligence provided by an American partner, according to a U.S. official.

The disclosure — which Trump appeared to verify in a pair of tweets Tuesday morning — is certain to shadow the president as he embarks Friday on his first overseas trip as president. During a stop in Saudi Arabia, he'll meet with important Arab allies working with the U.S. on the fight against the Islamic State. He'll also huddle with some of Washington's strongest European partners at a NATO summit in Brussels and the Group of 7 meeting in Sicily.

Some of the leaders Trump will meet come from countries the U.S. has intelligence-sharing agreements with.

At least one Republican says the president is putting those agreements at risk by divulging classified information to Russia, a country many in the U.S. and in the West view as an adversary. Arizona Sen. John McCain said Trump's actions send "a troubling signal to America's allies and partners around the world and may impair their willingness to share intelligence with us in the future."

Trump declared on Twitter Tuesday that it was his "absolute right" to share information with other countries. National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said it was "wholly appropriate" and argued that it was based on publicly available information. And indeed, presidents are legally authorized to disclose classified information.

Yet Trump's decision is all the more confounding given his tense relationship with American spy agencies. He's questioned the competence of intelligence officials, challenged their assessment that Russia meddled in last year's election to help him win, and accused them of leaking information about him and his associates.

The leaks have only continued to flow, undermining Trump and exposing details of the investigations into whether his campaign played a role in Russia's election meddling.

According to the U.S. official, Trump shared details with top Russian officials about an Islamic State terror threat related to the use of laptop computers on aircraft. The Washington Post first reported the disclosure.

White House officials disputed the report, saying Trump did not disclose intelligence sources or methods with the Russians, though they did not deny that classified information was disclosed in the May 10 meeting. Trump later said he did share information about "terrorism and airline flight safety" with Russia."

The U.S. and Western officials spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss sensitive information.

The White House has looked to Trump's trip abroad as a moment to draw the president out of Washington's hyper-partisan hothouse and put him in a more statesman-like setting. He's expected to be warmly received by Arab allies in Saudi Arabia, who welcomed his decision to launch missiles against a Syrian air base following a chemical weapons attack, and in Israel, where Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu views Trump as more favorable to his interests than former President Barack Obama.

But some of the European partners Trump will meet later in his trip have been more skeptical about his policies, including a controversial travel and immigration ban that's been blocked by U.S. courts. Western allies, including Britain and Germany, have also been wary of Trump's warmness toward Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was kicked out of the summit of leading economic powers after Moscow's annexation of territory from Ukraine.

The White House's botched handling of Trump's firing last week of FBI Director James Comey, who was overseeing the bureau's Russia probe, and the president's own volatile statements about his actions are also likely to raise questions among allies about the U.S. leader's standing.

Anthony Cordesman, a national security expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said allies will be trying to size up Trump's "actual political strength relative to the divisions with Congress, the problems within his own party."

"Can he move forward with his own agenda? That will certainly be a question as he visits any country overseas," Cordesman said.

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

Election

From 1A

Turnouts for the MISD tax and 4B elections were low. There were 63,033 people eligible to vote in the 4B election, according to final results. Turnout was 10.78 percent. In October, less than 9 percent of eligible voters went to the polls.

Midland Mayor Jerry Morales was a major proponent for repurposing the 4B tax. "First, I was disappointed in the turnout," he said after the election. "I felt like the campaign did a phenomenal job reaching out to voters, using our marketing campaign and telling them how important the election was and the impact the 4B could make. ... We just couldn't get the voters out."

The election had a seven-day early voting period, which drew 4,276 people to the polls. On Election Day, which fell on a Saturday, 2,513 people cast votes.

A quarter-cent of sales tax was expected to raise between $8 million and $11 million a year based on recent city of Midland collections.

The city's canvassing report also determined the election was legally held and conducted in accordance with the law.

State law requires cities to canvass election returns.

INSTACART

From 1A

The delivery company has partnered with stores such as H-E-B, Natural Grocers and Petco in Midland-Odessa and will serve more than 99,000 residents.

Customers can use the Instacart app or website to place their orders and schedule deliveries. Instacart personal shoppers, who work as independent contractors, fill orders and deliver the goods to customers' homes. The company said it plans create more than 50 new jobs in the area.

Instacart is offering a free trial for the first year, with no strings attached, the release said. The cost the following year is $99 annually or $14.99 per month. The free trial is a limited-time promotion. The minimum order is $35.

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- In Midland: 79701, 79703, 79705, 79706, 79707 and 79708.
- In Odessa: 79760, 79761, 79762, 79763, 79764, 79765, 79766, 79768 and 79769.

11TH DOLLAR GENERAL OPENS

Dollar General has opened its 11th store in Midland County, this one at 10404 Farm-to-Market Road 307.

The company will host a grand opening at 8 a.m. Saturday, according to a company press release. The first 50 adult shoppers will receive a $10 Dollar General gift card, and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General tote bag with complimentary product samples and other giveaways.

The retailer opened its 10th store in Midland County, located at 6811 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788, in April. Its first store opened doors here in 1999. In total, there are about two dozen Dollar General locations combined in Midland and Ector counties.

"We know convenience is a major factor in our customers' shopping decisions as we generally serve customers within a three- to five-mile radius, or 10-minute drive," Laura Somerville, who works in corporate communications, said in a previous report. "We also take demographic trends, competitive factors, traffic patterns and community concerns into consideration."

The 11th store isn't Dollar General's last. The company is planning to open at least one more store this summer.

Dollar General stores typically employ between six and 10 people, the release said. Stores sell national name brands and private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health and beauty products.

The Dollar General is also focused on literacy and education. Through its foundation, the company in May 2016 donated $10,000 to Casa de Amigos to support the organization's adult literacy program, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. Since 1993, the foundation has awarded $127 million in grants to support literacy and education, according to a previous report.

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Left wants to do away with Mother's Day

■ To most Americans, motherhood still has inherent and beautiful value

BEN SHAPIRO
Creators Syndicate

Mother's Day marks an awkward time of year for those on the hard left.

First, there are those who deny the value of motherhood. Cecile Richards of Planned Parenthood tweeted, "Nothing says 'I love you, Mom!' like standing up for the right of mothers everywhere to get the care they need." By this, presumably, she meant abortion care — Planned Parenthood performs hundreds of thousands of abortions every year. But there is one thing that says "I love you, Mom!" more than providing abortion care: babies who aren't aborted. It turns out that in order for the appellation mother to have any meaning, children must be part of the process.

Then there are those who believe that childbearing and child rearing aren't central to the female mission, that checking accounts receivable is more socially and individually rewarding. In this category we could put Ivanka Trump, who tweeted about the "wage gap" on Mother's Day, even though the only true reason for the difference in overall earnings between men and women is attributable to motherhood. It turns out that it may be worth families forgoing mom doing extra work at the office if she can spend more time at home with the kids. There's nothing wrong with that. In fact, it's worth celebrating.

But the fun — or lack thereof — doesn't stop there for the radical left. We still haven't dealt with the cisgender nature of Mother's Day. How could we suggest that women have anything special to celebrate when men can be women? After all, Dove has run an ad with a transgender woman explaining what motherhood means to her. A columnist for the Toronto Star, Emma Teitel, wrote this week that Mother's Day should be ditched in favor of Guardian's Day, since "gendered holidays" are "painful" and "exclusionary" and a "drag for non-binary parents who don't identify with a single gender." Teitel says, "A guardian can be a mom, a dad, a non-binary parent, a grandparent, an aunt, an uncle, a pet owner, or why the heck not — somebody who takes really good care of his houseplants."

But we're still not done. How about gay couples? What about children with two daddies? One Canadian school has reportedly ditched Mother's Day and Father's Day activities because they are not sufficiently inclusive. The administration announced via letter, "In an effort to celebrate diversity, inclusivity and also nurture our students who are part of non-traditional families, we have decided to encourage those celebrations to take place at home."

So, we've already done away with apple pie — far too much sugar for those growing children — and now we're doing away with motherhood. Do we have any values in common anymore?

Fortunately, most Americans reject this stupidity. Mothers are still mothers, and motherhood still has inherent and beautiful value. My wife is a doctor, which means she does the most important work there is, but she believes that her most important role is as a mother to our two children. She's right. It's amazing that our society has become so jaded about the value of motherhood that we're willing to overthrow it in favor of gender and sexual sensitivity, as well as increasing women's hours in the workplace.

GUEST VIEW

Federal government sends inconsistent food message

Amarillo Globe-News

As of last summer, roughly 67 percent of students in Amarillo Independent School District were receiving free and/or reduced lunches.

The percentage is nothing new. It has been this way for some time — the fact that more than half of the students in Amarillo ISD receive free and/or reduced lunches.

To qualify for the free and/or reduced lunch program, students (or their parents/guardians) have to meet various criteria, which primarily includes economic and financial information.

The free and/or reduced lunch program is necessary to provide nutrition to students who may otherwise go without — and going without is certainly not a consideration.

Here is the problem with the free/reduced lunch program, which is not necessarily with the program itself, but the inconsistent message from government at various levels.

Consider this from a recent Washington Post editorial (with the headline "Don't let them eat cake") criticizing the Trump administration for its "decision to slow implementation of stricter nutrition standards for school meals that were championed by then-first lady Michelle Obama."

According to the Washington Post, "obesity (is) a critical problem for millions of American children, efforts to make school menus healthier should not be delayed."

Obesity is a "critical problem" for millions of children in this country? What about the new term that is bandied about by media — "food insecurity?" Use of this term indicates a significant number of children in this country go hungry, which is the primary reason for free and/or reduced school lunches.

See the disconnect? The federal government (or the former first lady) wants to dictate nutrition standards for public schools because too many young students are obese, yet the federal government provides free and/or reduced lunches out of fear students will go hungry. Which is it? Are too many students obese or are too many students at risk of going hungry?

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the obesity rate for every state in 2015 was at least 20 percent, and for the state of Texas, the obesity rate ranged from 30 to 35 percent.

Today's sedentary lifestyle with its cellphones, internet, social media and video games (especially as this lifestyle relates to children) is a primary factor for obesity.

Does this mean we do away with the free/reduced lunch program in schools? Absolutely not. What it means is that a little consistency from government (which funds the program courtesy of taxpayers) needs a consistent message.

Uncle Sam cannot be sticking his nose into school lunch menus claiming the food served at schools is making our children obese while at the same time trotting out terms such as "food insecurity."

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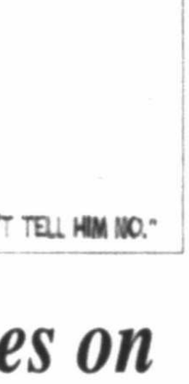
Trump takes from loyalists, moves on

■ White House press secretary Sean Spicer loses credibility and his dignity



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I'm often asked if I think President Trump will make it through all four years of his term. My stock reply: The better question is whether we will survive the next four years.

It wouldn't surprise me at all if he does make it to 2020 without impeachment, or the 25th Amendment, blocking his path. Trump has a long history of walking out of disasters unscathed. It's those around him — the Sean Spicers of the world — who are destroyed.

Alas, poor Spicer! I knew him well.

He was one of the top Republican flacks in town, affable and quick-witted, always happy to dish with reporters off the record. I liked him. I still like him — or at least that Spicer I knew before he answered Donald Trump's call.

The Spicer who strode into the White House briefing room Monday afternoon, I did not recognize. He scanned the room, unsmiling. He furtively checked his watch. He recited a long opening statement carefully and flatly, as if reading from a science textbook. And he had absolutely nothing to say.

President Trump's hint that he taped conversations with Jim Comey? "I was very clear that the president would have nothing further on that last week."

The Russia probe generally? "The president's position's been very clear."

And everything else: "I think I've made it very clear. … He made it very clear. … It's been made very clear."

Spicer was studiously dour and clearly wasn't enjoying himself. He was puffy, pinched and pale. And little wonder: Trump has sucked the lifeblood out of him.

The president turned him into a national punchline on his first day on the job, forcing him to provide "alternative facts" about the inauguration. On Friday morning, Trump confirmed for the world what was widely suspected: Spicer doesn't really know what's going on. "As a very active president with lots of things happening, it is not possible for my surrogates to stand at podium with perfect accuracy!" Trump proclaimed.

The next day, "Saturday Night Live" did its latest sendup of the hapless spokesman. This time Melissa McCarthy's Spicer hid in the bushes, attacked reporters and rode his motorized podium in search of Trump, vainly seeking assurance that he hadn't been lied to. Alec Baldwin's Trump tried to grope and kiss McCarthy's Spicer.

"Is this like 'The Godfather' when you kiss me and no one ever sees me again?" the Spicer character asked.

"Yes," the Trump character answered.

It's a matter of time until life imitates sketch. Washington is abuzz with speculation about when Spicer will be shown the door, but it doesn't really matter. His credibility, and his dignity, have already been defenestrated.

He will soon be added to the heap of unhappy people who cast their lots with Trump and were repaid with misery.

Trump entities have filed for bankruptcy protection six times. Investors, lenders and workers took hits — and Trump moved on. Trump was caught on tape boasting to Billy Bush about sexually assaulting women — and Billy Bush lost his job. Corey Lewandowski and Paul Manafort poured themselves into Trump's campaign and were unceremoniously dumped.

The carnage has increased since Trump came to Washington. National security adviser Michael Flynn is out and potentially in legal trouble. The FBI's Comey arguably handed Trump the election — and learned of his dismissal from TV. As my Washington Post colleague Abby Phillip documented, Vice President Pence has been "unflagging in his loyalty," only to be made "the public face of official narratives that turn out to be misleading or false." Trump humiliated Steve Bannon by publicly downplaying their association. Trump repaid House Speaker Paul Ryan's loyalty by winking at calls for Ryan's ouster. Attempts to defend Trump by aides Reince Priebus and Kellyanne Conway and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have left them sounding clownish. Trump takes what he can from each of his aides and allies and then moves on.

It would seem that time is near for Spicer, who started Monday's briefing 45 minutes late and, in the minutes that followed, avoided answering questions by saying no fewer than 22 times how very "clear" he or Trump had been about this or that.

At the end of the lifeless performance by the beleaguered spokesman, what was clear is this: His utility to Trump has diminished. And, as many a Trump loyalist has discovered, you are useful to Trump until you are not — and then you are cast aside.

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Besieged White House denies, defends as new bombshells hit

By Eric Tucker and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President Donald Trump listens as Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington on Tuesday. The White House on Tuesday defended Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials as "wholly appropriate," as Trump tried to beat back criticism from fellow Republicans and calm international allies increasingly wary about sharing their secrets with the new president.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump personally appealed to FBI Director James Comey to abandon the bureau's investigation into National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, according to notes, disclosed late Tuesday, that Comey wrote after the meeting. The White House issued a furious denial near the end of a tumultuous day that Trump officials spent beating back potentially disastrous news reports from dawn to dusk.

Earlier, officials staunchly defended Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials. The White House played down the importance and secrecy of the information, supplied by Israel under an intelligence-sharing agreement, and Trump himself said he had "an absolute right" as president to share "facts pertaining to terrorism" and airline safety with Russia. Yet U.S. allies and some members of Congress expressed concern bordering on alarm.

As for Comey, who Trump fired last week, the FBI director wrote in a memo after a February meeting at the White House that the new president had asked him to shut down the FBI's investigation of Flynn and his Russian contacts, said a person who had read the memo. The Flynn investigation was part of a broader probe into Russian interference in last year's presidential election.

The person who described the memo was not authorized to discuss it by name and spoke on condition of anonymity. The existence of the memo was first reported Tuesday by The New York Times.

The White House vigorously denied the report. "While the president has repeatedly expressed his view that General Flynn is a decent man who served and protected our country, the president has never asked Mr. Comey or anyone else to end any investigation, including any investigation involving General Flynn," a White House statement said.

Trump fired Flynn on Feb. 13.

The bombshell Comey news came as the beleaguered Trump administration was still struggling mightily to explain Monday's revelation that the president had revealed highly classified information to the Russian foreign minister and the country's ambassador to the United States. And the administration is still reeling from Trump's abrupt firing of Comey.

The intensifying drama comes as Trump is set to embark Friday on his first foreign trip, which had been optimistically viewed by some aides as an opportunity to reset an administration floundering under an inexperienced president.

When Trump fired Comey, he said he did so based on Comey's very public handling of the Hillary Clinton email probe and how it affected his leadership of the FBI. But the White House has provided differing accounts of the firing. And lawmakers have alleged that the sudden ouster was an attempt to stifle the bureau's investigation into Trump associates' ties to Russia's meddling in the campaign.

Comey's memo detailing his conversation with Trump would be the clearest evidence to date that the president has tried to influence that investigation. Rep. Jason Chaffetz, Republican chairman of the House intelligence committee, said he was ready to subpoena the memo, which was an apparent effort to create a paper trail of Comey's contacts with the White House.

Other lawmakers also demanded strong action.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California said Comey needs to come to Capitol Hill and testify. Other lawmakers agreed, and said it must be soon.

Mark Warner of Virginia, top Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, said he would ask Comey for additional material as part of the panel's investigation. "Memos, transcripts, tapes — the list keeps getting longer," he said.

Republicans were more circumspect but also clearly upset.

John McCain, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said the Trump-Russia reports were "deeply disturbing" and said they could impede allies' willingness to share intelligence with the U.S.

Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader of the Senate, said he was not losing confidence in Trump as president but added, "It would be helpful to have less drama emanating from the White House."

According to the Times, Comey wrote in the February memo that Trump told him Flynn had done nothing wrong. But Comey said he did not say anything to Trump about limiting the investigation, replying simply, "I agree he is a good guy."

The newspaper said Comey was in the Oval Office that day with other national security officials for a terrorism threat briefing. When that ended, Trump asked everyone to leave except Comey, and he eventually turned the conversation to Flynn.

The administration spent the first half of Tuesday defending Trump's disclosure of classified information to senior Russian officials. National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster said the president's comments were "wholly appropriate." He used that phrase nine times in his briefing to reporters.

The highly classified information about an Islamic State plot was collected by Israel, a crucial source of intelligence and close partner in the fight against some of the America's fiercest threats in the Middle East. Trump's disclosure of the information threatened to fray that partnership and piled pressure on the White House to explain the apparently on-the-spot decision to reveal the information to Russian diplomats in the Oval Office.

A U.S. official who confirmed the disclosure to The Associated Press said the revelation potentially put the source at risk.

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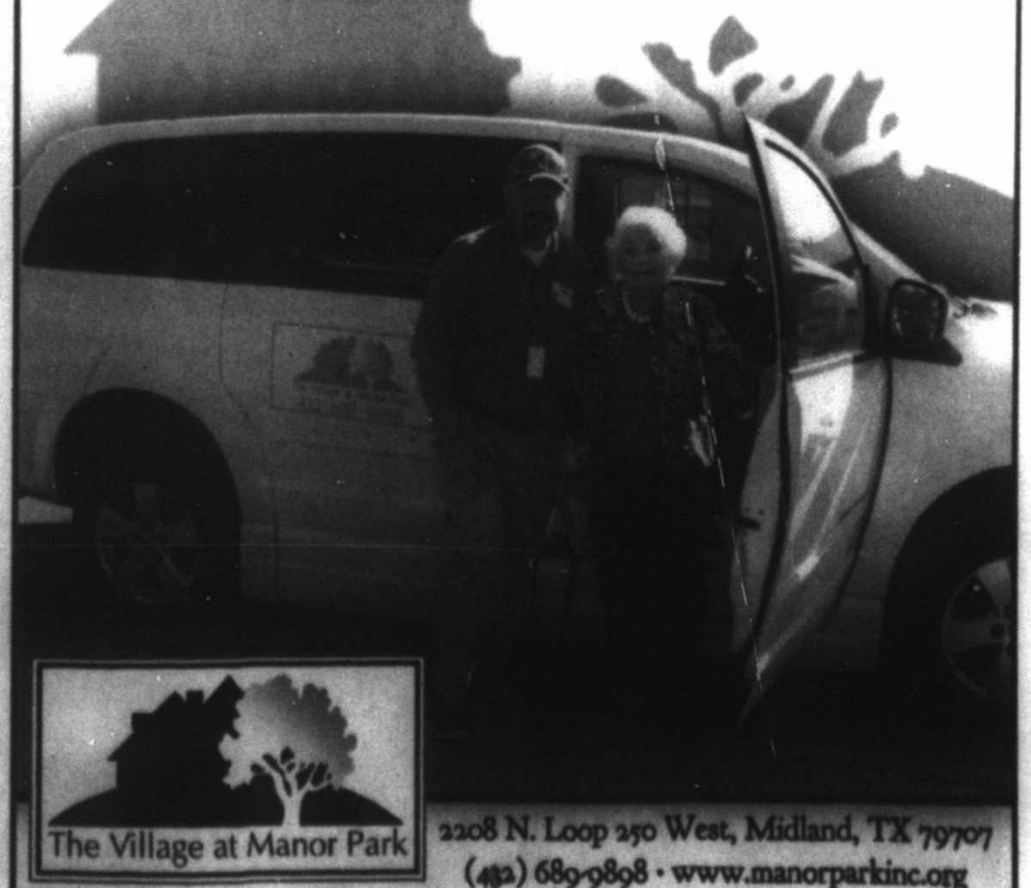

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Jailhouse videos show odd behavior of Charleston church gunman

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A week before the sentencing phase of his trial, Dylann Roof got a visit in jail from his mother, who pleaded with him to reconsider his decision to act as his own lawyer in the fatal shootings of nine black worshippers at a South Carolina church.

But Roof was more concerned with the clothes he would wear to court. Since he could not have his first choice of his comfortable jail jumpsuit, he wanted two-tone gray pants, inseam 29, not 30, so they wouldn't hang over his shoes. He also wanted thicker sweaters. And he wanted his lawyers at the defense table for one reason.

"So I can abuse them," Roof said with an awkward laugh in one of four jailhouse videos released Tuesday by federal court officials.

In the nearly three hours of footage from family visits, Roof laughed at his dad's jokes, tried to trick his mom into thinking he had tinsel and a stocking in his cell for Christmas and told his half-sister he would invite her to his execution. He also upbraided his mom for feeding his cats too many treats and told his dad not to believe all of Donald Trump's promises now that he's president.

He even cried, convinced he had syphilis despite extensive examinations by doctors. Recently released court papers indicate that the 23-year-old told a psychologist that he never had a girlfriend.

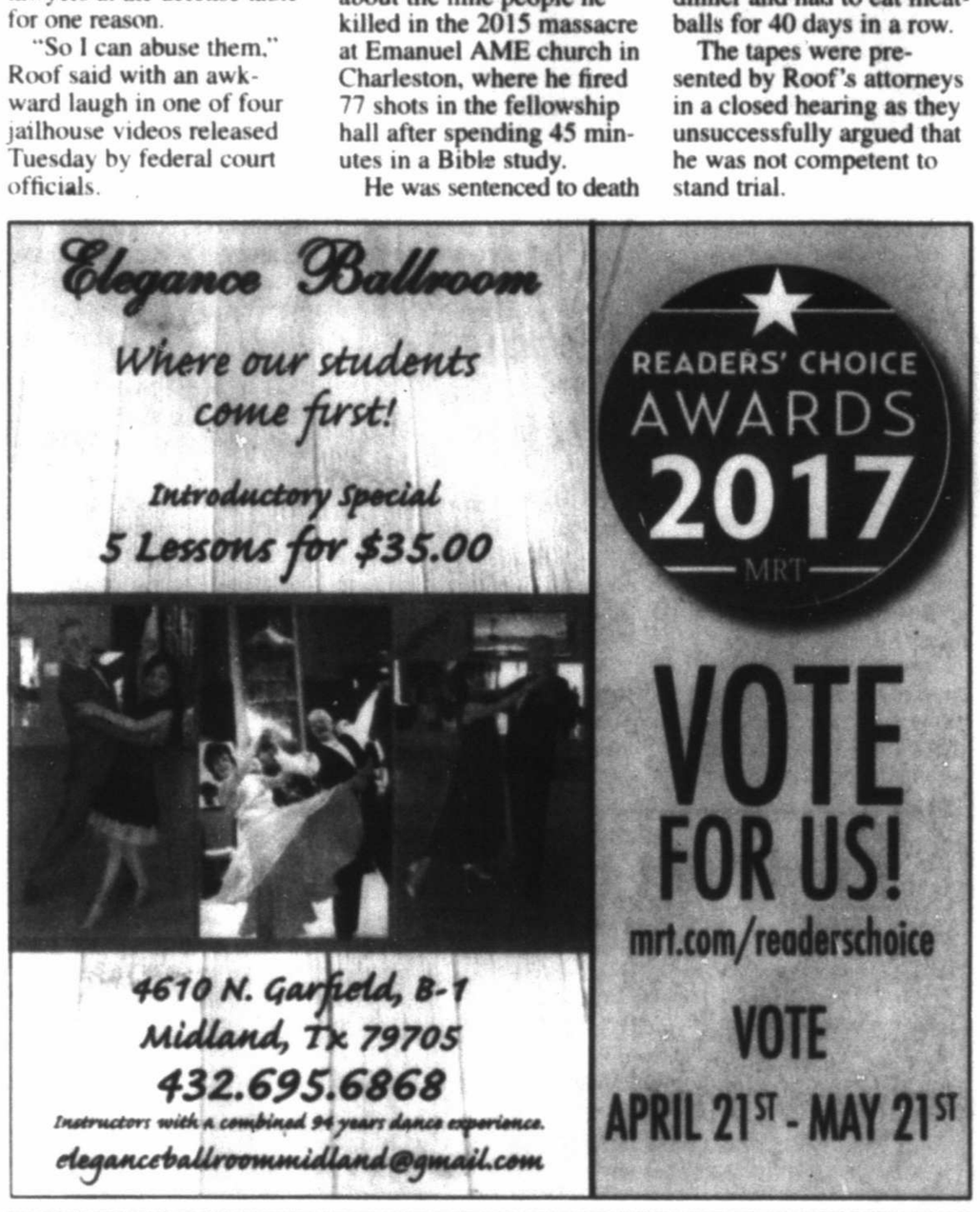
On the videos, Roof did not mention anything about the nine people he killed in the 2015 massacre at Emanuel AME church in Charleston, where he fired 77 shots in the fellowship hall after spending 45 minutes in a Bible study.

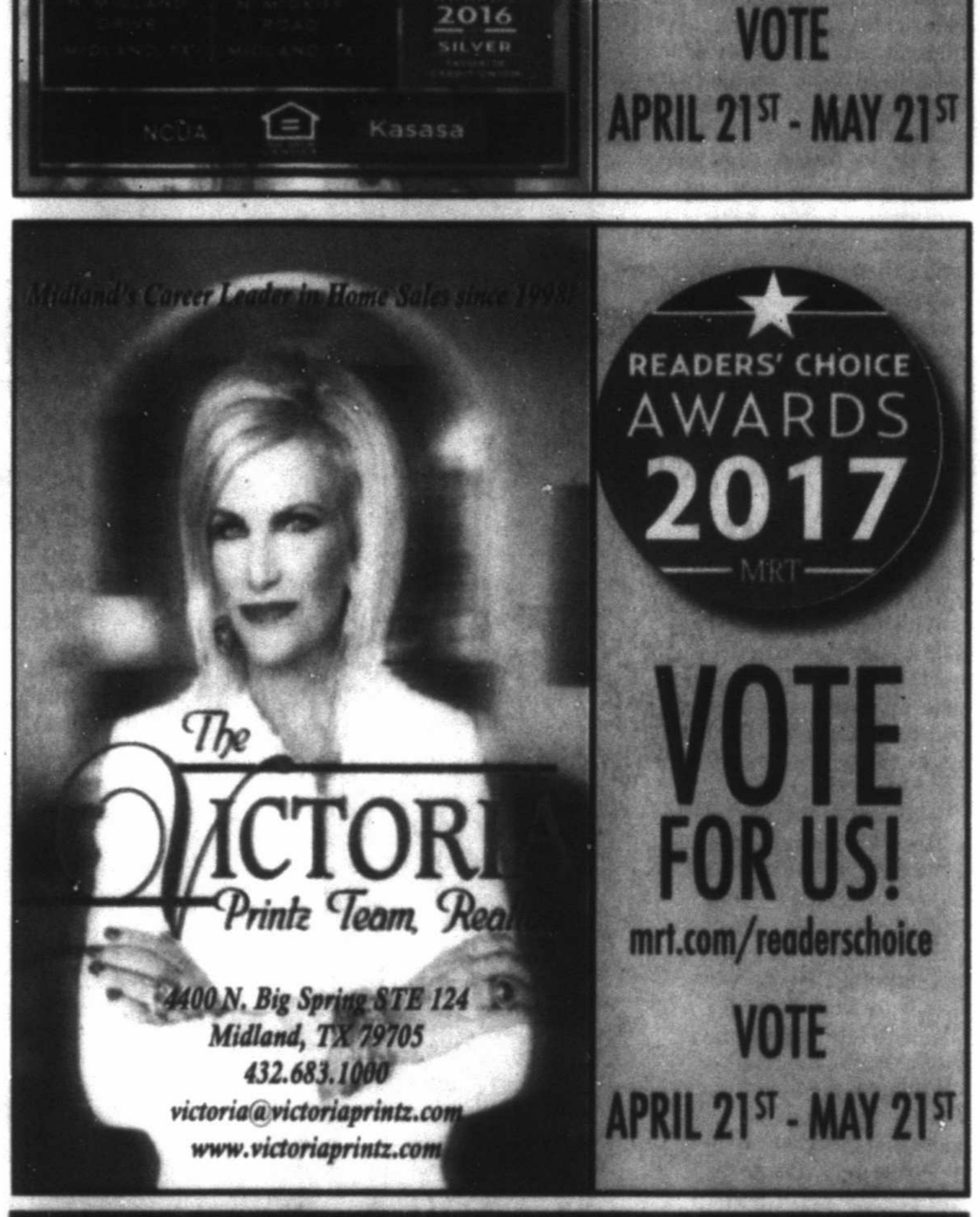
He was sentenced to death in January on federal hate-crime and obstruction-of-religion charges. He did not want the recordings made public and fired his lawyers to prevent them from presenting the videos to a jury as part of his defense.

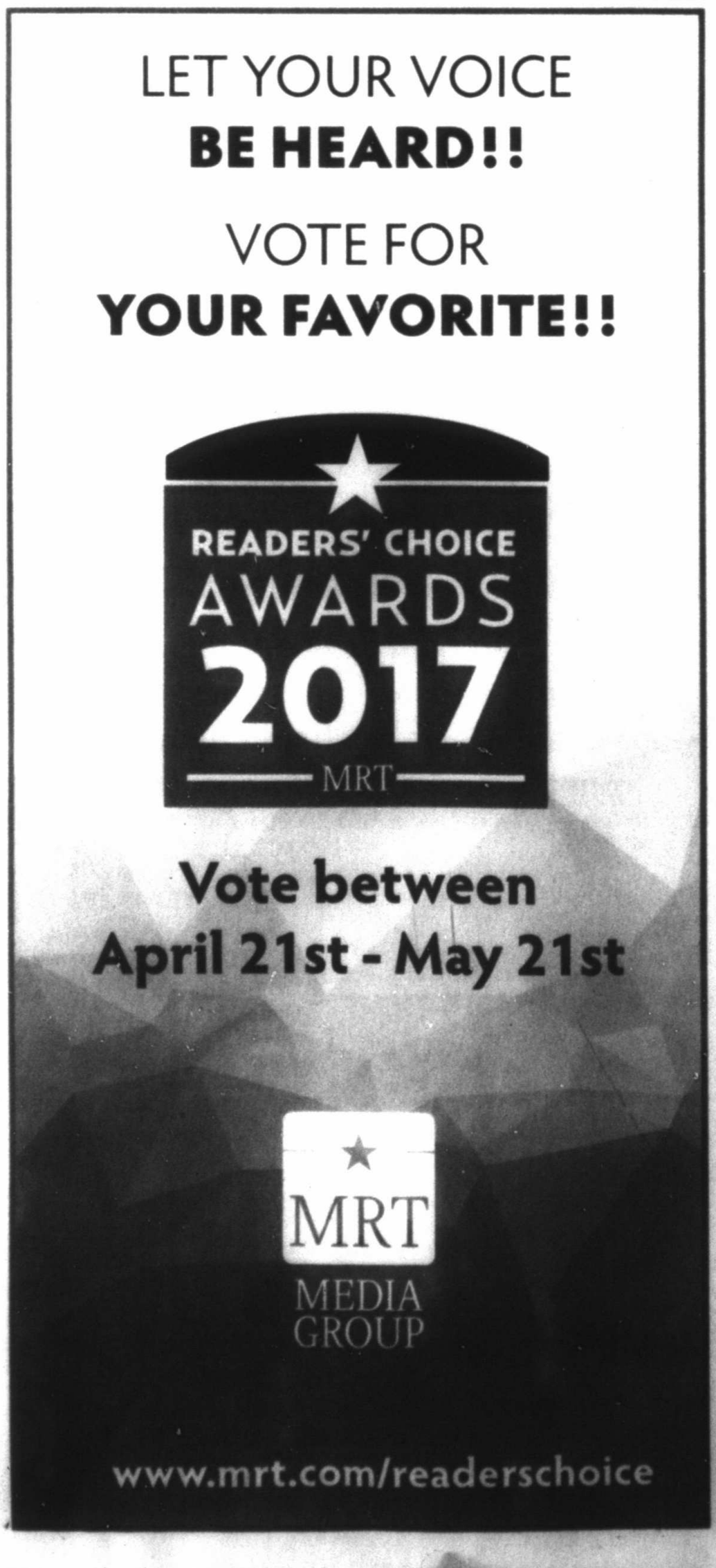
The conversations took place at the Charleston County jail on a video conferencing system similar to a Skype call. Roof could see his family and they could see him on small screens. They spoke into a phone receiver.

In the footage, Roof never mentioned any fear or anxiety about death row. Instead, he raved about the grits for breakfast and the chicken breast for dinner and complained that he got the high-protein tray for dinner and had to eat meatballs for 40 days in a row.

The tapes were presented by Roof's attorneys in a closed hearing as they unsuccessfully argued that he was not competent to stand trial.







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Conference to focus on women's mental health

Heroes in Heels event to target female veterans and first responders

By Simone Jasper
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U.S. Army veteran Callie Rios knows post-traumatic stress disorder can take a toll on women. Rios, also a former first responder, hopes to share mental health resources with females who have served their country or communities.

She's organizing Heroes in Heels, a conference that focuses on women who have served in the military or worked as law enforcement officials, EMTs or firefighters. The event is noon-6 p.m. Saturday and is open to the public.

Rios said the free conference at the Horseshoe Arena is an opportunity for female veterans to receive support. She said some who experienced military sexual trauma might be hesitant to speak out.

"More or less, females are a very small group in the military in general," Rios said. "We're trying to bring them out."

She said veterans and emergency personnel face some of the same mental health issues, such as PTSD. Though the conference caters to those two groups, resources are open to everyone.

"You don't have to be in the military or a first responder to get the help you need," said Tina Sawyers, who helped to plan the event. "You can be a civilian. That's what this conference is for: to know where to get help."

The event will serve both men and women through the Sgt. Mike Naylor Memorial PTSD Clinic, named for the Midland County sheriff's deputy who was killed while on duty in October 2014.

"He was a mental health deputy, law enforcement official and retired military," Rios said. "People can come to the clinic and make appointments immediately. We'll have counselors on site."

Rios said Naylor's death made an emotional impact on the local law enforcement community and caused it to lose some connections with mental health resources.

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SAFE AND SOUND

New mothers Rachel Salinas, left, and Taylor Freed visit as 6-week-old Mason Salinas relaxes May 3 in a baby box after a press conference announcing the partnering of startup, the Baby Box Company, with Dallas Medical Center at the facility in north Dallas. The box is intended to provide a safe space for sleeping for a baby, as well as educating those who receive it about keeping children safe and alive while they are sleeping. ***Louis DeLuca/The Dallas Morning News via AP***

Baby Box Co. partners with hospitals

■ Texas natives create program that emphasizes education, safety

By Sabriya Rice
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — A few weeks ago, Dallas resident Rachel Salinas decided to ditch the $175 bassinet she had purchased for her newborn son's nursery. Instead, Mason sleeps in an inexpensive, flower-patterned cardboard box, right beside her bed.

It may sound like an unusual sleeping arrangement to many parents, but a startup created by two North Texas natives aims to get hundreds of thousands of babies across the United States sleeping this way before the end of the year.

The "baby boxes" are intended to educate new parents about safe sleep practices and reduce the risk of sudden infant death, which sometimes occurs when babies get accidentally suffocated by soft bedding or entrapped in crib railings.

The Los Angeles-based Baby Box Co. recently announced partnerships with several Texas institutions, including Dallas Regional Medical Center in Mesquite and Dallas Medical Center in Farmers Branch.

New and expectant parents who take a free online course focused on safe sleep, including videos and quizzes created by pediatricians and other local experts, can get a certificate to pick up a free baby box at one of dozens of distribution centers in the state.

"The product in and of itself is not magical; it's like any other crib or bassinet that has been objectively reviewed," said Baby Box Co. CEO Jennifer Clary, a Dallas native.

"This is a comprehensive education and community initiative," she said. "And the box is the first point of contact for the parents."

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Progress reducing US uninsured rate comes to a halt

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Five years of progress reducing the number of Americans without health insurance has come to a halt, according to a government report out Tuesday. More than a factoid, it shows the stakes in the Republican drive to roll back the Affordable Care Act.

The report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 28.6 million people were uninsured in 2016, unchanged from 2015. It was the first year since passage of the health care overhaul in 2010 that the number of uninsured did not budge.

The uninsured rate for 2016 was 9 percent, an insignificant difference from 9.1 percent the previous year. When former President Barack Obama signed the ACA in 2010, the uninsured rate had been 16 percent.

Tuesday's report suggests that the ACA was running low on gas in Obama's final year as president. Premiums for private insurance were about to jump, and 19 states continued to refuse the law's Medicaid expansion.

Now, the number of uninsured could start climbing again under policies being considered by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans.

The politically unpopular GOP bill passed narrowly by the House would limit Medicaid financing and curtail subsidies for many consumers buying their own private policies. Republicans also would repeal the requirement that most Americans carry health insurance or risk fines, a much-disliked nudge to get healthy people covered.

The legislation would lead to an estimated increase of 24 million uninsured people within 10 years, according to congressional analysts. Under "Obamacare," there are 20 million fewer uninsured since 2010.

"It's disappointing that it's stalled out," said health economist Gail Wilensky, a Republican. "The real question is, will we be able to keep the gains that we have made?" Critical of the ACA and co-author of an alternative plan by GOP policy experts, Wilensky nonetheless supports the goal of expanding coverage. She's concerned about the impact of the House bill on Medicaid, the federal-state

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Other countries have lower health costs, healthier populations

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Most people don't realize that current federal and state budgets already have enough money to provide free health care to every man, woman and child in America.

If our political leaders spent our money more wisely, corporations and American workers could stop paying insurance premiums tomorrow. Just check the numbers from 2015:

Medicare, the health insurance plan for the elderly, cost $646.2 billion. Medicaid, which goes mostly to children, women and the impoverished elderly, cost $554.3 billion.

The Veterans Administration spent $64.6 billion, while the Department of Defense paid out $41.7 billion. The Children's Health Insurance Program, an expanded program for poor kids, was another $14 billion.

That's $1.32 trillion in taxpayer money spent on health care for just 148 million Americans. Divide that among 321 million Americans, and it comes to $4,110 each.

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Obituaries

Bennie Glynn Patterson

Bennie Glynn Patterson, 79, of Midland, Texas, passed away on May 14, 2017.

Bennie was born in 1938 in Dallas, Texas to Liborio and Myrtle Paternostro. After moving to San Antonio, Texas in 1941, when Bennie was three, Liborio changed the family name to Patterson. His wish was for them to have a more American name.

Bennie attended school in San Antonio till his senior year when he moved to Crane, Texas in 1956. After graduating in 1957, he attended Sul Ross University in Alpine, Texas, graduating with a business degree in 1964. He then moved to Odessa, Texas working for various insurance companies as an Insurance Adjuster, retiring with Hochheim Prairie Insurance.

Throughout Bennie's life he had many interests. He loved boating, teaching his daughter and step-children how to water ski and tube riding at Brownwood Lake. He also loved fishing, where he and Joyce spent many a Thanksgiving on Lake Amistad. He was an avid Harley rider. He started out on a Gold Wing graduating to his beloved 1983 Dyna Wide Glide Harley Davidson, which he had custom painted black and purple. He rode many miles through New Mexico and Colorado. He also made two trips to Sturgis for the 49th and 50th gathering.

In the early 90s, he became interested in antique cars. First buying his beloved 1953 Buick, he had it customized and had it painted his signature black and purple to match his Harley. He loved hauling his two black and purple motorcycles behind his Buick. He then bought the 1967 red GTO convertible, telling Joyce it was for her to drive. Only thing, it was never available when she wanted to. He drove these in parades, many car tours, and loved showing them off in car shows and winning many, many trophies. He loved spending time with his friends in the West Texas AACA, Classic Memories, and Car Club, which he served as Vice-President for many years. A special thanks to all of his buddies for their love to Bennie.

Bennie had other loves in his life – his fur babies, Spook and Kirby. Preceded in death were his Bassett Hounds, Bassie and Sassie, and his Boston Terrier, Prissy. He was devoted to his fur babies, making all his kids and grandchildren say they wish they could come back as his fur babies.

Bennie met Joyce on the dance floor and they knew they were soul mates and married in 1981. He and Joyce enjoyed many years of dancing every weekend to country music. They also loved their boating, motorcycling, fishing, camping, and polishing their antique cars.

Bennie is survived by his wife, Joyce; children, Susie Hodges (Duffy Terry), Laura Coleman, and Tammie Welch (Van); seven grandchildren, Brittan Hodges, Christopher Welch (Rebecca Gould), Sumer Cline (Keith), Kirstine Benitez (Josh), Kelsey Coleman (Steven Ellis), Kelton Weigel, and Kaytlin Welch; and by great-grandchildren, Connor and Kade Cline.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Liborio (Bennie) and Myrtle Patterson; step-brother, Bernard Hollowell; and step-son, Toby Weigel.

Pallbearers will be Gilbert Lopez, Mondo Barron, Dale Dawson, Sam Austin, Richard Hagelstein, and Sam Gonzales.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brittan Hodges, Christopher Welch, Kelton Weigel, and John Buntin.

Special thanks is given to Midland Memorial Hospital Staff on the 5th and 7th floor and the Hospice staff for all the love and care they gave Bennie during his last days, and also for the concern and care given to the family during this time.

Viewing will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017, with visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday May 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Nalley Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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Candy Rae Henry

Candy Rae Henry, 53, passed away on May 13, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at Crestview Baptist Church on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with Sheriff Gary Painter officiating.

Candy was born on June 30, 1963 in Memphis, Tennessee to Dorothy and Donald Ashenbramer. She was a wonderful mother, wife, Grandma/Mammie/Gma, and friend. She was the most kind and caring person you would ever meet. She loved to spend time with family and friends but most of all her grandchildren. She loved to be outdoors with her grandchildren tending to her lawn and flowers.

She was a proud supporter of the military and law enforcement. She was employed by the Midland County Sheriff's office for 16 years and was a school teacher at Scharbauer Elementary before that. Her laugh was always contagious and she always put others before herself. She was a mother figure and foster parent to many people when they needed a mother the most.

She is survived by her children, Raymond Cory Henry and wife Ashley, James William Henry and wife Lily, and Amanda Wade and husband Dustin; the love of her life and high school sweetheart, James Raymond Henry; siblings, Amy Ashenbramer, Janna Ashenbramer, Nissa Ashenbramer, and Julia Childerson; father, Donald Ashenbramer and wife Barbara; grandmother, Helen Ashenbramer; in-laws, Nolan, Rebecca, and Mike; grandchildren, Katherine Henry, Jannika Henry, Nolan Henry, Olivia Wade, and Braileigh Wade; and by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Elaine Ashenbramer; grandfather, Jack Ashenbramer; and by many extended family members.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward The Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland County Honor Guard, her doctors and nurses at MD Anderson, the nurses at Midland Memorial Hospital, Shari, Trini, Mary, Wilson, Kathryn, Kendra, Juanita, Annie, Vanessa, Tonia, Wynter, Megan, Ashley, Tanta and Bertha, all her family and friends who supported her and who have been by her side through the past year, her #Bitchsquad (#pinkladies) Jennifer, Angela, Sandi, Becky, Shari and Thompson, and all her bonus children who loved and cared for her as much as her own children.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Pancreatic Cancer Research, MD Anderson, Show of Support, Midland County Sheriff's Office, Midland County Sheriff's Office Association, Midland Fire Department, Midland Police Department, or Hospice of Midland.

The family has requested everyone to wear bright colors. Polka dots are always welcome!

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Janice Cates

Janice Cates, 71, of Midland, passed away on Friday, May 12, 2017.

Janice was born in Cuthbert, Texas on June 7, 1945. She spent her early years in Sfyder, Texas where she met the great love of her life, Joe Cates. The two were married and later moved to Midland where they built a life. Joe and Janice were married 55 years.

Janice made things. She grew elaborate gardens and kept exotic birds. She painted beautiful paintings, played dozens of instruments and made jewelry and sculptures from precious stones and metals. She was a teacher, and passed on her gifts to hundreds of people spanning more than three generations.

Janice was an impassioned person who felt great love for people and joy for life. She was generous and kind, compassionate, and graceful. She possessed rare strength and had a fiery temper when she thought someone she loved had been wronged. Janice was a woman of such great character, it took a lifetime to define. Her paintings still hang, her sculptures still sit, and the students she taught still play.

Janice is survived by her husband, Joe Cates; daughters, Tamara Cates and Carmon Spencer and husband Drew; sister, Kay Wardlaw and husband Mike; grandchildren, Taber White and wife Nikki Amiro, Katy Spencer and Braden Spencer; and great-grandchildren, Morgan White and Jack White.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

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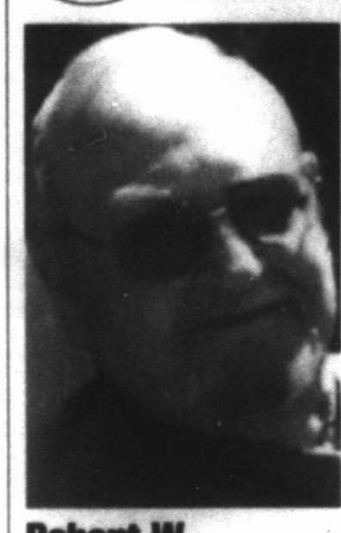

Robert W. Wilkerson

Robert Wilkerson, 78, passed away peacefully among family on Monday May 15, 2017.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

Robert was born May 26, 1938 in Lamesa, Texas to Oda and Gladys Wilkerson. He graduated from Stanton High School. He married Jeanie Howell October 2, 1959 in Midland, Texas.

Robert was employed by Pan American Petroleum as a geologist in 1959 and later transferred to production operations. He retired in 1987 from Amoco Production as a Sr. drilling superintendent.

His achievements during his career were a great source of pride to him and his family. He made lifelong friends and lasting relationships with the people he worked with. He was well respected in his field of expertise and being a great source of knowledge, was always available and eager to give advice and guidance to his family and friends in the industry after retirement.

Robert enjoyed fishing, leatherwork, and mentoring his children and grandchildren in literature, history, and politics.

Survivors include his daughter, Terri Davis and husband Ricky of Mountain Home, Texas; daughter, Toni Musick and husband Jesse of Spicewood, Texas; daughter, Cody Simmons and spouse Tim Greeson of Odessa, Texas; son, Shannon Wilkerson and wife Janis of Eldorado, Texas; daughter, Heather Angel of Gardendale, Texas; grandchildren, Mitch Wilkerson and wife Courtney, Cole Wilkerson and wife Codi, and Remy Angel, all of San Angelo, Texas; and great-grandchildren, Molly, Jaxon, Hudson, and Makaylen Wilkerson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Jeanie.

The family suggests memorials be made to Wounded Warriors.

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Roscoe "Red" Frazier

Roscoe "Red" Frazier, 89 of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

A celebration of his life will begin at 11:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park on Thursday, May 18, 2017. The celebration will be officiated by Chaplain Robert Kirk and Pastor Rick Holeman.

Red was born on September 4, 1927 in Maverick, Texas to Rolla and Jewel Frazier. He served in the United States Navy during World War II which earned him the World War II Victory Medal. After his discharge in 1946, he began working for the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier until his retirement.

He married the love of his life, Vera Frazier, on December 25, 1947. They were married for 48 years until her passing on November 17, 1996. Together, Vera and Red raised two daughters, Debra and Paula, who they loved very much. Red was the team leader for Friend Who Care (Hospice Midland) for 20 years. He was a faithful man and a member of Cotton Flat Baptist Church.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Debra Long and Paula Telford; grandchildren, Bradley Long, Michelle Long, Benna Cain, Sara Alexander, and Hannah Telford; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Richardson; multiple nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and wife.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the loving and caring staff of Hospice Midland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Death Notices

Allen Laman, Jr.

Allen Laman, Jr., 54, of Odessa, Texas, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017.

He is survived by his mother, Grace Laman; and by one sister and two brothers.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at Grace Christian Fellowship Church. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Edna Louise Alexander

Edna Louise Alexander, 85, of Midland, Texas, passed away Monday, May 15, 2017.

Private burial will take place in Flower Mound, Texas.

Celebration of life will be 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Flower Mound Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound, Texas.

Survivors include sons Keith Alexander, Jr., Kent Alexander, and Kirk Alexander.

Jesus Manuel Marmolejo

Jesus Manuel Marmolejo, 39, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017.

Rosary will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017 at San Miguel Archangel Catholic Church in Midland.

Flowers may be sent to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

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MIT study reveals that exercise can be contagious

■ Researchers use fitness tracker data from people with social network ties

By Amina Khan
Los Angeles Times

Now here's a contagion that might not be so bad to encounter. A new analysis of the running habits of about 1.1 million people reveals that exercise is indeed contagious — though its communicability depends on who's spreading it.

The findings, published in the journal Nature Communications, also reveal that certain relationships are better at spreading the running bug than others — and could have implications for the study of other social contagions, such as obesity and smoking.

In recent years, researchers in a wide range of fields — from economics and politics to medicine and computer science — have begun to investigate the ways in which many of our individual decisions affect the decisions of our peers, and how behavioral changes may spread through a social network.

"If behavioural contagions exist," the study authors wrote, "understanding how, when and to what extent they manifest in different behaviours will enable us to transition from independent intervention strategies to more effective interdependent interventions that incorporate individuals' social contexts into their treatments."

Creating health and other interventions that effectively could harness the social network to maximize their benefit would be a real game-changer, researchers say. But it's been difficult to draw conclusions from studies based on self-reporting surveys (where participants may not be fully honest or aware of their own behaviors) or laboratory experiments (which may not fully capture the real-life complexities of causal relationships within social networks).

So for this paper, Sinan Aral and Christos Nicolaides of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology used fitness tracker data to study the running and activity habits of around 1.1 million people in an actual global social network. The runners had formed about 3.4 million social network ties; the researchers analyzed the 2.1 million or so ties for which they could pinpoint geographic location and weather information for both users. Over five years, these social media users ran a collective 350 million kilometers — and their runs were all automatically posted online for their friends to see, reducing the issues that come with self-reporting.

On the same day on average, an additional kilometer run by friends influences an individual to run an additional 0.3 kilometers. An additional kilometer per minute run by friends pushes a person to run an additional 0.3 kilometers per minute faster than usual. If those friends run an extra 10 minutes, that person is likely to run about three minutes longer than they would have. If those friends burn an extra 10 calories, that person will end up burning 3.5 more calories.

The effect is strongest on the same day and appears to diminish with time, the authors wrote.

So the scientists found that a runner's peers did influence him or her to run more — but they also discovered that not all users influenced their buddies equally. Individuals were more likely to be prodded to up their game by less-active peers than by more active ones. Men were influenced by the activity of both men and women, but women were influenced only by other women. Inconsistent runners influenced consistent runners far more than the other way around.

"Social comparisons may provide an explanation for these results," the study authors wrote. Social comparison theory, they added, "proposes that we self-evaluate by comparing ourselves to others."

But do we make upward comparisons to peers performing better than us, or downward comparisons to those performing worse? That's been a subject of debate, the researchers said.

"Comparisons to those ahead of us may motivate our own self-improvement, while comparisons to those behind us may create 'competitive behaviour to protect one's superiority,'" they explained. "Our findings are consistent with both arguments, but the effects are much larger for downward comparisons than for upward comparisons."

So people who we think are our closest fitness "peers" — particularly those who we think are slightly lower on the totem pole relative to ourselves — are most likely to get us to push our limits.

There are possible explanations in the scientific literature for the gender divide too, the scientists added.

"For example, men report receiving and being more influenced by social support in their decision to adopt exercise behaviours, while women report being more motivated by self-regulation and individual planning," the study authors wrote. "Moreover, men may be more competitive and specifically more competitive with each other. Experimental evidence suggests that women perform less well in mixed gender competition than men, even though they perform equally well in non-competitive or single sex competitive settings."

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Boxes

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Salinas, 30, said before she learned about the boxes, she would sometimes allow her baby to sleep beside her in the bed, a practice experts do not recommend. Now she prefers the box.

"You can move it anywhere. It's lightweight, portable and goes easily to grandma's house," she said at a recent event.

Texas is the fourth state to announce such an initiative, following launches in New Jersey, Ohio and Alabama earlier this year.

Clary and co-founder Michelle Vick have been best friends since childhood. Both attended the Hockaday School in Dallas.

Sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, was the leading cause of mortality in Texas infants older than 28 days in 2014, according to the Department of State Health Services. The deaths were more prevalent among black and teen moms.

There were about 3,700 sudden unexpected infant deaths in the United States in 2015, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of those, about 900 were because of accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed.

There has been a national campaign to encourage safe sleeping. Guidelines say parents should always place babies on their backs to sleep and use a firm sleep surface covered by a fitted sheet. They should never share the bed with a baby or keep loose bedding in the baby's sleep area.

The goal of the baby box program is to encourage mothers to seek regular prenatal care and encourage new parents to have discussions about safety with their health care providers.

Still, there are things consumers should know before they obtain a box.

The American Academy of Pediatrics' official position on the boxes notes that "there is insufficient data" on the role the product plays in reducing infant mortality. The AAP is a national organization of more than 64,000 pediatricians that makes recommendations and policy statements and issues clinical reports related to pediatric health.

Cardboard boxes for babies are currently not subject to any mandatory safety standards and do not meet the federal definition of a crib or bassinet, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The Baby Box Co. founders say the emphasis is on education, not just a box.

Still, their distribution in the absence of safety standards is a concern for Marisa Abbe, manager of the injury prevention program at Children's Health in Dallas.

Products like cribs and bassinets have undergone rigorous testing. The boxes have not. And it can take years for statistics about reported injuries to catch up when a new trend becomes popular in health care.

"What I like about the boxes is that they seem to help parents sleep in the same room with their child," Abbe said. "But we would always advise that parents put their child to sleep in an approved space that has been shown to be safe."

The CPSC wants manufacturers to work with child safety experts, standards development organizations and others to create voluntary standards for the emerging industry.

The Baby Box Co. says its product has a proven track record.

"Their safety has been tested in the sense that we have a substantial number of units in circulation and no infant injuries or fatalities in our product to date," Clary said.

Around 100,000 have been distributed in participating states. The goal is to send out 400,000 in Texas alone by year's end.

The concept of the baby box began in Finland around the 1930s to address a high infant mortality rate. Every new mother would get the baby's first bed, a box full of essential items, given as part of a maternity package from the Finnish government.

But in order to receive one, each new mom had to get a medical exam during the first four months of pregnancy, according to a BBC report on the initiative. The effort worked. Finland has one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the world, about 2.52 for every 1,000 births.

However, data has never been collected on the role the cardboard boxes played in the success, and some say that correlation does not mean causality. Better access to prenatal care and a concerted national focus on the problem probably played a large role.

"It wasn't just the box that led to reductions in infant mortality. It was just a contributor," said Dr. Dyann Daley, a pediatric anesthesiologist in Fort Worth who is working with the Baby Box Co.'s research department to create a study to track the success of efforts in Texas.

Part of that includes educating health professionals. While researching infant mortality rates, Daley looked into whether staff in birthing hospitals across North Texas regularly told patients about breastfeeding and safe infant sleep practices.

"We learned that they were not. This is a problem," she said.

Her research also found that not all parents, especially those in low-income communities, have access to a safe infant sleep surface.

The Baby Box Co. was founded in 2013. The boxes being distributed in Texas are made out of durable cardboard. They have a mattress certified for infant sleep, a waterproof mattress cover and fitted sheets.

The effort is part of a public-private partnership. The box comes filled with goods such as diapers, baby wipes and nursing pads, donated by corporate manufacturers. The pattern of the box includes the bluebonnet, Texas state flower, and was designed by a South Texas nonprofit.

Local pediatric experts and hospitals volunteered to create an online syllabus for families.

The Baby Box Co., a for-profit entity that also sells on its website products such as onesies and breast pads, typically sells the boxes for about $70 each.

Private donations and proceeds from the direct to consumer site allow them to provide thousands of boxes for free to those who take the online course.

"We see a strong return on our investment in communities," said Clary, noting that people tend to return to the website for other products. "And we also believe we're doing the right thing for public health."

The private information of those who sign up is not shared with private partners or health providers for marketing purposes, although people can opt in for those things, she said.

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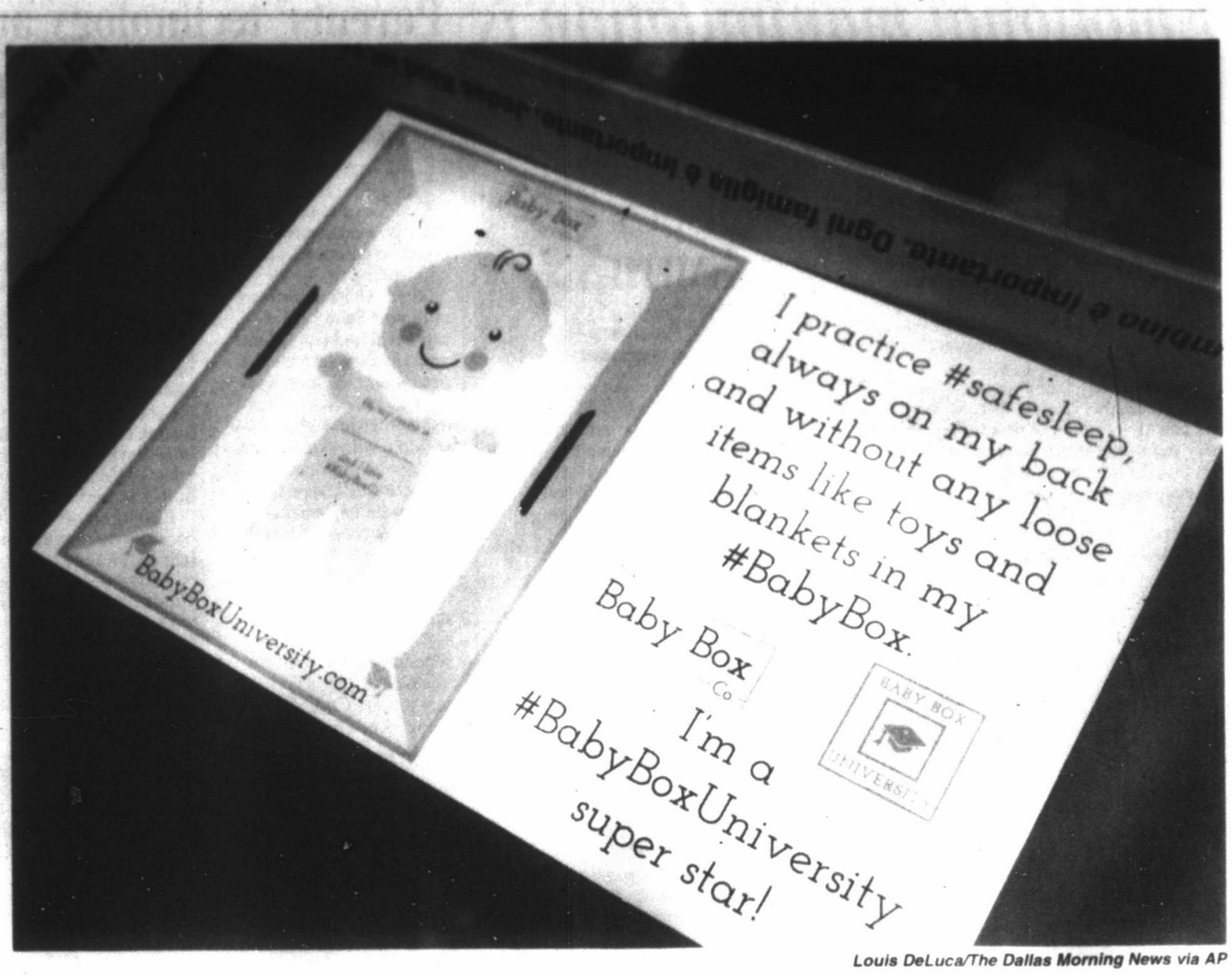

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One of the educational signs that comes with the baby box is seen May 3 at a press conference announcing the partnering of local startup the Baby Box Company, with Dallas Medical Center at the facility in north Dallas. The box is intended to provide a safe space for sleeping for a baby, as well as educating those who receive it about keeping children safe and alive while they are sleeping.

Event

From 1B

"They had to build again," Rios said. "In the process, some people slipped through the cracks. We're trying to have resources. If art therapy works for you, great. If Reconnection [a workshop series for transitioning to civilian life] works for you, great. Or if you're interested in camaraderie, come out."

For Rios, the focus on mental health is personal. She was at Fort Hood in 2009 when a shooter killed 13 people. During the scenario, she couldn't reach her children and still feels the need to protect them.

"I know there are other moms who feel the same way," Rios said. "They can't be the moms they want to be because of PTSD. I'm sure it's the same with dads that can't be the dads they want to be because of PTSD. It's the support. We want to build that network."

Rios is a volunteer for the Disabled American Veterans Permian Basin Chapter 58, the event sponsor. She also works as a disaster program manager at the American Red Cross Permian Basin Area Chapter, which is providing the Reconnection Workshops.

Other entities will distribute resources, and speakers are slated to address various topics.

To raise money for the conference, the DAV is hosting a Veterans Military Ball 6 p.m. Friday at VFW Post 4372 in Odessa. Event attendees are encouraged to give a $25 donation.

Rios hopes women with mental health needs will turn to the conference for help.

"We have expectations of being caring — the females in the household have the experience of taking care of the house," Rios said. "You can put issues on the back burner and let issues simmer too long before you explode."

For information about the conference, call 210-3716. To RSVP for the military ball, contact 260-1214.

Uninsured

From 1B

program for low-income and disabled people.

The new numbers come from CDC's National Health Interview Survey, which is considered an authoritative source, and publishes findings earlier than the Census Bureau. Estimates for 2016 were based on data for nearly 97,500 people.

"It looks like we are kind of sticking a landing and holding on to the gains," said Katherine Hempstead, who directs research on health insurance at the nonpartisan Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "To increase coverage, you would have to see more states take up the Medicaid expansion, and some reforms to increase take-up in the individual (private) market."

Could the number of uninsured start rising again? Absolutely, say both Wilensky and Hempstead.

"This release is really timely because it just helps everybody focus on what's at stake," said Hempstead.

The report found a significant increase in the percentage of people under age 65 covered last year through government-sponsored insurance markets like HealthCare.gov. About 11.6 million (4.3 percent) had marketplace insurance in the last three months of 2016, compared with 9.1 million (3.4 percent) in the same period the previous year.

States that expanded Medicaid were more effective at reducing the number of uninsured. Of the 16 states with adult uninsured rates significantly lower than the nation as a whole, 15 expanded Medicaid. In that group, only Wisconsin had not extended coverage for low-income people.

Conversely, of the nine states that had significantly higher uninsured rates, only New Mexico expanded Medicaid.

The CDC numbers do not reflect any changes directly attributable to Trump, who took office this year on Jan. 20.

During the campaign and since, the president has made some big promises about health insurance, talking of coverage for everybody and much more affordable premiums and deductibles. But Trump has also embraced a GOP bill that would make more people uninsured, even if it delivers on his campaign pledge to repeal "Obamacare." And he's threatened to stop paying subsidies that reduce out-of-pocket costs such as deductibles for people with modest incomes.

Hillary Clinton had promised to increase government assistance for private insurance costs and also work to convince holdout states to expand their Medicaid programs.

"This is really pre-election activity" reflected in the CDC survey, said Wilensky. "It's news because people need to know we seem to have reached a plateau." What that will look like a year from now is unclear, she added.

Tomlinson

From 1B

Other industrialized countries manage to cover all citizens for an average of $3,620 each, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. But the U.S. spends $9,024 a year, the highest in the developed world, and still has 28.5 million people without insurance.

For that high, high price, we get an unhealthy population, short life expectancies, high infant mortality and very low patient satisfaction. But there is a bright spot for some American doctors, hospitals, insurance companies and drug manufacturers are the most profitable in the world.

So what do other countries do to get lower health costs and healthier populations? That's the question Robert Morgan, professor of management at the University of Texas School of Public Health, asks graduate students every year.

Morgan's students analyze health care delivery systems in Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. At the end of the semester, they draft plans for applying those systems to the United States to improve health and guarantee universal coverage.

Morgan allowed me to sit in on three student presentations where the class discussed each system's pros and cons.

In Taiwan and the UK, the government pays the bills, eliminating the need for insurance companies. In the UK, doctors and hospitals are operated by the government, eliminating another middle man for what Americans call socialized medicine. In Taiwan, health care providers are independent, which is similar to the Medicare for All model.

Germany and Japan also mandate coverage, but allow nonprofit insurance companies to administer plans. Health care providers remain private. Switzerland also mandates coverage, but allows each canton, or province, to customize a health system that fits.

Mandatory coverage was the biggest cost-saver, boosting efficiency through preventative care and electronic health records linked to ID cards. Universal access where providers can access any patient's records also boosted satisfaction rates. All the systems also keep down costs by capping prices, similar to Medicare. But the problems with each plan are the interesting part.

The UK's national system creates an economy of scale to keep down costs, but the program doesn't cover all treatments, and waiting lists for elective procedures can get long. Politicians in Taiwan, meanwhile, have created a huge deficit because they don't want to raise taxes or limit benefits.

Germany, Japan and Switzerland can also skimp by American standards. For example, patients with basic coverage must share hospital rooms. Patients can pay more for premium services, but that comes at a significant cost on top of the basic plans, which are expensive compared to other rich nations.

Taiwan had the lowest cost per person at $2,546 a year, while Switzerland had the highest at $6,788. Only Taiwan's system ranked lower than the U.S. for patient health, according to The Lancet, Britain's top medical journal.

I asked the students for their conclusion, and they agreed that the U.S. has the worst system, both medically and economically. And they are right, because Americans are getting price gouged at every step of our for-profit health system.

If we are serious about improving the American economy, health care can no longer consume 17.8 percent of gross domestic product. That means slashing prices everywhere, from doctor and hospital fees, to insurance premiums and deductibles, to drugs and medical devices.

Neither Obamacare nor Trumpcare, though, even attempt such an overhaul because well-financed lobbyists won't allow it. The bill passed by the House does not cut costs and will guarantee only that Americans will get less care for each dollar spent. Health care industry profits, though, will soar.

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Emotional manipulation is devious form of abuse

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Centers for Children and Families

Emotional manipulation is a devious form of influencing and taking advantage of people. This is the most damaging form of abuse prevalent in our society today, especially for children and women. It is the most difficult abuse to prove, but it leaves the forever scars. It can be found in the workplace, playground, schools, churches, homes and in a therapeutic setting.

The emotional manipulator starts out as charming, but quickly turns to skewing one's perception of reality. The victim may think their every need is being met, but it is not, as shown over time.

Characteristics of an emotional manipulator:

- They lie.
- They put the victim on guilt trips.
- They persuade the victim to do things they would not normally do.
- They gradually begin to control the victim's life.
- They use anger and punishment to motivate the victim.
- They receive all of the benefits of a relationship.
- They blame others for things that have happened to them.
- They belittle the opinion of the victim.
- They act differently in front of different people.
- They tell the victim they are not good enough or that they are not wanted.
- They may have grandiose plans that never materialize.
- They make arguments that are not based on reason.
- They do not care about anyone but themselves.
- They pretend to have catastrophic illnesses that never get worse, but, simply just go away.

In treatment, a professional should:

- help the victim eradicate their guilt,
- help the victim identify that the manipulator presented a false reality,
- teach the victim that things are not always as they appear,
- teach the victim to heed their "gut instinct,"
- teach the victim the skills to remain safe and to combat a manipulator,
- make a list of the excuses that the manipulator has used, and
- do extensive role plays with the victim.

In the mind of a child, the "big person" (male or female) has the authority and they have been taught to obey that authority.

Unfortunately, law enforcement does not understand this syndrome and the critical damage it can do. Many families are split, and, it seems that revenge on the part of one or the other parent is rampant. Who will stand for the children?

Parents' technology addictions could lead to kids' behavioral problems

By Vikki Ortiz Healy
Chicago Tribune

Caution, parents: Your smartphone addiction could be harming your children.

Research by a professor at Illinois State University has found that parents who say they struggle to limit their time looking at phones, tablets and other technological devices have children who exhibit more behavioral problems including acting out, crying or other negative behaviors.

"We need to critically examine our device use," said Brandon McDaniel, family and consumer sciences assistant professor and author of a study scheduled to be published this week in the psychology journal Child Development. "Let's be mindful of how phones can influence us, so that we can be the master of our phones instead of our phones being the master of us."

For the study, McDaniel surveyed 170 parents across the U.S. — mostly married, all in long-term relationships — on "technoference," or how technology affects interactions between parents and children. The study is the among the first of its kind in the developing field of research that explores the effect of technology on relationships, McDaniel said.

Results showed that the parents who reported problematic or addictive use of technology — checking phones often, feeling lost without them or turning to cellphones when they are lonely — also reported that their relationships with their children were being interrupted. The interruptions led to kids acting out, turning inward with feelings, or exhibiting aggressive behavior or crying spells, McDaniel said.

McDaniel, whose website includes the motto "working to make families stronger," conducted previous research that showed that mothers in co-parenting relationships were less satisfied in their relationship when there was more technoference.

He noted that his aim is not to make parents feel guilty about their habits, but rather to help the public be mindful of the way technology is changing the way we interact.

"This is just the day and age that we live in. These devices are designed to absorb our attention," McDaniel said.

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GUEST VIEW

San Antonio Express-News

3-D mammograms should be covered

Texas women should have better access to three-dimensional mammography.

Legislation filed by state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, a breast cancer survivor, would require Texas health insurance companies to cover 3-D mammography for breast cancer screening.

The improved technology used in 3-D screenings can spot tumors faster, identify up to 53 percent more breast cancers than traditional 2-D mammograms and significantly reduce false positives.

The procedure is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Advanced technology used for the screening produce multiple images, or X-rays, to create a digital 3-D picture of the breast.

Federal law mandates coverage of traditional 2-D mammograms, but some insurers still consider 3-D mammograms to be experimental and don't cover them. The out-of-pocket cost for women whose insurance won't pay for the latest technology in breast cancer testing is usually $50 to $100, and that is simply unaffordable for some women.

Three-dimensional mammography is quickly becoming the standard and is especially beneficial for women with denser breast tissue.

The bill, which has the potential of saving many lives, merits bipartisan support. Early detection decreases treatment costs and improves patient outcomes.

It is regrettable that state legislation is being required to get Texas insurance companies to do the right thing on this significant women's health issue.

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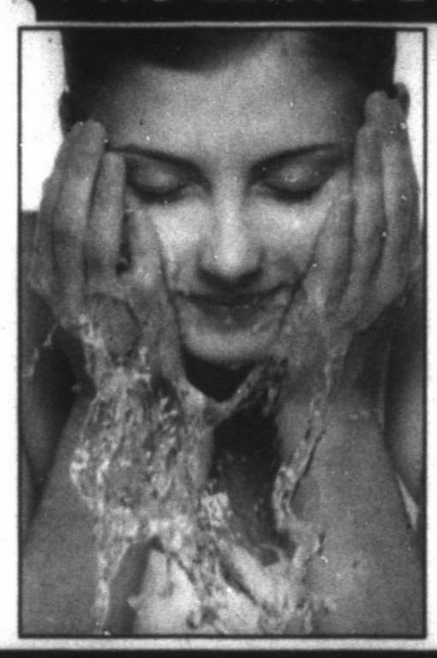

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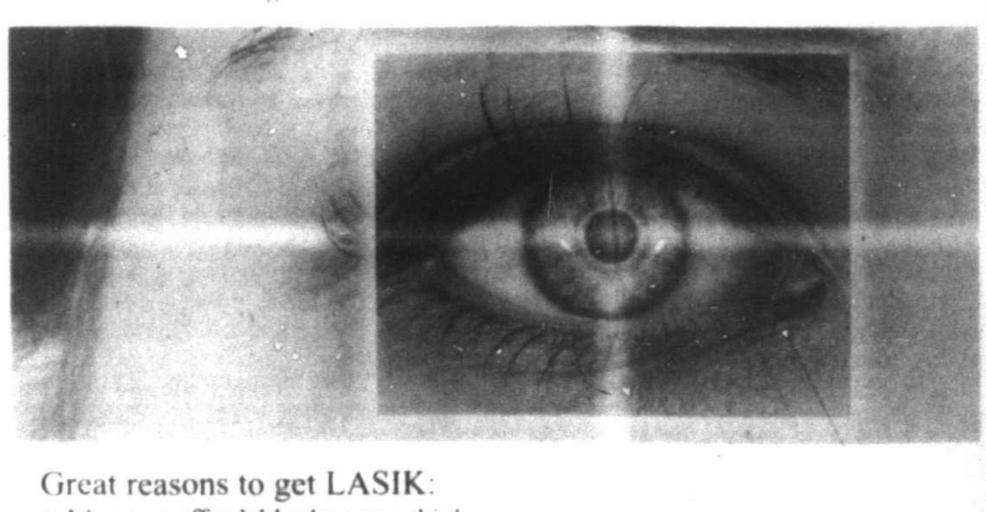

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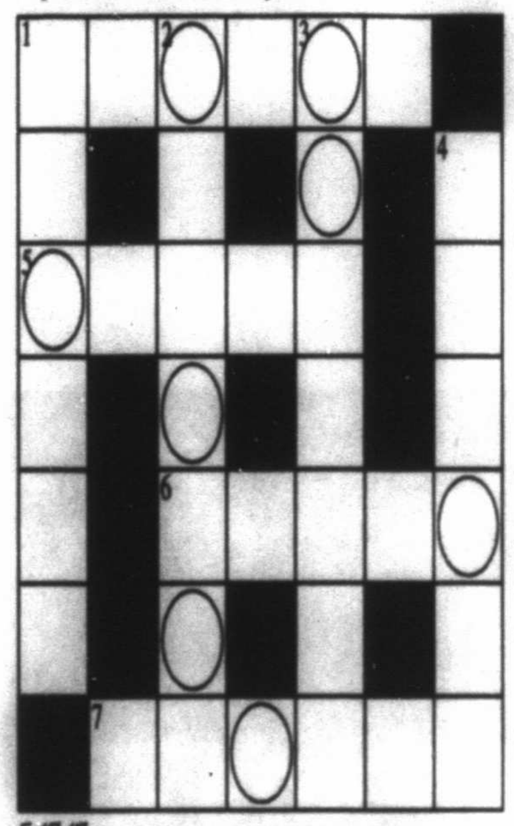

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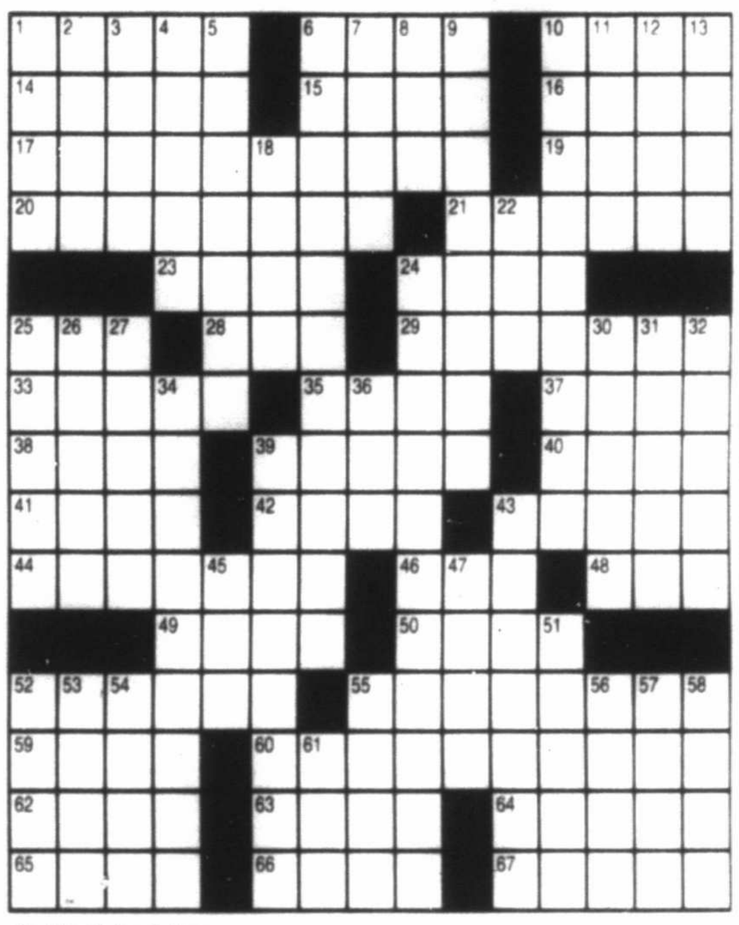

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Agency to host 'Rethink Your Drink'

Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse is hosting a community event to address alcohol abuse. "Rethink Your Drink: A Community Conversation about Alcohol in the Permian Basin" is planned for 1-5 p.m. Monday at the Region 18 Service Center, 2811 LaForce Blvd.

The event is open to the public. There will be round-table discussions, breakout sessions, presentations and strategic planning efforts. To register, go to rethinkyourdrink.eventbrite.com.

Group to host mental health event

Midland County System of Care will be celebrating National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day with an event planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. The family-friendly event will feature a mental health resource fair with more than 25 different community organizations providing information on counseling services, sports and recreation.

Other activities include a Zumba class, art projects, cooking classes and free hair cuts. For more information or to register for the event, visit http://mcsoc.org/.

The Midland County System of Care is a collaboration of local agencies serving at-risk youth.

Midland Health events

■ Advance Care Planning Seminar, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today at Midland Memorial Hospital; Collette Underwood, 221-1166, collette.underwood@midland-memorial.com.

■ Mental Munchies (presentation on mental health issues), noon Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital, Room E-18, event is free, but registration is required, midland-health.org, click on classes & events, Amber Chavez, amber.chavez@ttuhsc.edu; those in attendance may bring lunch.

■ Birth Place Tour, 5 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital, Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midland-memorial.com.

■ Nutrition Support Group, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus cafeteria, Megan Casselman, 221-3045, megan.casselman@midland-memorial.com.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

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

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

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

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

PDAP meetings

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

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

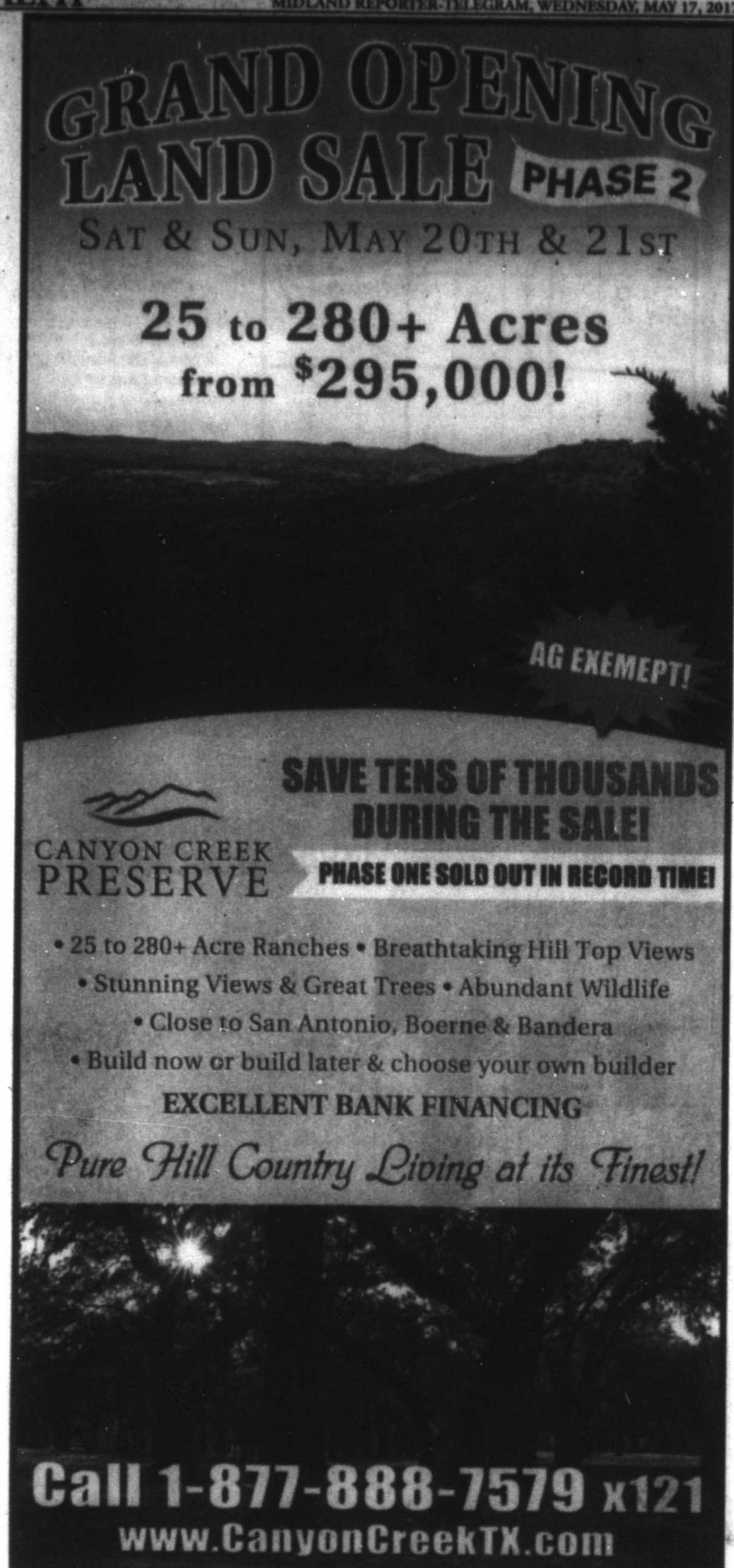
The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

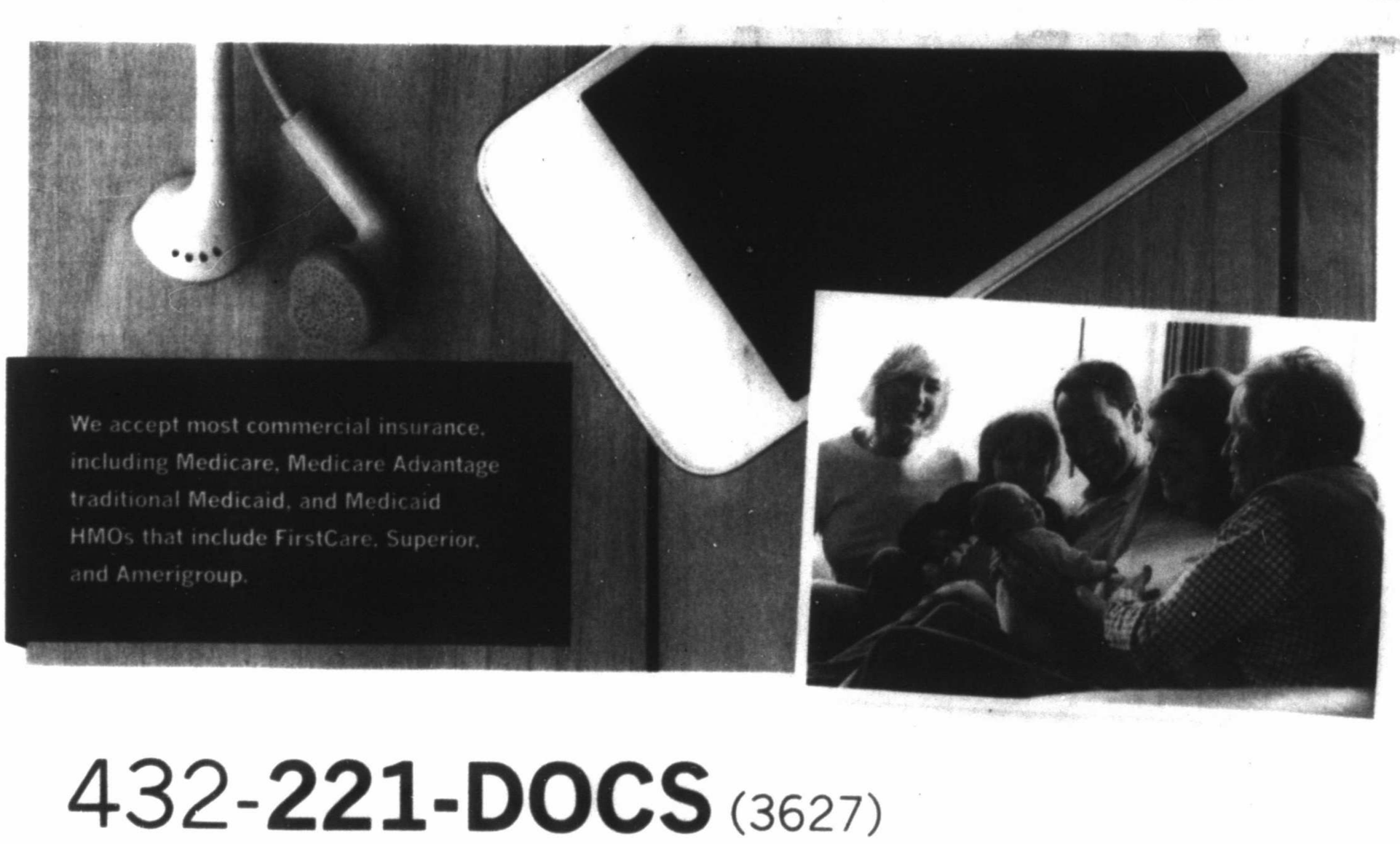
The program is free and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic,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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.





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MIDLAND HEALTH

LIGHTING THE WAY FOR HEALTH

Grady's Gibson aims to defend state title

By Christopher Hadorn
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Grady tennis player Dominic Gibson isn't resting on his laurels.

Gibson can lay claim to being the best Class 1A boys singles player in the state after he won the 2016 UIL state tournament.

Gibson will be the perceived favorite when the junior competes in his third UIL Class 1A State Tennis Tournament, Thursday and Friday at Texas A&M in College Station.

Despite his accolades, Gibson realizes any lapse in concentration can undermine him at the state tournament.

The three-time Region II-A Tennis Tournament champion has the utmost respect for the competition he will face at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center & Omar Smith Intramural Tennis Center.

Gibson plays Throckmorton's Adam Dennis in Thursday's 8 a.m. state quarterfinal match.

"There's a target on my back and I know that it's going to be tough," Gibson said. "It's the state tournament again. You just never know what to expect. There's always at least just one kid that you know is probably very good and can you beat you. You always have to stay focused and stay on your game."

Grady tennis coach Chris Short has noticed that Gibson always plays with high intensity no matter the circumstances.

"He is a true competitor," Short said. "He is a very humble young man. He doesn't take anything lightly or for granted. Even at district, he was very mentally prepared."

Since his state championship, Gibson has put an emphasis on his net game.

"I've worked on coming in on the ball, forcing a little more and hitting better shots as I come in," Gibson said. "Tennis has kind of shifted to the point where the first one to the net usually wins. It's winning tennis and that's what coach and I are working on now is just coming in and finishing balls, being aggressive and attacking."

Short has observed Gibson's progression at the net.

"He does a great job of finishing," Short said. "If he gets a chance at the net, it doesn't come back."

In addition, Short says Gibson has become stronger physically over the past year and is playing more consistent tennis where he has limited errors.

In the 2016 state championship

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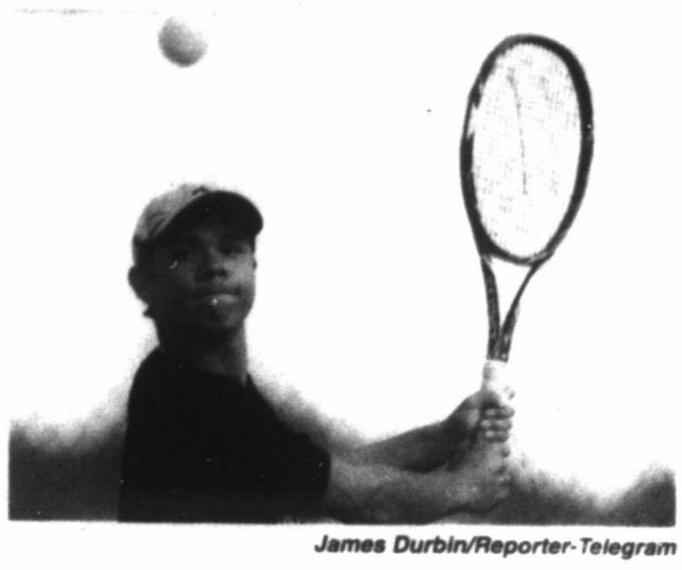


James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Grady junior Dominic Gibson photographed during practice May 9 at Bush Tennis Center.

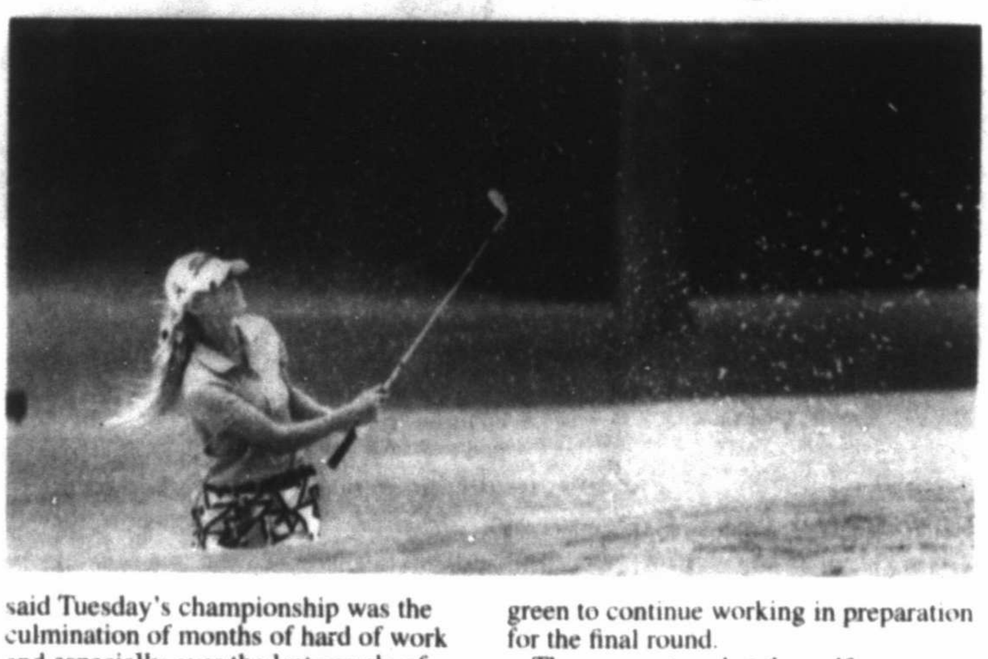
Seventh heaven

Photos by Scott W. Coleman/MRT correspondent

TOP: The Andrews Black team secured the school's seventh consecutive girls state golf championship with a two-day total of 648 at the Class 4A girls state golf tournament Tuesday at Slick Rock Golf Course in Horseshoe Bay. **BOTTOM:** Andrews' Macy Schulze blasts her way out of a bunker in front of the 18th green.

Andrews impressive again, wins 7th straight title

From staff reports



HORSESHOE BAY — Behind an impressive second round card of 314, the Andrews Black girls golf team ran away with its new record seventh straight state title and 15th overall, Tuesday at Slick Rock Golf Course in Marble Falls.

Despite the suspension of girls head coach Mark Burgen, the Lady Mustangs (334-314—648 total) led the field by 23 strokes after Monday's first round and then won the tournament by 63 shots over second-place Seminole.

Andrews junior Rachel Huffman (76-77—153) led the Lady Mustangs' teams with a fourth-place finish overall. Huffman lost a playoff for third against Lorena's Steelie Priest on the first hole.

Andrews just missed making history as the first program in UIL state golf history to place two teams as the top two finishers. The Andrews Gold team (355-366—721) led Seminole by two strokes after the first round, but slipped Tuesday and ended up in third, 10 strokes behind the Maidens.

Andrews boys golf coach Todd Handley, who in Burgen's absence served as the acting girls coach for both rounds, said Tuesday's championship was the culmination of months of hard of work and especially over the last couple of days.

He added that even with a sizable lead after the first round, the Andrews players weren't going to rest on their Monday cushion. After the course had been nearly vacated for the day, the Lady Mustangs remained at the putting green to continue working in preparation for the final round.

They even stayed at the golf course to have dinner rather than spend time eating out.

"They were in the lead, but this group is used to that," Handley said. "They weren't satisfied with how they played

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MC facing a setback after first round at nationals

From staff reports

GARDEN CITY, KAN. — A tough first hole has the Midland College men's golf team 10 strokes back of the leader after the first round of the NJCAA National Tournament.

The Chaparrals shot 294 during the first round at Buffalo Dunes Golf Course on Monday and are in a sixth place tie with Eastern Florida State. Odessa College leads the tournament after shooting a 284, while McLennan Community College is second with a 286.

Cronje

Murray

"As a team we've got to improve and take away some of the bogeys," Poss said. "We went 6-over on the first hole, so we didn't get off to a very good start. We played the rest of the round pretty decent. I think (the Chaps) were trying a little too hard at the beginning.

"We had a southwest wind of 10 mph and that affected the scores some, but some of the teams played better than we did."

Sophomore All-American Stefan Cronje led the Chaps by shooting a 1-under par 71 and is in a tie for seventh place in the medalist standings. Poss said Cronje had six birdies, three bogeys, one double bogey and seven pars.

Cronje is just two shots back of the leader, Odessa College's Augustin Hole, who shot a 3-under par 69.

Fellow sophomore Ben Murray shot an even par 72 as he had five birdies, three bogeys, one double bogey and nine pars.

Freshman Michael Salazar shot a 74, sophomore Hudson Ross was up and down with a 77, and fellow sophomore Coleman Houston shot a 79.

"We've got some catching up to do," Poss said. "It's not insurmountable. We've been down before in tournaments. I feel we can come back and play better (today). We have to analyze things that we did wrong and capitalize on the things we did right. And maintain a positive attitude."

The second of four rounds gets

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Sharapova's popularity does not earn a French Open wild card

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

PARIS — Maria Sharapova's popularity and past success did not earn her the wild-card invitation she needed to get into the French Open after serving a 15-month doping ban.

"I'm very sorry for Maria, very sorry for her fans. They might be disappointed; she might be very disappointed," French Tennis Federation president Bernard Giudicelli said Tuesday in a live broadcast via Facebook. "But it's my responsibility, it's my mission, to protect the game and protect the high standards of the game."

Giudicelli said he personally told Sharapova of his ruling during a phone call on Tuesday. The French Open begins May 28.

Three other tournaments, including the Italian Open this week, have given her wild cards since her suspension ended last month.

"While there can be a wild card for return from injury, there can't be a wild card for return from doping," Giudicelli said.

A tournament may grant a wild card to any eligible player. WTA CEO Steve Simon said he disagreed with the French federation's reasoning.

"She has complied with the sanction imposed," Simon said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press. "There are no grounds for any member of the (tennis anti-doping program) to penalize any player beyond the sanctions set forth in the final decision resolving these matters."

Sharapova did not comment on Tuesday's announcement. She skipped a news conference after pulling out of a second-round match in Rome on Tuesday because of a left thigh injury.

She is a two-time champion at Roland Garros, the owner of a total of five major titles, a former No. 1-ranked player and one of the world's most recognizable athletes. She returned to the WTA tour last month after testing positive for the newly banned heart drug meldonium at the Australian Open in January 2016.

Giudicelli acknowledged that plenty of fans would have wanted to see Sharapova play in Paris, where the

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Andrew Medichini/Associated Press

Maria Sharapova, of Russia, returns the ball to Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, of Croatia, during the Italian Open tennis tournament Tuesday in Rome.

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MONDAY'S SCORE
Midland 10, Frisco 4

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 11:05 a.m.

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Midland 10, Frisco 4	Midland at Frisco, 11:05 a.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
Geelong vs. Western, 4:30 a.m., FS2

Boxing
Diego De La Hoya vs. Erik Ruiz, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

College Baseball
Michigan at Michigan State, 3 p.m., BTN
LSU at Mississippi State, 6 p.m., SEC
Purdue at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m., BTN
Kansas at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW, FCSC
Kansas State at Baylor, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSP
Kentucky at Florida, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma, 7 p.m., FCSA

College Softball
SLC Regional: BYU vs. Mississippi State, 5 p.m., ESPN3
SLC Regional: Fordham vs. Utah, 7:30 p.m., ESPN3

Cycling
Tour of California, Stage 5: Ontario to Mt. Baldy, 4 p.m., NBCSN

Golf
Regions Tradition: 1st Round, 11:30 a.m., GOLF
EPGA: The Rocco Forte Open: 2nd Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

IIHF World Championships
Quarterfinal 1, 9 a.m., NBCSN
Quarterfinal 2, 9 a.m., NHL
Quarterfinal 4, 1 p.m., NHL

Major League Baseball
Washington at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., MLB
Philadelphia at Texas, 1 p.m., FSSW
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:30 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at Kansas City, 7 p.m., FS1

Men's Soccer
Scottish Premier: Partick Thistle FC vs. Celtic FC, 1:40 p.m., FSP
PL: Leicester City vs. Tottenham Hotspur, 1:45 p.m., NBCSN
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 1: Toluca vs. Guadalajara, 7:30 p.m., UDN
Liga MX Semifinal, Leg 1: Tigres UANL vs. Club Tijuana, 9:30 p.m., UDN

National Hockey League
Western Final, Game 4: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Rugby
NRL: Brisbane vs. Wests, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Tennis
WTA: Internazionali BNL D'Italia, Quarterfinal 1, 5 a.m., beIN

Women's National Basketball Association
Minnesota at New York, 6 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Philadelphia at Texas, 1 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa); KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

National Hockey League
Western Final, Game 4: Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m., KJTV 950 AM

Texas League Baseball
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB — Suspended Detroit Tigers minor league RHP Tommy Collier 100-games without pay following a third positive test for a drug of abuse. Free agent minor league RHP Mormea Robertson 50-games without pay following a second positive test for a drug of abuse and Washington Nationals minor league RHP Jefry Rodriguez 80-games without pay after testing positive for a metabolite of Clomiphene, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the program.

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned OF Cody Asche to Charlotte.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed OF Abraham Almonte on the 10-day DL. Optioned INF/OF Yandy Diaz to Columbus. Selected the contract of OF Bradley Zimmer from Columbus. Recalled RHP Shawn Armstrong from Columbus.

TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Carlos Gomez on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Monday. Selected the contract of OF Jared Hoying from Round Rock (PCL). Transferred INF Hanser Alberto to the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with OF Drew Stubbs on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed OF Steve Pearce on the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Leonel Campos to Buffalo (IL). Recalled OF Darrell Ceciliani from Buffalo. Sent SS Troy Tulowitzki to Dunedin (FSL) for a rehab assignment.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Assigned LHP Aaron Laffey to Reno (PCL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned C Dustin Garneau to Albuquerque (PCL). Reinstated C Tony Wolters from the 10-day DL.

MIAMI MARLINS — Designated INF Steve Lombardozzi for assignment. Claimed INF Chris Van Colon off waivers from Kansas City.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Designated RHP Jhan Marinez for assignment. Recalled LHP Brent Suter from Colorado Springs (PCL). Sent RHP Junior Guerra to Biloxi (SL) for a rehab assignment.

NEW YORK METS — Placed INF Adrues Taveras on the 10-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Neil Ramirez. Transferred RHP Jeurys Familia to the 60-day DL.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Ben Lively to Lehigh Valley (IL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with RHP Hao-Cheng Gong.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Sent LHP Tyler Lyons to Memphis (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned LHP Matt Grace to Syracuse (IL).

American Association

CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Released OF Chevy Clarke and LHP Matt Silbernagel.

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released INF Ryan Pineda.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released OF Jackson Gillies.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed C Christian Correa. Traded LHP Mark McCoy to Sioux City. Cam Am for a player to be named. Released LHP Darin Gorski.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed INF Brandon Alvarez. Released LHP Ryan Davis.

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed C Jack Goth. Released C Maxx Garrett.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released INF Nick Gritta and RHPs Joe Ionic and Rhett Scott Weatmann.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHPs Danny Moskovitz, Colby Suggs and Nick Sabo, and LHP Austin Tribby.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed OF Thomas Hess. Released RHP Duke von Schamann.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed OF Anthony Vega.

SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signed C Alfredo Rodriguez and RHP Cameron Stanley.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Nate Gerdsen and INF Rainer Vargas. Released OF Shon Carson.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed OF Marcus Knecht and INF Yunsher Gracia.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed INF Cody Regis. RHP Thomas Lawrence and LHP C. Reitenhouser.

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed LHP Ari Kaufman. Released C Alex DeBellis, OF Carl Thomore, LHP Harold Guerrero and RHPs Dallas Newton and Bryton Treppagnier.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed C Cody Kuhnizio. INF Carter McEachern and RHP Owen Boor.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Named Terry Allen wide receivers coach.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived C Michael Cole, LB Jeremiah George and OT Lwon Myers. Signed OT Darrell Leslie and TE MJ McFarland.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Dede Westbrook and LB Blair Brown.

LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed WR Mitchell Paige. Waived LB Carlos Fields.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Claimed C Austin Blythe off waivers from Indianapolis. Waived LB Finami Dominique. Signed QB Dominique Hatfield.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Waived DE B.J. Dubose. Signed OL Freddie Tagalica.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed TE Johnu Smith. Promoted Jon Savage to college scouting director and Brandon Taylor to national scout. Named Tom Roth and Mike Born area scouts.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Nico Marley.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed QBs Austin Apodaca and Malcolm Bell and DB Chance Casey.

HOCKEY

USA HOCKEY — Named Seth Appert coach, Nick Fotiu associate coach and Greg Moore assistant coach of the national team development program.

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Mario Kempe to a one-year two-way contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Fired Hartford AHL coach Ken Gernander.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Fired assistant coaches Ray Bennett, Steve Thomas, Rick Wilson and Jim Corsi.

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Reached a NHL-level affiliation agreement with Chicago AHL.

COLLEGE

BAYLOR — Announced the resignation of assistant athletics director and compliance Matt Akins.

FLORIDA A&M — Named Robert McCullum men's basketball coach.

ILLINOIS STATE — Named DeAndre Haynes assistant men's basketball coach.

IOWA STATE — Announced junior men's basketball F Ray Kasongo will transfer.

KANSAS STATE — Announced the resignation of deputy athletics director Laird Veatch so he can become executive associate athletics director for internal affairs at Florida.

MINNESOTA — Named Marty McGillan assistant women's basketball coach.

PENNSYLVANIA — Extended the appointment of director of athletics and recreation Dr. M. Grace Calhoun to 2022.

SAINT JOSE — Removed the interim tag from head baseball coach Wayne Jones.

Named Jeremy Ballard associate head men's basketball coach, Jimmy Martelli director of men's basketball operations, Joey Rodriguez director of men's basketball player development, Mike Vanega director of student-athlete development and Don Brown director of sports performance.

NJCAA REGION V TOURNEY BRACKET

At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park, Lubbock
May 12-15
Friday
First round
Game 1 - (N2) Grayson College, 35-12, 4-1 (W3) New Mexico Junior College, 34-21, 3
Game 2 - (W1) Odessa College, 44-11, 7-0 (N4) Hill College, 32-19, 5
Game 3 - (N3) Weatherford College, 32-21, 6 (W2) Midland College, 39-17, 2
Game 4 - (N1) McLennan Community College, 45-10, 10 (W4) Howard College, 36-19, 2
Saturday
Loser's bracket
Game 5 - (W3) New Mexico Junior College, 34-21, 7 (N4) Hill College (32-20) 5, Hill College eliminated
Game 6 - (W2) Midland College (39-18) 6, (W4) Howard College (36-20) 7, 10 innings, Howard College eliminated
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 7 - (N2) Grayson College (36-12) 16, (W1) Odessa College (45-11) 9
Game 8 - (N3) Weatherford College (33-21) 4, (N1) McLennan Community College (46-10) 3
Sunday
Loser's bracket quarterfinals
Game 9 - (W1) Odessa College (45-12) 10, W2- Midland College (40-18) 6, Midland College eliminated
Game 10 - (N1) McLennan Community College (46-11) 9, (W3) New Mexico Junior College (35-21) 2, New Mexico JC eliminated
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 11 - (N3) Weatherford College (34-21) 4, (N2) Grayson College (37-12) 2
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 12 - (N1) McLennan Community College (47-11) 9, (W1) Odessa College (46-12) 2, Odessa College eliminated
Loser's bracket final
Game 13 - (N1) McLennan Community College (48-11) 3, (N2) Grayson College (37-13) 0, Grayson College eliminated
Championship
Game 14 - (N1) McLennan Community College (49-11) 17, (N3) Weatherford College (36-21) 9
Tuesday
If necessary game
Game 15 - (N1) McLennan Community College (51-11) 14, (N3) Weatherford College (36-23) 6, Weatherford eliminated

UTPB ATHLETICS

From staff reports

ODESSA — University of Texas at the Permian Basin Athletic Director Steve Aicinena announced Tuesday that he has stepped down from his position.

Aicinena, who cited a desire to focus more on teaching and traveling, was the university's only athletic director. He arrived at UTPB in 1988 and was part of the group that created the school's athletic program in 1995.

During Aicinena's 21-plus-year tenure, the Falcons' program has grown to include 16 NCAA Division II sports after beginning at the NAIA level.

The university said it will look to fill Aicinena's role with an interim athletic director soon.

Warriors trounce Spurs for 2-0 series lead

By Janie Mccauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry had 29 points, seven rebounds and seven assists in three quarters and the Golden State Warriors trounced on the Spurs missing Kawhi Leonard, running away from San Antonio for a 136-100 rout Tuesday night and 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Kevin Durant added 16 points and Draymond Green provided another strong all-around performance with 13 points, nine rebounds, six assists, two steals and two blocks. Rookie Patrick McCaw had 18 points and five assists off the bench shooting 6 for 8 as Golden State earned its most lopsided victory of the playoffs to go to 10-0.

Jonathon Simmons scored 17 of his 22 points in the first half as the lone bright spot for the short-handed Spurs.

Leonard re-injured his left ankle in Sunday's 113-111 Game 1 loss after coming down on Zaza Pachulia's foot. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich on Monday called out the Warriors starting center for the "dangerous" and "unsportsmanlike" closeout — which had Pachulia insisting he is not a dirty player, was only playing hard, and felt badly that the All-Star forward was injured.

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Saturday in San Antonio.

Pachulia left the game injured for a Warriors team already without key reserve forward Andre Iguodala, held out because of soreness in his left knee that limited him to 10 minutes in Game 1.

Pachulia didn't come out for the second half because of a bruised right heel. He was scheduled for an X-ray. The big man played nearly 7 minutes but sat the entire second quarter before Matt Barnes took his place.

Golden State quickly established its pass-happy, up-tempo style to take the Spurs out from the opening tip. It was a drastic difference from a game of catch-up two days earlier when the Warriors rallied from 25 down and a 20-point halftime deficit.

Klay Thompson, still struggling to find his steady shooting touch, had 11 points, six rebounds and four assists.

The Warriors had 39 assists — the most by any team this postseason — including 30 on their initial 38 baskets.

Shaun Livingston scored in double figures for the first time this postseason with 10 points for Golden State.

Simmons started in Leonard's place and made 6 of 9 shots to begin the game while the rest of the Spurs were 3 for 22.

The Warriors began 10 for 16 as Curry hit three quick 3s and Green added two more for a 25-12 lead late in the first and 33-16 advantage after one quarter.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Sunday, May 14
Golden State 113, San Antonio 111
Tuesday, May 16
Golden State 136, San Antonio 100, Golden State leads series 2-0
Wednesday, May 17
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 19
Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 22
Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 26
x-Golden State at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Saturday, May 27
x-Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 28
x-San Antonio at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 29
x-Cleveland at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Celtics win NBA draft lottery, Lakers at No. 2 keep pick

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Celtics won by beating out the Lakers, giving the draft lottery an old NBA Finals feel.

Yet, obvious by Magic Johnson's smile, the hated rivals were both celebrating.

The Celtics won the lottery Tuesday night to continue another amazing basketball springtime in Boston, capitalizing on a trade they made with the Brooklyn Nets four years ago.

A night after winning Game 7 against Washington to secure an Eastern Conference finals matchup with Cleveland, the Celtics cashed in their 25 percent chance to land the No. 1 pick in the June draft.

"Game last night, Game 7, a tough Washington team. Game tomorrow against a tough Cleveland team. And now we squeeze in the lottery and win the pick. I don't know what's happening here. It's pretty amazing," said Wyc Grousbeck, a Celtics owner who represented them on stage.

The Lakers moved up one spot to second to hold onto their pick. They would have had to trade it to Philadelphia if it fell outside the top three.

"When (Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum) called out No. 4 and he said it wasn't us, I said 'Um, that's it, that's all I care about,'" said Johnson, the Hall of Famer in his first year as Lakers president. "I didn't know where we were going to land from there, but I was like 'OK, I can breathe now.'"

The Celtics finished dismantling the team that beat the Lakers to win the 2008 championship when they traded Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett to Brooklyn on the night of the 2013 draft. Boston acquired the Nets' 2014, 2016 and 2018 first-round picks, as well as the rights to swap in 2017.

The timing was perfect for the Celtics, as Brooklyn finished with the worst record in the league.

"And look what I leave behind for the Celts on my way out (No. 1) pick," Pierce wrote on Twitter.

The 76ers will pick third, while Phoenix fell two spots and is fourth.

"I'm excited," 76ers rookie center Joel Embiid said. "We jumped up one more spot. I wish we would have gotten the No. 1 pick, but we trust the process and it's going to be exciting to see what we're going for."

The Celtics were going to be in prime position no matter how the Ping-Pong balls bounced in a hotel ballroom Tuesday. They were guaranteed no worse than the No. 4 pick to add to a team that had the best record in the East this season behind All-Star Isaiah Thomas.

"It's two completely different situations: One is a lot about the future, and one is in the present," Celtics president Danny Ainge said. "This team is a lot of fun to be around this year."

Their victory made it three straight years the team with the best odds has won the lottery, after going the previous decade without a victory. Minnesota snapped that streak by getting eventual Rookie of the Year Karl-Anthony Towns in 2015 and Philadelphia emerged with Ben Simmons last season.

The draft is considered a strong one, loaded with point guards such as Markelle Fultz, Lonzo Ball and De'Aaron Fox. Though the Celtics already have a top point guard in Thomas, Grousbeck said he expected they would make the pick.

And the Lakers will get a chance to take one of them after beating the odds to move up. They had about a 53 percent chance of falling out of the top three, which would have triggered a trade of the pick as remaining payment of their acquisition of Steve Nash in 2012.

Not only that, but they would have had to trade their 2019 first-round pick to Orlando if that happened, so Johnson was all smiles even after finishing behind the rival Celtics. A late five-game winning streak by his young team had damaged its odds by falling behind Phoenix for the second-worst record in the league.

"You see, you don't know what's been going on in L.A. They've been like 'Oh my god, we blew it,'" Johnson said. "We won five in a row and everybody thought we were crazy. So now the fans back home can breathe a little easier."

Sacramento actually moved up into the top three, but the 76ers had the right to swap with them through terms of a past trade. The Kings will select fifth and 10th.

Orlando is sixth, followed by Minnesota, New York and Dallas. Charlotte is No. 11, with Detroit, Denver and Miami rounding out the 14 lottery

Preds rally, beat Ducks to take 2-1 Western finals lead

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Roman Josi scored a power-play goal with 2:43 left, and the Nashville Predators rallied to beat the Anaheim Ducks 2-1 Tuesday night in their first-ever home game in the Western Conference finals.

The Predators grabbed a 2-1 lead in the series with their 10th straight home win in the postseason going back to last season.

Filip Forsberg tied it up at 3:54 of the third as the Predators rallied for the win against an Anaheim team that has notched four comeback victories already when trailing by multiple goals this postseason.

The Predators thought they had taken the lead earlier in the period only to have two goals within the span of eight seconds waved off for goalie interference.

Josi scored Nashville's first power-play goal of the series for the win.

Ducks goalie John Gibson made 38 saves, and Corey Perry scored a power-play goal in the second period for Anaheim.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Nashville.

Forsberg tied it up shortly after being poked by Gibson after the whistle, upset after a shot went off him. That revved up the home crowd, and they tossed towels onto the ice after officials waved off first a would-be goal by Colton Sissons at 6:25 and then Ryan Johansen's goal at 6:33.

Chris Wagner went to the box for high-sticking Nashville defenseman Ryan Ellis with 3:55 left. Nashville had been 0 of 11 on the power play in this series. Josi ended that drought with his wrister from the right circle off an assist from Viktor Arvidsson.

The Predators didn't hold back on star power for the biggest game in franchise history.

Keith Urban performed the national anthem, the latest country star to take a turn, and his wife, actress Nicole Kidman, joined him in the stands decked out in her own Predators' sweater.

Tennessee Titans quarterback Marcus Mariota waved the rally towel along with his offensive linemen from the band stage.

The Ducks finally got the faster start they missed in the first two games in Anaheim, outshooting Nashville 8-4 to open the game.

But the Predators took the next 11 shots and outshot Anaheim 40-20 for the game.

The Predators held the Ducks without a shot throughout the second period until 8:12 left when Brandon Montour put a backhand on Rinne, a puck that went across the goal line. But the net came off its moorings at the same time with Nashville defenseman Mattias Ekholm crashing into it. Referee Brad Meier immediately waved off the goal, which was upheld on review.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Friday, May 12
Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Saturday, May 13
Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Sunday, May 14
Anaheim 5, Nashville 3
Monday, May 15
Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0, series tied 1-1
Tuesday, May 16
Nashville 2, Anaheim 1, Nashville leads series 2-1
Wednesday, May 17
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 18
Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 19
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
Nashville at Anaheim, 6:15 p.m.
Sunday, May 21
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 22
x-Anaheim at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23
x-Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24
x-Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 25
x-Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

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Four Lady Chaps named to All-WJCAC team

From staff reports

Four members of the Midland College softball team were named to the All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference Softball Team.

Freshman pitcher Crystine Kistner, freshman catcher Kayla Shaw, sophomore infielder Kassie Maddox and sophomore outfielder Kiana Broderson-Jones were the Lady Chaparrals honored.

WJCAC champion and national tournament qualifier Howard College had eight players selected to the all-conference team and also took home the top superlative awards as Kaylynn Lopez was named Most Valuable Player and Kelly Raines was named Coach of the Year.

Kistner, from Cabazon, California, was the team's ace this past season as she was 21-8 with one save and a 2.01 ERA. Shaw, from Fontana, California, hit .400 with five home runs and 30 RBI. Maddox, a Greenwood grad, hit .437 with eight home runs, 43 RBI and 48 runs scored. Broderson-Jones, from Menifee, California, hit .364 with two homers, 23 RBI and scored a team-high 49 runs.

2017 All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference Softball Team

MVP - Kaylynn Lopez, Howard College
Coach of the Year - Kelly Raines, Howard

All-Conference

Pitchers - Crystine Kistner, Midland College; Winter Ridgeway, Odessa College; Kylie Shay, Howard College; Celeste Villagrana, Howard College; Mikaela Brown, Howard College

Catchers - Evelyn Loyola, Howard College; Megan Darling, Howard College; Kayla Shaw, Midland College

Infielders - Vanessa Muro, Odessa College; Jackie Mercado, Howard College; Kayla Martin, El Paso Community College; Kassie Maddox, Midland College; Taylor Fogle, Odessa College; Priscilla Guzman, Western Texas College

Outfielders - Madoline Seumalo, Howard College; Mackenzie Mitchiner, Howard College; Christine Velder, Odessa College; Kiana Broderson-Jones, Midland College; Kawena Cabrera, Western Texas College

DP/Utility - Kaylynn Lopez, Howard College

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 10, ROUGHRIDERS 4 AT DR. PEPPER BALLPARK, FRISCO

TOP HITTERS: Midland shortstop Yairo Munoz went 2-for-5 with a home run, four RBI and two runs scored, while first baseman Vlosergy Rosa was 2-for-5 with a home run and three RBI. ... Max Schrock, J.P. Sportman and Jordan Tarsovich each collected two hits for Midland. ... Jose Cardona led Frisco by going 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBI and a walk.

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds' reliever Sam Bragg struck out three and walked one over a hitless sixth and seventh innings. ... Midland reliever Lou Trivino fanned three and allowed two hits over two scoreless innings in the eighth and ninth.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 2-0 lead in top of the first on an RBI single by Munoz and an RBI groundout by Rosa. ... In the home half, Frisco answered with four runs, headlined by a two-run home run to left center off the bat of Cardona. ... Trailing 4-3, the RockHounds reeled off six runs in the sixth on a solo home run by Rosa, a sacrifice fly by Jordan Tarsovich, a three-run blast by Munoz and a single by Rosa. ... In the eighth, a solo home run to left by J.P. Sportman made it 10-4 Midland.

NOTES: Munoz' home run in the sixth inning was his first of the season. ... The two teams combined for six errors in the game. ... The RockHounds are now 4-2 against Frisco on the season. ... Combined with the San Antonio Missions' 4-1 home loss against Corpus Christi Tuesday, Midland moved to within one game of first place in the Texas League South Division. ... The RockHounds continue their four-game series with the RoughRiders at 11:05 a.m. today.

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	27	16	.628	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	20	16	.556	—
Tulsa (Dodgers)	18	19	.486	2½
Arkansas (Mariners)	14	23	.378	6½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	22	19	.579	—
Midland (Athletics)	21	17	.553	1
Corpus Christi (Astros)	18	20	.474	4
Frisco (Rangers)	15	22	.421	6

Monday's Scores
Springfield 5, Tulsa 2
Corpus Christi 4, San Antonio 1
Midland 10, Frisco 4
Northwest Arkansas 7, Arkansas 6

Today's Games
Midland at Frisco, 11:05 a.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 11:10 a.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Brett Graves (0-0, 1.23); Frisco — LHP Yohander Mendez (2-2, 3.12)

ROCKHOUNDS 10, ROUGHRIDERS 4

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd lf	5	2	1	0	Heineman lf	5	1	1	0
Munoz ss	5	2	2	4	Kiner-Falefa 3b	5	1	2	0
Shrock 2b	5	1	2	0	Hernandez ph	1	0	0	0
Sportman rf	4	1	2	1	Aguilera 1b	4	1	1	0
Rosa 1b	5	1	2	3	Trevino dh	4	0	0	1
Marincov dh	5	1	1	0	Tendler rf	4	0	1	0
Vertigan cf	3	1	0	0	Cardona cf	3	1	2	2
Paga c	4	1	1	0	Lipka 2b	4	0	0	0
Tarsovich 3b	4	0	2	1	De Leon ss	4	0	1	0
					Torres c	3	0	0	0
Totals	40	10	13	9	Totals	36	4	8	3

Midland	200	106	010—10
Frisco	400	000	000—4

E — Sportman (1), Tarsovich 2 (2), Kiner-Falefa (6), Tendler (3), De Leon (5). DP — Midland 1, Frisco 1. LOB — Midland 7, Frisco 7. 2B — Schrock (5), Tarsovich 2 (3), Boyd (2). HR — Rosa (6), Munoz (1), Sportman (5), Cardona (1). SB — De Leon (1), Kiner-Falefa (4).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fillmyer W, 1-2	5.0	6	4	4	1	3
Bragg	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Trivino	2.0	1	0	0	0	2
Frisco						
Ledbetter	3.0	7	5	5	1	3
Fleamoni	3.0	3	1	1	0	3
Slack	1.0	2	0	0	0	2
Palmquist	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

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Darvish pitches Rangers to seventh straight victory

By Sean Shapiro
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish struck out nine over seven solid innings and the Texas Rangers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-1 on Tuesday night to stretch the majors' longest active winning streak to seven games.

Nomar Mazara had a solo homer in the first, and Mike Napoli hit a two-run shot in the eighth. Napoli, who came in hitting .165, went 3 for 3.

Darvish (4-2) allowed four hits and two walks. He preserved a two-run lead by striking out Brock Stassi with runners at first and second after he allowed his only run on an RBI single by Freddy Galvis in the seventh inning.

Darvish was making his 14th interleague start and lowered his career ERA to 2.19 against the National League. He became the sixth Japanese pitcher to reach 50 career MLB victories. In his 109th start, Darvish joined Hideo Nomo (123), Hiroki Kuroda (79), Hisashi Iwakuma (63), Daisuke Matsuzaka (56) and Tomo Ohka (51).

Closer Matt Bush struck out one in a perfect ninth after Napoli's homer eliminated a save situation.

Phillies starter Jared Eickhoff (0-4) struck out eight and allowed seven hits in his first career start against the franchise that drafted him in 2011. Eickhoff was traded to Philadelphia in a deal that included LHP Cole Hamels in 2015.

Robinson Chirinos had an RBI groundout in the second inning and Jonathan Lucroy had an RBI double in the fifth to give the Rangers a 3-0 lead after Mazara's homer.

Texas' win streak is the second-longest in the big leagues this season. The Yankees won eight games between April 9 and 17.

Dallas Keuchel earns 7th win as Astros beat Marlins 12-2

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Unbeaten ace Dallas Keuchel became the first seven-game winner in the majors despite pitching only five innings, his shortest outing this season, and the Houston Astros beat the sinking Miami Marlins 12-2 on Tuesday night.

Jake Marisnick tripled his season RBI total to six with a pair of two-run homers against his former team, both caroming off the home run sculpture at Marlins Park. Brian McCann also had four RBIs.

Keuchel allowed two runs, both in the first inning, and threw 70 pitches before departing with a 10-2 lead. His ERA rose to 1.84.

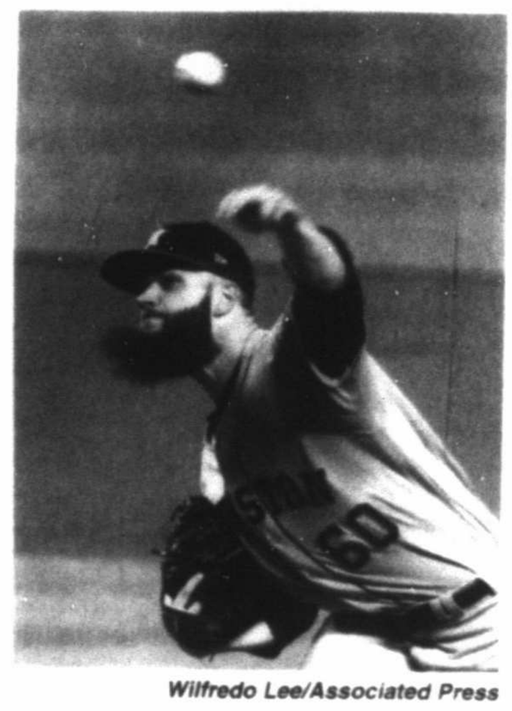
The Astros (28-12) own the best record in the majors and have won 13 of 16 games. The last-place Marlins (14-24) are headed the other way, losing 16 of 20. They're 1-7 on their homestand going into Wednesday's finale.

Tom Koehler (1-2) gave up eight runs in three innings, inflating his ERA to 7.04. Miami went hitless for the final 6 2/3 innings against Keuchel and two relievers, and totaled just four hits.

The Astros used five singles to score three times in the first inning. Koehler issued three consecutive two-out walks in the second, and McCann hit the next pitch for a three-run double.

Marisnick homered in the third and fifth for the first multihomer game of his career, which began with the Marlins in 2013. He also hit his first double of the year.

The Astros had 14 hits, and their run total was a season high. They rank second in the AL in runs.



Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press

Houston Astros Dallas Keuchel delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins on Tuesday in Miami.

KEUCHEL'S FIELDING

Two Houston errors, two infield hits and a wild pitch helped the Marlins score twice in the first.

Keuchel committed the first error with a wild throw to first after he barehanded a swinging bunt by Dee Gordon.

Keuchel also helped himself with the glove. He leads the majors in groundball outs, and the three-time Gold Glove winner had a fielding role in seven of the 15 outs he recorded.

He had six assists, all on plays scored 1-3, and had a putout scored 4-1.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RAYS 6, INDIANS 4

CLEVELAND — Corey Dickerson hit two of Tampa Bay's season-high five home runs, leading the Rays to a 6-4 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday night.

Dickerson hit solo home runs in the third and fifth off Danny Salazar (2-4). Colby Rasmus and Derek Norris also hit solo shots off Cleveland's starter while Tim Beckham hit a two-run homer off Shawn Armstrong.

Jake Odorizzi (3-2) allowed four runs in six innings. The right-hander took a 6-1 lead into the sixth, but Edwin Encarnacion broke an 0-for-18 skid with a two-run homer to cap a three-run rally.

YANKEES 7, ROYALS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Gary Sanchez hit a three-run homer, Chris Carter added a two-run shot and CC Sabathia got back on track as the New York Yankees rolled to a 7-1 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

Pitching on six days' rest, Sabathia (3-2) went 6 2/3 shutout innings to win for the first time since April 15. He struck out five and walked two before leaving with the bases loaded, but Tyler Clippard promptly fanned Whit Merrifield to escape the jam.

Clippard also handled the eighth before Jonathan Holder gave up a run in the ninth.

National league

NATIONALS 8, PIRATES 4

PITTSBURGH — Bryce Harper belted his 13th home run, Ryan Zimmerman smacked a two-run double to add to his major league-leading RBI total and the Washington Nationals held off the struggling Pittsburgh Pirates 8-4 on Tuesday night.

Harper's laser to the last row of seats in right field in the ninth gave the 24-year-old star a home run in every ballpark in the National League. He finished with two hits to move ahead of Zimmerman for the major league-lead in batting average (.388).

Zimmerman had two hits, including a double in third inning that gave him 38 RBIs on the season. Jayson Werth added three hits and is batting .457 (16 for 35) in his last nine games.

Stephen Strasburg (4-1) allowed three runs in six-plus innings, walking one and striking out three on a night he didn't have his best stuff.

Interleague

BRAVES 9 BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — Dansby Swanson hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning, Freddie Freeman also had a two-run shot and the Atlanta Braves beat the Toronto Blue Jays 9-5 on Wednesday, sweeping their two-game series.

Swanson snapped a 5-all tie with a leadoff drive to center off Danny Barnes (0-1).

Freeman hit his NL-leading 14th home run, matching Yankees slugger Aaron Judge for most in the majors. It was Freeman's second homer in two games.

Matt Kemp had two hits and four RBIs for the Braves, who have won four of five after losing eight of their previous nine.

RED SOX 6, CARDINALS 3

ST. LOUIS — Mookie Betts homered and drove in two runs, Jackie Bradley Jr. also went deep and the Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-3 on Tuesday night to take the opene- of a two-game interleague series.

Bradley had two of Boston's six hits, and starter Eduardo Rodriguez (2-1) allowed three runs and five hits over six innings. Rodriguez walked two, struck out five and threw a season-high 110 pitches.

St. Louis made three errors and lost for just the second time in 10 games.

ROCKIES 7, TWINS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Charlie Blackmon hit a towering two-run homer during a four-run sixth inning and finished with three hits to lead the Colorado Rockies over the Minnesota Twins 7-3 on Tuesday night.

Blackmon had three RBIs, Gerardo Parra added a solo homer and Kyle Freeland pitched six innings as first-place Colorado earned its 12th win in 17 road games.

Freeland (4-2) allowed three runs, five hits and four walks while striking out three. Greg Holland recorded his 17th save in 17 chances after Minnesota put two runners on in the ninth against Chris Rusin.

Byron Buxton hit a solo homer for the Twins, but Phil Hughes (4-2) had another disappointing outing. He gave up five runs, eight hits and a walk in five innings.

CUBS 9, REDS 5

CHICAGO — Slumping sluggers Anthony Rizzo and Kyle Schwarber homered, rookie Ian Happ connected again and the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 9-5 on Tuesday night.

Happ hit his second homer in his third major league game and Addison Russell also went deep as Chicago returned to .500 after a lackluster road trip. NL MVP Kris Bryant added two hits in his first appearance after missing three games with an illness.

The Cubs (19-19) had dropped seven of nine, including four of their last six at division leaders Colorado and St. Louis. Schwarber's continued trouble in the leadoff spot and the shaky performance so far by the rotation had created some angst for a fan base expecting more of the same after Chicago's historic World Series championship last year, but no one seemed a bit worried around the team.

LITTLE LEAGUE BRACKETS

American League City Tournament
at Mid City Little League
Pool play (all games at 6:30 p.m.)
Monday, May 15
N1 Tigers 11, MC5 Astros 1
N6 Marlins 12, MC1 Angels 5
N7 Cubs 11, T1 Royals 3
E1 Rangers Red 9 vs N8 Nationals 3
Tuesday, May 16
N2 A's 12, E3 Rangers Blue 2
MC2 Rays ***, T2 Cardinals *
MC3 Rangers 17, T2 Twins 4
N3 Rangers 11, E2 Monarchs 2
Wednesday, May 17
N1 Tigers vs. T4 Yankees, Field 1
MC1 Angels vs. N5 Astros, Field 2
T1 Royals vs N4 Red Sox, Field 3
E1 Rangers Red vs. MC4 Dbacks, Field 4
Thursday, May 18
N2 A's vs. MC5 Astros, Field 1
MC2 Rays vs. N6 Marlins, Field 2
T2 Twins vs. N7 Cubs, Field 3
E2 Monarchs vs N8 Nationals, Field 4
Friday, May 19
E3 Rangers Blue vs T4 Yankees, Field 1
T3 Cardinals vs N5 Astros, Field 2
MC3 Rangers vs N4 Red Sox, Field 3
N3 Rangers vs MC4 Dbacks, Field 4
Bracket Play
at Tower Little League
Monday, May 22
Game 1 Pool 1 No. 1 vs Pool 3 No. 3, 6 p.m. Tower 3
Game 2 Pool 4 No. 1 vs Pool 2 No. 2, 6 p.m. Tower 1
Game 3 Pool 2 No. 1 vs Pool 4 No. 2, 8 p.m. Tower 3
Game 4 Pool 3 No. 1 vs Pool 1 No. 2, 8 p.m. Tower 1

Tuesday, May 23
Semifinals
Game 1 winner vs Game 2 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 1
Game 3 winner vs Game 4 winner, 7 p.m. Tower 3
Championship
Thursday, May 25
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m., Tower 1

MJBA National Little League City Tournament
at Tower Little League
Monday, May 15
Game 1 ***, NL3 Cardinals 20, (10) EL2 A's 5
Game 2 (6) NL2 Reds 8, (11) MC4 Giants 0
Game 3 (13) NL4 Braves 9, (4) EL1 Astros 5
Game 4 (5) MC2 Pirates 19, (12) TLL3 Padres 2
Game 5 (8) MC3 Yankees 15, (9) TLL2 Nationals 12
Tuesday, May 16
Winner's bracket
Game 6 NL3 Cardinals 8, MC1 Red Sox 7
Game 7 NL2 Reds 11, TLL1 Cubs 3
Game 8 NLL1 Mets vs. MC3 Yankees, late
Game 9 NLL4 Braves vs. MC2 Pirates, late
Loser's bracket
Game 10 EL1 Astros 15, TLL3 Padres 9
Wednesday, May 17
Loser's bracket
Game 11 (9) TLL2 Nationals vs. Game 6 loser, 6 p.m. Field 4
Game 12 (10) EL1/2 A's vs. game 8 loser, 6 p.m. Field 2
Game 13 (11) MC4 Giants vs. Game 9 loser, 8 p.m. Field 4
Game 14 Game 7 loser vs. EL1 Astros, 6 p.m. Field 2
Thursday, May 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals
Game 15 NL3 Cardinals vs. NLL1 Reds, 6 p.m. Field 4
Game 16 Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 6 p.m. Field 2
Loser's bracket second round
Game 17 Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 6 p.m. Field 4
Game 18 Game 12 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 6 p.m. Field 2
Friday, May 19
Loser's bracket quarterfinals
Game 19 Game 15 loser vs. Game 16 loser, 6 p.m. Field 4
Game 20 Game 15 loser vs. Game 18 winner, 6 p.m. Field 2
Sunday, May 21
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 21 Game 15 winner vs. Game 16 winner, 6 p.m. Field 4
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 22 Game 19 winner vs. Game 20 winner, 6 p.m. Field 2
Monday, May 22
Loser's bracket final
Game 23 Game 21 loser vs. Game 22 winner, 7 p.m. Field 4
Tuesday, May 23
Championship
Game 24 Game 21 winner vs. Game 23 winner, 7 p.m. Field 4
Wednesday, May 24
If necessary game
Game 25 Game 24 winner vs. Game 24 loser, 7 p.m. Field 4

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	23	13	.639	—
Baltimore	22	14	.611	1
Boston	20	18	.526	4
Tampa Bay	20	22	.476	6
Toronto	17	23	.425	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	16	.543	—
Cleveland	20	19	.513	½
Detroit	18	18	.500	1½
Chicago	17	19	.472	2½
Kansas City	16	22	.421	4½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	12	.700	—
Texas	20	20	.500	8
Los Angeles	20	21	.488	8½
Seattle	18	21	.462	9½
Oakland	16	22	.421	11

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	25	13	.658	—
New York	19	21	.432	6½
Miami	19	21	.417	7
Philadelphia	14	22	.389	10
Atlanta	14	24	.368	11
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	16	.568	—
Milwaukee	21	18	.538	1
Cincinnati	19	19	.500	2½
Chicago	19	19	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	16	23	.410	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	25	15	.625	—
Los Angeles	22	17	.564	2½
Arizona	22	18	.550	3
San Francisco	16	24	.400	9
San Diego	15	25	.375	10

Scores and Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores
Atlanta 9, Toronto 5
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 4
Houston 12, Miami 2
Texas 5, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 7, Minnesota 3
Boston 6, St. Louis 3
N.Y.Yankees 7, Kansas City 1
Baltimore at Detroit, late
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, late
Oakland at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Houston (McCullers 3-1) at Miami (Urena 1-1), 11:10 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 3-3) at Cleveland (Tomlin 2-4), 11:10 a.m.
Baltimore (Jimenez 1-1) at Detroit (Fulmer 4-1), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Biagini 1-1) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 1-4), 6:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 0-0) at Texas (Perez 1-5), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 1-2) at Minnesota (Santana 6-1), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 2-5) at St. Louis (Leake 4-2), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Pineda 3-2) at Kansas City (Vargas 5-1), 7:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 2-2), 9:07 p.m.
Oakland (Hahn 1-2) at Seattle (Bergman 0-1), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores
Atlanta 9, Toronto 5
Washington 8, Pittsburgh 4
Houston 12, Miami 2
Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati 5
Texas 5, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 7, Minnesota 3
Boston 6, St. Louis 3
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, late
Milwaukee at San Diego, late
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Houston (McCullers 3-1) at Miami (Urena 1-1), 11:10 a.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 2-3) at Arizona (Corbin 3-4), 2:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2) at San Francisco (Cueto 4-2), 2:45 p.m.
Washington (TBD) at Pittsburgh (Cole 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Biagini 1-1) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 1-4), 6:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Feldman 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 0-0) at Texas (Perez 1-5), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 1-2) at Minnesota (Santana 6-1), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 2-5) at St. Louis (Leake 4-2), 7:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 2-2) at San Diego (Chacin 4-3), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box

RANGERS 5, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	ab	r	hi
C.Hinan 2b	3	0	0
D.Hrris cf	4	0	1
A.Hoer lf	4	0	0
T.Joseph dh	4	0	1
Sunders rf	4	1	0

Texas	ab	r	hbi
Odor 2b	3	2	1
Napoli 1b	3	1	3
Gallo 3b	4	0	0
Chirinos c	4	0	0
Totals	32	5	5

Philadelphia	000	000	100	—1
Texas	100	110	02x	—5

E—Andrus (7). Athen (1), Rupp (2). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Philadelphia 5, Texas 6. 2B—Franco (5), Lucroy (5), Odor (6). HR—Mazara (6), Napoli (8).

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Eickhoff L,0-4	6	7	3	2	2	8
Leiter Jr.	2	1	2	2	1	1
Texas						
Darvish W,4-2	7	4	1	1	2	9
Claudio H,2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bush	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:44. A—23,110 (48,114).

ASTROS 12, MARLINS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Reddick rf	6	1	2	1
Beltran lf	3	1	0	0
M.Feliz p	1	0	0	0
Gurriel 1b	5	1	2	1
Altuve 2b	2	2	1	0
Bregman ph-2b	1	0	0	0
Correa ss	4	2	2	1
B.McCann c	5	0	2	4
Y.Gurriel 3b	5	1	1	0
Ma.Gnzlz 3b	4	2	2	1
Maisnick cf	5	3	3	4
Keuchel p	3	0	0	0
Aoki lf	2	0	1	0
Koehler p	1	0	0	0
Wrgren p	1	0	0	0
J.Grcia p	0	0	0	0
J.Bautt ph-cf	1	0	0	0
Totals	42	12	14	11

Miami	200	000	000	—2
Houston	332	020	01x	—12

E—Ratdle (1), Y.Gurriel 2 (5), Keuchel (2). DP—Houston 1, Miami 1. 2B—B.McCann (2), Marisnick (1). HR—Marisnick 2 (4).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Keuchel W,7-0	5	4	2	2	0	4
Feliz	1 1-3	0	0	0	2	2
Sipp	2 2-3	0	0	0	0	3
Miami						
Koehler L,1-2	3	7	8	8	4	3
Wittgren	2 2-3	3	2	2	1	1
Garcia	1 1-3	2	1	1	0	2
McGowan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Phelps	1	2	1	0	0	2

WP—Keuchel.
T—3:00. A—18,056 (36,742).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
RAYS 6, INDIANS 4

Tampa Bay	012	012	000	—6	10	0
Cleveland	201	000	001	—4	8	0

Odorizzi, Alvarado (7), Colome (8) and Norris; Salazar, Armstrong (6), McAllister (7), Logan (8), Clevinger (9) and Gomes. W—Odorizzi 3-2. L—Salazar 2-4. Sv—Colome (10). HRs—Tampa Bay, Dickerson 2, Rasmus, Beckham, Norris. Cleveland, Encarnacion.

YANKEES 7, ROYALS 1

New York	003	200	110	—7	13	0
Kansas City	000	000	001	—1	8	0

Sabathia, Clippard (7), Holder (9) and Sanchez; Hammel, Maness (7), T.Wood (8), Alburquerque (9) and S.Perez. W—Sabathia 3-2. L—Hammel 1-5. HRs—New York, Sanchez, Carter.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONALS 8, PIRATES 4

Washington	100	210	003	—8	14	1
Pittsburgh	100	000	300	—4	8	0

Strasburg, Albers (7), Perez (7), Treinen (8), Romero (8), Glover (9) and Wieters; Kuhl, Hudson (5), Barbato (6), LeBlanc (8) and Cervelli. W—Strasburg 4-1. L—Kuhl 1-4. HRs—Washington, Ditto, Harper. Pittsburgh, Harrison.

INTERLEAGUE
BRAVES 9, BLUE JAYS 5

Atlanta	200	120	103	—9	15	0
Toronto	000	212	000	—5	7	1

Garcia, Ramirez (6), Vizcaino (8), Johnson (9) and Flowers, Estrada, Barnes (7), Tepera (7), Smith (9), Osuna (9) and Maile, Ohtman. W—Ramirez 2-1. L—Barnes 0-1. HRs—Atlanta, Swanson, Freeman. Toronto, Pillar.

ASTROS 12, MARLINS 2

Houston	332	020	01—	12	14	0
Miami	200	000	00—	2	4	1

Keuchel, Feliz (8), Sipp (7) and McCann; Koehler, Wittgren (4), Garcia (6), McGowan (8), Phelps (9) and Realmuto, Ellis. W—Keuchel 7-0. L—Koehler 1-2. HRs—Houston, Marisnick 2.

ROCKIES 7, TWINS 3

Colorado	020	104	000	—7	10	0
Minnesota	020	100	000	—3	6	1

Freeland, Rusin (7), Oliveiino (8), McGee (9), Holland (9) and Wolters; Hughes, Duffey (6), Breslow (8) and J.Castro. W—Freeland 4-2. L—Hughes 4-2. Sv—Holland (17). HRs—Colorado, Blackmon, Parra. Minnesota, Buxton.

RED SOX 6, CARDINALS 3

Boston	110	020	20—	6	9	0
St. Louis	003	000	00—	3	6	3

Rodriguez, Scott (7), Hembree (7), Kimbrel (8) and Vazquez; Lynn, Broxton (7), Tuivailala (8), Cecil (8), Socolovich (8) and Molina. W—Rodriguez 2-1. L—Lynn 4-2. Sv—Kimbrel (12). HRs—Boston, Betts, Bradley Jr.

GIBSON

From 1C

match, Gibson didn't make many mistakes as he coasted to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Water Valley's Jared Urbantke.

The state championship feat was one that the Wildcat junior had a deep appreciation for.

"One of the cool things is being in the (UIL) program and in the Texas Sports of the Fame," Gibson said. "You get your name in that program for however long UIL will be around. I am sure it will be around for awhile, so you look from the past winners in the 1900s that are probably not with us anymore, their names are still in that program. It's just part of history.

"It makes me hungry for another one and hopefully another one my senior year if I get it done this year."

Gibson said one of the best moments of winning the state championship was being recognized by the school for his achievement.

He felt honored to be acknowledged along with the 2016 state runner-up boys basketball team, which he had immense admiration for.

"They had a nice little poster for me in the hallway and at the athletic banquet, they gave me a standing ovation, so it was very nice of them," Gibson said. "I'm proud to be a part of that system and the school and just represent."

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ANDREWS

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Monday. (So) we were the last ones in the parking lot (after the first round), when everyone else was gone. This group was out on the putting green, chipping and putting, and they got back out there (early) on Tuesday. It's a blessing as a coach to have a group of kids work like that."

Added Handley on the program's seventh straight title: "This one means a lot to me, to get to be a part of it with the girls. We had 10 players down here — three seniors — and the younger ones said, 'Six in a row isn't going to end on my watch.'"

Huffman, who placed seventh at last year's state tournament as a sophomore, said she felt pretty comfortable with her second round Tuesday. She was positioned in a two-way tie for second place with Bridegport's Brooke Irion after the first round.

"I felt a lot better about my short game (Tuesday). I made a lot more of my putts and I feel like my round was pretty solid," said Huffman, who drew praise from Handley for her unselfish play in the heat of a race for the individual state title.

Despite what a whopping 63-stroke margin of victory might indicate, Huffman added that capturing No. 7 wasn't an easy task for her Lady Mustangs.

"Seven is a lucky number," Huffman said. "The experience level that the team had was different and it was tough this year. But we came out here and finished strong."

Andrews senior Katelynn Savell finished tied for 13th with a 90-75—165 total, while junior Kinzie McAllister placed 15th with a 82-84—166. Senior Savannah Pinson came in 18th overall with a 92-78—170.

FORSAN, JONES FINISH 2ND

MINERAL WELLS — Thanks to a pair of top 10 individual finishes, Forsan maintained its first round position and finished second in the Class 2A state golf tournament, Tuesday at Roy Kizer Golf Course.

The Lady Buffaloes' Jillian Jones (79-78—157) and Razyl Yanez (77-95—172) placed second and tied for seventh, respectively, to aid Forsan (348-390—738) in its second-place finish.

Forsan, which was five strokes out of the lead following Monday's first round, fell nine strokes short of state champion Memphis (343-386—729).

Jones finished five strokes behind individual champion, Taylor Tomlinson of Christoval.

GARDEN CITY'S WOOD PLACES 8TH

AUSTIN — Competing as an individual medalist, Garden City freshman Logan Wood produced a strong second round to finish eighth overall on Tuesday at the Class 1A state golf tournament at Lions Municipal Golf Course.

Wood (97-89—186) sat in 13th place after Monday's first round, but jumped up five spots thanks to her steady drives on Tuesday. She added that the momentum of a top 10 finish in her first state tournament should serve her well next season as a sophomore.

"I played really well (Tuesday)," Wood said. "My drives were key and I was able to hit it a long ways. This definitely excites me for the future and pushes me to work harder to get to the medal stand in the future."

CLASS 4A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay, Marble Falls
Monday-Tuesday

Tuesday's final results

Team standings — 1. Andrews Black 334-314—648; 2. Seminole 357-354—711; 3. Andrews Gold 315-906—721; 4. Fredericksburg 366-362—728; 5. Lampasas 380-357—737; 6. La Vernia 373-376—749; 7. Abilene 381-373—753; 8. Salado 384-382—766; 9. Bridgeport 396-381—777; 10. Spring Hill 416-383—799; 11. Hudson 396-409—805; 12. Pleasanton 401-429—830

Top 10 individuals — 1. Maddie Olson, Abilene Wylie 70-76—146; 2. Brooke Irion, Bridgeport 76-71—147; 3. Steelie Priest, Lorena 78-78—153; 4. Rachel Huffman, Andrews Black 76-77—153; 5. Shawnee Allen, La Vernia 80-75—155; T6. Hannah Hallom, Pleasant Grove 79-78—157; Lauren Franco, Seminole 80-77—157; Zoe Mayfield, Spring Hill 157; 9. Olivia Mitchell 79-81—159; 10. Bries Graham, Bushland 80-80—160; Also, T13. Katelynn Savell 90-75—165; 15 Kinzie McAllister 82-84—166; 18. Savannah Pinson, Andrews Black 92-78—170

Area team results

Andrews Black (334-314—648): Rachel Huffman 76-77—153; Katelynn Savell 90-75—165; Kinzie McAllister 82-84—166; Savannah Pinson 92-78—170; Macy Schulze 86-90—176

Seminole (357-354—711): Lauren Franco 80-77—157; Alyssa Garcia 89-89—178; Malorie Duncan 94-93—187; Julianna Klassen 94-95—189; Alex Wall 100-100—201

Andrews Gold (355-366—721): Skyler Strube 86-88—174; Sam Flores 86-92—178; Sarah Harris 93-89—182; Paige Jennings 90-97—187; Bailey McCarver 94-97—191

CLASS 2A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Roy Kizer Golf Course, Mineral Wells
Monday-Tuesday
Tuesday's final results

Team standings — 1. Memphis 343-386—729; 2. Forsan 348-390—738; 3. Wellington 368-386—754; 4. Hamilton 378-387—765; 5. Mason 395-389—784; 6. Grapeland 379-409—788; 7. Weimar 422-403—825; 8. Martin's Mill 430-406—806; 9. Thrall 419-428—847; 10. Quanah 434-415—849; 11. Crawford 430-439—869; 12. Moody 463-436—899

Top 10 individuals — 1. Taylor Tomlinson, Christoval 76-76—152; 2. Jillian Jones, Forsan 79-78—157; 3. Maycee Blaydes, Memphis 77-85—162; 4. Ashley Watts, Wellington 78-90—168; T-5. Paige DeJong, Hamilton 85-84—169; Caitlyn Fisher, Gladewater Union Grove 84-85—169; T-7. Razyl Yanez, Forsan 77-95—172; Mattie Barrington, Olney 89-83—172; 9. Colby Jaeger, Thrall 85-86—171; T-10. Lezlie Jones, Van Horn 85-89—174; Margaret Graves, Mason 88-86—174

Area team results

Forsan (348-390—738): Jillian Jones 79-78—157; Razyl Yanez 77-95—172; Alexa Stercks 94-104—198; Sierra Darling 98-113—211; Alyssa Le 98-125—223

CLASS 1A STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
at Lions Municipal Golf Course, Austin
Monday-Tuesday
Tuesday's final results

Team standings — 1. Blanket 382-374—756; 2. Utopia 392-393—785; 3. Happy 406-402—808; 4. Troup 404-409—813; 5. Briscoe Fort Elliott 414-405—819; 6. Bronte 411-419—821; 7. Robert Lee 416-428—844; 8. Iredell 425-441—846; 9. Knippa 439-423—862; 10. Ackerly Sands 429-434—863; 11. Matador Motley County 465-444—909; 12. Moulton 492-503—995

Top 10 individual standings — 1. Marki Kinkade, Blanket 81-79—160; 2. Skylar Mast, Richards 79-83—161; 3. Shaley Goad, Briscoe Fort Elliott 80-84—164; T-4. Kristen Cox, Utopia 86-79—165; Sierra Jameson, Matador Motley County 84-81—165; 6. Mikaela Loman, Utopia 81-86—167; 7. Reagan Hamlin, Ackerly Sands 95-90—185; 8. Logan Wood, Garden City 97-89—186; 9. Tatum Meadows, Briscoe Fort Elliott 95-95—190; 10. Cassie Fury, Blanket 100-91—191

ROUND

From 1C

underway this morning.

CHAPS GET NATIONAL HONORS: The Golf Coaches Association of America announced its NJCAA Division I PING All-America and All-District Teams during Monday night's national tournament banquet.

Cronje was selected as a first team All-American, while freshman Michael Salazar was named as a second team All-American.

Odessa College's Adam Blomme was also selected as a second team All-American, while fellow Wrangler Augustin Hole named as a third team All-American. OC's Van Thomas was also named as an honorable mention All-American.

Joining Cronje and Salazar on the PING All-District 2 team was Chap sophomore Ben Murray.

Also just announced, Salazar was named to the All-Freshman Team in NJCAA Division I golf.

NJCAA MEN'S DIVISION I NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
At Buffalo Dunes Golf Course, Garden City, Kan.
Monday's final round

Team standings - 1. Odessa College 284; 2. McLennan Community College 286; 3. Spartanburg Methodist College 289; 4. Iowa Western 290; 5. Indian Hills CC 292; 6. (tie) Eastern Florida State 294; Midland College 294; 8. Dodge City CC 295; 9. New Mexico JC 297; 10. Western Texas College 299; 11. Central Alabama 300; 12. (tie) Hutchinson CC 302; Wallace State 302; 14. Eastern Arizona College 303; 15. John A. Logan College 305; Scottsdale CC 305; 17. Otero Junior College 310; 18. (tie) Gordon City CC 312; Pima Community College 312; 20. Eastern Wyoming CC 313; 21. Faulkner State CC 316.

Medalist standings (top 10) - 1. Augustin Hole, Odessa College, 69; 2. (tie) Brad Bewdon, Eastern Florida State, 70; Ricky Sanders, Indian Hills, 70; Van Thomas, Odessa College, 70; Dale Crothers, Iowa Western, 70; Matthew Terry, Spartanburg Methodist College, 70; 7. (tie) Stefan Cronje, Midland College, 71; Zachery Herold, Spartanburg Methodist College, 71; Tristen Gonder, Scottsdale CC, 71; Dustin Lewis, Odessa College, 71; Connor Cull, Eastern Arizona, 71; Micah Goulas, McLennan CC, 71; Judd Tillion, McLennan CC, 71.

Midland College (294) - Stefan Cronje 71, Ben Murray 72, Michael Salazar 74, Hudson Ross 77, Coleman Houston 79

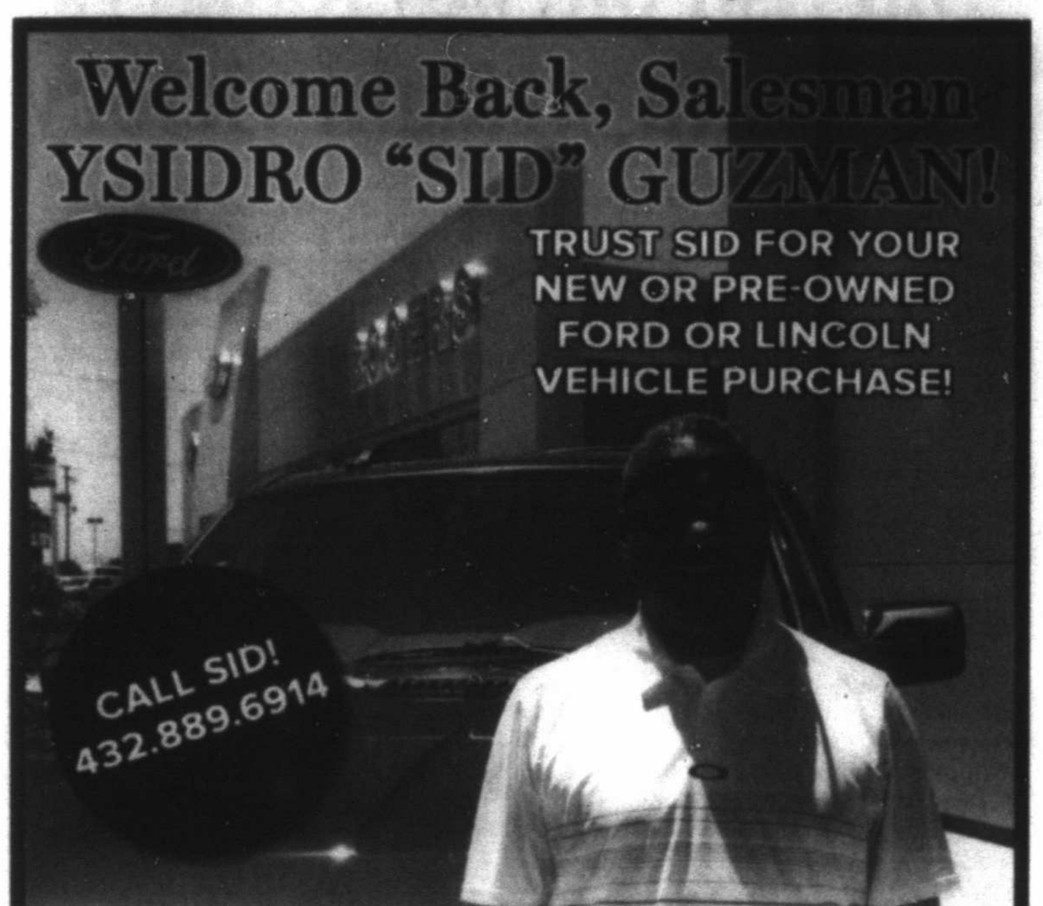
SHARAPOVA

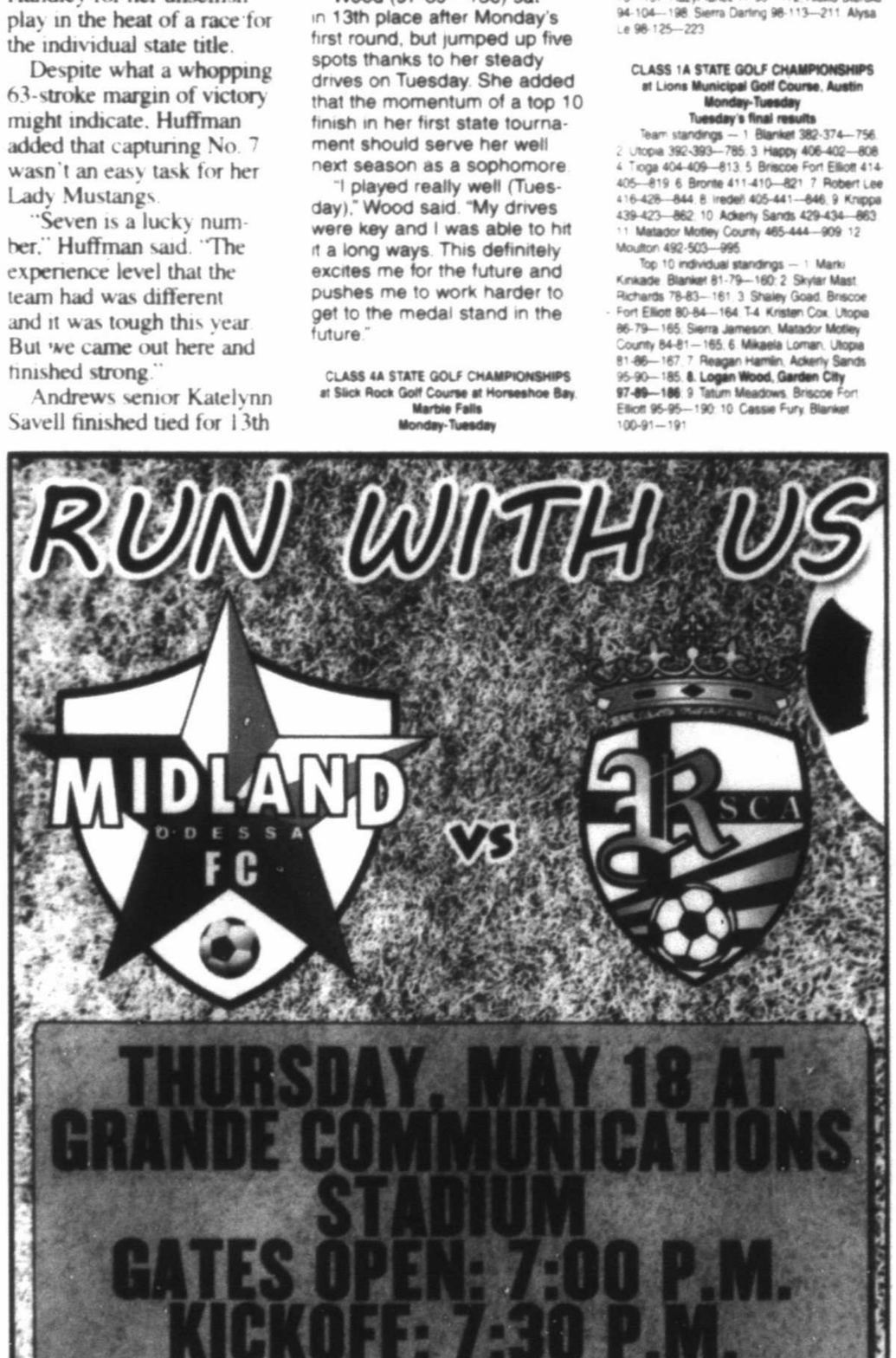
From 1C

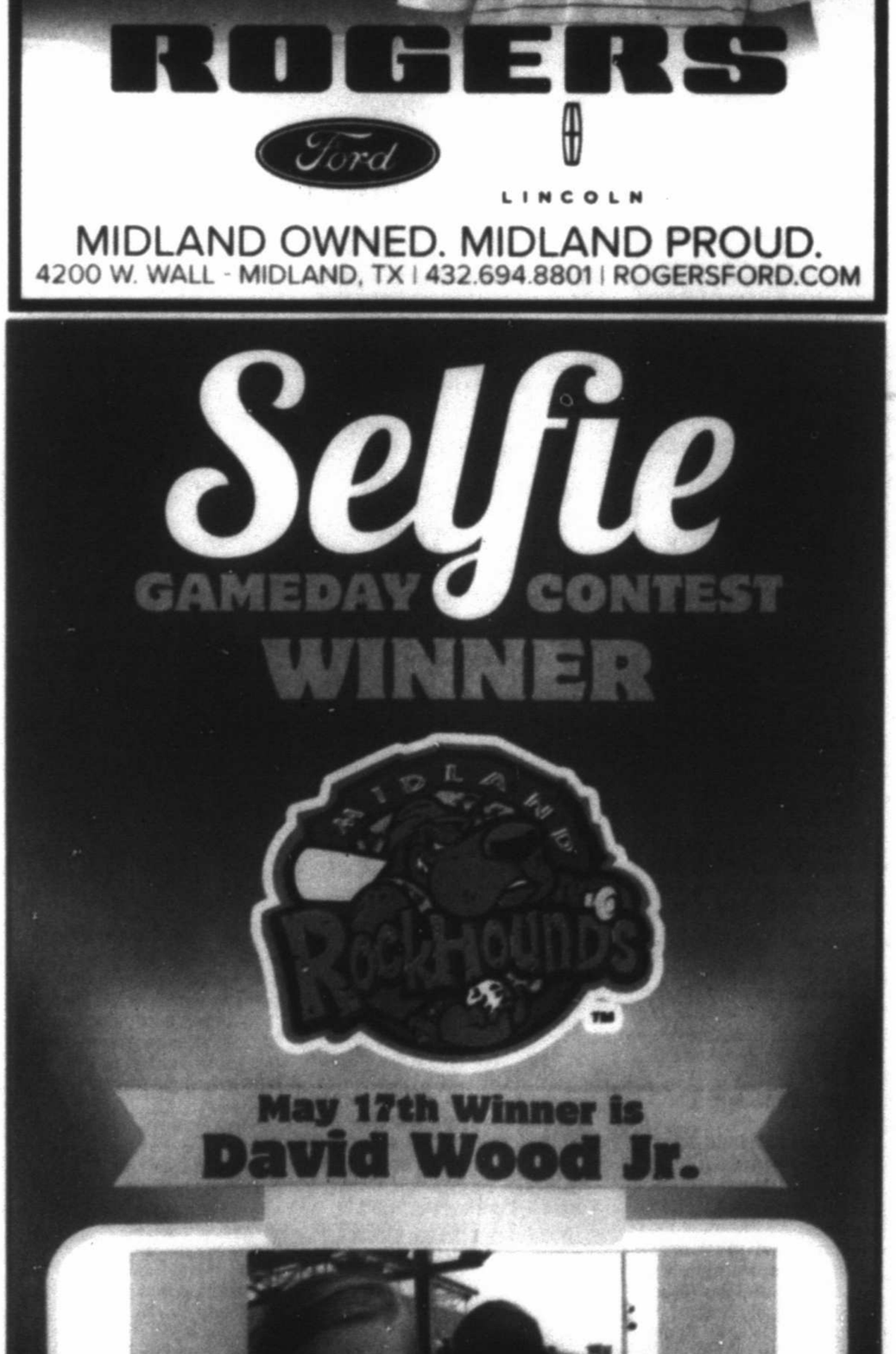
French Open starts May 28.

"I read the results of several polls and I could see that about two-thirds were in favor of Maria being granted a wild card. Of course I felt some pressure," he said. "We did not want to treat Maria Sharapova differently."

He felt that offering Sharapova a short cut into the main draw would send the wrong message in the fight against doping in sports.







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	C	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Downwar d Dog (N)	Designated "Brace for Impact" (SP) (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Game Changers (N)		C.Minds: Borders "Abominable" (N)		CM:Beyond "The Ripper of Riga" (SP) (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	MacGyver "Gold Rush"		Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Velvet Claws"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Shots Fired "Hour 9: Come to Jesus" (N)		Empire "Toil and Trouble, Part 1" 1/2 (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Aleph Course	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		Walking
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	Blindspot "Lepers Rebel" (SP) (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Conversion" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Fork in the Road" (N)		NewsWe-st 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Animal Misfits"		Nova "Chinese Chariot Revealed" (N)		Food "Food on the Brain" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		La reina de la cancion		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	SHIELD "The Team"		Agents of SHIELD		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX		340	575			165	(6:30) Cinderella...		★★★ Bobby ('06, Dra) Anthony Hopkins.				★★★ Crash ('04, Dra) Sandra Bullock.					Cecil B. Dement...
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	Vice News	★★★ Friday Ice Cube.			(:35) Silicon	(:05) The Leftovers		Real Sports			Legend Tom Hardy.
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(3:25) Criminal Ac...		LastWeek	(:40) Silicon	(:10) Fight	(:40)	★★★ Central Intelligence Dwayne Johnson.		Chris Gethard: Career Suicide			
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(5:45) ★★ The Great Raid Benjamin Bratt.				★★★ Sleepers ('96, Thril) Kevin Bacon, Brad Pitt.					★★★ This Boy's Life		
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(9:15) The Day the...		★★ Pale Rider ('85, Act) Clint Eastwood.				★★★ The Revenant ('15, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.					Movie
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(5:40) Harry Potter & the Order of the P...				★★★ Kindergarten Cop				(:55) ★★ Australia Nicole Kidman.			
PLEX				96			(3:50) Gandhi		★★★ Thirteen Days ('01, Dra) Kevin Costner.					★★★ Fat Man and Little Boy				Movie
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:05) ★★★ Breach		★★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman				AlMadrigalShrimp		★★ Meet the Browns			DoinTime
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Paranoia		(:20) Stolen ('12, Act) Nicolas Cage.				★★★ No Country for Old Men			(:05) ★ The Seven ...		
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(3:30) ★★★ Avatar		★★ Twister ('96, Act) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.						★★★ Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory			
BET		58	-		40		(5:00) ★★ Love Don't Cost a Thing				★★★ Hustle and Flow Terrence Howard.				Martin	Martin	Martin	(:35) Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives	Real Housewives			Real Housewives (N)		Then and Now (N)		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		Then
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank	Shark Tank			Shark Tank		Guide (N)	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark T.
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans		The Last Alaskans				Bush "Raised Wild"		(:05) Bush People	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Good Luck	StuckMid	GoodLuck	Underc.	Underc.	Cali Style	Bunk'd	Tangled	Jessie	StuckMid	AndiMack
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	Baseball Tonight (L)		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at St. Louis Cardinals (L)						SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		Drone Racing		Drone Racing		Drone Racing		We/ Fans		We/ Fans	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons (N)		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons		Cooks vs. Cons	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ The Waterboy				★★★ Coming to America ('88, Com) Eddie Murphy.				The 700 Club		★ Bringing Down t...	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	18 Holes	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park – Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Preview	WPT Poker Bounty Scramble	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★ Prometheus ('12, Adv) Noomi Rapace.					Fargo (N)			Fargo		Fargo
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Little Women: Atlanta "Miami Vices"		Little Women ATL "Cruise Control" (N)		LittleW. "Unexpected Ending" (N)		Little Women: Dallas "Reunion" (N)		LW Atlanta "Unexpected Ending"		Little Women ATL "Cruise Control"	
MSNBC		37	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		11thHour	Hardball	Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs (L)						NHL Overtime (L)		Cycling	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	★★★ Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.								★ I Am Heath Ledger		★★ A Knight's Tale	
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★★★ Salt ('10, Act) Angelina Jolie.				★★★ 300 ('06, Epic) Lena Headey, Gerard Butler.				(:25) ★★ Pompeii			
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Mark Wahlberg, Elle Fanning		Seinfeld	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Vanessa, He...		★★★ Happy Land				★★ American Tragedy Phillips Holmes.			★ I Walked With a Zombie		
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		Querida centauro		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Querida centauro	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Dottie and June" Pt. 2 of 2		My 600-lb Life "Milla and Charity" Charity's daughter Charly is becoming dangerously obese.						My 600-lb Life "Milla and Charity" Charity's daughter Charly is becoming obese.			
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Man in the Outhouse"		NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Playoffs				Inside the NBA		DunkKing "Qualifying Round Pt. 1" (SP) (N)	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Nobodies	Lopez (N)	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "Lockdown"		NCIS "After Hours"		NCIS "Scope"		NCIS "Reasonable Doubts"		★ Fifty Shades of Grey (2015, Drama) Jamie Dornan, Jennifer Ehle, Dakota Johnson.			
WGN		19	85				★★★ The Fugitive ('93, Thril) Sela Ward, Harrison Ford. A man convicted of murdering his wife escapes and searches for the real killer.						Person of Interest "2nR"		Person of Interest "Prisoner's Dilemma"		Person of Interest "Dead Reckoning"	

Classic meatloaf is comfort food that warms generations

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My stepmother had a recipe for meatloaf that she found in your column years ago. She made it for us often when we visited, and we all loved it. However, we have been unable to locate that recipe anywhere and don't remember how to make it. Could you reprint the recipe for me? We've been trying others, but yours is the best. — JENNA IN JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR JENNA: I'm pleased to share that recipe once again. I have made it, and we love it, too. Now that you have mentioned it, when I go to the market later, I'll pick up the ingredients and make it for dinner tonight. The leftovers make wonderful sandwiches! This recipe is part of my cookbooklet set, which has recipes for appetizers, soups, salads, vegetable side dishes, main courses and delicious desserts. The set can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. By the way, the cookbooklet set also contains a tasty recipe for turkey meatloaf for those who have sworn off red meat, which clearly I haven't.

MEATLOAF

2 lbs. ground beef
1 cup seasoned Italian bread crumbs
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/3 cup ketchup
1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 eggs
Pepper to taste
Salt, if desired
4 strips bacon, if desired

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large bowl, combine all ingredients except bacon. Shape into a loaf; place in 9-by-5-inch pan. Arrange bacon strips on top of meat mixture, if desired. Bake for 60 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Brian" for five months. We are very compatible and have discussed spending the rest of our lives together. He is 54; I am 59.

The deal breaker for me is his "daughter" ("Allison"), who is actually the daughter of a friend of his. Allison and Brian's two grown sons grew up together. She's 24.

Allison no longer hangs out, talks with or visits Brian's sons, but she is close to Brian. She has no girlfriends, no male friends and she's estranged from her parents. Brian helps her with school projects, they go to lunch, walk on the beach, text/talk on the phone, go on bike rides, go hiking, etc. He tells me he's a father figure to her.

I have met Allison, and I think her behavior is a little too flirtatious for a daughter/father relationship. She also made a couple of inappropriate comments to me during our first meeting. When I mention to Brian that I don't think it's a healthy "friendship," he becomes defensive. Should I bow out now and cut my losses, get to know Allison better, or tell Brian it's me or her? — THIRD WHEEL OUT WEST

DEAR THIRD WHEEL: Brian seems like a nice, caring person. You have known him for only five months. I vote for standing pat a while longer and making an effort to befriend Allison. If she's truly as alone as you describe, she could use an older, more-experienced woman in her life. You might even find you like her rather than feel threatened by her. However, if that's not feasible, you can always cut your losses and run, but not right now.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Nice ending

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ A 10 9 6 2
♡ 9
◇ 7 4
♣ Q J 10 7 4

WEST
♠ K Q 3
♡ 8 5 2
◇ K J 6 5
♣ A 5 3

EAST
♠ 8 7 5 4
♡ K 7
◇ 10 9 3
♣ K 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠ J
♡ A Q J 10 6 4 3
◇ A Q 8 2
♣ 8

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Dbl	1♠	Pass
4♡	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♠

The opening spade lead went to dummy's ace and declarer took a moment to assess his chances. West would have led a club if he held both the ace and king, so the spade lead suggested that the king of diamonds was probably offside.

South led the seven of diamonds and played the two from his hand when East played the nine. Declarer was threatening a diamond ruff in the dummy, so East shifted to his low heart. Declarer let this run to dummy's nine and then led a diamond to his eight and West's jack. There was no entry to dummy, so West led the "safe" queen of spades. South ruffed and laid down the ace of hearts. When that felled the king, South had a chance.

South cashed all of his hearts hoping something good would happen. On the last heart, West had to come down to three cards. Should he keep the ace of clubs, he would be thrown in with that card and forced to lead a diamond into the ace-queen. He discarded his ace of clubs to avoid this, but South had the counter. He cashed the ace of diamonds, removing East's last diamond, and exited with a club. East won with the king, but had to give dummy the final trick with a club.

West could have cashed the ace of clubs before leading the "safe" queen of spades. The contract would also have been defeated had East led a spade rather than a low trump earlier. South would get a diamond ruff in dummy, but East would retain his trump winner and there would still be a diamond loser.

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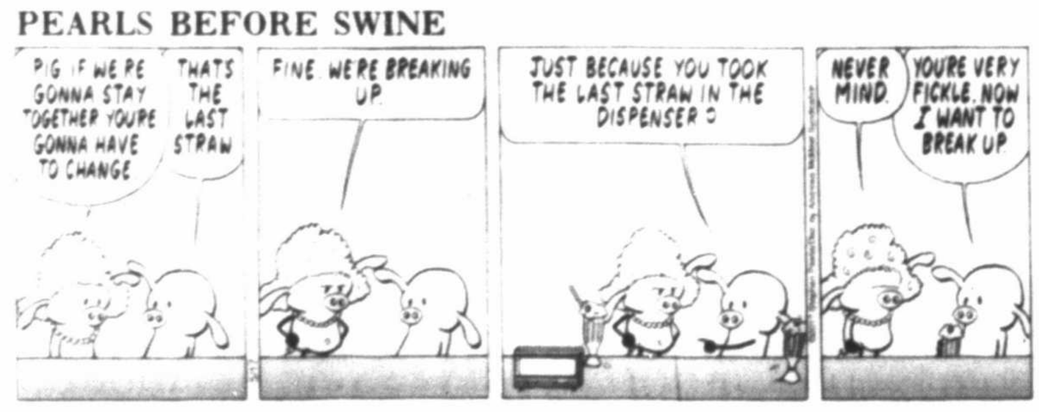

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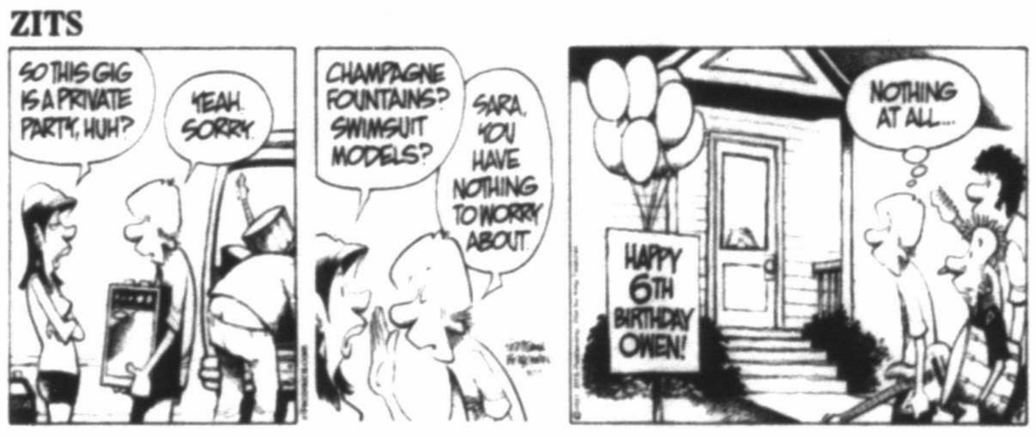


BABY BLUES

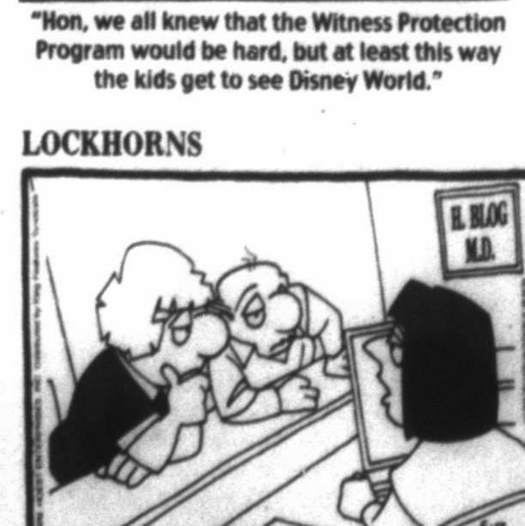
MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Hon, we all knew that the Witness Protection Program would be hard, but at least this way the kids get to see Disney World."

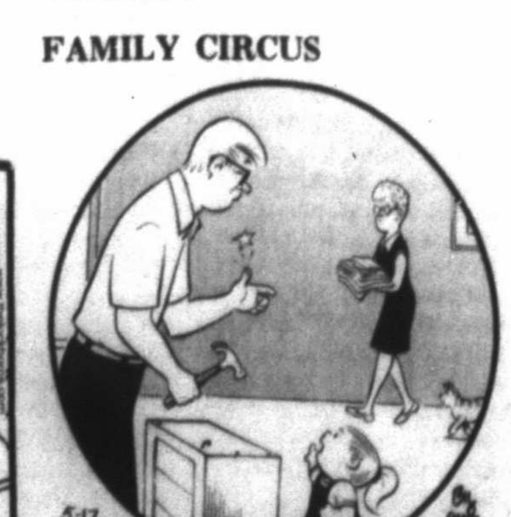
DENNIS THE MENACE

LOCKHORNS



"SORRY, MA'AM, BUT I'LL NEED SOMETHING MORE SPECIFIC ON YOUR AGE THAN 'THIRTYSOMETHING'."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Maybe you'd like Grandma to kiss it all better?"

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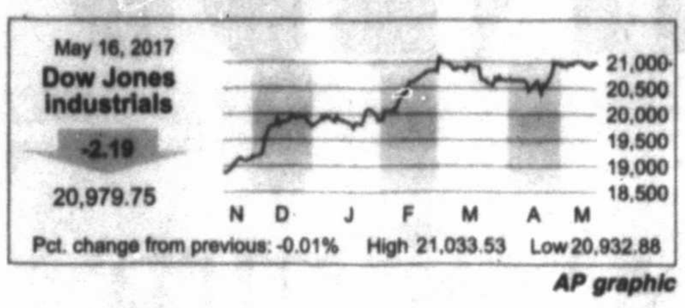

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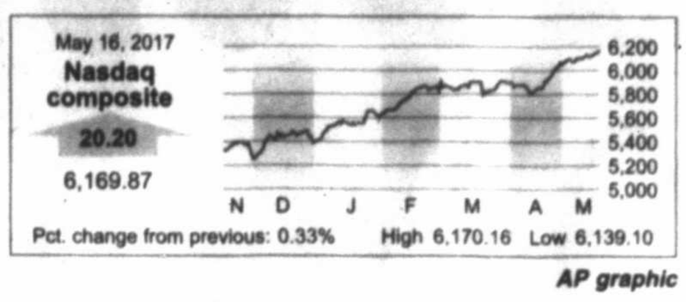

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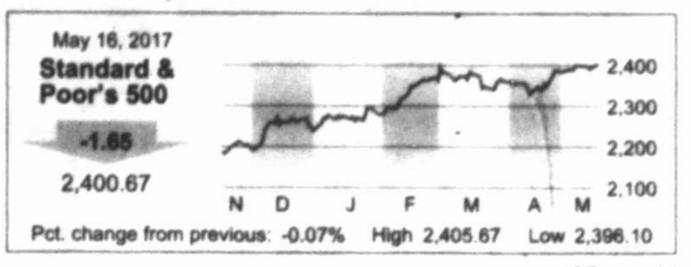

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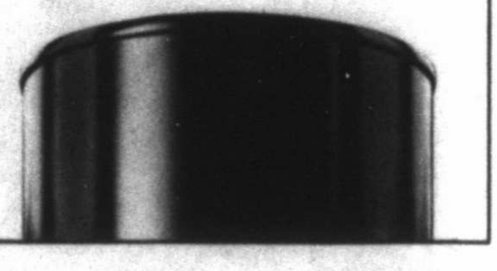

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	532810	23.99	-.07
SPDR Fncl	503323	25.81	+.07
B iPVxST rs	497840	13.60	-.19
S&P500ETF	454255	240.98	-.22
FordM	411520	10.94	...

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TriumphGp	23.85	+3.40	+16.6
Renren rs	7.22	+.97	+15.5
EclipseRs	2.44	+.24	+10.9
Vonetjet	4.96	+.46	+10.2
NoAllDH rs	2.61	+.23	+9.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DicksSptg	41.04	-6.53	-13.7
GranaMon	3.20	-.45	-12.3
CSVLgNG rs	19.43	-2.29	-10.5
ChicB&I	20.80	-2.24	-9.7
Lee Ent	2.05	-.20	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,306
Declined	1,605
Unchanged	141
Total issues	3,052
New Highs	181
New Lows	60
Volume	3,310,143,003

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	143964	2.44	+.21
NDynMn g	36443	1.81	-.02
B2gold g	35169	2.48	+.02
GastarExp	32848	1.07	-.09
iShIndia bt	31706	32.91	+.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LilisEn n	5.40	+1.09	+25.3
Globalstar	2.44	+.21	+9.4
Electmed	4.70	+.35	+8.0
ContMatls	24.90	+1.80	+7.8
UnvSecInst	2.75	+.20	+7.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BovieMed	2.13	-.52	-19.6
AsteriasBio	3.35	-.35	-9.5
Air Inds	2.32	-.23	-9.0
OrchidsPP	13.75	-1.24	-8.3
CPI Aero	7.30	-.50	-6.4

DIARY

Advanced	146
Declined	184
Unchanged	28
Total issues	358
New Highs	21
New Lows	6
Volume	97,510,775

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	480806	1.35	+.06
Microsoft	328024	69.41	+1.37
Nvidia	271520	136.81	+2.50
Intel	218587	35.82	+.19
Zynga	203250	3.49	+.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
xG Tech rs	2.02	+.57	+39.3
NaturesSun	11.30	+2.45	+27.7
DXP Ent	41.67	+8.61	+26.0
WeiboCorp	78.60	+15.70	+25.0
Etsy n	13.73	+2.41	+21.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EnteroM rs	4.38	-1.72	-28.2
PernixT rs	4.52	-1.21	-21.1
KBS Fash rs	4.46	-1.15	-20.5
TearLab rs	2.15	-.45	-17.3
NantKwst n	3.81	-.79	-17.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,397
Declined	1,408
Unchanged	232
Total issues	3,037
New Highs	213
New Lows	72
Volume	1,921,835,587

Google staves off genericide, avoids fate of aspirin, yo-yo

Bloomberg

No matter how often you invoke a certain internet search engine's name when doing online research, Alphabet Inc. still owns the brand.

That's the upshot of a federal appeals court's decision Tuesday rejecting the argument that Google has become so popular as a verb that it should lose its status as a protected trademark.

Genericide, as it's known, is the curse of companies whose brands gain such strong currency in the marketplace that they morph into product categories. Think of aspirin, escalator or yo-yo, but not coke.

The fight over whether one of the world's most valuable brands should be declared generic started when a man named Chris Gillespie in 2012 acquired 763 internet domain names that included the word "google."

After Google filed an objection with the board that referees domain-name disputes and accused Gillespie of "cybersquatting," he and another man asked an Arizona federal court to cancel Google's trademark on the grounds that it's a "generic term universally used to describe the act of internet searching," according to court filings.

The Arizona judge didn't buy the argument, and on Tuesday, neither did the U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The men didn't present sufficient evidence that the public thinks of the word "google" primarily as a generic name for internet search engines rather than as the brand of the Google search engine in particular, the three-judge panel said.

"The mere fact that the public sometimes uses a trademark as the name for a unique product does not immediately render the mark generic," U.S. Circuit Judge Richard Tallman wrote for the panel.

Rebecca Ginsberg Rutkoff, a Google spokeswoman, didn't immediately respond to a phone call seeking comment on the ruling.

Tallman noted that other household names, including Coca-Cola Co., have beaten back efforts to have their brands declared generic and unprotected over the years. Coca-Cola won a 1982 trademark-infringement case against a local restaurant that surreptitiously replaced customer orders for "a coke" with a non-Coca-Cola beverage. The restaurant unsuccessfully argued that "coke" covered a generic category of soft drinks.

Jason Kravitz, a Boston-based trademark lawyer, said the appeals court's decision reinforces how difficult it is for challengers to have brand names declared generic.

"These kinds of challenges are par for the course when a company has been successful enough to establish market dominance," he said.

Ford plans to cut about 10 percent of global workforce

Bloomberg

Ford Motor Co. plans to trim about 10 percent of its global salaried workforce while retaining the tech talent it's recruited to develop driverless and electric cars, according to a person familiar with the strategy.

Jobs are being cut as Ford's directors pressure Chief Executive Officer Mark Fields to boost profit and a lagging stock price. The reductions are expected to target salaried employees mostly in North America and Asia, said the person, who asked not to be identified disclosing internal discussions. Some are also expected in Europe, where Ford already has retrenched.

Fields is working to cut costs by about $3 billion this year. With Ford's stock down about 37 percent since he became CEO in 2014, Fields is caught between pleasing a board pressuring him to boost fading profits while placating President Donald Trump, who is pushing automakers to add U.S. jobs. Ford also is pouring billions into electric, self-driving cars and ride-sharing as its struggles more than General Motors Co. with a slowing U.S. market.

"This has to be done surgically rather than randomly or otherwise you lose the talent you need the most," said Maryann Keller, an industry consultant in Stamford, Connecticut. "This will be offered to the traditional automotive staff."

Ford shares have declined 10 percent this year, compared with a 3.6 percent drop for GM and 23 percent gain by Fiat Chrysler Automobiles.

Reducing costs and becoming "as lean and efficient as possible" is a priority, Ford said in an emailed statement. "We have not announced any new people efficiency actions, nor do we comment on speculation."

US stock indexes end mostly lower; Nasdaq notches new high

A subdued day of trading on Wall Street ended Tuesday with stocks closing mostly lower even as the Nasdaq composite notched another record high.

Utilities, phone companies and other high-dividend paying stocks were among the biggest decliners. Energy stocks also fell along with a drop in the price of crude oil. Technology companies climbed the most. Financials also eked out a small gain.

Investors sized up the latest crop of company earnings and new data on home construction and industrial production.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dipped 1.65 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,400.67. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 2.19 points, or 0.01 percent, to 20,979.75. The Nasdaq gained 20.20 points, or 0.3 percent, to 6,169.87. The tech-heavy index and the S&P 500 each hit new highs on Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller stocks rose 0.76 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,394.68. More stocks fell than rose on the on the New York Stock Exchange.

Metal prices rise

he price of gold rose $6.40 to settle at $1,236.40 per ounce. Silver added 13 cents to $16.69 per ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to $2.55 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

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Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $133.08 Down 0.93

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.35 Down 0.16

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $103.96 Up 0.68

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $2.04 Down 0.05

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.96 Up 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $26.85 Up 0.05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.64 Down 0.35

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $40.80 Down 0.19

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.22 Down 0.14

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.94 Down 0.31

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.19	-.40	-10.2
Abraxas	...	...	1.97	+.04	-23.3
AdeDvsEq	.92e	...	14.12	...	+11.1
AMD			12.75	+1.33	+12.4
Alibaba	...	39	124.02	+2.62	+41.2
AlonUSA	.60	...	12.74	+.23	+12.0
Ambev	.06e	6	6.36	+.03	+29.5
Amgen	4.60f	14	159.99	+.02	+9.4
Amyris	...	...	.29	-.03	-60.3
Anadarko	.20	...	51.75	-.13	-25.8
Apache	1.00	...	50.97	...	-19.7
Apple Inc	2.52f	16	155.47	-.23	+34.2
ApldMatl	.40	22	46.07	+.75	+39.7
ArcelorMit	...	7	7.67	+.17	+5.1
Archrock	.48	...	11.45	+.10	-13.3
ATMOS	1.80	23	80.33	-1.03	+8.3
AutoData	2.28	25	98.32	-.13	-4.3
BP PLC	2.38	54	36.24	+.53	-3.0
BakrHu	.68	...	57.50	-.51	-11.5
BkofAm	.30f	15	23.99	-.07	+8.6
B iPVxST rs	...	...	13.60	-.19	-46.7
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.46	+.02	-.1
BasicEnS	...		.45		
BerkHa A	...	16	245701.03	-98.99	+.6
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	20	68.39	+.05	+11.5
BlackBerry	...		9.00	+.55	+47.8
BrMySq	1.56f	32	54.39	-.71	-6.9
BrownFA s	...	31	51.36	+.91	+11.0
BrownFB s	...	...	50.46	+.99	+12.3
CVS Health	2.00f	14	79.12	-1.35	+.3
CallonPet	...	39	12.48	-.11	-16.8
Caterpillar	3.08	31	102.34	-.08	+10.4
Celestic g	...	10	14.23	+.13	+20.1
CntryLink	2.16	11	24.77	-.04	+4.2
ChesEng	...	50	5.54	-.03	-21.1
Chevron	4.32	...	107.25	+.40	-8.9
Chicos	.33	17	12.18	-.32	-15.4
Cimarex	.32	55	117.16	-.03	-13.8
Cisco	1.16	18	34.30	+.07	+13.5
Citigroup	.64	13	62.49	+1.07	+5.1
CocaCola	1.48	27	43.85	+.12	+6.8
ColgPalm	1.60f	25	71.58	+.07	+9.4
Comcast s	.63	22	38.82	-.15	+12.4
ConAgra	.80	20	37.57	-.28	-5.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	...	133.08	-.93	+.4
ConocoPhil	1.36	52	47.13	-.31	-6.0
CrackerB	4.30	25	159.93	-2.05	-4.2
CSVInvN rs	...	...	19.94	+1.92	
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	19.43	-2.29	-57.9
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.14	-.10	-15.7
DCP Mid	3.12	21	36.03	-.31	-6.1
DTE	3.30f	24	104.80	-1.15	+6.4
Delcath rs	...	...	.04	+.01	-95.7
DevonE	.24	...	37.92	-.24	-17.0
DicksSptg	.68	13	41.04	-6.53	-22.7
DrGMBll rs	...	...	19.20	+.45	
Disney	1.56f	19	107.98	-1.15	+3.6
DowChm	1.84	20	62.30	-.10	+8.9
EOG Resrc	.67	...	93.63	-.90	-7.2
Energen	.06	...	55.06	+1.31	-4.5
EnPro	.80	43	69.56	-.92	+3.3
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	26.94	-.17	-.4
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.76	+.10	+16.0
Etsy n	...	...	13.73	+2.41	+16.6
ExxonMbl	3.08f	37	82.55	-.25	-8.5
Facebook	...	33	149.76	-.41	+30.2
FiatChrys	...	...	10.93	-.21	+19.8
FireEye	...	...	15.65	-.25	+31.5
FordM	.60a	6	10.94	...	-9.8
FrptMcM	...	...	11.77	+.02	-10.8
FrontierCm	.16m	...	1.35	+.06	-60.1
GATX	1.68	10	58.93	-.06	-4.3
GGP Inc	.88	12	22.01	-.16	-11.9
GasMutlT	.94e	...	8.48	-.01	+17.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.18	+.01	+0.6
GenElec	.96	19	28.04	+.14	-11.3
GenMotors	1.52	5	33.42	-.40	-4.1
Globalstar	...	22	2.44	+.21	+54.4
GlPlatnEn	1.10	17	27.88	-.35	+1.9
Hallibrtn	.72	...	46.76	+.27	-13.5
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	40.44	+.29	+21.3
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.46	-.09	+13.7
iShEMMkts	.84e	...	41.68	+.04	+19.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	65.99	+.42	+14.3
iShiBxHYB	5.09	...	88.31	+.13	+2.0
iShR2K	3.77e	...	138.63	+.05	+2.8
Intel	1.09f	16	35.82	+.19	-1.2
InterDig	1.20	10	85.05	-.25	-8.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
JD.com	...	...	40.77	+.54	+60.3
JohnJn	3.20	19	127.77	+.78	+10.9
KimbClk	3.88	21	127.42	-.58	+11.7
LegacyRes	.60m	...	2.04	-.05	-3.8
Lubys	...	...	2.68	-.04	-37.4
Macys	1.51	9	22.82	-.39	-36.3
MarathnO	.20	...	14.43	-.11	-16.6
McDnlds	3.76	27	147.29	+1.01	+21.0
Merck	1.88	17	63.79	+.28	+8.4
MerltMed	...	43	34.30	+.15	+29.4
MexcoEn	...	...	3.96	...	-20.8
MicronT	...	35	29.02	+.19	+32.4
Microsoft	1.56	30	69.41	+1.37	+11.7
Momo	...	...	43.82	+3.71	+138.4
Nabors	.24	...	10.11	+.07	-38.4
NetGrid	3.35e	...	67.89	+.09	+16.0
NOilVarco	.20	26	34.08	+.17	-9.0
NikeB s	.84	22	52.78	-.99	+3.8
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.28	+.07	+30.6
NSTFI3	.55a	...	14.52	...	+2.5
NTXGI	.68	...	14.35	...	+4.6
Nvidia	.56	44	136.81	+2.50	+28.2
OasisPet	3.04	...	60.53	-.79	-15.0
PDC Engy	...	...	52.64	-.12	-27.5
Pandora	...	...	9.35	-.37	-28.3
ParTech	...	20	8.25	-.14	+47.8
ParkDrl	...	...	1.55	-.05	-40.4
PattUTI	.09	...	21.81	+.10	-19.0
Penney	...	15	4.60	+.26	-44.6
PennaRE	.84	7	10.45	-.54	-44.9
Pmian	.46e	27	9.80	-.11	+27.1
Petrobras	...	...	10.45	+.04	+3.4
Pfizer	1.28	14	32.60	+.02	+.4
PioNtrl	.08	...	174.79	+.94	-2.9
PlainsAAP	2.20	30	27.58	+.06	-14.6
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	139.62	+.58	+17.8
Praxair	3.15	23	131.03	+.86	+11.8
PrmEngy	...	...	43.80	+3.80	-18.9
PUVixST rs	...	...	11.63	-.23	...
ProctGam	2.78f	23	86.24	-.09	+2.6
RangeRs	.08	35	25.16	-.16	-26.8
RegionsFn	.28f	16	14.54	+.20	+1.3
RiteAid	...	34	3.76	-.33	-54.1
Rowan	.40	6	13.47	+.04	-28.7
RoyDShlA	3.76	85	56.16	+.51	+3.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		209.95	+.02	+6.3
S&P500ETF	4.13e		240.08	-.22	+7.4
SpdrLehHY	2.30		37.22	+.04	+2.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	35.21	-.34	-15.0
SabnR	2.13e	18	37.70	+.65	+7.3
SanderFm	.96	13	113.70	+.23	+20.6
Schlmbrg	2.00	71	71.37	-.63	-15.0
SiriusXM	.04	32	4.79	+.01	+7.6
Smucker	3.00	15	124.77	-.01	-2.6
Snapinc A	n	...	20.78	+.04	-15.1
SwstnEngy		...	7.24	-.09	-33.1
SpiritRtC	.72	8	7.11	-.20	-34.5
Sprint		...	7.94	+.06	-5.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.94	-.34	-9.8
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	23.81	+.07	+2.4
Synchrony	.26	10	26.84	-.27	-26.0
TJX	1.25f	21	73.76	-3.14	-1.8
Target	2.40	11	54.53	-.82	-24.5
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	11.22	+.10	+22.0
Tesoro	2.20	14	81.88	-.08	-6.4
3M Co	4.70	24	197.91	+.28	+10.8
Torchmark	.60f	17	75.64	-.38	+2.5
TriContl	.82e	...	23.88	+.01	+8.3
21stCFoxA	.36	18	27.34	-.39	-2.5
Twitter	...	...	19.49	+.26	+19.6
TylerTech	...	54	168.87	-.06	+18.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
UBSI	1.32	20	39.00	+.15	-15.7
US OilFd	...	...	10.11	-.06	-13.7
USSteel	.20		20.20	+.06	-38.8
Vale SA	.29e		8.77	+.26	+15.1
Vale SA pf	.29e		8.39	+.31	+21.8
ValeantPh	...	2	14.08	-.09	-3.0
ValeroE	2.80	17	64.54	-1.01	-5.5
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.96	+.16	+9.8
VangEmg	1.10e		41.35	+.04	+15.6
VerizonCm	2.31	11	45.31	-.07	-15.1
Vipshop	...	29	13.76	-1.02	+25.0
VulcanM	1.00	40	128.33	-2.38	+2.5
WEC Engy	2.08	21	60.59	-.42	+3.3
WalgBoots	1.50	18	84.51	-.07	+2.1
WeathfInt	...	...	5.15	-.08	+3.2
WeiboCorp	...	...	78.60	+15.70	+93.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.26	-.06	-3.4
WstnRefin	1.81f	27	35.48	+.01	-6.3
WhitingPet	...	...	8.55	-.19	-28.9
WmsCos	1.20f	44	30.62	-.16	-1.7
xG Tech rs	...	...	2.02	+.57	+49.6
XcelEngy	1.44f	21	45.57	-.24	+12.0
Xerox	.28m	10	7.14	-.01	+24.2
Yahoo	...	...	50.96	+1.10	+31.8
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21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	20,979.75	-2.19	-.01	+8.16	+19.68
9,639.31	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,062.85	-4.38	-.05	+.21	+19.13
723.83	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	697.21	-5.27	-.75	+5.70	+6.55
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,606.49	-7.75	-.07	+4.97	+13.15
6,153.04	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,169.87	+20.20	+.33	+14.62	+30.84
2,404.05	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,400.67	-1.65	-.07	+7.23	+17.27
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,729.52	-1.61	-.09	+4.15	+20.20
25,052.13	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,965.49	-16.03	-.06	+6.57	+18.14
1,425.69	1,085.69	Russell 2000	1,394.68	+.76	+.05	+2.77	+27.00

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Mine Safety Coordinator

Seeking a highly qualified Mine Safety Coordinator to oversee all surface mining safety operations. Will perform safety inspections, provide employee training, and evaluate safety compliance. MSHA safety experience REQUIRED. Health, vision, and dental 100% paid! Company pickup provided. Apply in person at 9400 S. Service Rd, Coahoma, TX or call 432-394-4604 for more information.

HEALTHCARE

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Seeking Texas Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for 4 Star facility in Denver City, TX. Salary based on experience. Excellent benefits and relocation package. Please send resume to MSC Associates 1212 13th Suite 100, Lubbock, TX. 79401 or patsyr@nts-online.net

Big Spring State Hospital

Registered Nurses, Job Posting # 348952 & 337518
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Big Spring State Hospital 1901 North Highway 87 Big Spring, TX 79720

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Excellent opportunity for a individual with strong computer skills & billing background, $15.00 per hour. Contact HR department. 800-581-8472

LAW ENFORCEMENT SECURITY

Multiple Positions Available

Midland County has the following positions available:
*** Administrative Assistant * Juvenile Probation Officer * Jailer**
*** Maintenance Helper In Jail * Centennial Library Branch Manager**
Please see our website:
www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/hr/pages/employment.aspx for more details, pay and applications. To be considered you must send a completed application with job reference numbers to the address indicated on the application.

OTHER JOBS

Gate Attendants needed

Gate Guard Services is looking for Gate Attendants in West Texas area, must have RV or Traveling trailer and must pass background. Requirements needed: Non-Commissioned license. Please call Patty for more information @ 361-949-6992.

GATE GUARD SERVICES, L.P.

Pool Monitor

Part Time Pool Monitor, Airline Mobile Home Park. No experience necessary, $10 per hour. Phone 432-694-2534

OTHER JOBS

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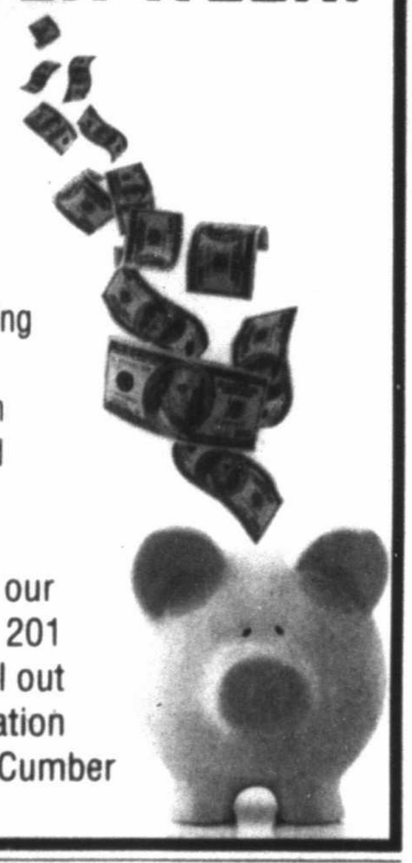

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Please come by our office located at 201 E. Illinois and fill out a carrier information sheet. Linda McCumber 432-687-8807

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American Glass Dist. FT
Help wanted: Male or Female Delivery Driver, must be able to drive standard transmission. Must be 25 years of age, have social security card, driver's license, have a decent driving record, & must be able to lift 100 pounds. Good benefits after 6 months of employment. Starting at $12.75/hr. Please call 432-699-5235 or come by 5002 Basin Street, A-2, to fill out an application.

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The Petroleum Club of Midland is hiring for the positions of an Upscale Line Cook

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Laborers and Carpenters

Mid-Tex of Midland, Inc. Now hiring full time laborers and carpenters. Applicants must have reliable transportation, a valid ID and be able to pass a drug test. You may apply at 5206 W. Wadley Avenue, Midland, Texas. No Phone Calls Please.

Maintenance Laborer Needed

Must pass Drug & Background Screening, must have own hand Tools, experience with electrical, plumbing, irrigation and carpentry. Pay depending on experience. Apply at: Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703, Park Ridge Apartments, 2828 E 11th , Odessa, TX 79762
Email or Fax: jdusek@klementford.com 940-627-6368

Warehouse Assistant/Delivery Driver

Tanklogix is hiring for the position of "Warehouse Assistant/Delivery Driver"
We offer competitive pay and benefits.
Apply in person at 12200 West Hwy 80 East, Odessa, TX

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

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RTS Energy Services LLC provides acid, cement and well services to the Permian Basin Area as well as southeast New Mexico and southern Texas Panhandle, on both vertical and horizontal wells.
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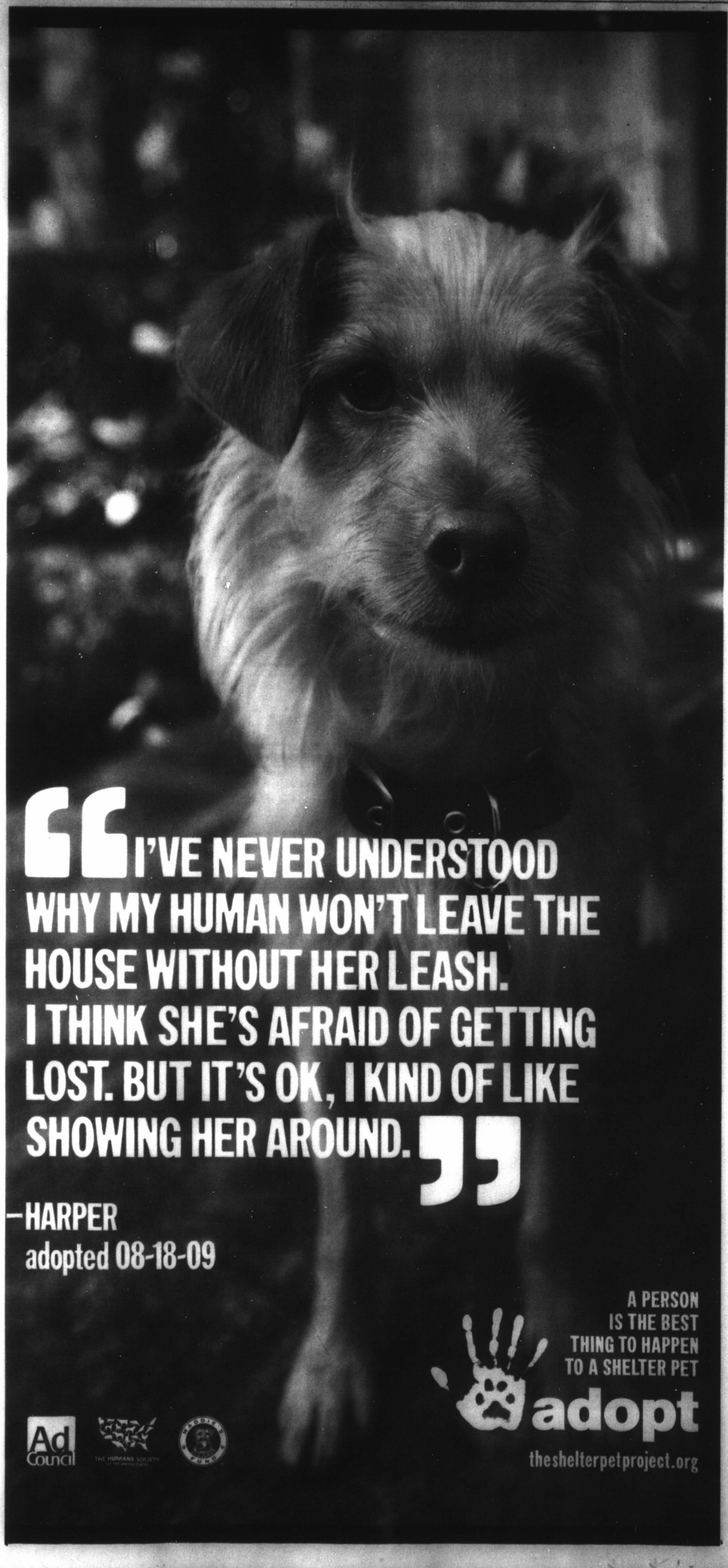
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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Ruger Properties, LLC, c/o Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: San Andres & Glorieta (formations). Sulphur Draw SWD (lease), Well Number: 1.

The proposed disposal well is located 6.4 miles in a NE direction from Lenorah, TX, in the Spaberry (Trend Area) field, in Martin County, TX.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5700 to 5400 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone # (512-463-6792).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Wasser Operating, LLC, c/o Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced formation water/fluid into a formation that is not productive of oil or gas. This is a revised filing to commercial.

The applicant proposes to dispose of fluids into the: Ellenburger formations, Mabee SWD (lease), Well Number: 3.

The proposed disposal well is located 23.6 miles in a NW direction from: Stanton. in the Spraberry (Trend Area) field, in Martin County, TX.

Fluid will be disposed into strata in the subsurface depth interval from/within 13500 to 15000 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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NO. D-506-DM-2017-14

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LEA
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DIANA RODRIGUEZ,
Petitioner,

vs.
CHRISTIAN M. DURAN,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT PENDING

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO: Christian M. Duran, an Interested Person. A civil action is now pending against you in the above styled and number cause wherein Petitioner, **Diana Rodriguez,** has filed a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.

Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 10th day of **June, 2017,** judgment will be rendered against you by default.

Petitioner's attorney is Laura K. Castillo, 309 W. Broadway Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.

Witness my hand and seal of the district court this 28th day of April, 2017.

NELDA CUELLAR
Clerk of the District Court

By: Cory Hagedoorn

NOTICE OF SALE

Alamo South Mini-Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas provision of Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following units' contents. The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from the sale.

MARIA HERNANDEZ
TANYA MARIA

Location:
Alamo Mini-Storage South
1301 South Connell
Midland, TX
Sale: JUNE 1, 2017 @ 11:00 am

ADRIANNA RODRIGUEZ
RUBEN ORTEGA
MARYSOL LOSOLLA
LINDSEY NEELEY
RICARDO PARRA

Location:
Alamo Mini-Storage
906 N. Fairgrounds Road
Midland, TX
Sale: JUNE 1, 2017 @ 10:00 am

Aces Grill, LLC dba Toros Cafe is making application to the TABC for an On Premise Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit located at 5701 Starboard Dr, Ste 9, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Officer is Antonio Frescaz.

General Announcement

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Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

2001 MAZDA Tribute all wheel drive. Excellent condition must see. Engine recently replaced. Warranty $4,500. 432-349-0041.

Pickup Trucks

Ford 2015 F250 Super Duty, Lariat package Turbo diesel. 37K miles. $38,000. 432-687-5952

4WD and SUV

TOYOTA 4-RUNNER 4x4, 2003. Good condition anc well maintained. $4,900 OBO. 361-800-2264.

Commercial Vehicles

Tractors and Trailers

2003 KENWORTH KIII truck 1 year gold overhaul, with Gardner Denver 4x5 Triplex pump. All equipment only 4 years old. $165,000 cash 575-605-1803

RV Vehicles

2014 ROYAL TRAVEL, 37' 5th wheel. 3 Slides, 2 A/C's, W/D, electric awning, large hot water heater, hide a bed sofa & queen size bed, sleeps 6, many extras. $32,700. Will deliver. 210-317-5357.

RV Vehicles

2015 36' trailer, 2 slides, fairly new, washer & dryer, 2 A/C's. Never had pets, children or smoking. $20,000. 817-846-7675

Recreation Vehicles

2007 CAPRI Rodeo truck camper, has shower, cook top, sink, hot water heater, water storage with water pump, propane compartment, microwave, refrigerator, & A/C. All works great & in very good condition. $4,500.00
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2013 MONTE Carlo 5th wheel. 2 bedroom, 3 slide outs, washer & dryer, 2 A/C, fully loaded. Must sell! 682-241-3228

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CLEAN WELL maintained 2009 Everest by Keystone. 35' 5th wheel. 3 slides. 2 TV's, ducted A/C & heating, double door refrigerator & freezer, king size bed in bedroom, sleeper sofa, lots of storage & more extras. Call 432-528-3534. $24,500 OBO

HARLEY 2011 Ultra Classic, two tone metallic root beer. Looks new, too many extras to mention. 26K miles, all services up to date and verifiable. Lots of spare parts & accessories. Must see, $13,500. 230-4122 for Mike

HARLEY DAVIDSON 2013, Road King Classic. Two-tone red/merlot. 380 miles. Garage kept. Mint condition. Asking $15,000. 432-254-0025.

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HOLIDAY RAMBLER 2011 32' trailer trailer. 2 slide outs, fully self contained. Sleeps 6, Family owned, not oil workers. Non smoker. $13,500 OBO 432-234-5090.

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My parents are grounded! For sale 1999 Monaco Dynasty Motor home. 38 Foot diesel. Washer & dryer. Large refrigerator. 2 TV's. 65,000 Miles. 1 Slide. Lots of wood! $50,000. Great shape. Please call Terry at 432-230-7213.

Recreation Vehicles

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Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

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Estate Sales

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Merchandise

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Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

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DUPLEX- 1202 College Lovely, 2 bdrm/1 bath for lease. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, private courtyard, garage. $1,000 mo. & dep. Call 432-222-1831.

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Residential Sales

Condo Townhouses

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Single Family Homes

FOR SALE BY OWNER 2518 Seaboard Ave 79705. Mid Century Modern Charm. Beautiful 3/2/2 in Old Midland. Wonderful home for raising a family & entertaining! $319k. 432/559-1605

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Lots and Land

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- **Nolan County**
  *646 ac. over 1 mile creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak ..... SOLD $3,550/ac
  *565 ac. Pecan Creek. New Living/Shop. 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
- **Howard County**
  *842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, quite, surface water, some oil/well traffic $750/ac
  *150 ac. big canyon, SOLD oaks, great mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $895/ac
- **Martin County**
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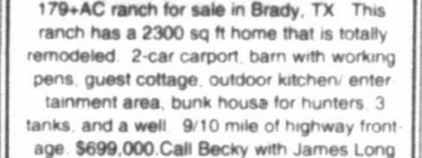
Ranches



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Lots and Land

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Lots and Land

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Mobile Homes Sale

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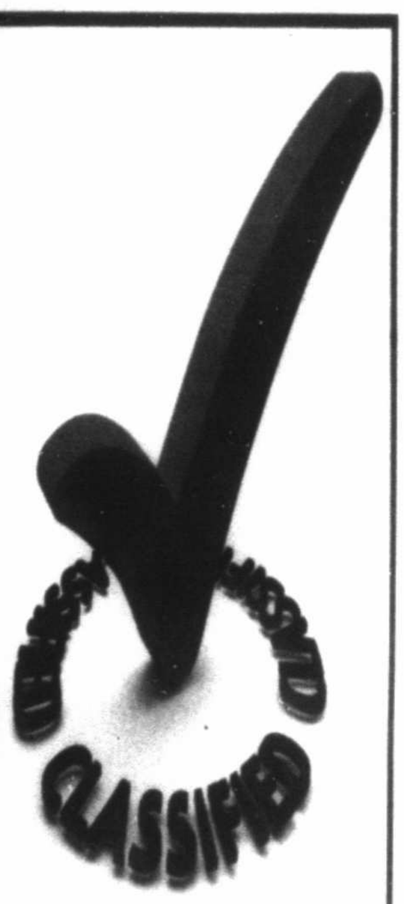

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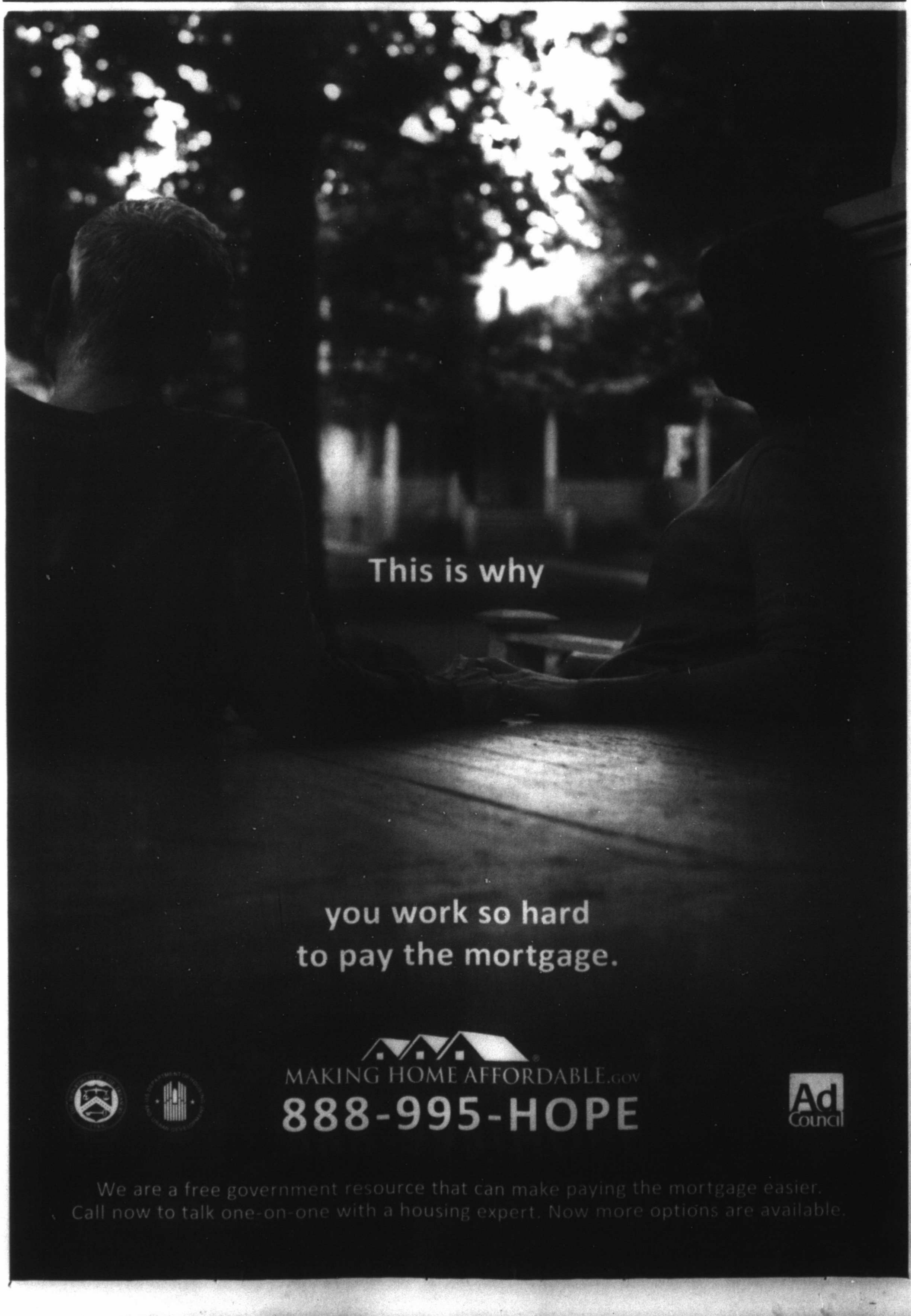

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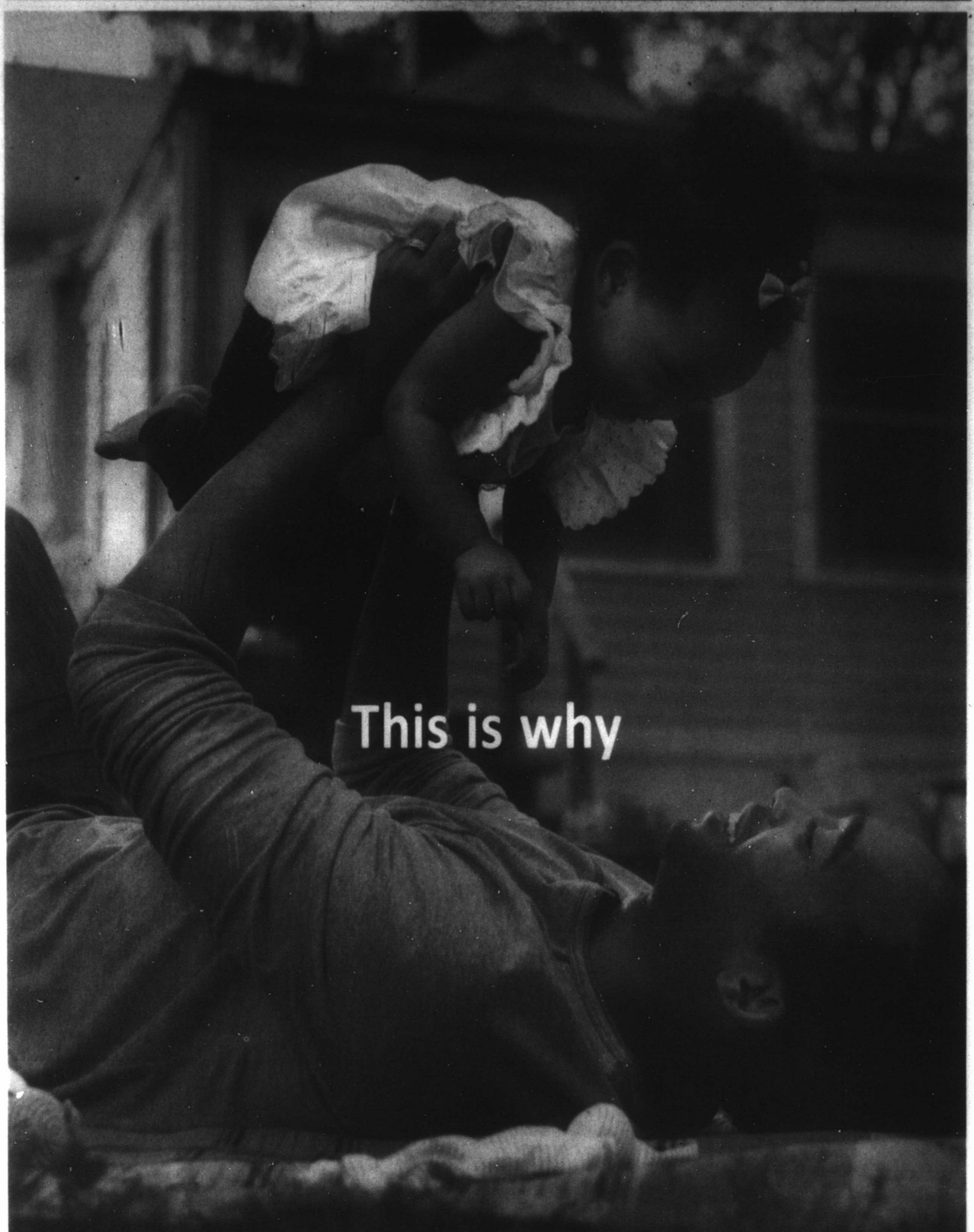

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