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Brandon Allen is the new girls soccer coach at Lee High School.

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LIFESTYLE LINK

In the face of recent economic growth, some members of the local health and wellness community notice Midlanders have extra money to spend on fitness and healthy foods.

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Oil glut could quickly turn to shortage

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Oil industry analysts and executives fear a looming global supply crunch is on the horizon, even as Texas and other parts of the nation keep churning out more oil than ever.

U.S. oil prices could spike from about \$70 a barrel now to levels not seen since mid-2014 when oil hovered above \$100, analysts say. That would be great for Houston's oil-rich economy, but only until skyrocket-

ing gasoline prices and supply disruptions spawned a global economic slowdown.

"It's even more worrisome in a time like this when you have significant geopolitical risks coming from different spots in the world," said Jamie Webster, senior director at Boston Consulting Group's Center for Energy Impact in Washington.

Of particular concern is a shortage of global spare oil capacity, Webster said. Many oil-producing countries are on the decline, while others are pumping out almost as much as they possibly can. There's little

remaining margin to boost production if supplies dwindle.

The world's three largest oil producers — Russia, the United States and Saudi Arabia — are all increasing their outputs this summer, which sent U.S. oil prices from a 45-month high of more than \$74 a barrel in mid-July down below \$70 per barrel this week. To keep prices low, the White House is even considering releasing more oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which happened last in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

These moves, however, leave Russia and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries with little remaining quick-start oil supplies that can be churned out in an emergency at a time when there's varying levels of instability and conflict in oil-producing countries like Venezuela, Libya, Nigeria, Iraq and Iran.

That's why U.S. energy companies aren't particularly worried about July's dips in oil prices, analysts said.

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SEEKING RIDDICK'S OUSTER



MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick sits with a young student in pre-K, who was still a little shy to join her classmates in South Elementary Aug. 28, 2017, for the first day of school.

Petition created to remove MISD superintendent

From staff reports

A petition calling for Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick to resign has been created by the advocacy group Midland Moms on a Mission.

The petition went live Tuesday morning on the website, change.org. As of 8:45 p.m., more than 245 online signatures were reported.

The petition states "Midland community members are requesting the resignation of Orlando Riddick, Midland Independent School District Superintendent in Midland, Texas. After nearly a year of leadership, Mr. Riddick has failed to optimally perform in the following areas, which are a part of his contractual obligations as the head of schools MISD. In addition to his

resignation, we are requesting the removal of specific leaders and employees of under his authority, which are tied to the collapse of leadership and school administration under Mr. Riddick."

Midland ISD offered the following response from Superintendent Orlando Riddick.

"Upon arriving in Midland, it has been my goal to engage with our community. There are claims made in this petition that are simply not true, and I encourage our community and the news media to ask hard questions and seek more information before making assumptions about my leadership, members of my team and my work. I have been extremely transparent and accessible since I came to this district. In the past year, Midland ISD has hosted a

number of community engagement events. We have gone directly to our community seeking ways we can improve our district through a Listen and Learn Tour coupled with multiple parent meetings. During these meetings, we discuss openly with our community difficult topics and engage in very dynamic conversations. Boundary changes, transformation, in-district charter partnerships, and before and after-school programs, are examples. More so than ever before, we are collaborating with parents, business, faith-based, and community-serving organizations. A transparent example of this is the creation of the bullying task force which includes parents, community members, district staff and Midland Moms

Please see PETITION/2A

Former P&Z chairman to make bid for City Council

■ Chase Gardaphe files for at-large seat

By Stewart Doreen
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A former chairman of the city of Midland's Planning and Zoning Commission will run for an at-large position on the Midland City Council.

Chase Gardaphe told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday that he has filed to run for one of the two city-wide positions on the November ballot. Gardaphe



Gardaphe

Please see GARDAPHE/4A

3 Midlanders among survivors of Missouri duck boat accident

From staff reports

Three Midlanders are among the survivors of a recent duck boat accident on a Missouri lake. A Facebook user named Tomlyn Rose McDonald told the Reporter-Telegram on Tuesday via Facebook Messenger that she, her two children and six other family members from Carlsbad, New Mexico, were onboard and survived.

A Missouri State Highway Patrol report lists a Tomlin McDonald among those who were not injured in the incident. The Kansas City Star reported McDonald's other family members as Cayden and Chloe McDonald; Gillian, Tiffany and Shayne Collins; Tayden Kimbley; Talyssa Mann and Ronita McKinley.

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Word of the Day

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Woman in fatal Texas teen love triangle loses court appeal

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal appeals court has rejected an appeal from a female former Naval Academy midshipman serving a life sentence in Texas for the 1995 slaying of the high school girlfriend of her former Air Force Academy boyfriend.

Diane Zamora appealed to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after a lower court refused her civil rights lawsuit against Texas prison officials. She argued that her move from protective custody to one prison to general population at another threatened her safety because of animosity from inmates due to the high-profile nature of her case.

Zamora, now 40, and former boyfriend David Graham were convicted and sentenced to life for the slaying of Adrienne Jones, a sophomore at Mansfield High School, southwest of Dallas, where Graham was an honor student. At the same time in 1995, Zamora was an honor student at nearby Crowley High School, south of Fort Worth. They were dating when Graham confessed to Zamora that he had sex with Jones, his teammate on the cross country team.

The 5th Circuit ruling upholds the summary judgment in favor of Texas prison officials that was issued by Waco-based U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman in January 2017, 14 months after Zamora filed the lawsuit.

"In essence, Zamora's contentions boil down to a disagreement with prison officials over her housing status," the 5th Circuit said late Monday in its four-page ruling that found no constitutional violation with her imprisonment.

Court documents show Zamora had been housed in a "safekeeping" cell at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Mountain View Unit outside Gatesville and was moved to another Central Texas female prison, the Hobby Unit, where she was placed in general population. Acting as her own attorney in her lawsuit, Zamora argued she became a target for threats and assaults from other inmates because stories about her case were available in the prison library, that a movie had been made about her and that she had been in demand for media interviews.

In his ruling last year, Pitman said there was no evidence to show "having a high-profile case entitles a prisoner to safekeeping" and that evidence of assaults related to the nature of her case "is far from reliable."

As an inmate in safekeeping, she was housed in an air-conditioned cell and had her own television. In filings, Zamora said her only friend in prison was Yolanda Saldivar, another high-profile inmate convicted of the 1995 shooting death of Tejano singing star Selena Quintanilla-Perez.

Prison records Tuesday showed Zamora was housed temporarily at the Mountain View Unit, where she arrived earlier this month. Records also show she had a stint at a prison psychiatric unit earlier this year.

Zamora was a freshman at Annapolis and her then fiancé, Graham, was in his first year at the Air Force Academy when in September 1996 they acknowledged the slaying. In separate interviews with police, they gave similar stories about driving Jones to a remote spot at a lake in Grand Prairie, Zamora hitting the girl with a baseball and Graham shooting her as she tried to flee.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA 'We don't Tip Terrorist' message a hoax, restaurant says

A waiter at a Texas steakhouse who said a customer wrote a racist message on a receipt now says he made up the story.

Last week, Saligrass Steak House in Odessa said it banned a customer who reportedly wrote "We don't Tip Terrorist" on a receipt left for server Khalil Cavil. But Cavil told the Odessa American on Monday that he wrote the message himself then posted an image of the receipt on Facebook.

Cavil says he has no explanation for why he lied. He says he's in the process of returning about \$1,000 in donations he received after posting the image.

Saligrass Steak House says Cavil is no longer an employee.

SAN ANTONIO Affidavit: 3 arrested after boy kidnapped

Three people have been arrested on allegations they kidnapped an 11-year-old boy in San Antonio and conspired to sexually assault the child before later trying to sell him for drugs.

One person was arrested Thursday followed by the two others after the child was able to escape an apartment and inform police of his abduction on Feb. 22.

An arrest affidavit obtained by the San Antonio Express-News says 38-year-old Larry Gallegos

and a second suspect posed as the boy's parents and took him from a park.

The affidavit says Gallegos assaulted the boy, who told investigators that he heard the suspects talking on the phone about selling him in exchange for drugs.

Gallegos was arrested on charges that include aggravated kidnapping.

ZEPHYR Town evacuated as wildfire approaches explosives plant

West Texas community was evacuated when a grass fire threatened an explosives plant.

The Brownwood Bulletin reports the 200 residents were evacuated from the Zephyr community around 6 p.m. Monday when the fire neared a dynamite storage plant. The Texas A&M Forest Service says the fire burned through the plant without damaging the explosives, though, and Brownwood/Brown County Emergency Management lifted the evacuation except for those who live on roads emergency crews have closed to traffic.

The Forest Service says the fire began about 2 p.m. Monday with a house fire and had scorched about 500 acres, remaining uncontained as of late Monday.

No injuries have been reported.

Zephyr is 12 miles southeast of Brownwood, Texas, and 115 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

GLUT

From 1A

In recent years, the oil and gas sector has sounded alarm bells about so-called "peak demand." That's the theory that global oil consumption could plateau soon with the switch to renewable energy and electric vehicles. But now there are increasing predictions that demand could actually outpace crude supplies starting in the next year or so.

Global view

The U.S. exceeded 11 million barrels a day in oil production for the first time ever last week, placing its crude volumes slightly behind Russia and just ahead of the Saudis. While those three nations produce about 33 percent of the world's oil, that leaves bigger question marks behind the remaining two-thirds where there are higher degrees of uncertainty than usual.

OPEC agreed to hike its oil production in June, but that mostly amounts to the Saudis picking up the slack for declines from other OPEC nations like Venezuela, Libya, Angola and the anticipated dip from the Saudi's chief rival, Iran. Any big Iranian crude export decline is yet to come because the details of sanctions and waivers are still being finalized since the Trump administration opted to withdraw from the Iran nuclear accord.

The International Energy Agency reported this week that global energy investments fell by 2 percent last year down to \$1.8 trillion

Land managers defer drilling near Carlsbad Caverns

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Federal land managers have opted for more time to study the potential effects of oil and gas operations near Carlsbad Caverns National Park in southeastern New Mexico.

A proposed lease sale first announced last spring had included more than two dozen parcels that were within 10 miles of the park, sparking concern among environmentalists.

The Bureau of Land Management on Monday published its final proposal for the September lease sale and excluded at least 31 parcels to allow for the agency to study the local geology and its interaction with groundwater.

The Albuquerque Journal reports environmentalists still have concerns about air quality as development expands in the Permian Basin along the Texas-New Mexico border. They want officials to postpone new lease sales until the agency completes a new resource management plan for the area.

— a third straight year of decreasing investments — while spending on the electricity sector surpassed oil and gas production dollars for the second straight year.

These declines were triggered largely by the recent oil bust that sent crude prices plummeting from more than \$100 a barrel in mid-2014 down to a low of \$26 per barrel in February 2016. Prices have rebounded since and energy companies have learned to cut costs and earn profits with oil in the \$60 range, but worldwide oil and gas spending is yet to catch up.

Global oil demand each year has grown by roughly 1.5 million barrels a day of late. But higher crude prices coupled with ongoing fears of worldwide trade wars — led by the U.S. and China — could cause a slowdown in economic and oil demand growth.

Rather than spend money on the long-term, multibillion-dollar mega projects in deep ocean waters, companies are more often opting

for quicker, cheaper drilling efforts in areas like U.S. shale, especially the booming Permian Basin.

"There was an implosion in major project investments, and exploration spending has evaporated," said Bill Herbert, a senior energy analyst at Piper Jaffray & Co. in Houston.

That's an ominous sign for crude oil supplies in the few years ahead, starting as soon as 2019, he added.

"The elephant in the room that people aren't paying attention to is the rapidly decreasing spare productive (oil) capacity," Herbert said, especially within the OPEC cartel, which the world has counted on for decades to help manage supply-and-demand balances and pricing.

Many oil and gas companies like global energy services leader Schlumberger have warned of the need for greater oil and gas project spending for more than a year. Schlumberger CEO Paul Kibsgaard reiterated those worries Friday. He specifically cited

Venezuela, Iran and Libya, but he argued that at least 15 countries are witnessing production declines.

"It is becoming more and more apparent that the new projects expected to come online during the next few years will not be sufficient to meet the increasing demand," Kibsgaard said.

Eyes on Texas

Even the Permian is seeing its growth slow down. The Permian is producing a record of more than 3.3 million barrels of oil a day, which is near the region's pipeline capacity.

A bevy of new pipeline projects are under construction to transport the Permian oil across the state to port and refining hubs near Houston and Corpus Christi, but most of those pipelines are at least a year away from being completed.

As a result, drilling and well completions activity in the booming Permian have flattened out in recent weeks, Herbert noted, a trend that could continue well into next year.

The oil will keep flowing. That's why companies like Houston's Enterprise Products Partners announced plans this week for a massive offshore crude export terminal off of the Texas Gulf Coast. But there will be stops and starts.

It's really much better for the energy sector if U.S. oil prices stay below \$75 a barrel and don't skyrocket again, said Jim Wicklund, an energy analyst at the financial services company Credit Suisse in Dallas.

Who's in?

Those who have publicly stated their intent to run for city council:

District 1
Scott Clifford
At-large
Spencer Robnett
Chase Gardaphe

Resources to address water treatment plant issues and said he hopes to see more partnerships developed. He said he will not shy away from the tough decisions that need to be made when it comes to growth and that decisions need to be done "conscientiously" with the long-term future of Midland in mind.

"I think getting corporations involved in public-private partnerships for the betterment of the city of Midland is very good," Gardaphe said. "I think everyone needs to do their part."

Gardaphe could add another 30-something to the board. Recently

the city reported the average age of a Midland is around 32, and Gardaphe is an example of that younger generation participating in community building.

"I want to develop a city to keep (younger residents) here and not just make Midland a stopover to another city," Gardaphe said. "Tim Leach with Concho is doing fantastic job being a good steward to the city. ... (The work taking place downtown) will bring new traffic to areas where families can gather and encourage people to stay here on the weekends."

He also said building a better Midland means acknowledging there are other solutions to a problem and that what makes sense in one part of Midland might not be the same for another part of the community.

"Just because it is not my viewpoint doesn't mean it is not the right direction to go down," Gardaphe said.

Gardaphe and his wife have two children, a 4-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter.

PETITION

From 1A

on a Mission. Our goal will remain to engage with our community.

Areas of concern, according to the petition, include:

- the "mass exodus" of teachers;
- school safety;
- corrupt leadership;
- mistrust from the community;
- poor communication.

The petition states "Prior to the request, Mr. Riddick was given numerous opportunities to rectify our concerns and make progress toward meeting the goals set forth by the community at large. He has willfully disregarded community input and student needs to save his position and those serving under him."

Midland Moms on a Mission came into existence during the Riddick era, which is just more than 1 year old. The group has been vocal about the district's alleged lack of response to bullying. Midland Moms on a Mission, which has grown to also include former teachers, has been a consistent presence at Midland ISD board meetings, and members have spoken during the public comment period. Representatives of the organization also protested outside the central administration office on May 8.

Recently, their comments have centered around a bullying case involving an elementary school student.

Midland ISD sent a letter to the student's parents that there wasn't enough evidence to determine whether bullying took place. Midland Moms on a Mission responded at last week's meeting with details from a Midland Police Department report. Comments from a detective and an official with the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center in that report indicate they believe the elementary school student was sexually assaulted

by another student.

In a June op-ed, Riddick told Reporter-Telegram readers the following:

"Over the past several weeks, there has been a number of allegations and statements made attacking and falsely accusing the school district of 'sweeping under the rug,' 'covering up,' and 'withholding' information regarding bullying instances throughout our district. Incredibly harsh accusations and attacks against our campus and staff have run rampant like wildfires in the media and throughout social media.

"In all of my years in

education, I have learned that this type of behavior stems from misunderstanding, mistrust and lack of collaboration between the community and a public school system. As your superintendent of schools, it is my commitment to you to be forthright and transparent in all areas that impact our school district, including academics, finance, facilities, safety and security, etc.

"Anyone at Midland ISD, myself included, will tell you the safety of our students is our top priority."

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Newspapers endure more cuts, hope for brighter future online

By Damian J. Troise
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Associated Press

U.S. newspapers are battered and broken, and this week's layoffs at the New York Daily News serve as the latest blow. But while local newsgathering has taken a hit, some observers think it's poised for a digital comeback.

Media company Tronc Inc. cut half of the Daily News' newsroom staff Monday, including the paper's editor in chief. The remaining staff, the company said, will focus on breaking news involving "crime, civil justice and public responsibility."

The Pulitzer Prize-winning tabloid has been a fixture in New York for the last century. Jere Hester, news director at the City University of New York Graduate School of Journalism and a former staffer at the Daily News, bemoaned the gutting of a watchdog in the nation's largest city.

"Any time we lose a reporter covering a neighborhood or City Hall, the city is greatly diminished for it. Bottom line is, when you don't have reporters out there doing grunt work in the street, stories get lost," Hester said.

The anguish in the world's media capital exemplifies what's been happening in the rest of the country for years. Estimated U.S. daily newspaper circulation, print and digital combined, fell 11 percent to 31 million in 2011, according to the Pew Research Center.

As recently as 2000, weekday subscriptions totaled 55.8 million. In just the last three years, employment in newsrooms has fallen 15 percent.

"We're seeing very steady pressure, wave after wave of layoffs, which means less journalism," said Rick Edmonds, a media business analyst at Poynter Institute. "We're starting to have a lot of places that are described as news deserts."

Concern about the layoffs extended beyond the media business to people who feared for a future with fewer facts. New York Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo urged Tronc to reconsider the cuts, saying they were made without notifying the state or asking for assistance.

"I understand that large corporations often only see profit and dividends as a



New York Daily News staff reporter Chelsea Rose Marcus cries as she leaves the newspaper's office after she was laid off Monday in New York. The tabloid will cut half of its newsroom staff, saying it wants to focus more on digital news.

bottom line. But in New York, we also calculate loss of an important institution, loss of jobs and the impact on the families affected."

The trend began more than a decade ago, when car dealerships, real estate companies and other businesses moved online and stopped paying newspapers for classified ads. Readers increasingly migrated to the internet and mobile apps and spent more hours on social media such as Facebook.

Over time, newspapers lost two-thirds of their revenue, and they slashed jobs as a result, said Tim Franklin, the senior associate dean of Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

The Los Angeles Times once had more than 1,200 journalists and more than 25 foreign bureaus. Now it employs about 400 journalists with bureaus in Sacramento, Washington and a handful of foreign and national outposts. Tronc sold the newspaper to Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong earlier this year.

The Denver Post has been laying off staff for more than a decade, with a 30 percent reduction coming in April from current owner Digital First Media. Its onetime rival, the Rocky Mountain News, folded in 2009.

More recently, newspapers are reeling from tariffs on Canadian newsprint put in place in March by President Donald Trump's administration. Paul Tash, chairman and CEO of Florida's largest newspaper, the Tampa Bay Times, wrote in a recent editorial that the tariffs would add \$35 million per year to the paper's newsprint expenses if they are made permanent. Already, the paper has laid off 50 people this year, Tash wrote.

Where have all those journalists gone? In some cases, they are starting up online newspapers of their own in an effort to keep local newsgathering alive and flourishing.

Take BerkeleySide, an online newspaper in Berkeley, California, that began in 2009, when the San Jose Mercury News

stopped covering the city. So far this year, BerkeleySide says it has averaged 900,000 pageviews and 270,000 unique visitors each month.

In Charlottesville, Virginia, there's an online newspaper devoted to covering education, land use and planning. In a rare bit of cooperation, Charlottesville's daily newspaper, The Daily Progress, uses some of those online stories, said Matt DiRienzo, who runs an organization called the Local Independent Online News Publishers.

DiRienzo said his group represents 225 news outlets in 45 states and Canada. Membership has doubled in the last two years, he said. He predicts a "massive decentralization" of local journalism over the coming years.

"As people realize how important the news is to democratic institutions and local businesses, these kinds of things are going to bubble up," he said. "An algorithm isn't going to replace local journalism."

But Edmonds said it's tough to start digital publications from scratch. Patch, a string of local news websites, laid off hundreds of employees after it was sold by AOL in 2014.

"It's hard to compete for advertising," Edmonds said.

Franklin is betting on traditional newspapers, which are digging deep to figure out how better to meet readers' needs and gather revenue.

Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism is in the midst of a two-year project with the San Francisco Chronicle, the Indianapolis Star and the Chicago Tribune to figure out how to gain subscribers and develop a new business model.

Franklin envisions more newspapers offering paid digital subscriptions, as The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Washington Post and others have successfully done.

"Could the industry have done more R&D when these trends really came into evidence? Yes, they could have and should have," he said. "Is it now too late? I don't think so. I still think that there's a path forward, and we're beginning to see local news organizations move to a reader-first approach, a digital-first approach."

Liquor heiress charged with aiding group dubbed sex cult

By Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An heiress to the Seagram's liquor fortune and three other people were arrested on Tuesday in connection with the investigation of a self-improvement organization accused of branding some of its female followers and forcing them into unwanted sex.

Clare Bronfman, a daughter of the late billionaire philanthropist and former Seagram chairman Edgar Bronfman Sr., surrendered to the FBI and pleaded not guilty to racketeering charges.

A lawyer for Bronfman, Susan Necheles, sought her release on \$25 million bond. But U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis set the amount at \$100 million after hearing prosecutors label her a flight risk and learning she has a net worth of roughly \$200 million, including a stake in an island resort in Fiji.

The 39-year-old Bronfman, who appeared in court wearing flip-flops and a T-shirt, was to be released under house arrest later Tuesday.

Bronfman, a former competitor in international equestrian show jumping competitions, is accused in an indictment of taking a number of steps to help NXIVM's founder and leader, Keith Raniere, exercise control over members of the upstate New York group, including identity theft, interception of electronic communications and money laundering.

Bronfman was part of an "inner circle" of loyalists who "committed a broad range of serious crimes from identity theft and obstruction of justice to sex trafficking, all to promote and protect Raniere and NXIVM," U.S. Attorney Richard Donoghue said in a statement.

Raniere was arrested in Mexico this year and was brought to the U.S. to face charges that he, along with an adherent, the TV actress Allison Mack, coerced followers into becoming slaves to senior members.

In a statement, Necheles called the charges "the result of government overreaching and charging an individual with crimes just because the government disagrees with some beliefs taught by NXIVM and held by Clare."

"We are confident that Clare will be exonerated," she said.

Also arrested Tuesday were Nancy Salzman, who was the organization's longtime president; her daughter, Lauren Salzman; and a former bookkeeper for the group, Kathy Russell. All three were released on bail without entering pleas.

Despite criticism for years by ex-followers who called NXIVM a cult and a pyramid scheme, the organization's intense self-improvement classes had, at one point, earned it thousands of adherents, including some with Hollywood ties. They included Nicki Clyne, an actress who appeared on "Beverly Hills 90210"; Bronfman's sister Sara Bronfman; a son of former Mexican president Carlos Salinas de Gortari; and India Oxenberg, a daughter of "Dynasty" actress Catherine Oxenberg.

In an indictment, prosecutors say Mack, who played a teenage friend of Superman in the CW network's "Smallville," helped Raniere recruit women to a secret sub-society within NXIVM whose members were branded by way of a surgical tool with a symbol that resembled his initials. Women were expected to be subservient to "masters," prosecutors said, including giving in to demands for sex.

The arrest of Bronfman, who has long been affiliated with NXIVM, wasn't a surprise. At a court hearing in June, a judge rejected an attempt to get Raniere released on \$10 million bail paid for by Bronfman after prosecutors labeled her a co-conspirator.

In earlier court filings, the government detailed how Bronfman gave away tens of millions of dollars of her fortune to support Raniere and his group, including paying for private air travel at a cost of \$65,000 a flight. It also said Bronfman has "paid for numerous lawyers to bring suits against NXIVM critics."

LA chief says police, not gunman, fired fatal shot at supermarket

By Michael Balsamo
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A supermarket worker was killed by a bullet fired by Los Angeles police — not the gunman they were trying to stop — the city's police chief acknowledged Tuesday, defending the decision to use deadly force as an attempt to stop what officers feared could become a mass shooting.

The suspect, Gene Evin Atkins, 28, already had shot his grandmother, kidnapped his girlfriend and shot at officers Saturday afternoon as they chased his car and then as he ran into the Trader Joe's in the city's congested Silver Lake neighborhood, according to police.

After exchanging gunfire with police, Atkins ran into the store and took about 40 people hostage, police said.

Police released several minutes of body camera and dash-cam video that showed Atkins leading officers on then high-speed chase — during which officers say he's shooting at them — before he crashed into a pole outside the market.

In deciding whether to open fire, officers had to consider whether the gunman was likely to harm the scores of shoppers and workers inside, police Chief Michel Moore said.

It's "every officer's worst nightmare to harm an innocent bystander," he said.

"Those officers' actions to stop him, the split-second decisions they had to make, I recognize how they will forever go through their lives debating whether that was what they had to do," Moore said. "I believe it's what they needed to do in order to defend ... the people in that store and to defend themselves."

As police chased the gunman after the car crash, one officer is heard on video saying she had pulled out her gun, but her partner tells her not to shoot.

However, two officers did fire back at Atkins just as the store's assistant manager, Melinda Corado, 27, was walking out the door. One of the rounds went through her arm and into her body and she died

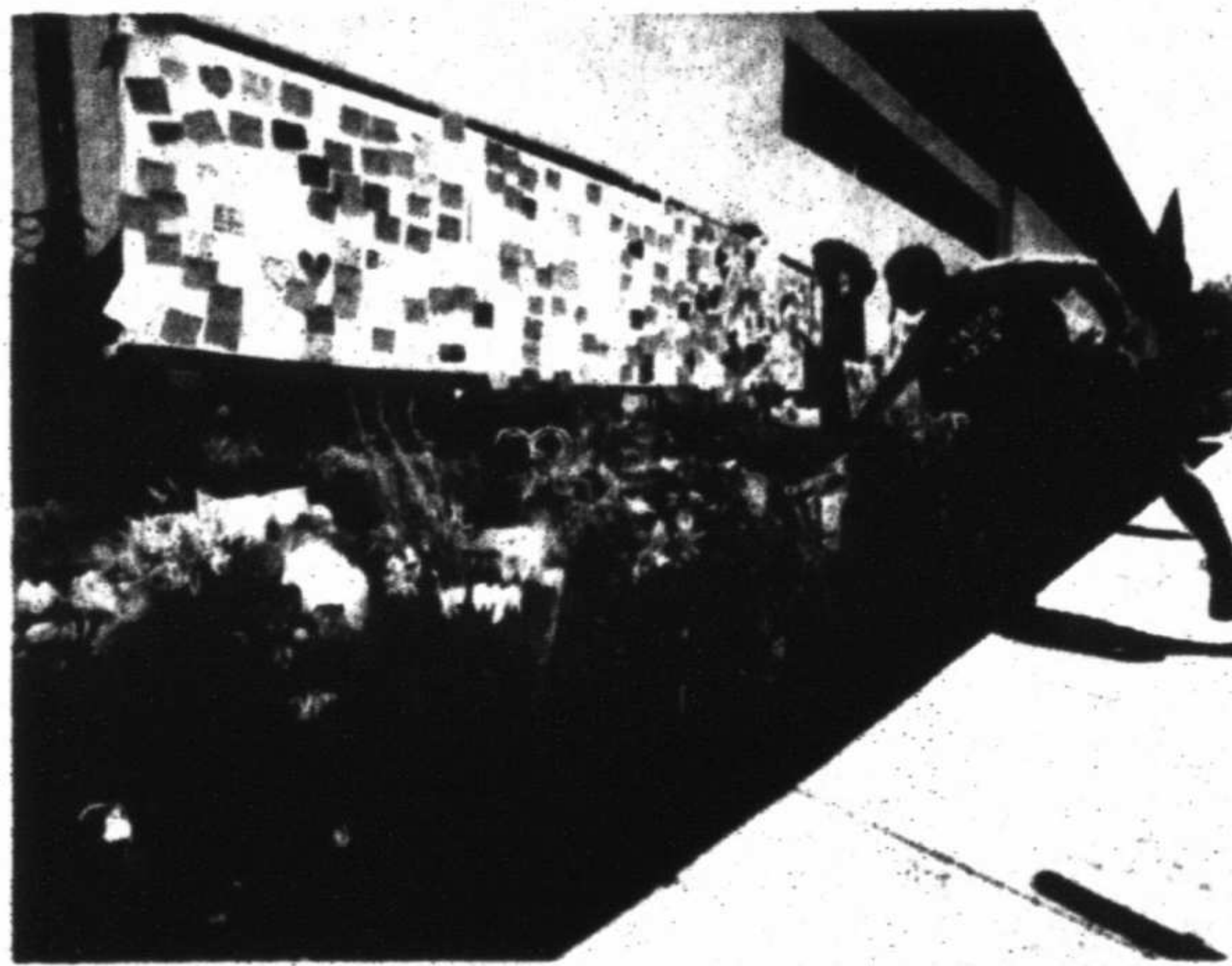


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A Trader Joe's employee from the Carrizo, Calif., store pauses at a makeshift memorial of flowers, candles and notes growing on the sidewalk outside the Silver Lake Trader Joe's store in Los Angeles on Monday. On Saturday, Trader Joe's worker Melinda Corado was shot and killed in an exchange of gunfire between a suspect and police at the store. Grieving family members, co-workers and customers on Sunday remembered Corado as lively, hardworking and always smiling.

at the scene, Moore said. No other bystanders were shot. Atkins was wounded in the arm.

The videos show Atkins running from his car after the crash and shooting at officers as they duck for cover behind the doors of their police car and return fire. They then position themselves behind a cement wall on the far end of the store's parking lot as Atkins shoots three times from inside the store.

Officers fired a total of eight gunshots, Moore said.

Several friends of Corado have questioned why officers chose to open fire outside the crowded supermarket.

Geoff Alpert, a criminal justice professor at the University of South Carolina, said the video appeared to show a "very controlled police response" with few bystanders in the background.

"The officers were firing at a serious threat to the community. And then we have this tragedy of her coming out of the door," said Alpert, who helped investigate a 2014 hostage standoff at a cafe in Sydney, Australia.

kind of a lose-lose situation for the police," he said.

Moore said Corado walked back inside the store after she was shot and collapsed behind the manager's counter, where she died.

"It is unimaginable, the pain of the Corado family. We share that pain," Moore said.

Christian Dunlop, a real estate agent and actor who lives nearby, was on a corner near the store when he saw an employee dragging Corado out of the store by her hands.

"She appeared lifeless," he said.

Some people inside the supermarket climbed out windows and others barricaded themselves in rooms as scores of police and firefighters and 18 ambulances converged on the scene and prepared for the possibility of mass casualties as the standoff played out on live television.

About three hours later, Atkins agreed to handcuff himself and walked out the front door of the store, surrounded by four hostages.

Hours earlier, police said, Atkins shot his grandmother, Mary Madison, seven times in her South Los Angeles home and

kidnapped his girlfriend — who was grazed by a bullet, Moore said. The 76-year-old Madison remained hospitalized in critical condition.

Atkins' cousin, Charlene Egland, said Atkins had been arguing with Madison — who had raised him since he was 7 — "on and off for about two or three weeks" over his girlfriend staying at the woman's home.

Atkins was charged Tuesday with murder, attempted murder, false imprisonment and dozens of other charges.

Even though he is not accused of firing the bullet that killed Corado, prosecutors said he was charged with murder under a legal rule that his actions prompted a series of events leading to her killing.

Atkins — dressed in a blue jail-issued shirt — made an initial court appearance on Tuesday, but was not represented an attorney and did not enter a plea.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Gustavo Estruch set bail at \$18.7 million. Atkins' arraignment was postponed until next month.

Board recommends Bill Cosby be found a sexually violent predator

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

A Pennsylvania board recommended Bill Cosby be classified as a sexually violent predator, which would require the former TV star to attend at least monthly sex offender counseling — in prison and out — and police to post warning flyers throughout his neighborhood whenever he is freed.

It is now up to a judge to decide whether to accept the finding by the Pennsylvania Sexual Offenders Assessment Board.

The district attorney's office that prosecuted Cosby asked a judge Tuesday to schedule a hearing in the matter. No date was immediately set.

"We will see them in court," responded Andrew Wyatt, Cosby's spokesman.

The 81-year-old Cosby was convicted April 26 of aggravated indecent assault and faces up to 10 years in prison when sentenced Sept. 24. He has denied any wrongdoing, and his representatives said he will appeal.

The actor and comedian known for his portrayal of kindly Dr. Cliff Huxtable on his NBC hit "The Cosby Show" was accused of drugging and assaulting former Temple University employee Andrea Constand at his home near Philadelphia in 2004.

The weeklong retrial in suburban Philadelphia included testimony from five other women who were among dozens who have stepped forward to accuse Cosby of similar sexual misconduct.

State law defines a sexually violent predator as a person who has "a mental abnormality or personality disorder that makes the person likely to engage in predatory sexually violent offenses."

The Sexual Offenders Assessment Board is made up of psychologists, psychiatrists and criminal justice professionals, and makes its findings based on an investigation which includes a 14-point as-

essment and an interview if the defendant and their attorney grants one, said Meghan Dade, the board's executive director. She said she cannot discuss individual cases and could not disclose if Cosby cooperated in the review.

The board recommends that someone be classified as a predator in only about 20 percent to 25 percent of cases that get referred by judges, she said. "To be really clear, we don't hear back from the court in every case, but in those cases where our board member has made the recommendation... and we hear back, about 75 percent of the time the court agrees," she said.

The report is not made public, but investigators often testify in court about their assessment.

State law already requires Cosby to register as a sex offender because of the nature of the charge of which he was convicted. But the predator classification requires more intense treatment — by a provider approved by the board — as well as more extensive notification once a person is released from prison.

Under state law, certain sexual offenders have to register with the State Police, providing their address and employment, and notifications are made to neighbors and some other parties such as daycare centers.

In the case of those deemed sexually violent predators, flyers with a person's photo and information about the crime must be sent to the 25 closest neighbors as well as local colleges, schools, daycares and youth service providers.

Superior Court Judge Steven O'Neill, who presided at the trial, ordered him to be outfitted with a GPS monitoring bracelet and required him to seek permission to leave home, and only then to visit with lawyers or go to the doctor.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, as Constand has done.



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Ivanka Trump applauds during a signing ceremony Thursday where President Donald Trump signed an executive order that establishes a National Council for the American Worker in the East Room of the White House, in Washington. Ivanka Trump's clothing company is shutting down and all its employees are being laid off, according to news reports. The New York Post is reporting that its source say the company "will be shuttered ASAP" and that staff have been informed that they're being laid off.

Ivanka Trump is shutting down her clothing company

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ivanka Trump is shutting down her fashion line of dresses, shoes and handbags that became a target of political boycotts and spurred concerns about conflicts of interest after her father was elected.

The president's daughter said in a statement she made the decision so she could focus more on work as a White House adviser. She had stepped away from the day-to-day management of her company when she joined President Donald Trump's administration.

"After 17 months in Washington, I do not know when or if I will ever return to the business, but I do know that my focus for the foreseeable future will be the work I am doing here in Washington," she said. She called the move the "only fair outcome for my team and partners."

The Ivanka Trump brand has been buffeted by politics since she joined the White House early last year. Sales appeared to surge at times due to her celebrity as the U.S. president's daughter — White House adviser Kellyanne Conway once urged on Fox News for people to "go buy Ivanka's stuff" — only to get battered as those who disliked her father's policies urged shoppers to boycott the line.

Nordstrom dropped the Ivanka Trump line last year, citing slowing sales, and recently Hudson Bay reportedly did the same. The company said that its business was strong, and the decision to shut down had nothing to do with its performance. Shutting down the brand means 18 people will lose their jobs.

Analyst Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, said that "while the company is still viable, doing business has become far more challenging and these problems will only increase."

Ivanka Trump recently

has been encouraging U.S. companies to pledge to hire American workers. Her own company has been criticized for making its products in Chinese factories, for the conditions in those factories, and for being granted trademarks by foreign governments such as China that would want to curry favor with the president.

Her announcement comes amid a worsening trade fight between the United States and China. President Trump is seeking to drive China to the negotiating table and rectify what he sees as years of unfair trade practices.

The White House has imposed tariffs on \$34 billion of Chinese imports and has itemized a list of \$200 billion more in goods that may face tariffs by September. Neither of those tariffs would cover the clothing and handbags Ivanka Trump sells. But if the president were to make good on his threat to tax all \$500 billion in Chinese imports, that would raise the price of everything her company imports from that country.

Since it is a private company, it is difficult to judge just how well Ivanka Trump's business has been faring. The bulk of her assets — more than \$50 million worth — is contained in a trust that holds her business and corporations. The trust generated over \$5 million in revenue last year, according to a financial disclosure report filed with the government.

When Ivanka Trump joined the White House as

adviser to her father, she agreed to several restrictions so that her financial interest in the business would not conflict with her public role as a White House adviser.

Still, the company drew criticism for benefiting from her White House ties.

In April last year, the Chinese government granted her company provisional approval for three new trademarks, the same day she and her husband Jared Kushner dined with the president of China and his wife at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort. The approvals have continued. In three months through May this year, China granted final approval for 13 of her trademarks and provisional approval for another eight.

Ivanka Trump's company has said the 2017 Chinese trademarks were filed defensively to protect against squatters using her name. China has said its trademarks policy regarding Ivanka Trump's company is in line with normal legal practice.

The Ivanka Trump brand has also come under criticism for conditions at factories where its products were made. The Associated Press spoke with workers last year at an Ivanka Trump shoe factory in Ganzhou, China, who described long hours, low pay and abuse.

The company said at the time that the "integrity" of its supply chain was a "top priority" and that it takes such allegations "very seriously."

Demi Lovato reportedly hospitalized for possible heroin overdose

By Rachel DeSantis
New York Daily News

Demi Lovato was reportedly hospitalized in Los Angeles on Tuesday after an apparent heroin overdose.

TMZ reports that the 25-year-old singer was rushed from her Hollywood Hills home to the hospital around noon local time, and her condition is unknown.

She is currently receiving treatment, according to the gossip site.

Reps for the singer did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

A spokesperson for the Los Angeles Police Department told the Daily News it responded to a medical emergency at the 8000 block of Laurel View Dr. for a 25-year-old female Tuesday, but could not confirm the woman was Lovato.

Lovato is slated to wrap the second North American leg of her "Tell Me You Love Me" world tour in Atlantic City Thursday.

Celebrity pals like Ariana Grande and Brad Paisley offered well wishes on Twitter, with Grande simply writing, "I love u @ddlovato."

"My friend @ddlovato is one of the kindest, most talented people I've ever met," Paisley added. "Praying for her right now, addiction is a terrifying disease. There is no one more honest or brave than this woman."

The "Sorry Not Sorry" singer has long been vocal about her struggles with drug addiction, and last month revealed via song that she had relapsed after six years of sobriety.

"Sobriety" which she released June 21, included lyrics like "I'm so sorry I'm not sober anymore" and "I promise I'll get help/It wasn't my intention/I'm sorry to myself."

Lovato previously completed a stint in rehab at age 18 for drugs, self-harm and an eating disorder before finally getting clean in 2012.

She candidly discussed her battle in the October documentary "Simply Complicated," in which she revealed she first tried cocaine at 17 and "loved" it right away.

"My dad was an addict and an alcoholic. Guess I always searched for what



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In this May 20 photo, Demi Lovato arrives at the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas. Demi Lovato was reportedly hospitalized in Los Angeles on Tuesday after an apparent heroin overdose. TMZ reports that the 25-year-old singer was rushed from her Hollywood Hills home to the hospital around noon local time, and her condition is unknown.

he found in drugs and alcohol because it fulfilled him and he chose that over a family," she said.

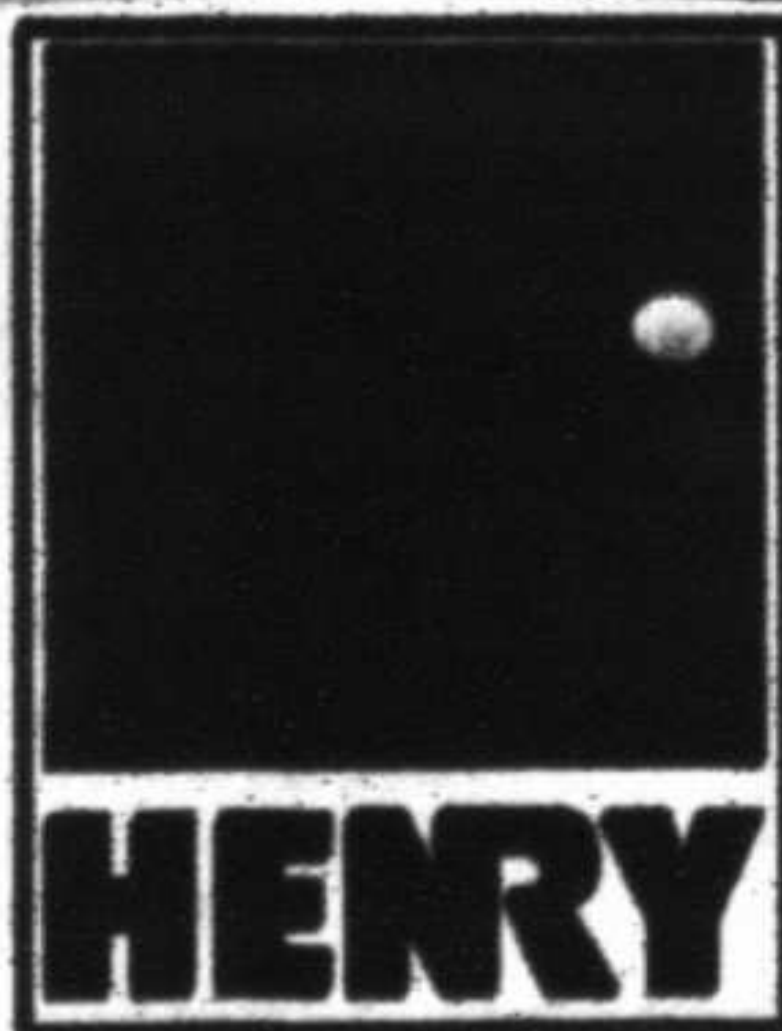
Despite her stint in rehab, Lovato admitted in the film that she lied about her sobriety in the media, and would frequently sneak drugs on planes in bathrooms, and conduct interviews discussing her

sobriety while high. Lovato celebrated six years clean on Twitter in March.

"Just officially turned 6 years sober. So grateful for another year of joy, health and happiness. It is possible," she wrote.

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Protectionism shows evidence is unpersuasive

■ Everyone will be impacted by the president's use of tariffs

If you are not collateral damage in the escalating trade wars, the bulletins from the wars' multiplying fronts are hilarious reading. You are collateral damage only if you are a manufacturer, farmer or consumer, so relax and enjoy the following reports.

Whirlpool, which makes washing machines and demands for government protection, wheedled Washington into imposing tariffs on, and quotas for, imported machines. Unfortunately for Whirlpool, American steel and aluminum makers horned in on the protectionist fun, getting tariffs — taxes paid by Americans — imposed on imports of those materials that. The Wall Street Journal says, account for most of the weight of 200-pound washing machines. And for part of the decline in Whirlpool's share price. And for declining demand for appliances, the prices of which have risen as protectionism increases manufacturing costs and decreases competition.

Citing the threat to America's "national security" from American consumers (they caused 2017's imports of \$192 billion worth of cars, 44 percent of all cars sold in America), the administration contemplates imposing tariffs on cars. USA Today estimates that the tariffs would

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add \$4,000 to \$5,000 (approximately the size of this year's tax cut on \$125,000 in income) to the price of a car (average price: about \$32,000). U.S. auto manufacturers oppose the tariffs, which would also cover vehicle components, \$147 billion of which (\$100 billion more than steel and aluminum imports combined) were imported last year for cars made in America by Americans and sold mostly to Americans.

General Motors' supply chain includes 20,000 businesses worldwide. Of the seven "most American" car models, measured by the value of domestically made components, four are Hondas, three models made in Alabama and one made in Ohio. The number of 2018 models whose parts are all American or Canadian: 0.

However, the hundreds of thousands of Americans employed by Japanese automakers have less to fear than other American autoworkers do from the American government's fears about American consumers' threat to America's security.

China, retaliating against new U.S. tariffs on Chinese products, has raised to 40 percent the tariffs on imports of American-made autos. These include BMWs (\$7,600 of the 385,900 made in South Carolina in 2017 were exported to China) and Mercedes (The Wall Street Journal reports that two-thirds of the approximately 300,000 vehicles made in Alabama are exported worldwide). The New York Times reports that BMW has stopped exporting the X3 crossover from South Carolina to China, shifting production of it to plants in China and South Africa.

Volvo, formerly Swedish but now Chinese-owned, just opened a \$1.1 billion South Carolina plant that currently employs 1,200. Volvo has planned to increase employment to 4,000, with half the workers building cars for export, especially to the world's largest auto market, China. (In 2018's second quarter, GM sold 758,000 vehicles in America, 858,344 in China.) So, under current policies, China will impose a 40 percent tax on imports made by a Chinese-owned company.

Last year, soybeans were \$12.4 billion of America's \$19.6 billion in agricultural exports to China, which might impose a 25 percent tariff on soybeans. The Wall Street Journal reports that University of Illinois and Ohio State University researchers estimate that over four years this "would result in an average 87 percent decline in income for a midsize Illinois

grain farm."

The caroms of trade aggressions and retaliations call to mind an experience Gulliver had when his travels took him to the grand academy of Lagado. There he met a man who had worked "eight years upon a project for extracting sunbeams out of cucumbers, which were to be put in phials hermetically sealed, and let out to warm the air in raw inclement summers." To those who say that this is as plausible as trying to produce prosperity with protectionism — correctly likened to pursuing wealth by blockading one's own ports — today's trade warriors respond: Have patience. Given sufficient time, protectionism will pay.

But as the comedian Steven Wright says, everywhere is walking distance if you have the time. Speaking of time:

In the 1830s, a Baptist preacher predicted Jesus would return to Earth sometime between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844. When the world persisted, its end was re-predicted by the preacher's followers for October 22, 1844. Between March and October, the number of believers increased substantially. Despite their great disappointment on October 23, many followers held to their beliefs and went on to found the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The lesson from this story, as from the protectionists' sunbeams-from-cucumbers economics, is familiar: The persuasive power of evidence is overrated.

GUEST VIEW

Democrats' fundraising success in GOP districts underscores momentum

Is red Texas about to blush blue?

A quick look at the fundraising hauls for top state offices suggests the answer is no. The Republican incumbent governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general are all flush.

Gov. Greg Abbott raised \$11 million from Feb. 25 through June 30, for example, and has nearly \$29 million cash on hand. His challenger, Lupe Valdez, the former Dallas County sheriff, raised about \$336,000 between mid-May and June 30, and has just \$222,000 to spend.

But the larger fundraising story out of the Lone Star State isn't so lopsided. And that should give Republicans reason to think more about kitchen table issues than divisive politics.

In the headline U.S. Senate race, challenger Beto O'Rourke, an El Paso congressman trying to unseat Sen. Ted Cruz, has amassed a small fortune over 15 months of campaigning. His \$23.1 million dwarfs Cruz's haul in the same period.

There also are five campaigns for reliably red U.S. House seats in Texas where Democratic challengers are nipping at the heels of Republicans in closer-than-expected races.

Former NFL player Colin Allred of Dallas is probably the best-known of the five Democrats. He's outpaced Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, a leader in the House and a veteran campaigner. The tough news for Allred, however, is that he's had to spend a lot just to get here. Sessions is sitting on a much larger pile of cash.

In four other races, Democrats hold the fundraising advantage. They include the fight for the seats left vacant by Reps. Joe Barton of Arlington and Lamar Smith, two powerful House members. Democrats Lizzie Pannill Fletcher and Mary Jennings "MJ" Hegar have out-raised Houston Rep. John Culberson and Rep. John Carter of Round Rock.

That fundraising prowess has drawn headlines, but in politics, money is usually only determinative if a candidate doesn't have enough to compete. What these results show is that Democrats are competitive this year, and the longer they stay in the fight, the more opportunities they'll have to find the luck needed to win.

Republican strategists write off the Democrats' fundraising successes, naturally, by noting that votes, not money, determine elections. And at least in these districts, the GOP has long had the advantage.

But electoral shifts do occur, and in the topsy-turvy political era we live in, the results from the money race have created an opportunity for debate about the course of our politics. In May when former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was stumping for her candidates in our state, she said something in a wide-ranging interview that stuck out to us as an important detail. Rather than hammer Donald Trump, she eschewed calls for impeachment and instead talked about national unity.

For our money, we'd say there is a constituency out there that favors uniting behind solutions to our common problems. Which party embraces such a message may just determine who wins in November.

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Twitter is the least of Iran's problems

■ An economic clampdown could cause big problems to a country already dealing with an fiscal crisis

RICH LOWRY

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It's Tehran's turn for the "fire and fury" treatment.

In response to Iranian President Hasan Rouhani telling Donald Trump not to "play with the lion's tail" because "war with Iran is the mother of all wars," the president fired back in an emphatically all-caps tweet warning of "CONSEQUENCES THE LIKES OF WHICH FEW THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE EVER SUFFERED BEFORE."

Since the last time Trump theatrically threatened a regime with destruction he quickly turned around and had warm talks with Kim Jong Un in Singapore, his Twitter account has lost some of its deterrent force.

But the exchange of words has focused attention on a growing confrontation with Iran, in which the United States has the upper hand. When Trump pulled out of the Iran deal earlier this year, there were warnings that it would split the Western alliance, prompt an Iranian nuclear breakout or leave the U.S. isolated and unable to effectively sanction Iran on its own.

Instead, Iran is in the midst of an economic crisis before the U.S. has truly ratcheted up the pressure. In less than a year, the Iranian currency, the rial, has lost half its value. There have been broad-based demonstrations around the country. Major multinational companies are pulling back from doing business in Iran, including General Electric, Siemens and A.P. Moller-Maersk.

Iran wasn't in position to take economic advantage of the windfall of the nuclear deal. It was most interested in funding its terrorism and foreign adventurism, and even if it weren't, its economy is hopelessly corrupt. Despite then-Secretary of State John Kerry urging Europeans to do business in Iran, the terror state obviously doesn't present a stable business climate. (The governor of the Central Bank of Iran has been sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury for helping the Revolutionary Guards funnel funds to Hezbollah.)

U.S. sanctions that were lifted as part of the Iran deal begin to snap back on Aug. 6, and the administration has a goal of getting Iranian oil exports to zero by November. Although this isn't realistic, and the administration will grant exceptions to

some allies, Iran could lose 1 million barrels a day in exports (in May, its exports had hit a new record at 2.7 million barrels a day).

This is nothing less than financial warfare against the regime, aimed at denying it hard currency to fund its foreign operations and ultimately at destabilizing it. The administration denies that it has a policy of regime change, but Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's demands for a new deal are so sweeping and fundamental that Tehran couldn't comply short of a radical reorientation toward becoming a normal state.

The economic campaign is coupled with a strategy of backing our allies — Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — to the hilt in resisting Iranian aggression in Syria and Yemen.

This is all to the good. The problem is that Trump's desire to get out of Syria entirely is at cross-purposes with pressuring Iran on all fronts, and the hope that a cynical and self-interested Russia will significantly aid us vis-a-vis Iran is surely misbegotten.

With proxy forces across the region, Iran has cards to play, and the regime is inherently dangerous. At a time when it should be doing everything to curry favor with the Europeans, one of its diplomats was arrested a few weeks ago in Germany for plotting a terror attack on an Iranian opposition group in France.

But Iran lacks several advantages enjoyed by North Korea. It doesn't have an overwhelming, powerful patron like China. It unites Israel and the Arab states, and none of our regional allies are pressuring us to negotiate with Tehran the way South Korea pushed us to talk with Pyongyang. Finally, Iran doesn't yet have nuclear weapons.

This gives the administration leverage. The mul-lahs shouldn't fear presidential tweets as much as the economic clampdown to come.

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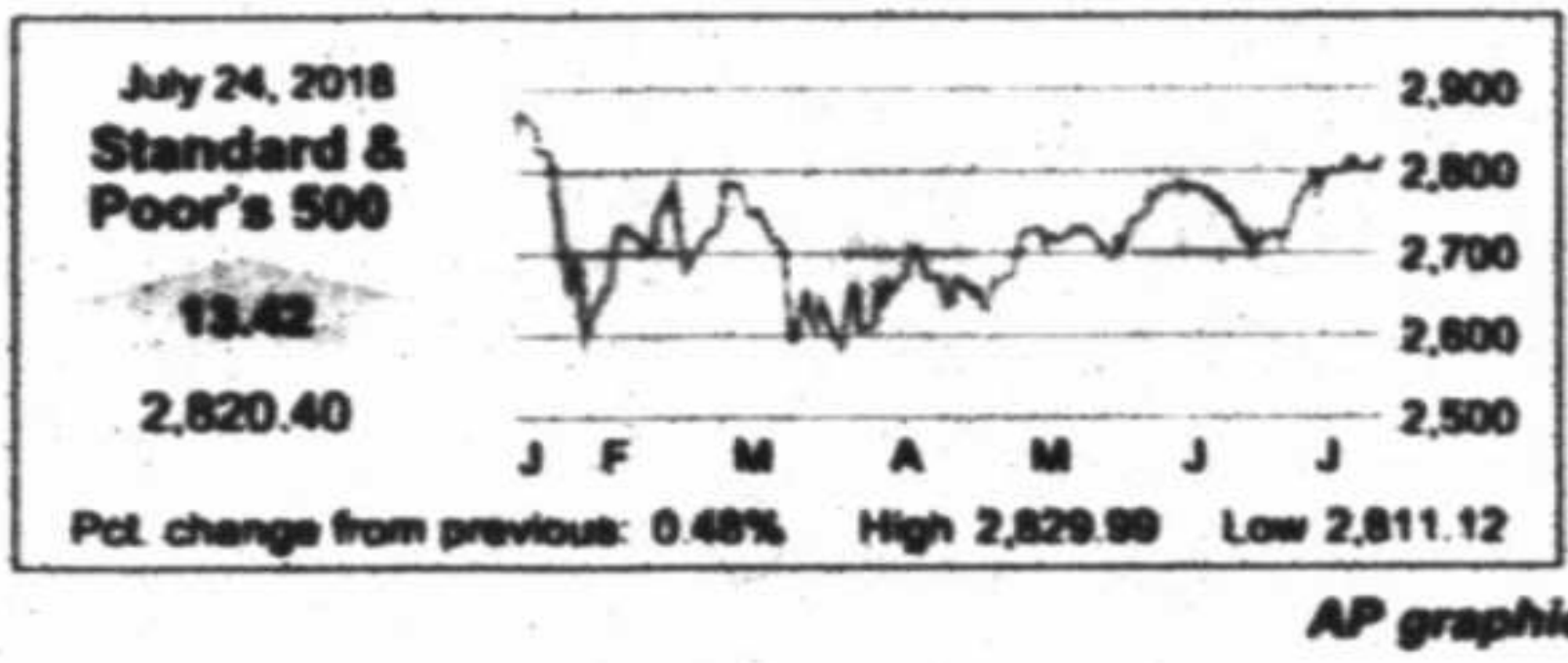
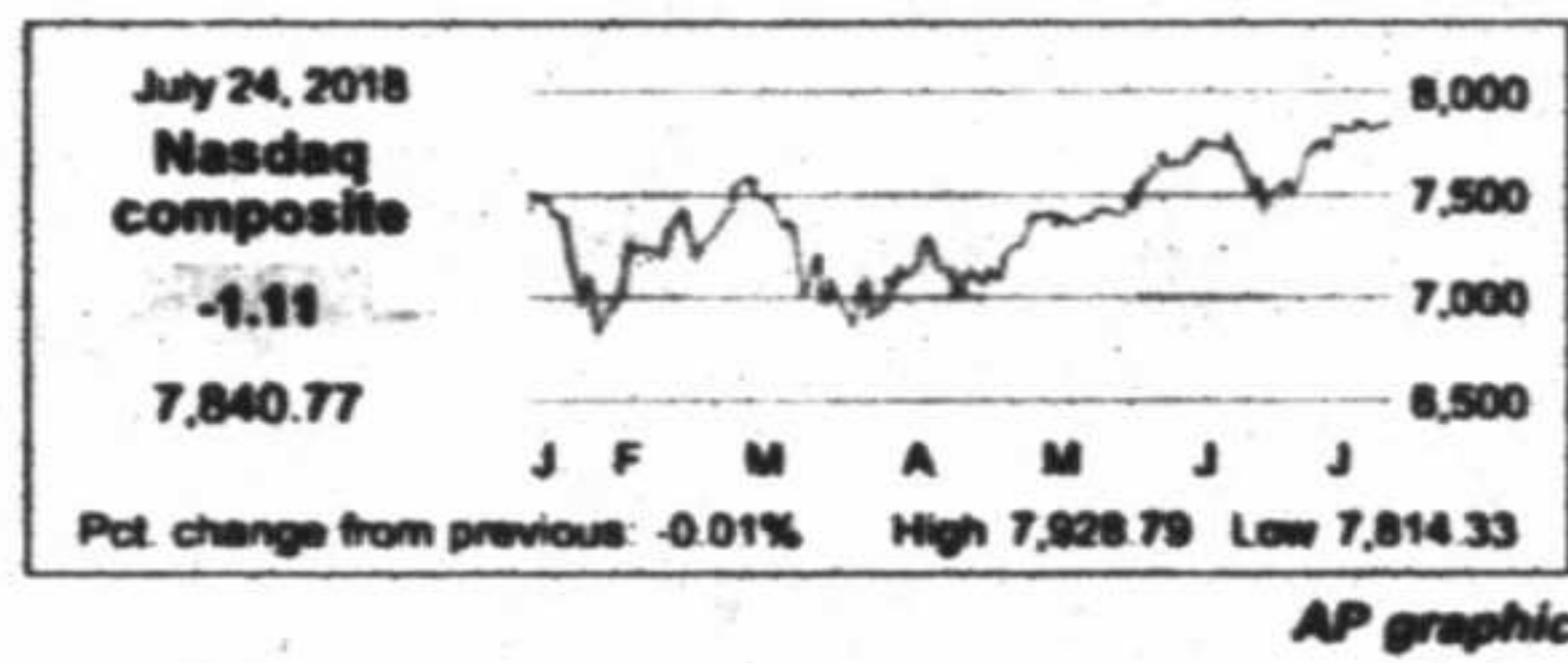
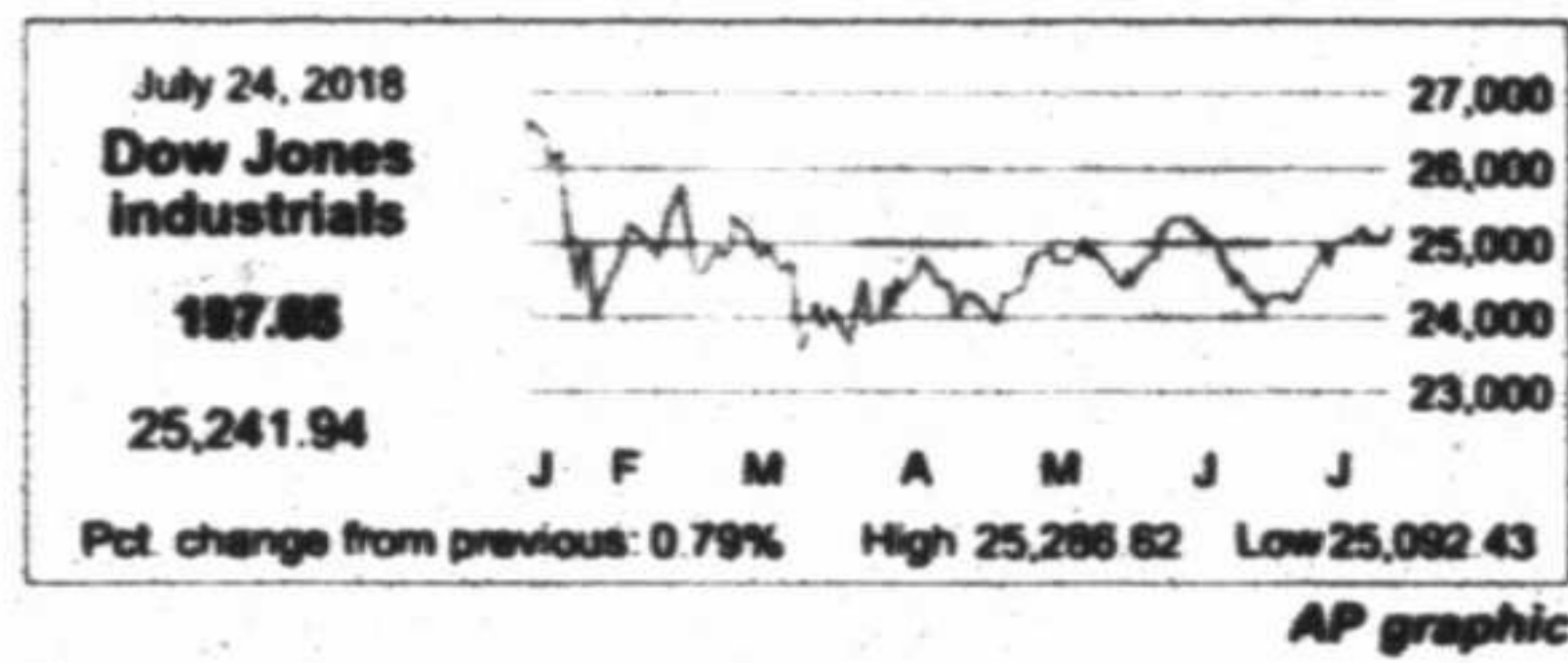
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OIL PRICES

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Previous: \$67.89

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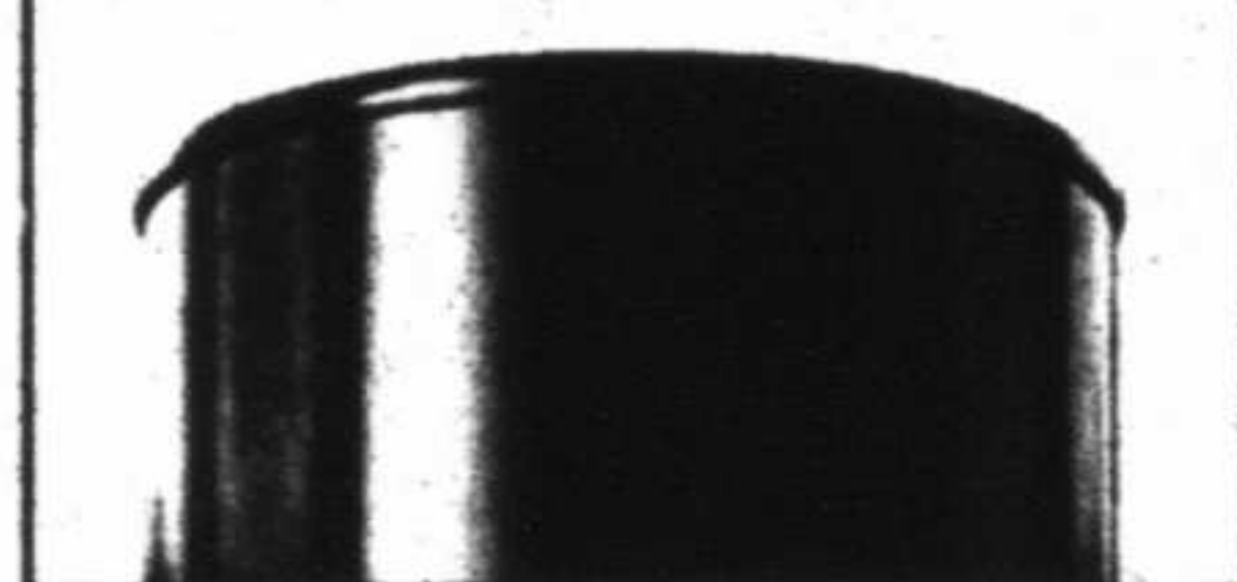
Tuesday: \$65.00
Previous: \$64.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: \$54.55
Previous: \$53.55

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: \$2.732
Previous: \$2.721



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)					GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg
SAP500ETF	1,018,321	101.81	101.81	+1.41	NI Corp	43.90	44.62	44.62	+11.6
ShEHL	65,811	44.31	44.31	+0.84	PPON	4.71	4.71	4.71	+11.6
BioPh	64,772	30.83	30.83	+0.08	AdiG	3.50	3.50	3.50	+11.1
SPDR	62,029	28.02	28.02	+0.08	AvyD	114.37	114.41	114.41	+11.1
GenE	55,759	13.12	13.12	+0.13	Constar	12.30	12.30	12.30	+10.8

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)					DIARY				
Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg
Neuro	44.22	15.78	15.78	-26.3	Declined	1,280			
Whelp	128.82	21.89	21.89	-14.5	Unchanged	118			
Roadm	2.23	32	32	-12.5	Total Issues	2,933			
FCB	52.25	4.95	4.95	-11.7	New Highs	88			
3D Sys	13.71	1.74	1.74	-11.3	New Lows	37			
					Volume	3,379,832,869			

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)					GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg
SPDR	10,054	5.95	5.95	-3.2	AvyD	3.35	11.15	11.15	+12.0
NVO	5,310	3.38	3.38	-0.6	Fluor	2.80	1.18	1.18	+6.6
Neu	4,803	1.76	1.76	-0.5	Elcom	9.00	4.46	4.46	+5.4
SRC	4,036	10.89	10.89	+0.1	Gab	20.84	5.8	5.8	+5.0
Shin	2,914	34.55	34.55	+4.1	BG	25.75	1.14	1.14	+4.6

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)					DIARY				
Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg
Gator	4.17	2.08	2.08	-33.9	Declined	120			
Costar	4.01	1.51	1.51	-27.4	Unchanged	21			
Telad	2.34	44	44	-15.7	Total Issues	314			
New	2.87	35	35	-11.6	New Highs	2			
Bo	2.40	24	24	-9.1	New Lows	8			
					Volume	114,364,573			

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on stock)					GAINERS (\$2 on stock)				
Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg
Micro	39,085	53.17	53.17	-1.12	Rock	8.40	1.81	1.81	+27.5
Facebook	28,152	214.67	214.67	+3.76	Liberty	10.60	2.18	2.18	+25.8
Microsoft	26,977	107.66	107.66	-3.1	NI	5.23	1.04	1.04	+24.8
Comcast	21,791	33.39	33.39	-7.8	Intell	8.64	1.31	1.31	+24.8
Jabil	21,095	17.79	17.79	-2.02	East	11.15	1.74	1.74	+18.5

LOSERS (\$2 on stock)					DIARY				
Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	%Chg
Sup	7.15	2.25	2.25	-23.9	Declined	1,533			
Aster	48.21	12.59	12.59	-20.7	Unchanged	180			
Bea	7.35	1.55	1.55	-17.4	Total Issues	3,034			
Tap	7.84	1.59	1.59	-16.9	New Highs	135			
Med	75.57	12.71	12.71	-14.4	New Lows	54			
					Volume	1,948,896,374			

US announces billions to help farmers hurt by Trump tariffs

By Ken Thomas, Paul Wiseman and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration announced Tuesday it will provide \$12 billion in emergency relief to ease the pain of American farmers slammed by President Donald Trump's escalating trade disputes with China and other countries.

However, some farm-state Republicans quickly dismissed the plan, declaring that farmers want markets for their crops, not payoffs for lost sales and lower prices.

The Agriculture Department said it would tap an existing program to provide billions in direct payments to farmers and ranchers hurt by foreign retaliation to Trump's tariffs.

With congressional elections coming soon, the government action underscored administration concern about damage to U.S. farmers from Trump's trade tariffs and the potential for losing House and Senate seats in the Midwest and elsewhere.

The administration said the program was just temporary.

"This is a short-term solution that will give President Trump and his administration the time to work on long-term trade deals," said Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue as administration officials argued that the plan was not a "bailout" of the nation's farmers.

But that provided little solace to rank-and-file Republicans, who said the tariffs are simply taxes and warned the action would open a Pandora's box for other sectors of the economy.

"I want to know what we're going to say to the automobile manufacturers and the petrochemical manufacturers and all the other people who are being hurt by tariffs," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La. "You've got to treat everybody the same."

Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Nebr., said the plan would spend billions on "gold crutches," adding, "America's farmers don't want to be paid to lose — they want to win by feeding the world. This administration's tariffs and bailouts aren't going to make America great again, they're just going to make it 1929 again."

The program is expected to start taking effect around Labor Day. Officials said the direct payments could help producers of soybeans, which have been hit hard by retaliation to the Trump tariffs, along with sorghum, corn, wheat, cotton, dairy and farmers raising hogs.

The food purchased from farmers would include some types of fruits, nuts, rice, legumes, dairy products, beef and pork, officials said.

Trump did not specifically reference the plan during a speech to veterans in Kansas City, but asked for patience as he attempts to renegotiate trade agreements that he said have hurt American workers.

"We're making tremendous progress. They're all coming. They don't want to have those tariffs put on them," Trump told

the Veterans of Foreign Wars national convention. "We're opening up markets. You watch what's going to happen. Just be a little patient."

Agriculture officials said they would not need congressional approval and the money would come through the Commodity Credit Corporation, a wing of the department that addresses agricultural prices.

The officials said payments couldn't be calculated until after harvests come in. Brad Karmen, the USDA's assistant deputy administrator for farm programs, noted that the wheat harvest is already in, so wheat farmers could get payments sooner than other growers.

Soybeans are likely to be the largest sector affected by the programs. Soybean prices have plunged 18 percent in the past two months.

Trump declared earlier Tuesday that "Tariffs are the greatest!" and threatened to impose additional penalties on U.S. trading partners as he prepared for negotiations with European officials at the White House.

Tariffs are taxes on imports. They are meant to protect domestic businesses and put foreign competitors at a disadvantage. But the taxes also exact a toll on U.S. businesses and consumers, which pay more for imported products.

The Trump administration has slapped tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese goods in a dispute over Beijing's high-tech industrial policies. China has retaliated with duties on soybeans and pork, affecting Midwest farmers in a region of the country that supported the president in his 2016 campaign.

Trump has threatened to place penalty taxes on up to \$500 billion in products imported from China, a move that would dramatically ratchet up the stakes in the trade dispute involving the globe's biggest economies.

The moves have been unsettling to lawmakers with districts dependent upon manufacturers and farmers affected by the retaliatory tariffs.

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said the proposal was raised a month ago when senators visited the White House for a broad discussion on trade. He said the lawmakers told the president "that our farmers want markets, and not really a payment from government. And he said, 'I'm surprised, I've never heard of anybody who didn't want a payment from government.'"

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who has been critical of the president in the past, said the tariffs "are a massive tax increase on American consumers and businesses, and instead of offering welfare to farmers to solve a problem they themselves created, the administration should reverse course and end this incoherent policy."

Republican Sen. Charles Grassley, whose family operates a farm in eastern Iowa, said the administration's move was "encouraging for the short term" but farmers needed "markets and opportunity, not government handouts."

Stocks mostly gain

US stock indexes end mostly higher on solid earnings reports

The major U.S. stock indexes finished mostly higher Tuesday as investors welcomed strong corporate earnings reports from Google parent Alphabet and other companies.

Gains by technology companies and health care stocks outweighed losses in consumer goods manufacturers, retailers and other sectors.

Smaller-company stocks, which have been beating the rest of the market this year, turned sharply lower as investors weighed the implications of the Trump administration's decision to send billions in emergency aid to farmers hurting from tariffs stemming from the U.S. trade dispute with China.

Tariffs also weighed on Whirlpool's latest quarterly results, giving the appliance maker its worst day in more than 30 years.

The S&P 500 index rose 13.42 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,820.40. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 197.65 points, or 0.8 percent, to 25,241.94. The Nasdaq composite lost 1.11 points to 7,840.77. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks had its worst day in a month, sliding 18.22 points, or 1.1 percent, to 1,680.20.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold slipped 10 cents to \$1,225.50 an ounce. Silver added 10 cents to \$15.52 an ounce. Copper gained 6 cents to \$2.81 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$145.38 Up 1.97

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$7.47 Up 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$133.45 Up 2.28

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$5.17 Up 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$5.80 Down 0.03

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$222.40 Unchanged

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price \$14.66 Down 0.34

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$12.85 Down 0.19

Viper Energy Partners (VVO)
Closing Price \$31.25 Up 0.09

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AK Steel	24	5.21	17	-6.0	Concast	76	16	33.39	-7.0	-16.3	JP Morgan	2.28	15	114.15	+0.6	3M Co	5.44	20	259.08	+1.04	-14.7			
AT&T Inc	2.00	12	31.60	+0.8	ConAgra	35	17	35.60	-3.0	-5.5	Johnson	10	17.79	2.02	-20.4	Truist	0.4	7	84.82	+1.7	-4.8			
Abrams	30	2.89	0	+0.3	ConocoPhillips	22	148.39	1.97	-3.2	Johnson	3.68	18	128.30	+2.73	-7.4	Trans	0	5.05	-32	+101.7				
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AMD	0	16.19	0	-87	+57.5	Corning	72	29.83	47	-8.8	Kimberly	4.8	21	98.16	+7.2	-12.8	Trans	0	27.16	+0.2	+8			
Alcoa	56	189.00	+1.96	+9.6	Cummins	5.09	16	146.30	-1.98	-7.9	Knoll	30	22	17.65	-0.6	-2.3	Trans	0	45.23	+0.2	+10.0			
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Trolls and snowflakes: Once-stuffy DC embraces tough slang

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House speaker dismissed the actions of a U.S. president as merely "trolling." And the nation's attorney general knocked America's university students as a bunch of sensitive "snowflakes."

These terms are hardly new. But President Donald Trump's presence in Washington has fundamentally changed how politicians are talking in this once-stuffy town that long prided itself on civility and decorum.

A look at the latest political slang making the rounds:

Trolling

Trolling refers to the practice of incessantly posting nasty words or images online as a way of provoking one's opponents.

It's what U.S. intelligence agencies have accused the Russian government of doing on social media leading up to the 2016 election. And it's what Trump does on Twitter when he posts repeatedly about "Crooked Hillary" Clinton and "Cryin' Chuck Schumer."

That's why "trolling" was an interesting choice of words by House Speaker Paul Ryan on Tuesday when he was asked about Trump's plan to revoke the

security clearances from top former national security officials who criticize the president. (Officials often keep their security clearances active in case their expertise is needed later by their successors or future employers.)

"I think he's trolling people, honestly," Ryan told reporters with a slight shrug.

Ryan picked up on the fact that the president's threat achieves exactly the same goal as online trolling — goading one's critics to lure them into a public spat and shift debate to a topic of his choosing.

And while this might seem obvious considering Trump's Twitter feed, the idea that a Republican House speaker would shrug off a Republican president's threat as mere trolling shows how much Washington — and its lexicon — has changed.

'Snowflakes'

Jeff Sessions, the nation's top law enforcement officer, on Tuesday said colleges are creating a generation of "snowflakes."

This has been a long-time favorite quip among conservatives who believe younger generations have been so coddled by their liberal parents that they have grown up to be come overly sensitive and fragile. The term is part of a broader culture war between liberals, who want

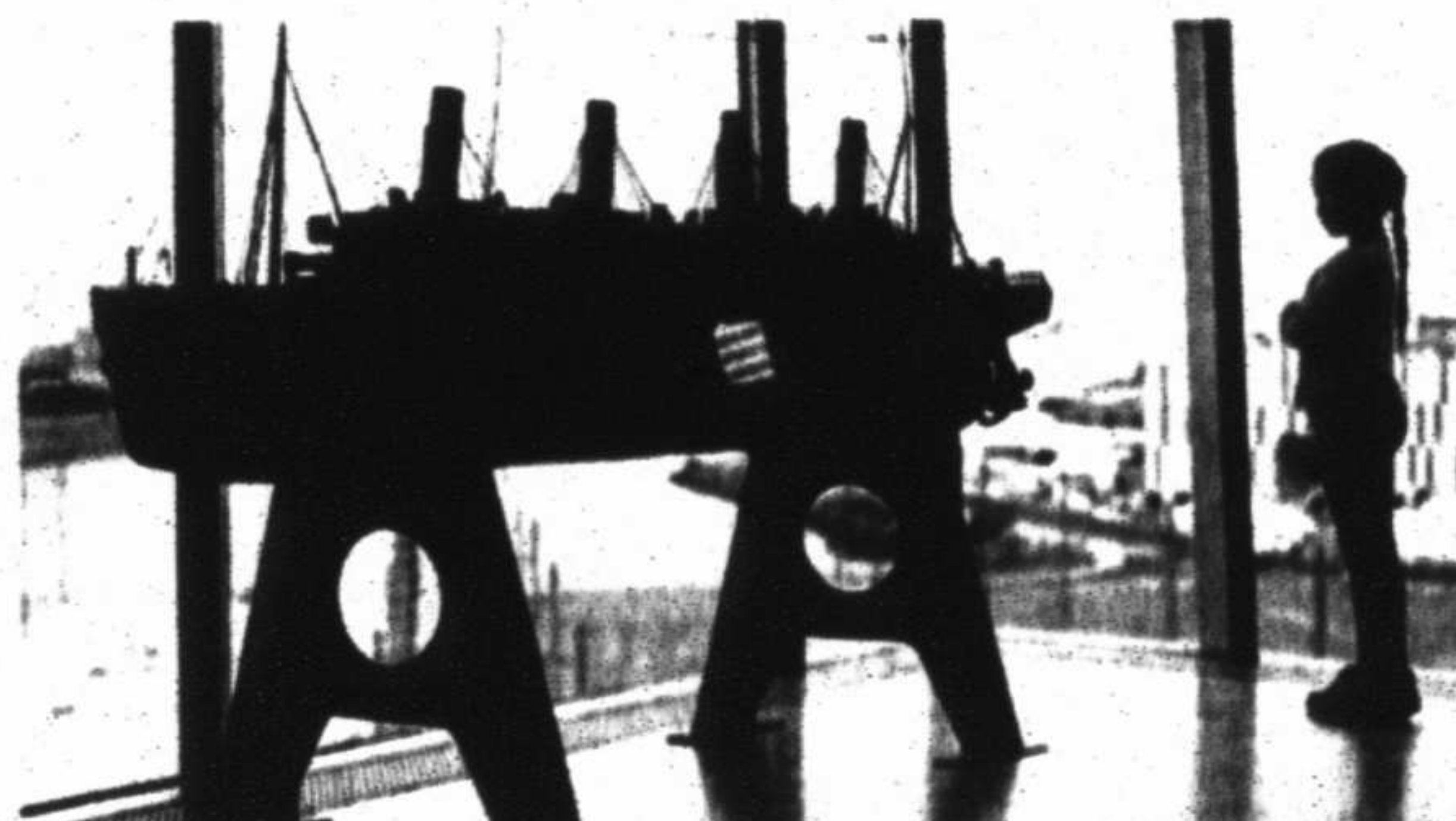
to see expanded rights for minorities and an atmosphere of inclusiveness, and conservatives who denounce those efforts as political correctness run amok.

In the case of Sessions, the attorney general believes college campuses are the worst offenders for creating these so-called "snowflakes."

"Rather than molding a generation of mature, well-informed adults, some schools are doing everything they can to create a generation of sanctimonious, sensitive, supercilious snowflakes," he said, reading from prepared remarks at a high school leadership summit in Washington aimed at encouraging conservative activism among students. (Sessions also at one point repeated the chant of "Lock Her Up" in reference to Democrat Hillary Clinton.)

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says the term "snowflake" has had numerous meanings over the years, including a person who favored slavery in the 1860s in Missouri.

But by 1996, the book "Fight Club" included a line the dictionary says may have given the word its current meaning: "You are not a beautiful and unique snowflake. You are the same decaying organic matter as everyone, and we are all part of the same compost pile."



Aislinn Taggart, 9, looks at a model of the Titanic at Titanic Belfast, Northern Ireland, Tuesday during the launch of a bid to buy a collection of 5,500 artifacts from the Titanic wreck site and bring them to Belfast. A group of British museums will raise money to buy the Titanic artifacts from the private American company that salvaged them from the wreck of the passenger liner RMS Titanic.

'Titanic' director Cameron backs bid for 5,500 items from ship

By Gregory Katz
Associated Press

LONDON — Film-maker James Cameron and Titanic discoverer Robert Ballard are backing a bid by a group of British museums to acquire a collection of 5,500 artifacts from the sunken vessel.

The campaign announced Tuesday aims to raise \$20 million to buy the items from a private American company that salvaged them from the wreck.

The director of the 1997 blockbuster "Titanic," starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet, said there are grave concerns that the collection will be broken up and sold privately because that company has filed for bankruptcy.

"That's why people who feel some protective role

have stepped up and kind of linked arms," Cameron said. "It's an incredible piece of history, an object lesson about human hubris. If it gets sold into private hands, it disappears from the public eye. It would be broken up and could never be reassembled."

He said his expeditions to the undersea site have made him feel a responsibility to honor those who lost their lives on its doomed voyage in 1912.

The objects include a section of the ship's hull and a bronze cherub decoration from the ship's grand staircase. They were recovered from the wreck site during seven deep sea expeditions between 1987 and 2004.

The bid for the artifacts comes from the Royal Museums Greenwich, National Museums Northern Ireland, Titanic Belfast and

Titanic Foundation Limited. The National Geographic Society has pledged \$500,000 to help fund the project — both Cameron and Ballard are National Geographic Explorers in Residence.

The bid was announced at Titanic Belfast at the location where the ship was designed, built and launched.

Ballard, who discovered the wreck in 1985, said the campaign is the "only viable option to retain the integrity" of the artifacts. He said the collection "deserved to be returned home to where its journey began."

The Titanic sank in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage in 1912 after hitting an iceberg. More than 1,500 passengers and crew died.

Trump 'very concerned' Russians will meddle to help Democrats

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says he's "very concerned" that Russia will try to meddle in November's midterm elections to help Democrats win.

Trump says in a tweet he's "very concerned" that Russia will be fighting very hard to have an impact on the upcoming Election, but says "they will be pushing very hard for the Democrats. They definitely don't want Trump!"

He doesn't explain his reasoning.

The U.S. intelligence community concluded Russia meddled in the 2016 election to try to help Trump win, and Russian President Vladimir Putin said last week at his joint press conference with Trump that he was rooting for the Republicans.

The tweet is the latest example of Trump sowing doubts about the integrity of the U.S. electoral system. In 2016, he repeatedly claimed the election was "rigged."

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MRI most sensitive method for detecting breast cancer

■ Because of the cost, potential for false alarms, it is recommended only for women who are at high risk of developing the disease

Mammography is the main test used to find breast cancer in women who do not have symptoms and is the only screening test that has been shown to reduce the number of women who die from breast cancer by about 30 percent. However, breast MRI is the most sensitive method of finding breast cancer, especially in women who are at a very high risk for

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breast cancer, meaning a greater than 20 percent to 25 percent chance of developing breast cancer in their life. Women at very high risk are recommended to have both a yearly mammogram and

Know your risk

The Breast Center at Midland Health currently assesses lifetime risk with each screening mammogram. You will be notified if your lifetime risk is greater than 20 percent. To schedule a screening mammogram at The Breast Center, call 662-9729.

breast MRI as part of their annual breast cancer screening. However, because of the high cost and potential for false alarms, breast MRI is not generally recommended for women who are at normal or moderate

risk of the disease.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MAMMOGRAM AND BREAST MRI?

Mammography and breast MRI use different methods to find breast cancer. Mammography uses X-rays to take a picture of the breast. Cancers are usually seen as either bright dots (of calcium) or as masses that are denser or whiter than the normal breast tissue on a mammogram. However, because

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Debbie Gann participates in an RPM cycling class Tuesday at the Midland YMCA.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Some observe links between economy, lifestyle choices

By Simone Jasper
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In the face of recent economic growth, some members of the local health and wellness community notice Midlanders have extra money to spend on fitness and healthy foods. But others observe that upticks can lead people to put off exercise and medical attention.

Kit Bredimus, director of emergency services for Midland Health, said people sometimes try to treat themselves or ignore their symptoms.

"Where we see the majority of the influx is lower-acuity stuff," Bredimus said. "Your stomach pains — your cold, cough, flu kind of stuff."

Midland Memorial Hospital saw a rise in emergency room visits from fiscal years 2016 to 2017, according to figures provided to the Reporter-Telegram. The department also recorded 46,086 visits through June of last fiscal year, which

jumped to 52,028 through last month.

Also in June, Midland's unemployment rate stood at 2.4 percent — the lowest in the state — according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

As more people work, increasing numbers of community members have health insurance, according to Dr. Rama Chemtiganiti of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine at the Permian Basin. He is the regional chairman of the department of internal medicine and said people sometimes make the choice to eat out when they have busy schedules.

"You will see people with not much time but money to spend on food," Chemtiganiti said. "You will see ... food, which is high in salt and fat."

In the realm of healthy meals, Larry Satterfield of Natural Foods Market offers frozen foods and selections at its Strawberry Fields Cafe.

"People like convenience, but I think

they want (a) healthy choice that's convenient, too," said Satterfield, the store's owner and general manager.

Limited free time can also impact Midlanders' workout habits, according to some employees of local gyms. Lisa Benson, head coach at Orangetheory Fitness, said clients sometimes want to scale back when their schedules fill up.

"In the end, people like to feel good," Benson said. "They like to feel good about their health. They like to feel strong. They like to feel confident."

She said Orangetheory offers various sessions and types of memberships, giving people the opportunity to pay for plans that fit their availability and budgets. The number of fitness studio members is about double the number it was when the facility opened two years ago. Orangetheory has grown in familiarity during that time, according to Benson. As the economy picks up, she said people also may have discretionary income to put toward their fitness.

At Midland YMCA, Denessa Leary said there has been steady retention throughout the year. She said people increasingly spend their money on personal training and healthy eating.

"I think it does cost a little bit more to

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UTPB counseling training center provides free services

By Tatum Guinn

University of Texas at the Permian Basin

Like most new things in life, whether it be signing up for a gym membership, taking a new job or opening up for business, the first step is always the most difficult.

The University of Texas at the Permian Basin is helping to make easier the first step of talking to a professional counselor.

"People are talking. It used to be taboo, but we're finding people are more open to it," said Maria Avalos, UTPB counseling program coordinator. "Something happens that hits your heart and you just need to talk to someone. All you have to do is show up."

The university's counseling department has kick-started a new student-led counseling training center that offers services free of charge to people at the university and in the community.

Avalos said given the conversation about mental health happening around the country and in pop culture, the center could not have started at a more perfect time.

"It's not enough to be a university where we teach students," Avalos said. "We need to bridge the gap between the campus and the community. This has been the missing piece for us."

Avalos and Samantha Klassen-Bolding, clinical coordinator, started the training clinic in January with two makeshift counseling offices that used to be work-space. Within two weeks, they added two more counseling offices and made the spaces look and feel like what one would see in a traditional clinic.

"Every single thing was donated in every office," Avalos said. Laughing, she added, "I would leave sticky notes in people's offices saying, 'I borrowed your plant!'"

Avalos and Klassen-Bolding spent weeks dragging desks, chairs and everything else they needed to get the training clinic ready. With the offices staged, they were open for business for students and clients.

Until now, students would take their coursework and have practice sessions with their classmates. Their first exposure to a real counseling session wouldn't be until they had an off-campus internship. Now, they get that first exposure on campus.

"This helps them develop a solid skill set before we just throw them wherever they're going," Avalos said.

The training counseling center gives students the opportunity to get real-world experience in a comfortable setting. They conduct real counseling sessions with

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Setting rules can lead to successful co-parenting

Co-parenting is a concept created for children whose parents are divorced or no longer together. It is intended to help parents make decisions in the child's best interest.

However, it is often difficult for parents to set aside their own feelings in order to make those decisions for their child/children. In addition to legal custody paperwork requirements, there are a few agreements co-parents can make between themselves that will help

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the co-parenting relationship to be successful. Here are a few examples of a co-parenting agreement.

ACTIVITIES

Both parents may attend any activities in which their child participates.

Either parent may enter the child into activities that occur exclusively during that parent's custodial period and which do not involve the other parent's time or money.

Neither parent may enter the child

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Maria Avalos, left, and Samantha Klassen-Bolding with the University of Texas at the Permian Basin counseling department, started a counseling training center earlier this year.

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people in the community and then get immediate feedback from their peers and professors.

"It was the missing component where they could do their work in front of faculty that they've had since they began the program," Avalos said.

Klassen-Bolding said it has been the perfect fit.

"They get to build the foundation here before they fly the nest out into the real world," she said. "It's purely developmental for them. Students are able to get the experience of what it feels like to be part of a real clinic."

Avalos said it's real experience for students and a free resource for people

in the community. She said the training center provides services to people who don't have access to insurance or may not be able to afford counseling sessions.

"For some people, we're their only resort," she said. "I think it's a beautiful thing that our students will be part of. It's bringing people who otherwise don't have the option."

More than half a year into the clinic, Avalos and Klassen-Bolding said so far, so good. They have seen their students' confidence skyrocket and are able to keep all counseling sessions booked.

"I love that we're giving them a solid foundation," Klassen-Bolding said. "They are growing up in a clinic that nurtures them to

be the kind of practitioners they need to become."

The vision is to eventually grow the clinic and give students the option to practice anywhere in the country.

Avalos is working to get national accreditation through CACREP, The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

She said the training clinic embodies what counseling is all about: a spirit of service.

"If you need to talk to someone, all you have to do is show up," she said. "Call us. We're ready."

Tatum Gunn is communications manager at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

First lady visits hospital to promote her 'Be Best' campaign

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Melania Trump joined in the children's pastimes of blowing bubbles and playing with trains Tuesday as she promoted her "Be Best" campaign at a hospital and expressed her desire to help educate mothers and children about the dangers of drug misuse and dependency.

The first lady got an in-depth briefing from medical and other professionals at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt on their treatment program for babies born with drug dependency, also known as neonatal abstinence syndrome. The hospital keeps mothers and babies together to improve outcomes.

"My passion is to shine a light on the opioid crisis," Mrs. Trump told them. "I want to continue to learn and believe in starting early to educate young mothers and children about the dangers of drugs. I believe the more we talk about this, the shame and guilt will go away."

It was Mrs. Trump's first domestic trip to publicize "Be Best," the initiative she launched in May to focus on child well-being, social media use and the opioid crisis. She has promoted "Be Best" in the Washington area and during a recent stop in London, where she accompanied the president.

At the conclusion of the briefing, Mrs. Trump asked how she could use her role to help, said her spokeswoman, Stephanie Grisham.

"She is impressed by their goal here of keeping mothers and children together," Grisham said. Reporters traveling with Mrs. Trump were escorted out of the room before the first lady spoke. Grisham later said the

professionals wanted privacy to discuss specific patient cases.

Afterward, Mrs. Trump walked over to a playroom, where she hugged Essence Overton, a patient at the hospital, and they compared fingernails.

"Yours are all different colors. I like that," the first lady told the 4-year-old. She took a seat in a child-sized chair and joined Essence and other child patients playing with the train. She moved to a corner of the room after a few minutes and began blowing bubbles with 18-month-old Elliegh Rasmussen.

Essence became excited when the first lady gave her a pink fleece blanket with the White House seal and asked how the first lady knew that pink was her favorite color, Grisham told reporters, who had left the playroom.

The first lady also spent about 30 minutes in private with the parents of an 8-day-old baby who was born early and will remain in the hospital for several days. She held the baby and listened as the 22-year-old mother talked about using drugs while she was pregnant, and the first lady "gave her words of encouragement," Grisham said.

Mrs. Trump has done little personally to publicize the "Be Best" campaign around the country since she unveiled it at the White House in May.

A week after the announcement, the first lady underwent kidney surgery, then spent several weeks out of the spotlight recuperating. She has since made two trips to the U.S.-Mexico border to meet with adults and children affected by the president's policy of separating migrant families who enter the U.S. illegally.

AIDS scientist: Treatment drugs could end epidemic

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press

New research shows more promise for using AIDS treatment drugs as a prevention tool, to help keep uninfected people from catching HIV during sex with a partner who has the virus.

There were no infections among gay men who used a two-drug combo pill either daily or just before and after sex with someone with HIV, one study found. In a second study, no uninfected men caught the virus if they had sex only with a partner whose HIV was well-suppressed by medicines.

Both studies were discussed Tuesday at the International AIDS conference in Amsterdam.

The United States' top AIDS scientist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, called the results "very impressive" and "really striking." About 26 million people worldwide have HIV and 1.5 million new infections occur each year,

said Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

"The only way you're going to end the epidemic is by preventing additional cases of transmission," he said. The treatment drugs are "tools that, if widely implemented, theoretically could end the epidemic."

Expanding access to them is not only humanitarian but also smart policy, Fauci said.

"You get a twofer: You save the life of the person who's infected ... and you're making it virtually impossible for that person to transmit that infection to their sexual partner."

Until there's a vaccine, condoms are the best way to prevent HIV infection, but not everyone uses them or does so all the time, so other options are needed.

A two-drug combo used to treat people with HIV, sold as Truvada by Gilead Sciences and in generic form in some countries, has been shown to help prevent infection when one partner has the virus and one does not, but the evidence so far has

been strongest for male-female couples.

A new study was designed as a real-world test in about 1,600 gay men in the Paris region who were at high risk of getting HIV because of many sex partners, reluctance to use condoms or other reasons. They were offered the preventive pills either for daily use, as is recommended in the United States, or "on demand" — before and after unprotected sex. A little more than half chose on demand, and have been tested every three months to see if they had caught HIV.

"Since we started a year ago, we have not seen a single infection," said the study leader, Dr. Jean-Michel Molina of Saint Louis Hospital in Paris. "On-demand seems to be at least as effective as daily when it's used in real life."

No one stopped using the drugs because of side effects. "Now we can have just as much confidence in the power of treatment as prevention for gay male couples as we have had for heterosexual couples," said Dr. Linda-Gail Bekker, AIDS conference chief and deputy director of the Desmond Tutu HIV Center at the University of Cape Town in South Africa.

Obituaries



Cody Lyn Engle

Cody Lyn Engle, 27 of Midland, Texas, gained his angelic wings from his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 21, 2018.

The family will accept guests from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at West Texas Cowboy Church in Gardendale.

Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens in Midland. Pallbearers will be CJ Huff, Les Ingram, Curtis Sharp Jr., Gavin Finzel, Locke Avery, and Eddy Huff. Honorary pallbearers will be Ashlea Hale and Tyler Hale.

Cody was born on December 28, 1990 to Tammy and Toby Engle of Midland, TX.

He married his love at first sight, Crystal Brooke Sharp on October 15, 2016. Cody fell in love with his wife instantly after one small precious baby Bruno (dog) introduced them in a Stripe's parking lot.

As a young boy he loved football, fixing anything he could get his hands on, and had dreams of being a fireman. He grew up learning all about the oilfield from his dad and learned all he knew from him as he got his start in the business. Cody never met a stranger and was the life of every party.

You always knew when he was around by listening for his "WOOF!" He always was singing with a smile on his face. He loved country music and anything country. He was a true cowboy at heart. He loved unconditionally and had a strong faith in his creator Jesus Christ.

He had a love for anything camp, hunting, fishing, animals of all kinds, woodwork, and the outdoors. His happy place was always at home with family and spending time at the lake.

He is survived by his wife Crystal Engle; parents, Toby & Tammy Engle; sisters, Cassidy Hale, Toni Engle, Tawny Hancock; and brothers, Toby Allen and Bobby Gordon. He was also loved by numerous nieces and nephews and his four-legged fur-babies.

He is preceded in death by one unborn child and grandparents.

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

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Cody Reese Brown

Cody Reese Brown passed away on July 20, 2018. Cody was born to Thomas Daniel Brown and Susan Reese Ward on August 3, 1979 in Fort Worth, Texas.

He graduated from Midland High School, Midland, TX prior to earning a B.A. in Business Administration from Schreiner University in Kerrville, TX. He is survived by both parents, step-father Bob Ward, step-mother Mary Lou Brown; his wife Natalie Hamala Brown; his daughter Kaitlyn Brown; his brothers Josh Brown and his wife Laura, and Aaron Ward and his wife Anna; his sister Cara Lazenby and her husband Shaun; nieces/nephew Ellie Brown, Adria Brown, Stella Ward, Alex and Sophie Lazenby; and aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends who loved him!

Cody treasured time with Kaitlyn and loved his family, friends, and pets. He was also passionate about soccer, mountain biking, tennis, billiards, country music, table tennis, cars, marksmanship and playing "42". He accepted Christ as his Savior at church camp when he was 9 years old. He was employed by Security State Bank and Trust. He completed Leadership Boerne 2018, was a member of the Alumni Board at Schreiner, and rode with the Hill Country Bicycle Works team.

He was a loyal friend who maintained relationships from elementary school throughout his life! The family encourages those who so desire to make a memorial contribution in memory of Cody, to consider Trips for Kids at tripsforkids.org and Homes for our Troops at hforusa.org. A Memorial Service will be held in Boerne, TX on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church. To leave condolences for the family and for service updates, please visit www.ebensberger-fisher.com and select obituaries.

Arrangements are with Ebensberger-Fisher Funeral Home of Boerne.



Domingo Villa

Domingo Villa, 80, of Stanton, Texas, passed away July 23, 2018 surrounded by his loving family. He was

born February 13, 1938 in Big Spring, Texas. He was a member of the Cruzista at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Domingo loved all his grandchildren and great grandchildren, he has lots of family, friends and numerous nieces, nephews and god children.

Domingo is preceded in death by his wife Rafaela Villa, father Enrique Villa, mother Blasa Valdez, siblings Raymond Villa, Felomana Hernandez, Felipe Villa, and Rosa Bustamante. Domingo leaves to cherish his loving memory, his daughter, Ermetinda Villa; grandson Jeremy Eparaza and Nicole Burch, granddaughter, Briana Eparaza and Jose Arballo; granddaughter Thalia Eparaza and Ricardo Martinez; great grandsons Nico Cadena and Julian Arballo; son Michael Villa; granddaughters, Noemie Hardin, Joie Mendez, Destiny Villa, Rebecca Rafaela Villa; grandson Miguel Domingo Villa and numerous great grandchildren, son Nathan Villa and Vanessa Villa; grandson Juan Cruz. Funeral mass will be Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Jeremy Eparaza, Richard Villa, Gavino Ortiz, Henry Villa, Rick Rosa, Jose Arballo, Vidal Rosa, and Daniel Rosa.

Honorary pallbearers are Mike Villa, Nathan Villa, Nico Cadena, Miguel Villa, Julian Arballo, Ricardo Martinez and Juan Cruz. Arrangements were under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Death Notices

Darwin C. Baker

Darwin C. Baker passed away on July 11, 2018 after a five-year battle with early onset Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Golf Course Road Church of Christ.

Rev. Aubrey "Ray" Chasteen

Rev. Aubrey "Ray" Chasteen, 91, of Gardendale, Texas, passed away Saturday, July 21, 2018. The family will receive guests from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 27, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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into any activity that involves the other parent's time or money without obtaining the other parent's approval.

SHARING INFORMATION

Information concerning minor medical or emergency medical procedures will be shared as soon as possible with the other parent.

The parent will communicate information about the child's extracurricular activities, including a schedule and the name and phone number of the activity leader if available.

Information concerning school will be transferred between parents. This will include report cards, progress reports, homework, information concerning school pictures, school programs in which the child participates and parent-related activities (parent-teacher conferences, back to school night, etc.).

DECISION-MAKING

Major decisions will be made jointly. These decisions include major medical, dental and psychological treatment; grade and special program placement and

change of schools.

PROBLEM-SOLVING

The parents agree to meet in a calm, quiet, uninterrupted environment to discuss any child custody or child care problem. The parents will meet jointly with physicians, educators, psychologist, law enforcement authorities or other professionals as needed to work toward any custody of child behavior problems.

This provision does not preclude either parent from meeting separately with each professional, but each will inform the other of such meetings in advance whenever possible and always as soon as possible.

STATEMENT OF RESPECT

Neither party will denigrate or demean the character or behavior of the other in the presence of the child, but will refer to the other parent with respect.

It is often difficult to remember that parents are in the business of raising their child/children. Learning to be civil and trying to keep emotions out of the relationship, will greatly increase the chances that the co-parenting relationship is successful.



ADVOCATING AGAINST ALZHEIMER'S

Courtesy photo

Local advocates visited U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway on June 18 about additional funding for Alzheimer's research. Making the trip to the nation's capital were Janet Cross, from left, Madison Peeler, Mary McCourt, Robin Richey and Lauren Berry.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Advocates visit with Conaway about Alzheimer's research funding

New studies reported at the 2018 Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Chicago provide insight into Alzheimer's prevalence, the impact of non-cognitive symptoms and factors that may impact a person's risk for dementia.

As a caregiver for one of the more than 5 million Americans — including 380,000 Texans — living with Alzheimer's, I know firsthand how important this research is in improving the quality of life for everyone

affected by the disease.

There is so much we do not know about this devastating and fatal disease. Today, Alzheimer's is the only leading cause of death in the U.S. without a way to prevent, cure or even slow its progression. Barring the development of medical breakthroughs, the number of Americans with Alzheimer's will triple by mid-century.

Alzheimer's has plagued my family for more than 35 years. My grandfather passed away in 1997 after a 15-year battle, and my father passed away in October after a 14-year battle with this horrific disease. Alzheimer's has put a large financial, as well as, emotional burden on my

family.

As is clear from the research and theories presented by leading scientists at the recent conference, there is no shortage of ideas, only shortage of dollars, for addressing Alzheimer's and its devastating impact. That is why the Alzheimer's Association is appealing to Congress to increase funding for Alzheimer's research at the National Institutes of Health by at least \$425 million in fiscal year 2019.

Please join me in asking Rep. Mike Conaway for his commitment in the fight to end Alzheimer's. To learn more, visit alz.org/advocate.

Mary McCourt
Volunteer ambassador

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eat clean and pay a little bit more attention to what you're eating," said Leary, health and wellness coordinator at the YMCA. Satterfield also acknowledged that trend and said organic foods are traditionally more expensive than others. He entered the health food

industry in 1995 and has noticed people continue to gain knowledge about healthy eating. "Our industry has grown every year over the last 23 years,"

Satterfield said. "But it grows even more in ... Midland when the economy is good."

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both cancers and dense breast tissue are white on a mammogram, some cancers will be hidden, especially in women who have dense breasts.

During a breast MRI, a contrast dye is injected into a vein and magnetic fields and radiowaves are used to make images of the breast. Unlike a mammogram, there is no radiation. Breast cancers usually have increased blood vessels feeding the cancer, and therefore will look brighter than the normal breast tissue. Because cancers are not usually hidden by normal breast tissue on MRI, many research studies have shown that breast MRI will find more breast cancers compared to a mammogram. For example, screening mammography finds about 5 cancers per 1,000 women screened. If a breast MRI is done in a woman with a normal mammogram, an additional 10 to 15 cancers will be detected on the MRI. Without a doubt, breast MRI is the most sensitive test that we have to detect breast cancer.

■ Cost

Even though it finds more breast cancers than regular mammograms, the use of screening MRI has been limited to a small group of women at very high risk for breast cancer because of its cost. A breast MRI can cost several thousands of dollars, compared to several hundred dollars or less for a mammogram. The major national organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, and the American College of Radiology, recommend extra screening with MRI for women who have a greater than 20 percent to 25 percent lifetime risk of getting breast cancer based on their family history. Most insurance companies follow these national guidelines and will cover the cost of the MRI only for women who are at this high level of risk.

Talk to your doctor if you have a strong family history of breast cancer or if you

think you may have a breast cancer gene.

■ False alarms

All screening tests have false alarms, and breast MRI is no exception. False positives (false alarms) are when the screening test is abnormal, but there is no real problem. A false alarm may lead to an unnecessary biopsy. On a breast MRI, there are many benign conditions that may look like a cancer. Therefore, in order to be sure the abnormality is not cancer, a needle biopsy may be recommended. Like mammography, about 60 percent to 75 of biopsies recommended from a breast MRI turn out to be benign and not cancer.

■ Potential expanded role for screening breast MRI

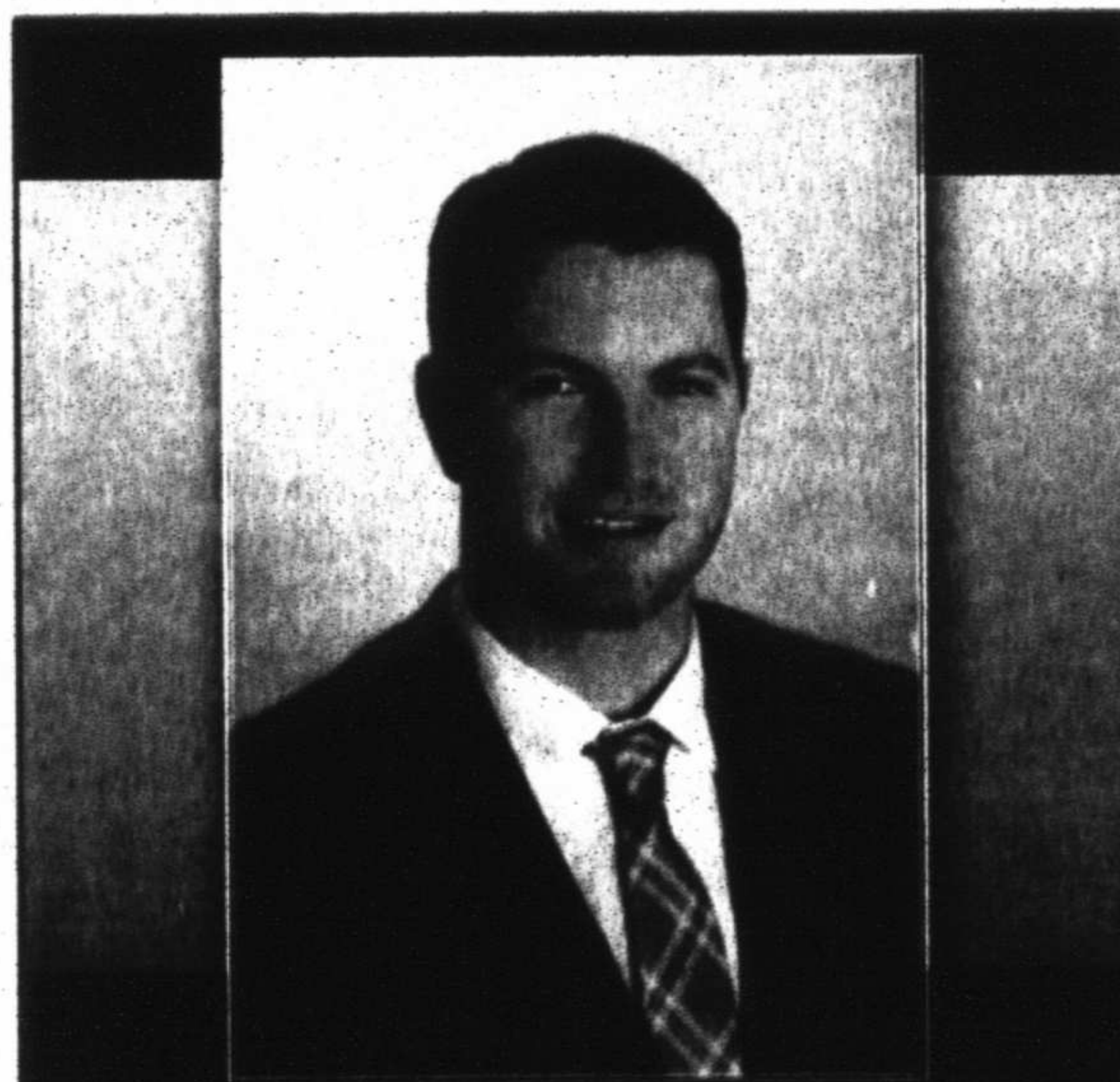
■ Abbreviated (or fast) MRI

Abbreviated (or fast) breast MRI is a variation of breast MRI that could change the way we look for breast cancer in women. A regular breast MRI takes about 30 to 45 minutes to complete, adding to its high cost. In fast MRI, the MRI study is shortened and uses only the most important images, so that the scan takes less than 10 minutes to complete. Early research has found that fast MRI is similar in finding breast cancer to a regular breast MRI. By reducing the time of the exam, the cost can be lowered from several thousand dollars to a few hundred.

■ Dense breast screening

Because mammography is less accurate in women with dense breasts, many states, including Texas, have passed legislation that require women be notified of their breast density and to be made aware that they may benefit from added screening tests. Ultrasound is the most common test added to mammography for breast cancer screening. Fast MRI may be a better option in the future for added screening in women with dense breasts.

Dr. Gina Campagna is a radiologist at The Breast Center.



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Book by MMH's Bob Dent wins award

"Professional Interests to Building a Culture of Ownership in Healthcare" by Bob Dent, chief operating and chief nursing officer of Midland Memorial Hospital, and Joe Tye has received the Book of the Year Award from the American Journal of Nursing.

Tye is CEO and head coach of Values Coach Inc., an Iowa-based consulting and training firm.

"Back in 2016, Joe and I gave a presentation at the annual AONE conference," said Dent, 2018 president of the American Organization of Nurse Executives. "Afterwards, a woman from the audience approached and said we should write a book. It turns out she was the acquisition editor for Sigma, the international nursing honor society. A year later our book was in print."

The book, which is in its second printing, describes a process for creating what the authors call a cultural blueprint for the invisible architecture of an organization: values, culture and attitudes, according to a press release from MMH.

Wellness Tour is scheduled

The fourth annual Wellness Tour is July 31-Aug. 4 at various locations around Midland.

Activities include Wet 'n' Wild at C.J. Kelly Park with the Midland Fire Department; free classes and workouts at local gyms and studios; free health screenings and health education at Midland Memorial Hospital; back-to-school immunization clinic at the Midland Health Department; mental wellness symposium; fun run and walk; tour of YMCA community garden; and restaurant discounts and special menus.

Sponsors are Midland Health, the city, Midland College and Midland ISD. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit midlandwellnesstour.com.

Overdose prevention training planned

An event is scheduled this month to educate the public about responding to opioid overdoses. Health care providers, counselors, first responders and other community members are invited to a training session 1-3 p.m. Thursday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.

The training will introduce information about opioid use in the state and the administration of Naloxone — which can reverse the effects of overdoses. The Texas Overdose Naloxone Initiative is set to provide trainers for the session, which is part of a series of events across the state. Sponsors include Texas Health and Human Services

and the University of Texas.

To register, visit swiftsolutions.formstack.com/forms/opioid_overdose_prevention_training.

Clinic to offer back-to-school physicals

Premier Physicians Health & Wellness Clinic, 709 W. Louisiana Ave., will be offering student physicals.

Athlete physicals are scheduled for July 30-Aug. 3. Physicals for other students are set for Aug. 13-17.

There is a \$10 fee. Appointments are not required but can be made by calling 289-7230.

Walking club to meet

Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club will meet 6 p.m. Aug. 6 at Murray's Deli. The group's monthly walk will be Aug. 11 at Big Spring State Park. The club also will participate in the Midland Wellness Tour walk, which is Aug. 4 through Racquet Club.

Members who are walking for the Wellness Tour may meet at the Dollye Neal Chapel at Midland College at 7 a.m. To carpool to Big Spring on Aug. 11, meet at Jumburrito near Midland Park Mall at 6 a.m.

For more information, visit www.midlandwalkabout.org or call Alex Rose at 687-2588.

WT Food Bank offers nutrition classes

The West Texas Food Bank is continuing its summer nutrition classes, which are held at the food bank's Midland facility, 1601 Westcliff Drive.

The remaining class is:

■ Food Safety Awareness, 10 a.m. Friday. Food safety practices and techniques are discussed to keep families safe from food-borne illnesses.

Midland Health events

■ Becoming a Mom Class, 6:30 p.m. today, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-1150; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center's weekly educational class: Meditation and Finding Balance, 6 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; \$5 fee; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

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; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 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 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

■ Al-Anon (support group for family members of alcoholics), Serenity Group 3101 N. "A" St. Bldg. C, noon Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 8 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

■ 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, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

COM Aquatics

COM Aquatics, 3003 N. "A" St., offers weekly paddle board classes.

The schedule is: Hit the Wave, 7:15 p.m. Monday, 5:15 a.m. Tuesday and Saturday, 6:45 p.m. Thursday and 10:15 a.m. Saturday; and Cardio Wave is 11:05 a.m. Thursday.

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours

before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Finding a doctor

Access to a primary care provider is one mission of Midland Health. Residents who need help finding a physician or setting up an appointment can call 221-3627 (221-DOCS).

Hope Chest

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

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150. To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

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

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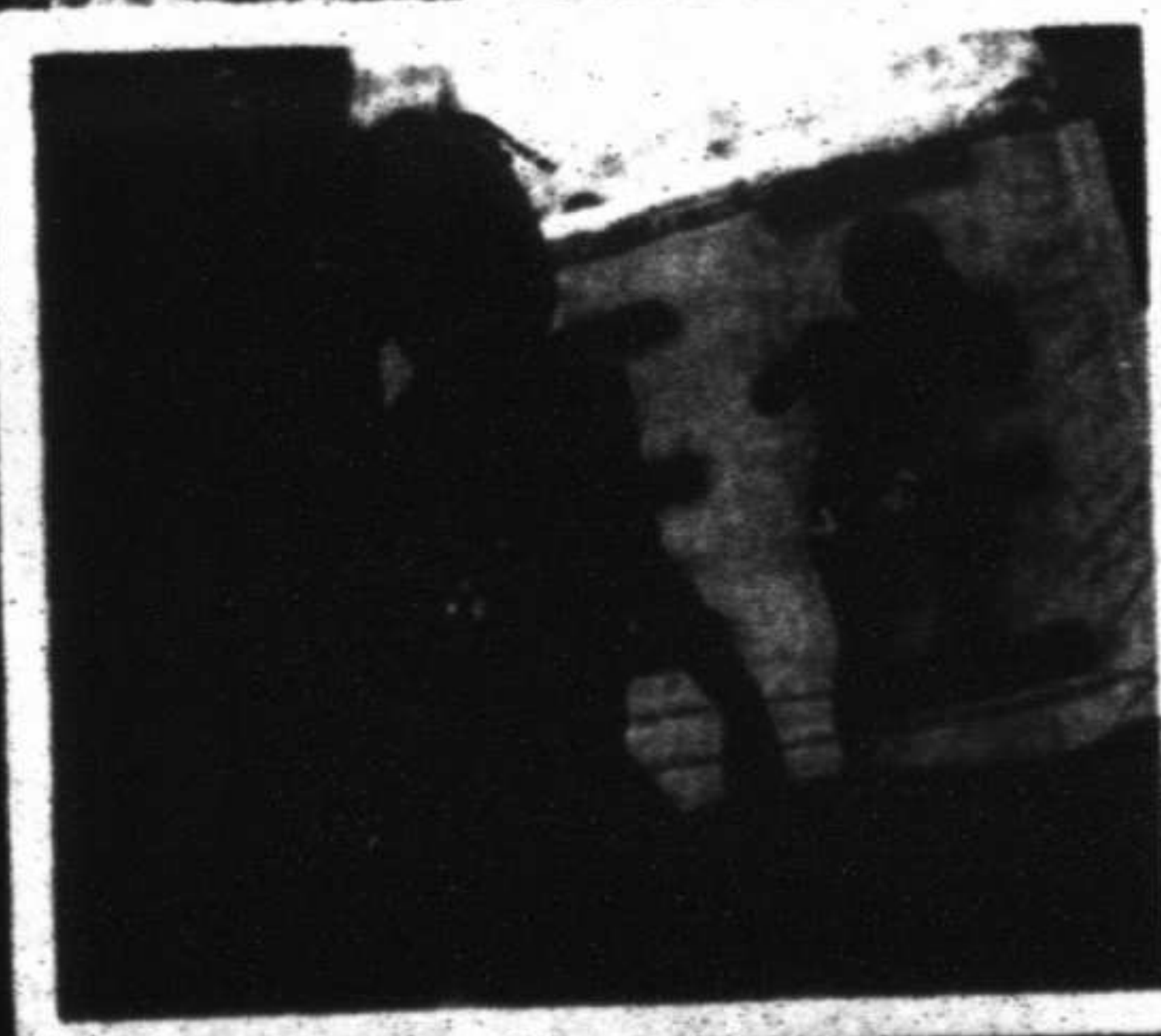
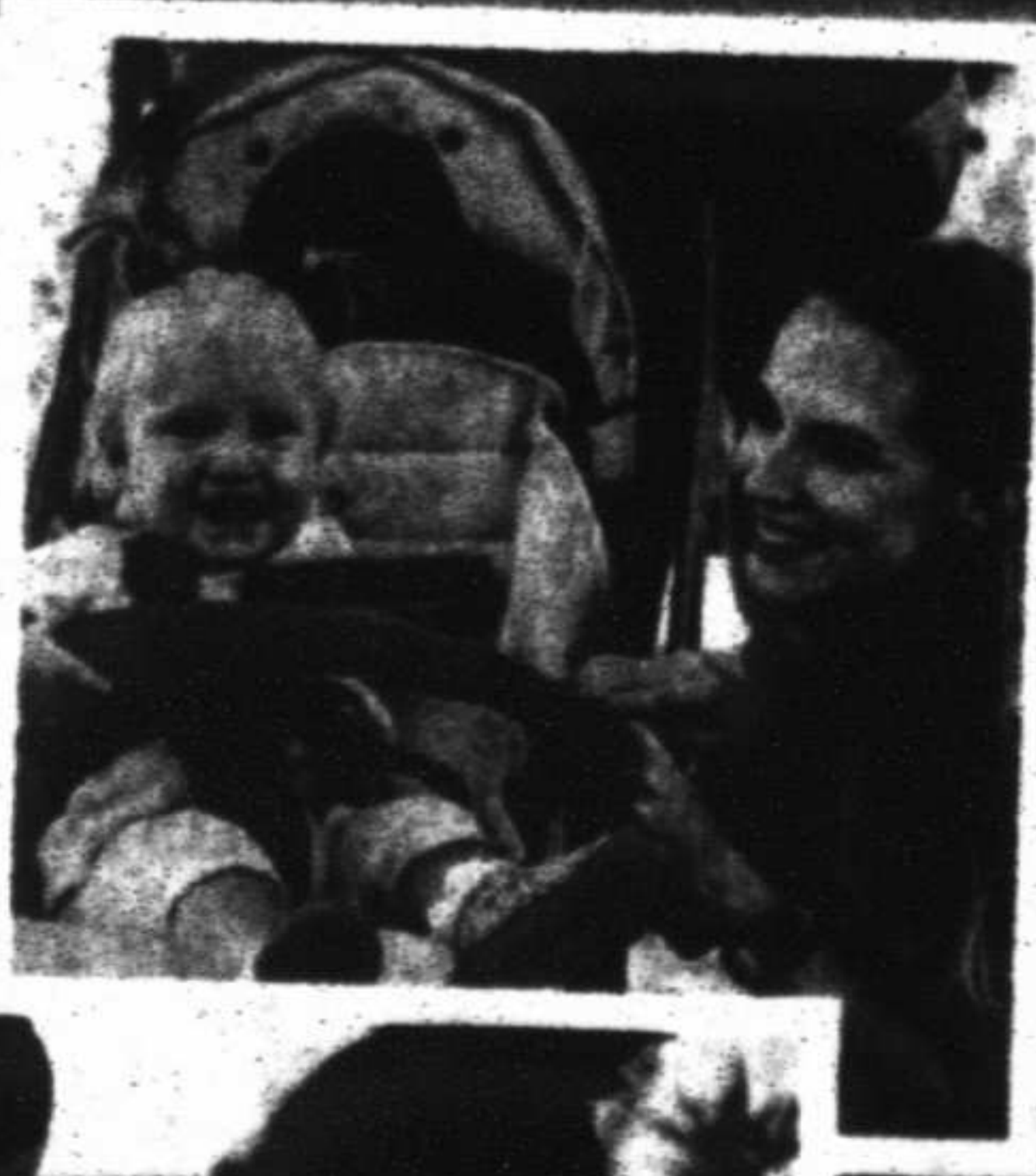
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Tiger good enough to win, just like everyone else

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — The British Open bustled with excitement as the occasion began to unfold, with mobile phones zooming in to capture the moment from the best angle available.

This wasn't on the golf course. It was in the media center.

The subject was a large, yellow lead-erboard at the front of the room that showed Tiger Woods alone at the top in the final round. Some journalists at Carnoustie had never witnessed Woods win a major. Those who had wondered if they would ever see it again.

It didn't last.

Woods stumbled with a double bogey on No. 11. He dropped another shot on the next hole. Just like that, he had eight players ahead of him, three more than he had to climb past when



he teed off Sunday. Maybe next time, and that's not far away.

The PGA Championship starts Aug. 9 at Belleview in St. Louis, where Woods has played once in a practice round ahead of the American Express Championship. Woods was on the course with Mark Calcavecchia on Sept. 11, 2001, when he was notified of the terrorist attacks. The tournament was canceled the next day.

Can he win another major? No one should doubt him now.

He still has to show it, however, and what Sunday at Carnoustie made clear is that it will take more than his mere presence on the leaderboard.

It felt like the Woods of old when he took the lead and the other contenders started an inexplicable slide. Jordan Spieth took a risk from the rough on the par-5 sixth, found the one place he couldn't miss and made double bogey. Xander Schauffele topped a shot out of the rough, blew the next one over the seventh green and made double bogey. These things happen at Carnoustie.

They happened to Woods, too. He might be Tiger Woods, but at

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Peter Morrison/AP

Tiger Woods plays out of a bunker on the 8th hole Sunday during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland.

ED'S LAST HURRAH



Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver, winner of the Outland Trophy for outstanding interior linemen, stands with the trophy Dec. 7, 2017, while taking questions during the College Football Awards show at the College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

With NFL decision out of way, Oliver focused on grand finale

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

NEWPORT, R.I. — Ed Oliver has been on a three-year plan since he first arrived at Houston: Dominate college football for three seasons, and then jump to the NFL.

After two seasons, Oliver is right on schedule, so there was no reason to hide what was obvious to anyone who has ever watched him play.

Oliver announced in the spring that after this, his junior season, he will enter the NFL draft. Most prospects wait until the season is over before making their inten-

tions public. Even ones like, Oliver, who have a chance to be an early first-rounder. Oliver said he is not trying to get ahead of himself. Just the opposite. With that out of the way, all his focus can be on what he needs to do to help the Cougars win an American Athletic Conference championship in 2018.

"If they're talking about something they're going to talk about how I played. The TFLs (tackles for loss) I had this week or my opponent this week," Oliver said before digging into some lobster at the American's annual clambake in Newport. "I didn't want to talk about, 'Are you going

to leave or stay?' I feel like y'all deserve that out of me. Y'all deserve honesty out of me. I feel like that's what I gave them."

When Oliver says "y'all" he is talking about his teammates, coaches and the city of Houston. When the Houston native decided to play for the Cougars, it was a coup for then-coach Tom Herman. Oliver was a five-star recruit, the type of player who pretty much always ends up at a Power Five school.

He signed with the Cougars the year after Herman led Houston to a 13-1 record, AAC

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Allen tabbed as Lady Rebels head coach

By Oscar LeRoy
oleroymrt.com

A native West Texan is ready for the challenge of taking over a program that's looking to take the next step.

Former Lee boys assistant soccer coach Brandon Allen was recently named as the head coach of the Lee girls soccer program.

Allen, 39, replaces Mark Hinshaw, who resigned earlier this summer after two years at the helm of the Lady Rebels' program. Hinshaw cited the high cost of leaving for his departure. Lee was 12-23-4 overall in his two years in charge.

Despite the team's struggles in recent years, Allen said once he was offered the job, he took it without hesitation. Prior to last year, Allen said he had not coached soccer before. However, he said he learned a lot in his one year with head boys coach Scott Hicks and added that Hicks was a "good teacher."

"I'm looking forward to a new challenge," Allen said. "Mark Hinshaw did a good job of building the program and I just want to continue building the program up to where it needs to be. I've met some of the girls on the team over the summer and they seem to be excited about next season and seem to have improved."

Allen has been a head coach before as he served as head football coach and track coach at Class 2A Rocksprings. Prior to coming to Lee, he served as offensive coordinator at Ozona. The Big Lake native also spent time as head coach and AD at Medina.

Allen said he also has experience in coaching girls when he was a track coach.

"It's a little different than coaching boys, but my experience has been that girls are more attentive and they really want to work hard," he said. "The girls are on the right path. They need to keep building and keep working."

"To me, any program starts with the basics and the building blocks. We must continue to grow and be fundamentally sound. We are still a young team and it's going to be about getting back to the basics, weight training, going through the drills and doing the little things."

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Some NFL coaches already are on hot seat in July

By Simmi Buttar
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL season doesn't start for another six weeks and already job security is an issue for some coaches.

Yes, even in late July. Every season, teams that entered with low expectations show significant improvement and make unexpected deep post-season runs. Last season, Jacksonville with coach Doug Marrone went to the AFC championship game and held a late lead at New England before Tom Brady rallied the Patriots. And, of course, the Eagles and coach Doug Pederson, despite losing Carson Wentz to a torn ACL, beat Brady and Bill Belichick in the Super Bowl.

There's always pressure on NFL coaches to win.

And win now.

Here are a few who enter the 2018 season on the hot seat:

JACOB GARNETT (37-33, 1-2 in playoffs)

There's always pressure on the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, especially with Jerry Jones as owner. The franchise that has won five Super Bowls has not advanced past the divisional round of the playoffs since the 1995 season, the last year it won the NFL title. Garnett has 67 regular-season wins since taking over in the 2010 season. He has had only one losing season as head coach. However, he has reached the postseason only twice and won one game in the playoffs.

The Cowboys were 13-3 two seasons ago and will be expected to be in playoff contention with a full season

of quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott. But the Super Bowl champion Eagles are in their way in the NFC East.

MIKE JACKSON (10-20)

Jackson has one win — one — in two seasons in Cleveland; the other eight came as head coach of the Raiders in 2011. The Browns beat the then-San Diego Chargers in overtime in Week 16 of the 2016 season. Otherwise they'd be looking at consecutive 0-16 seasons.

The team also has to find a way to replace longtime star left tackle Joe Thomas.

The Browns hold the NFL's longest active playoff drought at 15 seasons and fans don't really trust this process. Jackson, a highly regarded offensive coordinator

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Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett speaks at a press conference May 23 during an organized team activity at its training facility in Frisco.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 7,
ROUGHRIDERS 3At Dr. Pepper Ballpark,
Frisco

TOP HITTERS: For Midland, Eli White was 2-for-5 with two doubles, an RBI and a run scored; Tyler Ramirez went 2-for-4 with a home run, three RBI and two runs scored; Luis Barrera went 3-for-5 with a run scored and a stolen base and J.P. Sportman belted a three-run homer in the ninth. ... Luis Yander La O was 2-for-4 with an RBI for Frisco.

TOP PITCHERS: RockHounds starter Parker Dunshee improved to 2-3 after firing six scoreless innings of four-hit ball. Dunshee struck out five and walked one. Midland's Kyle Finnegan spun two shutout innings to record his fifth save. ... Frisco's Justin Topa allowed only one run over five innings of relief, while striking out five.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 3-0 lead in the second following an RBI double by White and a two-run single from Ramirez. ... Ramirez solo homer pushed the RockHounds to a 4-0 advantage in the seventh. ... Frisco cut Midland's advantage to one run with three runs in the eighth. La O and Cardona provided RBI singles before Dustin Hood capped the scoring with a sacrifice fly. ... The RockHounds extended their lead to 7-3 on Sportman's blast in the ninth.

NOTES: The RockHounds placed outfielder Tyler Marinov on the 7-day disabled list, retroactive to Monday. In a corresponding move, Sportman rejoined the team from Triple-A Nashville of the Pacific Coast League. ... The RockHounds evened the three-game series at

Tl standings

First Half				
North Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas (Dodgers)	30 <td>11</td> <td>.945</td> <td>—</td>	11	.945	—
Arizona (Mariners)	17	14	.548	3
Springfield (Cardinals)	13	19	.405	7½
NW Arizona (Royals)	9	22	.290	11
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cougar Creek (Astros)	20	12	.625	—
Prince (Rangers)	19	13	.594	1
San Antonio (Padres)	16	13	.551	1½
Midland (Athletics)	16	25	.389	16

Tuesday's Scores
 Northwest Arkansas 4, Arkansas 0
 Arkansas 8, Northwest Arkansas 1
 San Antonio 4, Corpus Christi 3, 10 innings
 Midland 7, Frisco 3
 Springfield 10, Tulsa 5

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

1-1. The series concludes at 7:05 p.m. today. Midland will attempt to win consecutive games for the first time since July 3-4.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - LHP Jesus Luzardo (7-3, 2.36 ERA); Frisco - RHP Edgar Arredondo (0-2, 5.40).

ROCKHOUND 7, ROCKHOUNDERS 3			
Team	W	L	Pct.
E. White Sox	5	12	2
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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	66	30	68.4	—
New York	66	33	69.3	4½
Tampa Bay	62	47	57.0	18
Toronto	43	52	45.0	23½
Baltimore	38	59	38.9	30½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	52	43	54.7	—
Minnesota	44	50	46.8	7½
Detroit	41	57	41.7	11½
Chicago	33	62	34.7	19
Kansas City	27	68	28.4	25
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	32	66.7	—
Seattle	55	39	58.6	5
Oakland	50	45	52.6	10
Los Angeles	49	48	50.5	14
San Francisco	41	58	41.3	22

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	55	44	556	—
Atlanta	54	44	551	1
Washington	49	51	489	6½
Miami	44	59	427	13
New York	41	57	418	13½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	59	40	593	—
Milwaukee	58	40	593	1
Pittsburgh	53	49	520	6
St. Louis	51	50	505	7
Cincinnati	44	57	438	14½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	59	44	569	—
Arizona	58	44	569	—
Colorado	55	49	525	2½
San Francisco	51	50	505	5
San Diego	42	67	404	16

Tuesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 7, Boston 6
Minnesota 5, Toronto 0
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 7
Kansas City 5, Oakland 4
Oakland 13, Texas 10
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Miami 9, Atlanta 3
N.Y. Mets 6, San Diego 3
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2, 11 innings
Arizona 5, Chicago Cubs 1
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, late
Washington at Milwaukee, late

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

N.Y. Yankees (Game 1-1) at Tampa Bay
(Solved) 3-0, 11:10 p.m.
Detroit (Soyd 4-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 5-0),
1:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 0-0) at Toronto (Nagylo
2-0), 3:07 p.m.
Boston (Price 11-0) at Baltimore (Sundy 0-0),
6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Jackson 1-2) at Texas (Perez 2-0),
7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 4-11) at L.A.
Angels (Sledge 4-0), 9:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

San Diego (Richard 7-6) @ N.Y. Mets (Clout 0-2), 11:10 a.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 4-2) @ Philadelphia (Arnette 7-6), 11:35 a.m.

St. Louis (Parker 4-4) @ Cincinnati (Romero 5-8), 11:35 a.m.

Washington (Fleish 3-12) @ Milwaukee (Pavella 4-1), 1:10 p.m.

Arizona (Ray 3-2) @ Chicago Cubs (Renter 12-9), 1:30 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
 Pittsburgh (Nation 7-7) at Cleveland (Bauer
 8-6), 12:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (TSD) at Seattle (Loria 8-6),
 2:10 p.m.
 Houston (Morton 11-2) at Colorado (Ginty
 8-7), 7:40 p.m.

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Potter vs	3	0	0		Older vs	4	2	1	0
Marble vs	2	1	2		Andrus vs	2	2	2	5
Lowrie vs	2	2	3		Salvo vs	4	0	0	1
K. Davis vs	0	1	1		Gale vs	3	1	1	1
St. John vs	5	0	0		Garner vs	0	0	0	0
Forsyth vs	0	1	2	1	St. P. vs	5	1	1	0

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Texas Rangers starting pitcher Mike Minor throws to the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday in the first inning in Arlington, Texas.

Davis' 3-run HR in 10th rallies A's past Rangers 13-10

By Dave Jackson
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Chris Davis' three-run homer in the 10th inning capped the Oakland Athletics' comeback from an eight-run deficit in a 13-10 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Davis' went deep against Austin Bibens-Dirix (2-3) for the Athletics' fourth homer of the night — their third consecutive game with that many. Oakland's 92 homers on the road lead the majors.

The Rangers led 10-2 after the sixth inning but blew the lead thanks to ineffective relief pitching. Oakland scored three in the seventh and four more with just one hit in the eighth. Stephen Piscotty's solo homer leading off the ninth tied the score against Koonce Kela, who blew his first save of the season in 24 chances.

Elvis Andrus hit his first career grand slam and tied his career high with five RBIs for Texas, but his error in the eighth inning on a potential inning-ending double play ball aided Oakland's comeback.

Marcus Semien and Jed Lowrie drove in three runs each for the A's in a spirited comeback against a wild Rangers bullpen. Brandon Mann walked the first two batters of the seventh and both came around on Semien's two-run double in a three-run inning.

Jake Diekmann then walked the bases loaded in the eighth, and Andrus booted Semien's hard grounder to score one run, then Diekmann hit Nick Martini to push across another run.

Kela relieved and gave up a two-run single to Lowrie before getting out of the inning with a one-run lead. But Piscotty connected on the reliever's first pitch of the ninth to tie it.

Texas pitchers have given up 53 runs in five games since the All-Star break, and that includes a shutout Sunday against Cleveland.

Andrus hit his grand slam off Oakland reliever J.B. Wendelken in the Rangers' six-run sixth that gave them their eight-run lead. But that was Texas' last hit of the game as the A's bullpen gave up just one walk over the final 14 hitters.

Jourys Familia (2-0) won his second game for the A's in his second appearance for the club since being acquired from the Mets on Saturday, pitching two perfect innings. Blake Treinen retired the side in the 10th for his 25th save in 29 chances.

Willie Calhoun's first home run of the season snapped a 2-2 tie in the fifth, and Joey Gallo hit his 25th homer of the season on reliever Ryan Buchter's first pitch of the sixth as Texas batted around.

Texas starter Mike Minor needed 104 pitches to get through five innings, but he gave up just two runs on solo homers by Mark Canha and Lowrie. He crossed the 100-inning mark for the season after pitching only 77 2/3 innings in the previous three seasons combined.

Oakland starter Frankie Montas, recalled from Triple-A Nashville earlier in the day, gave up five hits and four runs, three of them earned, in five innings.

After using two position players to pitch in the 15-3 rout Monday, the Rangers added some bullpen depth by recalling LHP Brandon Mann from Triple-A Round Rock. To make room for Mann, the Rangers optioned Delino DeShields to Round Rock.

But Mann's first outing lasted only four batters with three runs being charged to him. And DeShields' replacement in center field, Carlos Tocci, was hit on the right hand by Montas' pitch in the fifth inning. However, X-rays were negative and Tocci remained in the game and singled in a run in the sixth inning.

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MLB ROUNDUP

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American League

Jordan Zimmermann (4-2).

ORIOLES 7,
RED SOX 6

BALTIMORE — Tim Beckham and Jonathan Schoop homered and drove in three runs each, and Baltimore withstood four long balls by Boston in a victory.

It was only the third loss in 18 games for the Red Sox, who have the best record in the major leagues (7-32) and a five-game lead over the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Baltimore closer Zach Britton was not used in a save situation. A person familiar with the talks told The Associated Press the Yankees are close to agreement on a trade to acquire Britton for three prospects.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal would be subject to the teams approving medical records. Brad Brach, another reliever the Orioles want to trade, worked the ninth in the rain for his 11th save.

J.D. Martinez homered twice to raise his season total to 31, and Bats and Blake Swihart contributed solo shots for the Red Sox.

YANKEES 4,
RAYS 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Masahiro Tanaka pitched a three-hitter, and Austin Romo drove in two runs as the replacement for again-injured catcher Gary Sanchez.

Tanaka (6-2) retired his first 12 batters before C.J. Cron singled leading off the fifth. He struck out nine and walked one, improving to 6-0 on the road.

It was the sixth major league complete game and third shutout for Tanaka, his first complete game since a three-hit shutout at Boston on April 27 last year.

Yonny Chirinos (0-2) allowed three runs and six hits in 6 2/3 innings.

**ROYALS 5,
TIGERS 4**
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Burch Smith picked up his first win in nearly two years, and Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez homered for Kansas City.

Smith (1-1) gave up just one hit — a single by Mike Trout — to leadoff the fourth — and walked two while striking out six in 6 1/3 innings. He got his second career win, and first since Sept. 16, 2013, for San Diego against Atlanta.

Injuries limited the right-hander's career to just 5 1/3 innings the next three seasons. The Royals obtained Smith in the Rule 5 draft last December. He was making his third start of the year after beginning the season with 24 relief appearances.

Wily Peralta gave up at least a triple to Nicholas Castellanos and a run-scoring grounder to Jairo Candazo in the ninth before striking out for his fifth save.

Walt Whitbeck doubled to open the first and scored on Moustakas' 25th homer, into the Royals' bullpen, in the first of

Twins 5,
Blue Jays 0

TORONTO — Jose Berrios and two relievers combined on a five-hitter, and Eduardo Escobar hit a three-run home run for Minnesota.

Berrios (10-7) allowed four hits, three of them singles, in seven innings. He walked one and struck out nine to win for the second time in three starts. Trevor Holderberger worked the eighth and Ryan Pressly finished for the Twins, who have won two straight following a three-game losing streak.

Blue Jays rookie left-hander Ryan Borucki (0-2) retired the first 10 batters he faced before Eddie Rosario and Brian Dozier hit back-to-back singles in the fourth. Borucki retired the next two batters to end the threat.

National League

CARDINALS 4,
REDS 2

CINCINNATI — Austin Gomber took a no-hitter in the seventh inning and Dexter Fowler hit a two-run shot in the 11th, leading St. Louis over Cincinnati.

Mixed in a season-long slump, Fowler connected off left-hander Amir Garrett (0-2) for only his second homer while batting right-handed.

Sam Tuvalaite (3-3) escaped a two-on threat in the 10th. Bud Norris got his 10th save in 22 chances, one night after he took a loss.

For the second straight night, a Cardinals rookie went deep into the game without allowing a hit. Daniel Ponce de Leon threw no-hit ball for seven innings in his major league debut Monday before the Reds rallied against Norris for a 2-1 win featuring Eugenio Suarez's homer.

Gomber walked on the mound during a 7-minute, 30-second delay to the bottom of the seventh when the bullpen's fire alarm went off. Joey Votto singled with one out for the Reds' first hit, and Suarez followed with his 21st homer, ending the rookie's debut as a starter.

DIAMONDBACKS 5,
CUBS 1

CHICAGO — Clayton Kershaw pitched effectively into the seventh in his return from the disabled list. Steven Souza Jr. had three hits and an RBI and Arizona won its third straight.

Kershaw (3-1), sidelined since June 25 with an oblique injury, walked two and struck out five in 6 2/3 innings as he lowered his ERA to 2.39 in eight starts with Diamondbacks.

Jason Heyward lined a solo shot off Kershaw in the sixth, but NL Central-leading Chicago lost for the third time in its last four.

Chicago starter Kyle Hendricks (6-6) labored through five innings, allowing three runs and seven hits. The righty struck out eight and escaped jams in the first and third innings.

**MARLINS 6,
BRAVES 3**
MIAMI — Wei-Yin Chen pitched six innings and scored the first run of his career to help Miami beat Atlanta.

J.T. Realmuto hit his 13th homer of the season for Miami and drove in four runs. Starlin Castro added a three-run homer, his eighth, and Brian Anderson had three hits and scored three times.

Chen (3-7) allowed three runs and five hits. He doubled to start a five-run fifth for his first extra-base hit in 62 career at-bats, and raced home from third on Realmuto's grounder, barely beating a poor throw by shortstop Dansby Swanson.

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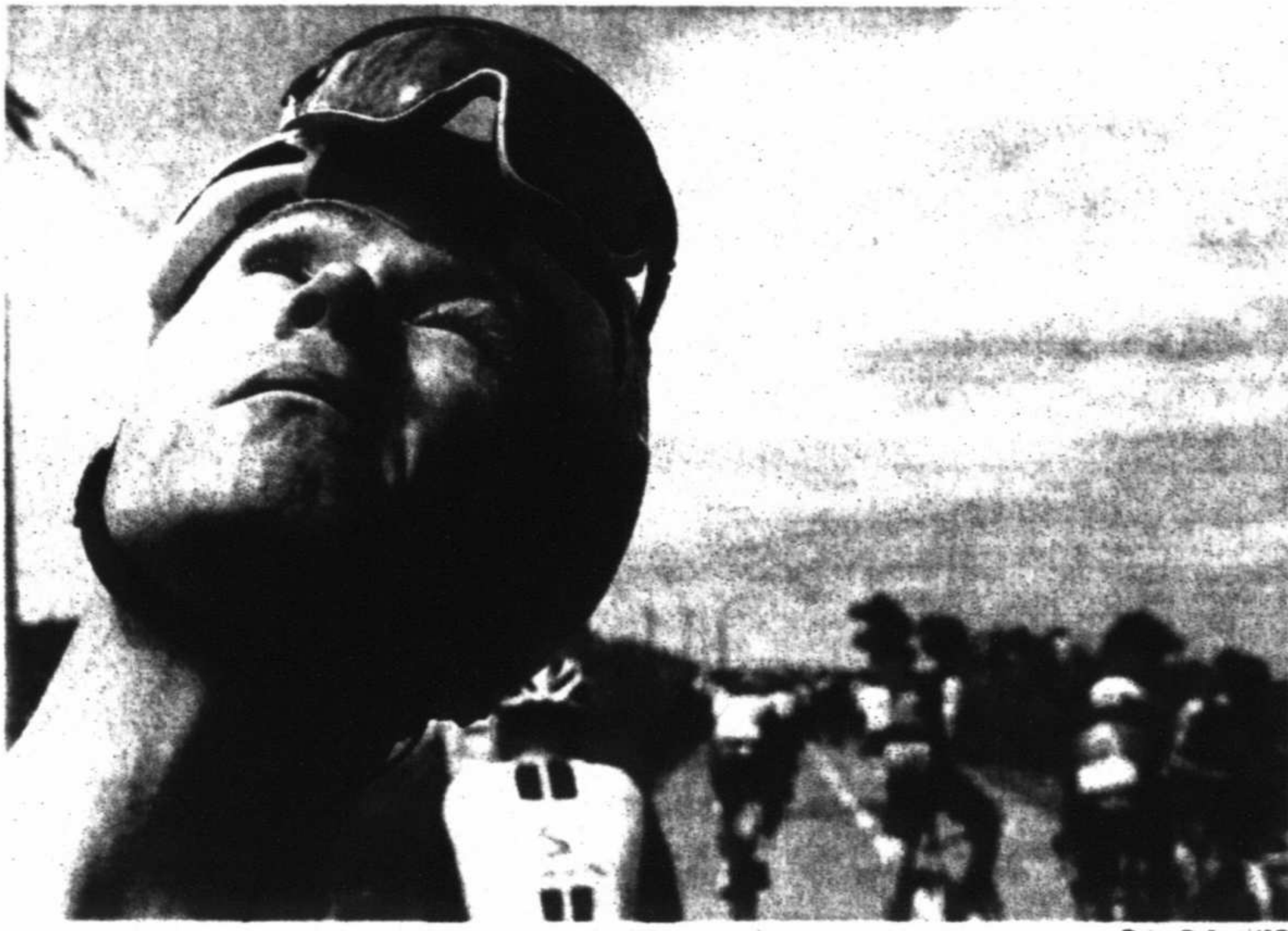
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Chris Froome grimaces after his eyes were treated for tear gas or pepper spray on the peloton Tuesday when a farmer's protest interrupted the sixteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 135.5 miles with start in Carcassonne and finish in Bagnères-de-Luchon, France.

Tour riders sprayed with tear gas amid protest by farmers

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

BAGNERES-DE-LUCHON, France — After fans had caused chaos in the Alps by setting off flares, tear gas from police accidentally played havoc with Tour de France riders during the first stage in the Pyrenees on Tuesday.

Four-time champion Chris Froome was among a large group of riders whose eyes needed treatment when police intervened to disperse farmers protesting funding cuts by disrupting cycling's biggest race.

Bales of hay blocked the road 30 kilometers (18.6 miles) into the 218-kilometer stage from Carcassonne to Bagnères-de-Luchon. Tour organizers said police used tear gas to move the protesters as the peloton approached.

Four-time champion Froome, race leader Geraint Thomas, and world champion Peter Sagan were among those affected. Froome was treated with eye drops and Sagan poured water over his face to clean his eyes.

Stage 16 resumed after a 15-minute delay. "I was lucky that it did not affect me too much, I had a bit of tingling in the back of the throat but I used some water to wash it out," said Thomas on the finish line in the spa town of Bagnères-de-Luchon, after keeping his overall lead intact.

Froome, who remained in second place overall, 1 minute, 39 seconds behind Sky teammate Thomas, said the effects of the gas did not last long.

"I just sprayed some water, water in the eyes, water on the face," he said. "Just felt throat and nose were burning afterwards. But I think quite a lot of riders were in a similar situation. I think we're all grateful for temporary neutralization and to clear, to have a couple of (kilometers) to clear our eyes, nose out, then the racing continued again."

Frenchman Pierre Latour, who wears the white jersey for the best young rider, said he noticed police were using tear gas when he arrived at the road blockade.

"With the headwind, the gas came back to the peloton. Lots of us had to stop to drink and douse water over our eyes," Latour said. Tour director Christian Prudhomme condemned the farmers' action and demanded more respect for riders.

"The road should remain free, we are not going to lock the riders in a stadium or on a tennis court," he said. "The riders' job is extremely dangerous, they are taking risks every day, people should not block the road, no matter what causes they are fighting for."

Belgian classics specialist Greg Van Avermaet said race organizers made a good decision by neutralizing the stage, allowing the peloton to resume competing after three kilometers.

"I was not affected because I was not in the first 10 of the group," he said. "I heard some of the guys had problems so I thought it was a good decision to

stop and wait and bring everything together."

According to a statement from French authorities in the local Aude department, a small group of 20 activists made the intervention to protest a planned reduction of European Union funding in their area. Standing on the side of the road with a herd of about 50 sheep, the farmers threw hay bales on the race route just minutes before the peloton arrived.

This Tour has been marred by incidents. Race organizers have struggled to deal with angry fans protesting Froome's participation. After fans threw flares at riders in the climb to the ski resort of Alpe d'Huez, Tour organizers banned the use of smoke flares for the rest of the race.

Froome raced all season under the cloud of a potential ban for using twice the permitted level of salbutamol during his victory at the Spanish Vuelta in September. He was cleared only just before the Tour. He said he has been repeatedly spat at since the race started, and spectators have punched him and tried to make him fall off his bike.

Tour de France Results
Stage 16: A 135.5-mile ride in the Pyrenees from Carcassonne to Bagnères-de-Luchon, with a descending finish following a pair of Category 1 climbs.
1. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Quick-Step Floors, 4:13:22
2. Daniel Brakenhoff, Spain, Bahrain-Merida, 4:13:23
3. Adam Yates, Britain, Mitchelton-Scott, same time
4. Eusebio Martinez, Netherlands, Team Sunweb, same time
5. Domenico Pozzovivo, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, 4:13:24
6. Robert Geary, Netherlands, LottoNL-Jumbo, 4:13:25
7. Michael Valgren, Denmark, Astana, 4:13:26
8. Gregor Mühlberger, Austria, BMC, same time

9. Marc Soler, Spain, Movistar, 4:13:27
10. Pierre Latour, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time
11. Damiano Caruso, Italy, BMC Racing, same time
12. Guillaume Martin, France, World Group, 4:13:28
13. Jelle Vanendert, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, 4:13:29
14. Rudy Molard, France, Groupama-FDJ, 4:13:30
15. Andrea Arca, Costa Rica, Movistar, 4:13:31
16. Jon Izagirre, Spain, Bahrain-Merida, 4:13:32
17. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, 4:13:33
18. John Degenkolb, France, Team Sunweb, 4:13:34
19. Warren Barguil, France, Fortuneo-Samsic, 4:13:35
20. Kristian Duranck, Canada, UAE Team Emirates, same time

Also
21. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 4:13:36
22. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, same time
23. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Sunweb, same time
24. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, LottoNL-Jumbo, same time
25. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 4:13:37
26. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, 4:13:38
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Love-fest: Cavs sign Kevin Love to 4-year, \$120M extension

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Kevin Love signed his new contract and proudly put on a hard hat.

The Cleveland Cavaliers will rebuild around him. The All-Star forward made a long-term commitment to the franchise on Tuesday by signing a four-year, \$120 million extension with the Cavaliers, who believe Love can help them stay competitive following LeBron James' departure.

The 29-year-old Love, who was nearly traded twice by Cleveland, signed the extension in front of dozens of construction workers inside Quicken Loans Arena, the team's downtown home, which is undergoing a \$140 million renovation not unlike the makeover taking place with the four-time defending Eastern Conference champions.

The symbolic moment wasn't lost on Love, who came to Cleveland four years ago to join James and Kyrie Irving and form the Cavs' "Big 3."

It's now his team. "I look back, everything happens for a reason," Love said. "My best friend from back home said, 'It always works out.' This is where I wanted to be. I've said that all along. There were some tough times where potentially I would have been traded and my name came up in rumors every few months. But hopefully that ends now."

Love didn't know when he arrived at the arena that he would be meeting with carpenters, electricians, plumbers and team employees to celebrate his signing. General manager Koby Altman wanted to surprise him.

Moments after signing, Love took a selfie with the workers and posted it on Instagram. "It wasn't even my idea, but I thought it was great," Love said. "I had all the people behind me. It's almost like, to me it's not a rebuild, because we have talent, we have championship-caliber guys, and we have young and fresh guys that are going to be willing to learn and come along in this league."

"I think guys putting on their hard hats and coming to work every day — that has to be the identity to our team, and I think we have guys that are cut from that cloth and are going to be willing to go out there and prove themselves."

Love will make \$24.1 million next season before

the extension begins, making his contract worth \$145 million over five years. Love waived his option for 2019-20 and there are no other options or trade clauses within the new deal.

He will be paid \$28.9 million in 2019-20, \$31.3 million in 2020-21 and 2021-22, and \$28.8 million in 2022-23.

The deal gives Love obvious financial security, and it locks up an elite player for the Cavaliers, who want to avoid stumbling the way they did when James left the first time in free agency in 2010.

As the NBA waited for James to make his move earlier this month, Love was with friends on Long Island when he got word that his teammate was bound for L.A.

"I was kind of just sitting there in a crowd of people and I go, 'Huh, OK, well, let me go call Koby,'" Love said. "Koby actually ended up calling me and made a couple calls and we need to figure some things out, but here we go, let's build this thing."

Love, who will turn 30 in September, just completed his fourth season with Cleveland, which was swept by Golden State in the Finals. And although James is elsewhere, Love believes that with him and young players like rookie guard Collin Sexton, forwards Cedi Osman and Larry Nance and others, Cleveland can remain more than competitive.

"You lose the best player in the world, you have to form a new identity," he said. "But I think in some cases what we lose in identity we will make up but we also have in culture. We've always had a culture here that has been very hard working. ... I think we're going to see a lot of guys really having fun and being themselves and playing really hard-nosed basketball."

Altman said it wasn't long after James announced he wasn't coming back that he made his commitment to Love.

"Right after LeBron decided to leave, I called Kevin first," Altman said. "I said, 'Kev, I'm not trading you. I want you to be here and I want you to be a part of this thing,' and he was all in then, too. He's never wavered in his commitment, not once in the four years since we traded for him and not once this summer and, to me, that's really, really meaningful."

"He wants to be a part of this franchise and be the leader. I think he's earned that."

TIGER

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the moment, he's just like everybody else. The longtime PGA Tour slogan is, "These guys are good," and so is Woods.

Missing is the intimidation factor until he wins again, and then wins some more.

"For a while, I thought Tiger was going to win," Rory McIlroy said. "My mindset was, 'Go and spoil the party here.'"

McIlroy was not among seven players who had a share of the lead in the final round. He was too busy catching up. But he's been part of this scene already this year, and it didn't rattle him. That was at Bay Hill, where Woods made birdie on the 13th hole to get within one shot of the lead.

How that, Rory? "It wasn't the birdie, it was actually when he was walking from the 13th green to the 14th tee," McIlroy said. "There was a Tiger chant, and then I had to back off my putt and let that calm down and go and hit. So you know it's there, but I don't feel like it affected me in any way." Apparently not. He

wound up winning by three shots. Woods hit a tee shot out-of-bounds on the 16th hole and tied for fifth.

Woods made his first birdie Sunday at Carroustie on No. 4, and Spieth could hear the roar as he walked down the third fairway. An hour later, he noticed Woods in the lead, but only by accident. Spieth wanted to avoid looking at leaderboards, and he slipped on No. 8. He walked over to his caddy, Michael Greller, and said, "Damn it, I looked at the board, dude."

"He's like, 'He hasn't been in this position in 10 years, and you've been here how many times? He was throwing it back at me,'" Spieth said.

Spieth has had at least a share of the lead after any round in the majors 16 times dating to the 2014 Masters. The last time Woods was atop the leaderboard after a round in the majors was in the 2012 PGA Championship. Spieth was starting his sophomore year at Texas.

The players know all about Woods. The respect is there. He has no equal

with more with 14 majors and 10 seasons with at least five PGA Tour victories.

But at this stage in his career, Woods has peers inside the ropes.

Francesco Molinari didn't flinch while playing with Woods, even when he took the lead. Molinari was rock solid and bogey free, and the Italian joined Y.E. Yang as the only players to be paired with Woods in the final round of a major and win.

"It will be interesting to see going forward," McIlroy said. "But this was his first taste of major championship... drama for quite a while. Even though he's won 14, you have to learn how to get back."

Spieth says Woods contending at Carroustie was no fluke, at least for those paying attention this year. "And he wouldn't tell you, but he's human," Spieth said. "Experiencing that kind of pressure that he would have felt leading the Open on a Sunday is no different than anybody else, especially having not experienced it for so long."

Give it time. But don't expect anyone to give it to him.

COACHES

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tor in Cincinnati, is counting on top overall draft pick Baker Mayfield being the team's longtime answer at quarterback. The challenge for Jackson and the Browns is going against the rugged defenses and Super Bowl-winning QBs in Pittsburgh and Baltimore in the AFC North.

TODD BOWLES (22-20)

Life in the AFC East having to deal with the never-ending juggernaut in New England is almost unfair. Facing Brady and Belichick twice every season is not good for any opposing head coach's job security.

Bowles, who received a two-year extension after the 2017 season, is coming off consecutive 5-11 records and has yet to make the playoffs entering his fourth season. Overall, the Jets have failed to reach the postseason for the past seven years.

JOE WHITHEAD (20-21, 0-11 playoffs)

Job security in DC is always an issue. But Gruden will get the record for the

longest-serving coach (65 games) since Dan Snyder took over as owner in 1999 in Week 1 of the upcoming season against Arizona.

Gruden has made the playoffs once in his first four years and lost to Aaron Rodgers and the Packers in the wild-card game after the 2015 season.

Gruden's biggest challenge could be at quarterback after Kirk Cousins signed with Minnesota. The team traded for Alex Smith, and the comparisons at the position in the NFC East can be daunting: Dak Prescott, Eli Manning and Carson Wentz — not to mention Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles. As with Garrett in Dallas, Gruden also has to contend with the champs in his division.

And there will be comparisons to Jay Gruden's Super Bowl-winning brother, Jon, who has returned to coaching with the Oakland Raiders.

MARK KOTTER (14-10)

Kotter will enter his third season in Tampa Bay without starting quarterback Jameis Winston, who will miss the first three

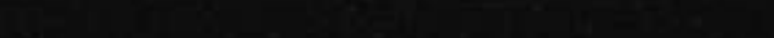
games while suspended for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy after a league investigation of an accusation that the 2013 Heisman Trophy winner groped a female Uber driver during a ride in Arizona in March 2016.

Kotter also is in a division with two teams with recent Super Bowl appearances (Carolina, Atlanta), and getting past them and the New Orleans Saints in the NFC South, especially with Ryan Fitzpatrick making three starts for Tampa Bay, will be tough.

WARREN JOSEPH (8-11)

Only entering his second season, Joseph's Denver debut was a dud at 5-11 — an avalanche of disappointment by Broncos standards, especially so closely removed from a Super Bowl title.

In an attempt to stabilize the QB position that's been troublesome since Peyton Manning retired, the team signed Case Keenum, who led the Vikings to the NFC championship game last season. Joseph needs big production from Keenum and the rest of the offense to support an overworked defense.



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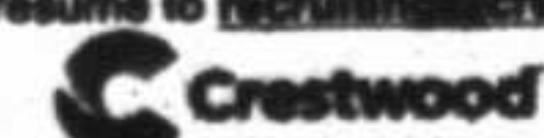
RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Operate and maintain the cathodic protection, coating, corrosion inhibition, and monitoring systems
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- High School Diploma or equivalent
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Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and have the ability to manage assignments independently. The ideal candidate will have a nurturing personality and the desire to help in the development and mentoring of level 1 technicians.

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:

- Create and maintain comprehensive documentation as it relates to server and network topology, equipment, and configuration(s)
- Create project plans, design, and implement solutions
- Level 2 and Level 3 Support for problems identified with systems and network. Will act as an escalation for Level 1 and Level 2 Managed Services support technicians
- Create, request, and present technical specifications and requirements for purchasing of new servers and networking equipment via quote procedure
- Participate in after-hours upgrades, troubleshooting, and/or on-call availability as needed
- Standard system administration duties including server install, System/Application install and patch management, Windows problem determination and escalation, log analysis, etc.
- Configure, test, and maintain LAN equipment and services, including switches, routers, firewalls, and VPN
- Identify, diagnose, and resolve network problems including network connectivity, traffic utilization, etc. using available network tools in a timely fashion
- Provide infrastructure services in all areas needed: storage networking, Operating System, network security, directory services, server virtualization using system backup and restore, system and network monitoring, application installation and configuration
- Assist with monthly reports and recommendations for Managed Services Clients
- Utilize superior customer service skills
- Stay current with system information, changes, and updates

Requirements:

- 5-7 years of prior IT experience
- Prior experience working for a service provider is a plus
- Experience working with Windows Desktop XP-10, Windows Server 2003 - 2012, VMware, SBS Server, Storage Technologies
- Hands on experience with Wired and Wireless networking, PC and server virtualization software, virus protection, backup systems
- Microsoft certifications preferred
- MCSA, VCP & CCNA certifications are preferred

Skills:

- Effectively communicate by phone or in person
- Strong written communication skills
- Establish successful outcomes in handling difficult situations and work with various customers and management levels
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues
- Ability to work in a high-performance culture
- Manage multiple priorities and follow through on projects to completion
- Works effectively both as a team member and independently to resolve problems
- Effectively utilizes tools to resolve issues and escalate appropriately
- Network configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting experience are a must
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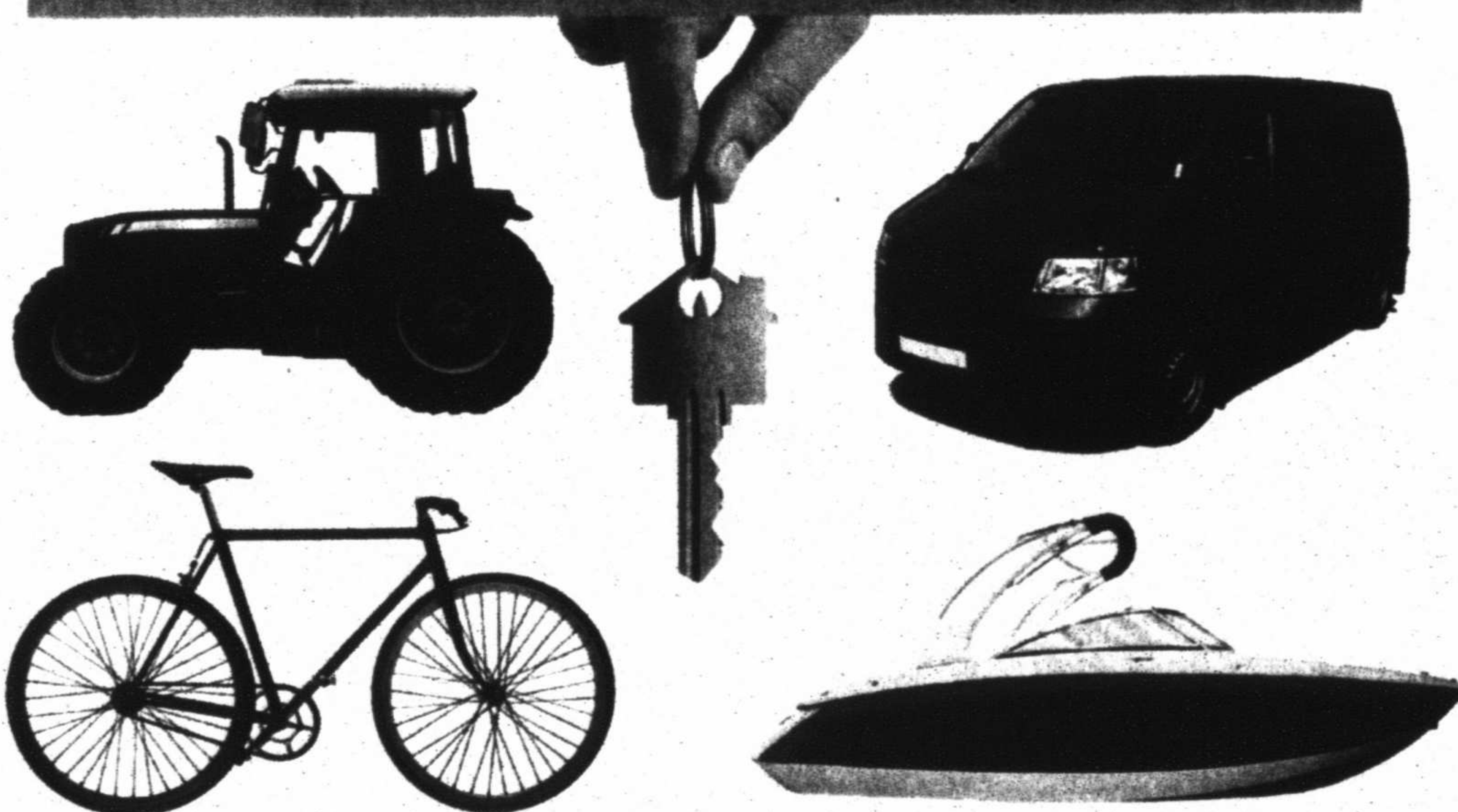
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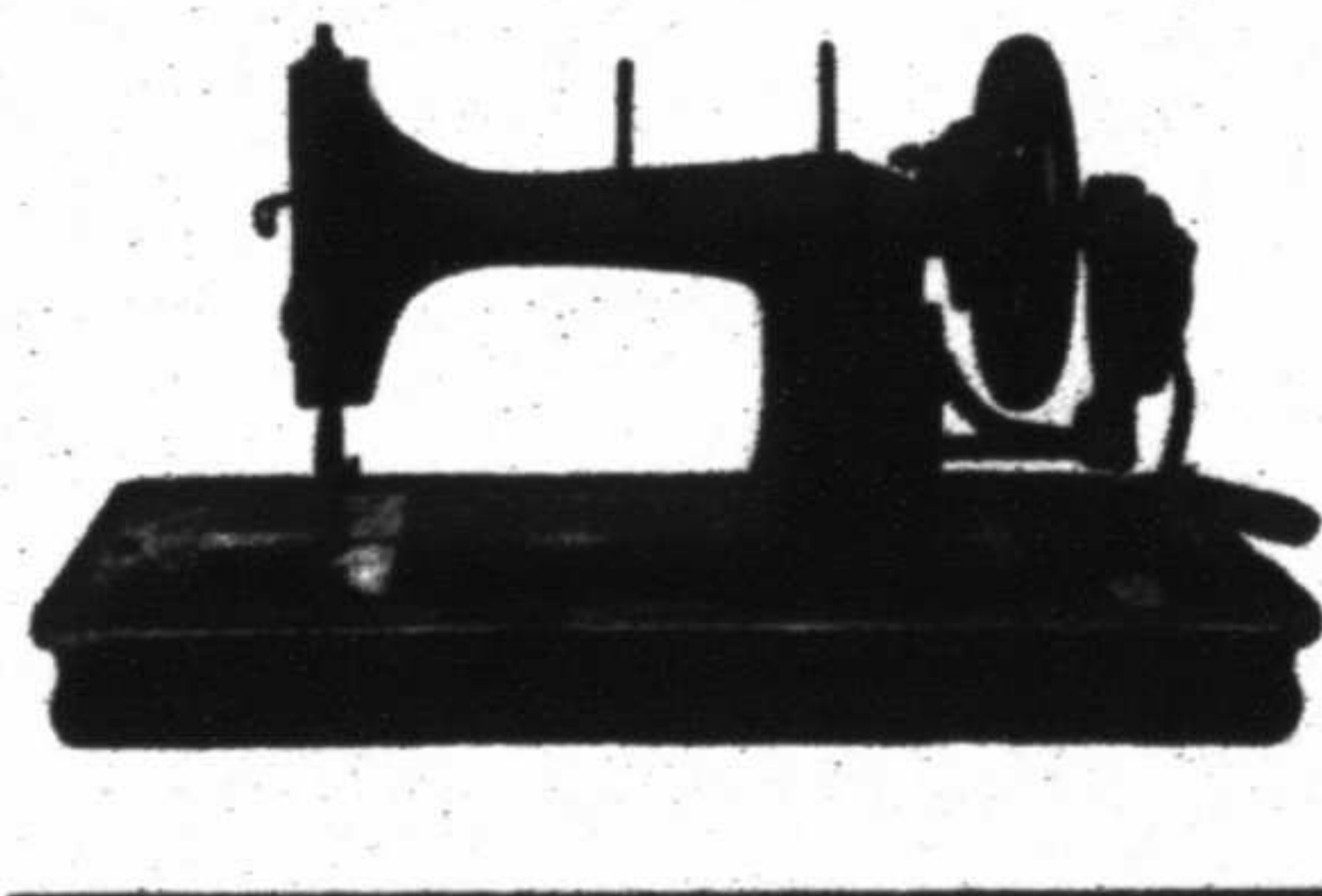
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