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OPEC reportedly supports extending cuts

■ Russia so far hasn't committed to proposal

By Javier Blas, Elena Mazneva and Grant Smith
Bloomberg

All OPEC members support extending their oil production cuts until the end of 2018, although Russia hasn't yet committed to the proposal before Thursday's meeting in Vienna, said people familiar with the matter.

While Russia and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries have crafted the outline of a deal to continue their curbs for nine months beyond the current end-March expiration, Moscow still has concerns that supporting oil prices above $60 a barrel will help U.S. shale rivals, the people said, asking not to be identified because the information is private.

This situation underscores the dilemma faced by the 24 oil producers who forged a historic agreement to curb output a year ago. Signs of success are clear — global fuel stockpiles are draining and crude prices are near two-year highs. Yet ministers gathering in the Austrian capital this week have little idea how U.S. shale producers will respond if they continue to restrain their own output until the end of 2018.

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A warmer year is more than a feeling

By Stewart Doreen
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For those who feel like it has been warm for a long time, the National Weather Service says it is more than a feeling.

The NWS reports that 2017 will go down in Midland history as having the longest growing season — the period between the last freeze of winter/spring and the first freeze of the fall.

In Midland County, that growing season lasted 289 days, which beat the previous record — 278 days in 2004 — by more than a week. Even counting the days through Tuesday, that long period between freezing temperatures represents 87 percent of the year to date.

The last freeze in the winter/spring of 2017 was Feb. 3, the earliest last freeze in recorded history at Midland International, according to the National Weather Service. The average last freeze is March 29.

The NWS reported the first freeze on Nov. 19. The average first freeze is Nov. 13. That spread produced a growing season that was 60 days (or nearly two months) longer than normal (229 days). This is nearly two months of temperatures higher than 32 degrees. It continues the string of longer-than-average growing seasons. In 2015, the growing season was 237 days, and in 2016, it was 244 days.

Area farmers are among those impacted by this temperature record. In Glasscock County, farmers took advantage of the later first freeze to add cotton bolls, and therefore pounds, to the annual cotton harvest. Brad Easterling, extension

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Demolition continues Tuesday in preparation for a new Chicken Express to be built in the 500 block of Andrews Highway in Midland. *Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram*

Robnett files as candidate for 441st court

Editor's note: This profile is the second about a 441st Judicial District Court candidate. Profiles about future candidates for contested judge races will appear in future editions.

By Simone Jasper
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Robnett

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Local attorney and former school board member Jeff Robnett recently filed as a Republican candidate for judge of the 441st Judicial District Court. Robnett, 55, said he has dreamed of being a judge and thinks he's qualified to hold the position.

"Everything that this court does, I have done as a lawyer," Robnett said. "For me, there's no learning curve other than the procedures of being a judge."

The attorney has his own law office and has done civil and criminal work for about three decades. He grew up in Midland and returned to the community in the mid-1990s.

Robnett ran for judge of the 238th Judicial District Court inn 2012.

"I've done it before, and it's time to do it again," Robnett said. "Under the

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Price of oil
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The big number
5 people died in a 3-vehicle wreck in Andrews County. Page 2A

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LOCALBRIEFS

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Crime Stoppers tip leads to arrest of bank robbery suspect

Lloyd

A Crime Stoppers tip has led to the arrest in the robbery of a Community National Bank on Nov. 17, according to a press release from the city's spokeswoman.

Midlander Thomas John Lloyd, 48, was arrested Monday and was being held Tuesday on a robbery charge, according to the release. Bond has not been set for the second-degree felony.

Following the robbery at the branch at 3005 W. Cuthbert Ave., police released a description of the suspect. Crime Stoppers received a tip on Monday, and that tip led to Lloyd's arrest, according to the release.

Man charged with aggravated assault

Herrera

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly exhibited a knife during the commission of an assault, according to court documents.

Phillip Dean Herrera, 19, was being held Tuesday on two $50,000 bonds for second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A Midland police officer was dispatched at about 12:10 a.m. Sunday in reference to checking a person.

Herrera allegedly came to a residence and started a disturbance.

A teenager attempted to break up the fight, and Herrera pulled a knife, according to his arrest affidavit. Two teenagers were scratched by the knife, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a second-degree felony charge, Herrera could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

DPS: 5 people die in 3-vehicle wreck in Andrews County

Three drivers and two passengers were killed Sunday night in a three-vehicle crash in Andrews County, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

An Odessa man, Augustin S. Lujan, 27, was driving a Ford Mustang south on State Highway 128, 22 miles southwest of Andrews. He disregarded the stop sign at the intersection with State Highway 115 and collided with a Peterbilt truck-tractor towing a semi-trailer that was northbound on SH 115, according to the release.

The vehicles' impact resulted in the Peterbilt colliding with a Ford F-150 that was southbound on SH 115.

Lujan was transported to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa, where he died. The Peterbilt driver, Juan C. Ramirez, 51, of Yuma, Arizona, and the pickup driver, Silverio Gonzales, 51, of Pecos, died at the scene. The pickup passengers, Maria D. Cepeda-Orona, 42, and Allison A. Gonzales, 7, both of Pecos, also died at the scene, according to the release.

Lujan and Allison were not wearing seat belts but the other victims were, according to the release. The crash occurred at about 7:15 p.m. Sunday.

USGS reports earthquake in Snyder

The U.S. Geological Survey reported Tuesday that a 2.6-magnitude earthquake hit 15.5 miles north of Snyder.

The earthquake, which took place around 8:19 a.m., is the first in the Snyder area since earthquakes hit on back-to-back days on Sept. 5-6, according to the website earthquaketrack.com. Tuesday's earthquake is the sixth in the last 365 days, according to the website. There have been five reported in the last week around Snyder and Pecos.

A quake with a magnitude of 2.5 to 5.4 is "often felt, but only causes minor damage," according to Upseis, an educational site for seismologists. There are about 30,000 quakes each year, according to the site.

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circumstances with the judge leaving, retiring, it's an open bench."

For the upcoming election, Robnett is seeking the seat of Judge Rodney W. Satterwhite, who announced this year he would not run in 2018. If elected, Robnett said he would apply the law fairly and continue the work Satterwhite has done.

"I am uniquely qualified to assume this bench because of my life experiences and because of my legal experiences," he said. "There is no learning curve for me. I'm ready to go."

Robnett said he works as a trial lawyer and spends time in court at least once a week.

For the candidate, giving back to the community holds importance.

Robnett is a former member of the Midland ISD board of trustees. He was elected in 2014 and represented District 4 for one term, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

Robnett is a Midland High School graduate and earned a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a law degree from Texas Tech University.

The attorney is a long-time member of First Baptist Church and said his kids' extracurricular activities take up much of his spare time. He is the father of nine children, including six who were adopted.

"I'm very proud that we stepped forward to save these kids because it was the right thing to do," Robnett said. "It's not really relevant to this judgeship, but it's relevant to know who I am. If you are a good person off (the) bench and in the community, you will be a good judge."

WEATHER

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agent in Glasscock County, said the extended season also allowed some farmers who had to replant to take advantage of the extra days.

Easterling said that overall, cotton production was "above average," and that ultimately cotton quality will have more to do with rainfall than the growing season. Easterling said despite the above-average rainfall that fell at Midland International and across much of the region, there were some areas that went "three to four months without any rains."

"Inside the area as a whole, we made a little more cotton this year, so it is a little better," Easterling said.

Farther north, the first frost came a little earlier, according to Tommy Yater, extension agent in Howard County. Yater said that while there were some "really good" cotton harvests, there also were "a bunch that failed" because there wasn't a good planting rain or because some were impacted by hail.

"We had three hail storms that hurt us," Yater said.

Yater said this will be the second "above-average" harvest, which is good news after many years that didn't measure up.

Air Force: Lapse in Kelley case was part of a pattern

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force said Tuesday that its failure to report the criminal history of the former airman who massacred 26 people at a Texas church in early November was "not an isolated incident," suggesting it was part of a pattern of reporting lapses.

In a written statement on progress in its investigation, the Air Force blamed gaps in "training and compliance measures" for the lapse involving Devin P. Kelley, who had been convicted of assaulting his then-wife and stepson in 2012. The fingerprint card and the report on the outcome of his court martial were not submitted to the FBI by Air Force personnel at Kelley's base in New Mexico. If reported, this information should have stopped him from buying weapons.

Kelley was sentenced to 12 months in confinement and given a bad conduct discharge. He left the Air Force in 2014.

The Air Force inspector general is undertaking an in-depth review of the service's compliance with long-standing requirements to report certain criminal history information to the FBI for inclusion in databases used to conduct background checks of gun buyers.

It is part of a broader Pentagon-wide review of compliance with these requirements.

Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson has previously acknowledged that Kelley's criminal history should have been reported to the FBI but was not.

In its statement Tuesday, the Air Force said its review, which is not yet complete, found that the reporting failure in the Kelley case was by Office of Special Investigation officials and Air Force security force personnel at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

"The review also found the error in the Kelley case was not an isolated incident and similar reporting lapses occurred at other locations," it said. "Although policies and procedures requiring reporting were in place, training and compliance measures were lacking."

In a related development, a family that lost eight relatives in the church killings filed an administrative claim with the Air Force alleging that the Air Force's failure to report Kelley's criminal history contributed to the massacre.

Joe Holcombe and his wife Claryce filed the claim in the death of their 60-year-old son Bryan. Other Holcombe family members killed in the Nov. 5 shooting included Bryan Holcombe's wife, his son and his pregnant daughter-in-law. The claim could lead to a lawsuit if the Air Force denies it was at fault.

Joe Holcombe said his family filed the claim because the Air Force made a "very serious mistake."

The claim alleges that although Kelley pulled the trigger, "the failures of the Air Force, and others, allowed the shooter to purchase, own and/or possess the semiautomatic rifle, ammunition and body armor he used, and it is these failures that were the proximate cause" of the injuries and death.

An Air Force spokeswoman, Ann Stefanek, said the Air Force does not comment on specific claims.

"Every claim that is filed is thoroughly investigated and researched in accordance with established law and regulations," she said. "We will communicate progress directly with the claimant, or their representative, as appropriate."

In its statement about the broader scope of the reporting issue, the Air Force said it has made changes designed to prevent such failures in the future. For example, it is now requiring that leaders up the chain of command verify that criminal history reporting requirements have been met in every case. In the Kelley case, the failure to submit the required information to the FBI was not caught by higher-ups because no such verification was required.

Additional training on these procedures is being conducted now. Also, the Office of Special Investigations will require physical verification, in the form of a printout or screenshot, from the FBI's National Crime Information Center that it received and accurately entered the criminal history information in its database. Thus, the Air Force will verify that its information was received by the FBI, not just that it was sent.

The Air Force is not alone is recognizing such reporting failures. The Army chief of staff, Gen. Mark Milley, said in recent days that his service failed in a "significant amount" of cases to alert the FBI to soldiers' criminal history.

"It's not just an Air Force problem," Milley said. "This is a problem across all the services where we have gaps in reporting criminal activity of people in service.

Couple: Air Force partly to blame for Texas church shooting

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A couple whose son was among eight members of one family killed in a Texas church shooting has filed a legal claim with the U.S. Air Force, saying the military branch is partly to blame.

Joe Holcombe and his wife Claryce say the Air Force's failure to report the gunman's criminal history to an FBI database used to check backgrounds of gun buyers helped cause the Nov. 5 shooting in Sutherland Springs that left more than two dozen dead.

They filed the claim Tuesday in their 60-year-old son Bryan Holcombe's death. It could lead to a lawsuit if the Air Force denies it was at fault.

Joe Holcombe says the Air Force made a "very serious mistake" and he doesn't want it to happen again.

An Air Force spokeswoman didn't immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

CUTS

From 1A

Until recently, Russia and OPEC member Kuwait had been insisting the decision on extension should be delayed until early next year, hoping the outlook would be clearer.

"We support an extension but we haven't agreed on a target" for how long they should last, Kuwaiti Oil Minister Issam Almarzooq said in Vienna Tuesday. That will be considered by a meeting today of the ministerial monitoring committee overseeing the agreement, he said.

A meeting Tuesday of the sub-ministerial Joint Technical Committee of OPEC and non-OPEC nations recommended that supply cuts be extended until the end of 2018, a delegate said.

OPEC, Russia and its partners have demonstrated unprecedented unity and compliance since their agreement to cut 1.8 million barrels a day of crude supply from world markets. They readily agreed to prolong the deal back in May after it became clear the initial six months of cuts hadn't eliminated the oversupply. Fuel inventories in industrialized countries have halved since January, but remain 140 million barrels above the five-year average, OPEC Secretary-General Mohammad Barkindo said on Monday.

Yet Moscow hesitated over the need for a second extension right now as well as its duration, given the current agreement doesn't expire until the end of March. After days of talks, Russia and Saudi Arabia were said last week to have agreed a framework for another nine months of cuts, although both sides were still hammering out crucial details, including new language that would link the size of the curbs to the health of the oil market.

Everyone is in favor of an extension and different options will be discussed at Thursday's meeting, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak said in an interview with RBC television on Friday. The Ministry's press service had nothing to add beyond these comments when contacted by Bloomberg on Tuesday.

"The market is at a much better position than where it was last year" thanks to the supply-cuts agreement, United Arab Emirates Energy Minister Suhail Mazrouei told reporters in Dubai on Tuesday. "We are looking hopefully for another year of correction and recovery." The outlook for shale is the chief source of uncertainty. OPEC officials invited industry experts to brief them on the topic last week and were disturbed by the diversity of opinions. Veteran crude trader Andy Hall, whose decision to close his main hedge fund this year was partly driven by shale's unpredictability, told the organization that 2018 growth estimates vary from 500,000 barrels a day to 1.7 million a day.

Producers will discuss in Vienna the possibility of extending the cuts until the end of next year, Mazrouei said, without commenting on whether there was a consensus for this option. Iraq will go with the consensus whether it's for six or nine months, Oil Ministry spokesman Asim Jihad said in an interview in Baghdad on Monday.

OPEC members believe anything less than a nine-month extension would trigger a drop in oil prices, said the people familiar with the matter.

"There is always debate — every country has an equal weight to voice their view," Saudi Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih told reporters in Dubai. "We're looking forward to getting everybody engaged in a robust discussion and we'll come up with the right decision."

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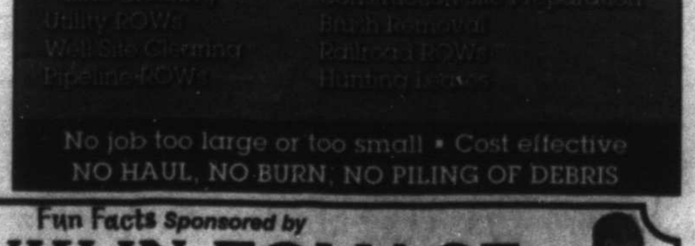
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2 Corinthians 9:11
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Preposition
[prep-uh-zish-uh n]
noun
1. any member of a class of words found in many languages that are used before nouns, pronouns, or other substantives to form phrases functioning as modifiers of verbs, nouns, or adjectives, and that typically express a spatial, temporal, or other relationship, as in, on, by, to, since.

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Candidate filings

Filings for office will continue through 6 p.m. Dec. 11. Those interested in running can contact Republican Party Chair Sherri Merket at sherri.b.merket@gmail.com or Democratic Party Chair David Rosen at dr5002@yahoo.com.

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■ James Beauchamp
■ Stephen Robertson
■ Terry Johnson

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Randy Prude

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Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4
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District clerk
Ross Bush

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Mitzi Baker

Midland County clerk
Alison Haley

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Democratic Party filings

Midland County Democratic Party Chair
■ Margaret Hiett Williams
■ Kerry Manzo

Source: Midland County Republican and Democratic chairs

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Students at Washington STEM Academy check out dictionaries donated by the Midland West Rotary Club on Nov. 17. The club donates dictionaries every year to each third grade student in Midland Independent School District.

Things to do

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

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

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

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Tonno's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

Veterans events

■ Metroplex Veterans Legal Services is conducting a child support clinic for veterans 1 p.m. today at the Junior League of Midland building, 902 W. Dengar Ave. Legal professionals will be available to assist veterans and their families dealing with child support issues.

Veterans must register in advance at westtexas.veteranslegalservices.us.

■ West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) will hold a quarterly town hall meeting 6-7:30 p.m. today at the West Texas VA Health Care System Outpatient Clinic Waiting Area, 300 Veterans Blvd., in Big Spring.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogy@cable-one.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177)
■ Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3456)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-9-7
Pick 3 day: 8-4-1
Pick 3 evening: 0-9-2
Pick 3 night: 5-8-4
Daily 4 morning: 7-8-5-0
Daily 4 day: 1-2-3-0
Daily 4 evening: 1-3-4-8
Daily 4 night: 9-1-9-5
Cash Five: 5-21-23-32-36
Triple Chance: 5-10-12-16-19-24-33-41-47-52

Mega Millions: 10-17-47-51-61 BB: 5 Megaplier: 2
All or Nothing morning: 2-6-8-9-10-14-15-16-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-7-9-10-12-13-14-15-19-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-6-8-13-14-16-19-20-21-22
All or Nothing night: 1-2-3-4-10-11-12-13-14-17-23-24

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Weather

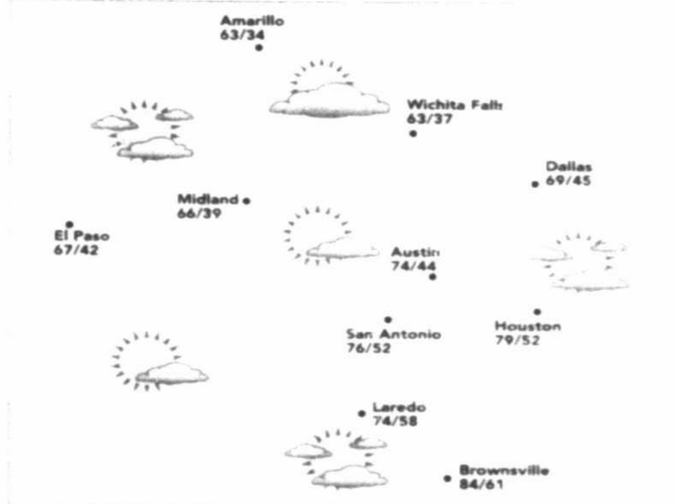
Tuesday's temperatures
High 84
Low 55
Normal high 62
Normal low 34

Nov. 28's records
Record high: 99 set in 1972
Record low: 16, set in 1938 and equaled in 1976 and 2001

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.40 in.
Year total ..... 17.34 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 13.96 in.

Winds
Average speed: 14.8 mph
Highest speed: 25 mph
Highest gust speed: 38 mph

Today's weather AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Wednesday, November 29, 2017



Today's forecast
High: 62
Low: 39
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:30 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:44 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Sagittarius and a Moon in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017:**
This year you go with the flow, as you are aware of what the appropriate choice is for you. A tendency to stir the pot could disappear as summer appears on the horizon. Avoid struggles over your funds — it's your money, and you call the shots. If you are single, you have no shortage of opportunities to change that status. Take your time getting to know someone before you commit. If you are attached, you might want more downtime than in the past. Try to understand your sensitivities and not project them onto your sweetie. ARIES knows how to have a good time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You express your ability to tackle problems today. You also demonstrate how fiery a leader you can be. Pressure builds around a personal matter. You might be forced to detach in order to understand the other party's position. **Tonight:** In the whirlwind of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might not feel comfortable with a new friend's attitude. Work-related issues seem to arise from out of nowhere. You could have difficulty coming to a conclusion once you see the variables involved. **Tonight:** Take some much-needed personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Relate to others directly, and they will appreciate how you personalize your conversations and thoughts. You are likely to gain a unique perspective of a partner or loved one. You might want to mull over your thoughts for a while. **Tonight:** Join a friend for dinner and a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to move forward and handle a problem more easily than many around you. Tap into your ability to see beyond the here and now. Follow your gut, and you can't go wrong. Don't let anyone rain on your parade. **Tonight:** Choose something fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might find that others are stuck on their position and will fight to have their way. If you detach and understand where they are coming from, you will have a much easier time. Be willing to rethink your view as well. **Tonight:** Meet friends where great music can be heard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to look the other way or defer to others because of a problem that is affecting you. A new friend could be unusually verbal, to the point that he or she becomes demanding and pushy. Refuse to get involved in a power play. **Tonight:** Do your thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could find a loved one quite demanding. Maintain a sense of humor when speaking to this person. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like. Understanding helps, but refuse to fight with someone who is sure that he or she knows better. **Tonight:** Defer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be feistier than you have been in a while. Should someone who is part of your personal life create a problem for you in your professional life, you could be unusually sarcastic, irritated and angry. Do not push others right now. **Tonight:** Run errands on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can't seem to contain your playful, adventurous personality. Some of your friends love your spirited mood; however, you'll want to contain yourself at work. Refuse to let any negativity get to you. **Tonight:** Don't let someone distract you from pursuing a high priority.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You often feel a bit off at this time of year. Stay centered, if possible, and do not internalize others' issues. Be smart and stay out of control games. You are changing, and others might not know how to respond to you. Stay cautious and prepared. **Tonight:** As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Take the initiative and make the first move. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. It is clear that others are not as confident as you are. Your leadership makes all the difference in the outcome. Be willing to ask for more support if you need it. **Tonight:** Be a bit bohemian.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Others might not be aware of how sensitive you can be. You are in the limelight right now, and many people seek you out in order to invite you to join them in their afternoon or evening plans. You'll have quite the selection of opportunities. **Tonight:** Let the party begin.

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Judge sets limits on key testimony in Armstrong lawsuit

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A federal judge has set some limits on key evidence and testimony in Lance Armstrong's upcoming $100 million civil trial, including harm inflicted on former team sponsor U.S. Postal Service and whether the government should have known the cyclist and his team were cheating to win when it signed the deal.

Armstrong faces a 2018 trial as the federal government seeks to recover more than $30 million the Postal Service paid to sponsor his team for several Tour de France victories. Those wins were stripped away after Armstrong's 2013 confession to using steroids other banned performance-enhancing drugs and methods.

If liable for damages, Armstrong could be subject to penalties in the range of $100 million.

Tuesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper in Washington sets ground rules for evidence that both sides want to present regarding harm to the Postal Service, doping use in cycling and the character and motivation of Armstrong and his former teammate Floyd Landis, who initially filed the lawsuit in 2010 and stands to gain up to 25 percent of the damages awarded.

The ruling bars the government's expert witnesses from testifying that the Postal Service got no financial benefit whatsoever from its sponsorship, a decision Armstrong's lawyers consider a key victory for arguing whether the agency was actually damaged by his doping. The government experts will be allowed to testify as to whether the agency was damaged beyond the value of its original sponsorship.

Lawyers for Armstrong and Landis both claimed victory in the ruling.

"We think it's great. The court says very clearly the government cannot pursue that the sponsorship had no value because of team doping. They have to prove damages to Postal Service after 2013 and Lance's confession," said Elliott Peters, an attorney for Armstrong.

"The rulings largely fall our way," said Landis attorney Paul D. Scott. "The court left open a clear path for the government and Landis to prove up damages arising from negative publicity associated with the disclosure of Armstrong's doping and concealment."

The judge will also allow one of Armstrong's experts to testify on the rampant use of doping in cycling in Armstrong's era, opening up a line of defense that the government should have known, or did know, that Armstrong's team was cheating and sponsored his team anyway.

The judge put some limits on a key piece of Armstrong evidence: reports commissioned by the Postal Service that said the sponsorship had "earned" the agency more than $100 million in global exposure. Most of those reports were ruled inadmissible, but Armstrong will be allowed to show that Postal Service officials had accepted the reports' findings.

Armstrong's lawyers will also be allowed — with limits — to question Landis' credibility and potential financial motivation for filing the lawsuit. Landis himself was stripped of the 2006 Tour de France title for doping.

The government will be allowed to call as witnesses Betsy Andreu and former Tour de France winner Greg LeMond. Andreu, the wife of former Armstrong teammate Frankie Andreu, provided the first sworn testimony of doping allegations against Armstrong in a 2005 lawsuit. LeMond has publicly clashed with both Armstrong and Landis.

Tuesday's ruling also allows the government to bring evidence about Armstrong's relationship with other sponsors, such as Nike and Trek, that dropped him after the doping scandal broke.

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A home purchased in Midland, photographed March 25.

US home prices leapt in September by the most in 3 years

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

Midland's housing situation

Average supply this year: 391 (less than two months of supply)

Sold this year: 2088 (already most in any one year, according to Permian Basin Board of Realtor statistics)

Average price for home sold this year: $292,867 (highest price according to PBBOR)

Median price for home sold this year: $254,300 (according to Permian Basin Board of Realtor statistics)

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices rose at the fastest pace in more than three years in September, lifted by a record-low supply of houses for sale.

The Standard & Poor's CoreLogic Case-Shiller national home price index released Tuesday rose 6.2 percent in September from a year earlier, the largest gain since June 2014. In 13 of the 20 cities tracked by the index, yearly price gains in September were faster than in August.

Home buyers are desperately bidding up prices because so few properties are available. The number of homes for sale in September was the fewest for that month on records dating back to 2001, according to the National Association of Realtors. And home builders aren't yet putting up enough new homes to reduce the supply crunch.

Seattle, Las Vegas and San Diego reported the highest year-over-year gains. Home prices jumped 12.9 percent in Seattle, 9 percent in Las Vegas and 8.2 percent in San Diego. Las Vegas, one of the hardest-hit cities in the housing bust, has been making a comeback since prices bottomed out in 2012.

Home prices rose in all 20 cities. The smallest gains were in Washington, D.C., where prices rose 3.1 percent; Chicago, with a 3.9 percent gain; and Miami, at 5 percent.

Unemployment is low and the economy is growing at a solid clip, fueling demand for homes. Mortgage rates also remain historically low, with the average rate on a 30-year mortgage below 4 percent.

Yet, Americans are remaining in their homes longer, according to a recent survey by the Realtors. Many are reluctant to sell because there are so few other homes to buy.

Builders are responding to the pent-up demand by building more houses. The construction of new homes jumped nearly 14 percent in October to the fastest pace in a year. But home builders are struggling to find the workers and land they need to ramp up construction more quickly.

"The past two months have shown promising signs of life from builders," Svenja Gudell, chief economist at real estate data provider Zillow, said. "But it's going to take a lot more than two good months to fully erase the housing deficit we're facing after years of underbuilding."

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The September figures are the latest available.

Former nurse pleads guilty in Texarkana inmate's death

Associated Press

TEXARKANA — A former nurse who refused medical treatment to a Texas jail inmate who later died has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor negligent homicide.

Brittany Danae Johnson, 27, was charged after 20-year-old Morgan Angerbauer died in July 2016 at the jail in Texarkana, a town along the Arkansas border. She will serve about three months jail.

An autopsy determined Angerbauer died of diabetic ketoacidosis, a condition that results from blood sugar reaching severely high levels.

Johnson's attorney, Jeff Harrelson, initially said she was willing to plead "no contest" to negligent homicide. But the judge declined to accept a plea other than guilty, the Texarkana Gazette reported . Johnson pleaded guilty on Monday.

Court records allege Angerbauer asked Johnson to check her blood sugar but Johnson refused, saying jail staff members were in charge of deciding when medical attention was needed. Angerbauer was found unconscious in her cell early the next morning.

A police affidavit states Johnson "admitted that she was fully aware of the severity of Angerbauer's medical diabetic situation, but rather than treat her, she told her that 'things don't work that way. If you miss your medical call, you have to wait until it's time for your next medical call.'"

One jail staff member testified that he told Johnson they should immediately call for emergency help, but that Johnson refused for more than a half hour. Angerbauer was dead by the time paramedics arrived.

"She was lying on the floor of her cell with no blanket in her own vomit," said Jennifer Houser, Angerbauer's mother, in a victim impact statement. "You refused to treat my child when you could have saved her."

Records with the Texas Nursing Board show Johnson's nursing license has been suspended.

Southwest customers face more problems on airline website

Associated Press

DALLAS — For a second straight day customers of Southwest Airlines ran into problems Tuesday when trying to use the airline's website to manage their travel plans.

Southwest posted an apology to customers who were having difficulty on the website or the carrier's mobile app. Some customers said on Twitter that they were unable to check in online for flights.

A Southwest spokeswoman said the airline fixed a broken link in customer emails that led to check-in problems, and the airline removed the apologetic advisory from its website around midday.

Trump's 'Pocahontas' jab draws blowback

By Felicia Fonseca and Laurie Kellman
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President Donald Trump, right, meets Monday with Navajo Code Talkers Peter MacDonald, center, and Thomas Begay, left, in the Oval Office of the White House.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Families of Native American war veterans and politicians of both major parties are criticizing President Donald Trump for using a White House event honoring Navajo Code Talkers to take a political jab at a Democratic senator he has nicknamed "Pocahontas."

The Republican president on Monday turned to the name he often deployed for Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren during the 2016 presidential campaign to mock her claims about being part Native American. He told the three Navajo Code Talkers on stage that he had affection for them that he doesn't have for her.

"It was uncalled for," said Marty Thompson, whose great-uncle was a Navajo Code Talker. "He can say what he wants when he's out doing his presidential business among his people, but when it comes to honoring veterans or any kind of people, he needs to grow up and quit saying things like that."

Pocahontas is well-known as a Disney princess but less so for the sacrifices she made to save her people from British forces in the 1600s in present-day Virginia, descendants of her tribal community say. Whether Trump's remark constitutes a racial slur depends on who you ask, but most critics agree it was inappropriate.

Warren said Trump's repeated references to her as "Pocahontas" will not keep her from speaking out.

"Now he seems to think that that's somehow going to shut me up, maybe keep me from talking about the consumer agency today," Warren said Tuesday after a protest outside the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. "Or keep me from talking about the tax bill that would favor giant corporations instead of working families."

"He's wrong. It's not going to make any difference," Warren said.

All he "had to do was make it through the ceremony," she said. "But that wasn't possible for Donald Trump. He had to throw in a racial slur."

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said Monday that she didn't believe the remark was a racial slur and that "was certainly not the president's intent."

Trump made the comment as he stood near a portrait of President Andrew Jackson, which he hung in the Oval Office in January. Trump admires Jackson's populism. But Jackson is an unpopular figure in Indian Country because he oversaw the forced removal of American Indians from their southern homelands.

The Navajo Nation suggested Trump's remark was an example of "cultural insensitivity," and they resolved to stay out of the "ongoing feud between the senator and President Trump."

"All tribal nations still battle insensitive references to our people. The prejudice that Native American people face is an unfortunate historical legacy," Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye said in a statement.

Still, Begaye and relatives of Navajo Code Talkers said they're honored the story of the men recruited from the vast Southwest reservation to become Marines could be told on a national stage. Peter MacDonald, a former Navajo chairman and trained Code Talker, who stood beside Trump, also took the opportunity to ask for support for a Navajo Code Talker museum. Trump obliged.

Michael Smith, a Marine whose father was a Code Talker, said most of the Code Talkers would be skeptical about going to the White House because it could be construed to mean they support a political cause.

"So, why did they go? Why were they there? He's putting them in the Oval Office to say 'You did a good job, and say hi to Pocahontas?'" Smith said. "They should be taken care of as heroes, not as pawns."

Michael Nez, whose father helped develop the code based on the Navajo language, said his father would have been upset to hear Trump's "Pocahontas" comment. But, as other Code Talker relatives said, his father was taught to respect the president as the commander in chief.

"It's too bad he does put his foot in his mouth," Nez said. "Why he does it? I don't know."

The president has long feuded with Warren, an outspoken Wall Street critic who leveled blistering attacks on Trump during the campaign. Trump seized on questions about Warren's heritage, which surfaced during her 2012 Senate race challenging incumbent Republican Sen. Scott Brown.

Warren says her parents told her of the Native American connection and she listed herself with that heritage in law school directories to meet others with similar backgrounds.

"Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to the Navajo Code Talkers, whose bravery, skill & tenacity helped secure our decisive victory over tyranny & oppression during WWII," Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, tweeted Tuesday. "Politicizing these genuine American heroes is an insult to their sacrifice."

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Former White House strategist Steve Bannon speaks Sept. 25 at a rally for U.S. Senate hopeful Roy Moore in Fairhope, Ala.

Where's Bannon? Moore booster absent in Alabama

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

In the days leading up to the heated Republican Alabama Senate primary, former White House strategist Steve Bannon stood with his candidate Roy Moore, triumphantly warning GOP leaders in Washington, "your day of reckoning is coming."

Since Moore's primary, the former state Supreme Court judge has been accused of preying on teenage girls decades ago. And Bannon hasn't set foot in Alabama since for the candidate he called "one of the finest men in this country."

Bannon hasn't yanked his support for Moore, but if he's standing by him, it's at a distance. Associates say he has no plans to campaign in the state before the Dec. 12 election. Meanwhile, his public statements have gone from glowing endorsements of Moore to broadsides against Democratic contender Doug Jones.

The shift reflects the high stakes for Bannon in the race. By backing the renegade Moore, Bannon transformed the sleepy special election into the first battle in what he calls his war on the establishment. But the accusations against Moore have turned what should have been an easy win for Republicans into a nail-biter, and raise the possibility that Bannon will emerge from his first effort bruised and blamed.

The former adviser to President Donald Trump is already moving on, looking past the Alabama election and trying to raise money and build momentum for the next round.

"Bannon has been traveling nonstop, giving speeches across the country and the world," as well as meeting with donors and political operators, said Andrew Surabian, a Bannon associate and adviser to the Great America Alliance, a pro-Trump political organization. "We all know what he wants to accomplish. He's setting the stage for that."

Bannon pounced on Moore's Sept. 26 victory over hand-picked interim Sen. Luther Strange as justification for the war he since declared on Republican leadership in Congress, especially Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. He blames the Kentucky Republican chiefly for Trump's stalled legislative agenda and has promised to find pro-Trump challengers for almost every GOP senator seeking re-election next year, with the goal of dumping McConnell.

Through the pro-Trump group Great America Alliance and as executive chairman of Breitbart News, he has endorsed Senate candidates in Arizona, Nevada, Montana, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin. He expects to soon name his picks in Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio.

To be sure, Bannon's influence continues through Brietbart's continued presence in the race. Several staffers from the conservative website, including Washington political editor Matthew Boyle, remain on the ground in Alabama, publishing multiple daily dispatches.

But Bannon himself been everywhere but Alabama, it seems, rallying conservative Republican audiences in Arizona, California, New Hampshire, Michigan and South Carolina. He's even addressed conservative groups in Japan, where he's headed again early next month.

Aides say Bannon plans to establish himself as the go-to speaker at fundraisers for devoutly pro-Trump Republicans this winter. The first such event is for New York Rep. Lee Zeldin on Dec. 14.

Not only has Bannon steered clear of Alabama, his tone toward Moore has gradually shifted. On primary night, he praised "the model of Judge Moore" as an anti-establishment candidate. Now he's merely the alternative to an unacceptable and "radical" Democratic candidate.

His gradual switch is in line with his former boss. Despite GOP senators and party leaders calling for Moore to quit the race, Trump has not. The president has said he takes Moore at his word in denying the accusations. Trump also has no plans to campaign in Alabama, the White House said Monday.

By apparently sticking with Moore, albeit far less publicly than in September, Bannon, too, is nodding to his conservative audience, but trying to limit his exposure to the fallout from Moore's crisis.

Bannon early on cast doubt on Moore's accusers, declaring: "Until I see additional evidence on Judge Moore, I'm standing with him."

Weeks later, after other women had come forward alleging unwanted advances by Moore as teens, Bannon, like Trump, focused on the Democrat.

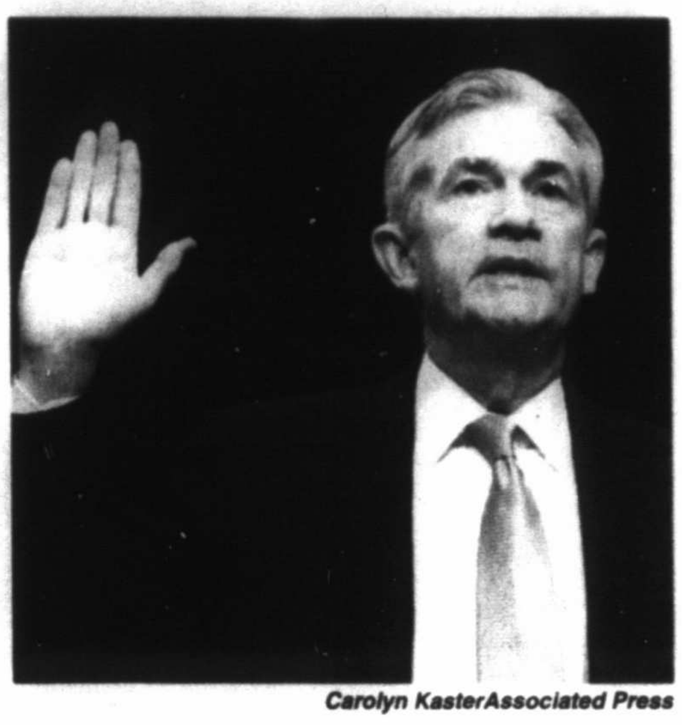
"Doug Jones is a radical on guns, on abortion, on borders," Bannon said Thursday during a guest spot on Breitbart Radio. "I just can't understand how the people of Alabama, being one of the bedrocks of the conservative movement, would even consider a guy like Doug Jones."

Similarly, the Bannon-affiliated Great America Alliance has been quiet in the state since the primary, after orchestrating the Bannon rally and another in September featuring former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, and running an ad during the widely watched Sept. 16 University of Alabama football game.

But Bannon need not wade again deeply into a race he already helped shape by denouncing McConnell's hand-picked candidate, said Sam Nunberg, a Bannon confidant and former Trump campaign aide. Bannon helped defeat Strange, Nunberg said. "Everyone knows where Steve stands."

Powell says he favors loosening some bank regulations

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press



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Jerome Powell, President Donald Trump's nominee for chairman of the Federal Reserve, is sworn into testify Tuesday during a Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee hearing on Capitol Hill.

WASHINGTON — Jerome Powell, President Donald Trump's pick to be chairman of the Federal Reserve, told senators at his confirmation hearing Tuesday that he believes some bank regulations can be rolled back — something the administration and Wall Street favor. But he stressed that he will protect the central bank's political independence, calling it vital for the Fed's role.

Powell also strongly hinted in his appearance before the Senate Banking Committee that the Fed would hike rates again in December.

Powell said he believed that the Dodd-Frank Act, passed in the wake of the devastating 2008 financial crisis, had succeeded in making the financial system stronger, including ensuring that no major institution now is too big to fail.

But in some areas such as regulation of smaller banks, the law had imposed unnecessary burdens that should be eased, he said.

Powell's comments pleased many GOP senators, who have complained for years that Dodd-Frank was hurting the economic recovery by making it harder to get bank loans. Democratic senators, however, pressed Powell to say whether he would cut key consumer protections in the 2010 law, a measure that Trump often attacked on the campaign trail as a disaster.

Powell stressed that he was "strongly committed" to the political independence of the Federal Reserve. He said he has not had any conversation with anyone in the administration that concerned him.

During two hours of testimony, Powell sought to convey a sense of stability and praised his predecessors Janet Yellen and Ben Bernanke. He said that the Fed would continue on a gradual path of raising interest rates and shrinking the Fed's massive $4.5 trillion balance sheet, which grew five-fold in the wake of the Great Recession as the Fed bought government bonds to push long-term interest rates lower.

Powell said he expected the balance sheet to shrink to around $2.5 trillion to $3 trillion over the next three to four years under a program set in motion by Yellen.

On interest rates, Powell said, "I think the case for raising interest rates at our next meeting is coming together."

When pressed for specifics on a December rate hike, Powell deferred, citing Fed policy not to talk about possible outcomes before officials gathered and heard all views.

Trump tapped Powell on Nov. 2 to succeed Yellen, the first woman to head the nation's central bank and the first Fed leader in four decades not to be offered a second term as chair. Yellen's term ends on Feb. 3. She said last week she will leave the Fed once Powell is confirmed by the Senate.

Private economists said there were no surprises in Powell's testimony. He sought to bolster the reputation he built in his five years as a Fed board member as a centrist in pursuit of the Fed's dual goals of promoting maximum employment and stable prices.

"I have had the great privilege of serving under Chairman Bernanke and Chair Yellen and, like them, I will do everything in my power to achieve those goals while preserving the Federal Reserve's independent and nonpartisan status that is so vital to their pursuit," he said.

Michael Pearce, U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said Powell gave "away little new on either the economic or policy outlook."

There was little market reaction to Powell's testimony, although some big bank stocks did move up, as investors cheered his comments that some bank regulations could be loosened.

The Yellen Fed has raised rates four times starting in December 2015, including two rate hikes this year. Economists expect a third rate hike to occur next month, and they're projecting at least three additional rate increases in 2018.

On other topics:

■ Powell dodged a number of questions posed by Democrats about whether it would be a wise move for Congress to boost budget deficits by $1.5 trillion over the next decade by passing tax cuts being pushed by Republicans and the Trump administration. Powell said the Fed would assess the impact of any tax cuts on the economy once the final package had won congressional approval.

■ He predicted that the economy would grow by 2.5 percent this year and around that level next year, considerably better than last year's performance.

■ Powell said there was still slack in the labor market and that the Fed could allow unemployment, already at 4.1 percent — the lowest level in nearly 17 years — to fall below 4 percent.

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OPINION

Turn energy abundance into energy dominance

■ A number of government-imposed obstacles prevent Americans from benefiting from the nation's rich wealth of natural resources

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President Donald Trump has spoken vociferously about American "energy dominance." That's good news for your energy bills, but also the economy at large.

Before understanding how we can achieve energy dominance, it's important to note that the U.S. is already a global energy powerhouse. For nearly six years, America has been the world's largest petroleum and natural gas producer. The result has been affordable power, new job opportunities, and a competitive industrial sector that relies on energy as a critical input for their operations.

After accounting for inflation, overall energy expenditures in 2015 were the lowest since 2004, driven in large part because of increased supplies. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, "In constant 2015 dollars, average annual household energy expenditures peaked at about $5,300 in 2008. Between 2008 and 2014, average annual household energy expenditures declined by 14.1 percent."

Nevertheless, a number of government-imposed obstacles prevent Americans from benefiting from the nation's rich wealth of natural resources. Federal ownership and mismanagement of lands and coastal waters have stifled oil and gas production on federal lands. Opening access to natural resources currently off-limits should be step one.

Step two should be changing the regulatory landscape. Coal, struggling to compete with cheap natural gas, has also been knocked down by heavy-handed regulations that deliver no meaningful environmental benefit. Market forces may very well continue to diminish coal's share of the electricity pie, but unshackling domestic regulations will give the industry a fighting chance.

Onerous federal regulations often duplicate state regulations, requiring businesses to spend money jumping through unnecessary hoops rather than hiring another worker or investing in new equipment.

What would unleashing America's energy sector mean for the average household and the economy? Using a clone of the federal government's energy model, we can see that opening access and deregulating would generate significant economic gains.

Annual electricity expenditures will decline, resulting in a total savings of nearly $1,000 for such a household. These savings are particularly important for low-income families and seniors on fixed incomes, for whom energy costs represent a larger portion of their budget.

Increased energy supplies will further drive down prices, generating significant cost savings and overall economic gains to households. The average family of four gains more than $27,000 by 2035. In terms of total gross domestic product, these gains translate to an increase of more than $2.4 trillion for the entire U.S.

More opportunities for energy development also means more job opportunities. For instance, the prospect of more oil and gas extraction creates employment for those directly associated with the extraction including data scientists, engineers, and geologists.

Moreover, the energy boom provides more employment opportunities for local businesses near extraction sites such as hardware stores, hotels, laundromats, restaurants, and so forth. Heritage Foundation research estimates a peak employment gain of 1.4 million new jobs, and average gains of more than 660,000 jobs.

These gains occur for a variety of reasons. Even for businesses not associated with energy production, cheaper energy lowers the cost of doing business. Nearly every business in the U.S. uses energy as an input cost for its product, whether it is as simple as paying the electricity bill or filling up a vehicle with gasoline or diesel to transport goods.

Cheaper energy means companies nationwide would incur lower operational costs and therefore have more resources to invest in labor and capital. Chemical companies are investing heavily in the U.S., citing the affordable and abundant natural gas as their motivation. As of July, the American Chemistry Council reports that the industry is cumulatively investing $185 billion on 310 projects in the U.S.

Although lower energy prices may tamper new investments, companies are reducing operating costs and improving efficiency to enhance productivity. As Daniel Yergin, vice chairman of IHS Markit, has said, "The industry is in the middle of re-engineering its processes and its technologies to be a $50 industry, not a $100 industry." The federal government should not stand in the way of energy innovation.

The Trump administration has a lofty but achievable 3 percent target for economic growth. Capitalizing on America's energy abundance must be a part of that strategy.

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OPINION EXTRA

As holiday shopping figures come in, retailers have lots to ponder

Americans did quite a bit of shopping over the last five days, and the future of retail is becoming clear: The midrange shopper has abandoned brick-and-mortar stores for online retailers.

Overall, 65 percent of American consumers made a purchase over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, either in-store or online, spending a weighted average of $420, according to Gordon Haskett Research Advisors, a retail data analysis company that surveyed 1,000 shoppers.

Online shoppers spent a record $5.03 billion by the end of Black Friday, an increase of 16.9 percent year over year, according to data from Adobe Analytics. Cyber Monday was expected to generate $6.6 billion in online sales, the largest ever.

The number of Americans who went to stores on Black Friday, though, fell by 4 percent compared with last year, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing data from RetailNext, which counts faces on store cameras.

That means fewer purchases made in stores, which is bad news for those stores, but some helpful patterns are emerging.

Early indicators show that bargain hunters and luxury shoppers went to the stores on the opening weekend of holiday shopping, while middle-class consumers used their phones and computers to avoid the hassle of fighting the crowds for products easily found online at a decent price.

Discount retailers were the big winners with in-store sales, with Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Dollar General, Dollar Tree and Family Dollar, according to Gordon Haskett. Wal-Mart made a point of offering special in-store-only discounts on items that are expensive to ship, hoping to generate more foot traffic.

The lesson for brick-and-mortar retailers, and their landlords, is that they have to offer the best price exclusively in their stores, or they need to offer a fabulous shopping experience for equally exclusive goods.

High-end shoppers tend to want exclusivity and a great shopping experience. They want to talk to an expert and inspect an expensive item before purchasing it. The experience of buying an item is nearly as important as the item itself, and the price is less important if the retailer meets the customer's expectations.

Midpriced retailers are never going to out-compete the discount specialists, so the challenge for them is whether they can offer an in-store experience that makes it worthwhile for a customer to visit the store and perhaps pay a slightly higher price for a product available online.

This kind of merchandising is called experiential retail, and it's a hot topic in retail circles. The best example of experiential retail, its grandmother if you will, is the American Girl store in New York. The store is so successful, Mattel has opened a new 40,000-square-foot New York City flagship at 75 Rockefeller Plaza.

The girls who visit the store are already aware of the brand and probably already own American Girl dolls. The store offers them a complete immersion into the brand, including appointments with their dolls for hairstyling, ear piercing and manicures.

Adult versions include vintage furniture stores that include a bar and coffee shop with music coming from vinyl records, which are for sale also. Or a cafe with a boutique in the back filled with clothes made by local designers that can't be found online.

The biggest challenge, though, will be for department stores as they try to compete with Amazon to sell goods made in the millions, not the hundreds. Unless they can develop experiences that beat the convenience of shopping at home via a computer screen, they have limited years left in business.

— Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

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Do as Democrats say, not as they do

■ John Conyers is the albatross that Democrats deserve

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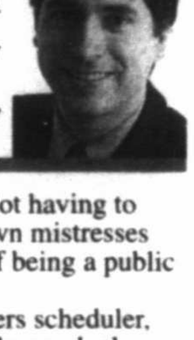

There are sexual harassers, and then there is John Conyers, the Democrat from Detroit who made his congressional office an adjunct of his libido.

The evidence suggests that Conyers believed that as a 27-term congressman, he was entitled to the Washington, D.C., equivalent of the Ottoman imperial harem.

He routinely hit on his female staffers, and his office was a den of sexual intrigue — allegedly featuring a jealous wife and a vindictive mistress — that properly belongs in a Bravo reality show if the network ever extends its franchise to Capitol Hill.

A political party is rarely provided an easier test case for its bona fides. Conyers is an 88-year-old man who finds it increasingly difficult to carry out his duties. He holds an exceedingly safe seat that, should he resign, will be taken over by another reliably progressive Democrat. In this case, the political cost to the party of showing that it's serious about "zero tolerance" for sexual harassment is almost nil.

Yet House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, when asked about Conyers on "Meet the Press," mumbled and looked at her shoes. She wasn't able to summon any dudgeon, let alone high dudgeon, about Conyers. The harshest thing she said is that "as John reviews his case — which he knows, which I don't — I believe he will do the right thing."

Oh, really? Conyers did step down as the ranking member on the House Judiciary Committee. Otherwise, his careful review of his own case has produced categorical denials that even Pelosi must find incredible.

It is true that Conyers hasn't had his day in front of the House Ethics Committee. But neither has Roy Moore. That hasn't kept Pelosi from denouncing him.

The multiple allegations against Conyers are specific and consistent. He reached a settlement agreement with one accuser, whose account is backed by affidavits from other employees.

One women said in an affidavit that one of her duties was "to keep a list of women I assumed he was having affairs with and call them at his request and, if necessary, have them flown in using Congressional resources." Not having to bother with the logistics of your own mistresses is evidently one of the privileges of being a public servant.

Another accuser, a former Conyers scheduler, filed a lawsuit that she eventually dropped when a court refused her request to keep it sealed (she says she didn't want to harm Conyers' reputation). In the suit, she says she complained to Conyers' chief of staff about his unwelcome advances. The chief of staff told her to write them all down. She couldn't "due to the extreme amount of time it would require to adequately chronicle these advances and behaviors and manage her work load."

At one point, the wife of the congressman accused the scheduler of having an affair with Conyers and threatened to get her fired. Just another day at the office of the congressman from Michigan's 13th District.

Pelosi offers two justifications for going easy on Conyers. One is that the congressman is a civil-rights "icon." By this logic, being a legend is a little like being a celebrity as described by Donald Trump in the "Access Hollywood" tape — it's a free pass for gross behavior.

The other Pelosi rationale is that Conyers "has done a great deal to protect women." This makes ideology rather than personal conduct the standard.

The controversy over Conyers arrives as some liberal Democrats now say that Bill Clinton should have resigned as president for his sexual misconduct. Of course, they could have said that 20 years ago, or even one year ago. The evasion over John Conyers makes it clear that if the Clintons had any political juice left, it would be a very different story.

Whatever Democrats say about sexual harassment should be affixed with a giant asterisk — if it doesn't suit their political and ideological interests, generous exceptions can and will apply.

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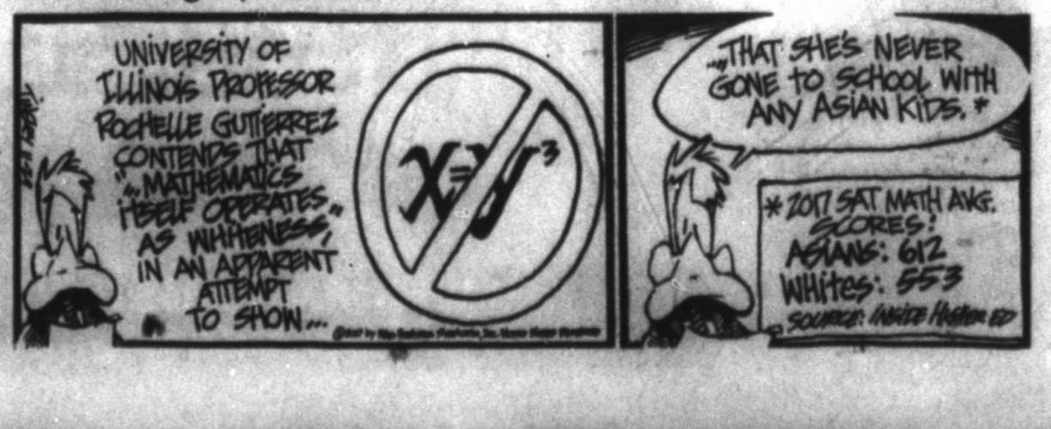

GOP shoves tax overhaul ahead; shutdown still a threat

By Alan Fram and Andrew Taylor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans held together and shoved their signature tax overhaul a crucial step ahead Tuesday as wavering GOP senators showed a growing openness. But its fate remained uncertain, and a planned White House summit aimed at averting a government shutdown was derailed when President Donald Trump savaged top Democrats and declared on Twitter, "I don't see a deal!"

"It's time to stop tweeting and start leading," Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer retorted after he and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi rebuffed the budget meeting with Trump and top Republicans.

Trump lunched with GOP senators at the Capitol and declared it a "love fest," as he had his previous closed-doors visit. But the day underscored the party's yearlong problem of unifying behind key legislation — even a bill slashing corporate taxes and cutting personal taxes that's a paramount party goal.

Tuesday's developments also emphasized the leverage Democrats have as Congress faces a deadline a week from Friday for passing legislation to keep federal agencies open while leaders seek a longer-term budget deal. Republicans lack the votes to pass the short-term legislation without Democratic support.

In a party-line 12-11 vote, the Senate Budget Committee managed to advance the tax measure to the full Senate as a pair of wavering Republicans — Wisconsin's Ron Johnson and Tennessee's Bob Corker — fell into line, at least for the moment. In more good news for the GOP, moderate Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said it was a "fair assumption" that she was likelier to support the bill after saying Trump agreed to make property taxes up to $10,000 deductible instead of eliminating that break entirely.

But the fate of the legislation remained uncertain as it headed toward debate by the full Senate, which Republicans control by a slender 52-48. GOP leaders can afford just two defectors, and a half dozen or more in their party have been uncommitted. They include some wanting bigger tax breaks for many businesses but others cringing over the $1.4 trillion — or more — that the measure is projected to add to budget deficits over the next decade.

"It's a challenging exercise," conceded Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. He compared it to "sitting there with a Rubik's Cube and trying to get to 50" votes, a tie that Vice President Mike Pence would break.

Corker, who's all but broken with Trump over the president's behavior in office, is among a handful of Republicans uneasy over the mountains of red ink the tax measure is expected to produce. He said he was encouraged by discussions with the White House and party leaders to include a mechanism — details still unknown — to automatically trigger tax increases if specified, annual economic growth targets aren't met.

"I think we're getting to a very good place on the deficit issue," Corker said.

But other Republicans are wary of backing legislation that would hold the hammer of potential future tax increases over voters' heads. "I am not going to vote to automatically implement tax increases on the American people. If I do that, consider me drunk," said Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana.

Collins said she'd also won agreement that before completing the tax measure, Congress would approve legislation restoring federal payments to health insurers that Trump scuttled last month. That bill has had bipartisan support, but it's unclear if Democrats would back it amid partisan battling over the tax bill.

McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., met with Trump at the White House despite the top Democrats' no-shows. Trump highlighted their absence by appearing before reporters flanked by two empty chairs bearing Schumer's and Pelosi's names.

Trump said Democrats would be to blame for any shutdown, despite GOP domination of government.

"If it happens it's going to be over illegals pouring into the country, crime pouring into the country, no border wall, which everyone wants," he said. He also said North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile on Wednesday should prompt Democrats to renew negotiations over the spending legislation, which includes Pentagon funding.

"But probably they won't because nothing to them is important other than raising taxes," Trump said.

Democrats noted that in May, Trump tweeted the country "needs a good 'shutdown' in September to fix mess!" In a tweet of her own Tuesday, Pelosi said Trump's "verbal abuse will no longer be tolerated," adding in reference to the empty-chairs show, "Poor Ryan and McConnell relegated to props. Sad!"

A temporary spending bill expires Dec. 8 and another is needed to prevent a government shutdown. Hurricane aid to help Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands is also expected to be included in that measure, as well as renewed financing for a children's health program that serves more than 8 million low-income children.

Democrats are also pressing for legislative protections for immigrants known as "Dreamers." Conservative Republicans object to including that issue in the crush of year-end business. But GOP Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida joined Democrats in saying he won't vote for the spending bill unless the immigrant issue is resolved.

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Senate Finance Committee member Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., front, with, from left, Sens. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., John Cornyn and Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, speaks to reporters Monday following a meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House.

Tax bill advances, final Senate vote uncertain

By Stephen Ohlemacher and Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key Senate committee advanced a sweeping tax package to the full Senate on Tuesday, handing Republican leaders a victory as they try to pass the nation's first tax overhaul in 31 years.

The Senate Budget Committee voted 12-11 to advance the bill as two committee Republicans who had said they were considering voting against the measure — Bob Corker of Tennessee and Ron Johnson of Wisconsin — backed the legislation.

President Donald Trump personally lobbied Republican senators at the Capitol on Tuesday and the bill passed with little fanfare other than a few protesters who tried to disrupt the vote. All 11 Democrats were opposed.

The White House celebrated the vote.

"The momentum driving our shared priorities of job growth, economic competiveness, and fiscal responsibility through tax reform is undeniable," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement.

As a sweetener for some Republicans, the budget committee added a provision to the tax bill that would allow oil drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Drilling in the refuge has long been a contentious issue, pitting environmentalists against those who want to increase domestic oil production.

The bill still faces hurdles in the Senate with at least six senators raising sometimes contradicting concerns.

It got a boost Tuesday when Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, won support to amend the bill to allow homeowners to deduct at least a portion of their local property taxes on their federal tax returns.

The current Senate bill repeals the entire state and local tax deduction, which helps more than 43 million families reduce their federal tax bills. Collins said Trump and Senate GOP leaders agreed to amend the bill to allow homeowners to deduct up to $10,000 in property taxes, which is similar to a provision in the House-passed bill.

When asked if she is now more likely to support the bill, Collins said that is a "fair assumption."

Johnson has complained that the package doesn't cut taxes enough for business owners who report business profits on their individual tax returns. Corker said he is concerned that the package will add to the federal government's $20 trillion debt.

After Trump's meeting with Senate Republicans, Corker said, "I think we're getting to a very good place on the deficit issue."

Corker and other deficit hawks want the package to include a "trigger" that would automatically increase taxes if the legislation fails to generate as much revenue as they expect.

An estimate by congressional analysts says the Senate tax bill would add $1.4 trillion to the budget deficit over the next decade. GOP leaders dispute the projection, saying tax cuts will spur economic growth, reducing the hit on the deficit.

Many economists disagree with such optimistic projections. The trigger would be a way for senators to test their economic assumptions, with real consequences if they are wrong.

The provision, however, is drawing opposition from some Republicans.

"I am not going to vote to automatically implement tax increases on the American people," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La. "If I do that, consider me drunk."

FCC head Ajit Pai goes after Hollywood, tech companies

By Tali Arbel
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The head of the Federal Communications Commission defended his plan to undo the country's net-neutrality rules by bringing the culture wars to telecommunications policy.

There has been constant media coverage since Chairman Ajit Pai last week unveiled his plan to gut the Obama-era net neutrality rules, which were meant to keep broadband providers from playing favorites with websites and apps.

Tech companies, including Airbnb, Etsy and Twitter, sent him a letter in support of the current rules. Hollywood celebrities are speaking out against his proposal.

So Pai, a Republican picked by President Donald Trump to be the head of the FCC, is pushing back. His targets: the generally liberal bastions of Silicon Valley and Hollywood.

Pai's policies have been more favorable to the phone, cable and broadcasting industries than those of the Obama-era FCC. One criticism of Pai's plan to gut the net neutrality rules is that it will allow phone and cable companies to block some sites and apps while favoring others.

But Pai asserted in a Tuesday speech that internet companies are "a much bigger actual threat to an open internet" because they choose what people see on their services.

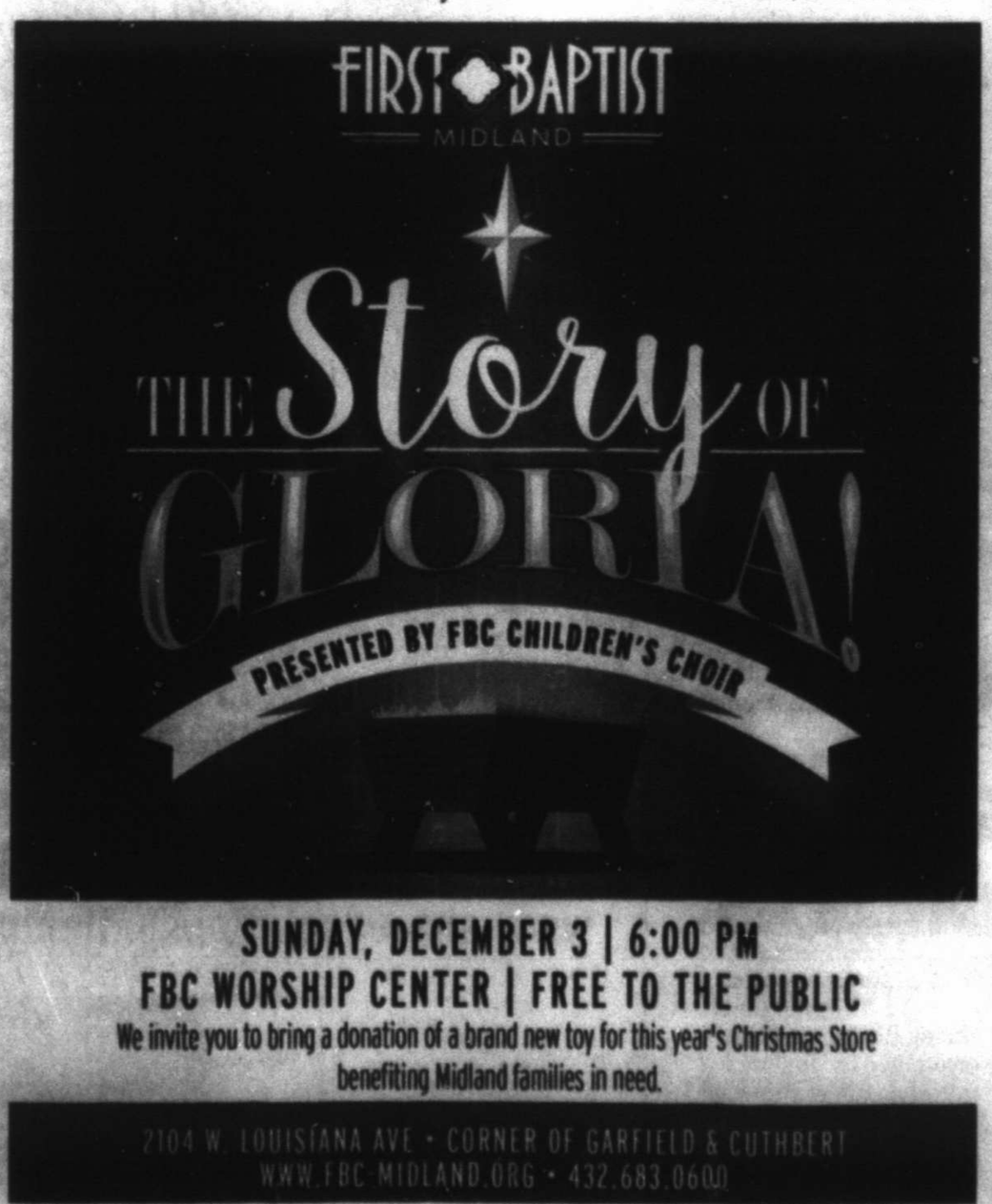
He called out Twitter specifically, contending that it takes action — such as suspending accounts or removing their "verified" status — against conservatives more frequently than liberals. He didn't specify who he was talking about, but Twitter this month "unverified" the account of white nationalist Richard Spencer .

Pai also noted that Twitter had blocked Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., from advertising a campaign video, which he said was because it "featured a pro-life message." Twitter said Tuesday that it didn't censor her video but also doesn't want to expose users to "potentially distressing" ads. Twitter later decided to let Blackburn advertise the video, in which she says that she "stopped the sale of baby body parts."

"Websites and apps operate in a competitive environment with low barriers to entry where choice and competition are a click away. This stands in stark contrast to ISPs," said Noah Theran, spokesman for the Internet Association, a trade group for tech companies. Most Americans don't have a choice of home broadband service providers.

Pai also said he was calling out criticisms from Hollywood because of celebrities' "large online followings" that "give them outsized influence in shaping the public debate."

He said comments by Cher, Mark Ruffalo, Alyssa Milano and George Takei in support of net neutrality were "absurd" and replied to them in his speech.



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A man watches a TV screen today showing a local news program reporting with a file footage of North Korea's missile launch, at the Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea. After 2 1/2 months of relative peace, North Korea launched its most powerful weapon yet early today, a presumed intercontinental ballistic missile that could put Washington and the entire eastern U.S. seaboard within range. The letters read "North Korea's missile launch, serious threat."

North Korea launches ICBM in possibly its longest-range test yet

By Kim Tong-Hyung and Foster Klug
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — After 2 1/2 months of relative peace, North Korea launched its most powerful weapon yet early Wednesday, a presumed intercontinental ballistic missile that could put Washington and the entire eastern U.S. seaboard within range.

Resuming its torrid testing pace in pursuit of its goal of a viable arsenal of nuclear-tipped missiles that can hit the U.S. mainland had been widely expected, but the apparent power and suddenness of the new test still jolted the Korean Peninsula and Washington. The launch at 3:17 a.m. local time and midday in the U.S. capital indicated an effort to perfect the element of surprise and to obtain maximum attention in the United States.

The firing is a clear message of defiance aimed at the Trump administration, which had just restored the North to a U.S. list of terror sponsors. It also ruins nascent diplomatic efforts, raises fears of war or a pre-emptive U.S. strike and casts a deeper shadow over the security of the Winter Olympics early next year in South Korea.

A rattled Seoul responded by almost immediately launching three of its own missiles in a show of force. The South's president, Moon Jae-in, expressed worry that North Korea's growing missile threat could force the United States to attack the North before it masters a nuclear-tipped long-range missile, something experts say may be imminent.

"If North Korea completes a ballistic missile that could reach from one continent to another, the situation can spiral out of control," Moon said at an emergency meeting in Seoul, according to his office. "We must stop a situation where North Korea miscalculates and threatens us with nuclear weapons or where the United States considers a pre-emptive strike."

Moon, a liberal who has been forced into a more hawkish stance by a stream of North Korean weapons tests, has repeatedly declared that there can be no U.S. attack on the North without Seoul's approval, but many here worry that Washington may act without South Korean input.

The launch is North Korea's first since it fired an intermediate-range missile over Japan on Sept. 15, and may have broken any efforts at diplomacy meant to end the North's nuclear ambitions. U.S. officials have sporadically floated the idea of direct talks with North Korea if it maintained restraint.

The missile also appears to improve on North Korea's past launches.

If flown on a standard trajectory, instead of Wednesday's lofted angle, the missile would have a range of more than 8,100 miles, said U.S. scientist David Wright, a physicist who closely tracks North Korea's missile and nuclear programs. "Such a missile would have more than enough range to reach Washington, D.C., and in fact any part of the continental United States," Wright wrote in a blog post for the Union for Concerned Scientists.

Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera said the missile landed inside of Japan's special economic zone in the Sea of Japan, about 155 miles west of Aomori, which is on the northern part of Japan's main island of Honshu. Onodera says the missile could have been an upgraded version of North Korea's Hwasong-14 ICBM or a new missile.

A big unknown, however, is the missile's payload. If, as expected, it carried a light mock warhead, then its effective range would have been shorter, analysts said.

An intercontinental ballistic missile test is considered particularly provocative, and indications that it flew higher than past launches suggest progress by Pyongyang in developing a weapon of mass destruction that could strike the U.S. mainland. President Donald Trump has vowed to prevent North Korea from having that capability — using military force if necessary.

In response to the launch, Trump said the United States will "take care of it." He told reporters after the launch: "It is a situation that we will handle." He did not elaborate.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Rob Manning said the missile was launched from Sain Ni, North Korea, and traveled about 620 miles before landing in the Sea of Japan within 200 nautical miles of Japan's coast. It flew for 53 minutes, Japan's defense minister said.

South Korea's responding missile tests included one with a 620-mile range, to mimic striking the North Korea launch site, which is not far from the North Korean capital.

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting for Wednesday afternoon at the request of Japan, the U.S. and South Korea.

Italy's U.N. Ambassador Sebastiano Cardi, the current Security Council president, told reporters late Tuesday that "it's certainly very worrying. Everybody was hoping that there would be restraint from the regime."

He said the latest and toughest sanctions resolutions against North Korea "are working, having an effect on the situation ... on the capacity of the regime to obtain hard currency because to go along with the military programs or missile or nuclear (programs) you need money, and that's the objective."

"There is still room for new measures, but for the moment ... we don't know what the council decision will be," he said.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the missile flew higher than previous projectiles.

"It went higher, frankly, than any previous shot they've taken," he told reporters at the White House. "It's a research and development effort on their part to continue building ballistic missiles that can threaten everywhere in the world."

A week ago, the Trump administration declared North Korea a state sponsor of terrorism, further straining ties between governments that are still technically at war. Washington also imposed new sanctions on North Korean shipping firms and Chinese trading companies dealing with the North.

North Korea called the terror designation a "serious provocation" that justifies its development of nuclear weapons.

Kim Dong-yub, a former South Korean military official who is now an analyst at Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies, said the early flight data suggests the North Korean missile was likely a Hwasong-14, which the North fired twice in July. The North is likely trying to further evaluate the weapon's performance, including the warhead's ability to survive atmospheric re-entry and strike the intended target, before it attempts a test that shows the full range of the missile.

South Koreans are famously nonchalant about North Korea's military moves, but there is worry about what the North's weapons tests might mean for next year's Winter Olympics in the South. President Moon told his officials to closely review whether the launch could in anyway hurt South Korea's efforts to successfully host the games in Pyeongchang, which begin Feb. 9.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who spoke with Trump, said Japan will not back down against any provocation and would maximize pressure on the North in its strong alliance with the U.S.

Trump has ramped up economic and diplomatic pressure on the North to prevent its nuclear and missile development. So far, the pressure has failed to get North Korea's government, which views a nuclear arsenal as key to its survival, to return to long-stalled international negotiations on its nuclear program.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said in a statement that North Korea was "indiscriminately threatening its neighbors, the region and global stability." He urged the international community to not only implement existing U.N. sanctions on North Korea but also to consider additional measures for interdicting maritime traffic transporting goods to and from the country.

"Diplomatic options remain viable and open, for now," Tillerson said, adding the U.S. remains committed to "finding a peaceful path to denuclearization and to ending belligerent actions by North Korea."

Ivanka Trump's India visit raises questions about brand

By Muneeza Naqvi,
Associated Press

HYDERABAD, India — Ivanka Trump described the hurdles faced by women during a speech Tuesday at a business conference in India, which is treating her trip like a royal visit.

But her solo outing also highlighted questions about whether her message of empowering poor women matches her actions.

Trump's speech at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit in the southern city of Hyderabad was broadcast live throughout India by major news channels. A buildup worthy of a Bollywood musical included cultural references that ranged from independence leader Mahatma Gandhi to the movie "Slumdog Millionaire."

The city had cleared away beggars and filled potholes ahead of the visit by Trump, the daughter of President Donald Trump and a senior presidential adviser.

"As a former entrepreneur, employer, and executive in a male-dominated industry, I've seen firsthand that all too often women must do more than their male counterparts to prove themselves at work, while also disproportionately caring for their families at home," Trump said in her speech.

But the conference's focus on female entrepreneurs raises questions about some of the commercial decisions made by Trump and her namesake brand.

Critics have faulted her for failing to use her leadership role to call out labor and human rights abuses, particularly in China, where the bulk of her U.S. merchandise ships from. And they point out that she has failed to take a public stand on alleged abuses in her brand's own supply chain.

Trump stepped back from day-to-day management of her brand before taking on an official role as White House adviser, but still retains an ownership interest.

"After my father's election, I saw an opportunity to leave my businesses for the privilege of serving our country, and empowering all Americans to succeed," she said in the speech.

Abigail Klem, president of the Ivanka Trump brand, has called supply chain integrity "a top priority," but the brand has not joined the growing number of companies that publicly identify their manufacturers.

A September investigation by The Associated Press showed that Trump's supply chain has become more opaque than ever since she took on her White House role, making it impossible to know whom her company is doing business with around the world. The brand has said supply chains are the responsibility of its licensees.

Earlier this month, 23 rights groups signed a letter urging Trump, her brand and two licensees to publish the names and addresses of suppliers.

They also urged Trump and her brand to publicly demand that the Chinese government not prosecute three activists detained this past summer while investigating the brand's supply chain, and allow independent monitoring of factories.

Trump was joined at Tuesday's conference by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"What you are achieving here is truly extraordinary," Trump said. "From your childhood selling tea to your election as India's prime minister, you've proven that transformational change is possible."

Modi was scheduled to host Trump for dinner at the luxurious Falaknuma Palace Hotel.

"This event showcases the close ties between the United States of America and India," Modi said. "It underlines our shared commitment to entrepreneurship and innovation."

Trump did not spend a lot of time during her speech discussing U.S. politics, although she did say the administration was "laser focused on passing long overdue tax cuts."

The cleanup of Hyderabad, a southern technology hub, began a month ahead of the conference, when the city began rounding up several hundred homeless people and beggars.

Officials said the drive against begging was launched because two international events were taking place in the city — the entrepreneurship summit and the World Telugu Conference in December. Begging is a criminal offense in India and can be punished by as much as 10 years in prison, although the law is rarely enforced.

Beggars tend to crowd around cars at traffic signals, knocking on windows and asking for food and money. They include children as young as 5, who weave through dangerous traffic and often perform small acrobatic acts.

"It's cool that she's coming," said Amani Bhugati, a medical student, before the speech. "She's glamorous, beautiful and powerful. It's like a combination of Hollywood and politics."

Others marveled at the improvements made around Hyderabad. "All new," said Gopal, a taxi driver who gave only his first name.

But he also pointed to the potholes that remain on many smaller streets. "She's not coming here, so they didn't fix it," he said.

More than 1,200 people were attending the three-day conference, although not everyone was thrilled about Trump's presence.

"It's now being called Ivanka Trump's summit. It totally overshadows all our work," said Sangeeta Agarawal, the chief executive of U.S. startup Helpsy Health. "We feel that's it become more about her."

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Hospitalists serve as primary care doctors during hospital stay

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Midland Health

A hospitalist is a board-certified internal or family medicine physician or an advanced practitioner, whose primary responsibility is to take care of patients exclusively in the hospital setting. They assume the role of primary care doctor while the patient is in the hospital. These doctors watch closely 24/7 and are committed to the best person-centered care possible.

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You will leave the hospital with prescriptions for any new medications or existing medications you may have run out of. These prescriptions will last you a short time until you can see your primary care doctor.

Dr. Kavitha Bagadi is medical director of Midland Memorial Hospital's hospitalist program.

RISKY BEHAVIOR STUDY

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Young Midlanders attend a pool party at the DoubleTree by Hilton on July 16, 2016. Exposure to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight or tanning beds was associated with 96 percent of skin cancers in men and 94 percent in women, according to a recent study.

Study: Unhealthy behaviors lead to nearly half of US cancer deaths

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new look at cancer in the U.S. finds that nearly half of cancer deaths are caused by smoking, poor diet and other unhealthy behaviors.

That's less than commonly cited estimates from more than 35 years ago, a result of new research methods and changes in American society. Smoking rates have plummeted, for example, while obesity rates have risen dramatically.

The study found that 45 percent of cancer deaths and 42 percent of diagnosed cancer cases could be attributed to what the authors call "modifiable" risk factors. These are risks that are not inherited, and mostly the result of behavior that can be changed, like exposure to sun, not eating enough fruits and vegetables, drinking alcohol and, most importantly, smoking.

A British study conducted in 1981 attributed more than two-thirds of cancer deaths to these factors.

The study used 2014 data and was conducted by the American Cancer Society. It was published online Nov. 21 in CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians.

"We thought it was time to redo those estimates," said Dr. Otis Brawley, the cancer society's chief medical officer and one of the study's authors.

Smoking was the leading risk by far,

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TED SHAW
President/CEO, Texas Hospital Association

Statistics show that people find affordable insurance

Healthcare.gov, the health insurance marketplace, saw record breaking enrollment numbers in its first few weeks of business. More than 600,000 people purchased health insurance in the first four days of the open enrollment period, far outpacing last year's rate.

Almost 900,000 more signed up in the second week, for a total of 1.5 million sign ups in the first two weeks alone.

These early enrollment statistics confirm that Americans are finding the affordable health insurance coverage they want.

In Texas, residents in most counties have at least one or two health plans available. And coverage is affordable. Last year, the majority of Texans paid less than $150 a month for health insurance through the marketplace.

However, while the data signal promising results, this year's shorter enrollment period could affect final enrollment numbers. The enrollment period, which ends Dec. 15, is seven weeks shorter than usual, leaving consumers with about half the time to purchase health insurance coverage for 2018.

For Texas, which has more uninsured residents than any other state, the stakes are high to maximize outreach and encourage eligible-but-uninsured Texans to purchase marketplace health insurance.

Every day, Texas hospitals see the clinical consequences for uninsured Texans. Foregone preventive care, chronic disease management, behavioral health services and prescription drugs mean far too many Texans have to rely on hospital emergency departments for care when conditions become too serious to ignore.

The financial consequences are serious as well. The costs to hospitals of providing care to the uninsured exceed $8.7 billion a year. These are costs that prevent hospitals from hiring staff, enhancing

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Factors other than age contribute to sleep problems

By Barbara Sadick
Special To The Washington Post

Many older adults have sleep problems that can be caused by aging. But other issues also contribute to the prevalence of sleep complaints, and they should be discussed and investigated, experts say.

A national poll conducted by the University of Michigan and released in October found almost half of those 65 and older have trouble getting to sleep, and more than a third are taking prescription or over-the-counter sleep aids.

Older adults also have problems staying asleep, said Adam Spira, a sleep researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "Good sleep protects against negative outcomes, and those who sleep poorly are at higher risk of functional decline and depression," he added.

The American College of Physicians (ACP) defines chronic insomnia as the presence of symptoms of distress and impairment that last for at least three nights a week for at least three months and are not linked to medical or mental problems or other sleep disorders, such as obstructive sleep apnea and restless legs syndrome.

The National Sleep Foundation says older adults need about the same amount of sleep as other adults — seven to eight hours a night.

Changes in sleep occur throughout a person's life, Spira said. In later years, there are decreases in total sleep time, increases in sleep fragmentation and decreases in deep sleep, he said.

Many people experience a circadian rhythm shift as they age, such that they

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I love dark chocolate! My husband and I are trying to consume less sugar so we have rid our pantry of cookies, and the freezer now houses sherbet instead of ice cream. Cases of soda do not reside in our fridge any more, either. Our sugar intake is now satisfied by the amazing little bites of "Dove Dark Chocolates."

If you partake of this creamy sensation, you know that when the red wrapper is peeled back, you will find a saying printed on the shiny silver foil. I would like to share with you some of "Dove's" profound words of wisdom and how they relate to the hustle and bustle lives that many of us lead.

"Rock A Bad Hair Day"

Wow! Living in windy West Texas, this is usually a given for anyone not wearing a hat. Is it about the hair or about not taking yourself so seriously? Is everyone really looking at you or judging your appearance like you think they are? Is one's self-concept tied to how much make-up is applied each morning, the latest style of clothing worn or the amount of hairspray it takes to keep all the hairs in place?

Maybe we all need to step back and have a really big belly laugh at ourselves and lighten up a lot. Enjoy the wind and use less hairspray. Take off your hat.

"Ignore the Clock"

Hmmm! This advice doesn't come with qualifiers, so you will need to proceed with caution. When would ignoring the clock be a great time to spend more time with a spouse or friend? Do your kiddos get to tell you about their day or see you sitting in the stands at their athletic event or choir concert? Is clock watching interfering with you spending a little time for yourself? Is the sun setting without you being in the audience? Priorities versus priorities!

"Revive the Art of Conversation"

Yes! I am going to add my own side note and say this means in person. Conversing does not mean texting. My family and I were eating out the other evening and all the people at the table next to ours were on their electronic devices. Sharing in conversation lends to families becoming closer. Couples are spending more time viewing screens than engaging in verbal closeness. Are you reviving or replacing conversation?

"Give Someone a Compliment"

Awesome! Bestowing niceness toward others is such an easy way to lift their spirits. How have you felt or acted when a compliment was directed your way? Did you stand up a little taller or did a smile appear on your face? And I sure hope the comment was acknowledged positively with a simple thank you. Try adding this suggestion to your daily routine. You never know — your compliment could be the only one somebody might receive all day.

I would like to encourage you to adjust your routine or comfort zone by embracing an opportunity to do something for someone or yourself by experiencing a "Dove Dark Chocolate Day."

A NATIONAL POLL CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND RELEASED IN OCTOBER FOUND THAT ALMOST HALF OF THOSE 65 AND OLDER HAVE TROUBLE GETTING TO SLEEP, AND MORE THAN A THIRD ARE TAKING PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER SLEEP AIDS.

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awaken earlier in the morning and do not feel they are able to get enough sleep, said David N. Neubauer, a clinical faculty member in the Johns Hopkins Sleep Disorders Center.

Later in life, there also tend to be other factors that undermine good sleep quality, Neubauer said.

Older adults may have suffered personal losses or have worries about the future, he said.

As a group, older adults also have more health problems, which, along with the medications they take, can be major drivers of sleep problems, Spira said.

However, both older adults who are healthy and those with chronic medical conditions should use caution in taking over-the-counter and prescription sleeping aids, experts said.

Studies show that older people who take sleeping pills, also called sedative-hypnotics and tranquilizers, sleep only a little longer and a little better than those who don't take them, according to Choosing Wisely, an initiative of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

The ACP also says that over-the-counter drugs — diphenhydramine (Benadryl Allergy, Nytol, Sominex and generic), doxylamine (Unisom tablets and generic), Advil PM and Tylenol PM - carry risks for older adults. Next-day side effects include drowsiness, confusion, constipation, dry mouth and difficulty urinating.

Seniors are likely to be more sensitive than others to sedative-hypnotic drugs, which may remain in their bodies longer than in younger people's systems. These drugs are also known to cause confusion and memory problems that can increase the risk for auto accidents, falls and hip fractures.

The ACP recommends medications, when used, be taken for only a short time (four to five weeks). The Food and Drug Administration advises that if insomnia doesn't go away within seven to 10 days of treatment with drugs, a patient should see a doctor for reevaluation.

Neubauer said prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs should be used only after any possible underlying problems are assessed. Evaluations should include exploring behavior or schedule changes that might be conducive to sleep and making sure that a patient's use of sleep aids wouldn't pose serious risks for health problems or negative interactions with other medications. Over-the-counter sleep medications, Neubauer said, are metabolized more slowly and tend to stay in an individual's system longer than prescription drugs.

Dietary supplements that are used as sleep aids and contain plant products, vitamins and minerals - for instance, valerian - appear to be generally safe, although there is little evidence that they work, Neubauer said. Another common compound used in dietary supplements, melatonin — a naturally occurring hormone that is typically released in the evening and remains elevated until morning — does little to help people fall asleep quicker when taken at bedtime and is more likely to help people when taken a few hours before, studies suggest, Neubauer said.

Behavioral changes can also be effective in tackling sleep issues. In 2016, the ACP recommended for the first time that cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia (CBT-I) be the first-line treatment for adults with chronic insomnia. The ACP's president stated that although there is not enough evidence to directly compare CBT-I and drug treatment, CBT-I is likely to be less harmful, while sleep medications can be associated with serious adverse effects.

CBT-I is a combination of treatments including cognitive therapy, behavioral interventions such as sleep restriction and stimulus control, and helping develop habits conducive to a good night's sleep.

Luis Buenaver, director of the Sleep Medicine Program at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, recommended that a bed be used only for sleep. It is not for watching television or hanging out, he said. People should not go to sleep if they are not tired, and people should try to wake up every day at the same time to train their circadian clock, Buenaver said.

The morning wake-up time is a critical period when the circadian system is sensitive to being reset, Neubauer said. "Getting up at about the same time each morning stabilizes our internal rhythm and makes it more likely that we will be able to fall asleep eight hours earlier" than that time, he said.

Because sleep difficulties can result from a multitude of problems, including physical and mental disorders, Neubauer said it's always good to check with a health professional when sleep problems persist.

"We need to emphasize that doctors and patients should begin to think of sleep as a major indicator of health, and doctors should recommend treatment and sleep clinics to patients who are having problems," said Michael Smith, a professor of psychology and behavioral science at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Cancer

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accounting for 29 percent of deaths. Excess body weight was next at 6.5 percent, and alcohol consumption was third at 4 percent.

The authors ran separate calculations for different types of cancer by age group and gender to try to account for how risk factors affect different groups of people, then added them together to understand the national picture.

Among the findings:

■ Smoking accounted for 82 percent of lung cancers.

■ Excess body weight was associated with 60 percent of uterine cancers and about one-third of liver cancers.

■ Alcohol intake was associated with 25 percent of liver cancers in men and 12 percent in women; 17 percent of colorectal cancers in men and 8 percent in women; and 16 percent of breast cancers in women.

■ Exposure to ultraviolet radiation from sunlight or tanning beds was associated with 96 percent of skin cancers in men and 94 percent in women.

Richard Clapp, a professor emeritus of environmental health at Boston University expects the new numbers to be will widely cited and used to make decisions about how to spend money on cancer prevention, just as the influential British study from 1981 by researchers Richard Doll and Richard Peto has been.

Clapp said there is still room for improvement, however. He said the study doesn't address how two or more risk factors, like smoking and drinking, might work together in some cancer cases and deaths.

Also, aside from secondhand cigarette smoke, the researchers did not to include outdoor or indoor air pollution because the data on the cancer risk from pollution is not detailed enough to understand the national impact, said the

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service delivery, purchasing new equipment and investing in the health care infrastructure that is vital for meeting the needs of the fastest-growing state in the nation. Some of these costs also get passed on to those with private health insurance in the form of higher premiums and to property owners in the form of higher tax bills.

Texas hospitals understand the importance of getting as many patients as possible enrolled in health insurance coverage and have been working to maximize enrollment in every open enrollment period. This year is no different.

Choosing to get health insurance coverage helps everyone. It's the right thing to do, and Texas hospitals stand ready to help those in need.

More information is available at www.tha.org/insuretx.

Obituaries

Mae Frances Thompson

Mae Frances Thompson, 96, passed away on June 24, 2017 in Austin, Texas.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017, in the Chapel at First Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m.

Mae was born on June 27, 1920 in Abilene, Texas. She attended North Texas State University. After marrying her husband, Donald Thompson, the two enjoyed travelling. They moved to Midland in the mid-1950s and remained there until Donald's passing in 2014. Mae then moved to Austin, Texas.

Mae is survived by her daughter, Deborah Thompson, and her granddaughter, Sarah Steele.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Guide Dogs for the Blind at www.guidedogs.com.

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

Death Notices

David Cleveland Askew

David Cleveland Askew, 77, of Merkel, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2017.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton, Texas.

All floral offerings should be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

David Stewart McColpin

David Stewart McColpin, 83, of Odessa, passed away November 22, 2017.

He is survived by his wife, Carole A. McColpin; and sons, Bryan Smith, Scott Smith, Kyle Smith, and Eric Smith.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 2, 2017, 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home; inurnment to follow at American Heritage Cemetery.

Lori Gail McKinney

Lori Gail McKinney, 58, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

A graveside service will be held on November 29, 2017 at Serenity Memorial Gardens at 3:00 p.m.

She is survived by her son, Keith McKinney; daughter, Crystal McKinney; and by four brothers and one sister.

Peggy M. Cardwell

Peggy M. Cardwell, 87, died Friday, November 24, 2017.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Reed, and son, Lynn Cardwell.

The service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Crosstown Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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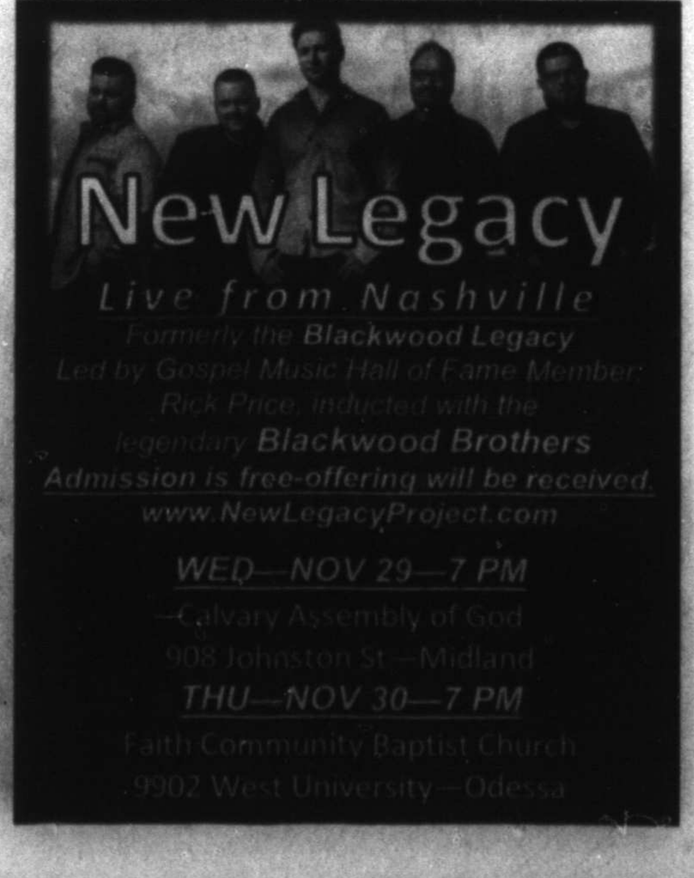

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Club sets walking event in San Angelo

The Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club's next walk is Dec. 2 in San Angelo. The event is a Volkssport-sanctioned 10K walk. Participants will meet 7 a.m. at the parking lot by JumBurrito near Midland Park Mall and carpool to San Angelo.

After the walk, the group will have lunch and visit Fort Concho. For more information, call Alex Rose at 687-2588.

YMCA plans community garden

The Midland YMCA is planning a 32-plot community garden. It is expected to be ready for spring 2018 harvest, according to the project's Facebook page: facebook.com/midlandymcacommunitygarden.

Lifestyle Medicine Center offers classes

Lifestyle Medicine Center at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus is now offering weekly classes on topics such as nutrition, chronic disease, food addiction and stress management.

The next class is 6 p.m. Thursday. The topic is the basics of whole-food plant-based versus vegan. Plant-Based Grocery Store Tour also is planned at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at H-E-B on Loop 250.

Another class on plant based foods — how to stay committed to the diet during the holidays — is planned for 6 p.m. Dec. 14.

Classes and the tour are $5; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events. For more information, call 221-5433.

Midland Health events

■ Find a Job Friday, 9 a.m. Friday, Midland Memorial Hospital, 221-4305.

■ Basic Childbirth Class, 9 a.m. Saturday, Midland Memorial Hospital, Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; $40 a couple; Birthplace Tour is included; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Birthplace Tour, 5p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital, Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, visit 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@wtc-mhmr.org.

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100. 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

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

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Help line for long-term or disabled care

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

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

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Dr. David Song examines Susan Wolfe-Tank during a post-surgery checkup Sept. 21 at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, as her daughter, Molly Overberg, watches. Song transferred lymph nodes from another part of Wolfe-Tank's body to her arm to ease swelling called lymphedema, a lasting side effect of her breast cancer treatment.

Replacing lymph nodes can ease painful legacy of cancer care

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Breast cancer treatment left Susan Wolfe-Tank with an arm too painfully swollen to lift anything heavy or even fit into her usual clothing — a debilitating condition that gets little attention and has no cure.

Desperate, the Wisconsin woman traveled hundreds of miles to seek a delicate operation — replacing under-arm lymph nodes lost in cancer surgery — as a small but growing number of hospitals offer microsurgical attempts at relief from lymphedema that help some patients but not all.

"Right in this area, feel that — that is your lymph node," Dr. David Song of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington told Wolfe-Tank during a recent check-up.

Song, Georgetown's plastic surgery chief, had removed healthy lymph nodes from Wolfe-Tank's back and side and implanted them in the affected arm. As the new nodes took root, her arm was shrinking. A delighted Song's only caution: "Take care of them," by wearing a compression sleeve as prescribed.

"This isn't a cure. I will still have to be careful," said Wolfe-Tank, 51, of Hurley, Wisconsin. But, "I will be able to cross-country ski again, just live a normal life. Look at my arm, it's incredible."

Lymphedema is a chronic swelling, often in an arm or leg, that in severe cases can be disfiguring, impair mobility, cause disabling pain, harden the skin and lead to infection.

Lymph nodes work like biological pumps in a network that's part of the immune system. They drain watery fluid called lymph that, traveling through tiny channels, brings nutrients to cells and takes away bacteria and waste material. Lose or damage enough lymph nodes or channels in a particular area and that fluid builds up.

There's no good count, but millions of Americans are estimated to have some degree of lymphedema, and while it can be hereditary or result from injury, many U.S. cases are a lasting side effect of treatment for a variety of cancers.

Consider breast cancer. While better surgical techniques in recent decades have lowered the risk, experts estimate that still about 6 percent of breast cancer survivors who undergo a "sentinel node biopsy" — removing a few nodes to check for spreading cancer — will develop lymphedema. That risk jumps to about 20 percent for women like Wolfe-Tank who need additional lymph nodes removed because of more advanced cancer. Radiation causes further harm.

Yet, too often, women aren't warned about symptoms or checked for early signs, when lymphedema is more easily treated, said Dr. Sheldon Feldman of New York's Montefiore Einstein Center for Cancer Care. He co-authored physician guidelines issued this fall by the American Society of Breast Surgeons on prevention and treatment of breast cancer-related lymphedema.

Typical patients have "had that swelling for a while," Feldman said. "Now the treatment is an uphill battle."

The main treatment consists of wearing compression bandages and massage to bring down swelling. A lymphedema specialist initially prescribed a large pump that massaged Wolfe-Tank's arm for an hour a night, temporarily relieving some of the pain.

"But if I used my arm, I was back to square one," Wolfe-Tank said. "I didn't fit into my coat anymore. I live in the snow capital of Wisconsin. I'm not supposed to shovel. We've got to fix this."

Wolfe-Tank had struggled for four years when an oncologist recommended lymph node transfer. The rationale: There are more lymph nodes in the body's trunk than in the limbs — more avenues to drain off fluid — and thus it should be safe to move a few. Hunting for a surgeon, Wolfe-Tank found Song, who transferred about five nodes along with supportive blood vessels and other tissue, hoping they'd grow new channels to drain fluid.

It's not the only option. A technique called lymphovenous bypass reroutes lymph-carrying channels, going around damaged or missing nodes to drain into veins instead.

Some surgeons use a variation of that technique protectively, in hopes of preventing lymphedema from forming in the first place. During the initial cancer surgery, they check which lymph-carrying channels the node removal left dangling — and connect them to blood vessels to drain.

"Surgical options offer great potential," note the breast surgeons' new guidelines. But they don't work for everyone.

About a third of lymph node transfer patients see some positive effect, Song said.

And Feldman noted that over about the past decade, the microsurgeries have been studied only in small research trials, and results vary with surgeon experience. One debate is whether to offer lymph node transfer early, before patients build up as much damage as Wolfe-Tank did. Insurance coverage also varies.

Feldman's bottom line: Patients considering microsurgery should be evaluated in a comprehensive lymphedema program to determine their best options.

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A sharing tray during lunch at the Aloma Elementary School cafeteria on Nov. 7. The district encourages kids to put items from the school lunch they know they will not eat on a "share table" so others can have them, if they want. Items kids don't take are packed up and donated to needy families at the school or to local food pantries.

Elementary school 'share tables' keep unwanted lunch food out of trash

By Leslie Postal
Orlando Sentinel

WINTER PARK, Fla. — As 9-year-old Sabrina Agosto left her school's lunch line, she dropped her carton of milk on the cafeteria's "share and donation" table and then snagged an extra yogurt.

"I don't like milk," explained the fourth-grader at Aloma Elementary School in Orange County. "I really like them," she said of her twin containers of strawberry yogurt.

Lunchtime at Aloma means a steady stream of youngsters putting items they don't want on the table and picking up extras of things they do like. On a recent afternoon, containers of milk and yogurt, wrapped cheese sticks, and packages of crackers, orange slices and coleslaw all came to and then left the table.

Whatever isn't picked up by students is donated to a nearby church that gives the food to the homeless.

The 2-year-old effort aims to eliminate food waste and to provide extra nutrition both to hungrier kids in the cafeteria and to needy residents in the community.

Aloma is one of about 20 public elementary schools in Orange County that have started a so-called share table. Some, like Aloma, donate their excess to charities and others send the food — which cannot, by law, be reused in the lunch program — home with students whose families struggle to make ends meet.

Most of Osceola County's public elementary schools, and a few in Lake and Seminole counties, run share tables, too, though they don't all send leftovers to charities.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the federal lunch program, in a June 2016 memo endorsed "share tables" as an "innovative strategy" that food service directors should consider.

"Without this program, that would literally go in the dumpsters," said Pastor Stan Reinemund of Redeemer Lutheran Church, about a mile from Aloma's campus and the beneficiary of the school's leftover food.

Once a week, he picks up Aloma's donations. His church puts some items in its food pantry and uses others for breakfast served free to about 100 homeless people every Sunday.

"It really helps us out," Reinemund said.

Under the federal school lunch program, students must take a certain number of items as they go through the cafeteria line, including a fruit or vegetable. But students don't always want everything they've had to take, said Lora Gilbert, senior director for food services at the Orange school district.

The schools must also serve the same-size meals to kindergartners, for whom the lunch may be too much, and to much-larger fifth-graders, for whom it might not be quite enough, she said.

The share table seeks to solve those problems without filling trash cans.

Riley Wiggins, 9, dropped his orange slices on Aloma's table "because I don't like oranges." But the fourth-grader said that when carrots are on the menu, he sometimes grabs a second serving.

Another Aloma student grabbed extra packages of oranges and coleslaw and a second cheese stick off the table, sat down and ate it all. Maybe, Gilbert said, he doesn't get much at home, but at least at lunch he could eat plenty of nutritious food.

"We don't want to see any child hungry," she said.

The federal school lunch program provides free and reduced-price meals to youngsters in low-income families and allows others to purchase them. Lunch in an Orange elementary school costs $1.90. Under federal rules, schools with lots of youngsters from poor families also can opt to serve free meals to everyone, and that's what Aloma and many other Orange schools do.

Parent Shannon Miller, who volunteers in Aloma's cafeteria about once a week, said her fourth-grade daughter often picks up an additional milk from the share table. She likes that the program means good food is "not just going in the trash."

Because of state health-code requirements, the share tables cannot accept hot food or food that isn't in sealed containers, Gilbert said.

But Aloma gets most of its food from one of the district's central kitchens, so even fresh fruit usually arrives sliced and individually packaged. Those items can go on the table along with anything else that is sealed in its own container.

Staff keeps cold items fresh with ice pack-lined trays and a small refrigerator donated by the Winter Park Health Foundation.

Martha Albright, Aloma's cafeteria manager, said the share table has cut down on waste and mess in the lunch room because students don't play with and then throw out food they don't want to eat.

"The custodians love it," she said.

"The share and donation table is just terrific to serve our other students or to go back into the community," said school board member Linda Kobert.

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Pulling your hair or picking at skin can be signs of serious disorders

By Marlene Cimons
Special To The Washington Post

Lucy Harper, 17, a high school junior who lives in College Station, has been picking at her skin for as long as she can remember. When she was in seventh grade, she also started pulling out her hair.

"For a while, my skin picking was under the radar, but it was because I was pulling my hair," she says. "If I wanted my skin to clear up, I'd stop picking and start pulling. If I wanted my hair to grow back, I'd stop pulling and start picking."

She lost so much hair that her middle school classmates asked whether she was going bald. "I tried everything to stop picking and pulling," she says. "I bought tons of fidget toys. I tried constraining my arm with a wrist brace. I got permission to wear gloves and a hat to school, and I even once went to piano lessons with Band-Aids on every one of my fingertips."

Harper suffers from trichotillomania (hair pulling) and excoriation (skin picking, also known as dermatillomania), two of several disorders collectively known as body-focused repetitive behaviors, or BFRBs. The umbrella term includes a number of repetitive "self-grooming" habits that can cause damage or injury through pulling, picking or scraping, or biting the hair, skin and nails.

Many people engage to some extent in nail biting or skin picking. But when these behaviors become extreme and out of control, they are regarded as serious disorders.

"There is significant psychosocial damage," says Douglas Woods, a professor of psychology at Marquette University who studies these conditions. Among those who can't contain the urge to pick, pull or bite, "depression is relatively common. People become very self-conscious, and self-esteem suffers. They start to avoid social situations in which people could notice the effects of their behavior, and often spend tremendous amounts of time trying to cover the effects."

Historically, BFRBs had been considered impulse-control disorders, along with kleptomania and gambling addiction. However, in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, BFRBs are categorized as obsessive-compulsive disorders, or OCDs. "The truth is, they probably belong in an in-between category," Woods says.

Although now regarded on the same spectrum, the two actually are quite different. Classic OCD occurs when someone experiences uncontrollable, recurring thoughts — such as a disproportionate fear of germs — and behavior she or he feels compelled to repeat over and over, such as excessive hand-washing.

Impulse-control disorders, on the other hand, typically involve an inability to resist a potentially harmful or self-destructive urge.

An estimated 2 percent to 5 percent of Americans suffer from trichotillomania, or hair pulling (which includes eyelash pulling) and 5 percent from skin picking, the two most-common BFRBs, according to the TLC Foundation for Body-Focused Repetitive Behaviors. Other BFRBs include hair or skin eating, lip and cheek biting, tongue chewing and compulsive hair-cutting, according to the foundation, a nonprofit based in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Before age 12, hair pulling occurs equally in boys and girls, but later it predominantly occurs in girls, according to psychologist Suzanne Mouton-Odum, a clinical assistant professor at the Baylor College of Medicine. "Why is this? We are not certain, but I suspect that many more females begin to pull around the age of puberty," she says. "Likely there is a hormonal component that affects more females than males. Other hypotheses are that males are more able to cover hair loss, or maybe do not seek treatment as they can hide the results of their pulling."

Researchers believe that these disorders probably have a genetic component, because they tend to run in families. Scientists are studying the genes of affected people, trying to identify markers that can provide clues to their origins. Several studies have shown a familial connection; one, for example, found higher rates of OCD in immediate family members of those with extreme cases of hair pulling than in the general population.

Also, evidence from a twins study suggested a higher occurrence of hair pulling in identical compared with fraternal twins. Research also has shown differences in the brains of people with these disorders compared with the brains of those who don't have them.

"Each person seems to pull or pick for different reasons, or in different situations," Mouton-Odum says. "Some do it in response to emotion - anger, anxiety, happiness - while others in response to needing to feel a certain sensory sensation, while others pull or pick in response to certain environmental triggers, such as activities, places, mirrors."

Woods agrees. "The behaviors seem to be both a problem of a habit gone awry and a way of coping with emotional distress," he says.

Medication such as clomipramine, an antidepressant used to treat OCD, can help, but experts say the most effective therapy is behavioral. There are two frequently used approaches.

The first is habit-reversal training, which teaches patients to be more aware of their pulling and picking, and its cues, and trains them to use a "competing response" when the urge hits, such as clenching the fist with the hair-pulling hand and pressing it to the side of the body.

The second is comprehensive behavioral treatment, or ComB, which "looks at each person as an individual and evaluates (his or her) individual pulling/picking profile," Mouton-Odum says. ComB allows clinicians to design a treatment plan specifically for that person. "Strategies are offered based upon their unique pulling/picking triggers," she adds. "It is not a one-size-fits-all approach. It is quite tailored."

Because people often are unaware of when they pull or pick, some have found that using an app-equipped bracelet called Keen helps control the habit. The bracelets are programmed to detect when the behaviors begin, then send a gentle vibration to alert the individual to stop. The bracelet has not been studied in clinical trials, but anecdotal reports suggest it can be a valuable tool. Its price starts at $129.

Lesley Stevens, 37, an online content creator who lives near Phoenix, is a hair puller, skin picker, nail biter and thumb sucker. She wears one bracelet on each wrist — because she picks and pulls with both hands — and says they have been very useful in keeping her habits under control. "They buzz my wrist and make me aware when I'm doing anything I have trained it for," she says.

For Harper, the Texas teenager, connecting with other BFRB people "who completely understand my struggles" has enabled her to cope, as has attending therapy workshops "that remind me that I am so much more than my BFRBs." She says she still struggles "a little" with skin-picking, "but it doesn't control my life anymore, and being open about it allows me to not be ashamed," she says.

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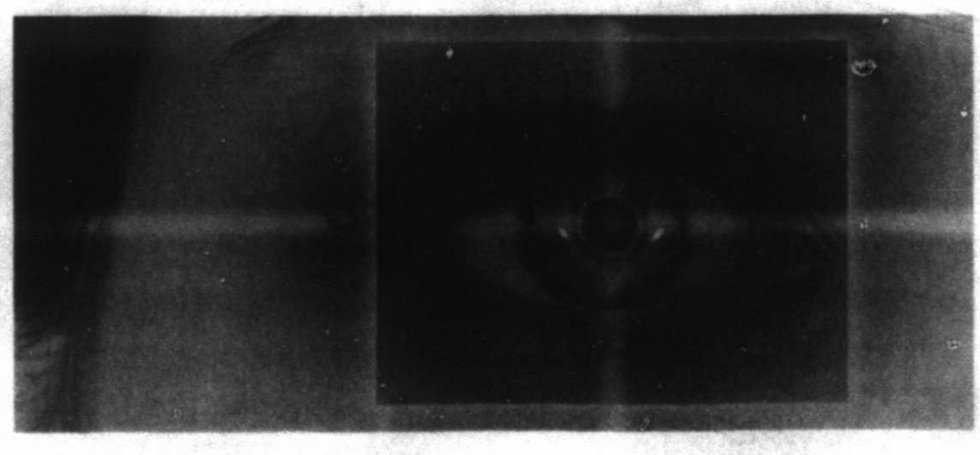

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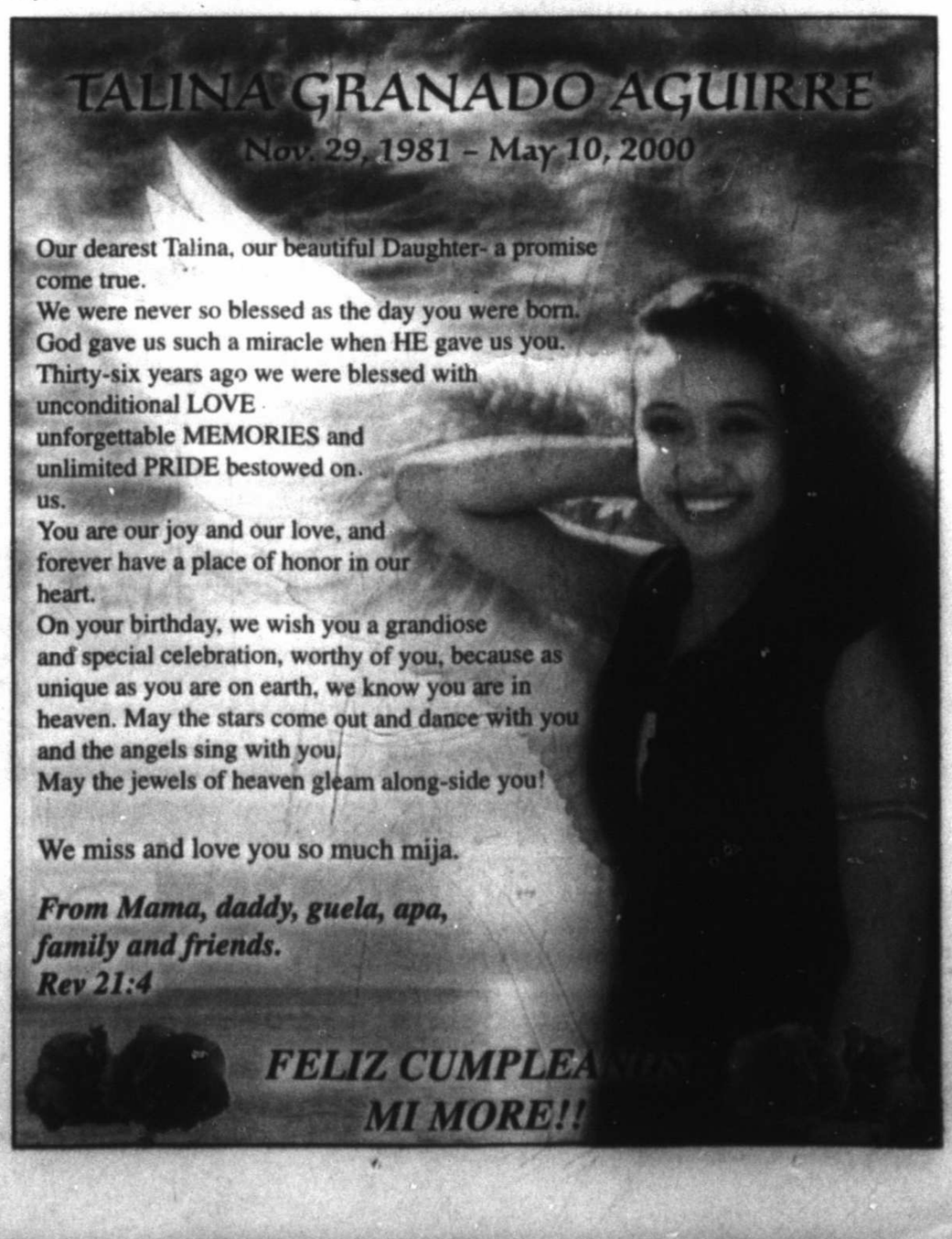

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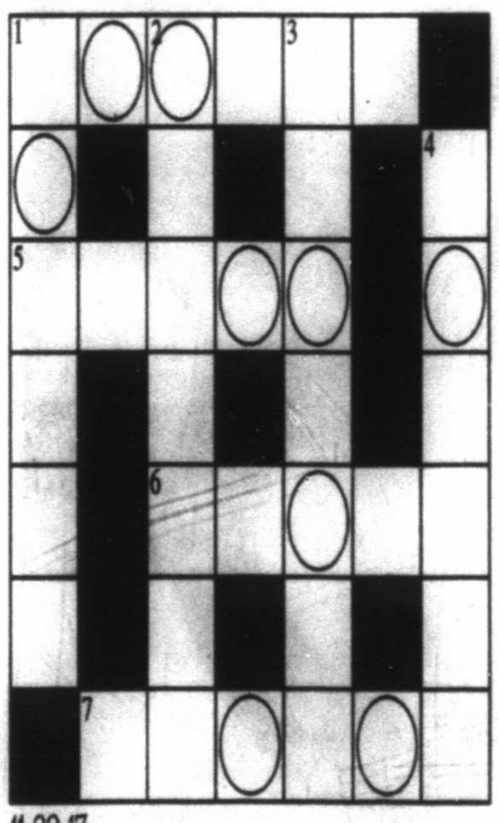
by David L. Hoyt



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ACROSS

1 Schooner features
6 Frosty coating
10 Shine
15 Advil competitor
16 __ of March
17 EVE's companion, in a 2008 Pixar film
18 *Is unsuitable
21 "__ ideas?"
22 "Back to the Future" vehicle
23 Wild place
24 Rays or Jays
26 RAM part
27 First light
28 Egyptian snake
30 Wide shoe spec
32 *Literary character with an evil alter ego
38 Anti-cruelty org.
39 "Hold up!"
40 Radiate
42 Twangy-voiced
43 Breakfast order
44 BFFs
46 Gets a glimpse of
48 Most innocent
49 Canonized Mlle.
50 *Threshold
55 Bus depot: Abbr.
56 Corrida opponent
58 Paddock sound
59 Hank's job on "Breaking Bad," briefly
60 Modern-day Persian
62 Tiny annoyance
63 Former One Direction singer Zayn __
64 Frequent presidential candidate Ralph
65 Fairy tale baddie
66 In reserve
67 Skim (over)
68 *See 42-Down
69 Knight's horse

DOWN

1 Angry with
2 Without assistance
3 "Later!"
4 Family room sets
5 Final email step
6 Search quickly through
7 Figure of speech
8 Way around D.C.
9 Perfume compound
10 No Doubt lead singer Stefani
11 Chocolate dog
12 "My Fair Lady" heroine
13 Let happen
14 Fruit that's still a fruit when two of its letters are switched
19 What sirens may do
20 Actress Salma
25 Chinese liquor brand
27 San Diego suburb
29 Climbed
31 The Eiffel Tower, aptly?
32 Western outlaw
33 Be indebted to
34 Cleaning cloth
35 Irish dance
36 "Close Encounters" beings
37 Hides one's true self
38 Idyllic
41 Take for a first drive
42 With 68-Across, each successive one of a set graphically depicted by this puzzle's circles
45 Arranged like the 68-Acrosses in the answers to starred clues are designed to be
47 Farm mom
48 Tissue layer
51 "What a nightmare!"
52 Fab Four drummer
53 [Don't touch my bone!]
54 Info a spy might gather
57 Dollar bills
59 Condé __
61 Recipient of much Apr. mail
63 More, in Madrid

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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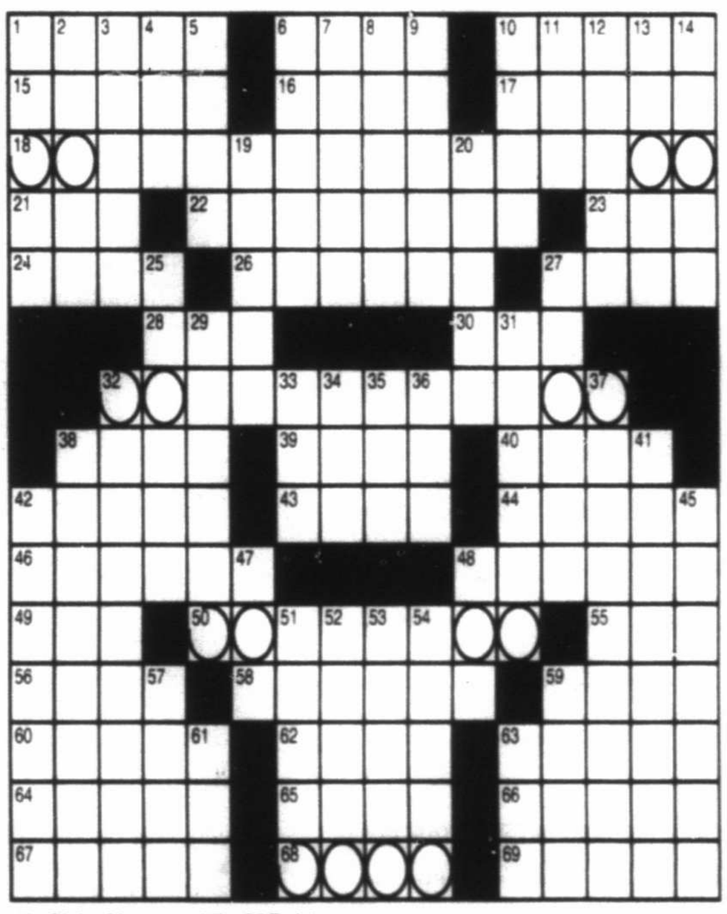

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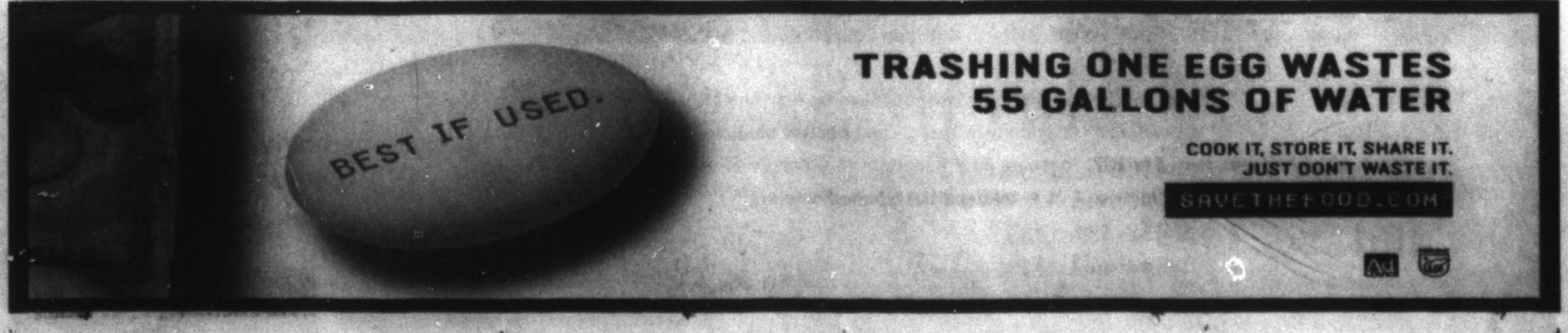

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Stem cell clinics in Texas attract patients, scrutiny

By Todd Ackerman
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Martha Barden hobbled around in so much pain — barely able to navigate stairs, always calculating distances she could walk — that her husband told her she needed knee replacement.

The Friendswood woman didn't disagree, but she wasn't keen on surgery, which hadn't done wonders for some of her friends and made her nervous at 65 years of age. She was more interested in the promise of stem cell therapy, touted for an ability to rejuvenate aging or injured joints.

"I noticed that lots of athletes had done stem cell treatment and figured if it's good enough for them, it's probably good enough for me," said Barden, who skied and played tennis in her younger years. "I could always have surgery later if it didn't work."

In April, Barden got an injection of stem cells at a Pearland clinic, one of more than 100 for-profit businesses in Texas providing the increasingly popular but unproven and expensive therapy. A recent report found the state is one of the nation's stem cell hotbeds, promoting the treatment as a possible cure for everything from multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's to diabetes and hypertension.

The numbers only figure to increase as a result of a 2017 Texas law that facilitates clinics purporting to use such cells as treatment for people with chronic illness — without the regulatory testing and approval normally required under federal law. A companion piece to the 2015 right-to-try law that seeks to make pharmaceutical drugs still in clinical trials accessible to cancer patients, the new law would allow patients with chronic conditions to give stem cell therapy a shot.

The new law, which went into effect in September, makes Texas the first U.S. state to sanction experimental stem cell therapy and the latest to provoke scientists, some of whom express fear such backing will lend legitimacy to adventurous treatments, prey upon the desperation of patients and give rise to hucksters.

It certainly will impose demands on patients to choose wisely among the maze of clinics, given that some patients report dramatic improvement, some report no benefit and a few report disastrous results. The latter include cases of patients going blind after receiving injections in the eye.

The law could also put some Texas clinics on a collision course with the federal government, which in November announced plans to crack down on some stem cell practices. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb acknowledged the field's promise but warned that the agency must "meet its obligation to ensure the safety and efficacy of medical products patients rely upon."

"Stem cells have been called everything from cure-alls to miracle treatments," the FDA said in a consumer health alert with the announcement. "Don't believe the hype."

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Patient Martha Barden of Friendswood waits in a treatment room to get a hyaluronic acid injection into her left knee Oct. 26 at Premier Physical Medicine, in Pearland. She previous underwent a stem cell treatment for her right knee at the clinic.

No one doubts the potential of stem cells, long used to treat blood cancers and more recently found to possess even greater versatility. Their ability to grow into different kinds of tissue and the possibility they can repair organ function has excited researchers in the Texas Medical Center and around the nation for 20 years now. They envision it as the linchpin of a new field, regenerative medicine.

But progress harnessing stem cells' potential has been slow. Most scientists deploying the cells in clinical trials say they are not yet ready for mainstream use.

Such warnings didn't deter then-Gov. Rick Perry from getting the therapy for his ailing back in 2011. A Houston orthopedic surgeon took stem cells from Perry's fatty tissue, had them treated and expanded in a for-profit Sugar Land laboratory and then reinfused them in Perry during back surgery. Though Perry claimed that he got great relief from the procedure, he later blamed his continuing back pain for the "oops" moment and other gaffes that sunk his once-promising 2012 presidential campaign.

As governor, Perry was one of stem cell therapy's great boosters. At a 2012 Houston gathering of researchers, industry leaders and patients, he compared stem cell treatment to previous innovations in space and heart care and said the field "holds the promise of miracles" desperately needed by people across the world. Urging stem cell companies to locate or relocate in Texas, he said the state's "wildcat spirit" and "conducive climate" could make their businesses blossom here.

Five years later, despite an increase in stem cell clinics, Texas legislators decided that access for patients with chronic illness wasn't happening fast enough. They learned of Americans leaving the country for stem cell treatment and concluded there was no good reason patients shouldn't be able to get the therapy in Texas.

The resulting bill set up a process for patients whose chronic ailments haven't responded to conventional treatment to get stem cell therapy in Texas hospitals and clinics.

It requires an institutional review board to be in place to monitor the therapy, but those details have yet to be worked out by the Texas Medical Board.

"I would rather have the state helping out with these therapies than wait for the FDA to make up their mind in 20 years," said Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, one of the bill's authors. "If stem cells can save lives or improve their quality, we need to get government out of the way so it can flourish."

Leigh Turner, a University of Minnesota bioethicist who testified against the Texas bill in the 2017 Legislature, argues that the notion Americans have to travel outside the country for the therapy is a fallacy. He co-authored a 2016 report that showed stem cell clinics are already sprouting up all over the United States.

In all, the report found 570 such clinics, a number that has continued to grow, said Turner. Only California and Florida are home to more than Texas, where Austin, San Antonio and Houston, in that order, boast the highest numbers.

Barden received her infusion of stem cells at Premier Medical Group, an upscale integrative clinic — it also incorporates acupuncture, chiropractic care, physical therapy and nutrition counseling — primarily for patients who want their muscle, nerve, joint or disc pain treated without drugs or surgery. The clinic was a focus of attention when Sean Salisbury, broadcaster and former NFL player, got stem cell therapy there.

For a single injection of stem cells taken from umbilical cord tissue and blood, Premier charges $5,000 for the knee, $8,500 for the neck or hip, and $10,000 for the lower back — no portion of which is reimbursed by any type of insurance. In most cases, just one injection is needed, but severe cases can require additional injections at the start or at a later time, according to Premier Medical Group.

Barden landed at Premier after attending an "educational seminar" she read about on Facebook.

The events, termed "infomercial seminars" by critics, have been promoted on network television station's local affiliates and in front-page wrap-around newspaper advertisements by a group called the Stem Cell Institute of America. The Houston Chronicle was among the papers to run the ad.

"We all want to be self-sufficient human beings, not reliant upon people pushing us around in a wheelchair," James Parsons, Premier's director, told a crowd of mostly senior citizens at one of the seminars advertised by the institute. "Stem cells can provide that sort of life-changing result — people who come in in wheelchairs and go to walkers to canes to nothing. It's phenomenal."

Parsons, a former college baseball player who's received stem cell treatment for a myriad of injuries, told the crowd that 75 percent to 90 percent of patients get complete pain relief and full function within six months of receiving an injection.

Seven months out, Barden's improvement hasn't been quite that impressive, but she said she's pleased with the results. She estimates she's probably 80 percent better, off painkillers and able to walk longer distances before feeling a twinge in her knee. She says it was money well spent.

Parsons downplays the relationship with Stem Cell Institute of America, controversial among some observers and bloggers because one of its leaders was convicted of health care billing fraud in 2007.

The 3-year-old organization provides business help to independent practitioners, mostly chiropractors, who have added stem cell therapy to their clinics, said owner Steve Peyroux. It provides no oversight or membership requirements.

"Stem cell therapy isn't an easy business for doctors," said Peyroux, whose company represents about 120 clinics around the country. "Stem cell vendors offer an array of products, most expensive. You have to train some people, hire others. It takes business acumen to pull off" opening a clinic.

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Flavell grows into prominent role with Lady Chaps

By Oscar LeRoy
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Mantangiroa "Pep" Flavell was not unlike most freshmen playing in their first year at the junior college level.

Last season the 5-foot-11 Midland College guard from, Rotorua, New Zealand, pretty much took the lead of the sophomores on the team and learned as much as she could, while getting used to a new environment.

It seemed she was taught well by the older players on last year's team because now the sophomore for the No. 21-ranked Lady Chaparrals is not only considered a leader but one of the team's most consistent players by head coach Ron Jones.

At 5:45 p.m. today, Flavell will help lead the Lady Chaps (5-5 overall) into Western Junior College Athletic Conference play when they host South Plains College (10-1) at Chaparral Center.

"There a lot of new challenges ahead and I'm excited to see what our team can really do under pressure and against really good teams as well," Flavell said. "There have been a lot of challenges, good and bad. All the tough ones have been things we can learn from and take into consideration for the next game. We've had some really good games too and we've seen some good things, like playing good defense and keeping teams down. On the offensive end, we just need to work on executing our plays."

Flavell — whose nickname is short for pepe, which means baby of the family in the Maori language — has been solid for MC so far this season as she is second on the team in scoring with an average of 9.8 points per game, to go with 4.2 rebounds and 2.2 assists per contest.

"She's been playing really well and it's been so easy to see the difference between being a freshman and sophomore in just the confidence and better understanding of what we want," Jones said. "I think as much as anything, she brings consistency on both ends of the floor and a calmness. She doesn't get too

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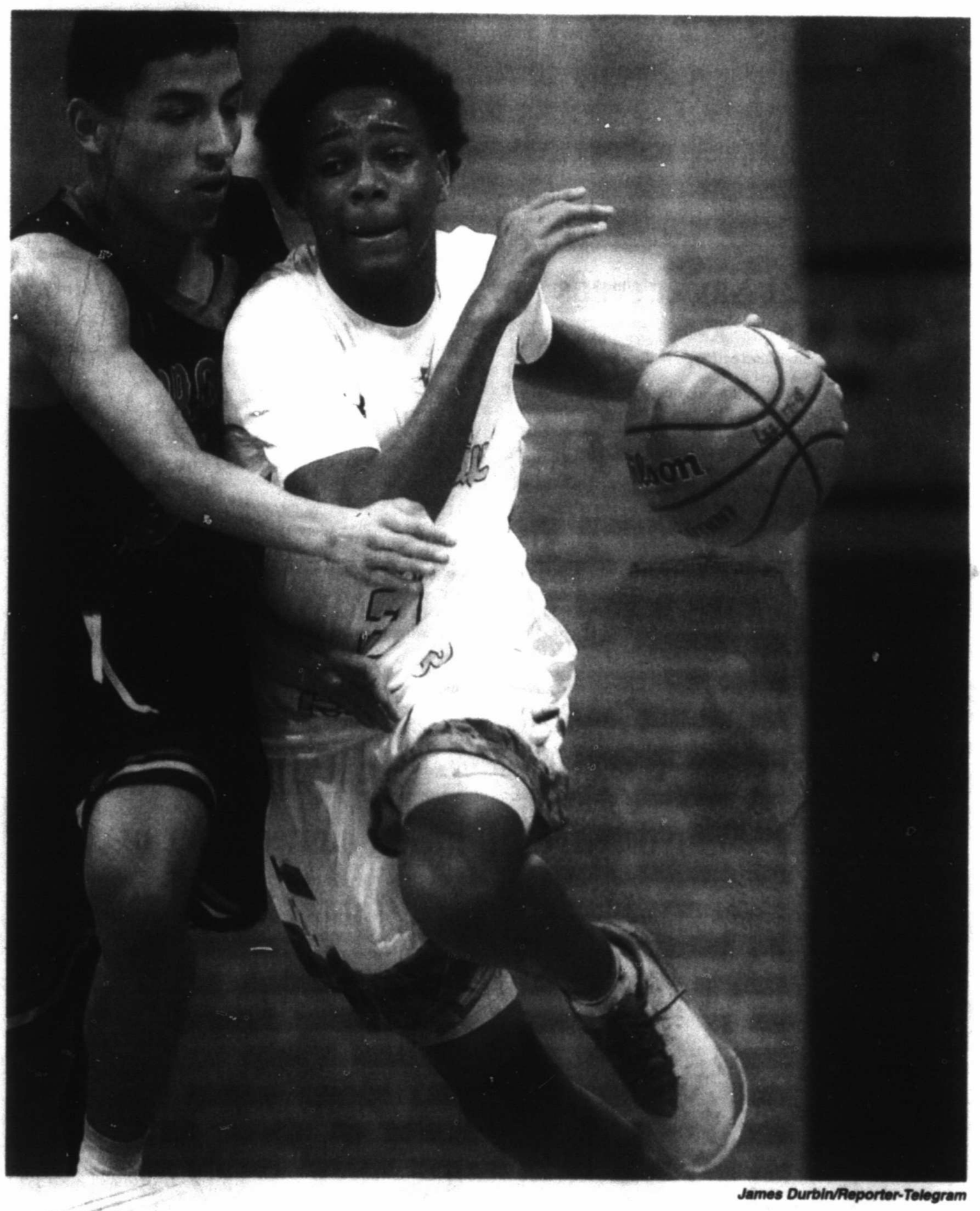
Midland College's Matangiroa Flavell (33) dribbles against Trinity Valley's Alaysia Ready (3) on Nov. 16 at Chaparral Center.

Moving down the court



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Lee's Zhuric Phelps dribbles against Lubbock Coronado's Mikael Garza Tuesday, at Lee High School.

Lubbock Coronado dominates glass to edge Lee

By Will Korn
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Looking to pick up its first win of the 2017-18 season, the Lee boys basketball team took its home floor with the right attitude and plenty of effort to spare.

Facing visiting Class 5A Lubbock Coronado, the Rebels fell behind early, battled back, stumbled again and clawed back a second time. But in the end, Lee was undone by poor shot selection in the waning minutes and a whopping 25 Coronado offensive rebounds in a frustrating 77-73 loss to the Mustangs, Tuesday at the Lee High School gym.

Lee (0-5) missed all eight of its 3-point attempts in the fourth quarter and also yielded six offensive rebounds – two following a pair of 1-and-1 free throw misses — which created precious extra possessions for Coronado (4-0) to seize the victory.

Coronado head coach Layne Sheets said the effort to generate second and even third possessions was the difference for his team, which fell behind by as many as six points late in the third after an inspired Lee run.

"We've really tried to emphasize that," Sheets said. "I feel like we gave up some defensive rebounds, but they did a great job of getting aggressive on the offensive boards. I'm proud of our kids for fighting for those offensive rebounds."

The Mustangs dominated the glass from the opening tip and used a 13-3 run to take a 20-12 lead after the first quarter. The Rebels had struggled to establish any sort of

Please see **LEE**/3C

Growing Chaps enter WJCAC play as underdogs

By Oscar LeRoy
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Amari Hale knows that his Midland College men's basketball team is not expected to be one of the contenders in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

In the preseason coaches' poll, the Chaparrals were picked to finish in a tie for seventh in the nine-team league.

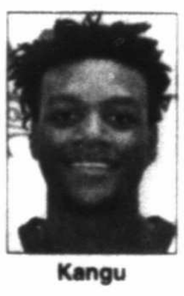
Instead of getting mad about it, Hale is embracing the underdog role.

Hale

"I like how they put us in the conference rankings at the bottom," said Hale, a 5-foot-10 freshman guard from Portland, Oregon. "That puts a chip on our shoulder, so that we have something to really play for. And I think we've gotten better since the beginning of the season and I think we'll be ready for South Plains."

The Chaps (3-6 overall) will see if they can play the early spoiler when they host No. 3 South Plains College (5-3) at 7:30 p.m. today in the WJCAC opener at Chaparral Center.

South Plains was picked to win the WJCAC this season for the past decade and the program has been one of the best in the country.



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This year's Midland College team is still a work in progress in head coach Pat Rafferty's return to the program.

MC is coming off a 0-2 showing at the New Mexico Junior College Classic and got a taste of what WJCAC play is going to be like with games against Howard College (a 68-57 loss) and host NMJC (a 77-76 loss). Rafferty said he saw signs of improvement from his team over the weekend.

"We're getting closer, we're getting better, and we showed that we're capable," he said. "We just have to be able to continue to do the work that we're doing a little better and do it for longer periods of time. We've got about three guys that are buying in and they're understanding how we have to grind and how we've got to play every possession, generally the things that required to win games. Now if we get those three to drag a couple more along and get that to five, and then if we get those five to drag another one along, then maybe we'll be in a position where we can be more consistent."

Kevin Kangu, a 6-2 freshman guard from Ontario, Canada, said the team has taken time to come together

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EPGA: AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

Men's College Basketball

Penn State at NC State, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Rider at Providence, 6 p.m., FSN (FSSW+)

Auburn at Dayton, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Penn at Villanova, 6 p.m., FS2

Clemson at Ohio State, 6:15 p.m., ESPN2

Michigan at North Carolina, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Florida A&M at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN

Austin Peay at Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., FCSC

Belmont at TCU, 8 p.m., FSN (FSSW+)

Chicago State at Marquette, 8 p.m., FS2

Incarnate Word at Gonzaga, 8 p.m., ATTSW+

Miami-FL at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m., ESPN2

Duke at Indiana, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

Men's Soccer

PL: Manchester City FC vs. Southampton FC, 2 p.m., NBCSN, NBCU

National Basketball Association

Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBAtv

Brooklyn at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW

Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., FSSWSA

Golden State at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Hockey League

Tampa Bay at Boston, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN

Women's College Basketball

Notre Dame at Michigan, 5 p.m., BTN

Middle Tennessee at Ole Miss, 7 p.m., SEC

Florida State at Iowa, 7 p.m., BTN

RADIO

National Basketball Association

Brooklyn at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

JC Basketball

South Plains College at Midland College women, 5:45 p.m.
South Plains College at Midland College men, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Fister on a one-year contract.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES — Named Warren Schaeffer manager of Hartford (EL).

American Association

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released C Leonardo Rojas.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Tim Brown, INF Wesley Philips and OFs Jacob Morris and Brennen Salgado.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Recalled C Thomas Bryant from South Bay (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL — Reduced the two-game suspensions of Oakland WR Michael Crabtree and Denver CB Aqib Talib to one game on appeal.

NFL — RB Darren McFadden announced his retirement.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released S Harlan Miller and OL Vinston Painter. Signed LB Gabe Martin from New Orleans practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Waived WR Tre McBride.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released LB Derrick Matthews and OT Francis Kallon from the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed DE William Hayes on injured reserve.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed OL Jason King. Signed LB Nicholas Grigsby from Baltimore's practice squad.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Signed DB Darryl Morris. Signed DB Brandon Dixon from the practice squad and DB Jeremiah McKinnon to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Released WR C.J. Board from the practice squad. Signed WR Darius Jennings to the practice squad.

Arena Football League

AFL — Announced the Cleveland Gladiators will suspend play for the 2018 and 2019 season due to a construction project on Quicken Loans Arena.

ALBANY AFL — Named Les Moss assistant head coach.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Chicago RW Patrick Kane $5,000 for slashing and Minnesota D Matt Dumba $5,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct.

ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned D Jakob Chychrun to Tucson (AHL).

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned D Chris Bigras and Andrei Mironov to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled D Duncan Siemens from San Antonio.

LOS ANGELES KINGS — Placed F Andy Andreoff on injured reserve retroactive to Saturday.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Placed G Matt Murray on injured reserve. Recalled G Sean Maguire from Wheeling (ECHL) to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AHL).

VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Recalled F Stefan Matteau from Chicago (AHL).

SOCCER
National Women's Soccer League

HOUSTON DASH — Named Vera Pauw coach.

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed G Kelsey Wys.

SOFTBALL

USA SOFTBALL — Named Don Cooper coach of the women's slow pitch national team.

COLLEGE

ADRIAN — Announced the resignation of men's soccer coach Charlie Edwards. Promoted associate head men's soccer coach Ryan McDonald to head coach.

IOWA STATE — Agreed to terms with football coach Matt Campbell on a six-year contract.

ST. ANDREWS — Announced the resignation of men's and women's golf coach William Carter.

NHL GLANCE

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
Tampa Bay	24	17	5	2	36	88	62
Toronto	25	15	9	1	31	88	77
Detroit	25	10	10	5	25	70	74
Boston	22	10	8	4	24	60	66
Montreal	25	10	12	3	23	60	81
Ottawa	22	8	8	6	22	67	74
Florida	24	10	12	2	22	72	83
Buffalo	25	6	15	4	16	55	85
Metropolitan Division							
Columbus	25	16	8	1	33	72	60
N.Y Islanders	24	15	7	2	32	89	76
New Jersey	24	14	6	4	32	78	74
Washington	25	14	10	1	29	74	75
Pittsburgh	26	13	10	3	29	74	90
N.Y Rangers	25	13	10	2	28	82	77
Carolina	23	10	8	5	25	68	70
Philadelphia	25	8	10	7	23	70	78
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
St. Louis	24	17	6	1	35	84	63
Nashville	24	15	6	3	33	76	68
Winnipeg	24	15	6	3	33	80	64
Chicago	24	12	9	3	27	76	63
Dallas	23	12	10	1	25	67	69
Minnesota	24	11	10	3	25	72	74
Colorado	22	11	9	2	24	73	71
Pacific Division							
Vegas	22	15	6	1	31	81	66
Los Angeles	25	14	8	3	31	73	57
San Jose	23	13	8	2	28	61	51
Calgary	23	13	9	1	27	69	72
Vancouver	25	11	10	4	26	68	73
Anaheim	24	10	10	4	24	65	73
Edmonton	24	9	13	2	20	64	79
Arizona	26	6	17	3	15	64	95

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Scores

Tampa Bay 2, Buffalo 0
N.Y. Islanders 5, Vancouver 2
Columbus 3, Carolina 2, SO
Florida 5, N.Y. Rangers 4
San Jose 3, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles 4, Detroit 1
Nashville 3, Chicago 2
Arizona at Edmonton, late
Toronto at Calgary, late
Dallas at Vegas, late

Today's Games

Ottawa at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	18	4	.818	—
Toronto	12	7	.632	4½
Philadelphia	11	8	.579	5½
New York	10	10	.500	7
Brooklyn	7	13	.350	10
Southeast Division				
Washington	11	9	.550	—
Miami	10	10	.500	1
Charlotte	8	11	.421	2½
Orlando	8	13	.381	3½
Atlanta	4	16	.200	7
Central Division				
Detroit	13	6	.684	—
Cleveland	14	7	.667	—
Indiana	12	9	.571	2
Milwaukee	9	9	.500	3½
Chicago	3	16	.158	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
Houston	16	4	.800	—
San Antonio	13	7	.650	3
New Orleans	11	9	.550	5
Memphis	7	12	.368	8½
Dallas	5	16	.238	11½
Northwest Division				
Portland	13	8	.619	—
Denver	11	8	.579	1
Minnesota	12	9	.571	1
Utah	9	11	.450	3½
Oklahoma City	8	11	.421	4
Pacific Division				
Golden State	15	6	.714	—
L.A. Clippers	8	11	.421	6
L.A. Lakers	8	12	.400	6½
Phoenix	8	14	.364	7½
Sacramento	6	14	.300	8½

Tuesday's Scores

Cleveland 108, Miami 97
Phoenix 104, Chicago 99
Washington 92, Minnesota 89
Denver at Utah, late
Milwaukee at Sacramento, late

Wednesday's Scores

Oklahoma City at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
		Friday		
SOUTHERN CAL	3½	4	(59)	Stanford
		Saturday		
GEORGIA ST	4	4	(46½)	Idaho
APPALACHIAN ST	15	15	(60)	Louisiana-Lafayette
Georgia Southern	PK	2½	(52½)	COASTAL CAROLINA
ARKANSAS ST	1	1	(59)	Troy
NEW MEXICO ST	7½	9½	(54)	South Alabama
FIU	8	11	(73½)	North Texas
UCF	7½	7½	(62)	Memphis
Toledo	18	21½	(57½)	Akron
Auburn	1½	2½	(49)	Georgia
BOISE ST	10	9	(49)	Fresno St
Clemson	5	9½	(47½)	Miami
Ohio State	6½	6½	(53)	Wisconsin
FIU	1	1	(55½)	UMass
FLORIDA ST	27	26½	(65)	Louisiana-Monroe
Oklahoma	7½	7	(63½)	TCU
		NFL		
		Thursday		
DALLAS	PK	1	(44)	Washington
		Sunday		
BALTIMORE	2½	3	(40½)	Detroit
CHICAGO	4½	3½	(40½)	San Francisco
ATLANTA	3½	3	(47½)	Minnesota
New England	8	8	(46½)	BUFFALO
Denver	1	1	(39)	MIAMI
TENNESSEE	7½	6½	(42½)	Houston
JACKSONVILLE	10	9½	(41)	Indianapolis
Tampa Bay	2½	OFF	(OFF)	GREEN BAY
Kansas City	3	3	(44)	NY JETS
NEW ORLEANS	3½	4	(46)	Carolina
LA CHARGERS	11	13½	(41½)	Cleveland
LA Rams	6½	7	(45)	ARIZONA
OAKLAND	5½	7	(42½)	NY Giants
Philadelphia	5½	6	(47)	SEATTLE
		Monday		
Pittsburgh	6	5½	(43)	CINCINNATI

Clemson, Auburn, Oklahoma, Wisconsin are playoff top 4

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Clemson, Auburn, Oklahoma and Wisconsin will enter championship weekend positioned to earn a playoff spot with just one more victory.

But a potential Alabama-Ohio State controversy looms.

Clemson moved up to No. 1 in the final College Football Playoff rankings before the semifinals are set by the selection committee on Sunday.

Alabama fell from No. 1 to fifth in the new rankings Tuesday night after losing to Auburn, and Georgia was sixth. Miami slipped after taking its first loss of the season last week from No. 2 to seventh, just ahead of Ohio State at eighth.

"It's close separation from team No. 5 Alabama, six Georgia, seven Miami, eight Ohio State. Those teams are close," said committee chairman Kirby Hocutt, the athletic director at Texas Tech. "Very little separation in the committee's eyes between teams five through eight."

Each of the top four teams plays a conference title game this Saturday against another highly ranked team, creating potential play-in playoff games. Clemson faces Miami in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship; Auburn and Georgia play for the Southeastern Conference title; Wisconsin faces Ohio State for the Big Ten title; and Oklahoma faces No. 11 TCU for the Big 12 title.

If the top four win out, the semifinals likely would fall into place: Clemson would face Wisconsin in the Sugar Bowl semifinal on New Year's Day by virtue of giving the top seed a regional advantage, and Auburn and Oklahoma would play in the Rose Bowl semifinal.

It is likely Miami would jump into the top four by beating No. 1 Clemson and winning the ACC and same goes for Georgia if it can win a rematch against Auburn. The intrigue would start if Oklahoma and/or Wisconsin lose.

The selection committee could be faced with a choice between Alabama (11-1) and Ohio State (10-2). The Crimson Tide's resume has no wins against teams currently in the top 15 and it is done playing, but the Buckeyes have two losses by double digits, including a 31-point blowout at Iowa.

Penn State is ninth and Southern California is the highest ranked Pac-12 team at No. 10.

What is a conference championship worth?

That could be the deciding factor between Alabama and Ohio State if it comes down to those two schools. For those who want to try to read between the lines, Hocutt mentioned conference titles a few times Tuesday night. It is important to remember that the committee's protocol states when teams are similar conference titles should be used as essentially a tiebreaker. As of right now, Hocutt is saying the Buckeyes and Tide are close. It's also important to remember that this stuff is subjective so be cautious about reading too much into anything.

"I will be prepared and able to answer that question next Sunday," Hocutt said when asked about whether Ohio State and Alabama were close enough so that a conference title could be the difference.

Stay tuned.

Can Clemson lose to Miami and get in?

Looks like it, especially if Auburn wins the SEC, but it likely will require a loss by either Wisconsin or Oklahoma.

Clemson's resume is heavy with victories against winning teams, including beating Auburn back in September. That could give the Tigers a trump card on Alabama, which just lost to Auburn.

The only thing the other potential two-loss contenders, such as Ohio State, TCU or Southern California, would have on Clemson is a conference title. Would that be enough to drop the defending national champions all the way out of the top four? The Tigers might have some cushion.

Does the committee hate UCF, the American Athletic Conference and Group of Five teams in general?

Hate is a strong word. But UCF, the only other unbeaten team in FBS other than Wisconsin, moved up just one spot to No. 14 after beating USF (10-2) last week in a dramatic and thrilling game. Washington (10-2) and Stanford (9-3) both jumped the Knights.

That ranking prompted this tweet from UCF athletic director Danny White: "You've got to be kidding me!!!"

College Football Playoff Rankings

	Record
1. Clemson	11-1
2. Auburn	10-2
3. Oklahoma	11-1
4. Wisconsin	12-0
5. Alabama	11-1
6. Georgia	11-1
7. Miami	10-1
8. Ohio St.	10-2
9. Penn St.	10-2
10. Southern Cal	10-2
11. TCU	10-2
12. Stanford	9-3
13. Washington	10-2
14. UCF	11-0
15. Notre Dame	9-3
16. Michigan St.	9-3
17. LSU	9-3
18. Washington St.	9-3
19. Oklahoma St.	9-3
20. Memphis	10-1
21. Northwestern	9-3
22. Virginia Tech	9-3
23. Mississippi St.	8-4
24. N.C. State	8-4
25. Fresno St.	9-3

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will issue weekly rankings each Tuesday, with the final rankings being announced Sunday, Dec. 3 (Noon EST). The playoff semifinals will match the No. 1 seed vs. the No. 4 seed, and No. 2 will face No. 3. The semifinals will be hosted at the Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1, 2018. The championship game will be played on Jan. 8, 2018 at Atlanta.

No. 21 Xavier sends No. 16 Baylor to its 1st loss, 76-63

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — After giving up 102 points in its first loss of the season, No. 21 Xavier spent all of its practice time working on defense. It showed the next time out.

J.P. Macura scored 15 of his 19 points in the first half as Xavier surged ahead to stay, and the Musketeers dug in and sent No. 16 Baylor to its first loss of the season, 76-63 on Tuesday night.

Xavier (6-1) recovered from a loss to Arizona State in a Las Vegas tournament by controlling the boards and putting together decisive runs in each half. The Musketeers never trailed after an opening 21-8 spurt.

"All we did in practice when we got back was defense," point guard Quentin Goodin said. "I thought we played with a lot of pride on defense and it showed.

"We knew what we had to do to prepare for this game. Toughness was a huge part of this game."

Kaiser Gates also had 19 points for Xavier, including a 3-pointer that blunted the Bears' final comeback attempt. The Musketeers now have a road win at Wisconsin and a home win over Baylor, both by double digits.

"We played really tough, played together, played great defense," Gates said. "It could have been better at times, but I think we take away a lot of good things from this game."

Baylor (5-1) was riding momentum from the championship of Hall of Fame Classic, which featured wins over Wisconsin and Creighton. The Bears beat Wisconsin despite going the final 8 minutes without a field goal, and then rallied from a 12-point deficit in the second half to beat Creighton .

No comeback this time after the Bears fell behind by 14 in the second half.

"The first thing you don't want to do in a road game early is to let them get ahead, let the crowd get into it, and that's what we did," coach Scott Drew said.

Terry Maston led the Bears with 15 points, all in the first half. Manu Lecomte went 4 of 13 from the field for 11 points after coming in with a 19-point average.

"They have a lot of good shooters and we did a bad job at finding them in transition," Lecomte said. "We tried to come back but it was just a bad night for us."

Xavier has won 34 straight non-conference home games, with the last loss 56-55 to Wofford on Dec. 22, 2012. The Musketeers are 232-35 all-time at the Cintas Center.

UTEP's Floyd retires, Johnson named interim coach

From staff and wire reports

EL PASO — UTEP coach Tim Floyd abruptly announced his immediate retirement after a 66-52 loss to Lamar on Monday night.

Floyd won 466 games as a college coach at five schools, including Iowa State and Southern California. He also was coach for the Chicago Bulls and New Orleans Hornets in the NBA.

The 63-year-old Floyd took over at UTEP before the 2010-11 season, winning 138 games.

The unexpected statement came during his postgame news conference after the Miners (1-5) lost their fifth straight game. Floyd said it was "the right time" and that it was "my last game as a coach."

UTEP announced on Tuesday that assistant coach Phil Johnson would be the interim head coach.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Men

SOUTHWEST

Houston Baptist 96, Dallas Christian 66
SMU 95, Rio Grande 64
Sam Houston St. 81, Schreiner 55
Stephen F. Austin 54, N. Dakota St. 50
Tulsa 100, UTSA 96

SOUTH

Davidson 85, Charlotte 70
FAU 91, Ave Maria 54
Georgia Tech 52, Northwestern 51
Louisiana-Lafayette 89, McNeese St. 78
Louisiana-Monroe 65, Jackson St. 52
Murray St. 85, Harris-Stowe State 56
Presbyterian 74, UNC-Greensboro 72
S. Dakota St. 99, Mississippi 97, OT
SC State 100, Morris College 91
SE Louisiana 80, Loyola (NO) 53
Tennessee St. 67, Fisk 53
VCU 85, Appalachian St. 72
VMI 76, Charleston Southern 68
Vanderbilt 74, Radford 62
Virginia Tech 79, Iowa 55

FAR WEST

Boise St. 87, Loyola of Chicago 53
Hawaii 67, Adams State 77
Washington 85, Kennesaw St. 71

MIDWEST

Akron 75, Chattanooga 70
Ball St. 81, Oakland City 57
Fort Wayne 91, Detroit 82
Iona 93, Ohio 88
Kansas 98, Toledo 58
Missouri St. 77, Colorado St. 67
North Dakota 82, Presentation College 75
Purdue 66, Louisville 57
SE Missouri 83, Hannibal-LaGrange University 59
Valparaiso 72, Utah St. 65
W. Illinois 90, IUPUI 77
W. Michigan 65, Saint Louis 51
Wichita St. 112, Savannah St. 66
Xavier 76, Baylor 63

EAST

Dartmouth 64, Loyola (Md.) 63
Florida St. 76, Rutgers 73
Georgetown 76, Maine 55
NJIT 73, LIU Brooklyn 69
Pittsburgh 71, High Point 63
Rhode Island 86, Brown 62

Women

SOUTHWEST

Cent. Arkansas 106, Crowley's Ridge 23
Houston 72, Texas State 67
Stephen F. Austin 97, Central Baptist College 34
Texas A&M 98, Prairie View 70
UALR 68, Oklahoma 56

SOUTH

Belmont 97, Trevecca Nazarene 39
Florida 69, Jacksonville 59
Gardner-Webb 60, SC-Upstate 39
Howard 68, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
Jackson St. 77, Spring Hill 50
Liberty 68, Limestone 38
Morehead St. 115, Kentucky Christian 39
NC Central 68, Johnson & Wales (NC) 51
Ohio 69, E. Kentucky 57
Radford 92, UNC-Greensboro 83
SC State 82, Columbia International 38
South Alabama 59, Alabama St. 47
Southern Miss. 71, Northwestern St. 59
Wofford 96, Bob Jones 54

FAR WEST

Cal Poly 77, Cal State Monterey Bay 44
Long Beach St. 80, Arizona 72
Loyola Marymount 84, Cal State Dominguez Hills 52
Oregon 87, Hampton 45
UConn 86, Nevada 57

MIDWEST

Akron 69, Winthrop 43
Bowling Green 90, Valparaiso 77
Cleveland St. 77, E. Illinois 69
Indiana St. 84, Missouri S&T 51
Marquette 92, Loyola of Chicago 30

EAST

Lafayette 59, Cornell 58
Quinnipiac 72, Dayton 66

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UPCOMING EVENTS

12/07 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
12/09 12-10 Hang 'Em High Art Co. Tattoo Fundraiser, Odessa
12/31 Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party at DoubleTree

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offensive flow for the game's first 12 minutes, but took a 27-26 lead midway through the second quarter thanks to alert ball movement and a commitment to attack the basket. But again, Coronado established control with its superior length inside and built a 42-33 halftime lead.

Lee head coach Justin Boswell said he and assistant defensive coach David Drafahl urged their players to make a statement to start the second half.

The Rebels answered the call, as they shot 13 for 19 from the floor in the quarter and even opened the period on an explosive 8-0 run. Active hands on defense created Coronado turnovers and easy transition baskets that got Lee back into the game within seconds.

"It was a nine-point game and we talked about coming out and setting the tone, which we did," Boswell said. "We ran off a run. "Ninety-five percent of what we did was really, really good (Tuesday). Overall, I'm extremely proud of them. They played their butts off.

The Rebels led 62-57 entering the fourth, but continued to struggle to limit the Mustangs to one shot. Offensively, Lee began to settle for outside shots in the midst of a quickened pace.

"Our shot selection down the stretch hurt us, because some of those 3-pointers we made earlier (in the game) didn't go in," Boswell said. "We were wanting to try to get them in foul trouble, attack the paint and get to the free-throw line. I'm heartbroken for them that we didn't come off the floor with that win."

Lee freshman guard Zhuric Phelps led all scorers with 19 points for the Rebels, who shot 50 percent (30 for 60), but went just 4 for 22 from beyond the arc.

Senior forward Pat Okimi added 17 points for the Rebels. Bronzea Giddens led the Mustangs with 17 points.

The Rebels went 9 for 19 from the free-throw line and were also out-rebounded by Coronado, 45-31.

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LUBBOCK CORONADO 77, LEE 73

Coronado (4-0) – Anderson 8, Lota 7, Akard 6, Garza 7, Wilborn 4, Williams 6, Washington 3, Weindorf 12, Suttles 5, Giddens 17.

Lee (0-5) – Jalen Harris 10, Evan McMaryon 2, Avery Chambers 10, Zhuric Phelps 19, Jordan Lopez 2, Pat Okimi 17, Jones 6, Ronald Finster 7.

Coronado	20	22	15	20—77
Lee	12	22	28	11—73

Free throws – Coronado 9-18; Lee 9-19. 3-point goals – Coronado 6 (Anderson, Lota, Akard, Garza, Suttles, Weindorf), Lee 4 (Phelps 2, Chambers, Finster). Total fouls – Coronado 18, Lee 17. Fouled out – Harris.

Next: Lee at Doug McCutchen Memorial, TBA

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Jordan Lopez moves toward the hoop against Lubbock Coronado on Tuesday, at Lee High School.

Lubbock Cooper gets convincing win over Greenwood 79-45

By Jaydon Hart
MRT Correspondent

The Lubbock Cooper boys basketball team rolled in a non-district game at Greenwood High School on Tuesday night.

The Rangers (1-3) had a good start as they opened the first quarter with a 7-5 lead. But Lubbock Cooper (1-1) took control of the game with a 19-0 run to end the first quarter.

Cooper didn't look back from that point on and shot the ball very well throughout the game. Kade Johnson led the Pirates in scoring with 20 points.

Turnovers and being out-rebounded hurt Greenwood all night, but did the Rangers put together a good fourth quarter, outscoring the Pirates 21-14.

Bram Mathes led Greenwood in scoring with 10 points.

While the loss for the Rangers was very lopsided, Greenwood coach Nate Bridges said the team is still very young and looking to improve each game

"We've got a new group of guys, coming on three days practice, our guys have great character," Bridges said. "Our production level is not where it needs to be, but we've got to work on it".

The Rangers head to Denver City for the Denver City Tamale Shootout, Thursday.

LUBBOCK COOPER 79, GREENWOOD 45

Lubbock Cooper (1-1) – Kade Johnson 20, Will Doherty 14, Brendan Blacklock 11, Cameron Dranville 8, Caleb Cortez 8, Tray Vasquez 5, RAA'mah Murphy 5, Daniel Fiddler 4, Luke Sheaffer 2, Andrew Sinnacher 2.

Greenwood (1-3) – Bram Mathes 10, Omarion Jameson 7, Ryan Snodgrass 7, Logan Jarvis 6, Brody Roy 5, Seth Weatherby 5, Sloan Stephens 3, Brooks Lundgren 1, Cameron Jones 1.

Lubbock Cooper	24	18	23	14—79
Greenwood	7	6	11	21—45

Free throws – Lubbock Cooper 13-23; Greenwood 21-26. 3-point goals – Lubbock Cooper 4 (Caleb Cortez 2, Kade Johnson 2), Greenwood 2 (Brody Roy, Seth Weatherby). Total Fouls – Greenwood 18, Lubbock Cooper 19. Fouled out – Sloan Stephens.

Next: Denver City Tamale Shootout at Denver City, TBA Thursday.

FLAVELL

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high or too low and that's a good quality to have."

Flavell came to Midland College after assistant coach Ginger Gatliff spotted her highlight video online. Flavell said not only did she have to get used to being away from home but she had to get used to a faster-paced game.

"I've learned to take my time a lot more and know when to do something and when not to do something," she said. "Learning to trust Coach (Jones) was a big thing too.

"This year I know what's coming as opposed to last year when I was kind of oblivious to everything going into conference and regionals. This year we have a lot more experience and it's good to use it and help our freshmen out."

Flavell and the Lady Chaps hope that they have ironed things out in time to begin play in the WJCAC, which is shaping out to be once again very competitive.

"It's going to be a very tough game and we're all very excited to play," she said. "We're all going to work hard and we'll do our best to get the win, especially being coach's birthday (on Tuesday). It will be a good present for him."

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because it's an entirely new team.

"In the beginning, we weren't really gelling," he said. "But as we have gone on, we started to figure out where our shooters like their spots and we're getting closer as a team."

Added Hale: "It's about being a team and being together. We've had a lack of players because of injuries and guys who have left the team. It's been more of a fatigue thing for everybody to try to keep up and keep the pace at a college basketball level."

Rafferty said despite some of the early season bump, he sees players who want to work at getting better.

"That's why it's so important to have guys with some integrity and character," he said. "Because in order in this game to have a good team, you've got to have guys that are willing to play for each other and deal with adversity that way.

"We have to learn how to defend a little better and how to value the ball. I've always said you've got to defend, you've got to rebound and you've got to manage the game on offense. We're making progress in all those phases of the game."

WJCAC play is a whole different animal and Kangu and Hale know that it's time for the Chaps to step up their game.

Kangu said it's going to be important for his team to not be intimidated.

"They've got a name, South Plains. The key for us is just not being scared and coming out there and playing tough," he said.

Hale concurred.

"We need to have a strong mental focus, play with toughness, confidence, shoot with confidence, buy in to what Coach Raf says and have more people step up," Hale said.

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SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 5:45 p.m. today, Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 5-5, 0-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains 10-1, 0-0
Notes & quotes: WJCAC play will kick off this week with two games this week before resuming conference play on Jan. 8. ... MC coach Ron Jones said his team has been inconsistent and it's dealt with injuries but expects his team to play well. "I think we'll be excited and I think that the (Midland College WNIT Classic) helped us because we saw some good things that we did defensively and we saw some things that are trying to get corrected offensively and I'm kind of anxious to put it to the test," Jones said. ... Jones said SPC is a much different team than last year, which was very experienced, but the Lady Texans seem to be very athletic. ... SPC has won 10 straight.
Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 2 p.m. Saturday; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College, 2 p.m. Saturday

2017-18 WJCAC women's basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Clarendon College	0	0	11	0
New Mexico JC	0	0	10	0
South Plains	0	0	10	1
Frank Phillips	0	0	7	1
Odessa College	0	0	10	2
Howard College	0	0	7	4
Western Texas	0	0	6	4
Midland College	0	0	5	5

Today's Games

South Plains College at Midland College
Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; New Mexico Junior College at Howard College
Western Texas at Cisco College (non-conference)
Clarendon College is open

NO. 3 SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE AT MIDLAND COLLEGE
When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Chaparral Center
Records: Midland College 3-6, 0-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; South Plains, 5-3, 0-0
Notes & quotes: MC coach Pat Rafferty said he believes that there are five teams that can legitimately challenge for the WJCAC title this year. ... As for playing South Plains to begin WJCAC play, Rafferty said: "Whether you play them early or play them late, in all reality maybe this may be the best time to play them. Like a lot of teams right now they're still learning and they're still trying to figure some things out. I wish we were farther along, but with no returning guys from last year it is what it is. You've got to play when the schedule says so." ... Rafferty said the Texans are deep and talented. Deshawn Corprew (8.8 ppg, 6.1 rpg), a 6-foot-6 freshman forward, has signed with Texas Tech, while returning NJCAA All-American Jordan Brangers (24.4 ppg), a 6-2 shooting guard and one-time Texas Tech signee, has signed with Colorado State.
Next: Midland College at Clarendon College, 4 p.m. Saturday; Frank Phillips College at South Plains College, 3:45, p.m. Saturday

2017-18 WJCAC men's basketball standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Howard College	0	0	9	1
Western Texas	0	0	8	1
Odessa College	0	0	10	2
New Mexico JC	0	0	8	2
Clarendon College	0	0	8	4
New Mexico Military	0	0	7	4
South Plains	0	0	5	3
Frank Phillips	0	0	5	5
Midland College	0	0	3	6

Today's Games

South Plains College at Midland College
Odessa College at Frank Phillips College; New Mexico Junior College at Howard College; Clarendon College at New Mexico Military Institute
Western Texas College is open

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS
MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 58
FT. STOCKTON 42

FORT STOCKTON – Freshman Joseph Venzant lit up the scoreboard with a career-high 35 points to lead Midland Christian to a road win over Fort Stockton Tuesday night.

Tommy Beebe added 12 points for the Mustangs (6-4), who outscored the Panthers 33-9 between the second and third quarters.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 58, FORT STOCKTON 42

Midland Christian (6-4) – Mitch McCann 2, A.J. Brown 7, Silas Crews 2, Tommy Beebe 12, Joseph Venzant 35.

Fort Stockton –Johnson 4, Wisler 12, Herrera 10, Gonzalez 2, Bisler 3, Guerra 9, Daggett 2.

MCS	10	15	18	15—58
FSHS	14	5	4	19—42

Free throws – MCS 7-10, Fort Stockton 8-17. 3-point goals – MCS 3 (Venzant 3), Fort Stockton 2 (Wisler, Guerra). Total fouls – MCS 30, Fort Stockton 8. Fouled out – Brown. Technical fouls – Brown.

Next: MCS vs. Joshua, 3:30 p.m. Thursday in Brock Tournament

LEVELLAND 64
ANDREWS 58

ANDREWS – Payton Lopez (18 points), Noah Lujan (14) and Brett Leach (11) all scored in double-figures for Andrews in its 6-point loss to Levelland Tuesday.

Levelland's Broderick Golightly led all scorers with 19.

LEVELLAND 64, ANDREWS 58

Levelland – Broderick Golightly 19, Straton Dobson 12, Kaleb Reyna 11, Jakeevian Ford 11, Reid O'Connor 8, Joel White 3, Isaiah Salazar 2.

Andrews (2-1) – Payton Lopez 18, Noah Lujan 14, Brett Leach 11, Robbie Velasquez 7, Matthew O'Connor 6, Markeese Lawrence 2.

Levelland	13	22	12	17—64
Andrews	8	20	18	14—58

Free throws – Levelland 16-28, Andrews 9-20. 3-point goals – Levelland 4 (Ford 2, Reyna, Dobson), Andrews 6 (Lopez 3, Lujan 3). Total fouls – Levelland 18, Andrews 25. Fouled out – Velasquez, Cody Hada (Andrews).

Next: Andrews vs. Lubbock All Saints, 9 a.m. Thursday in O.W. Follis Tournament, Lamesa

LAMESA 83
KERMIT 52

LAMESA — Jordan Derington and Jackson Napper each scored 19 points to propel Lamesa to a 31-point victory over Kermit Tuesday night.

LAMESA 83, KERMIT 52

Lamesa (3-0) – Ryan Aguilar 10, Buddy Williams 6, Jordan Derington 19, Zack Quintanilla 5, Zavin Kelley 3, Caleb Contreras 4, Victor Barraja 7, James Rodriguez 2, Ethan Rodriguez 4, Khalil Smiley 2, Jackson Napper 19.

Kermit — Johnson 4, Muniz 6, Ramirez 2, Cook 10, Williams 7, A. Gonzalez 3, I. Gonzalez 4, Awbrey 7, Dingle 9.

Lamesa	19	23	16	25—83
Kermit	7	17	14	14—52

Free throws — Lamesa 13-21, Kermit 8-30. 3-point goals — Lamesa 6 (Aguilar, Derington 2, Quintanilla, Kelley, Barraja), Kermit 2 (Muniz, Awbrey). Total fouls — Lamesa 26, Kermit 19. Fouled out — None.

Next: Lamesa vs. Big Spring and Amarillo Caprock, Thursday, OW Follis Tournament, Lamesa

GIRLS
ABILENE WYLIE 46
MIDLAND 37

ABILENE – Midland High sophomore Taysha Rushton scored a game-high 17 points in Tuesday's non-district loss to Abilene Wylie.

Jurnee Williams contributed 11 points for MHS (7-6), while Julia Lovelace led Wylie with 12.

ABILENE WYLIE 46, MIDLAND HIGH 37

Midland High (7-6) – Taysha Rushton 17, Jurnee Williams 11, Jayci Strenn 3, Maya Duarte 3, Quay Webster 2, Zoe Taylor 1.

Abilene Wylie (9-1) – Julia Lovelace 12, Abbey Henson 11, Skylar Williams 6, Laurlyn Fulenwider 6, Mary Lovelace 5, Kamryn Dry 4, Wolfe 2.

MHS	11	9	9	8—37
Wylie	16	11	13	6—46

Free throws – MHS 7-10, Wylie 12-20. 3-point goals – MHS 4 (Rushton 3, Duarte). Total fouls – MHS 17, Wylie 15. Fouled out – None.

Next: San Angelo Central at Midland High, 6 p.m. Tuesday

LUB. COOPER 52
GREENWOOD 40

Jacey Hise scored a game-high 21 points to propel Lubbock Cooper past Greenwood in a non-district game at Greenwood High Tuesday.

The Rangerettes (4-6) had three score in double-figures, as Faith Duran had 14, Natalee Karcher provided 12 and Cassi Mebane added 10.

LUBBOCK COOPER 52, GREENWOOD 40

Lubbock Cooper – Emilie Goltz 5, Avrie Douglas 2, Jacey Hise 21, Kaitlyn Edgemon 6, Mckauley Gregory 7, Eavahna Romero 5, Katy Fairbanks 6.

Greenwood (4-6) – Natalee Karcher 12, Faith Duran 14, Ariana Leiva 4, Cassi Alebane 10.

Cooper	13	19	9	11
Greenwood	6	4	11	19

Free throws — Cooper 14-18; Greenwood 4-8. 3-point goals — Cooper 2 (Hise, Romero), Greenwood 5 (Karcher, Duran 4). Total fouls — Cooper 12, Greenwood 15. Fouled out – None.

Next: Greenwood vs. Red Oak, 9 a.m. Thursday in Kennedale Tournament

NO. 5 MCS 40
HALE CENTER 21

O'DONNELL – No. 5-ranked Midland Christian blanked Hale Center 9-0 in the first quarter en route to a 19-point victory in Tuesday's neutral site non-district affair.

Blaire Neatherlin led the Lady Mustangs (7-1) with 13 points, followed by nine points from McKenzie Fryar.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 40, HALE CENTER 21

Hale Center — A. Aleman 7, J. Rodriguez 2, N. Jimenez 2, A. Ramon 9, J. Perez 1.

Midland Christian (7-1) — McKenzie Fryar 9, Faith Trues 2, Lynette Tercero 3, Brooklyn Johnson 2, Tate Myers 2, Kelsi Moore 3, Blaire Neatherlin 13, Bre Anna Culbertson 6.

Hale Center	0	5	9	7—21
M. Christian	9	7	7	17—40

Free throws — Hale Center 5-9, MCS 9-12. 3-point goals — MCS 1 (Fryar). Total fouls — Hale Center 13, MCS 8. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Classical at MCS, 6:30 p.m. Friday

NO. 2 MCA 57
FORSAN 41

FORSAN – Leia Beattie had 24 points and nine assists to lead No. 2-ranked Midland Classical past Forsan in non-district play Tuesday.

Kori Kirk added 15 points for the Lady Knighis (3-1), while teammate Lizabelle Russell grabbed nine rebounds. Mikaela Arzate led the Lady Buffaloes with 15 points.

MIDLAND CLASSICAL 57, FORSAN 41

MCA (3-1) — Kori Kirk 15, Hilary Sunderland 2, Leia Beattie 24, Lizabelle Russell 8, Jenny Coco 2, Makenna Beattie 6.

Forsan — Rylee Evans 4, Haley Patterson 3, Mikaela Arzate 15, Macey Evans 9, Emily Garcia 4, Jenna Evans 6.

MCA	11	14	20	12—57
Forsan	13	9	12	7—41

Free throws — MCA 0-3; Forsan 6-12. 3-point goals — MCA 11 (Kirk 5, L. Beattie 4, M. Beattie 2), Forsan 3 (Patterson, M. Evans 2). Total fouls — MCA 13, Forsan 11. Fouled out — None.

Next: Midland Classical at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m. Friday

LAMESA 45
BIG SPRING 42

LAMESA – J'lynn Jackson had 16 points and Samaje Mason added 15 to help Lamesa squeak by Big Spring Tuesday.

Alexis Starr led the Lady Steers with 13 points.

LAMESA 45, BIG SPRING 42

Big Spring — Kenzie Rodriguez 2, Alexis Starr 13, Kayleigh Penny 8, Karmi Kemper 2, Logan Terrazas 9, Trinity Galloway 6, Alissa Cervantes 2.

Lamesa (4-2) – Guajardo 5, Martin 4, Jackson 16, Mason 15, Lopez 3, Ortiz 1, Brock 1.

Big Spring	13	7	6	16—42
Lamesa	8	8	12	17—45

Free throws — Big Spring 15-31, Lamesa 17-31. 3-point goals – Big Spring 1 (Starr), Lamesa 4 (Jackson 2, Mason 2). Total fouls – Big Spring 25, Lamesa 26. Fouled out – Ortiz, Garcia. Lamesa – Penny.

Next: Stanton at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 15

LEVELLAND 72
ANDREWS 19

ANDREWS – No. 2-ranked Levelland rolled to a non-district victory over Andrews.

Rae Johnson led the Lady Mustangs with eight points.

NO. 2 LEVELLAND 72, ANDREWS 19

LEVELLAND – Hill 2, Royal 8, Villegas 21, M. Latham 8, Bordayo 3, Velardez 9, Graves 5, A. Latham 11, Escue 3, Campbell 2.

Andrews – Macee Mack 3, Kassidy Epperson 3, Rae Johnson 8, Lauren Hall 2, Savannah Infante 2, Alivia Mayfield 1.

Levelland	19	20	22	11—72
Andrews	5	3	0	11—19

Grizzlies GM defends decision to fire coach David Fizdale

By Clay Bailey
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace says the overall product is why Memphis fired coach David Fizdale, not the decision to bench star center Marc Gasol for an entire quarter of the team's eighth straight loss.

Wallace also defended Gasol against criticism saying the center a "coach killer."

"There were bigger trends than just the relationship between the two of them," Wallace said Tuesday. "It just hasn't been going well for us after a good start. . And there was no indication that it was going to change magically any time soon."

The Grizzlies unexpectedly fired Fizdale on Monday , the coach hired away from his assistant's job with the Miami Heat with great fanfare in May 2016. But the Grizzlies are mired in their longest skid since 2009 and 7-12 overall after starting the season 5-1.

Still, the Grizzlies seemed to regress more than expected for a franchise that has reached the postseason each of the past seven seasons. The losing skid has featured poor performances in a quarter or two of games.

"Unfortunately, we are underperforming, (by) even the lowest of preseason expectations" Wallace said. "We are an organization of high expectations for our team, so a change had to be made."

Texans look ahead after loss dwindles playoff chances

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans are trying to regroup and move on after another turnover-filled performance by Tom Savage on Monday night dropped them to 4-7 and made their chances of reaching the postseason slim.

Savage led Houston to a touchdown on the first drive against Baltimore, but the Texans failed to move the ball consistently for the rest of the game and were done in by three turnovers from the quarterback in the 23-16 loss.

"It's tough. It's just a terrible feeling. It's been a season of a lot of those," coach Bill O'Brien said.

"We're going to look back on it, and I know that we had some opportunities we didn't take advantage of. We'll just have to figure out moving forward how to do a better job."

The Texans had the ball with a chance to tie it late in the fourth-quarter on Monday night, but Savage was sacked by Terrell Suggs and fumbled to allow the Ravens to secure the victory.

It was the seventh fumble Savage has lost this season, which leads the NFL.

That number is concerning by itself, but is even more troublesome considering Savage has started just five games after being benched in the opener for rookie Deshaun Watson. Adding to his turnover total, Savage has thrown five interceptions with all of them coming in the past three games.

The Texans were one of the most potent offenses in the league with Watson at quarterback, scoring 30 points or more in his last five starts.

In the four games since Watson sustained a season-ending knee injury they've surpassed the 30-point mark just once, in a 31-21 win over the Cardinals last week.

Houston has lost the three other games without Watson, and the offense has been held to 16 or fewer points in each of those games with Savage committing eight turnovers combined.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Lee (10-2) vs. Bulleen Stadium (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Arlington Martin (11-1) vs. Allen (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Southlake's Dragon Stadium
Region II
Regional
Coppell (11-1) vs. Round Rock Cedar Ridge (11-1), 7 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Garland Sachse (12-0) vs. Pflugerville Hendrickson (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco ISD Stadium
Region III
Regional
Katy (9-0) vs. Humble Atascocita (10-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium
Houston Lamar (9-1) vs. Galena Park North Shore (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's Rice Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Lake Travis (10-2) vs. Los Fresnos (9-3), 1 p.m. Saturday, Los Fresnos
SA Northside O'Connor (12-0) vs. San Benito (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi's Buccaneer Stadium

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Arlington (10-2) vs. Southlake Carroll (9-3), 7 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Mansfield (11-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Region II
Regional
Longview (11-1) vs. Klein Collins (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Waco's McLane Stadium
Lufkin (10-3) vs. Spring Westfield (11-0), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Porter's Texan Drive Stadium
Region III
Regional
Cypress Fairbanks (11-0) vs. Friendswood (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Houston Langham Creek (10-1) vs. Humble Kingwood (8-5), noon Saturday, Houston's TDECU Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Austin Westlake (12-0) vs. Edinburg Vela (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Portland
Cibolo Steele (8-4) vs. Weslaco East (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Lubbock Monterey (9-4) vs. Denton Ryan (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Denton's Collins Complex
Lubbock Coronado (12-0) vs. Colleyville Heritage (11-1), 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Wildcat Stadium (ACU)
Region II
Regional
Mansfield Summit (8-4) vs. Dallas Highland Park (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dallas' Ford Stadium
Mansfield Lake Ridge (11-1) vs. Prosper (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Carrollton's Standridge Stadium
Region III
Regional
Cedar Park (11-1) vs. Manvel (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waller
Temple (9-3) vs. Port Arthur Memorial (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Prairie View A&M
Region IV
Regional
Angleton (11-0) vs. CC Flour Bluff (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos' Bobcat Stadium
Richmond Foster (9-2) vs. CC Memorial (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Victoria

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
EP Parkland (10-2) vs. N. Richland Hills (10-2), 1 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Jones Stadium
Abilene Cooper (9-3) vs. Brazos (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Region II
Regional
Waxahachie (8-4) vs. Frisco Lone Star (11-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Frisco's Ford Center
Mansfield Legacy (10-2) vs. North Forney (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Allen's Eagle Stadium
Region III
Regional
Hutto (11-1) vs. Fort Bend Marshall (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress' Berry Center
College Station (10-2) vs. Port Neches-Groves (10-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Humble's Turner Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Austin McCallum (12-0) vs. Alice (9-3), noon Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome
Kerrville Tivy (10-2) vs. CC Calallen (12-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
WF Hirschi (10-2) vs. Decatur (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Complex
Stephenville (10-2) vs. Argyle (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium
Region II
Regional
Kennedale (11-1) vs. Midlothian Heritage (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau (7-5) vs. Kaufman (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Royse City
Region III
Regional
Carthage (12-0) vs. Silsbee (7-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lufkin's Martin Stadium
Henderson (10-2) vs. Kilgore (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Longview's Pirate Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Waco La Vega (12-0) vs. Fischer Canyon Lake (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Austin's Reeves Complex
China Spring (9-3) vs. Liberty Hill (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Killeen's Buckley Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Bushland (10-2) vs. Seminole (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Graham (12-0) vs. Bowie (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Wildcat Stadium (ACU)
Region II
Regional
Melissa (11-1) vs. Gilmer (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial Stadium
Texarkana Pleasant Grove (12-0) vs. Celina (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Sulphur Springs
Region III
Regional
Salado (11-1) vs. Bellville (7-5), 8 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio's Alamodome
Madisonville (11-1) vs. West Orange-Stark (10-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Porter's Texan Drive Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Wimberley (11-1) vs. Sweeny (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Brenham
Cuero (11-0) vs. Geronimo Navarro (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Heroes Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Brock (10-2) vs. Weir (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Comanche (11-1) vs. Martel (7-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde
Region II
Regional
Whitesboro (9-3) vs. Grandview (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Austin's Northwest ISD Stadium
Kemp (11-1) vs. Commerce (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Emory Rains
Region III
Regional
Teague (10-2) vs. Franklin (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Rockdale (9-3) vs. West (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Belton HS
Region IV
Regional
Van Vleck (8-4) vs. Yoakum (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Katy's Legacy Stadium
Goliad (10-1) vs. Edna (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Victoria

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Canadian (12-0) vs. Colorado City (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Vernon
Sonora (12-0) vs. Childress (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene Wylie
Region II
Regional
Holliday (11-1) vs. Gunter (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Springtown
New Diana (9-3) vs. Jacksboro (11-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, Frisco's Ford Center
Region III
Regional
New London West Rusk (10-1) vs. Newton (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tatum
Garrison (7-5) vs. Washom (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Carthage
Region IV
Regional
Lexington (12-0) vs. El Maton Tidehaven (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hallettsville
East Bernard (10-1) vs. Boling (7-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Gilmer

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region I
Regional
Stratford (11-1) vs. Post (9-3), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium
Panhandle (8-4) vs. Stamford (10-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field
Region II
Regional
Bosqueville (7-5) vs. Crawford (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Robinson
De Leon (12-0) vs. Mart (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Whitney
Region III
Regional
Bogata Rivercrest (12-0) vs. Centerville (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Athens
San Augustine (12-0) vs. Price Carlisle (9-3), 6 p.m. Saturday, Carthage
Region IV
Regional
Yorktown (8-4) vs. Mason (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, SA Edgewood
Refugio (10-1) vs. Holland (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, San Antonio's Gustafson Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region I
Regional
Gruver (10-2) vs. Wellington (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium
Clarendon (11-1) vs. Hamlin (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper
Region II
Regional
Lindsay (10-2) vs. Albany (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells
Munday (9-3) vs. Muenster (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Region III
Regional
Grapeland (8-4) vs. Timpson (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Rusk
Tenaha (12-0) vs. Iola (8-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Palestine's Panther Stadium
Region IV
Regional
Burton (11-1) vs. La Pryor (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seguin HS
Falls City (10-2) vs. Milano (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Buda

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
Region I
State Quarterfinals
Happy (12-0) vs. McLean (11-1), TBD
Region II
State Quarterfinals
Borden County (12-0) vs. Garden City (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Forsan
Region III
State Quarterfinals
May (12-0) vs. Jonesboro (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Dublin
Region IV
State Quarterfinals
Tioga (10-1) vs. Gilmer Union Hill (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pattonville

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
Region I
State Quarterfinals
Follett (9-3) vs. Turkey Valley (11-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Pampa
Region II
State Quarterfinals
Balmorhea (11-0) vs. Ackerly Sands (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Rankin
Region III
State Quarterfinals
Strawn (12-0) vs. Aspermont (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hermleigh
Region IV
State Quarterfinals
Milford (12-0) vs. Iredell (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, McGregor

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	2	0	.818	325	220
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	224	260
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	228	257
Miami	4	7	0	.364	174	289
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	7	4	0	.636	242	269
Jacksonville	7	4	0	.636	269	168
Houston	4	7	0	.364	283	285
Indianapolis	3	8	0	.273	195	300
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	258	193
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	236	187
Cincinnati	5	6	0	.455	199	215
Cleveland	0	11	0	.000	166	289
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	5	0	.545	272	236
L.A. Chargers	5	6	0	.455	249	202
Oakland	5	6	0	.455	225	261
Denver	3	8	0	.273	197	280

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	1	0	.909	351	191
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	248	270
Washington	5	6	0	.455	258	276
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	172	267
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	322	222
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	248	207
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	265	230
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	223	262
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	271	195
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	294	264
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	232	261
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	177	252
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	8	3	0	.727	329	206
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	266	212
Arizona	5	6	0	.455	203	278
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	187	284

Thursday's Game
Washington at Dallas, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, noon
Minnesota at Atlanta, noon
San Francisco at Chicago, noon
Detroit at Baltimore, noon
Denver at Miami, noon
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon
Houston at Tennessee, noon
Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
Cleveland at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.

Late Monday box

RAVENS 23, TEXANS 16

Houston	7	3	3	**3—16**
Baltimore	0	17	0	**6—23**

First Quarter
Hou—L.Miller 4 run (Fairbairn kick), 8:49
Second Quarter
Bal—Ja.Allen 10 run (Tucker kick), 11:10
Bal—Collins 8 run (Tucker kick), 6:44
Hou—FG Fairbairn 25, 1:48
Bal—FG Tucker 53, :07
Third Quarter
Hou—FG Fairbairn 36, 4:35
Fourth Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 31, 10:54
Hou—FG Fairbairn 37, 8:36
Bal—FG Tucker 49, 2:53

A—70,357

	Hou	Bal
First downs	20	17
Total Net yards	303	294
Rushes-yards	25-66	31-139
Passing	237	155
Punt Returns	2-21	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-57	2-50
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-21
Comp-Att-Int	22-37-2	21-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	1-8
Punts	4-43.5	6-51.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-36	7-69
Time of Possession	30:16	29:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Houston, L.Miller 17-51. Blue 8-15. Baltimore, Collins 16-60, Flacco 6-42. Woodhead 4-22, Ja.Allen 5-15.
PASSING—Houston, Savage 22-37-2-252. Baltimore, Flacco 20-32-0-141, Koch 1-1-0-22.
RECEIVING—Houston, Hopkins 7-125, B.Miller 5-43, Fiedorowicz 4-37, B.Ellington 3-29, Blue 2-11, L.Miller 1-7. Baltimore, Wallace 5-48, Woodhead 4-23, Ch.Moore 3-37, Watson 3-29, Collins 2-(minus 3), Max.Williams 1-12, Boyle 1-9, Maclin 1-6, Ja.Allen 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Andrews well represented in District 2-4A DI honors

From staff reports

The Andrews football team dominated the District 2-4A Division I All-District Football Team just released as the Mustangs were led by District MVP Britin Garcia.

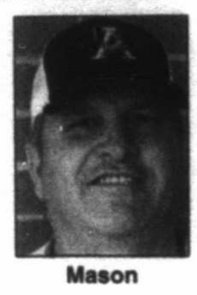
Azam

Garcia, a senior, helped lead the Mustangs to a 9-3 record and a district title as he was a standout at both running back and outside linebacker.

Garcia

Andrews teammate and senior wide receiver Noah Lujan was named Offensive MVP, Andrews sophomore offensive and defensive lineman Jesus Lopez was named Newcomer of the Year, and Andrews junior offensive and defensive lineman Reece Azam was named Lineman of the Year.

Lujan


Mason

Andrews head coach Ralph Mason and his staff were named Coach/Staff of the Year.

Nine other Andrews players received first team honors: Senior quarterback Jace Keesee, senior wide receivers Marcos Bustamante and Beau Narrell, senior offensive guards Nathaniel Mullins and Daniel Mullins, senior kicker Jaden Brown, senior defensive tackle Cody Hada, Narrell was also recognized as a defensive end, junior linebacker Jacob Mechler, and Bustamante also received recognition for his play at cornerback.

2017 District 2-4A Division I All-District Football Team

District MVP: RB/LB Britin Garcia, Andrews, 5-6, 165, Sr.
Offensive MVP: WR Noah Lujan, Andrews, 6-0, 185, Sr.
Defensive MVP: FB Chris Muzio, Fabens, 5-7, 175, Sr.
Newcomer: OL/DL Jesus Lopez, Andrews, 5-7, 200, So.
Lineman of the Year: OL/DL Reece Azam, Andrews, 6-2, 270, Jr.
Coach/Staff of the Year: Ralph Mason/ Andrews

First Team Offense
Quarterback – Jace Keesee, Andrews, 5-10, 165, Sr.
Running backs – Nate Lasyone, Clint, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Manny Garcia, Mountain View, 5-5, 140, Sr.; Casey Buck, Andrews, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Chris Muzio, Fabens, 5-7, 175, Sr.
Wide Receivers – Marcos Bustamante, Andrews, 5-8, 130, Sr.; Beau Narrell, Andrews, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Juan Velasquez, Fabens, 5-5, 140, Sr.; Pierre Robles, Mountain View, Sr., 5-10, 165
Tight ends – Andy Gomez, Clint, 5-8, 195, Sr.; Moises Duran, Mountain View, 5-10, 180, Sr.
Offensive Linemen – Mike Gomez, Clint, 5-8, 270, Jr.; Nathaniel Mullins, Andrews, 5-10, 240, Sr.; Daniel Mullins, Andrews, 5-10, 205, Sr.; Adan Escobur, Fabens, 5-10, 265, Sr.; Aaron Higarada, Mountain View, 6-0, 265, Sr.
Kicker – Jaden Brown, Andrews, 5-7, 195, Sr.

First Team Defense
Defensive Linemen – Andy Gomez, Clint, 5-8, 195, Sr.; John Garcia, Mountain View, 6-0, 265, Sr.; Cody Hada, Andrews, Andrews, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Esteban Rosas, Fabens, 5-11, 195, So.; Pierre Robles, Mountain View, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Beau Narrell, Andrews
Linebackers – Anthony Perez, San Elizario, 5-7, 170, Sr.; Jahziel Valdivia, Clint, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Moises Duran, Mountain View; Jacob Mechler, Andrews, 6-2, 225, Jr
Secondary – Robert Sosa, Clint, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Mike Candelaria, Mountain View, 5-11, 150, Sr.; Marcos Bustamante, Andrews; Juan Velasquez, 5-6, 145, Sr.
Punter – Jacob Campos, Fabens, 5-11, 195, Jr.

Second Team Offense
Quarterback – Robert Sosa, Clint, 5-11, 150, Sr.
Running backs – Sebastian Barraza, Clint, 5-8, 190, Jr.; Chris Nava, Mountain View, 5-8, 225, Sr.; Ricky Morales, 5-8, 190, Sr.
Wide receivers – Victor Silva, Fabens, 6-1, 175, Jr.; Chris Ramirez, Mountain View, 5-6, 155, Jr.; Alfredo Rodriguez, Andrews, 5-7, 18+, Sr.; Nehemiah Flores, Andrews, 5-9, 180, Jr.
Tight ends – Vito Prieto, Andrews, 6-1, 195, Jr.; Santos Cairasco, Fabens, 6-0, 180, Sr.
Offensive Linemen – Freddy Flores, Mountain View, 5-11, 230, Sr.; Jacob Mechler, Andrews, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Josh Martinez, Clint, 5-10, 150, Sr.; Alex Rivera, Clint, 5-11, 320, Sr.; Juan Parada, San Elizario, 6-2, 265, Sr.
Kicker – Joel Gurrola, Clint, 5-10, 150, Sr

Second Team Defense
Defensive Linemen – George Lopez, Clint, 5-0, 180, Sr.; Alan Mendoza, Mountain View, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Adan Escobar, Fabens, 5-10, 265, Sr.; Hector Urrieta, San Elizario, 5-8, 305, Sr.; Ervey Ortega, Clint, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Daniel Mullins, Andrews
Linebackers – Ricky Morales, Fabens, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Joe Aguirre, Fabens, 5-8, 155, Jr.; Casey Buck, Andrews; Sebastian Barraza, Clint, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Axel Diaz, Mountain View, 5-10, 185, Jr
Secondary – Ty Diaz, Andrews, 5-4, 130, Sr.; Nate Lasyone, Clint, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Eddie Robles, Mountain View, 5-8, 150, Sr.; Jace Keesee, Andrews; Emiliano Castro, Fabens, 5-7, 160, Jr
Punter – Alan Garcia, Mountain View, 5-10, 165, Jr
Utility/Special Teams – Rogelio Maltos, Andrews, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Luis Ramirez, Clint, 5-10, 160, Jr.; Ricky Morales, Fabens, 5-8, 176, Sr.; Daniel Lazalde, Mountain View, 5-8, 265, Sr.; Juan Rivera, San Elizario, 5-9, 155, Jr
Andrews honorable mention – OL Cody Hada, DL Brandon Contreras

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WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME — NOVEMBER 29, 2017

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings.

	G	S	R	S	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Goldberg (N)	Speechless (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Designated "Home" (N)	Survivor	Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)		Survivor (N)		Bruno Mars (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Crying Cherub"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "The Lady Doth Protest" (N)		Star "Ghetto Symphony" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		The Essentials
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Christmas Rockefeller (N)		SVU "Something Happened" (N)		Chicago P.D. "Politics" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Beyond a Year day in space and return to Earth.		Scott Kelly's last		The '80s (My Music) A joyful jump into the 1980s.			InnerViews	News (N)	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Enamorandome de Ramon		La rosa de Guadalupe		Mi marido tiene familia		Caer en Tentacion		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline NBC		Dateline "Betrayed"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) The Recruit		★★★ Darkman Liam Neeson.		(:45) Darkman 2: The Return of Durant					Darkman 3: Die, Darkman,...		
HBO	300	550	14	51		Movie	News (N)	★★★ Kong: Skull Island Tom Hiddleston.		Real Sports				T. Ulman	(:35) Rolling Stone		
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:00) The Ring		T. Ulman	Curb	(:55) Mechanic: Resurrection				(:35)	★★★ Death Race		Movie
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:55) Loving ('16, Bio) Joel Edgerton.				A United Kingdom David Oyelowo.				(:35)	★★ Shakespeare in Love		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:00) The Nice Guys		★★ Man on the Moon Jim Carrey.				Totem ('17, Hor) Kerris Dorsey.			The Divergent Series: Allegiant		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:25)	★★ The Full Monty				★★ Dude, Where's My Car?	(:25)	Mr. Right Sam Rockwell.		(:05)	Miss March
PLEX			96			(4:45) The Wiz		★★ Beethoven's 3rd			(:40)	★ Beethoven's 4th		(:15)	★★★ DragonHeart Dennis Quaid.		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Movie		★★★ Lincoln (12, Bio) Sally Field, Daniel Day-Lewis.				White		The Autopsy of Jane Doe		SMILF	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:00) Gangs of ...		★★ Disaster Movie						★★ Doom Karl Urban.	(:15)	★★ Captivity	Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Ozzy&Jack "Kentucky Fried Osbournes" (N)		(:05) Ozzy&Jack "Texas, Bloody Texas"		(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) The Book of...		★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.							★★★ Ghostbusters Bill Murray.		
BET	58	-		40		Movie	To Be Announced					Face	50	Face	50	Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives Atlanta		Housewives NJ (N)		Housewives NJ		Watch (N)	Winter	Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jobinter	Job Inter	Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead (Ii)		Rescue "Grizzly Bait"		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Andi M.	StuckMid.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	Liv/Mad	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Valvano	NCAA Basketball Big-10/ ACC Challenge (L)					NCAA Basketball Big-10/ ACC Challenge (L)			SportC (N)	SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Valvano (:15) NCAA Basket.				(:15) NCAA Basketb. Big-10/ ACC Challenge (L)				(:15) NFL Live		Featured	Featured
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Iron Chef America		Iron Chef Showdown		Iron Chef Show. (N)		Iron Chef America		Iron Chef: Behind (N)		Iron Chef Showdown	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:25)	★★ Four Christmases			★★★ Home Alone ('90, Com) Macauley Culkin.				The 700 Club		★★ Jack Frost	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Cowboys (N)	Rangers Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Double T Insider	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00)	The Amazin...	★★★ The Fantastic Four Miles Teller.				★★★ The Fantastic Four Miles Teller.				Mike&M.	Mike&M.
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00)	Miss Chris...	Finding Santa ('17, Dra) Jodie Sweetin.				With Love, Christmas Aaron O'Connell.				Ice Sculpture C...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brother (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers at	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Vikings		Vikings (N)		Vikings "The Departed" (SP) (N)				(:05) Vikings		(:05) Vikings	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Little W. Dallas "Can You Hear Me Now?"		Little Women Dallas "Indecent Proposal"		Little Women: Dallas "Girls' Trip" (N)		Bring It! "Crossing the Line"		The Rap Game "Don't Mess with Jny"		Little Women Dallas "Indecent Proposal"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHLLive	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Boston Bruins (L)					(:15) NHL Overtime (L)		Sport	Sport	Sport	Sport
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Martin Lawrence, Téa Leoni, Will Smith.						★★★ Rocky IV	
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30)	★★★ Gladiator Russell Crowe.			★★ Battle Los Angeles ('11, Sci-Fi) Aaron Eckhart.				(:35)	★ Mad Max: Beyond Thu...		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan (N)		Full Frontal	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:45)	The Man ...	★★★ Winchester '73			(:45)	★★ Bend of the River			★★ The Far Country		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		De Navidad (N)		Sangre de mi Tie (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sangre de mi Tierra	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "James K's Story"				My 600-lb Life "Tracey's Story" Tracey has shockingly misshapen legs due to her weight.				My 600-lb Life "James K's Story" At 791 lbs. James is unable to stand and bedridden.			
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(4:00)	★★★ American Gangster	★★★ Colombiana (2011, Action) Michael Vartan, Callum Blue, Zoe Saldana.				★★★ American Gangster Denzel Washington. A detective works to bring down a heroin kingpin smuggling drugs into 1970s America.					
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Acceptable Loss"		★★★★ Faster (2010, Action) Billy Bob Thornton, Maggie Grace, Dwayne Johnson.				Robot "eps3.7_dont-delete-me.ko" (N)		★★★★ Faster (2010, Action) Billy Bob Thornton, Maggie Grace, Dwayne Johnson.			
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Wife's private photo album makes its way onto the web

Dear Abby

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: Six months ago, I asked a close female friend to help me prepare a gift for my husband for our fifth wedding anniversary. I wanted to create a photo album of sexy nude photos of myself. Her excellent camerawork provided me with a wonderful collection, and my husband loved it.

I recently found out on social media that my girlfriend's husband viewed and copied my private photos, and shared them online with mutual male friends of ours. I'm devastated. My girlfriend is sorry to the max.

My husband isn't yet aware of my exposure to others. I don't want to tell him, but at the same time, I don't want some guy spilling the beans. My girlfriend is helping to stop the sharing of my pictures. Should I hope for the best or tell my husband? — ASHAMED IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR ASHAMED: Inform your husband immediately about what happened because he needs to hear it from you.

Your friend's carelessness in allowing her husband to see — and share — the photos was deplorable. It is nearly impossible now that those images have been posted online to stop their proliferation.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are at opposite ends of the political spectrum: I am conservative; she is liberal. We do our best not to argue about our strongly held views, but sometimes we are unsuccessful.

My problem is, she'll have three TVs going, all tuned to her favorite political channel, while doing housework. I find it annoying. I usually leave the room when she's going to do prolonged work in our home office and informs me that she will be listening to her channel. It's the three-TV thing that I would like stopped. What do you suggest? — INUNDATED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR INUNDATED: Your wife should show you the same consideration that you show to her. In this case, she does not have to have three TVs blaring "her" channel throughout your home while she does housecleaning. She should have ONE television set on in the room she is in.

DEAR ABBY: My husband had not seen a dentist in 18 years. I come from a family of dentists, and dental health is very important to me. When I finally convinced my husband to go to the dentist because he'd broken a front tooth, he ended up needing eight extractions!

I'm happy he finally saw a dentist, but he rarely wears the bridges the dentist made for him. He looks like a jack-o'-lantern, and I'm embarrassed to be with him in public. I am having such a hard time with this that I no longer know if I can stay in this marriage.

He is a good man and a great husband and father, but his lack of teeth is almost more than I can handle. Any advice on how I can get him to wear his dentures daily? — EMBARRASSED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Your husband may not be wearing the bridges the dentist made because they are uncomfortable. You may be able to convince him to wear them by encouraging him to return to the dentist who made them and have them adjusted until they fit properly.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Norwegian (bright) lights

North-South vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠Q 10
♡AK93
◊72
♣K9742

WEST
♠J5
♡Q8
◊KQJ6543
♣Q10

EAST
♠K9742
♡J764
◊1098
♣5

SOUTH
♠A863
♡1052
◊A
♣AJ863

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	3◊	Dbl*	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: King of ◊

Yesterday's deal featured famed Norwegian expert Geir Helgemo. South in today's deal was Norwegian Stig Dybdahl, who is not nearly so well known. North's raise to slam is hard to understand. Perhaps we were given the wrong auction. Had South cue-bid four diamonds instead of bidding five clubs, it would have been quite reasonable for North to bid six clubs. Anyway, the play's the thing.

Dybdahl won the opening diamond lead in his hand perforce and immediately led a heart to dummy's ace. Had West been issued a crystal ball at the start of play, he would have played his queen on this trick, but he made the normal play of his low heart. Dybdahl ruffed dummy's remaining diamond and cashed the king and ace of clubs, drawing trumps.

When West played the queen on the ensuing heart lead, Dybdahl played low from dummy and allowed West to win the trick. West was not at all happy about this. He had to play a diamond or a spade. A diamond would yield a ruff-sluff and the hand would be over immediately, so he tried a low spade. Dybdahl made no mistake. He inserted dummy's 10 of spades and claimed the rest when East covered with the king. Nicely played!

Should you ever travel to Norway, don't play bridge for money.

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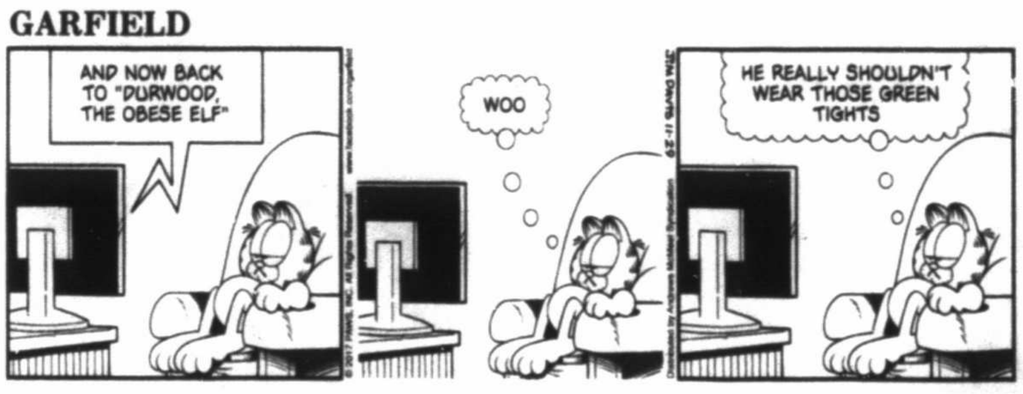

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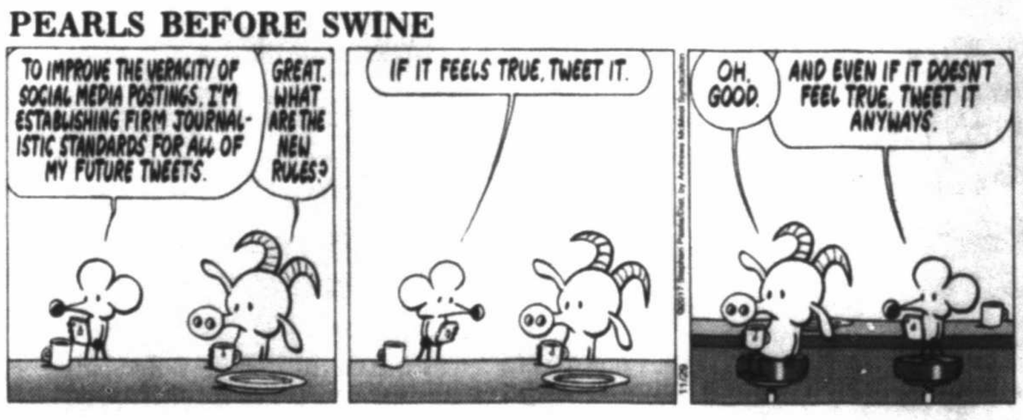

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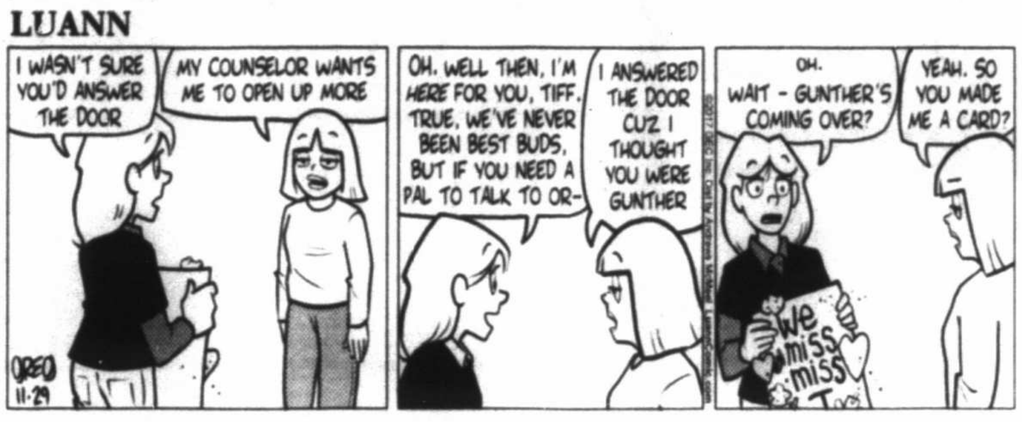

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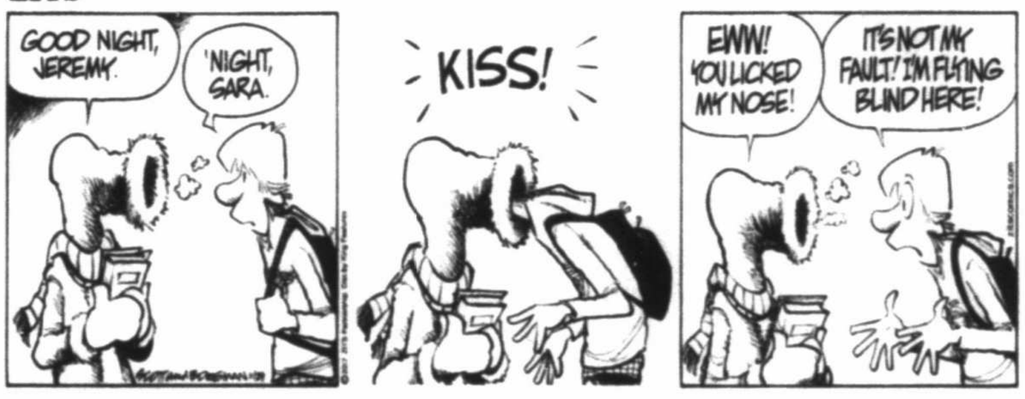

BABY BLUES

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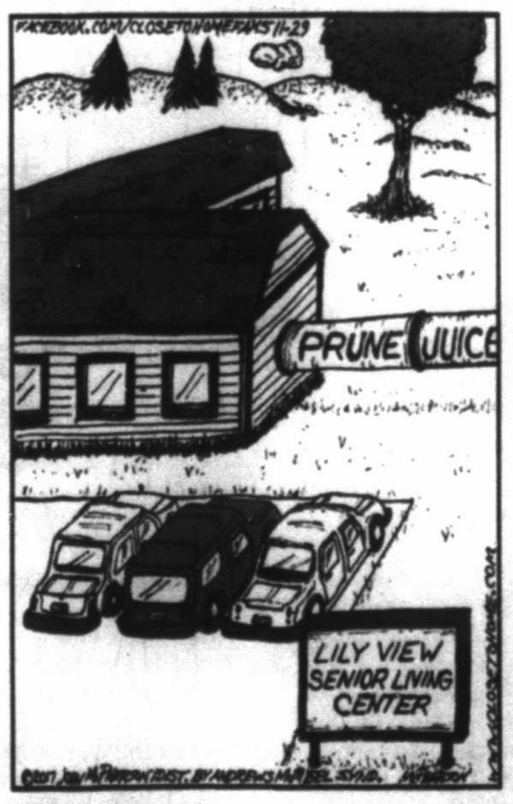
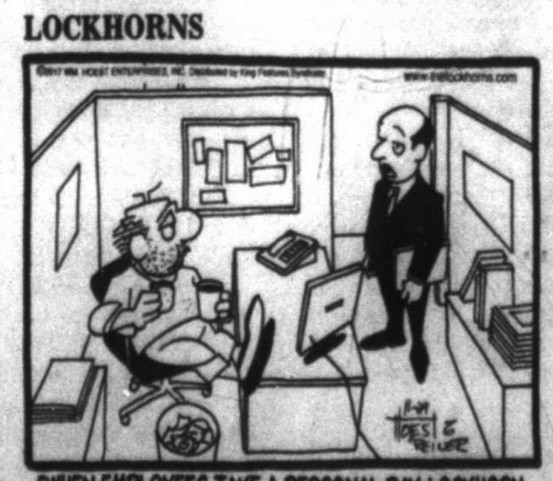


DENNIS THE MENACE

"MOM SAYS YOU'VE HAD SOME WORK DONE. NEXT TIME GIVE ME A CALL... I'M PRETTY GOOD WITH A RAKE."

LOCKHORNS

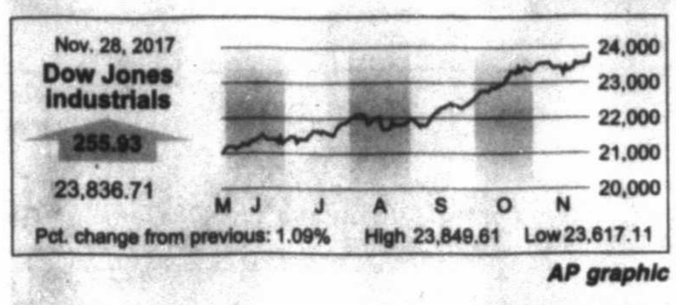


"WHEN EMPLOYEES TAKE A PERSONAL DAY, LOCKHORN, WE PREFER THEY TAKE IT OUTSIDE THE OFFICE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Yeah, I know, 'happily ever after,' but then what?"

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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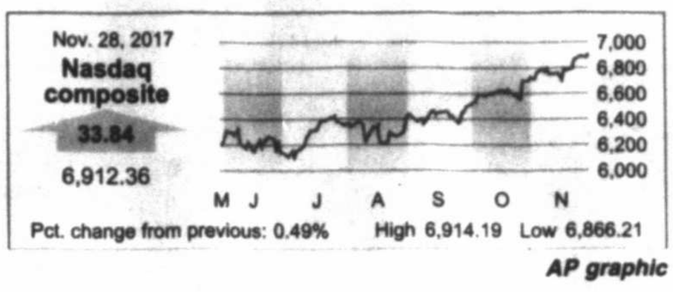

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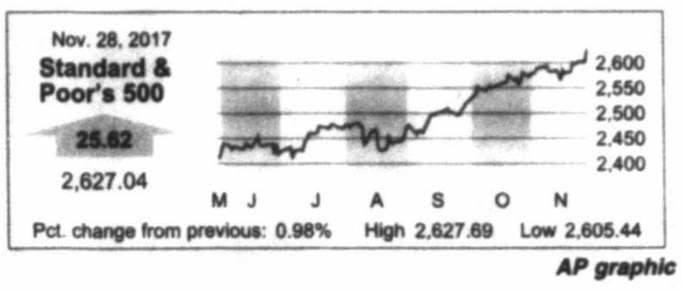

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $57.99
Previous: $58.11

POSTED

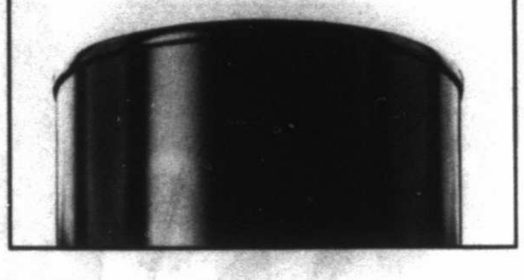
Tuesday: $54.50
Previous: $54.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $51.15
Previous: $51.15

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $3.074
Previous: $2.928



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioMrn	939817	27.84	+1.05	TCF Fn wt	3.69	+1.26	+51.9
SPDR Fncl	856878	26.88	+.68	RYB Edu n	22.20	+4.20	+23.3
S&P500ETF	817775	262.85	+2.57	SunTr wtB	15.60	+1.95	+14.3
Square n	545057	42.55	+1.53	Aquantia n	13.46	+1.66	+14.1
GenElec	535914	18.41	+.29	Thor Inds	154.37	+18.12	+13.3

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
StoneEng rs	24.04	-5.23	-17.9	Advanced	2,003
FstConeSl n	25.11	-3.40	-11.9	Declined	918
CSVlnvN rs	25.80	-2.91	-10.1	Unchanged	118
NoahHldgs	42.53	-4.66	-9.9	Total issues	3,039
Sea Ltd n	11.45	-1.22	-9.6	New Highs	220
				New Lows	61
				Volume	3,311,930,053

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Paratek rs	137738	1.19	+.01	RegHlt pfA	6.74	+1.44	+19.7
DigitalPwr	121703	1.38	-.75	Servotr	11.89	+.84	+7.6
TransEnbx	49868	2.26	-.10	Intellichk	2.30	+.13	+6.0
BGgold g	35168	2.62	-.05	Talkung n	2.99	+.17	+5.9
NwGold g	31044	3.10	-.08	BkNYMuz	15.70	+.85	+5.7

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
StreEn wt	2.99	-1.33	-30.7	Advanced	183
Dexor	4.92	-.59	-10.6	Declined	157
NTN Buzz rs	5.17	-.39	-7.0	Unchanged	21
Electmed	5.40	-.34	-5.9	Total issues	361
Mycmo n	3.66	-.22	-5.7	New Highs	10
				New Lows	13
				Volume	128,509,721

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Roku n	369739	46.43	-.09	ApolEnd rs	5.40	+1.30	+32.7
Comcast s	327618	36.25	+.70	Veritone n	27.51	+5.24	+23.5
Momo	308447	25.08	-5.82	Omnitr hn	4.34	+.68	+18.6
MicronT	295526	47.93	-.12	IdealPower	2.02	+.27	+15.4
Cisco	293303	37.73	+.86	ChiRecy rs	3.30	+.44	+15.4

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	Diary	
MaraPat rs	3.85	-2.66	-40.9	Advanced	1,903
DianaCnt rs	7.48	-1.87	-20.0	Declined	1,018
Adomani n	3.06	-.76	-19.9	Unchanged	190
AratanaTh	5.86	-1.37	-18.9	Total issues	3,111
Momo	25.08	-5.82	-18.8	New Highs	224
				New Lows	44
				Volume	1,886,300,841

Arby's owner agrees to acquire Buffalo Wild Wings for $2.4 billion

Bloomberg

Roark Capital Group has agreed to buy restaurant chain Buffalo Wild Wings Inc. for about $2.4 billion, adding to the private equity firm's stable of eateries that includes Arby's and Cinnabon.

Roark agreed to pay $157 a share in cash for the Minneapolis-based restaurant operator, representing a 34 percent premium to the stock's Nov. 13 closing price, the day before Roark's opening bid of about $150 was reported. Roark will also take on Buffalo Wild Wings net debt, the companies said Tuesday.

The deal caps a tumultuous year for Buffalo Wild Wings, which lost a proxy fight with activist Marcato Capital Management in June. The battle caused longtime Chief Executive Officer Sally Smith to announce her resignation. The chain came under fire after a sales slump was exacerbated by higher prices for chicken wings.

Roark has mounted a turnaround at Arby's since buying that chain from Wendy's in 2011, targeting core fast-food customers with a focus on protein-heavy sandwiches. The rebound at Arby's has come as diners turn away from so-called casual dining chains like Buffalo Wild Wings, where customers typically sit down and are served by waiters.

Roark is likely to focus first on improving Buffalo Wild Wings's food and operations, which should be easy fixes for a firm that's experienced in the restaurant industry, according to Michael Halen, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence.

"The last three years there have been a disaster there's a lot of low-hanging fruit," he said.

Buffalo Wild Wings shares climbed as much as 6.6 percent to $156 in New York trading Tuesday, its highest intraday price in almost six months. The stock had dropped 5.2 percent this year through Monday's close.

Under the terms, Buffalo Wild Wings will become a closely held subsidiary of Arby's and will continue to operate as an independent brand, the companies said. Paul Brown, chief executive officer of Arby's Restaurant Group, will serve in that role of the expanded company.

Funds advised by Marcato, which owns about 6.4 percent of Buffalo Wild Wings, have agreed to vote in favor of the acquisition, according to a statement.

Barclays served as financial adviser and White & Case as legal counsel to Arby's. Goldman Sachs provided financial advice to Buffalo Wild Wings, while Faegre Baker Daniels was its legal counsel.

Roark Capital is a prominent player in the food industry, with investments in chains such as Carl's Jr., Carvel and Auntie Anne's. The private equity firm earlier this year backed an unsuccessful attempt to buy fried-chicken chain Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen, which instead was sold to Restaurant Brands International for about $1.8 billion.

More than 70 percent of Americans shopped Thanksgiving weekend

Washington Post

Nearly three in four Americans went shopping — either online or in person — over Thanksgiving weekend, according to data released Tuesday by the National Retail Federation.

The 174 million Americans who shopped between Thanksgiving Day and Cyber Monday spent an average of $335 per person during that five-day period, the trade group said. The biggest spenders, millennials aged 24 to 35, paid out an average of $419.52 per person.

"The fundamentals of the economy remain strong," Matthew Shay, the chief executive of the National Retail Federation (NRF), said in a media call Tuesday afternoon. "Things are setting up very well for a very strong finale to the year."

Consumer confidence, meanwhile, continues to climb to 17-year highs. The consumer confidence index rose to 129.5 in November, up from 126.2 a month earlier, according to new data released Tuesday by the Conference Board.

In all, Americans are projected to spend about $680 billion this holiday season, marking a 3.6 percent to 4 percent increase from last year's $655.8 billion, according to NRF estimates. Those figures are in line with last year's 3.6 percent growth in holiday spending.

Among those who made purchases this holiday weekend, about 58 million people shopped online only, while 51 million shopped exclusively in stores. The remaining 65 million consumers shopped both online and in stores.

Last year, using different survey methods, NRF reported that roughly 154 million Americans shopped during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend, up from 151 million the year before. Executives said those results could not be compared to this year's estimates, which also include Cyber Monday.

"Gone are the days when you could measure the success of this weekend by looking at a single metric," Shay said.

Banks power solid gains for US stocks, more record highs

Banks led a broad rally in U.S. stocks Tuesday, lifting the market to a milestone-shattering finish.

Gains by industrial stocks, retailers and health care companies also helped drive the major stock indexes to record highs.

Investors were encouraged by news that a Senate committee cleared the way for a tax reform bill to go before the full Senate. Financial stocks also got a boost from Federal Reserve chair nominee Jerome Powell, who told another Senate committee that the Fed would consider easing up on bank regulations.

Encouraging economic data and the latest batch of company earnings and deal news also helped drive the rally, which gave the Standard & Poor's 500 index its best day since Sept. 11.

The S&P 500 index rose 25.62 points, or 1 percent, to 2,627.04. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 255.93 points, or 1.1 percent, to 23,836.71. The Nasdaq composite added 33.84 points, or 0.5 percent, to 6,912.36. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 23.12 points, or 1.5 percent, to 1,536.43.

Gold price mixed

Gold inched up 50 cents to $1,294.90 an ounce. Silver fell 20 cents to $16.82 an ounce. Copper slid 6 cents to $3.07 a pound.

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Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $137.78 Down 0.64

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Closing Price $4.90 Up 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $108.23 Up 0.97

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.43 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.39 Up 0.07

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.00 Down 0.10

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $18.80 Up 0.69

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.76 Down 0.49

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.84 Down 0.28

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.95 Down 0.11

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	13	4.79	+.08	-53.1
AT&T Inc	1.96	13	35.42	+.74	-16.7
Abraxas	...	49	1.94	-.07	-24.5
AdaDvsEq	1.32e	...	14.89	+.20	+17.2
AMD	...	...	11.17	-.38	-1.5
Alibaba	...	53	188.69	-1.36	+112.6
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	9.98	-.03	-20.8
Alibabs	...	...	71.98	-.09	+86.1
Ambev	.05e	6	6.43	+.07	+31.0
Amgen	4.60	15	170.26	+.55	+16.4
Anadarko	.20	...	47.77	+.08	-31.5
Apache	1.00	...	40.27	+.41	-36.6
Apple Inc	2.52	20	173.07	-1.02	+49.4
ApldMatl	.40	18	67.33	+.39	+77.7
Archrock	.48	...	9.45	+.10	-26.4
ATMOS	1.80	25	90.27	+.77	+21.7
AutoData	2.52f	30	111.22	+1.08	+8.2
BB&T Cp	1.32	16	47.53	+1.04	+1.1
BP PLC	2.38	29	38.90	+.39	+6.7
BioMrn	.48	16	27.64	+1.05	+25.1
Banro g rs	...	...	.21	-.02	...
B iPvST rs	...	...	31.21	-.42	...
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BkHillsCp	1.76	17	68.24	+.19	-5.1
BostonSci	...	18	26.39	-2.12	+22.0
BrMySq	1.56	22	62.52	+.91	+7.0
BrownFA a	...	35	60.00	+.22	+29.7
BrownFB s	...	...	59.48	+.04	+32.4
CVS Health	2.00	13	72.70	+2.30	-7.9
CallonPet	...	34	10.73	+.16	-30.2
Caterpillar	3.12	36	138.99	+1.80	+49.9
Celsiflc g	...	8	10.75	+.06	-9.3
CntryLink	2.16	6	13.69	+.07	-42.4
ChesEng	...	6	3.87	+.06	-44.9
Chevron	4.32	77	116.45	+.87	-1.1
Chicos	.33	12	8.73	+.31	-39.3
Cimarex	.32	30	114.24	+1.59	-15.9
Cisco	1.16	20	37.73	+.86	+24.9
Citigroup	1.28	14	73.70	+2.31	+24.0
CocaCola	1.48	28	46.83	-.07	+10.5
ColgPalm	1.80	25	72.76	+.76	+11.2
Comcast s	.63	18	36.25	+.70	+5.0
ConAgra	.85	20	36.44	+.50	-7.9
ConchoRes	...	...	137.78	-.84	+3.9
ConocoPhil	1.06	40	50.13	+.97	...
CrackerB	4.80	26	150.19	+5.06	-10.1
CSVlzSh rs	...	...	7.02	-.18	-92.6
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	9.43	+.84	-79.6
CrossTim	.93e	15	15.23	-.06	-15.2
DCP Mid	3.12	47	33.26	-.21	-13.3
DTE	3.30	22	114.34	+.70	+16.1
DevonE	.24	53	37.17	+.38	-18.6
DigitalPwr	...	...	1.38	-.75	+110.7
DxSCBear rs	...	...	12.35	-.61	-37.8
Disney	1.56	18	103.41	+.62	-.8
EOG Resrcs	.67	...	99.84	+.02	-1.2
Energen	.06	...	54.76	+.31	-5.0
EnPro	.88	48	88.74	+1.94	+27.3
EnProdPt	1.69f	19	24.26	+.33	-10.3
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.44	+.04	+10.5
ExxonMbl	3.08	32	81.87	+.56	-9.5
Facebook	...	34	182.42	-.61	+58.6
FordM	.60a	11	12.21	+.10	+.7
FrptMcM	...	...	14.21	+.12	+7.7
GATX	1.68	13	60.90	+1.68	-1.1
GabMutT	.94e	...	8.77	+.01	+21.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	33.50	+.10	+7.4
GenElec	.48m	15	18.41	+.29	-41.7
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.36	+.03	+7.0
GlPlainEn	1.10	20	34.19	+.24	+25.0
Groupon	...	...	5.82	+.13	+75.3
Hallibrtn	.72	93	41.02	-.05	-24.2
HP Ent n	.30f	35	13.88	+.41	+3.2
HostHotls	.80a	13	19.46	-.14	+3.3
HuntBrksh	.44f	17	13.97	+.47	+5.7
iShGold	...	...	12.43	-.01	+12.2
iShBrazil	.67e	...	41.00	+.41	+23.0
iShSilver	...	...	15.91	-.19	+5.3
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	47.56	+.39	+37.0
iShEMkts	.59e	...	47.36	+.35	+35.3
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	70.32	+.40	+21.8
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	87.67	+.27	+1.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	152.86	+2.37	+13.4
Intel	1.08	19	44.73	+.24	+23.3
InterDig	1.40f	10	74.95	+.85	-18.0
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	101.36	+3.43	+17.5
JohnJn	3.36	20	140.02	+1.92	+21.5
Keycorp	.36	17	18.49	+.48	+1.2
KimbClk	3.88	19	117.38	+.82	+2.9
KindMorg	.50	32	17.03	+.07	-17.8
LegacyRes	...	...	1.43	+.01	-32.5
Lubys	...	...	2.68	+.01	-37.4
Macys	1.51	7	22.18	+.97	-38.1
MaraPat rs	...	...	3.85	-2.66	-44.0
MarvelITch	.24	73	23.27	-.11	+67.8
McDnlds	4.04f	29	171.34	+2.38	+40.8
Merck	1.88	14	54.93	+.38	-6.7
MeritMed	...	51	44.05	-.15	+66.2
MexcoEn	...	...	4.39	+.07	-12.2
MicronT	...	10	47.93	-.12	+118.7
Microsoft	1.68f	30	84.88	+1.01	+36.6
Momo	...	...	25.08	-5.82	+36.5
Nabors	.24	...	5.60	+.01	-65.9
NOILVarco	.20	...	32.13	+.50	-14.2
NewellRub	.92f	12	30.78	+.99	-31.1
NokiaCp	.17e	...	5.05	+.04	+5.0
NSTRI	.55e	...	14.93	-.13	+5.4
NTXGI	.65	...	14.54	-.14	+6.0
Nvidia	.60f	58	210.71	-3.43	+97.4
OasisPet	...	...	9.52	+.08	-37.1
OcclPet	3.08	...	66.96	+.86	-3.2
Oracle	.76	23	49.01	+.13	+28.0
PDC Engy	...	...	44.86	-.19	-38.2
ParTech	...	20	8.11	+.09	+48.3
Pamtem rs	...	...	1.19	+.01	...
ParkDrl	...	...	1.03	...	-60.4
PattUTI	.08	...	20.09	+.22	-25.4
Penney	...	18	3.50	+.15	-57.9
PennaRE	.84	13	11.36	+.44	-40.1
Prmian	.63e	26	9.21	+.01	+19.5
Petrobras	...	...	10.16	+.04	+.5
Pfizer	1.28	14	35.85	+.36	+10.4
PhaseRx n	...	...	.80	+.14	-48.4
PloNtrl	.08	...	151.09	+.51	-16.1
PlainsAAP	2.20	22	18.73	+.06	-42.0
PwShs QQQ	2.52e	...	156.59	+.40	+32.2
Proshr	3.15	28	156.38	+4.28	+33.4
PrmEgy	...	...	50.96	...	-5.6
PUVlxST rs	...	...	12.80	-.37	...
ProctGam	2.76f	23	89.40	+.44	+6.3
Qualcom	2.28	27	68.38	+.81	+4.9
RYB Edu n	...	...	22.20	+4.20	-28.7
RangeRs	.08	20	17.98	+.33	-47.7
RegalEnt	.88a	21	19.63	+1.38	-4.7
RegionsFn	.36	17	16.00	+.48	+11.4
RiotBlck	1.00p	...	15.25	-.35	+345.4
RiteAid	...	95	1.89	+.26	-77.1
Roku n	...	...	46.43	-.09	+97.6
Rowan	.40	8	13.96	+.13	-26.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	97	63.93	+2.08	+17.6
SpdrDJIA	3.99e	...	236.34	+2.61	+20.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	262.85	+2.57	+17.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	37.00	+.10	+1.5
SpdrS&P	RB.74e	...	57.94	+1.92	+4.3
SabrR	2.31e	21	44.45	+.55	+26.5
SanderFrs	1.28f	14	163.27	+2.38	+73.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	48	82.29	+.91	-25.8
SiriusXM	.04f	30	5.43	-.01	+22.0
Smucker	3.12f	15	114.93	+1.68	-10.3
Snapinc A n	...	...	13.61	+.55	-44.4
SwstnEngy	...	46	6.40	+.23	-40.9
Square n	...	...	42.55	+1.53	+212.2
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.71	+.52	-10.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	26.88	+.68	+15.6
SP Tech	.78e	...	64.71	+.21	+33.8
TeleNAep	1.20e	...	10.20	+.10	+10.9
TevaPhrm	.73e	5	14.69	+.04	-59.5
3M Co	4.70	27	235.63	+1.63	+32.0
Torchmark	.80	19	87.53	+1.79	+18.7
TriContl	1.00e	...	26.35	+.04	+19.5
Twitter	...	...	21.83	+.01	+33.9
TylerTech	...	57	180.09	+3.83	+26.1
UBSI	1.36f	19	36.30	+1.35	-21.5
US NGas	...	...	6.23	+.20	-33.3
USSteel	.20	...	28.61	-.19	-13.3
Vale SA	.29e	...	11.33	+.42	+48.7
ValeantPh	...	4	16.40	-.08	+12.9
ValeroE	2.80	22	83.24	+1.12	+21.8
VanEGold	.06e	...	22.93	-.11	+9.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	45.40	+.27	+26.9
Verelt	.55	14	7.91	-.13	-6.5
VerizonCm	2.36f	10	48.82	+1.16	-8.5
VulcanM	1.00	38	121.86	+2.03	-2.8
WEC Engy	2.08	23	68.93	+.16	+17.5
WalgBoots	1.60	15	72.24	+2.85	-12.7
Wealthfntl	...	...	3.16	-.09	-36.7
WellsFargo	1.56f	14	55.58	+1.63	+.9
WmsCos	1.20	49	28.36	+.38	-8.9
XcelEngy	1.44	22	51.25	+.39	+25.9
Xerox rs	1.00	10	29.00	+.77	+26.1
Xunlei Ltd	...	...	18.58	-2.43	+381.3
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10,090.51	9,744.36	Dow Jones Transportation	9,754.03	+158.80	+1.65	+7.85	+9.06
778.80	622.88	Dow Jones Utilities	768.06	+3.52	+.46	+16.14	+17.04
12,443.80	10,786.40	NYSE Composite	12,520.23	+129.45	+1.04	+13.23	+15.74
6,897.42	5,238.21	Nasdaq Composite	6,912.36	+33.84	+.49	+28.41	+28.48
2,606.39	2,167.44	S&P 500	2,627.04	+25.62	+.98	+17.34	+19.16
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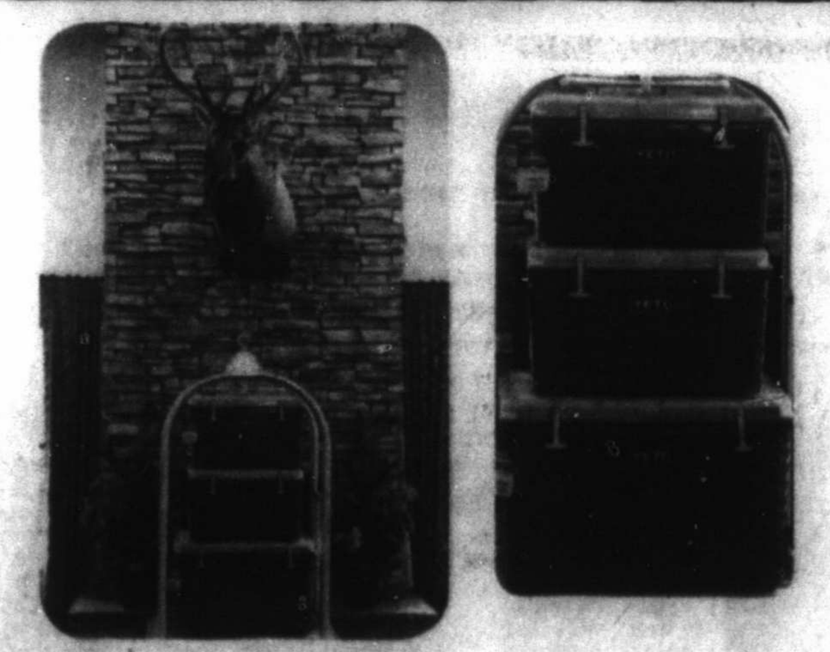

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The MRT has an opening for a Circulation District Manager. This individual would be responsible for overseeing a delivery force of independent contractors/carriers, as well as performing other duties involved with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

This position requires excellent communication skills, must be able to work flexible hours (largely in the early morning hours including weekends), have reliable transportation. Candidate with previous newspaper delivery experience preferred but not required.

This is a full time salaried position, eligible for full benefits including health, vision, dental and paid time off with excellent starting salary.

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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the Midland County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 10:00 a.m. Local Time, Friday, December 8, 2017. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 10:05 a.m., Local Time, December 8, 2017.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 17MCO526 – OIL AND GAS LEASE

Pursuant to Chapter 71 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Midland County, Texas is accepting proposals for the purpose of entering into a Non Surface Use Oil and Gas Lease for certain designated County owned property.

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing webpage www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Notice

The City of Midland has prepared the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 program year. The CAPER describes the progress towards addressing needs identified in the City's Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing funds.

The CAPER may be examined at the following locations:

City Secretary's Office -- Room 330, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine
Casa de Amigos -- 1101 E. Garden Lane
City Housing Authority -- 700 W Scharbauer Drive
Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center -- 2300 Butternut
Midland County Branch Library -- 2503 W Loop 250 N
Midland County Housing Authority -- 1710 Edwards
Midland County Public Library -- 301 W. Missouri
Midland Senior Center -- 3303 W Illinois Space #18
SE Community Senior Center -- 1803 E. Indiana

A summary of the CAPER may be viewed at www.midlandtexas.gov. Please direct any written comments to Community Development Office, PO Box 1152, Midland, Texas, 79702, by December 11, 2016. The final report will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by December 30, 2017 and will be available at the City Secretary's Office.

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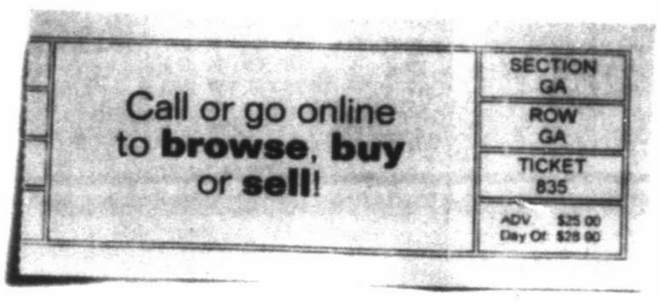

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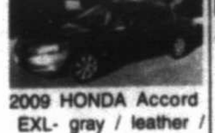

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