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MORE SESSIONS

Midland Health has added to its program to fight heart disease.

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GARDEN CITY FALLS

In a battle between the No. 1-ranked and No. 2-ranked teams in the top tier of six-man football, it was the top-ranked squad who went on to punch its ticket to AT&T Stadium.

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Trischitti defeats Kirk in District 5 race

From staff reports



Trischitti

John Trischitti III appears headed to the Midland ISD board.

Trischitti defeated Heidi Kirk in the runoff for the position, which represents parts of central and north Midland.

He reversed his fortunes from the Nov. 6 general election when he finished second to Kirk. However, because Kirk fell short of the 50 percent-plus-one-vote needed to win, the runoff was necessary. Trischitti, the director of libraries for Midland, won the runoff by a little more than 4 percentage points. Trischitti finished the night with 645 votes, and Kirk ended her runoff campaign with 594. Trischitti led 453-377 after early voting.

By the numbers

	Total Votes	Percentage
John Trischitti	645	52.06
Heidi Kirk	594	47.94

District 5 is located in central and north Midland and includes Early College High School, Goddard Junior High, San Jacinto Junior High, Emerson Elementary and Santa Rita Elementary. Some prominent areas/developments include Midland College, Racquet Club, the heavy growth area east and west of State Highway 191, north of Loop 250 and Saddle Club and the Midland Polo Fields.

He ran a campaign as a man who knew about turnarounds. Just like he oversaw the resurgence of the Midland County Public Library system, he told voters he wanted to be part of a Midland ISD academic rebound.

His campaign was bolstered by the endorsement from Midland Students First, whose backing included marketing dollars for signage and advertisements.

This was the second election cycle for Midland Students First, and the candidates MSF endorsed — Trischitti, Rick Davis, John Kennedy and Bryan Murry — are 4-0 and now make up a majority of the school board.

POLICECHIEFFORUM



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

City Council members Jeff Sparks and Sharla Hotchkiss talk with Phillip Smith Jr., candidate for Midland Police Department chief, Tuesday evening at a community reception at the Midland Municipal Courthouse. MPD interim Chief Seth Herman also attended.

MPD chief finalists meet with community members

■ List is down to two after candidate withdraws from consideration

By Simone Jasper
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A reception Tuesday gave Midlanders a chance to hear the perspectives of candidates for the city's police chief. Seth Herman and Phillip Smith Jr. shared their thoughts about leading a law enforcement agency in a growing community.

"I have a very vested interest in this department and these citizens," Herman, a Midland Police Department veteran of 23 years, told the Reporter-Telegram. "My goal is to continue to protect and serve in this next level of my career."

Herman and Smith were selected as finalists from more than 34 applicants. Smith currently works as police chief of the Roswell Police Department in New Mexico.

"I've fallen in love with the southwest, and I find myself pursuing a fantastic career here in Midland," Smith told those gathered at the Midland Municipal Court building.

The MPD hasn't had a permanent leader since former chief Steve Henry was terminated in April. He was found to have violated personnel policies, specifically those

Please see MPD/2A

Shale becomes industry's safe haven

■ Chevron, Anadarko ConocoPhillips plan to increase spending

By Kevin Crowley, Alix Steel and Rachel Adams-Heard
Bloomberg

Big Oil is investing more, not less, in U.S. shale after the recent tumble in crude prices.

It's a far cry from four years ago when OPEC declared war on American shale areas, which at the time had some of the highest costs anywhere in the world and were often the first on the chopping block during tough times.

The cost of shale production has fallen so much since then that it's becoming a safe haven for major oil companies in times of volatile prices, providing rapid, reliable growth and quick returns even with crude trading for just over $50 a barrel, down by almost a third since the start of October.

The U.S. shale sector has helped boost American production to an average of 10.9 million barrels a day this year, the most on record. Output is forecast to grow a further 11 percent next year, according the Energy Information Administration.

ConocoPhillips said Monday it's spending half its 2019 budget in the continental U.S., while Chevron Corp. is investing more at home than it's done for more than a decade, with $3.6 billion going to the Permian Basin alone. Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and Hess Corp., both global operators, plan to increase spending on their

Please see SHALE/2A

Price of oil
$51.65 ▲ $0.65

Did you know?
Netflix is producing a series about **Selena** based on the late singer's life. Read more at MRT.com

The big number
Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday **87-13** to renew programs that will fund key farm safety net programs. Page 4A

Word of the Day: superficial
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A

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"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others."
—*Bob Hope*

Apartment fire source found



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Fire Department battles an apartment fire Sunday that destroyed a unit at Andrews Square East Apartments located in the 1900 block of Midland Drive. MFD has determined that an electrical malfunction in a heater was the cause of the fire Sunday evening blaze, a city spokesman said Tuesday. Sixteen apartments at the complex were affected, and four of those were "a total loss," but no one was injured, Tony Castaneda said via email. Twelve units responded to the fire at the apartment complex.

Man who killed newlywed during robbery executed

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A Texas inmate was executed Tuesday evening for fatally shooting a newlywed during a robbery more than 25 years ago.

Alvin Braziel Jr., 43, received lethal injection at the state penitentiary in Huntsville for the 1993 slaying of 27-year-old Douglas White, who was attacked as he and his wife walked on a jogging trail.

Braziel became the 24th inmate put to death this year in the U.S. and the 13th executed in Texas, the nation's busiest capital punishment state. He will be the last Texas inmate executed this year.

The execution was delayed about 90 minutes after the six-hour window defined by the warrant began at 6 p.m. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals rejected a last-minute appeal from Braziel's attorneys.

As Douglas and Lora White walked along a community college jogging trail in the Dallas suburb of Mesquite, Braziel jumped out from behind some bushes with a pistol in his hand and demanded money.

The Whites, who had only been married 10 days, didn't have any money on them but told Braziel they could get him some and they started walking back to their truck. But Braziel became angry with the couple and ordered them to the ground.

"Doug ... was praying, asked God to forgive him and Lora their sins because they both knew that this was it," said Michael Bradshaw, the lead detective on the case for Mesquite police. "The last thing Doug said before Braziel fired the first round, he said, 'Please God, don't let him hurt Lora.'"

Braziel shot White once in the head and once in his heart.

Bradshaw said he believes Braziel would have also shot then-24-year-old Lora White but his gun malfunctioned. Braziel instead took her to bushy area near the trail and sexually assaulted her.



Christina Goodvoice/KOTV/NewsOn6.com via AP, file

In this Jan. 22 photo from video by Tulsa's KOTV/NewsOn6.com, fires burn at an eastern Oklahoma drilling rig near Quinton, Okla. The family of one of five workers who were killed in the explosion says the drilling company didn't act upon multiple warnings that its safety equipment was in disrepair. Parker Waldridge's family alleges in a amendment to their wrongful death lawsuit that a "cascade of errors and multiple departures from safe drilling practices" by drilling company Patterson-UTI Drilling led to the blowout.

Lawsuit: Gas company knew rig was unsafe before explosion

Associated Press

QUINTON, Okla. — Drilling company officials ignored multiple warnings that safety equipment at an Oklahoma gas well was malfunctioning before an explosion that killed five workers and badly injured another, the family of one of the dead workers contends in a recent court filing.

Parker Waldridge's family alleges in a Dec. 4 amendment to their wrongful death lawsuit that a "cascade of errors and multiple departures from safe drilling practices" by drilling company Patterson-UTI Drilling led to the Jan. 22 blowout near Quinton, which is about 125 miles east of Oklahoma City.

The lawsuit alleges that at least two days before the explosion, the rig superintendent, manager and several other Patterson employees received email results of a laboratory test warning of problems with the rig's accumulator, a piece of safety equipment that closes part of the well to prevent an uncontrolled release of fluids. The warnings even came with a "skull and crossbones graphic (literally)," the lawsuit said.

The accumulator wasn't able to fully close the well on the day of the blast, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board found.

"Patterson Drilling had the most direct control over the drilling operations and emergency response to changing conditions and failed to use ordinary care with respect to its conduct," the lawsuit alleges.

Red Mountain Energy, which owns the well and hired Patterson to work it, issued a statement saying that Patterson's "gross negligence led to a terrible tragedy."

"The facts cited in the amended petition demonstrate exactly which parties failed to perform basic safety procedures prior to this accident," said Red Mountain, which is also a defendant in the lawsuit.

Patterson, meanwhile, issued its own statement, calling Red Mountain Energy's allegations "inflammatory" and blaming the company for the well's design and drilling program.

"It is important to note that Red Mountain was the lease holder and operator of the well, which was drilled under its direction, supervision and control," Patterson said."

Killed in the explosion were Waldridge of Crescent; Matt Smith of McAlester; Roger Cunningham from Seminole; Josh Ray of Fort Worth; and Cody Risk of Wellington, Colorado. Autopsies determined all five men died of burns and smoke inhalation. The families of each dead worker and Kevin Carrillo, who was badly injured, have filed lawsuits over the explosion, The Tulsa World reported.

The explosion was the deadliest drilling accident since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, killing 11 people.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Rachel Stone talks with Midland Police Department interim Chief Seth Herman at a community reception for chief candidates Tuesday at the Midland Municipal Courthouse.

MPD

From 1A

related to harassment, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

Herman is currently interim chief and said the position has helped him gain knowledge about the role's requirements. He said the community maintains a small-town feeling and has to continue progressing as the population grows.

"I've been serving as the interim chief of police for the last nine months, and it has truly been an honor to have been involved at this level of government within the department," Herman told people gathered Tuesday.

Smith said he's grateful to be considered a finalist after seeking the MPD job when it was previously advertised. He applied again due to factors that include the West Texas location and the opportunity to serve a growing community.

"It's going to be a career improvement challenge because of the size of it and what they encompass," Smith said. "It's attractive."

Herman and Smith remained in the candidate pool after finalist Jimmie Sevey of Nacogdoches withdrew from consideration for personal reasons, according to the city.

The meet-and-greet event culminated a day of finalist interviews with the law enforcement community, city management and others. A final decision could be made before the end of the year.

SHALE

From 1A

American assets more than 40 percent.

Oil's recent collapse caused "some different allocation going on within the budget," Conoco Chief Executive Officer Ryan Lance said on Bloomberg TV. "We're putting more toward our U.S. unconventional position," he said.

Production growth "slows down at $50 but I don't think it stops at $50, and it certainly continues if prices get back to $60," Lance said. Skeptics thought shale "wouldn't last long, but it's here, it's a huge resource and it's going to be resilient and long-lasting."

Oil companies will spend almost $124 billion in the U.S. next year, a third of total capital expenditure globally, Evercore ISI wrote in a note. That's a 10 percent increase from a year earlier, while expenditure outside North America is seen growing 7.2 percent.

In the U.S., Conoco wells in the Eagle Ford Shale, Permian and the Bakken field generate cash when prices are around $50 a barrel or more, Lance said. The company pumped 313,000 barrels a day from the three regions combined during the third quarter, or 25 percent of the Houston-based company's global production.

Conoco alone will increase its shale production 25 percent next year, Lance said. That's on top of growth of about 35 percent expected this year. The shale revolution is having a bigger impact on energy markets than the development of offshore production in the 1960s, he said.

Insanity defense plea accepted in Texas campus stabbing attack

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A judge on Tuesday found a former University of Texas student not guilty by reason of insanity in a random stabbing attack last year that killed one student dead and wounded three others.



White

State District Judge Tamara Needles found 22-year-old Kendrex White not guilty by reason of insanity after prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed on the plea.

Doctors for both sides agreed that White suffers from schizoaffective disorder and could not discern right from wrong when he attacked the students in May 2017, killing Harrison Brown.

White's lawyers had filed paperwork with the court that waived White's right to a jury trial. White had been charged with murder in Brown's death and three counts of aggravated assault relating to the injured students.

Brown's mother, Lori Brown, told reporters after the verdict that she hopes White never leaves the maximum-security mental hospital where he'll be confined.

"I have no sympathy or empathy for Harrison's murderer and I hope and pray he will never have an opportunity to harm another person," Brown said.

Needles on Tuesday gave victims, family members, doctors and law enforcement officials a chance to testify in court after her judgment.

Dr. Maureen Burrows said White hears voices, hallucinates and sometimes believes he is Jesus Christ.

Man arrested on child endangerment charge

Associated Press

A Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly endangering a child after he fell asleep at the wheel of his vehicle.



Liles

Christopher Patton Liles, 33, was released on a $10,000 bond for a state felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child by criminal negligence.

Midland police were dispatched at about 8 p.m. Friday in reference to a vehicle failing to stay in its lane and striking several curbs.

Officers found the vehicle in the middle of the road in the 3100 block of Humble Avenue. The driver — identified as Liles — was asleep behind the wheel, according to the affidavit. The vehicle was in drive and Liles had his foot on the brake, according to the affidavit.

While attempting to wake Liles, officers found a 3-year-old in the vehicle's back seat, according to the affidavit. Because of the circumstances, officers broke the window in order to remove the child, who was not in a car seat, according to the affidavit.

Liles had a strong smell of alcohol on his person, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Liles could face up to two years imprisonment for the state jail felony charge.

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WORD OF THE DAY
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superficial
[soo-per-fish-uh l]
adjective
1. being at, on, or near the surface.
2. of or relating to the surface.
3. external or outward.

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TODAYINMIDLAND

TELLIN' STORIES



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Storytellers Donald Davis, right, of Ocracoke, N.C., and Jasmine Cardenas, left, of Chicago entertain Midland ISD third-graders as part of the 27th annual Midland Storytellers Festival Friday at Lee High School auditorium.

This date in Midland

On Dec. 12, 2000, George W. Bush was transformed into the president-elect as a divided U.S. Supreme Court reversed a state court decision for recounts in Florida's contested election.
Source: Associated Press

Things to do

■ Wednesday Storytime with crafts for preschool children, 11 a.m., Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.
■ Voices Dei, Noon, Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave. Free.
■ Pint Nights featuring $1 pints, 5-9 p.m., Double Dave's Midland, 3208 N. Loop 250 W.
■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
■ Pool tournaments, 7 p.m., The Detour, 1709 Rankin Highway.
■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.
■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's, 3303 N. Midkiff Road. challengeentertainment.com.

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Christmas parade

The city's annual Christmas parade — which was rescheduled because of the weather — kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The route is along "A" Street from Ventura Avenue near Windlands Park to near Midland High School. This year's theme is Christmas in Boomtown.
To register a parade float or for more information, visit www.midland-texas.gov/christmas or call 685-7379.

When it's open

U.S. Postal Service
Downtown, 100 E. Wall St.: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Village, 2315 W. Louisiana Ave.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
Graves, 3304 W. Wadley Ave.: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Post office extends hours
The U.S. Postal Service's ClayDesta Station will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 22. In addition, some local post offices may have extended hours through Dec. 22.
Also, residents should keep in mind the following USPS deadlines:
■ APO/FPO/DPO Priority and first-class mail: Tuesday
■ Retail ground: Friday
■ Priority and first-class: Dec. 20
■ Priority mail express: Dec. 22
Source: USPS

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2018. There are 19 days left in the year.
On this date:
■ In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.
Source: Associated Press

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 5-6-7-9-10-16-18-19-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-6-12-13-14-15-16-18-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-7-9-11-14-17-18-19-20-21
Daily 4 morning: 9-7-4-2
Daily 4 day: 2-2-9-3
Daily 4 evening: 3-6-2-0
Pick 3 morning: 6-9-6
Pick 3 day: 3-0-5
Pick 3 evening: 4-7-7

Because of an earlier deadline, the night drawings were unavailable.

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High	58
Low	33
Normal high	59
Normal low	31

Dec. 11 records

High	84, set in 1987
Low	15, set in 1989

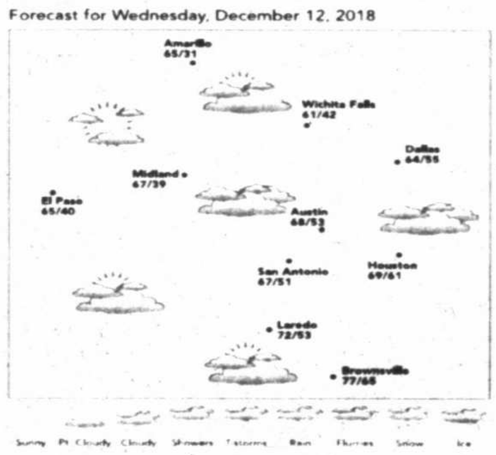
Precipitation

Monday	0.00
Tuesday	0.00
Month total	0.50 inch
Year total	17.17 inches
Normal total (year to date)	14.22 inches

Winds

Average speed	10 mph
Highest sustained	21 mph
Highest gust	24 mph

Today's forecast
High: 88
Forecast for Wednesday, December 12, 2018



Low: 67
Conditions: Cloudy during the day and night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day/25-30 mph (gusts up to 40 mph) at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 7:40 a.m.
Sunset: 5:45 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 Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018: This year, you open doors, let go of unneeded limitations and take risks more often. Your personality is evolving into a new, more dynamic version. If you are single, others find you to be very desirable. Count on the likelihood of someone special entering your life. If you are attached, you and your partner move to a new level of caring and understanding. Your mutual trust grows, creating even more openness between you. AQUARIUS has a habit of creating wild situations around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Unexpected developments could point to a different response. Someone who considers him- or herself to be more important than you could become quite controlling. Be creative and optimistic, and find a way to ignore this person. **Tonight:** Go along with a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pace yourself, as you could have a lot of ground to cover. You won't hesitate to let others know when you have had enough. You might come off as erratic to some, but to the right person, you will be seen as exciting. **Tonight:** Note what is not being said.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might discover that a friend is not as stable as you previously had thought. Tap into your sense of humor to deal with this person. Meanwhile, an important person in your life could let you know how much you are appreciated. **Tonight:** Have an important discussion with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You wouldn't be as in demand as you are if you did not excel in a certain area. You might want to spend more time at home if you are feeling overwhelmed. If a loved one becomes controlling, know that it is just reflecting his or her insecurity. **Tonight:** Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a way of drawing people to you and identifying with them. This sense of understanding creates more give-and-take. A co-worker who is fun to work with will add to the moment. Make and return calls, and don't put off any important decisions. **Tonight:** Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your instincts will be right-on with a money matter. Your creativity when taking risks might work well on paper, but it won't play out the way you would like it to. You could have a hard time understanding why this is. Ask a loved one for feedback. **Tonight:** Indulge a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could see that a situation seems to be taking on a new twist. Ask questions and listen well to the answer. What you think is going on and what is actually happening might be two different things. Avoid projecting your issues onto the situation. **Tonight:** Go for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You will want to keep your own counsel for now. A hunch you have about someone else could pay off. You might be ready to add depth to this relationship. Try not to insert any biased judgments into the discussion. Stay open-minded. **Tonight:** Follow your instincts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be in the mood to do some shopping, especially for a very special loved one. What you choose could delight this person to no end. Don't forget about a dear friend or relative at a distance. Make plans to visit soon. **Tonight:** Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have an endearing quality about you that draws many people toward you. You might decide to become even more verbal in the next few weeks. Choose your words with your customary precision, and your message will be well-received. **Tonight:** Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are prone to do research rather than take anyone's advice. You trust hard facts more than opinions. A lovable friend or associate might add a lot of laughter and fun when he or she appears. Take a break when you see this person. **Tonight:** Choose your company with care.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could see a personal matter much differently from how another party sees it. Why not just respect the differences in your experiences? Understand that you might need to discuss alternative ways of handling problems of this nature in the future. **Tonight:** Opt for togetherness.

BORN TODAY
Singer/actor Frank Sinatra (1915), actress Mayim Bialik (1975), actress Jennifer Connelly (1970)

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US House passes Conaway's George W. Bush Childhood Home Act

By Stewart Doreen
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The U.S. House of Representatives on Monday passed the George W. Bush Childhood Home Study Act.

Known as House Resolution 3008 and authored by Congressman Mike Conaway of Midland, this piece of legislation aims to preserve the Midland home of the Bush family as a national landmark.

"George W. Bush's childhood home in Midland, Texas, is a piece of our nation's history," Conaway said in a press release. "Two presidents, two governors and a first lady have called this house their home. As the nation mourns the passing of George Herbert Walker Bush, our 41st president, we are especially reminded of the importance of preserving living landmarks for future generations."

The only "no" votes on the bill came from four Republicans. Two other Republicans voted "present," according to Conaway's office.

Paul St. Hillaire, executive director of the Bush Childhood Home, said Tuesday that the bill appropriated funds for the National Park Service to conduct a study of the historic home. He said in an email that the initial study was conducted three or four years ago, when it was determined that the museum was a good fit. This second study is to determine the feasibility of the National Park Service operating the site.

He said there are three levels the Bush Childhood Home could be affiliated with the National Park Service:

- In name only as a national landmark.

St. Hillaire said that would give the Bush Childhood Home visibility and extra traffic.

- operated by the NPS but day-to-day operations would be funded by a separate organization run locally;
- owned and operated by the NPS and funded by the government.

St. Hillaire said that if the House bill goes through the Senate and is signed by the president, funds would be appropriated for the NPS budget. Officials then would schedule a round of visits, write up a report and submit it to the Bush Childhood Home board to consider at what level it would like to be involved.

"As I understand it, once we've given them our answer, a new bill would be introduced allowing NPS to take whatever steps that level requires," St. Hillaire said. "The entire process

Acting AG defends Trump border policy

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker is defending the Trump administration's stricter immigration policies and decrying federal judges attempting to block many of them.

During a Texas visit Tuesday, Whitaker praised a crackdown aimed at drastically reducing the number of immigrants who cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally then seek asylum because of fears of violence or persecution back home.

Whitaker called "the vast majority" of such claims "simply meritless."

HONORING SPARKS



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Jeff Sparks, talks with friends and family, including his son Josh and mother Gwyn Sparks on Tuesday at a celebration honoring Sparks for his 9 years serving on Midland City Council.

Senate votes overwhelmingly to renew farm programs

By Juliet Linderman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted overwhelmingly Tuesday for a sweeping agriculture bill that will fund key farm safety net programs for the next five years without making significant changes to the food stamp program.

The vote was 87-13. The House is expected to pass the measure soon and send it to President Donald Trump for his signature.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brought the bill up for a quick vote Tuesday, less than one day after the House and Senate reached an agreement on the final text.

The measure is the result of months of negotiations, and does not make any significant changes — despite pressure from President Donald Trump — to the food stamp program that serves nearly 40 million low-income Americans.

"This is what happens when the Congress works in a bipartisan, bicameral fashion," said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., ahead of the vote. "It's a good bill that accomplishes what we set out to do: provide certainty and predictability for farmers and families in rural communities."

The legislation sets federal agricultural and food policy for five years and provides more than $400 billion in farm subsidies, conservation programs and food aid for the poor. It reauthorizes crop insurance and conservation programs and funds trade programs, bioenergy production and organic farming research. It also reduces the cost for struggling dairy producers to sign up for support programs and legalizes the cultivation of industrial hemp, an initiative championed by McConnell.

One thing the bill doesn't have: tighter work requirements for food stamp recipients, a provision of the House bill that became a major sticking point during negotiations.

"We maintain a strong safety net for farmers and importantly, we maintain a strong safety net for our families," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., the most senior Democrat on the agriculture committee. "We said no to harmful changes that would take food away from families, and instead increased program integrity and job training to be able to make sure things should be working as they should and every dollar is used as it should be."

The House bill would have raised the age of recipients subject to work requirements from 49 to 59 and required parents with children older than 6 years to work or participate in job training. The House measure also sought to limit circumstances under which families who qualify for other poverty programs can automatically be eligible for SNAP, and earmarked $1 billion to expand work-training programs.

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Mike Conaway,
House Agriculture Committee Chairman



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., joined from left by Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., speak Tuesday following their weekly strategy session, at the Capitol. Under pressure from President Donald Trump and many of his Republican colleagues, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Tuesday that he will bring legislation to the floor to overhaul the nation's sentencing laws.

By contrast, the bipartisan Senate bill, which passed 86-11, offered modest adjustments to existing farm programs and made no changes to SNAP.

Throughout the negotiation process Trump made his support for work requirements clear, tweeting about the issue multiple times. But negotiators ultimately rejected the most controversial House measures related to SNAP, making no significant changes to the program. The outcome is a victory for Democrats, who refused to support them.

The final bill also preserves states' ability to provide waivers, and does not change eligibility criteria. It does increase funding for employment and job training programs from $90 million to roughly $103.9 million per year.

The two chambers also clashed over portions of the bill's forestry and conservation sections. But the most contentious pieces of the House version, such as relaxing restrictions on pesticide use, didn't make it into the final text.

Negotiations were complicated in recent weeks when the White House asked Congress to make changes to the forestry section in response to deadly wildfires in California, giving more authority to the Agriculture and Interior departments to clear forests and other public lands. The final text doesn't significantly increase the agencies' authority.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said Monday the bill "maintains a strong safety net for the farm economy, invests in critical agricultural research and will promote agriculture exports through robust trade programs," but voiced disappointment over the failed changes to the work requirement.

"While we would have liked to see more progress on work requirements for SNAP recipients and forest management reforms, the conference agreement does include several helpful provisions, and we will continue to build upon these through our authorities," he said.

The bill also maintains current limits on farm subsidies, but includes a House provision to expand the definition of family to include first cousins, nieces and nephews, making them eligible for payments under the program.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Midland, a strong proponent of stricter work requirements, thanked Perdue and the administration for their support.

"America's farmers and ranchers are weathering the fifth year of severe recession, so passing a farm bill this week that strengthens the farm safety net is vitally important," Conaway said.



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Vice President Mike Pence, center, listens Tuesday as President Donald Trump argues with House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., during a meeting in the Oval Office of the White House.

Trump bickers with Dem leaders, threatens gov't shutdown

By Matthew Daly and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bickering in public with Democratic leaders, President Donald Trump threatened repeatedly on Tuesday to shut down the government if Congress doesn't provide the money he says is needed to build a wall at the Mexican border.

Trump's comments came as he opened a contentious meeting with Democratic Senate and House leaders Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi, with a partial shutdown looming on Dec. 21 when funding for some agencies will expire. The president and Pelosi tangled over whether the House or the Senate was holding up his proposal. Trump and Schumer jabbed at each other over the import of the midterm elections — and who will be blamed if a shutdown occurs.

"If we don't get what we want, one way or the other, whether it's through you, through military, through anything you want to call, I will shut down the government," Trump ultimately declared. "I will take the mantle. I will be the one to shut it down."

The televised discussion was Trump's first encounter with the newly empowered Democrats since their midterm victories in the House. It offered a remarkable public preview of how divided government might work — or break down — over the next two years as the 2020 presidential election nears.

Pelosi later called the confrontation with Trump "wild" and boasted that she and Schumer goaded the president to "fully own that the shutdown was his."

"It's like a manhood thing for him," Pelosi told Democratic lawmakers back at the Capitol. "As if manhood could ever be associated with him. This wall thing."

Pelosi's comments were described by an aide who was in the room but was not authorized to speak publicly.

Schumer, meanwhile, told reporters that "this Trump shutdown, this temper tantrum that he seems to throw, will not get him his wall and will hurt a lot of people."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said he hasn't given up hope that a shutdown can be averted. The Kentucky Republican said "magic" sometimes happens in Congress ahead of Christmas, when lawmakers are eager to leave Washington.

"I'd like to see a smooth ending here," McConnell said at the Capitol.

Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan acknowledged Tuesday that the GOP-led House has yet to pass legislation that includes the $5 billion in border wall funds that Trump has been requesting. Ryan likely lacks sufficient votes from Republicans who will lose their majority at the end of the month.

Trump is seeking far more for his long-stalled border wall than the $1.6 billion the Senate has agreed to for border security, including physical barriers and technology along the U.S. southern border.

The Oval Office meeting between Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and the Democrats began civilly, with Trump noting progress for bipartisan criminal justice legislation in the Senate. But the session quickly unraveled as he mentioned his promised wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Said Trump with a smile: "And then we have the easy one, the wall. That will be the easiest of all, what do you think Chuck?" Schumer shot back sternly: "It's called funding the government."

When Pelosi said Trump did not have sufficient support for the wall in the House, Trump interjected: "Nancy, I do."

Pelosi later said: "This has spiraled downwards."

After Pelosi and Schumer noted Democratic success in the midterm elections, the president asked whether Republicans had won the Senate in the November election.

"When the president brags he has won North Dakota and Indiana, he's in real trouble," retorted Schumer with a smile.

Pence, a former House member, sat silently as Trump and the two Democrats bickered. Pence later called the meeting a "good discussion." Asked to describe the atmosphere in the private meeting that followed the public quarrel, Pence said, "candid."

Pelosi and Schumer have urged Trump to support a measure that includes a half-dozen government funding bills largely agreed upon by lawmakers, along with a separate measure that funds the Department of Homeland Security at current levels through Sept. 30. The homeland bill includes about $1.3 billion for fencing and other security measures at the border.

If Trump rejects that, Democrats are urging a continuing resolution that would fund all the remaining appropriations bills at current levels through Sept. 30.

"We gave the president two options that would keep the government open," Pelosi and Schumer said in a statement after the meeting. "It's his choice to accept one of those options or shut the government down."

Pelosi, who is seeking to become House speaker when the new Congress convenes in January, said she and many other Democrats consider the wall "immoral, ineffective and expensive." She noted that Trump promised during the 2016 campaign that Mexico would pay for the wall, an idea Mexico has repeatedly rejected.

If Democrats refuse to support the wall, the military will build the remaining sections, Trump said. "The wall will get built," he insisted.

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., the incoming House Homeland Security chairman, said using the military to build the wall "just doesn't make any sense. I can think of a lot more important things we can do with the military then build a fence."

McConnell said circumstances were "beginning to resemble a movie we've seen before," noting that Democrats forced a brief shutdown in January in a dispute over immigration policies.

"It didn't work out very well," he said. "The reality is that the president's request is entirely reasonable."

Schumer and other Democrats supported a 2006 law that authorized hundreds of miles of fencing along the southern border, McConnell said, urging Democrats to again back physical barriers — by whatever name — along the border.



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Ken Pimlott, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, poses May 1, 2015, in the CDF headquarters in Sacramento, Calif. Pimlott told The Associated Press he prepares to retire Friday after a 30-year career.

Official: California must mull home ban in fire-prone areas

By Don Thompson
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California's increasingly deadly and destructive wildfires have become so unpredictable that government officials should consider banning home construction in vulnerable areas, the state's top firefighter says.

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Director Ken Pimlott will leave his job Friday after 30 years with the agency. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said government and citizens must act differently to protect lives and property from fires that now routinely threaten large populations.

That may mean rethinking subdivisions in thickly forested mountainous areas or homes along Southern California canyons lined with tinder-dry chaparral. Los Angeles County supervisors on Tuesday were considering whether to allow a 19,000-home development in fire-prone mountains amid heavy criticism of the location's high fire danger.

California residents should also train themselves to respond more quickly to warnings and make preparations to shelter in place if they can't outrun the flames, Pimlott said.

Communities in fire zones need to harden key buildings with fireproof construction similar to the way cities prepare for earthquakes, hurricanes or tornadoes, and should prepare commercial or public buildings to withstand fires with the expectation hundreds may shelter there as they did in makeshift fashion when flames last month largely destroyed the Sierra Nevada foothills city of Paradise in Northern California.

California already has the nation's most robust building requirement programs for new homes in fire-prone areas, but recent fire seasons underscore more is needed. Officials must consider prohibiting construction in particularly vulnerable areas, said Pimlott, who has led the agency through the last eight years under termed-out Gov. Jerry Brown.

He said it's uncertain if those decisions should be made by local land managers or at the state level as legislative leaders have suggested. But Pimlott said "we owe it" to homeowners, firefighters and communities "so that they don't have to keep going through what we're going through."

"We've got to continue to raise the bar on what we're doing and local land-use planning decisions have to be part of that discussion," he said.

California's population has doubled since 1970 to nearly 40 million, pushing urban sprawl into mountain subdivisions, areas home to fast-burning grasslands and along scenic canyons and ridgetops that are susceptible to fires. After a crippling drought, the last two years have seen the worst fires in state history. November's fire in the northern California town of Paradise was the deadliest U.S. wildfire in a century, killing at least 85 people and destroying nearly 14,000 homes.

A year earlier, a fire that ripped through the San Francisco Bay Area city of Santa Rosa killed 22 people and destroyed more than 5,000 homes and other structures.

Every year since at least 2013, firefighters did not anticipate California's wildfires could get worse, Pimlott said. But each year the fires have increased in intensity — driven by dry fuels, an estimated 129 million drought- and bark beetle-killed trees, and climate change.

In response, the state is doing more planned burning to eliminate brush and dead trees that serve as fuels for wildfires. The state will also add seven large firefighting aircraft, replace a dozen aging helicopters, provide firefighter counseling and ensure that firefighters have enough time off for medical checkups to help them manage the mental and physical stress from a fire season that now never ends.

He said California leads the nation in clearing away dead trees and thinning forested areas that are crowded with trees that can fuel fires, contrary to criticism by President Donald Trump who has blamed forest mismanagement for the fires.

"No other state, or even the federal government, are putting the amount of investment into this space as California," Pimlott said.

The department's philosophy for many years has been to stamp out fires quickly to protect people and property. Prescribed burns were previously used sparingly out of concern they could get out of control, but he said the department is making "a sea change" by recognizing that starting fires under optimum conditions is a good way to reduce dangerous fuels.

Recent fires that have burned into cities have made clear that those protections need to be centered around vulnerable communities, he said. Paradise, for example, was built on a ridge atop steep canyons that helped channel the wind-driven fire, while wildfires have repeated blown into Northern and Southern California subdivisions from neighboring wildlands thick with tinder-dry fuel.

Pimlott rose through the ranks from seasonal firefighter to deputy director of fire protection before his appointment as chief of the agency. In that role he doubles as the state's chief forester and oversees a department that includes nearly 8,000 firefighters, forest managers and support staff.

He said he has seen fire conditions worsen each passing year during his three decades with the agency, taking its toll on residents and firefighters alike.

"Folks can say what they want to say, but firefighters are living climate change. It's staring them in the face every day," he said.

To adapt, he advocates wildfire warning systems that not only use new technology like automated phone calling systems, but maybe restoring civil defense-style emergency sirens in some areas. City planners must prepare communities "unlike we ever have before" with easy evacuation routes and new evacuation centers.

And he said Californians must treat "red flag" extreme fire danger warnings the way Midwesterners treat tornado warnings — as imminent threats.

"The reality of it is, California has a fire-prone climate and it will continue to burn," he said. "Fire is a way of life in California and we have to learn how to live with it, we have to learn how to have more resilient communities."

Jury recommends life in prison for man who rammed crowd

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A jury Tuesday called for a sentence of life in prison plus 419 years for the Hitler admirer who killed a woman when he rammed his car into counterprotesters at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville two summers ago.

The decision capped a trial laced with survivors' anguished testimony and details of the driver's long history of mental illness.

James Alex Fields Jr., 21, stood stoically with his hands folded in front of him as he heard the jury's recommendation.

It will be up to Judge Richard Moore to decide on the punishment at Fields' sentencing, set for March 29. Judges in Virginia often go along with the jury's recommendation. Under state law, they can impose a shorter sentence but not a longer one.

The jury called for a life sentence for first-degree murder in the killing of Heather Heyer, a 32-year-old paralegal and activist, and also asked for hundreds more years on nine counts involving injuries Fields caused to others and for leaving the scene of the crash.

Heyer's mother, Susan Bro, said she was satisfied with the decision.

"The bottom line is justice has him where he needs to be," Bro said. "My daughter is still not here and the other survivors still have their wounds to deal with, so we've all been damaged permanently, but we do survive. We do move forward. We don't stay in that dark place."

The jury deliberated for about four hours over two days before agreeing on a punishment.

Fields drove to Virginia from his home in Maumee, Ohio, to support the white nationalists at the "Unite the Right" rally on Aug. 12, 2017.

After police forced the crowds to disband because of violent clashes between white nationalists and anti-racism demonstrators, Fields spotted a large group of protesters marching and singing. He stopped his car, backed up, then sped forward into the crowd, according to testimony from witnesses and video surveillance shown to jurors.

Fields' lawyer Denise Lunsford called him a "mentally compromised individual" and urged the jury to consider his long history of mental problems.

University of Virginia professor and psychologist Daniel Murrie told the jury that while Fields was not legally insane at the time of the attack, he had inexplicable outbursts as a child and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at 6. He was later found to have schizoid personality disorder.

Murrie said Fields went off his psychiatric medication at 18 and built an isolated "lifestyle centered around being alone."

A video of Fields shown to the jury during the first phase of the trial showed him sobbing and hyperventilating after he was told a woman had died and others were seriously injured.

The Unite the Right rally had been organized in part to protest the planned removal of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Hundreds of Ku Klux Klan members, neo-Nazis and other white nationalists — emboldened by the election of President Donald Trump — streamed into the college town for one of the largest gatherings of white supremacists in a decade. Some dressed in battle gear.

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Britain's exit from EU is mission impossible

■ European Union officials have treated the Brexit negotiations as an opportunity to teach a lesson to anyone hoping to follow Britain out of the EU



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Shakespeare famously wrote of the "sceptered isle" of Britain acting as a moat "against the envy of less happier lands."

Lately, the less happier lands are winning in a rout.

Britain is suffering a political meltdown as it struggles to make good on a historic vote in 2016 to leave the European Union. The decision for a so-called Brexit was a stirring statement of independence and self-government by a people who have defined themselves down the centuries by their stiff-necked resistance to anyone — whether overweening monarchs or continental tyrants — who would threaten either.

That was before London ran up against the bureaucracy of the would-be European super state based in Brussels, and before it was led, if that's the right word, by Tory Prime Minister Theresa May.

Presiding over a divided party, facing a pro-Remain British establishment and negotiating with a hostile EU, May never had an easy task. She has nonetheless not only failed to rise to the occasion but been crushed by it.

May has just pulled her Brexit deal from a parliamentary vote that she was going to lose in an embarrassing drubbing that might have loosed her increasingly precarious grip on power.

She has negotiated abysmally, giving away leverage right at the start when she prematurely invoked Article 50, beginning the process of Britain's departure with no realistic fallback plan if talks with the EU failed. She ended up with an agreement that would effectively leave Britain within most EU rules, with no means of influencing them anymore. The London Spectator calls the deal "Remain-minus."

There's a reason that resignations of her Brexit negotiators have become a semi-regular event.

Now, humiliated and her credibility in shreds, May says that she is going to go back to the EU to get more reassurances, when the EU has said that it is not conceding anything else of consequence. And why should it? There's no guarantee that May can get any tweaked deal through Parliament, regardless.

And she's already tried to sell so many meaningless gestures from the EU as concessions that Brexit supporters won't be inclined to take her seriously, either.

The larger question is whether once the EU has its hooks in a nation-state, will it ever relinquish it? Its officials have treated the Brexit negotiations as an opportunity to teach a lesson to anyone hoping to follow Britain out of the EU: Don't dare try to take back the full measure of your sovereignty, lest we make it as miserable for you as possible. This is the Brezhnev doctrine for Eurocrats.

When in the past countries in Europe have voted the "wrong" way on fundamental EU questions, as Ireland, France and the Netherlands did over the years, they were ignored or made to vote again until they got the right answer. Britain may yet suffer the same pitiful fate. The European Court of Justice just helpfully ruled that Britain can withdraw its Article 50 notification — in other words, forget this whole unpleasant Brexit vote happened.

That's been the hope of many Remainers in Britain all along, but the case for the EU hasn't gotten any stronger over the past two years. What does it say about the European project that exit is almost impossible? And if Britain is a political shambles, it's not as though the most committed advocates of the EU are doing any better. Given the "yellow vest" protests ignited by his idiotic (since delayed) fuel tax, French President Emmanuel Macron can't even control the streets of Paris on weekends.

May's strategy seems to be to ride the current impasse as close to the March 29 Brexit deadline as possible, and force the adoption of her lamentable deal for lack of any alternative. In which case, to return to Shakespeare, "That England that was wont to conquer others, Hath made a shameful conquest of itself."

OPINION EXTRA

Possible US-China trade truce may offer temporary relief

When I decided on this topic, President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping had evidently reached an agreement in principle to ratchet down the tensions between the U.S. and China and work toward solving trade-related problems. Fears of a full-out trade war (or worse) were abated somewhat as the two sat down at the G-20 meeting and started a dialogue about getting to a deal. By the time that I actually put pen to paper (yes, I still do that), tweets and conflicting accounts of the discussions had markets taking an 800-point nosedive. Here is the state of play (I think).

President Trump has said the U.S. won't raise current tariffs on Chinese goods from 10 percent to 25 percent, which was scheduled to happen on Jan. 1. In return, China agreed to buy more U.S. agricultural products, work to reduce the North Korean nuclear threat and endeavor to stem exports of the addictive and dangerous opioid fentanyl. Although the truce is at best temporary (only 90 days), it provides some breathing room for further negotiations.

Tariffs are only part of the complex relationship. Structural issues such as protecting U.S. intellectual property and opening Chinese markets will likely be more difficult to solve but have much greater potential effects. There are also non-tariff barriers such as delays, lengthy border inspections and obstacles for companies doing business in China.

For the U.S., ending the practice of requiring American companies to share technologies as a condition of selling products into China is a top agenda item. Technology-sharing often occurs through joint-venture partnerships, and at times a Chinese firm that was once a partner becomes a competitor and intellectual property rights are ignored. Intellectual property protections for everything from digital movies to medications could be improved, and the U.S. will push for better enforcement. Cybersecurity is another issue, with the U.S. asking China to enforce agreements already in place that keep Chinese agencies from hacking U.S. firms. Cracking down on cybertheft will be discussed, as will government support for Chinese state-owned firms.

For China, economic slowing has been adding to pressure for a deal. Tariffs have been hitting Chinese companies hard, and the rate of growth has slowed markedly. Fears that American companies could begin to pull out of China are also beginning to surface, and problems have been emerging in Chinese corporate bonds.

Both nations have strong incentives to reach an agreement. Tariffs are already harming affected industries in the U.S. and China, consumers have been negatively affected, and economic performance has suffered. Moreover, fundamental shifts that would do even more harm are almost inevitable without an agreement. Let's hope the truce holds and progress is forthcoming.

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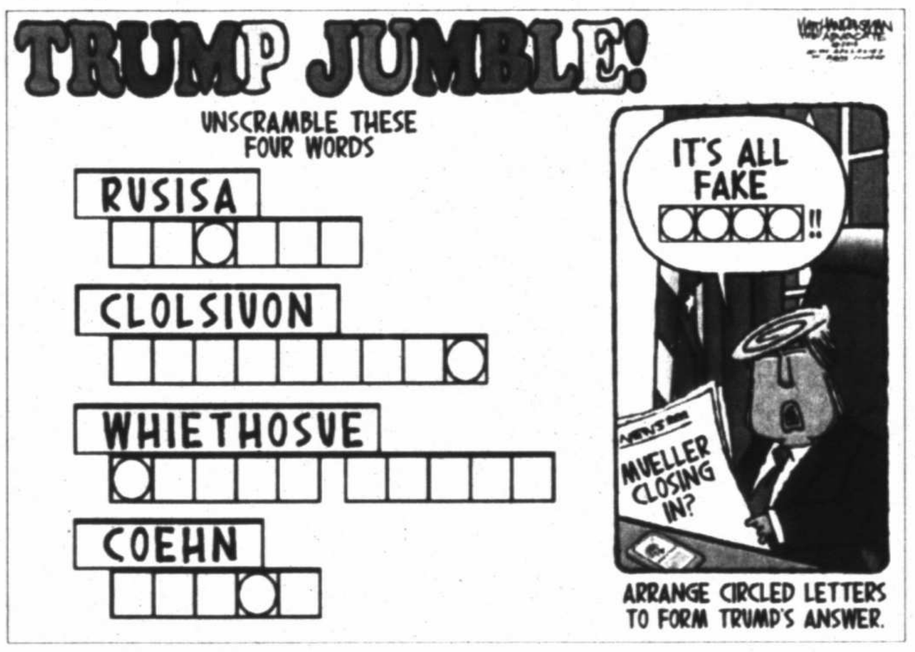
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Wanted: Trump's next chief of staff

■ The right person should have the ability to hold the president to a high standard when it comes to communication because we all know there is no "Smocking Gun"?



DANA MILBANK
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I awoke on Monday to find myself in complete agreement with President Trump.

"Democrats can't find a Smocking Gun tying the Trump campaign to Russia after James Comey's testimony," he tweeted, repeating that there is "No Smocking Gun."

This is true! Though Trump appears to be in considerable legal trouble, no one investigating the president is believed to have found a smocking gun. Even if investigators had such a weapon, it is unclear what they would use it for — other than embroidering a Christmas gift for Trump.

The president, with this gob-smocking tweet, appears to be a bit distracted. This is understandable because he is parting with his second chief of staff in as many years and can't seem to find a record-setting third. A 36-year-old staffer, Nick Ayers, turned down the job, and other likely candidates have said they aren't interested in the post, which comes with fringe benefits of public humiliation and legal liability.

The problem, it would seem, is that Trump has fallen into that old Washington trap of looking for a chief of staff who is "qualified" or "competent," when he really needs a chief of staff who is more like him.

Annie Linskey reported in the Boston Globe earlier this year that White House officials draft tweets for Trump using "suspect grammar" and Random Capitalization, "believing that debates over presidential typos fortify the belief within his base that he has the common touch."

Likewise, Trump needs a chief of staff who will fortify this belief, not one who is proficient in common English usage. In this spirit, I offer the president the following cover letter, in which every sentence uses a spelling first deployed by the president or his enterprising staff.

Dear Mr. Predisent:

I am dieing here! The situation with you finding a chief of staff has become rediculous.

Nick Ayers turning down the job was a big shoker. You already had reached a dael! Well, to bad for him. And I hear your wife Melanie didn't like him either.

You were right to fire John Kelly — a real lose cannon. What a discgrace to the Marine Core! In the end, the great general was just another chocker. And that little schitt Reince Priebus? One of the dummer people I've met. He just could not handel the job.

Don't worry that leightweights such as Steve Mnuchin and old politicions such as Mick Mulvaney don't want the job either. They are a waist of your time and they are not profesional. They would wind up being disloyal, like Nikki Hailey. It's the principal of the thing.

This is a time for heeling in your White House, and heel we will! And so I hear by make you this unpresidented offer: I will serve as your chief of staff. If you tapp me for the roll, I will make you proud to have me at your side on Air Force Once.

Quite simply, I smock the competition. I will give you my honest councel at all times. I would implement your polices without question and never challenge your judgement. Your instincts are my instincts.

I don't know wether you are aware of this, but I, too, am a tarrif man. Like you, I abhor an open boarder, and I think family seperation is compassionate and human. I admire the way you are ending the opiod crisis, and the way you have made friends with Chairman Un and President Xinping. And then their was Afghanistan.

For me, this would be the honer of a lifetime. I have traveled the world in preparation for this moment, from Denmakr to San Bernadino, from Phoneix to West Virginina. All along the way, I have poured over your record and payed close attention to your accomplishments. As chief of staff, I would work day and knight to develope new ways to make you win.

And I promise we will win — despite the constant negative press covfefe (V was poorly covered). I can promise you a big win for Republicans! We. And when we leave the White House together in 2025, Scott Free, you will say there wss never a more historical decision than naming me chief of staff.

Please, sir, do not waite. Mr. President, your attakers are everywhere: Mr. Comey'let. The Dick Blumenthal. Barrack Obama. But with me running your White House staff, you simply cannot loose. For us, no challenge is to great. Together, we will promote the possibility of lasting peach.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

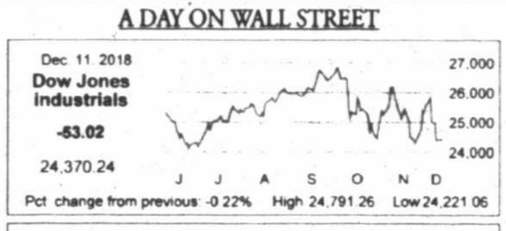


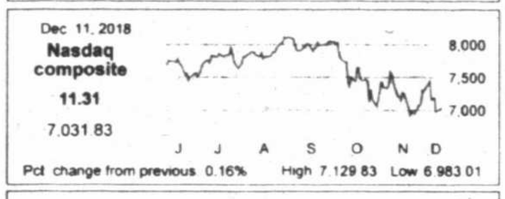
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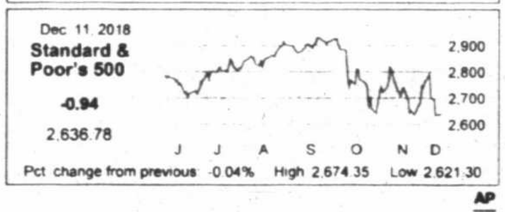
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ABB Ltd		78e18.87	- .07
AES Corp		55f15.74	- .03
AFLAC s		1 044 2 64	- .40
AK Steel		2.75	- .02
AT&T Inc		2 0029 70	- .21
AXA EqH n		13p17 43	+ .09
AbbottLab		1 1271 84	+ .92
AbbVie		4.28f88 17	+ .56
AberFitc		80 19 08	+ .01
AdaDvsEq		**1.32e13.33**	**- .02**
Aegon		25ed4 83	- .13
Agilent		66f71 05	+ .46
Alcoa Cp		28 43	+ .11
Alibaba		151 83	+ .40
Allergan		2 88149 69	-2 .69
AllBern		2 57a26 69	- .42
Ally Financ		60 24 19	- .20
AlpAlerMLP		1 35e9 35	+ .04
Altice n		18 04	- .02
Altria		3 2053 95	+ .59
Ambev		05e 4 02	
Amerisn		1 90f70 29	+ .06
AMovilL		17e13 78	+ .02
AEagleOut		55 19 03	- .49
AmExp		1 56105 40	- .39
AmIntlGrp		1 2836 59	- .60
Ameriprise		3 60111 62	**- .84**
Anadarko		**1.20f51.64**	**+ .88**
AnglogldA		11 42	+ .32
ABInBev		3 19ed70 37	- .18
Annaly		1 20e10 10	- .08
AnteroRes		1 0012 44	- .35
Apache		**1.00d30.57**	**- .89**
Aphria n		**8.14**	**+ .53**
Aptiv		22 66 76	+1 .43
Aramark		**42ed31.16**	**-4 .40**
ArcelorMi n		10p21 57	+ .17
ArchDan		1 3444 55	- .04
Archrock		53 9 00	- .05
Arconic		24 20 14	+ .25
AstraZen s		**1 72d21.29**	**+ .02**
ATMOS		**1.94f88.50**	**+ .65**
AuroraC n		5 93	+ .20
AutoData		3 16f137 39	+ .26
Avalonbay		40 47 83	- .47
Avangrid		1 2016 59	- .60
Avnet		1 1128 78	+ .32
CntryLink		2 1616 97	- .08
ChesEng		2 57	- .08
Chevron		**4.48f115.47**	**+ .53**
Chicos		34 5 74	- .19
CienaCorp		31 59	- .27
Cimarex		72 72 27	- .10
CgpVelLCrd			**.13.96**
+ 71			
CgpVelICrd		**12.68**	**- .71**
Citigroup		1 80f56 22	- .85
CitizFincl		1 08d31 68	- .37
ClevCliffs		20 9 00	+ .18
Cloudera n		12 32	- .41
CocaCola		**1.56f49.54**	**+ .30**
Coeur		3 96	- .15
ColgPalm		**1.68f64.55**	**+1 .01**
ColonCap		5 89	- .10
ConAgra		85 30 61	+ .20
ConchoRes		121 85	+1 .40
Conduent n		d11 53	- .09
ConocoPhil		**1.22f65.44**	
+ .24			
Copel		26e 8 23	+ .10
Corning		72 31 59	- .17
Coty		50 7 58	- .01
CousPrp		26 8 29	+ .04
CredSuisse		1 22e10 92	- .08
CrescPfE g		12 3 16	+ .12
CroeTim		**1.29e13.75**	**- .21**
CullenFr		7 68f82 75	- .52
D-E-F			
DR Horton		50 35 74	- .18
DSW Inc		**1.00f25.01**	**+1 .88**
DTE		3 53119 87	+ .56
DXC Tch n		76 58 34	- .52
DeanFoods		12m4 60	+ .20
DellTch n		104 73	+ .62
DeltaAir		**1.40f55.89**	**- .43**
DenburyR		2 10	+ .02
Deutsch Bk		**83e** 8 33	- .05
DevonE		32 26 75	+ .48
DiamOffsh		50d11 15	- .29
DiamRk		50 69 73	- .14
DicksSptg		90 36 82	- .18
DicSOXBr rs		12 90	- .22
DxCBull rs		15 28	- .29
DirCnBR rs		09e 7 42	+ .14
DxSPBear rs			- .03
DxSPOGBr rs			13 35
+ .14			
DxBotBll rs		45 40	- .48
DxSPOGBl s			12 44
- .10			
DxSCBear rs			12 91
+ .06			
DxFnBr rs		12 42	+ .23
DxFnBull s		51 02	- .99
DirxChiBull		38e19 15	+ .39
DrxSCBull s		41e52 37	- .26
DrxSPBull s		39 09	+ .01
Disney		**1.76f111.97**	**+ .11**
DollarGen		1 16106 56	+ .92
DomEngy		3 3476 25	- .02
DowDuPnt		1 5253 26	- .54
DukeEngy		3 71u90 79	+ .28
DukeRlty		66f28 44	+ .01
EOG Resrc		**.88f102.07**	
+ .36			
EQT Corp		12 20 28	+ .65
EldorGld g		02e .61	+ .00
EliLilly		2 25114 50	+1 .41
EmersonEl		1 9462 28	- .27
EndvrgEPt		1 4010 49	+ .03
Enbridge		2 2831 49	+ .09
EnCana g		06 6 17	- .06
EnggTrnsF		1 2214 08	+ .23
EnPro		**96 62.81**	**- .90**
ENSCO		04 4 75	
EntProdPt		1 7325 98	+ .23
EquatMid n		21 71	+ .21
Exelon		1 3846 89	- .11
ExxonMbl		**3.28f76.68**	**+ .14**
FNBCp PA		48d10 93	- .07
FastExCp		2 60d189 65	
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FastChrys		15 43	+ .10
FatDiata n		17 49	- .21
FstHorizon		48d14 17	- .31
FT PfdSec		1 02e18 13	
FT NAEngy		93e23 10	+ .07
FirstEngy		1 52fu39 61	+ .07
Fitbit n		4 96	- .01
FlowersFds		72 19 30	+ .25
Fluor		**.84d33.80**	**-1 .91**
FordM		60a 8 54	+ .02
FranksRes		92 31 54	- .51
FrptMcM		20 10 76	+ .07
G-H-I			
GATX		**1.78f77.03**	**+ .32**
Gallaghr		1 8474 92	+ .38
Gap		97 27 15	+ .19
GAInv		**1.15e30.54**	**- .21**
GenElec		**.04m8.76**	**- .17**
GenMills		1 9638 73	+ .19
GenMotors		1 5234 89	+ .27
Genworth		4 31	+ .05
Gerdau		.02e 3 93	+ .05
GlaxoSKln		2 89e37 36	- .32
GoldFLtd		.02e 3 11	+ .02
Goldcrp g		24 9 50	- .07
GoldmanS		3 20f176 80	-2 .03
GraphPkg		30 11 10	- .17
HCP Inc		1 4829 60	- .20
HP Inc		64f22 56	- .38
HSBC		1 50a40 26	- .15
HaliburtnRs n		62 31	+ .03
Hallibrtn		**.72d28.80**	**- .48**
Hanesbds s		60 14 88	- .07
HarleyD		1 4836 11	- .86
HarmonyG		06 1 80	+ .05
HartfdFn		1 2041 34	- .23
HecklaM		01e 2 32	- .04
HertzGl		15 53	- .73
Hess		1 0051 98	+ .49
HP Enl n		45e14 74	+ .28
Hilton		60 72 40	- .27
HollyFront		1 3255 11	+ .16
HomeDp		4 12172 21	+ .52
HorseInd		3 22f136 81	-1 .14
Hormel s		84f44 86	+ .60
HostHotls		1 00a17 97	- .14
Huntsmn		65 19 15	+ .43
Hugs n		**.16.15**	**+ .87**
IAMGld g		1 52f3 26	- .01
ICICI Bk		16e 9 28	+ .02
ING		14ed11 14	- .06
ISNGold		11 91	- .01
iSAsia		1 01e20 20	+ .16
iSBrazil		67e38 05	+ .42
iSCanada		48e25 44	- .10
iSNEMU		86e35 73	+ .12
iSGermn		60e25 61	+ .12
iSh HK		61e22 86	+ .13
iSh SKor		65e58 95	- .09
iShMexico		78e40 08	- .09
iShSilver		13 66	- .01
iShSPTUS s			60 10
- .01			
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iSCorSP500		4 38e266 05	
+ .05			
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iShEMkts		59e39 76	+ .30
iShBxIG		3 87112 43	+ .20
iSh20 yrT		3 05118 88	- .01
iS Eafe		1 66e60 47	+ .19
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iShBxHYB		5 09f83 04	+ .15
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iSR1KGr		1 45e137 81	+ .22
iSRus1K		2 36e146 48	- .07
iSR2KVal		1 98e115 70	- .13
iSNFRRB		32 50 37	+ .04
iShR2K		1 77e143 45	- .15
iShCorHiDv		2 99e90 03	+ .23
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iSNREst		2 76e81 35	+ .06
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iShCorEafe		1 56e56 71	+ .23
iSMscVal		1 66e46 39	+ .06
ITW		4 00131 13	+ .47
IndSoys s		9 89	+ .12
IntcntlExc s		88e78 09	- .84
IBM		6 28120 89	- .24
IntPap		1 9044 14	- .17
Interpublic		.84 22 94	+ .04
Invesco		1 16d17 40	- .55
iShJapan rs		53 09	- .04
iSMalaxe rs		d29 24	- .25
iSTaiwn rs		32 50	+ .13
iSh UK rs		30 03	+ .09
iShCorEM		95e48 01	+ .34
itauUnH s		8 86	+ .05
J-K-L			
JPMorgCh		2 24f100 37	- .99
JPMAlerian		2 2923 84	+ .04
JacobsEng		80 59 89	+1 .03
JeffFn		40 18 52	- .12
JH MultDev		25 98	+ .02
JohnsJn		**3.80f146.58**	**+1 .24**
JohnContl n		1 0432 23	- .12
JngrNtwk		72 27 83	+ .22
KKR		1 31e20 91	- .20
KeurDrPep		60 26 29	+ .34
Keycorp		56 15 92	- .08
KimbClk		**4.00f115.78**	**+2 .07**
Kimco		1 1216 74	- .04
KndMorg		80 16 12	+ .08
Kinross g		2 84	- .02
KosmosEn		4 87	- .06
Kroger s		56f26 24	+ .43
L Brands		2 4031 68	- .34
Lannett		5 27	- .12
LaredoPet		84 20	- .01
LVSands		3 0054 24	+ .78
LendingClb		2 90	- .04
LennarA		16 40 47	- .65
LibtyInt		1 32f64 49	- .98
Linde		3 30157 46	+ .55
LiveNatn		46 01	+ .04
LloydBkg		47 e53	- .11
Lowes		1 9289 48	+ .05
Lubys		**1.56**	**+ .05**
LyonBas A		4 0084 82	+ .39
M-N-O			
MFA Fncl		80 7 02	- .02
MGIC Inv		10 64	+ .03
MGM Rsts		48 25 63	- .19
Macys		1 5131 84	- .05
Manulife g		88 14 83	- .10
MarathnO		20 15 33	+ .03
MarathPet s		1 8461 34	+ .95
Masco		48f29 33	- .61
MasterCrd		1 32f197 74	- .32
MatadorRs		d19 08	- .61
McCorm		2 28fu152 91	
+ 1.66			
McDnlds		4 64f183 59	-1 .06
MedProp		1 0017 02	+ .04
Medtronic		2 0095 47	- .01
Merck		2 20f77 11	- .31
MetLife		1 6839 23	- .38
MKors		d38 45	-1 .18
MitsuUFJ		d5 10	- .13
MobileTele		53ed6 65	- .26
MorgStan		1 2040 62	- .09
Mosaic		10 33 00	- .20
Mueller		40 23 12	- .04
MurphO		1 0028 06	- .61
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Nabors		24 2 88	+ .11
NiSrVarco		20d28 07	-1 .09
NOilVarco		20	
NatGasSvcs		17 90	- .61
NewOrEd		40e54 51	- .48
NewPerspc		2 0019 29	- .03
NY CmtyB		68 9 60	- .15
NewfldExp		d15 58	- .03
Newmrkt		56 33 34	- .19
NextEraEn		4 44182 98	+ .37
Nike B s		88f73 57	+1 .06
NobleCorp		08 3 59	
NobleEngy		44d22 48	- .34
NokiaCp		19e 5 84	+ .16
NorthropG		4 80268 05	-2 .23
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OcciPet		**3.12f64.70**	**+ .26**
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OmegaHlt		2 6437 06	- .13
Omnicom		2 4076 95	+1 .11
ONEOK		3 4258 98	- .18
Oracle		76 46 46	- .21
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PBF Engy		1 2032 62	+ .05
PG&E Cp		2 12f26 06	+ .17
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PPL Corp		1 6430 50	- .29
PatcoAMkt		**184 42**	**+5 .18**
Pandora		8 79	+ .15
ParTech		**19.37**	**- .01**
ParkDrl rs		1 11	+ .02
ParsleyEn		d17 79	- .24
Penney		1 38	+ .02
PennaRE		**.84 7.87**	**+ .13**
Petrobras		85e 6 51	+ .24
PetrbrsA		11 83	- .09
Petrobras		13 44	- .09
Pfizer		**1.36d44.01**	**- .39**
PhilipMor		4 5684 33	+ .11
Phillips66		3 20f88 42	- .42
PiperJaf		1 5089	**99+1 .91**
PittsyBw		75 7 02	+ .12
PivotSft n		17 80	- .23
PlainsAAP		**1.95f22 19**	**+ .38**
PnxLogics		6f63 47	+ .53
ProUltSP s		40e103 47	+ .09
PulteGrp		41 22	
- .01			
PrUCrude rs		17 38	
+ .61			
ProctGam		**2.87f93.91**	**+ .88**
ProShQQQ		32 85	- .07
ProShSP rs		30 00	
PrUShSP rs		39 50	+ .01
PrUShD3 rs		17 40	+ .10
Prudentl		3 6082 14	-1 .16
PulteGrp		36 25 75	+ .19
QEP Res		**.08 7.18**	
RangeRs		08 13 24	+ .03
RJamesFn		88f74 97	- .61
Rayonier		47 e43	- .11
RegionsFn		56d14 16	- .23
ResolFn rs		31 78	+ .09
RioTinto		2 27e46 29	+ .98
RiteAid		d 97	- .01
RBScotInd		d5 01	- .11
RoyDShllB		3 7859 72	- .38
RoyDShllA		3 7858 49	- .36
S-T-U			
SM Energy		10 18 74	- .16
SpdrDJIA		3 98e244 23	- .48
SpdrGold		1177 54	- .54
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S&P500ETF		4 13e264 13	
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SpdrBiot s		44e78 87	- .26
SpdrHome		15e33 43	- .25
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SpdrMetM		24e27 64	- .09
STMicro		40 13 58	+ .20
SABESP		39e 7 36	+ .17
SabnR		2 63e39 33	+1 .11
Saexplorce		1 36 79	- .48
SJuanB		51e 4 67	- .14
SanchezEn		**.40**	**+ .09**
Schlmbrg		2 0049 21	- .73
SchwEMkt		49e24 21	+ .22
SchwIntEq		71e29 74	+ .07
Schwab		52 41 25	+ .15
ScorpioTk		04 2 02	- .03
SeaAir		64 33 85	- .20
SempreEn		3 58117 06	+ .87
Smucker		3 4010 00	+1 .72
Snapinc A n			5.75
+ .08			
SouthnCo		2 4047 56	+ .34
SwstAirl		64 51 08	- .06
SwstnEngy		4 24	+ .02
SprintRtC		50 7 63	+ .04
Sprint		5 94	+ .01
Square n		61 78	-1 .60
SP Matls		98e51 88	- .17
SP HlthC		1 01e91 19	+ .28
SP CnSt		1 28e55 17	+ .45
SP Consum		1 12e103 49	+ .04
SP Engy		2 04e83 09	+ .02
SPDR Fncl		46e24 52	- .24
SP Inds		1 12e87 80	- .40
SP Tech		78e65 57	+ .08
SpdrRESel		33 89	+ .06
SP Util		1 55eu56 80	+ .23
StateStr		1 6863 09	- .94
SterlingBc		28 17 21	+ .01
SumitMitsu		d6 79	- .16
Suncor g		1 4430 50	- .66
SunTrst		2 00d54 51	-1 .06
SupEnrgy		32 d3 97	- .17
Synchrony		84d24 40	- .56
TAL Educ s		26 80	- .10
TJX		78 45 73	- .48
TaiwSemi		73e38 70	+ .27
Tapestry		1 35d34 96	- .88
Target		2 5666 78	-1 .54
Technip		13d20 59	- .38
TecoRes g		19e21 89	+ .86
Teladoc n		53 49	+1 .15
TeleflEsp		**1.20e8.55**	**- .06**
Tenaris		69ed27 63	- .08
TetraTech		d1 96	+ .02
TevaPhrm		73e18 51	+ .07
ThermoFis		68f237 50	+ .42
3M Co		5 44197 46	- .86
TollBros		44 31 89	- .22
Torchmark		**84 78.05**	**- .87**
Toyota		120 41	- .53
Transocn		8 08	+ .01
Travelsport		30 15 73	- .14
TriContl		**1.02e25.33**	**- .08**
TribMda A		1 0045 21	+ .06
Tronox		18 7 11	+ .06
TungHldRs		1 70	- .04
Twilio n		92 72	+ .88
Twitter		34 45	+1 .02
TylerTech		**184.08**	**-2 .98**
UBS Grp		89ed12 24	- .14
US FdsHi n		31 82	+ .04
US Silica		25e11 74	- .36
UndrArm s		22 12	- .27
UniAr C wi		20 87	- .14
UnionPac		3 20147 84	- .20
Unit		18 33	+ .48
US Bancrp		1 2050 12	- .46
US NGas rs		35 33	-1 .16
US OilFd		10 95	+ .20
USSteel		26 20 52	- .30
UtdTech		2 94f118 93	- .48
UtdHlthGp		3 60267 22	+ .69
UnumGrp		1 04d30 31	- .75
V-W-X-Y-Z			
VICI Pr n		71e20 94	+ .02
Vale SA		29e13 01	+ .15
ValeroE		3 2073 27	- .11
VanEGold		06e20 01	- .12
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VangValu		2 05e103 42	- .10
VangSP500		3 81e242 60	+ .07
VangREIT		3 08e81 53	+ .04
VangIntV		1 34e46 73	+ .14
VangEmg		1 10e38 56	+ .39
VangEur		1 71e49 41	+ .18
VangFTSE		1 10e38 19	+ .04
Verisk		55 7 80	
VerizonCm		2 41f58 85	+ .58
Viacom		**.24f60.28**	**+1 .02**
Vipshop		5 31	+ .01
Visa s		1 00f136 81	-1 .07
Vishaylnt		34 19 58	+ .16
VistraEn n		23 92	- .27
Vulcanlll		**1.12f99.66**	**-1 .88**
W&T Off		40 5 17	+ .16
WPX Engy		12 7 56	+ .19
WalMart		2 0893 85	- .09
Weatherfrd		d 45	- .01
WeenRlt		1 5828 18	- .26

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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	1244491	6.76	-.17
S&P500ETF	1205022264	13	+.06
iSNEMkts	1039992	39.76	+.30
SPDR Fncl	920963	24.52	-.24
BkofAm	784309	24.58	-.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MadnH pfD	8.08	+1.67	+26.1
Maiden pfC	8.11	+1.66	+25.7
AAC Hldgs	2.74	+.48	+21.2
HarteHk rs	3.34	+.46	+16.0
Maiden prA	9.39	+1.15	+14.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aramark	31.16	-4.40	-12.4
QuanexBld	12.35	-1.71	-12.2
NL Inds	3.42	-.47	-12.1
RayAdvM	11.79	-1.40	-10.6
PPDAI n	4.43	-.52	-10.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,263
Declined	1,555
Unchanged	76
Total issues	2,894
New Highs	35
New Lows	279
Volume	3,862,102,814

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShIndia bt	58610	31.33	+1.02
SRC Eng	54463	4.83	.01
B2gold g	34176	2.61	-.04
NthnO&G	33574	2.31	+.06
CorMedix	30670	1.60	-.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Intellichk	2.30	+.16	+7.5
RafaelHl n	8.99	+.49	+5.8
EagleCGr	7.54	+.41	+5.7
MexcoEn	3.67	+.19	+5.5
Ashford	62.26	+2.98	+5.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AgeX Th n	3.23	-.63	-16.3
FTE Net n	3.43	-.36	-9.5
PlanetGrn	2.87	-.26	-8.3
VottInfoSci	2.40	-.20	-7.7
RingEngy	6.01	-.43	-6.7

DIARY

Advanced	104
Declined	166
Unchanged	30
Total issues	300
New Highs	1
New Lows	19
Volume	76,373,723

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Irv QQQ	564991	163.61	+.54
Apple Inc	459636	168.63	-.97
Microsoft	423422	108.59	+1.00
PShtQQQ n	361257	14.79	-.15
GulfportE	355197	9.75	+.23

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrprOilw n	10.23	+3.80	+59.1
Corcept	17.17	+4.19	+32.3
NF EngSv	20.44	+3.67	+21.9
PermaFix	2.99	+.49	+19.6
Polarity rs	16.67	+2.50	+17.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DestiMatrn	3.01	-1.00	-24.9
StitchFix n	20.54	-5.43	-20.9
GoldBull n	4.00	-1.00	-20.0
NanoVib n	3.05	-.70	-18.7
YangRvPt n	6.34	-1.45	-18.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,322
Declined	1,583
Unchanged	157
Total issues	3,062
New Highs	19
New Lows	263
Volume	2,188,571,272

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,951.81	23,344.52	Dow Jones Industrials	24,370.24	-53.02	-.22	+1.41	-.55
11,623.58	9,666.65	Dow Jones Transportation	9,831.00	-46.00	-.46	-7.36	-5.18
762.97	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	756.94	+1.45	+.19	+4.64	+1.15
13,637.02	11,696.58	NYSE Composite	11,860.65	-28.64	-.24	-7.40	-6.59
8,133.30	6,630.67	Nasdaq Composite	7,031.83	+11.31	+.16	+1.86	+2.47
2,940.91	2,532.69	S&P 500	2,636.78	.94	.04	+1.38	+1.03
2,053.00	1,746.06	S&P Midcap	1,763.45	-6.08	-.34	-7.21	-6.40
30,560.54	26,293.62	Wilshire 5000	27,140.36	-19.75	-.07	-2.35	-1.74
1,742.09	1,422.98	Russell 2000	1,440.13	-2.97	-.21	-6.21	-5.01

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
AGNC Inv	2 16	17.91	+ .03
ASML Hld	1.71e	161.47	+ .06
Abraxas		**d1.46**	**- .01**
AcadiaHt		31.19	- .01
AcelRx		**3.15**	**- .15**
Achaogen		1.73	+ .05
Achillion		3.05	- .04
AcordaTh		**16.16**	**-2 .87**
ActivsBliz	36f	48.20	+ .32
Adobe Inc		245.34	
+1.25			
AduroBio n		2.80	
AkamaiT		67.42	+ .14
Akorn Inc		4.29	- .17
AlderBioPh		11.43	+ .03
Alexion Pf		114.83	+ .18
AlignTech		226.27	
+3.61			
Allscript H		10.00	+ .18
Alphabet C		1051.75	
+12.20			
Alphabet A		1061.65	
+8.47			
Altaba		62.57	+ .34
Amarin		16.57	- .11
Amazon		1643.24	
+2.21			
Amdocs	1.00	60.04	+ .42
AmAirlines	40	34.10	+ .26
AmOutBr		13.26	- .27
Amgen		**5.80f196.18**	
+2.09			
AmicusTh		10.56	- .05
AnalogDev	1.92	88.64	+ .18
Apple Inc	2.92	168.63	- .97
ApldMatl		**.80 34.02**	**- .15**
Applto n		37.87	+ .02
ArQule		3.46	- .06
AresCap	1.56	16.48	+ .18
ArrayBio		15.45	+ .02
Arrsint		30.80	+ .05
ArrowPhm		13.62	- .04
AscendAtl		**2.92**	**+ .19**
aTyrPhm h		**.55**	**- .03**
Autodesk		133.87	-1 .15
AutoData	3.16f	139.99	+ .26
AvalonBay		192.45	- .85
Avenue Fin		3.50	- .06
Avnet Inc		38.18	- .61
Axsome Th		63.44	- .29
B-C-D			
BGC Ptrs		12.65	- .15
Baidu		176.85	-2 .35
BancCalif		8.44	- .02
Bancorp n		12.32	- .41
BancoBrad		06e 9 55	+ .12
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BlackBerry		7.86	- .04
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BlueApron n		1.08	+ .04
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BrMySq		**1.64f52.43**	**- .15**
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Brixmor P		18.19	- .41
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4 journalists and newspaper are Time's Person of the Year

By Shawn Marsh
Associated Press

Time magazine named four journalists and a newspaper on Tuesday as its 2018 Person of the Year for what it said was standing up for the truth in the face of persecution and violence.

The group, which Time called "the guardians," consists of slain Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi; the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland, where five people were shot to death at the newspaper's offices in June; Philippine journalist Maria Ressa, who has been arrested; and Reuters journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who have been detained in Myanmar for nearly a year.

"They are representative of a broader fight by countless others around the world — as of Dec. 10, at least 52 journalists have been murdered in 2018 — who risk all to tell the story of our time," Editor-in-Chief Edward Felsenthal wrote in an essay.

Time selected them "for taking great risks in pursuit of greater truths, for the imperfect but essential quest for facts that are central to civil discourse, for speaking up and speaking out."

Khashoggi was killed two months ago when The Washington Post columnist, who had lived in the U.S., visited Saudi Arabia's consulate in Turkey for paperwork so he could get married. He had been critical of the Saudi regime.

Reesa is an award-winning Philippine journalist who, along with the online news service she heads, has been accused of tax evasion. Her website has been critical of the government of Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte, and she claims the charges are politically motivated.

Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo have been imprisoned for nearly a year in Myanmar after investigating a massacre of Rohingya Muslims.

Four journalists and a sales assistant were killed by a gunman at the Capital Gazette newspaper last spring.

Forty-six journalists worldwide were killed in 2017, according to data collected by the Committee to Protect Journalists. The nonprofit group reported 50 deaths in 2016 and 73 in 2015. There were 262 journalists imprisoned worldwide in 2017.



Time Magazine via AP

This combination photo provided by Time Magazine shows their four covers for the "Person of the Year," announced Tuesday. The covers show Jamal Khashoggi, top left, members of the Capital Gazette newspaper, of Annapolis, Md., top right, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, bottom left, and Maria Ressa. The covers, which Time called the "guardians and the war on truth," were selected "for taking great risks in pursuit of greater truths, for the imperfect but essential quest for facts that are central to civil discourse, for speaking up and speaking out."

Since 1927, Time has selected individuals or groups to appear on its cover for the end-of-the-year feature. This was the first time someone named was no longer alive. Those chosen this year will appear in four different cover photos.

President Donald Trump, who was chosen Person of the Year in 2016, was runner-up. "His ultimate impact may be determined as much by the resistance he engenders as by the goals he pursues," the magazine said.

Special counsel Robert Mueller, who is leading the investigation into contacts between Trump associates and Russia, was the next runner-up.

'Truth isn't truth' tops list of notable quotes in 2018

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The assertion that "truth isn't truth," made by a personal attorney for President Donald Trump, tops a Yale Law School librarian's list of the most notable quotes of 2018.

Rudy Giuliani's statement came in an August interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" when he told host Chuck Todd that Trump might "get trapped into perjury" if he were interviewed in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

When Todd replied: "Truth is truth," Giuliani responded: "No, it isn't truth. Truth isn't truth." Giuliani later explained he was trying to make the case that having Trump sit down for an interview with Mueller's team wouldn't accomplish much because of the conflicting nature of witnesses' recollections.

The list assembled by Fred Shapiro, an associate director at the library, is an annual update to "The Yale Book of Quotations," which was first published in 2006. Unlike some past updates, this year's list happens to feature quotes only from Americans.

"They are intended to reflect the culture of our time and often it's quotes that are not admirable but quotes that are silly or negative in some way," Shapiro said. "In our current world political scene, the United States maybe dominates that kind of quotation."

The list

1. "Truth isn't truth." — Rudy Giuliani, interview on "Meet the Press," Aug. 19.

2. "I liked beer. I still like beer." — Brett Kavanaugh, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee testimony on his Supreme Court nomination, Sept. 27.

3. "While all pharmaceutical treatments have side effects, racism is not a known side effect of any Sanofi medication." — Sanofi drug company, in a tweet responding to Roseanne Barr's blaming of their product Ambien in explaining a tweet that led ABC to cancel her show, May 30.

4. "We gather to mourn the passing of American greatness, the real thing, not cheap rhetoric from men who will never come near the sacrifice he gave so willingly, nor the opportunistic appropriation of those that live lives of comfort and privilege while he suffered and served." — Meghan McCain, eulogy for John McCain, Sept. 1.

5. "We're children. You guys, like, are the adults. You need to take some action and play a role. Work together, come over your politics and get something done." — David Hogg, a survivor of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting, in a CNN interview, Feb. 15.

6. "(I am) not smart, but genius ... and a very stable genius at that!" — President Donald Trump, in a tweet, Jan. 6.

7. "You don't have to agree with Trump but the mob can't make me not love him. We are both dragon energy. He is my brother. I love everyone." — Kanye West, in a tweet, April 25.

8. "Our country is led by those who will lie about anything, backed by those who will believe anything, based on information from media sources that will say anything." — James Comey, in a tweet, May 23.

9. "I have just signed your death warrant." — Judge Rosemarie Aquilina, addressing former USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar upon sentencing him to up to 175 years in prison for sexual assault, Jan. 24.

10. "If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd! And you push back on them. And you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere." — Rep. Maxine Waters, in remarks at a rally in Los Angeles, June 23.

Hertz, Clear partner to speed rentals with biometric scans

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

Biometric screening is expanding to the rental car industry.

Hertz said Tuesday it is teaming up with Clear, the maker of biometric screening kiosks found at many airports, in an effort to slash the time it takes to pick up a rental car. Clear hopes it will lead more travelers to its platform, which has 3 million members in the U.S.

It's the latest place consumers will find biometric technology, which has migrated over the last 50 years from secure government facilities and banks to airports, stadiums and even smartphones that unlock with the touch a fingerprint. Hertz is the first rental car company to use the technology.

Improvements in cameras and other technology have made it cheaper to install scanners that can read fingerprints, faces, and irises. More than 100 airports worldwide use biometric readers from Clear, VisionBox and other companies to scan passengers. Walt Disney World verifies visitors' identity by scanning fingerprints.

And the advancements will likely keep coming. Microsoft is working with Australia's national bank on cardless ATM machines that would let people withdraw cash using a facial scan and personal identification number. Universities in London and Copenhagen have on-campus groceries that let students pay with their finger. Some laptops can now be unlocked with a fingerprint scan.

Hertz with Clear launched their biometrics scans this week at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. It will be rolled out to 40 more U.S. Hertz locations next year, including John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport.

Hertz Gold Plus Rewards loyalty program members with access to Clear will be able to bypass the counter, pick up their car and head to the exit gate. There, Clear pods equipped with cameras and touchscreens can read their face or their fingerprints. If they match up with Hertz's reservation data, the gate will open. Hertz will have at least one lane dedicated to Clear members at each location.



Jeff Martin/AP

A rental car driver demonstrates a new biometric scanning machine Friday by placing his finger on the reader at the Hertz facility at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, in Atlanta. In a first for the rental car industry, Hertz is teaming up with Clear, the maker of biometric screening kiosks found at many airports and stadiums. Hertz says the partnership will slash the time it takes to pick up a rental car.

Hertz President and CEO Kathy Marinello expects Clear to shave 1.5 minutes off what's now a two-minute checkout process.

"In the world of travel, I think time is of the essence," she said.

The service is free for members of the Gold Plus Rewards program, which also has no fee. Travelers can sign up for Clear at a Hertz location. To upgrade to airport service, which promises to move Clear members through security lines more quickly, travelers must pay a monthly fee of $15.

Clear says it's the first time it will be identifying members based on their face instead of their iris or their fingerprints. Clear CEO Caryn Seidman-Becker says the cameras can take measurements and identify minute differences in facial features.

Amil Jain, a professor at Michigan State University who researches biometrics, says facial screenings work by comparing an original photo to a new one. That could be tough in a rental car lane, where the lighting may differ substantially and drivers could be wearing makeup or winter scarves that change their features.

"If you don't do the biometrics right, you'll turn off the customer more," he said. But biometric scanning done well could be more robust and secure than having an employee see if a driver's face matches their license, he said.

Jain doesn't think customers need to be particularly worried about facial scans. He points out that millions of people have shared photos of their faces on Facebook and other platforms already.

But Justin Brookman, director of consumer privacy and technology for Consumer Reports, said consumers should think twice before sharing personal identifiers.

"Once your biometric data gets leaked or compromised, you can't really do anything about it," he said. "The more people who potentially have it, the more potential for things to go bad."

Seidman-Becker said Clear will not sell or share the data it collects. She noted that the company has been certified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

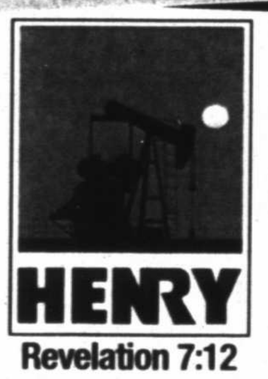
But Jeramie Scott, the national security counsel for the Electronic Privacy Information Center, said sharing biometric data is still risky, because there are no federal laws governing the collection, use and retention of biometric data.

"An individual might sign up for one use only to find out that down the road their data is being used in another manner," he said.

Marinello said Clear approached Hertz about the partnership and Hertz agreed to pay for the installation of the Clear pods. Marinello wouldn't say how much Hertz is investing, but said the company expects to recoup that through increased customers and return visits.

Hertz has been eager to adopt new technology and partner with other companies in an effort to prove there is still a future in rental cars despite pressure from ride-hailing companies and self-driving cars.

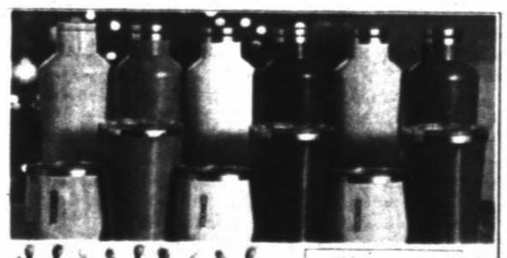
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Midland Health adds additional Ornish program sessions

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Midland Health



Midland Health, in its commitment to making Midland the healthiest community in Texas, has been offering patients a unique, non-invasive approach to reverse cardiac disease. Dr. Dean Ornish's program for reversing heart disease, addresses the root causes of heart disease rather than just its symptoms, and offers participants what can be a more appealing option than surgery: lifestyle as treatment.

This program has been an excellent addition to the cardiac service line that we offer at Midland Health, and we are excited to provide evening sessions to offer flexibility of schedule and to accommodate busy, working Midlanders. The Ornish Reversal Program gives us another proven approach to treat heart disease and supports our ongoing mission to provide the best possible care and treatment to our community.

Ornish Lifestyle Medicine is proven by the results of more than 35 years of peer-reviewed, published research to reverse the progression of heart disease. The program brings about this transformational impact by dealing with the root causes of heart disease and not just its effects.

Ornish Reversal Program participants attend 18 four-hour group sessions over a nine-week period. Each session can accommodate approximately 15 individuals who focus on improvement in four key areas: exercise, stress management, nutrition and group support. The program is facilitated by a dedicated six-person team that includes a medical director, program director, nurse case manager and experts in stress management, behavioral health, fitness and nutrition. These experts help participants to take control of their treatment by providing them with the knowledge, training and community resources to sustain a healthier lifestyle.

What is the program?

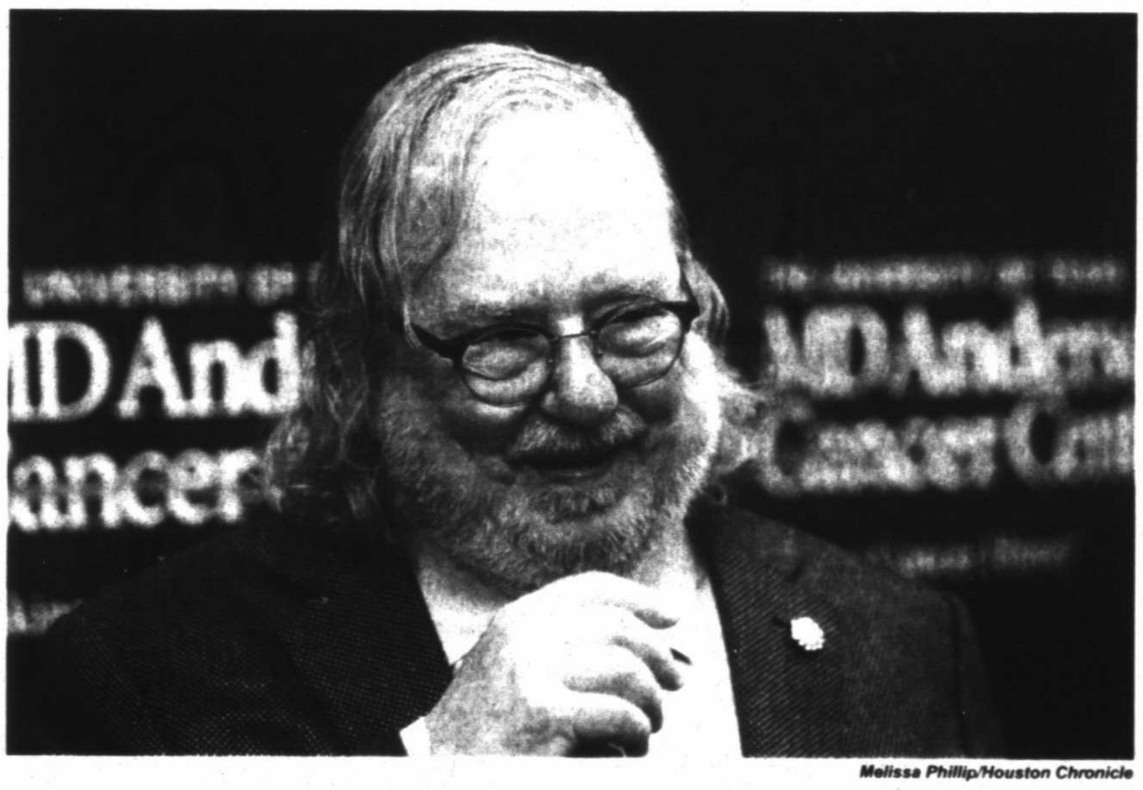
The premise of Ornish Lifestyle Medicine is simple, yet requires personal commitment and action: adopt a healthy lifestyle based on the four key elements — a low-fat, whole foods, plant-based diet; at least 30 minutes of exercise each day; practice of stress management techniques; and active engagement in supportive relationships.

Who pays for Ornish Lifestyle Medicine?

Documented and published results for thousands of participants across the nation have overwhelmingly shown that the program works, so much so, that Medicare and several private insurance plans pay for participants to attend. All that is required

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Melissa Phillip/Houston Chronicle

Jim Allison speaks during a news conference at MD Anderson Cancer Center Oct. 5 in Houston.

MD Anderson researcher receives Nobel Prize

■ Jim Allison honored for identifying, discovering how to unleash a brake on the immune system

By Todd Ackerman
Houston Chronicle

Jim Allison, the Houston scientist who identified and discovered how to unleash a brake on the immune system, was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Medicine on Monday, the ultimate recognition of research that's revolutionized cancer therapy.

During a ceremony at the Stockholm Concert Hall, Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf presented the prize to Allison, who shook his hand and then bowed, the first MD Anderson Cancer Center scientist to receive the now 118-year-old honor.

"Your groundbreaking research has added a fourth pillar in cancer therapy," Klas Kärre, a member of the Nobel committee, said in an introductory speech describing the achievement. "It represents a new paradigm for treatment, not directly targeting the cancer cells but rather releasing the brakes of the immune system, a landmark in the fight against cancer."

Allison, a native Texan who attended the University of Texas at Austin and plays the harmonica in two bands when not conducting immunology research, shared the award with Japan's Tasuku Honjo, who discovered a second immune system brake.

The discovery and unleashing of the brakes, known as checkpoint blockade therapy, finally realized the tantalizing

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Children's health should inspire passion in the Legislature

■ GUEST VIEW

What is more Texan than pit barbecue, bluebonnets, "Friday Night Lights," Whataburger and Willie?

If you're a Texan who likes to wrap yourself in the Lone Star flag, wrap your head around this: More ubiquitous than any Texas-shaped tattoo, tortilla chip or waffle is something far less deserving of our Texan pride: kids without health insurance.

Texas again has the largest share of uninsured kids in the nation, accounting for 1 in every 5 in the United States, according to a report from Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families.

Texas' uninsured rate among kids was 10.7 percent in 2017 — more than double the national average of 5percent. An estimated 835,000 Texas children went without health insurance, an increase of about 80,000 from the year before.

No Texan can be proud of this. Yet, after 20 years of ranking at or near the bottom for insured kids, nobody in power seems to care enough to address it — neither Gov. Greg Abbott nor Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick — regardless of their touted "pro-life" credentials, nor lawmakers who lead health committees in the Texas Legislature.

For all the lip service Abbott gives to pre-K, for all the passion with which Patrick fights for private school vouchers, for all the talk among lawmakers about improving Texas' schools, they seem to miss one thing.

It doesn't matter how much we invest in public education if we don't invest in public health. Kids need to stay healthy to attend school. They need eyeglasses to see the chalkboard. They need immunizations to protect all of us from disease. Kids with asthma need access to preventative care. Kids with cancer need a fighting chance at survival.

Texas was late to embrace the Children's Health Insurance Program, approved by Congress in 1997, and we've lagged ever

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ANGIE MORRIS
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Eating together should be a family priority

Parents often ask me what they can do to improve their relationship with their children. I start that analysis by asking how much quality time they spend with each child and as a family. In larger families, it is helpful to spend one-on-one time with each child. Each child should know that they are loved and important. As a family unit, eating together at the dinner table should be made a priority as often as is practical. With the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, this vital family tradition has fallen by the wayside in this country.

"Over the last twenty years family dinners have declined by 33 percent and the time families spend eating has decreased from 60 minutes to less than 12," according to the Huffington Post. In my own practice, there are few families that regularly eat as a family unit.

This simple act of coming together at a certain time and eating with one another has so many benefits. Eating as a family:

■ Builds relationships

Research suggests that when a family eats together, members feel a strong bond. Dinnertime allows you to reconnect with your family. Parents can keep up with their children and be a part of their lives instead of feeling so distant. This allows family members to spend quality time listening and asking about each other.

Ask some open-ended questions that promote conversation rather than one-word answers. Some ideas are:

■ "What is on your mind today?"
■ "What is something interesting (or fun or difficult) you did today?"
■ "What made you laugh recently?"
■ "What was your favorite or least favorite thing that happened today?"
■ "How are your friends doing?"
■ "Do you have any questions about what is happening around you?"

■ Provides developmental boosts

For the little ones in the family, coming together around the dinner table promotes language skills. The younger family members also learn social skills such as taking turns and learn manners while watching older family members.

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Winter is here, and while some people are enjoying the holidays, others may be suffering from seasonal affective disorder (SAD). This mental health disorder is a form of depression in which people experience depressive episodes during specific times of the year. The most common seasonal pattern for these episodes occurs in the fall or winter and diminish in the spring.

A less common type of SAD, known as summer depression, usually begins in the late spring or early summer. SAD has been found to be related to changes in the amount of daylight a person receives affecting melatonin production. If you or a loved one are experiencing any of these symptoms, you are encouraged to seek professional help.

About 5 percent of adults in the U.S. experience SAD, with the condition diagnosed up to four times more often in women than men, according to the American Psychiatric Association. The age of onset is estimated to be between 18 and 30. Some people experience symptoms severe enough to affect quality of life, and 6 percent require hospitalization.

The symptoms are similar to those of depression: feelings of hopelessness and sadness, decrease in energy level, irritability, difficulty concentrating, change in appetite, avoidance of social situations, hypersomnia or a tendency to oversleep and thoughts of suicide.

Treatment approaches to alleviate the symptoms of SAD typically include combinations of antidepressant medication, light therapy (exposure to a light box that simulates high-intensity sunlight for 30 minutes daily) and counseling.

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since. Now the problem has gotten worse, exacerbated in part by federal policies that have brought progress in other states to a halt, and in some states, backward.

For the first time in nearly a decade, the number of uninsured children in the United States increased, according to the Georgetown report. We'd expect the opposite in a time of economic strength when more children are covered by employer-sponsored insurance. But some working families can't afford that option. Many kids rely on government programs, which are increasingly at risk.

States such as Texas, where leaders like Abbott refuse to expand Medicaid and have actively worked to thwart the Affordable Care Act, have fared the worst.

A new threat comes directly from President Trump: Enrollment in government programs is dropping among immigrants, including those legally here, as xenophobic rhetoric intensifies. Parents whose children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP fear enrolling them will endanger the family's status. One reason is the Trump administration's so-called "public charge rule," which threatens to deny green cards to those who have applied for certain types of government assistance.

The troubling rise in uninsured children isn't expected to let up soon.

"Kids are the canaries in the coal mine because we always have an easier time getting them insured," said Elena Marks, president and CEO of the Episcopal Health Foundation. "When you see their numbers dropping, that's really bad news for all of us."

It doesn't have to be. It should be a clarion call for conscientious lawmakers who say they care about Texas, and the future of Texas, to act.

Depriving children of access to doctors is as senseless as it is immoral. Kids are cheaper to insure because they tend to be healthy. Most Texas Medicaid recipients are children, and although lawmakers complain about the cost of the program, the state pays less than half.

The biggest barrier that stands in the way of kids and coverage isn't the politicians. It's the average Texans who seem oblivious to the problem. A statewide survey released jointly in June by the Episcopal Health and Kaiser Family Foundations showed only 3 in 10 respondents knew about Texas' high uninsured rate.

"If you don't know it, then you can't be ashamed of it," Marks said.

Well, fellow Texan, now you know. Spread the word if your pride is true. Spur your representatives to act. Carry the banner for our Texas children as high as you do our beloved Lone Star.

— Houston Chronicle

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■ Is a time to unplug

With our world that seems to revolve around media, this should be a time without electronics. Put away the phones, turn off the television and unwind by enjoying conversation. One study, published in the journal Pediatrics, found that "kids who regularly enjoyed family meals were less likely to experience symptoms of depression and less likely to engage in drug use."

Try to make family dinners a priority. Allow this time to be a time to engage with your children and your spouse. Make this a tradition that allows your children to know they can talk to you. Not only will your children know that dinner time is important, but they will feel more connected with you and feel like a priority.

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is the patient's commitment to adhere to program guidelines.

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To learn more about the Ornish Program call 221-2200 or visit www.midlandlifestylemedicine.org.

Dr. Padmaja Patel is medical director of the Lifestyle Medicine Center

Obituaries

Jerry Tilford Rogers

Jerry Tilford Rogers, 71, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2018. The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Funeral service will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel.

Jerry was born on September 17, 1947 in Houston, Texas to J.T. and Maxine Rogers. He met his sweetheart while in high school and married Donna Jean Ballard. They were married for 51 years and moved 20 times due to his broadcast career. He was drafted in the army the summer of 1968. Jerry loved the Lord and was an accomplished Bible teacher and taught Bible study in his home. Jerry liked the Dallas Cowboys. He was also a writer and was published in the Texas Mountain Trail Writers of Alpine/Fort Davis, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Rogers of Midland; daughter, Amber Morris and husband, Wade of Amarillo; sons, Cody Rogers and wife, Jamie of Midland, and Jeff Rogers and wife, Sherri of Spokane, WA; four grandchildren; brother, Randy Rogers of Grapevine; sister, Sherry Newman and husband, David of Rockwall; and sister, Darlene Moreland of Dallas.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

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Jonathan Andre Munoz

Jonathan Andre Munoz died unexpectedly in his home December 9, 2018 in Midland, Texas, of the age of 21.

Jonathan is survived by his Father Jose Munoz of Midland, TX; Mother Maria Hernandez of Midland, TX; Mayela Montano of Dallas TX; Wife Crystal Atayde of Midland, TX; children Elijah Andre Munoz, Ezekiel Andre Munoz, Emilia Anaitza Munoz; His brothers Jose Munoz Jr. of Midland TX, Jahir Montano of Dallas TX; His sisters Brianna Munoz, Daniella Munoz of Midland, TX.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather Manuel Hernandez of Midland, TX.

Jonathon was born on February 26, 1997 in Midland, TX. He graduated from Richard Milburn Academy in 2015. Jonathan built his life with Crystal in 2014 and welcomed three beautiful children into their home.

Jonathan enjoyed taking his boys out to ride their momo's and their quack quacks. He enjoyed rocking his princess while watching his favorite team play, the Dallas Cowboys, "GO COWBOYS!!" He was known for his infectious smile, his kind compassionate spirit and being the star of the show.

Rosary will be tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. A funeral is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at San Miguel Aracangel with a burial to follow at Serenity Memorial Garden.

All are welcomed to celebrate Jonathan's life. Flowers and condolences can be sent to 4711 South County Road 1191, Midland, TX 79706.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*

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Kathryn Elyse Claybrook

Kathryn Elyse Claybrook, age 72, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on December 6, 2018 in Odessa.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Paul Thompson officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Kathy was born October 3, 1946 to Jack Peter Claybrook and Ruby Ruth (Niemeyer) Claybrook in Vernon, TX.

Kathy had a quick wit about her. She had a response instantly for any situation whether it was in jest, funny or sarcastic or putting someone in their place. For years she would tell me that on her tombstone the epitaph she wanted was "I told you I was sick." And she would laugh every time she said it. Her favorite flower is Daffodils. Her favorite singer is Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones. Her favorite story is "Which wolf will win?" It is an American Indian story.

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, "Wow, what a ride." Kathy cut that quote out and sent it to me.

She also included this scripture: Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Kathy was a funny character. She was devoted to her family. She would go without to give to her family and friends.

Alexandria was the apple of her eye. She was so proud of her granddaughter and she captured her heart and soul. She didn't have a high school diploma, yet she worked as a beautician, in a butcher shop, a gas station and then finally ended up going to work in medical records at Medical Center Hospital. Her profession was as a medical records clerk ICD 9 Coder. She was well known in the medical community as an ICD 9 coder that when she would go to conferences and training seminars other companies would try to get her to go to work for them. They would recognize her just by her name, even from Florida, California and so many other states. She was loyal to Medical Center Hospital and retired after 20 years of working there. The other hospitals across the USA certainly did try.

Kathy is survived by her daughter, Alex Faubion, granddaughter, Alexandria Faubion and her brother, John Peter Claybrook.

Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign her guestbook at *www.sunsetodessa.com*

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Death Notices

Christine Jackson

Christine Jackson, 89 of Midland, Texas passed away Friday, December 7, 2018.

Viewing will be Friday, Dec. 14th from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a receiving of friends Friday evening from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Celebration of Christine's life will be Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m. at First Assembly of God. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

She is survived by her son, Johnny Spencer; two daughters, Jamie Patton and Jurline Cockerham and two brothers.

Estelle Spencer

Estelle Spencer, 90 of Midland, Texas passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. She is survived by her niece Frances Ratliff, her great nieces and nephews George D. Ratliff, Jacqueline Shelby, Victor Ratliff, Donna Berry and Courtney Ratliff and several nieces and nephews.

Harvey Glenn Cross

Harvey Glenn Cross, 83, went to be with the Lord after a short illness on December 9, 2018. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 15, 2018, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Survivors include sons, Wes Cross and Matt Cross; two siblings, 5 grand children and 2 great grand children.

Valentin Vela

Valentin Vela 54, of Stanton, Texas passed away December 9, 2018. Funeral mass will be held Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. Rosary will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel 408 N St. Peter.

Valentin leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife Mary Hinojosa Vela, daughters, Lateshia Wells,and Gaby Cazares; sons Arturo Cazares and Jacob Cazares; 4 brothers, and twelve grandchildren. Arrangements were under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

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promise of immunotherapy, which researchers had pursued unsuccessfully for decades. Although it doesn't benefit all cancer patients yet, it has joined surgery, radiation and chemotherapy as a mainstay of cancer treatment.

The therapy has produced cures in patients whose advanced disease was considered hopeless, particularly with lung cancer and melanoma. The best-known beneficiary is former President Jimmy Carter, who in 2015 said he felt he "had just a few weeks left" after he was diagnosed with melanoma that had spread to his brain. Carter is cancer-free today thanks to treatment with checkpoint blockade therapy.

The therapy is the subject of thousands of clinical trials, most all of them efforts to extend the benefits to more people.

The 2018 Nobel is the first to recognize an achievement at once in both cancer discovery and cancer therapy; previous prizes for cancer research recognized either a discovery or a new therapy.

Some 15,600 people, including the Swedish Royal Family and board members of the Nobel Foundation, attended the ceremony, which was streamed live on the Nobel Prize website. It was followed by a banquet and a party with local students, known as the Nobel NightCap.

"Jim and I have experienced many occasions that have made us feel well-rewarded, such as meeting cancer patients who say their lives were saved by our therapies," Honjo said at the banquet.

Speaking on behalf of himself and Allison, Honjo added, "the development of our discovery is just beginning, as currently only 20 to 30 percent of patients respond to the immunotherapy. ... We encourage many more scientists to join us in our efforts to keep improving cancer immunotherapy. We sincerely hope this treatment will reach far and wide so that everybody on our planet can benefit from this evolutionary gift for healthy life."

The Nobel activities, which began last Thursday, conclude today.

None of the newly minted laureates spoke at the ceremony, but Allison and the other laureates gave lectures on their work at a Nobel symposium over the weekend. There, Allison explained the science and talked about his long-term hopes.

"I think that what we're going to see in the future is that checkpoint blockade is going to become a part of essentially all therapies," said Allison, 70. "That might be in combination with radiation or chemotherapy or many other things in the kinds of tumors that don't respond to checkpoints by themselves."

Allison dedicated the lecture to "the many students and fellows who have trained me and really done the work that I'll be talking about -- the doctors and patients who were involved at no small risk to themselves in the early clinical trials and finally to my partner in life and science, Dr. Padmanee Sharma, with whom much of the work was done."

Allison determined that the protein known as CTLA-4 acts as a brake to rein in the immune system, then developed a drug, Yervoy, that releases it to attack cancer cells. At the time of Allison's discovery, scientists thought CTLA-4 activated T cells, the foot soldiers of the immune system.

At the ceremony, Kärre enlisted the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra to explain the results. To illustrate the immune system's attack when cancer exploits the brakes, a single violinist played softly and briefly, termed by Kärre as "short, slow and weak." To illustrate the attack with the brakes unleashed, the full orchestra erupted in the dramatic Prelude to Act 1 of Georges Bizet's "Carmen."

The audience applauded, and Kärre said, "That was a bit different, the way (the immune system) should sound."

Allison started his career at MD Anderson in 1977, one of the first employees of a new basic science research center located in Smithville. He returned, in November 2012, with the help of a big-time grant from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, the state's taxpayer-funded $3 billion assault on the deadly disease.

He made his landmark discoveries about the immune system at the University of California, Berkeley, then worked with clinicians at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer in New York to expedite Yervoy's use in patients. Since he was lured back to MD Anderson as chairman of immunology, Allison has led the immunotherapy efforts of the center's Cancer Moon Shots initiative to accelerate the pace of research.

Previous Houston Nobel winners include Richard Smalley and Robert Curl of Rice University; Ferid Murad of the University of the Texas Health Science Center at Houston and the Houston Methodist Research Institute; and Roger Guillemin of Baylor College of Medicine.

The Nobel is the latest of dozens of prizes Allison has been awarded over the years. Previously, the most prestigious was the Lasker Award, often called the American Nobel, which he won in 2015.

The Nobel comes with prize money amounting to nearly $1 million, to be split by Allison and Honjo. Allison said at a news conference Thursday he'll donate the amount remaining after taxes to support other researchers working in the field and to a charity that supports schools for women.

Texas has a plan to reduce doctor shortage

MITCHELL SCHNURMAN
The Dallas Morning News



Fort Worth's new medical school welcomes its inaugural class next summer, and it won't be just graduating new doctors.

It's also found a way to add new residency slots, the pricey graduate work that's the capstone to doctors' formal education — and often a key factor in where they choose to practice.

The new school, which won preliminary accreditation last month, is a joint project of Texas Christian University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center. The additional residencies will be largely funded by HCA Healthcare, which has 14 hospitals in North Texas.

Nashville-based HCA pledged to help create about 500 residency positions over the next seven years, and another local hospital system is expected to join in, too.

The new school and residencies will help address a deep doctor shortage in the state. While Texas has been adding doctors and medical students at a strong clip, its population is growing fast. And the number of senior citizens, who generally demand more medical services, is projected to triple between 2010 and 2050.

In 2016, Texas ranked 47th in primary care doctors per 100,000 people, trailing the state median rate by almost 21 percent. Texas also ranked 47th in surgeons per capita.

Several medical schools have opened in Texas in recent years. But without enough residency slots to accommodate new graduates, the freshly minted doctors will go to other states to finish their training — and they're likely to settle there. For the last five years, the Texas Legislature has been expanding funding for so-called graduate medical education. In addition to committing millions in additional money, lawmakers passed a bill last year that requires new medical schools to add residency slots in order to get state approval.

The two newest schools — one in Fort Worth, the other at the University of Houston — both got deals with HCA to help create the residency positions.

It's a smart strategy, said Dr. Janis Orlowski, chief health care officer for the Association of American Medical Colleges.

"HCA and other community hospitals have struggled to find physicians," she said. "And this pushes Texas to come up with a solution to keep doctors in the state."

About 40 percent of Texas' medical school graduates end up doing their residency in another state, which actually ranks among the best in retention. But that trend underscores the imbalance in the overall market.

This year, the U.S. had about 33,000 residency positions and almost 44,000 physicians registered for the match process, which connects applicants and openings. In general, Texas' supply of resident slots has been larger than its number of medical school graduates, but those lines are projected to cross by 2021, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

In a recent report, the board called for more state funding for residencies, which cost about $150,000 annually for each doctor. Otherwise, "the substantial progress the state has made will not be sustained," the report said.

"It's like a bicycle — you gotta have both wheels," said Dr. Michael Williams, president of UNT Health Science Center. "If we don't have enough residency spots, we're just gonna produce more med students for other states."

Texas ranks No. 2 in medical schools and the number of first-year medical students. After the Houston and Fort Worth schools open, the state will have 15 schools, including those that award a doctorate in osteopathic medicine.

Between the current DO program at the UNT Health Science Center and the medical school at UT Southwestern, the D-FW area had 465 first-year medical students in 2017, according to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Fort Worth's medical school plan has several novel elements. There will be an emphasis on creating "empathetic scholars" who have strong communication skills, including active listening. And rather than focus on hospitals, training sites will include outpatient clinics and the offices of doctors' groups. The medical school has agreements with 17 hospitals and outpatient practices for these clinical placements, and the founding dean said students stand to benefit.

"They actually get to know their patients, and their patients get to know them," said Dr. Stuart Flynn, who was previously at medical schools at the University of Arizona and Yale. "That will ultimately build empathy."

The Fort Worth school will not get any formula funding from the state, and it's aiming to offset 15 percent of tuition with scholarships.

The school has received lots of support from the community. In the first five years, donations are projected to reach $57 million, about 30 percent of total funding. TCU, a private school, will contribute an additional $45 million over that period.

HEALTHBRIEFS

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Midland Health events

■ Lifestyle Medicine Center class: Gratitude, Compassion and Forgiveness, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, 221-5433; $5 fee; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Free heart screenings for teens are being offered 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 12 at Midland Memorial Hospital. The screenings are for 14- through 18-year-olds. To register, visit ChampHearts.org or call 888-884-6945 or 512-900-3243.

■ Breastfeeding Class, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 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@wtcmhmr.org.

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

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

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

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

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 553-7220.

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

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

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

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

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road, Bldg. A, 599-4490.

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

COM Aquatics

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

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

Members of COM Water Aerobics Program can reserve a board at any time; non-members can reserve a board two hours before class. (For early-morning classes, call the night before.) To reserve a board, call 684-7755, extension 101.

Finding a doctor

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

Hope Chest

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

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

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

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

MMH payment options

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

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

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a 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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Health insurance exchange open enrollment ends Saturday

By Gerardo Ortiz
U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

■ ANALYSIS

The end of the HealthCare.gov open enrollment period is just around the corner. Whether you are new to the HealthCare.gov exchange or returning, we want to make sure that Texans who want coverage through the exchange are aware of the Saturday deadline so they don't miss the opportunity to sign up for 2019.

The focus is to provide a seamless enrollment experience for HealthCare.gov consumers. We've made important improvements to customer service this year. We streamlined the application to simplify the process and improved the website's content to make it easier to understand. Healthcare.gov has performed optimally, consumers have been able to easily access enrollment tools to compare plans and prices, and the call center's consumer satisfaction rate has remained at 90 percent.

Since open enrollment began on Nov. 1, more than 414,000 Texas consumers have selected a plan in the federally facilitated exchange.

Here are the three things Texans need to know:

■ Saturday is the deadline to sign up for coverage that begins Jan. 1.

Texans who don't enroll by the deadline can't get 2019 coverage unless they qualify for a special enrollment period. Consumers can visit HealthCare.gov and CuidadodeSalud.gov to preview 2019 plans and prices and sign up for coverage today.

■ Consumers can Visit HealthCare.gov or CuidadodeSalud.gov to update information, add information for the first time and select the plan that best meets their needs.

The plans on HealthCare.gov are comprehensive and offer annual checkups at no extra cost and coverage for doctor visits, prescription drugs, and certain preventive care with no out-of-pocket costs.

■ Nationally, average premiums have decreased and the number of plans have increased on the federal exchange for 2019.

For the first time since Healthcare.gov started offering coverage, average premium rates for a benchmark silver plan in 2019 have gone down across the 39 states that use the federal platform. Consumers have more plans to choose from. There are 23 more issuers on the federal exchanges for 2019 than there were in 2018. And 29 issuers are expanding their service area into new counties.

Texas consumers can get help filling out their application by calling the exchange's call center at 1-800-318-2596; or by using the "find local help" tool at HealthCare.gov to find health insurance agents and brokers who can help consumers enroll or to find other in-person assistance.

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AARP alleges misleading practices at free-standing ERs

By Jenny Deam
Houston Chronicle

AARP Texas said the results of its "secret shopper" survey of free-standing emergency rooms found misleading or vague language that could confuse patients and leave them vulnerable to surprise medical bills.

Over recent months, AARP staff called directly or reviewed the websites of 213 facilities in Texas and found 30 percent "appear to not comply fully with state disclosure laws," according to results announced Monday.

Last year, Texas lawmakers passed legislation to bring transparency to the booming industry after consumers complained they did not realize the facilities were outside their insurance networks and had received high medical bills. That law went into effect Sept. 1, 2017.

That law mandated that free-standing emergency rooms must disclose that they are an emergency room and charge facility fees, inform patients what insurance plans they accept and if they are part of those insurance networks. They are also required to include the warning that a physician may bill separately from the facility.

The AARP found that 77 percent of the facilities said on their website that they "take" or "accept" insurance but were actually out-of-network for all health plans. It also found less than half were able to answer a "yes" or "no" question about health plan coverage.

"The data show that free-standing ERs need to be more transparent," said Bob Jackson, AARP Texas director, in a statement Monday. "Without further legislative action the problem is likely to get worse."

Texas House report: More drug treatment resources needed

By Mary Huber
Austin American-Statesman

As Texas lawmakers wrestle with some of the state's core issues related to substance use, a new House panel report is offering nearly 100 recommendations, including more treatment options, improved prescription drug monitoring and expanded access to detox medications.

While opioids remain at the forefront of drug discussions nationwide, the 108-page report from the House Select Committee on Opioids and Substance Use also found that methamphetamine was the state's biggest problem, saying it should be labeled a "Texas crisis."

More people died from methamphetamine use in Texas in 2016 than from opioids, according to data from a recent University of Texas report. Seizures of methamphetamine at the Texas-Mexico border have increased by 103 percent since 2014, and methamphetamine users made up 17 percent of admissions to treatment programs in the state in 2016, compared to 3 percent in 1995, the report found.

Overdoses from all drugs continue to rise in Texas, according to preliminary 2017 numbers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"I do think that in some areas methamphetamine and alcohol abuse is probably every bit a problem as opioid addiciton," the committee's chair, Rep. Four Price, R-Amarillo, said. "We spend a lot of time on opioids because it's an area that hasn't received a lot of legislative attention."

The lawmakers' recommendations, released Nov. 30, come after hearing months of public testimony from criminal justice experts, law enforcement professionals and addiction specialists on a range of topics, including the rate of concurrent mental health and substance use disorders; the effect of drug use on hospitals, health care systems and policing; the prevalence of drug use among pregnant women, veterans and the homeless; and how the criminal justice system, child protective services and courts are affected by drug use and drug policy.

At times, emotions peaked during the summer hearings, as parents spoke about losing their children to overdoses and when pain patients pleaded with legislators not to take away their opioid medication.

Need for treatment resources

What emerged as the biggest challenge, legislators said, was a lack of available resources for those seeking treatment in the state. They found an insufficient number of medication-assisted treatment programs that offer methadone and Suboxone to patients detoxing from opiates and immediately available treatments for people trying to get sober.

In October, the average wait for a person seeking state-funded residential inpatient treatment was 31 days, according to data from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

The wait to get into a detox program was between six and 22 days. Addiction experts have said these long wait times often prove deadly for drug users.

Justin Logan, who works with the North Austin Foundation to shelter addicts while they wait to get into treatment, said people often must detox on their own on the streets, navigate a mountain of paperwork, and endure long waits and bureaucratic red tape to get state funding, or travel far to get a bed in a treatment facility, which lessens the chance they'll get help.

"It's very important when you decide to get help to go forward with it and not wait around," he told the American-Statesman in November. "We run into so many roadblocks along the way that it's like fighting a never-ending battle. ... People give up in the process ... And it's pretty heartbreaking."

The lack of treatment resources has proved particularly devastating for people in rural areas, women and those with co-occurring mental health disorders, the report found.

Lawmakers are advocating for a range of different treatment services, including: expanding access to medication-assisted treatment by making sure more physicians can prescribe detox drugs; adding those medications to the state's Medicaid Preferred Drug List; expanding medication-assisted treatment programs into often neglected rural areas; and increasing options for recovery housing and coaching.

Lawmakers say the state could create matching grants and partnerships with treatment facilities to expand services.

Better data collection sought

The report also pointed out concerns about the state's data collection efforts, which experts say often don't relay accurate and timely information.

Poor data collection might have led to an undercounting of fatal overdoses in the state. In 2016, 2,831 people in Texas died from drug overdoses, according to CDC data. However, state medical examiners and justices of the peace say these numbers could be even higher because drug toxicity information is often not included on death certificates.

Other concerns included:

- An increase in the amount of the strong synthetic opioid fentanyl, which has created problems for law enforcement officers and led to the sharpest rise in overdose deaths nationwide.
- Problems with the state's prescription drug monitoring program, which prescribers use to track people visiting multiple doctors to obtain medication. They say it's complicated and time-consuming to navigate.
- Continued overprescribing of opioid medication.
- A lack of education about drug take-back programs and safe disposal of prescription drugs, which has made it easy for people to obtain leftover medication.
- Insufficient access to naloxone, a drug that is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose.

Lawmakers have recommended standardized reporting across state agencies to improve data collection and that justices of the peace be trained to recognize a drug overdose and list it correctly on death certificates. They also have urged improvements to the state's prescription drug monitoring program, so it is cheaper and easier to use; making naloxone available by a standing order at all pharmacies; enhancing the punishment for the use, possession or manufacture of fentanyl; and supporting more specialty drug courts and programs to divert low-level criminal offenders to drug treatment.

Many of these efforts would not require legislation.

The report does suggest enacting a good Samaritan law that would protect people who call police to report a drug overdose from prosecution for some offenses. A similar bill passed the House and Senate with wide support in 2015, but was vetoed by Gov. Greg Abbott because he said it didn't include adequate protections to prevent misuse by habitual drug users and dealers. New data presented by the Texas Department of State Health Services during the hearings showed similar laws in other states have resulted in as much as a 15 percent drop in opioid overdoses in the past five years, despite nationwide increases.

The committee itself will not refer bills for the upcoming session that starts in January. Its report will merely be used by lawmakers as they consider legislation.

So far, no bills have been filed to directly tackle the opioid crisis or substance use in the state. However, Price said he expects that committee members will file some type of draft legislation after the new year, when the session begins.

"It is such a broad and expensive crisis both in human life costs and indirect productivity costs," Price said. "We can do a lot on the front end to prevent problems from getting worse."

The report does point out the potential unintended consequences any legislation to curb overprescribing opioids. Such policies can hurt patients who rely on the medications to function daily, including those with chronic pain.

Several people testified during a public hearing on Aug. 8 about the effect that new CDC guidelines were having on doctors' prescribing practices, which caused them to cut back medications they rely on to treat pain associated with arthritis, degenerative disc disease, multiple sclerosis and other chronic conditions. These patients have said they have few viable alternatives to narcotic medication, resulting in an increasing number considering suicide.

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WHEN
January 16th from
2:30PM – 4:30PM

WHERE
Midland Memorial Hospital
Conference Center, Room D

Light refreshments will be provided.

MIDLAND HEALTH

Garden City falls to No. 1 McLean in state semis

By Tyler Anderson
MRT Correspondent

TULIA —In a battle between the No. 1 and No. 2-ranked teams in the top tier of six-man football, it was the top-ranked squad who went on to punch its ticket to AT&T Stadium.

No. 2 Garden City saw its season came to an end at the hands of No. 1 McLean, falling 72-34 in a Class 1A Division I semifinal tilt on Monday night at Younger Field on Monday night.

The battle between six-man heavyweights was originally set for this past Saturday at Lobo Stadium in Levelland, but had to switch times, dates and venues to due snowfall affecting the area.

The Bearkats were unable to overcome the turnover battle, giving four turnovers — three interceptions and one fumble — to hauling in an interception return for a touchdown and a fumble recovery.

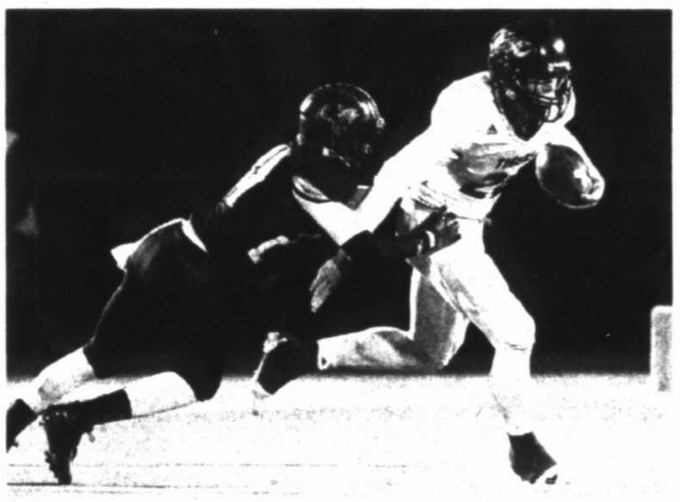
"The kids knew that we needed to get the ball back and they did," said Garden City head coach Jeff Jones. "We did good job of that, and the defense has done it all year. We came out in the second half and knew that we had to score, but we gave up two scores. The turnovers were huge."

Garden City ended its stellar season with a 13-1 mark, which saw the Bearkats reach the state semis for the first time since their 2010 state championship season. McLean improved to 14-0 overall and will make its first trip to the Class 1A Division I State Championship in school history.

The Tigers will go on to play No. 3 Milford in the Class 1A Division I State Championship at 2 p.m. on Dec. 19 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. The Bulldogs, who go into the state title game with a 12-1 record, had defeated Leakey 72-26 last Friday in Burnet.

Trailing 32-16 in the third quarter,

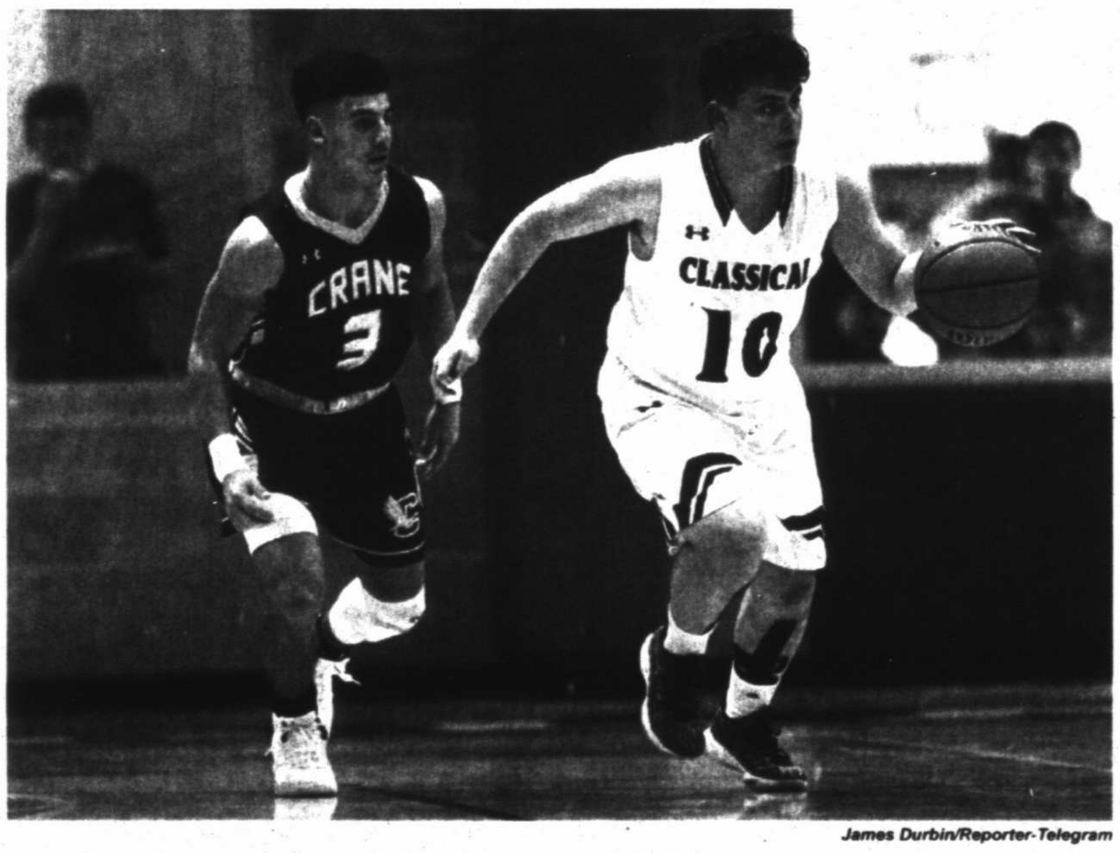
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Garden City's Raul Almazan tries to tackle McLean's Ben Crockett in a Class 1A Division I state semifinal at Younger Field in Tulia.

Tyler Anderson for the Midland Reporter-Telegram

Knights revenge



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical's Josiah McDougall (10) dribbles against Crane's Brandon Cerna (3) on Tuesday at MCA.

Cole Miller's big night leads MCA past Crane

By Jaydon Hart
MRT Correspondent

Midland Classical fell to Crane in the championship game of the El Ave Shootout 74-63, on Saturday in Crane, but on Tuesday night the Knights got their revenge from a stellar performance from Cole Miller.

Miller scored a game-high 32 points, dominated the paint by picking up 19 rebounds, and added five steals in MCA's 58-46, victory over Crane at MCA gym, Tuesday.

"It feels really to turn around and beat these guys (Crane) at our own gym," Miller said. "Tournament games never feel as good as a Tuesday or Friday night game, because you've been playing all week and you're kind of tired. It felt good to play in the championship (on Saturday), but to play in front of the home crowd, with our own fans, it was even better."

MCA got off to a bit of a slow start as it allowed Crane to score the game's first six points, but Miller helped MCA fight its way back. In the second quarter, the senior forward scored 16 of the Knights' first half points and evened the score at 20-20 heading into the final minutes of the half.

"Cole was a monster tonight," said MCA assistant coach Steve Beattie filling in for head coach Ron Miller. "Every once in a while a player steps up and snatches a game from another team and tonight he single handily snatched that for us. He made so many big plays giving us extra possessions and rebound put backs that changed the course of the game. He was fantastic tonight."

Miller gave MCA (10-2) the lead off an offensive rebound with a putback basket, but Golden Cranes guard Benny Bishop hit a 3 with time expiring to give them a 23-22 lead heading into halftime.

In the second half opened with MCA going on a 10-0 run, where Miller lit the spark and his teammates followed.

Crane (9-2) continued to battle

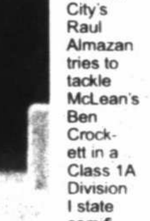
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Bad quarter helps Abilene Wylie beat MHS

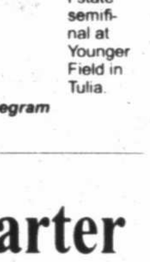
By Oscar LeRoy
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If the Midland High girls basketball team can avoid the one bad quarter, the Lady Dawgs could finish with a pretty good season.

But just like it has in recent games, that one bad quarter cost them Tuesday.



Taylor



Torres

Abilene Wylie outscored MHS, 14-3 in the second quarter and then held off a late rally for a 54-47 victory at the MHS gym.

Take away that second and MHS (9-8) played a traditionally strong program even.

"That's been our theme," MHS coach Wes Torres. "Monterey, Hobbs and Wylie now, we've had one bad quarter. Aside from that, we're playing fairly well and I feel like we're getting better.

"Obviously we don't believe in morale victories but we do believe in staying the course. It sounds cliché, but this group, as young as they are, they're trusting their teammates, they're trusting their coaches, they're trusting in the program and they're starting to reap the benefits."

Torres added that not boxing out, turnovers and lack of making shots led to his team's struggles in the second.

MHS had tied the game at 12-all early in the second but then went cold and got a bit sloppy at times. Wylie (11-4) took advantage as it hit back-to-back 3-pointers as part of a 14-0 run.

Wylie took 26-13 run at halftime.

"We did a really good job in the first half," Wylie coach Amy Powell said. "We got the ball up and down the floor in transition and we shot the ball pretty well from the 3-point line."

Wylie continued its momentum to start the second half by scoring the first six points to built as much as a 30-13 lead. When MHS started to do the things the coaching staff talked about at halftime, such as boxing out and playing better

Please see MHS/3C

Wade, James embrace final chance to compete on court

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Dwyane Wade will be spending a lot of time in Los Angeles while he settles into retirement next year. He already has a house here, and his wife's acting career would undoubtedly benefit from more time in Hollywood.

LeBron James is a newly minted Southern Californian himself, and he's already hatching schemes to occupy his former teammate, longtime rival and permanent friend.

"I told him, 'No one likes to work out by themselves,'" James said with a grin. "So he can come to Staples. He can come to the practice facility anytime he wants to get workouts in. He can come help me with the young guys as well. He'll be around a lot more personally for me, so I'll love that."



Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James, right, talks to Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade after an NBA game Monday in Los Angeles.

Wade still has 56 regular-season games left in his self-declared final NBA season with the Miami Heat, but he passed a major milestone in that procession when he lined up against James for the final time Monday night in the Los Angeles Lakers' 108-105 victory.

The result wasn't the most important part of the night to either man. They were wrapped up in the pure thrill — in the chance to face off for the final time in two incredible basketball careers that have been chronologically parallel, frequently intersecting and always momentous.

"I knew that at some point in the game, it was going to hit me that this was the last time we were competing against each other," Wade said. "It hit me right away, once that buzzer sounded and we got the opportunity on the court to just look at each other and be like, 'Man, this has been fun. This has been one hell of a ride, and we've enjoyed it together.'"

James put up 28 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds. Wade scored all 15 of his points in the second half to go with 10 assists and five boards.

But the best moments arrived late when James and Wade finally guarded each other, playing one last one-on-one game for keeps.

Defense won out on both ends, probably because they know each other well enough to take away their strengths. They funneled each other to drive to their more uncomfortable sides, and James forced Wade to attempt a 27-foot turnaround, fadeaway 3-pointer that missed badly with 7.2 seconds left.

Wade was more open when he missed a 3 that would have put the Heat ahead with 22.5 seconds left.

"I needed that one," Wade said with a grimace. "I wanted it so bad. I think I wanted it too much. It would have definitely been memorable. But this is my last time playing against this guy,

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Basketball

Northwestern State at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC

Chicago State at DePaul, 7 p.m., FS1

LSU at Houston, 8 p.m., ESPN2

Golf

2018 Senior PGA Championship, 1st Round, 11 a.m., NBCSN

Indonesian Masters, 1st Round, 11 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Alfred Dunhill Championship, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

Hockey

KHL: Slovan Bratislava vs. Dinamo Riga, 11:30 a.m., ELVN

Men's Soccer

FIFA Club World Cup: Al-Ain FC vs. Team Wellington, 9:20 a.m., FS2, UNVSO

UEFA Champions: Real Madrid vs. CSKA Moscow, 11:50 a.m., TNT, UniMas, UDN

UEFA Champions: Plzen vs. AS Roma, 11:50 a.m., GALA

UEFA Champions: Valencia vs. Manchester United, 2 p.m., TNT, UniMas

UEFA Champions: BSC Young Boys vs. Juventus, 2 p.m., UNIV, UDN

UEFA Champions: AFC Ajax vs. FC Bayern Munich, 2 p.m., GALA

National Basketball Association

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

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

Toronto at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

National Hockey League

Pittsburgh at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBCSN

Dallas at Anaheim, 9 p.m., FSSW+

Rodeo

National Finals, Day 7, 9 p.m., CBSSN

Swimming

FINA World Championships: Day 3, 5 a.m., OLYHD

Women's College Basketball

Morehead State at Baylor, Noon, FSSW, FCSC

Mayville State at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCSP

RADIO

National Basketball Association

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

JC BASKETBALL

MC'S BEASLEY HONORED BY WJCAC

Midland College freshman women's basketball player Grace Beasley has been named the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Player of the Week for Dec. 2-8.

Beasley, a 5-foot-7 guard from Australia, had 30 points, 30 rebounds, 15 assists and nine steals in three games played last week.

The Lady Chaparrals, who are ranked No. 25 in the latest NJCAA poll, are on break until Jan. 4.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

MIAMI MARLINS — Assigned RHP Brett Graves and 3B Yadiel Rivera outright to New Orleans (PCL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Signed RHP Deolis Guerra and C Tuffy Gosewisch to minor league contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Traded RHP Ivan Nova to the Chicago White Sox for RHP Yoeli Rosario and international signing bonus pool money.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

NBA — Named Shareef Abdur-Rahim president of the NBA G League.

ATLANTA HAWKS — Recalled G/F Daniel Hamilton from Erie (NBAGL).

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Recalled F Troy Brown Jr. from Capital City (NBAGL).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed RB Malcolm Brown and CB Dominique Hatfield on injured reserve. Signed LB Trevon Young from the practice squad.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Fired offensive coordinator John DeFilippo. Promoted quarterbacks coach Kevin Stefanski to interim offensive coordinator.

Canadian Football League

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with FB Mike Miller on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Claimed G Chad Johnson off waivers from St. Louis.

BUFFALO SABRES — Sent D Matt Hunwick to Rochester (AHL) for a rehab assignment.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled D Brian Lashoff from Grand Rapids (AHL).

NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned Fs Cole Schneider and Steven Fogarty to Hartford (AHL).

American Hockey League

AHL — Suspended Rochester F Dalton Smith and Binghamton F Eric Tangradi one game. Stockton D Josh Healey three games and Lehigh Valley F David Kase, Hershey F Beck Malenstyn and Binghamton F Ryan Schmelzer two games.

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Returned G Mitch Gillam to Worcester (AHL).

MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Recalled F Matt Lane from Atlanta (ECHL).

SAN DIEGO GULLS — Recalled G Angus Redmond from Reading (ECHL).

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Tyler Bird.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Traded D Greg Garza to FC Cincinnati for targeted and general allocation money.

COLUMBUS CREW — Reached agreement to transfer G Zack Steffen to Manchester City (Premier-England).

LA GALAXY — Named Dennis te Kloese general manager.

COLLEGE

UTAH STATE — Named Gary Andersen football coach.

VANDERBILT — Named Malcolm Turner athletic director.

WISCONSIN — Announced junior men's basketball F Micah Potter will transfer from Ohio State.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	21	7	.750	—
Philadelphia	19	9	.679	2
Boston	16	10	.615	4
Brooklyn	10	18	.357	11
New York	8	20	.286	13

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	13	13	.500	—
Orlando	12	15	.444	1½
Miami	11	15	.423	2
Washington	11	16	.407	2½
Atlanta	6	20	.231	7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	18	8	.692	—
Indiana	17	10	.630	1½
Detroit	13	12	.520	4½
Cleveland	6	21	.222	12½
Chicago	6	22	.214	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	15	11	.577	—
Dallas	14	11	.560	½
New Orleans	14	15	.483	2½
San Antonio	13	14	.481	2½
Houston	11	14	.440	3½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	17	8	.680	—
Denver	18	9	.667	—
Portland	15	11	.577	2½
Minnesota	13	14	.481	5
Utah	13	15	.464	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	19	9	.679	—
L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	1
L.A. Lakers	17	10	.630	1½
Sacramento	14	12	.538	4
Phoenix	4	23	.148	14½

Monday's Scores

Indiana 109, Washington 101

Philadelphia 116, Detroit 102

Boston 113, New Orleans 100

Milwaukee 108, Cleveland 92

Oklahoma City 122, Utah 113

Sacramento 108, Chicago 89

Dallas 101, Orlando 76

Denver 105, Memphis 99

L.A. Clippers 123, Phoenix 119, OT

Golden State 116, Minnesota 108

L.A. Lakers 108, Miami 105

Tuesday's Scores

Portland at Houston, late

Phoenix at San Antonio, late

Toronto at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games

Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.

Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Charlotte, 6 p.m.

Milwaukee at Indiana, 6 p.m.

New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m.

Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Miami at Utah, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Toronto at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	32	24	7	1	49	130	91
Toronto	31	21	9	1	43	113	85
Buffalo	30	17	9	4	38	91	88
Boston	30	16	10	4	36	81	76
Montreal	30	15	10	5	35	96	94
Detroit	31	14	13	4	32	91	101
Ottawa	31	13	14	4	30	105	122
Florida	28	11	11	6	28	93	101

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	29	17	9	3	37	106	90
Columbus	30	16	12	2	34	102	102
N.Y. Islanders	29	14	11	4	32	83	85
Pittsburgh	29	13	10	6	32	98	92
N.Y. Rangers	30	14	13	3	31	88	98
Carolina	29	13	12	4	30	72	81
Philadelphia	28	12	13	3	27	86	101
New Jersey	29	10	13	6	26	88	105

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	30	19	10	1	39	95	77
Colorado	30	17	8	5	39	108	88
Winnipeg	29	18	9	2	38	101	80
Dallas	30	16	11	3	35	83	78
Minnesota	29	15	12	2	32	88	87
St. Louis	28	10	14	4	24	78	94
Chicago	31	9	17	5	23	84	115

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	31	19	10	2	40	107	85
San Jose	32	16	11	5	37	102	98
Anaheim	32	16	11	5	37	81	94
Vegas	32	17	14	1	35	96	91
Edmonton	30	16	12	2	34	82	87
Vancouver	33	14	16	3	31	98	111
Arizona	28	13	13	2	28	73	76
Los Angeles	31	11	19	1	23	68	94

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.

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, SO

Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Rangers 3

Detroit 3, Los Angeles 1

San Jose 5, New Jersey 2

Tuesday's Scores

Toronto 4, Carolina 1

Vancouver 3, Columbus 2

Los Angeles at Buffalo, late

Arizona at Boston, late

Detroit at Washington, late

Montreal at Minnesota, late

Ottawa at Nashville, late

Chicago at Winnipeg, late

Florida at St. Louis, late

Edmonton at Colorado, late

Today's Games

Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Dec. 14

At The American Bank Center, Corpus Christi, Texas, Gilberto Ramirez vs. Jesse Hart, 12, for Ramirez's WBO super middleweight title.

Dec. 15

At Madison Square Garden, New York, Rocky Fielding vs. Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Fielding's WBA regular super middleweight title; David Lemieux vs. Tureano Johnson, 12, middleweights; Tevin Farmer vs. Francisco Fonseca, 12, for Farmer's IBF junior lightweight title; Sadam Ali vs. Mauricio Herrera, 10, welterweights.

Dec. 22

At Manchester (England) Arena, Josh Warrington vs. Carl Frampton, 12, for Warrington's IBF featherweight title; Liam Williams vs. Mark Heffron, 12, middleweights; Nathan Gorman vs. Alex Leapai, 10, heavyweights.

At O2 Arena, London, Dillian Whyte vs. Derek Chisora, 12, heavyweights; Cristofer Rosales vs. Charlie Edwards 12 for Rosales' WBC flyweight title; Ryan Walsh vs. Reece Bellotti, 12, for Walsh's BBBofC British featherweight title.

At Barclays Center, New York (FOX), Jermall Charlo vs. Willie Monroe Jr., 12, for Charlo's WBC interim middleweight title; Jermall Charlo vs. Tony Harrison, 12, for Charlo's WBC junior middleweight title; Dominic Breazeale vs. Carlos Negron, 10, heavyweights.

Dec. 30

At Tokyo, Masayuki Ito vs. Evgeny Chuprakov, 12, for Ito's WBO junior lightweight title; Ken Shiro vs. Saul Juarez, 12, for Shiro's WBC World junior flyweight title; Tsuma Inoue vs. Pitch Sor Chitpattana, 12, for the vacant interim WBC bantamweight title.

Jan. 13

At the Microsoft Theater, Los Angeles (FS1), Jose Uzcategui vs. Caleb Plant, 12, for Uzcategui's IBF super middleweight title.

Jan. 19

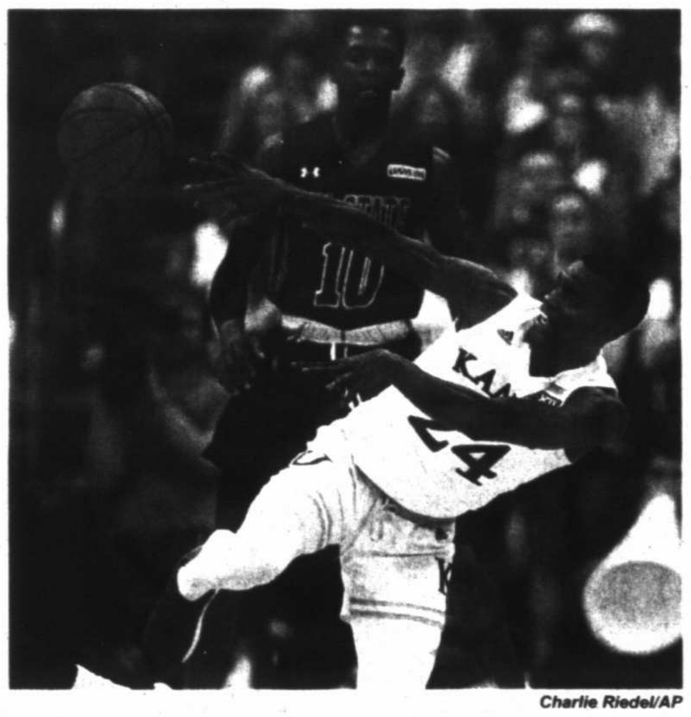
At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (SHO), Manny Pacquiao vs. Adrien Broner, 12, for Pacquiao's WBA welterweight title.

Jan. 26

At Barclays Center, New York (FOX), Keith Thurman vs. Josesito Lopez, 12, for Thurman's WBA Super World welterweight title; Adam Kownacki vs. Gerald Washington, 10, heavyweights.

Kansas gets big test against Villanova

By John Marshall
Associated Press



Charlie Riedel/AP

Kansas' Lagerald Vick (24) passes the ball during the second half of the team's NCAA basketball game against New Mexico State on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, in Kansas City, Mo. Kansas won 63-60.

Kansas started the season No. 1, dropped to No. 2 despite not losing and moved back to the top spot after playing its worst game of the season.

Now, the Jayhawks get a massive test.

On Saturday, newly-No. 1 Kansas hosts No. 17 Villanova at Allen Fieldhouse in a rematch of the 2018 national semifinals.

The Wildcats stomped Kansas on the way to the national title, and the Jayhawks are coming off a shaky performance against New Mexico State.

"We've played a really hard schedule. It's just going to get harder with Villanova coming in on Saturday," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "They've given us fits and cleaned our clock last year. It should be a great game for our fans and motivational game for our guys."

Villanova turned a Final Four match-up of blue blood programs into a laugher last April in San Antonio, rolling over Kansas 95-79 before issuing a similar takedown of Michigan in the title game.

Kansas was the preseason No. 1 this year, but dropped a spot in the first regular-season poll after Duke decimated then-No. 2 Kentucky to open the season. The Jayhawks held that spot until this week, bumping to No. 1 after former top-ranked Gonzaga lost to No. 3 Tennessee over the weekend.

The Jayhawks are 8-0, but had a hard time putting New Mexico State away on Saturday with center Udoka Azubuike out with a sprained ankle.

Azubuike is likely out until the beginning of next year, so Kansas will certainly have to play better on Saturday without him.

"I don't think we've played well yet. I don't think we're any good yet," Self said.

"I think we can do some really good things and have played exceptionally well in stretches. I don't think we've played 40 minutes. We've not been awful, just been painful to watch at times."

Villanova opened the season No. 9 in the preseason poll and rose to No. 8. The Wildcats then lost to Michigan in a rematch of the 2018 title game and had an unexpected overtime loss to Furman, a setback that sent the Wildcats out of the AP Top 25.

Villanova (8-2) has gotten back on track since then. The Wildcats won three games in Orlando to take the AdvoCare Invitational title and followed that with three straight wins.

"We're starting to get more organized," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "I think guys are starting to get more comfortable with each other, but we still have a lot of work to do."

They'll certainly get a test on Saturday.

Zags and heels

Gonzaga passed every early test without forward Killian Tillie the first month of the season, including an impressive victory over then-top-ranked Duke in the Maui Invitational title game.

The Zags couldn't overcome not having one of their best players on Sunday, losing to No. 3 Tennessee in Phoenix. The loss dropped Gonzaga out of the No. 1 spot to No. 4 in this week's poll.

The Bulldogs gets five days to prepare for another yardstick game: Saturday at No. 12 North Carolina in the first match-up between top-tier programs since the 2017 national title game.

The Tar Heels won their first five games this season, but have lost two of the past four against quality opponents: to Texas in Las Vegas and to No. 5 Michigan.

North Carolina coach Roy Williams questioned his team's effort in the loss to the Wolverines , but the Tar Heels bounced back with lopsided win over UNC Wilmington.

A must-see game between powers from opposite coasts.

Hoosier state battle

Indiana moved into the poll for the first time since 2016-17 this week, tying Syracuse and Kansas State at No. 25.

The Hoosiers (8-2) have an interesting game on Saturday, facing Butler in the Crossroads Classic at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Indiana has losses to Arkansas and No. 2 Duke, but has won its past three, including a one-point victory over Louisville on Saturday.

Butler lost to Dayton and Saint Louis, but has wins over Mississippi and Florida on its resume.

Purdue faces Notre Dame in the first game of the doubleheader.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

Associated Press

MEN

College Basketball Scores

Tuesday

EAST

St. Francis Brooklyn 75, Mass.-Lowell 69

SOUTH

Liberty 79, SC State 55

Maryland 94, Loyola (Md.) 71

Southern Miss. 81, Millsaps 47

TOP 25 FARED

Tuesday

1. Kansas (8-0) did not play Next vs. No. 17 Villanova, Saturday.

2. Duke (9-1) did not play Next vs. Princeton, Tuesday.

3. Tennessee (7-1) did not play Next at Memphis, Saturday.

4. Gonzaga (9-1) did not play Next at No. 12 North Carolina, Saturday.

5. Michigan (10-0) did not play Next vs. Western Michigan, Saturday.

6. Virginia (9-0) did not play Next at South Carolina, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

7. Nevada (10-0) did not play Next vs. South Dakota State, Saturday.

8. Auburn (8-1) did not play Next vs. UAB Saturday.

9. Michigan State (8-2) did not play Next vs. Green Bay, Sunday.

10. Florida State (8-1) did not play Next vs. Southeast Missouri State, Monday.

11. Texas Tech (8-0) did not play Next vs. Northwestern State, Wednesday.

12. North Carolina (7-2) did not play Next vs. No. 4 Gonzaga, Saturday.

13. Virginia Tech (8-1) did not play Next vs. Washington, Saturday.

14. Buffalo (9-0) did not play Next vs. Southern Illinois, Saturday.

15. Ohio State (8-1) did not play Next vs. Bucknell, Saturday.

16. Wisconsin (8-2) did not play Next vs. Savannah State, Thursday.

17. Villanova (8-3) lost to Pennsylvania 78-75 Next at No. 1 Kansas, Saturday.

18. Mississippi State (8-1) did not play Next vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.

19. Kentucky (7-2) did not play Next vs. Utah Saturday.

20. Arizona State (7-1) did not play Next at Georgia, Saturday.

21. Marquette (8-2) did not play Next vs. North Dakota, Tuesday.

22. Iowa (7-2) did not play Next vs. Northern Iowa, Saturday.

23. Furman (11-0) beat Charleston Southern 77-66 Next vs. UNC Wilmington, Saturday.

24. Houston (8-0) did not play Next vs. LSU, Wednesday.

25. Indiana (8-2) did not play Next vs. Butler Saturday.

25. Kansas State (6-2) did not play Next vs. Georgia State, Saturday.

25. Syracuse (7-2) did not play Next vs. Old Dominion, Saturday.

WOMEN

College Basketball Scores

Tuesday

EAST

Fordham 68, Columbia 49

Hartford 65, Rhode Island 51

Princeton 79, Monmouth (NJ) 47

Stony Brook 53, Iona 51

Yale 62, Army 51

SOUTH

Charleston Southern 74, Erskine 50

Jackson St. 105, Spring Hill 57

Johnson C. Smith 53, NC A&T 50

LSU 86, McNeese St. 36

MIDWEST

Wichita St. 70, Grambling St. 61

FAR WEST

Nevada 75, Cal State Stanislaus 52

TOP 25 FARED

Monday

1. UConn (9-0) did not play Next at Oklahoma, Wednesday, Dec. 19.

2. Notre Dame (8-1) did not play Next vs. Binghamton, Sunday.

3. Baylor (7-0) did not play Next vs. Morehead State, Wednesday.

4. Louisville (10-0) did not play Next vs. Northern Kentucky, Saturday.

5. Mississippi State (9-0) did not play Next at Southern Mississippi, Friday.

6. Maryland (10-0) beat Loyola (Md.) 83-48 Next at Delaware, Thursday, Dec. 20.

7. Oregon (7-1) did not play Next at South Dakota State, Wednesday.

8. Oregon State (7-1) did not play Next vs. Eastern Washington, Friday.

9. Tennessee (8-0) did not play Next vs. No. 11 Stanford, Tuesday, Dec. 18.

10. N.C. State (10-0) did not play Next vs. Maine, Saturday.

11. Stanford (6-1) did not play Next vs. No. 3 Baylor, Saturday.

12. Texas (7-2) did not play Next vs. Stetson, Sunday.

13. California (8-0) did not play Next vs. UC Santa Barbara, Sunday.

14. Minnesota (9-0) did not play Next vs. Coppin State, Wednesday.

15. Syracuse (8-2) did not play Next vs. Niagara, Monday, Dec. 17.

16. Iowa (8-2) did not play Next vs. Northern Iowa, Sunday.

17. Arizona State (7-2) did not play Next vs. Kansas State, Sunday.

18. Kentucky (9-1) did not play Next vs. Middle Tennessee, Saturday.

19. Marquette (7-2) did not play Next vs. Green Bay, Saturday.

20. DePaul (7-3) did not play Next vs. Tennessee State, Monday.

21. Gonzaga (9-1) did not play Next at Missouri State, Sunday.

22. Michigan State (8-1) did not play Next at Hartford, Sunday.

23. Missouri (8-2) did not play Next vs. South Dakota, Saturday.

24. Miami (8-2) did not play Next vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, Sunday.

25. South Carolina (5-4) did not play Next at Purdue, Sunday.

COURT

From 1C

you know? This is the holy grail in the NBA. Unless we figure this thing out and we go to the Finals, this is the holy grail for me. The competition of playing against the game's greatest player. Playing it in LA. I thanked him for bringing us to this stage for our last hurrah on this stage. It gets no better than this."

Barring a change of Wade's retirement plans or that incredibly unlikely NBA Finals matchup, they'll never face each other in a real game — and the Lakers' victory put James ahead of Wade 16-15 in their head-to-head matchups over their career.

James marveled at the symmetry in this final showdown, but both players said their times together meant a whole lot more than their times in opposing uniforms.

James and Wade won two NBA championships and four straight Eastern Conference titles together in Miami, along with their Olympic gold medals from Beijing.

"The game is going to take care of itself, but just the fact that we were on the floor doing what we love to do, that's what's more important," James said. "Wins and losses are going to happen throughout the course of the season and throughout the course of your career, but those moments right there, you can't ever get back."

James and Wade swapped jerseys after the final buzzer, their bittersweet emotions overshadowed by the excitement of the moment and the possibilities of the future.

"It's the end of a storybook," James said.

"One of the best movies you could ever see. It's too hard to put into words. Thank God they're staying the night. We get to have dinner (later). I know he has more games, but that's the last one for us."

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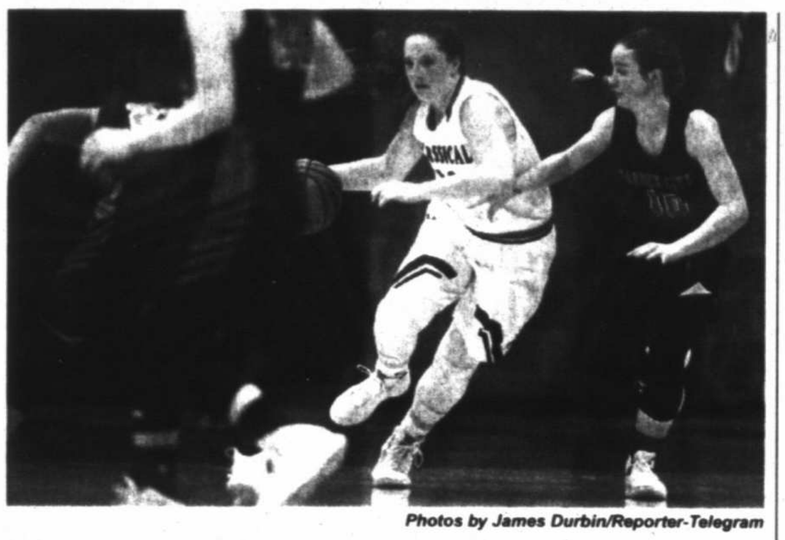
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Midland Classical's Leia Beattie (10) dribbles Tuesday against Garden City at MCA.

HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Staff reports

GIRLS

MCA 56
GARDEN CITY 35

Leia Battie scored a game-high 28 points to lead Midland Classical to a non-district win over Garden City at the MCA gym on Tuesday.

In addition, Beattie also had 12 rebounds, while Lizabelle Russell added 13 points and 15 rebounds for the Lady Knight, who are ranked No. 3 in TAPPS 3A.

Lyndee Walker had 22 points to lead Garden City, the No. 4 ranked team in UIL Class 1A.

MCA 56, GARDEN CITY 35

Garden City – Jaedon Gass 3, Jordan Driver 5, Lyndee Walker 22, Ixchel Solisio 5

MCA (7-2) – Kori Kirk 2, Leia Beattie 28, Lizabelle Russell 13, Kenna Bayley 2, Kyler Kirk 2, Jenny Coco 6, Casey Miller 2

Garden City	7	13	7	8	–35
MCA	14	16	16	9	–56

Free throws – GCHS 2-4, MCA 6-10. 3-point goals – GCHS 3 (Gatt, Driver, Walker), MCA 1 (Beattie). Total fouls – GCHS 9, MCA 4. Fouled out – None.

Next: MCA at Abilene Christian, 5 p.m. Friday

MCS 40
SWEETWATER 37

Brooklyn Johnson scored a game-high 21 points to help Midland Christian to a non-district victory over Sweetwater at McGraw Event Center.

The teams were tied at 12-all after the first quarter before the Lady Mustangs went on a 14-8 run to take a 26-20 lead at the half.

Kealeigh Mungia added nine points for MCS (7-9).

MCS 40, SWEETWATER 37

Sweetwater – Amber 13, Mia 4, Tavia 13, Kayla 3, Kierstyn 2, Alex 2

MCS (7-9) – JJ Gully 2, Aubrey Hall 2, Kealeigh Mungia 9, Brooklyn Johnson 21, Tate Myers 2, Bre Culbertson 4

Sweetwater	12	8	10	7	–37
MCS	12	14	9	5	–40

Free throws – SHS 10-23, MCS 4-11. 3-point goals – SHS 3 (Amber 2, Tavia), Total fouls – SHS 14, MCS 15. Fouled out – None.

Next: Midland Christian vs. Trinity, 1:30 p.m. Friday at Buena Vista Tournament

MERKEL 58
COAHOMA 24

COAHOMA – Merkel blew out Coahoma to begin District 5-3A play on Tuesday.

Jovi Gonzales had eight points to lead Coahoma.

MERKEL 58, COAHOMA 24

Merkel – Callie Freeman 3, Kaydi Pursley 11, Mireya Salazar 4, Alyssa White 4, Kiruz Hays 19, Sydnee Gilbreath 7, Jaycee Walcott 1, Alyssa O'Malley 7, Alaurina White 2

Coahoma – Macee Grant 2, Caitlyn Corley 4, Paige Atkins 4, Jovi Gonzales 8, Cassie Grant 6

Merkel	12	20	12	14	–58
Coahoma	4	8	5	7	–24

FORSAN 58
MCCAMEY 13

FORSAN – Emily Garcia scored a game high 14 points to lead Forsan to a victory of McCamey, Tuesday night. Macey Evans scored 13 points the Lady Buffs (10-2), while Ella Hoff added 10 points.

FORSAN 58, MCCAMEY 13

McCamey – Ramirez 5, Cox 4, Mota 4
Forsan (12-4) – Emily Garcia 14, Macey Evans 13, Ella Hoff 10, Mikahela Willard 9, Mikayla Arzate 6, Taryn Spivey 4, Rylee Evans 2

McCamey	4	5	2	2	–13
Forsan	16	13	14	15	–58

Boys

GREENWOOD 83,
FORT STOCKTON 27

Jordan Riley scored a game-high 28 points to lead Greenwood to a blowout victory over Fort Stockton.

Max Montes and Logan Jarvis each added 10 for the Rangers (10-2), who host a tournament beginning on Thursday.

GREENWOOD 83, FORT STOCKTON 27

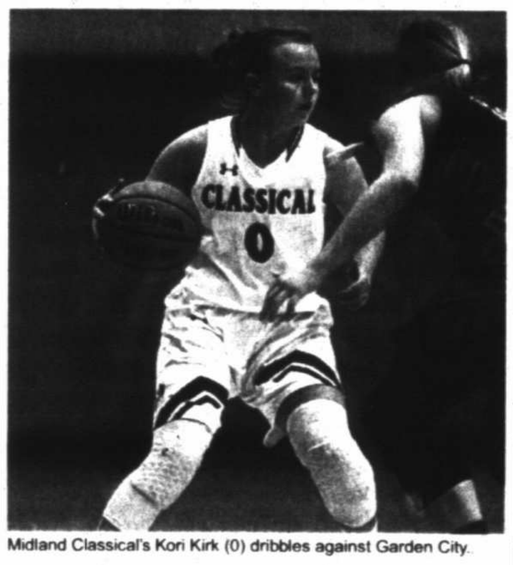
Fort Stockton – Johnson 7, Valdez 4, Gonzales 4, Contreras 5, Aguilar 6, Hernandez 1

Greenwood (10-2) – Brody Ray 8, Cameron Jones 5, Max Montes 10, Cade Luebke 9, Ryan Snodgrass 4, Jordan Riley 28, Omarion Jameson 7, Logan Jarvis 10

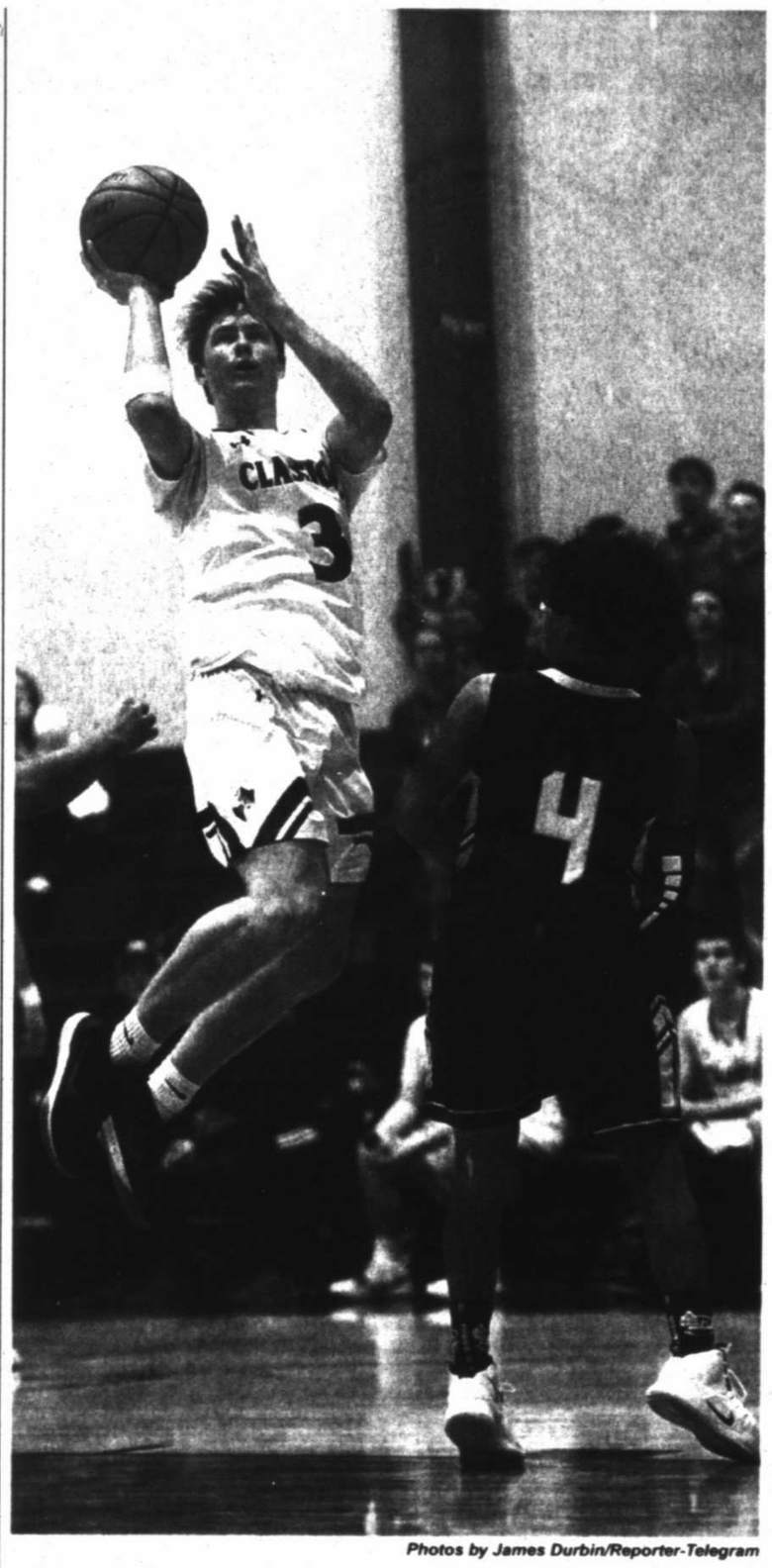
Fort Stockton	6	9	7	5	–27
Greenwood	22	26	18	17	–83

Free throws – FSHS 6-20, GHS 8-11. 3-point goals – FSHS 1 (Johnson), GHS 5 (Montes, Jones, Luebke, Riley, Jameson). Total fouls – FSHS 11, GHS 16. Fouled out – None.

Next: Monahans at Greenwood, 1 p.m. Thursday



Midland Classical's Kori Kirk (0) dribbles against Garden City.



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Classical's Cort Miller (3) shoots against Crane's Donny Bishop (4) on Tuesday at MCA.

MHS

From 1C

on the defensive end, the Lady Dawgs started to play much better and more even with Wylie to eventually cut it to 41-25 at the end of three quarters.

Midland High's defense then started to create a little havoc on Wylie in the fourth quarter by forcing turnovers and then scoring in transition. A 17-8 run pulled the Lady Dawgs within 49-42. Zoe Taylor was big for MHS as she scored all 11 of her points in the final period.

Torres said defense was a key in helping his team get back in the game.

"That's what we pride ourselves in," Torres said. "That right there is why we wanted to play games in our gym. Even though, it wasn't jam-packed, when we made that run it got the crowd fired up and it got loud."

Powell said her team may have also gotten a little too comfortable with the lead.

"You have to give credit to Midland. They just fought to the very end," she said. "We went to our delay game and we didn't execute exactly the way we'd like to and we missed some free throws down the stretch. Anytime you can come to Midland and get a win on the road, a win is still a win and we're happy to get out of here with a win."

Unfortunately for MHS, the deficit was too much to overcome as the Lady Dawgs ran out of time.

Taysha Rushton and Kobe Powell also scored 11 points for MHS.

Abbey Harrison led Wylie with 15 points, Bailey Roberts had 10 and Skylar Williams added 10.

Torres said playing a team like Wylie should help his team prepare for District 2-6A play down the road.

"Wylie always wins a lot of games and they're very well coached," Torres said. "This is the type of game where you can only learn and get better."

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ABILENE WYLIE 54, MIDLAND HIGH 47

Abilene Wylie (11-4) – Emma Melton 3, Abbey Harrison 15, Madi Latham 6, Kara Christian 1, Mary Lovelace 4, Skylar Williams 10, Valery Alvarado 2, Bailey Roberts 13

Midland High (9-8) – Telesha Dellet 5, Lily Chamberlain 3, Taysha Rushton 11, Sadie Govan 4, Kobe Powell 11, Zoe Taylor 11, Makayla Young 2

Abilene Wylie	12	14	15	13	–54
Midland High	10	3	12	22	–47

Free throws – Wylie 10-19, MHS 13-22. 3-point goals – Wylie 4 (Harrison 2, Williams 2), MHS 2 (Chamberlain, Rushton). Total fouls – Wylie 22, MHS 17. Fouled out – None.

Next: Fort Stockton at Midland High, 6 p.m. Friday

MCA

From 1C

however, living and dying by the 3-point shot, cutting MCA's lead to eight points with four minutes remaining after back-to-back 3s by Brandon Cerna and Bishop.

The following possession MCA sealed the victory Miller rejected a shot by Crane's Bishop. Miller then found Cort Miller (12 points) on the opposite end of the court, who finished with a contested layup giving MCA a 52-42 lead.

"I play as hard as possible, but try to stay smart," Cole Miller said. "It was a really good night, everybody made big plays and when everybody makes big plays I think we're very hard to beat. If we play like we did tonight, I think this team could win a state title and at the very least a district title."

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MIDLAND CLASSICAL 58, CRANE 46

Crane (9-2) – Brandon Cerna 14, Ryan Hartman 11, Jordan Rhyme 10, Danny Bishop 6, Jordan Velasco 3, Kobe Henderson 2

MCA (10-2) – Cole Miller 32, Cort Miller 12, Conrey Echols 7, Caleb Patterson 3, Josiah McDougall 2, Gabe Beattie 2

Crane	12	11	15	8	–46
MCA	8	14	17	19	–58

3-point goals – Crane 7 (Cerna 4, Bishop 2, Velasco), MCA 6 (Cole Miller 3, Patterson, Cort Miller, Echols). Free throws – Crane 2-4, MCA 10-19. Total fouls – Crane 11, MCA 8. Fouled out – none.

Next: MCA at Abilene Christian, Friday



Midland Classical's Cort Miller (3) dribbles against Crane's Donny Bishop (4).

King of clubs? Teams start to show cards at winter meetings

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Deal the New York Yankees in for the Manny Machado tournament. And J.T. Realmuto? A lot of teams already are sitting at that table.

The baseball winter meetings began in earnest along the Vegas Strip on Monday, and clubs slowly started to show their cards.

Noah Syndergaard and Zack Wheeler are attracting trade interest, the Mets say. Corey Kluber and Madison Bumgarner keep popping up in swap speculation. But still no indication of where hometown slugger Bryce Harper might go.

A couple of moves got done — speedy outfielder Billy Hamilton sprinted to the Kansas City Royals, pitcher Tyson Ross went to Detroit.

The Yankees, as usual, were on the prowl.

Always ramping up the rivalry with the champion Boston Red Sox, the Yankees linked themselves to Machado. General manager Brian Cashman said he's been talking to the infielder's agent.

"So we are definitely focused in the marketplace on those areas of need and he, obviously, is available and solves that area of need," Cashman said. "So, not going to deny we've had a conversation. Or two."

Whether that's substance or merely a smoke screen, the Yankees could use help with shortstop Didi Gregorius expected to miss at least half of next season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

Realmuto, the prized Miami catcher, is highly coveted.

"I think a lot of teams are taking to the Marlins. I would anticipate his market picking up while we're down here," new Mets GM Brodie Van Wagenen said.

Not so fast, countered Miami manager Don Mattingly.

"I look at him as part of our club," he said.

"He knows how much we like him and what we think about him. He's handling everything fine. J.T.'s a tough kid. He's a big-time leader. It's why we love him. It's why a lot of teams love him," he said.

Maybe Realmuto gets traded before the meetings end Thursday, maybe not. In the meantime, don't expect any movement on contentious MLB-wide issues.

Sure, there's a lot of discussion about banning or limiting shifts. And plenty of debate about ways to spark offense.

But in a sign that nothing is imminent, Commissioner Rob Manfred isn't planning to attend the annual gathering.

Also in play:

A new pitch

The Seattle Mariners made an interesting move, claiming infielder Kaleb Cowart on waivers from the Los Angeles Angels and also announcing him as a right-handed pitcher. A prep star on the mound and at the plate, the 26-year-old Cowart has not pitched since the Angels drafted in the first round in 2010. He hit .134 with 10 RBIs in 47 games with Los Angeles last season.

Opening up

Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash will continue the strategy he began last season — namely, using relief pitchers to start games.

"I think right now we're discussing internally whether we do it two times through the rotation or three times through the rotation," Cash said.

Cash might move around more guys on the diamond, too.

"I'm personally a big fan of shifting. And I think we're going to see it, we've already seen the infield take over heavily. I think we're going to see more outfield shifting," he said.

How bear this

Phillies manager Gabe Kapler plans to be publicly critical of his players more in his second season after his team's late fade.

Philadelphia led the NL East in early August, then went 16-33 and wound up with its sixth straight losing season.

"One thing that I can do immediately that I think will really resonate well with our fans in Philadelphia is ... as much as I illuminate some of the things we're doing very well, I can be a little more assertive in illuminating the things that we need to work on. And I'm committed to taking that step," he said.

Vikings fire OC DeFilippo after another flat performance

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings, still seeking to salvage a season that started with Super Bowl designs, made a last-ditch move to capture a mid-December spark by firing offensive coordinator John DeFilippo.

Coach Mike Zimmer made what he called an "extremely difficult decision" on Tuesday morning, following a 21-7 defeat at Seattle on Monday night . DeFilippo's first season on the job ended after just 13 games, amid a sharp decline in production by the offense over the past six weeks.

"I went round and round and round and round about it because I feel like, 'I hired him. It's my job to try to help him to continue to get better,'" Zimmer said. "I obviously didn't do a good enough job there. I've always felt like if you hire a guy, you should stick with him and try to help him and help him mature as a coach."

The Vikings (6-6-1) have been held to under 300 total yards in four of their past five games. They've scored an average of 12.8 points in those four games. Thanks to the struggles of several of their NFC competitors, though, they're still in control of the second wild-card spot with three games to go.

"I don't want the season to be wasted. Now, maybe it will. Maybe it won't," Zimmer said. "But these three games, to me, are very, very critical."

Quarterbacks coach Kevin Stefanski was made interim offensive coordinator, taking over the play-calling duty. Stefanski has been an assistant with the Vikings since 2006, surviving two head coaching changes . Having coached quarterbacks, running backs and tight ends under Zimmer, Stefanski has a firm grasp of the scheme and the personnel.

"We've got a lot of smart guys in that room, and I'll try to help him best I can," Zimmer said.

DeFilippo's work with new quarterback Kirk Cousins didn't materialize into consistent success, but Zimmer said his reasoning for dismissing DeFilippo transcended Cousins and his so-so first year with the Vikings.

"This really wasn't about one guy. This was about a lot of us holding up our end of the bargain. It was a collective thing," Zimmer said on a conference call with reporters. He added: "We had to shake things up and try to get better."

Stefanski will be the fourth play-caller in five years under Zimmer, whose first offensive coordinator, Norv Turner, resigned halfway through the 2016 season. Pat Shurmur thrived in the role last year, behind a career-best season for fill-in quarterback Case Keenum and a 13-3 record that propelled the Vikings to the NFC championship game.

Shurmur, however, was hired as head coach of the New York Giants. He wanted to bring Stefanski with him, but Zimmer blocked that move out of a desire to keep him on his own staff.

The 40-year-old DeFilippo came from Philadelphia, lauded for his work as quarterbacks coach with Carson Wentz and then Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles. He had previously served one season as an offensive coordinator, in 2015 with Cleveland.

The Vikings, who committed a guaranteed $84 million to Cousins on an unprecedented three-year contract, piled up the passing yards over the first eight games. Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs were dominating opposing teams, and the Vikings topped 400 total yards four times.

Lately, they've been unable to generate nearly enough points to stay in the NFC North race with Chicago (9-4). Zimmer publicly questioned DeFilippo's decision-making more than once over the past month, stressing his interest in more of a run-pass balance and chiding him at one point for essentially trying to trick too many teams rather than relying on the offense's strengths.

The Vikings didn't cross midfield on Monday night until late in the third quarter. They actually had a prime opportunity to pull out a victory down the stretch, after a 48-yard pass by Cousins to Diggs set them up in the red zone. They had first-and-goal from the 4, but Cousins threw two incompletions, missing an open Thielen on fourth down and misfiring to tight end Kyle Rudolph instead.

"I think the added piece of the disappointment is when your defense is playing so well," Cousins said after the Vikings went scoreless against the Seahawks until a garbage-time touchdown with 1:10 left in the game.

NFL GLANCE

Associated Press

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
New England	9	4	0	.692	364	293
Miami	7	6	0	.538	278	333
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	320
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	270	330
South						
Houston	9	4	0	.692	323	259
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273
North						
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	367	306
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	321	241
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	397
West						
x-Kansas City	11	2	0	.846	471	351
L.A. Chargers	10	3	0	.769	386	270
Denver	6	7	0	.462	290	282
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	244	388

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	276	246
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295
Washington	6	7	0	.462	249	297
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	331
South						
y-New Orleans	11	2	0	.846	447	283
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	324	332
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	332	383
Atlanta	4	9	0	.308	316	367
North						
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	359	247
Minnesota	6	6	1	.500	282	291
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	315	307
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	271	319
West						
y-L.A. Rams	11	2	0	.846	425	313
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	340	266
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	178	327
San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	275	350

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Score
Seattle 21, Minnesota 7

Thursday's Game
L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 7:20 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Houston at N.Y. Jets, 3:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Green Bay at Chicago, Noon
Detroit at Buffalo, Noon
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, Noon
Arizona at Atlanta, Noon
Oakland at Cincinnati, Noon
Dallas at Indianapolis, Noon
Miami at Minnesota, Noon
Washington at Jacksonville, Noon
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
New Orleans at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.

MONDAY LATE BOX
SEAHAWKS 21
VIKINGS 7

Minnesota	0	0	0	7—7
Seattle	0	3	0	18—21

Second Quarter
Sea—FG Janikowski 37, 14:11

Fourth Quarter
Sea—FG Janikowski 35, 13:22
Sea—Carson 2 run (Lockett pass from R.Wilson), 2:53.
Sea—Coleman 29 fumble return (Janikowski kick), 2:35.
Min—Cook 6 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 1:10.
A—69,007.

	Min	Sea
First downs	16	19
Total Net Yards	276	274
Rushes-yards	21-77	42-214
Passing	199	60
Punt Returns	0-0	3-17
Kickoff Returns	3-64	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-3	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-33-0	10-20-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	2-12
Punts	5-42.6	5-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-51	4-45
Time of Possession	28:11	31:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Cook 13-55, Thielen 1-8, Diggs 1-5, Cousins 3-5, Murray 3-4. Seattle, Carson 22-90, R.Wilson 7-61, Penny 8-44, Davis 3-22, Lockett 2-(minus 3).
PASSING—Minnesota, Cousins 20-33-0-208. Seattle, R.Wilson 10-20-1-72.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Thielen 5-70, Cook 5-28, Diggs 4-76, Treadwell 3-16, Rudolph 2-7, Conklin 1-11. Seattle, Lockett 5-62, Vannett 1-12, Ford 1-9, Davis 1-6, E.Dickson 1-4, J.Brown 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

SEMIS

From 1C

Garden City gave up two pick sixes, as McLean junior utility Ben Crockett returned a senior Cesar Chavez pass back 42 yards for a touchdown at the 9:21 mark. No more than a minute and half later, Hunter McMillan threw a desperate pass into the waiting arms of McLean's Bradley Hannon, who returned the interception for another touchdown.

Garden City cut the lead down to 12 points as 1:10 remaining in the third quarter, thanks to 28-yard touchdown scamper from junior running back/linebacker Cirildo Mier. Then, McLean responded with 26 unanswered points to seal the game.

Senior utility man Amando Alegria led the way for the Bearkats, rushing for 74 yards and a touchdown on eight carries while going 6-of-7 for 53 yards. Mier contributed with 76 yards and a trip to the endzone in 17 rushing attempts.

McLean was spearheaded by Crockett, who amassed 274 yards and four touchdowns in 31 carries. Crockett also tossed for two more scores and came away with 15 tackles and two sacks, along with his interception return for a touchdown. Senior quarterback Cayden Mann went 4-of-6 with one touchdown pass, while fellow classmate Kater Tate hauled in 48 yards and two scores in three catches.



Tyler Anderson|For the Midland Reporter-Telegram

Garden City's Amando Alegria evades McLean's Bradley Hannon during the first quarter of Monday's Class 1A Division I state semifinal at Younger Field in Tulia

NO. 1 MCLEAN 72, GARDEN CITY 34

Garden City	8	8	18	0	34
McLean	18	16	14	26	72

First Quarter
M–Ben Crockett 51 run (Keaton Helton kick)
GC–Amando Alegria 43 run (Rodrigo Andrade kick)
M–Crockett 42 run (Helton kick)

Second Quarter
M–Kater Tate 6 pass from Crockett (Helton kick)
GC – Cesar Chavez 13 pass from Trae Jost (Andrade kick)
M– Cham Henderson 6 pass from Crockett (Helton kick)

Third Quarter
M–Crockett 42 interception return (kick failed)
M–Bradley Hannon 39 interception return (Helton kick)
GC–Hunter McMillan 19 run (kick failed)
GC–Raul Almazan 50 interception return (kick failed)
GC–Cirildo Mier 28 run (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter
M–Henderson 7 pass from Cayden Mann (Helton kick)
M–Crockett 24 run (Helton kick)
M– Safety
M–Crockett 28 run (Helton kick)

	McLean	Garden City
First Downs	14	12
Rushes-Yards	35-280	37-164
Passing Yards	74	81
Comp.-Att.-Int	10-19-3	8-9-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	4-25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING – McLean, Ben Crockett 31-274, Garden City, Cirildo Mier 17-76, Amando Alegria 8-74, Hagan Hallmann 3-20.
PASSING – McLean, Crockett 4-4-16, Garden City, Alegria 6-7-53, Chavez 3-6-31.
RECEIVING – McLean, Kater Tate 3-48, Cham Henderson 3-22, Garden City, Raul Almazan 2-41, Trae Jost 3-21, Zachary Burnett 2-19.

Garden City leads on all-district list

From staff reports

The Garden City football team took home two superlative awards and had 13 first team selections on the District 8-1A Division I All-District Football Team just released.



Jones

Bearkats head coach Jeff Jones was named Coach of the Year and senior Cesar Chavez was named Defensive MVP.

The Bearkats just concluded a 13-1 season in which they reached the Class 1A Division I state semifinal round.



Chavez

Sterling City's Wyatt Sisco was named Offensive MVP, while Sterling City's Kamden Pruitt was named Newcomer of the Year.

District 8-1A Division I All-District Football Team
Superlatives
Coach of the Year – Jeff Jones, Garden City
Offensive MVP – Wyatt Sisco, Jr., Sterling City
Defensive MVP – Cesar Chavez, Sr., Garden City
Newcomer of the Year – Kamden Pruitt, So., Sterling City

First Team Offense
Tight ends – Zach Burnett, Sr., Garden City; Quinton McMullan, Jr., Sterling City
Wide receivers – Hagan Hallmann, Sr., Garden City; Cross Knittel, So., Sterling City
Tight Center – Raul Alamazan, Sr., Garden City
Spread Center – Gus McCombs, Jr., Sterling City
Quarterback – Trae Jost, Sr., Garden City
Running backs – Eli Sauer, Sr., Highland; Amando Alegria, Sr., Garden City
Fullback – Cesar Chavez, Garden City
Spreadback – Noah King, Sr., Westbrook
Utility back – Hunter McMillan, Jr., Garden City
Kicker – Rodrigo Andrade, Sr., Garden City
Special Teams Player – Michael Gonzales, Sr., Sterling City

First Team Defense
Nose guard – Zach Burnett, Sr., Garden City
Defensive linemen – Quinton McMullan, Jr., Sterling City; Trae Jost, Sr., Garden City; Hunter Davis, Sr., Water Valley
Linebackers – Raul Almazan, Sr., Garden City; Dominique Rodriguez, Sr., Sterling City
Cornerbacks – Wyatt Sisco, Jr., Sterling City; Jacob Hamilton, So., Highland
Safeties – Hagan Hallmann, Sr., Garden City; Kamden Pruitt, So., Sterling City
Utility player – Hunter McMillan, Jr., Garden City
Punter – Elishah Stark, So., Westbrook

Second Team Offense
Tight ends – Hunter Davis, Sr., Water Valley; Nolan Montgomery, Sr., Highland
Wide receivers – Caleb West, Sr., Water Valley; JohnMichael Alegria, Jr., Garden City
Tight center – Dylan Jeffrey, So., Highland
Spread center – Elishah Stark, Westbrook
Quarterback – Sam Spaulding, Jr., Highland
Running backs – Cirildo Mier, Jr., Garden City; Collin Hughes, Sr., Water Valley; Kade Pruitt, Sr., Sterling City
Fullbacks – Harley Davis, Fr., Water Valley; Richard Fomby, Sr., Highland
Spreadback – Gabe Smith, Fr., Water Valley
Utility back – Hudson Cox, So., Sterling City
Kicker – Richard Fomby, Sr., Highland
Special teams player – Cirildo Mier, Jr., Garden City

Second Team Defense
Nose guard – Nolan Montgomery, Highland
Defensive linemen – Gunner McCoy, So., Water Valley; Jacob Walters, So., Westbrook; Max Ferguson, Jr., Highland; Michael Gonzales, Sr., Sterling City
Linebackers – Dakota Bowen, Sr., Highland; Cirildo Mier, Garden City
Cornerbacks – Cross Knittel, So., Sterling City; Hayden Adams, Sr., Highland; JohnMichael Alegria, Garden City
Safeties – Sam Spaulding, Highland; Kenan Morris, So., Westbrook; Conner Glass, Fr., Water Valley
Utility players – Harley Davis, Fr., Water Valley; Eli Sauer, Sr., Highland
Punter – Gabe Smith, Fr., Water Valley

Kansas State hires NDSU's Klieman to lead football program

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas State hired Chris Klieman of North Dakota State to lead its football program Monday night, passing the reins from retired Hall of Fame coach Bill Snyder to someone with three Football Championship Subdivision titles but little Big 12 experience.

Klieman was hired to lead the Bison by current Kansas State athletic director Gene Taylor, and was seen as one of the front-runners for the Wildcats' job ever since Snyder announced his retirement.

Klieman agreed to a six-year contract with a base salary of $2.3 million next season, increasing by $200,000 each subsequent season. The deal includes a number of other incentives.

"You know, you work in this profession as long as I have, to have the opportunity to coach at this level, and I know there are going to be some people that would say, 'Am I ready for this?'" Klieman said shortly after the announcement on his weekly radio show. "Football is football, and I know there's a difference between Power-5 and FCS. I know there's a difference between FCS and FBS. But by the same respect, football is football, and we've done really well against those schools."

Taylor initially targeted North Texas coach Seth Littrell, but he announced last week that he would remain with the Mean Green. Attention quickly shifted to Klieman, who has the Bison in the FCS semifinals against South Dakota State on Friday night as they seek a fourth title in five seasons.

Klieman will be allowed to coach the Bison in that game. Whether he would remain with the school for the championship game should North Dakota State advance is still under discussion.

Kansas State will introduce him at a news conference Wednesday.

"I was offered the job and accepted because it's a dream job of mine," Klieman said, "and that happened late, late this afternoon. It was good for me because our kids were already in meetings headed to practice, so I knew things were starting to blow up and my phone was blowing up, but I had an opportunity to talk to our kids. It was a really emotional time for me, a really difficult time, because I love every one of those guys. I truly believe and know in my heart that those kids on that football team are extremely happy for me."



Klieman

Klieman is only the third coach to lead the Wildcats since 1988, when Snyder was hired off Hayden Fry's staff at Iowa. Snyder turned one of the worst programs in the history of major college football into a perennial contender during his first stint in Manhattan, then returned after a three-year retirement — during which the program slid under Ron Prince — to lead the Wildcats back atop the Big 12.

Snyder has dealt with health problems in recent years, though, including a bout with throat cancer, and he announced after a 5-7 season that he was retiring again. He won 215 games in 27 seasons.

"I'm so happy and thrilled to follow a legend," Klieman said in a statement. "The opportunity to follow in an icon's footsteps is something I don't take for granted and don't take lightly. I know I have huge shoes to fill and I'm excited to carry on his legacy."

The 51-year-old Klieman is certainly familiar with Snyder and the Wildcats.

Klieman said he grew up going to Snyder's football camps in Waterloo, Iowa, and he played against his Wildcats while at Northern Iowa. He also was the defensive coordinator at North Dakota State when the Bison, then led by Craig Bohl, upset the Wildcats in Manhattan to open the 2013 season.

"This is an absolute dream job," said Klieman, who is 70-13 in six seasons as a head coach, and a gaudy 67-6 with the Bison. "I have prepared my entire life for this opportunity and had great experiences at many institutions, most notably North Dakota State, where we've had unmatched success."

How that success translates to a Power-5 conference remains to be seen.

Klieman spent one season as defensive backs coach at Kansas, but otherwise his experience has been at lower levels. He coached defensive backs at Northern Iowa, Western Illinois and Missouri State, and was the head coach for a season at Loras, before joining the Bison program.

Still, Taylor was impressed enough by Klieman in 2014 to hand him the program when Bohl, who built North Dakota State into a powerhouse, departed for the head coaching job at Wyoming.

"He is a perfect fit for us, both from a personal standpoint and as a head coach," Taylor said. "He is a tremendous teacher who I had the pleasure to hire at NDSU and watched turn into a very successful coach. He will bring a ton of energy and excitement. His teams play extremely hard, disciplined football.

"He's a winner," Taylor said. "That's all he does is win."

His lack of experience at a major university will nevertheless be a difficult sell to a fanbase that has grown accustomed to competing at the highest level. The Wildcats had qualified for eight straight bowl games prior to this season, and they won their second Big 12 title under Snyder in 2012.

The school also has poured more than $200 million into renovating Bill Snyder Family Stadium, making it one of the top stadiums in the league. More upgrades are already planned, including an expansive indoor practice facility and other renovations to the football stadium.

"We're pleased to welcome Coach Klieman," university president Richard Myers said. "We look forward to introducing Coach Klieman to the K-State family and know he will receive the tremendous support."

Be sure to check out Sunday's edition to read weekly

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Goldberg (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Modern Family (N)	SingleParent (N)	Things "Christmas Wishlist" (N)		Big 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: David vs. Goliath (N)		SEALTeam "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)		Criminal Minds "Flesh and Blood" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Late Show (N)		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Artful Dodger"		Twilight Zone
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Pay for Their Presumptions"		Star "Who's the Daddy"		Fox 24 News at 9 (N)		TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	FunnyAsk
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Housecall	Israel First TV	Update News	Wings of Truth	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 (N)	Games "Holiday Spectacular" (N)		BigShot "Little Big Holiday Special" (N)		Legendary Christmas		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature		Nova "Ultimate Cruise Ship"		Impossible Builds "The Floating House"		Amanpour & Company (N)		Nature	
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Jesus		Mi Marido Tiene Más Familia		Amar a Muerte		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline		Dateline		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Game	News	Jokers
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) Just a Kiss		Backdraft ('91, Act) Kurt Russell.					Enemy of the State Will Smith.				Movie
	HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	My True Brill. (N)		(:15) Icebox Genesis Rodriguez.				(:45) Ghosts of Girlfriends Past			VICE
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:30) Brilnt	(:40) Rampage Dwayne Johnson.				Momentum Generation (N)			(:15) VICE	(:45) Fifty Shades Freed		
	HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:55) There's Something About Mary				The Terminal Tom Hanks.				(:15) American Made ('17, Act) Tom Cruise.			
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) Woman on...	Dinner for Schmucks Steve Carell.					TourBus	(:25) Girls Trip Jada Pinkett Smith.				Movie
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(5:45) Sphere Dustin Hoffman.						A Time to Kill Matthew McConaughey.			Hannibal Julianne Moore.		
	PLEX			96			(5:20) The Shootist	Sabrina Humphrey Bogart.					(:55) Happy, Texas			(:35) Big Fat Liar		
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Braveheart ('95, Act) Sophie Marceau, Mel Gibson.						Agnostic Front (P) (N)			(:45) American Assassin		
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:30) Confession...	Moonstruck Cher.				(:45) The Light Between Oceans Michael Fassbender.				Changeling		
CABLE	A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	The Santa Clause 2 ('02, Fam) Tim Allen.					The Santa Clause 2 ('02, Fam) Tim Allen.					Willy Wonka & t...	
	BET	58	-		40		(5:00) To Be Announced				Black-Ish	Black-Ish	Black-Ish	Black-Ish	To Be Announced			
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ (N)		Wives Dallas (N)		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ		Dallas
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Deal or No Deal (N)		Deal or No Deal (N)		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Border Live		Border Live		Border Live "December 12, 2018" (L)				To Be Announced		Border Live	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	Bizaard.	Bizaard.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NBA Countdown (L)		NBA Basketball Oklahoma vs New Orleans (L)					NBA Basketball Toronto vs Golden State (L)				
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight		NFL Live		NCAA Basketball LSU vs Houston (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	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	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game		Guy's Game (N)		Guy's Game		Guy's Game		Guy's Game	
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) Finding Nemo Albert Brooks.				A Christmas Carol Jim Carrey.				The 700 Club		Call Me Claus	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Cowboys (N)	Mavericks Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks Site American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Mavericks (N)	Cowboys Insider	Epic Trails
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) Ice Age: Co...		Trolls ('16, Ani) Anna Kendrick.				Trolls ('16, Ani) Anna Kendrick.				The Best Man H...	
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) Christmas U...		Christmas at Graceland Wes Brown.				A Majestic Christmas Christian Vincent.				Christmas Next ...	
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Property Brothers	
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged in Fire		Vikings		Vikings (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire		Vikings "A New God"	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) A Twist of Christmas		Every Day is Christmas (2018, Romance) Gloria Reuben, Towanda Braxton, Toni Braxton.				(:05) Wrapped Up in Christmas ('17, Rom) Brendan Fehr, Kim Fields, Tatyana Ali.				Every Day is Christmas	
	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				NHL Live! (L)		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh vs Chicago (L)					(:05) NHL Overtime (L)	Mecum10		Auto Auctions (N)	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	H.Danger	Nicky	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Creed ('15, Spt) Sylvester Stallone, Michael B. Jordan.						Rocky IV	
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(:15) Fast Five ('11, Act) Paul Walker, Vin Diesel.						Flyers "Icarus" (N)		(:55) Tron: Legacy Jeff Bridges.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Frontal (N)	Full Frontal	I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry Adam Sandler.		
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) It Happened...	To Be Announced										
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		La Sultana (N)		Falsa Identidad (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	(:35) Thalar.	Falsa Identidad	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Diana's Story" Once thin and active, Diana is now 620lbs.				By the Ton "Time Is of the Essence"		My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Diana's Story"	
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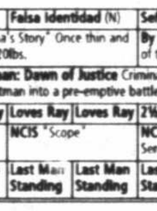
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Man retiring from the military deploys new rules in marriage

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



DEAR ABBY: My husband of 10 years is in the process of retiring from the military and is now re-evaluating "procedures" and "policies" of everything — including our marriage. I'm trying to respect his needs in an effort to help him make sense of things. However, there are times when I feel some of his new rules are hurtful or harmful and need to be negotiated or evaluated. (By the way, in general, I do not encourage or support the idea of "rules" in marriage aside from fidelity; communication should be the rule in my opinion, but I digress.)

His latest rule is that I need to be covered when getting ready in the morning ("It's not proper to be so comfortable naked, and if you respect me, you would do as I ask"). He said he thinks I look amazing now, but then he added: "Think about when you are your grandmother's age; you won't be pleasant to look at."

As his partner, I feel we should make each other feel comfortable in the buff, and it's harmful to ask our partner to cover up for any reason in the sanctity of our home. We have no children and live alone, and I have always gotten ready in the mornings this way, behind closed doors, where no one but my husband can see me. Abby, can you guide us to resolution on this matter? — NOTHING TO HIDE IN GEORGIA

DEAR NOTHING: As a military man, your husband is used to rules and structure, which are necessary in that environment. This, however, is civilian life. Before allowing him to make any more rules or institute a change in dress code (undress code), allow me to "guide" you directly to the office of a licensed marriage counselor because, unless there is something you have omitted from your letter, your husband is a mile off base.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and her brother are buried in a family graveyard. He is on the upper side. It was understood by both families that I would be buried next to my mother when I died. My uncle's grandson recently passed away and, without saying a word about it to our family, my cousin had him buried next to my mother. She said the space beside my mother was more desirable than the one on my uncle's side.

I'm so upset I can't sleep, and I don't know if I should pay to have the deceased moved to my uncle's side of the graveyard or just let him lay there. I feel beyond betrayed, and I will never speak to this vile woman again. She said I am overreacting. Am I? — CAN'T SLEEP IN THE SOUTH

DEAR CAN'T SLEEP: While your feelings are understandable, and I don't blame you for being upset, to let this take over your life would be a mistake. It couldn't hurt to inquire at the cemetery about having your cousin's corpse moved, although I'm not sure it can be done without the consent of his next of kin. If moving his body is not possible, please remember that when you are gone, your spirit will join with your mother's regardless of where your earthly remains reside.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Another bad double?

Both vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠K 8 7
♡Q 10
◇9 7 4
♣A 10 4 3 2

WEST
♠J 10 4 2
♡J 4 3
◇Q J 2
♣K 8 7

EAST
♠ Void
♡K 8 6 5 2
◇A 10 8 6
♣Q J 6 5

SOUTH
♠A Q 9 6 5 3
♡A 9 7
◇K 5 3
♣9

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♠	Dbl
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	All pass	

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

ACBL Hall-of-Fame member David Berkowitz tells this story on himself. He was West in today's deal. Suzi Subeck was South.

East won the diamond opening lead and returned a diamond to declarer's king as Berkowitz played low. South led a club to dummy's ace and ruffed a club, then led a low spade. Berkowitz split his honors and dummy's king won the trick. Another club ruff stripped Berkowitz of his last club and left him feeling uneasy.

A low diamond put Berkowitz on lead with the jack and he had the choice of leading a trump, giving away his trump trick, or leading a heart. Declarer could have prevailed on either lead. Berkowitz chose to lead a low heart, 10-king-ace. A heart back to the queen, a spade to the ace, and a heart ruff gave declarer 10 tricks and her doubled contract. This was very well played by Suzi Subeck.

Was this just another bad double, or could the defense have defeated the contract? The early defense could have been sharper. East could have ducked his ace of diamonds at trick one, possibly losing to an unlikely singleton king in the South hand, but keeping defensive communications open otherwise. Also, Berkowitz could have unblocked the jack of diamonds under the king at trick two. That would have been a very risky play.

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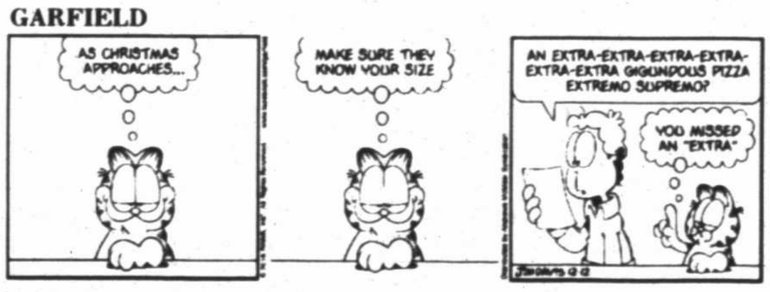
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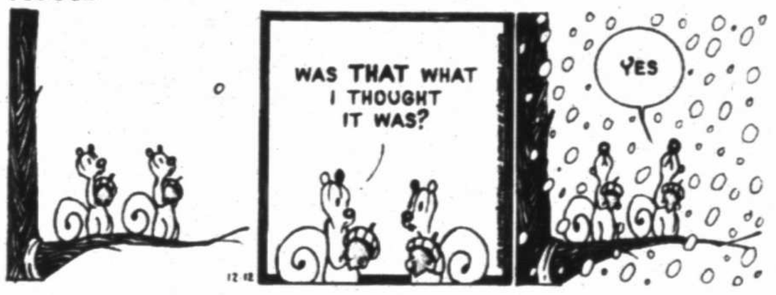
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Level 1 **2** 3 4

8							7	
6	2			1				
	7	9				2		
4					2			9
			4		5			
9								8
		3				9	1	
				7	3		2	4
	5							7

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

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

2	6	3	7	9	1	8	5	4
1	5	9	4	8	2	6	7	3
8	7	4	3	5	6	9	1	2
9	3	1	5	2	4	7	6	8
7	4	6	8	1	9	2	3	5
5	8	2	6	7	3	4	9	1
6	1	5	2	4	7	3	8	9
4	9	7	1	3	8	5	2	6
3	2	8	9	6	5	1	4	7

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JUMBLE

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

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

RANGT

LADIP

OPYROL

CRUBHN



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"○○○○" - ○○○○○○○○

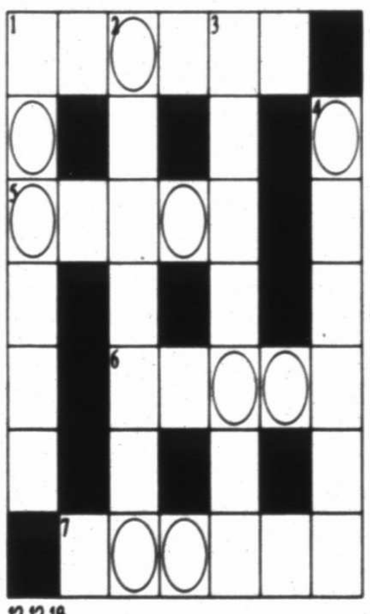
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHEAT OUNCE FEMALE PERMIT
Answer: The skier gave exact instructions and expected the speedboat driver to — TOW THE LINE

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Squirm	DTEGFI
5. Without money	KEROB
6. Splice	FARGT
7. Gulf ___	MSREAT

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Material	IACBRF
2. Dry spell	UOHTGDR
3. Raise	ETAEVEL
4. Ritual	UCOMST

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

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CLUE: This film, which was directed by Ron Howard, received Academy Award nominations.

BONUS ○○○○○○○○○

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ANSWERS: 1A-Flags 5A-Broke 6A-Grant 7A-Stream 1D-Flame 2D-Drought 3D-Elevate 4D-Custom B-Backdraft

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Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Israel Philharmonic music director Zubin
6 Hook-shaped ski lift
10 Calculator button
14 Common Era starting date
15 Hebrides language
16 Low-tech leaf-blower alternative
17 Indian town in the Himalayas
19 "Best Song __": One Direction hit
20 Flow's partner
21 The "P" of rock's ELP
22 Badlands landform
23 Angles
25 Spring singer
27 Prefix with graph
28 Glass of public radio
31 Dug up dandelions, say
34 Scout's discovery
37 There's always a hole in one
38 Hot state
41 Spy film poison
43 Record label for Pink
44 Facebook option
46 Surfer's gadget
48 Gourmet mushrooms
50 D.C. bigwig
51 "Unique everything" website
55 Peruvian pack animal
57 Not quite spherical
59 Hence
61 Divination
64 Med. centers for former soldiers
65 Actress Sorvino
66 Pay attention to detail ... and, homophonically, what three pairs of puzzle answers do
68 Treated, as a sprain
69 Some jewelry stores, informally
70 Chill-causing
71 Small dogs
72 Lightly burn
73 Brings into harmony

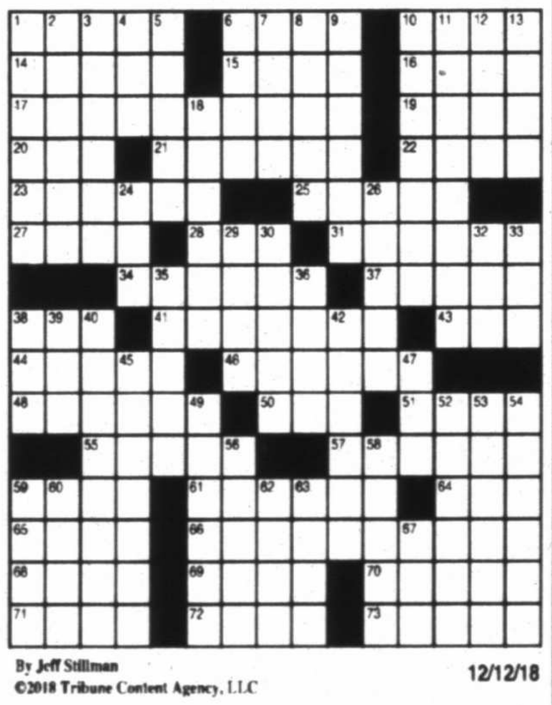
DOWN

1 Disinclined to brag
2 Provide power to
3 Like some shampoos
4 __ Mahal
5 Highly skilled
6 Take shape
7 Fedora feature
8 Ed with Emmys
9 Sprout anew
10 English football's __ League
11 Massage therapy oil type
12 Luau strings
13 Blood bank fluids
18 How a cinch is done
24 After-tax amount
26 Give rise to
29 Stern
30 Two of Henry VIII's wives
32 Common Market initials
33 Genetic matter
35 Big name in fast trains
36 Umpire's cry
38 Dogma
39 Greek consonant
40 William IV's prime minister
42 Certain angels
45 Winds new film into
47 Ribbonlike fish
49 Slaps sharply
52 Bar
53 Harsh criticism
54 Toadies' answers
56 Subtle glows
58 Hard-drive units
59 Put forth
60 P.R. part
62 "La maja desnuda" painter
63 Cold War letters
67 "Hold it!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

P	E	T	E	R		L	E	N	S		C	O	Z	Y
B	R	A	C	E		A	D	I	A		O	R	E	O
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2. ○○○○○ ○○ ○

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1. Foreign land
2. Carry on a conversation

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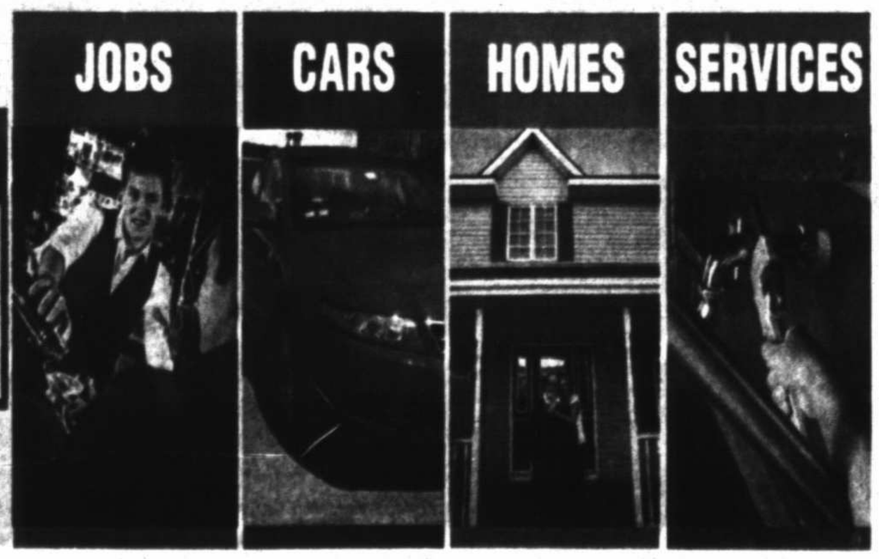
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NOTICE OF CLAIM OF ADVERSE POSSESSION PURSUANT TO TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDISES CODE SECTION 16.0265

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

1. Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 16.0265, JAMES MURRAY MADDOX, JR. ("Claimant") makes claim by adverse possession to the following real property located in Midland, County, Texas, to wit:

a 4.58-acre parcel of land out of a 13.9-acre tract of land out of the northeast quarter (NE/4) of Section 32, Block 40, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland, County, Texas, more fully described in Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 942, Page 545, Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, with a present mailing address of 9709 West County Rd. 150, Midland, Texas 79706 (hereafter referred to as the "Property").

2. On November 13, 2018, Claimant filed in the deed records of Midland County, Texas an "Affidavit of Facts Concerning the Identity of Heirs and Affidavit of Adverse Possession," which is recorded as Document No. 2018-33101 in the Official Public Records of Midland County, Texas, to which reference is hereby made for all purposes;

3. Claimant is a cotenant heir of the Property who has been in peaceable and exclusive possession of the property for a continuous, uninterrupted period during the 10 years preceding the filing of the Affidavit;

4. Claimant has, to the exclusion of his siblings/co-tenants, used and enjoyed the property during more than ten (10) years preceding the filing of the Affidavit;

5. Claimant has paid all property taxes on the property during the 10 years preceding the filing of the Affidavit. Claimant's siblings have not paid the property taxes during this time, nor have they reimbursed Claimant monies for the amount of the taxes owed; and

6. During the 10 years preceding the filing of the Affidavit, there has been no action by any of Claimant's siblings/cotenants to:

(A) Contribute to the Property's taxes or maintenance;
(B) Challenge Claimant's exclusive possession of the Property;
(C) Assert any other legal claim for payment against Claimant in connection with the Property, such as the right to rental payments;
(D) Act, to Claimant's knowledge, to preserve any sibling/cotenant's interest in the Property by filing notice of his or her claimed interest in the Property in the deed records of Midland County for the past ten (10) years; or
(E) Enter into a written agreement with Claimant under which he is allowed to possess the property, but Claimant's siblings/cotenant would not forfeit his or her ownership interest.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C — Rule 37 Case No. 0315232
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec. 10, 2018 — Status/Permit No. 844916
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan. 14, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 642652] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, Blk. 39 T5S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-431, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) and SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Fields, UPTON County, being 9.7 miles SW direction from MIDKIFF, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Toby Louise McAnally Ward, deceased, were issued on December 5, 2018, in Cause No. P19640, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Michael Arnold McAnally.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Michael Arnold McAnally
c/o Rick Browning
Attorney at Law, P.C.
5050 E. University, Suite One
Odessa, Texas 79762

DATED the 5th day of December, 2018.

Rick Browning
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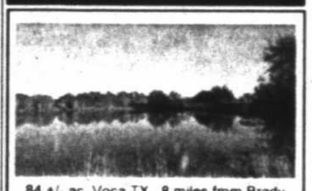
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2003, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by GEORGE TISDALE, as mortgagor in favor of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC, as mortgagee and ROBERT K. FOWLER, as trustee, and was recorded on April 4, 2003 under Clerk's Instrument Number 7517, Book 2144, Page 721 in the real property records of Midland, Texas. Re-filed on May 28, 2003 under Clerk's Instrument Number 12301, Book 2174, Page 286 in the real property records of Midland, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated February 5, 2009, and recorded on February 17, 2009, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2009-2796 in the real property records of Midland County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 2, 2019 is $74,933.94; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

BEING LOTS TWELVE (12) AND THIRTEEN (13), BLOCK FIFTY SIX (56), PARK AVENUE HEIGHTS ADDITION, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET B, PAGE 115, PLAT RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

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The sale will be held at the Midland County Courthouse, Texas at the following location: THE FOYER AND SOUTH ENTRANCE AT THE FRONT OF THE COURTHOUSE OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $74,933.94.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling $7,493.39 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of $7,493.39 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior the scheduled sale is $74,933.94, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: December 5, 2018

L. Keller Mackie
Foreclosure Commissioner
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Parkway Office Center, Suite 900
14160 North Dallas Parkway
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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2003, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by A.C. CHEAIRS AND ALGA CHEAIRS, as mortgagor in favor of WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., as mortgagee and ROBERT K. FOWLER, as trustee, and was recorded on December 3, 2003 under Clerk's Instrument Number 19232 in the real property records of Ector, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated February 13, 2015, and recorded on March 18, 2015, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2015-00003848 in the real property records of Ector County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 2, 2019 is $75,219.03; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2019, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

LOT 1, BLOCK 55, SHERWOOD ADDITION, 6TH FILING, AN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF ODESSA, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN VOLUME 5, PAGE 9, PLAT RECORDS, ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commonly known as: 5201 NORTH EVERGLADE AVENUE, ODESSA, TX 79762

The sale will be held at the Ector County Courthouse, Texas at the following location: THE FRONT DOOR OF THE ECTOR COUNTY COURTHOUSE (WEST ENTRANCE) OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid $75,219.03.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorate share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling $7,521.90 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of $7,521.90 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of $500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior the scheduled sale is $75,219.03, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: December 5, 2018

L. Keller Mackie
Foreclosure Commissioner
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Parkway Office Center, Suite 900
14160 North Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Dallas Matthew Keel, Deceased, were issued on December 3, 2018, in Cause No. P19623, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Courtney Collier Keel.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **Austin L. Ramsey**
Attorney at Law
300 N. Marienfeld Suite 700
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DATED the 10th day of December, 2018

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HERMAN WORTHAM, Deceased, were issued on December 4, 2018 in Docket Number P-19614, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to MARY WORTHAM HOWELL, Independent Executor.

The address of record for MARY WORTHAM HOWELL is 604 Brooks Dr. Midland, Midland County, Texas 79703.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 5th day of December, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

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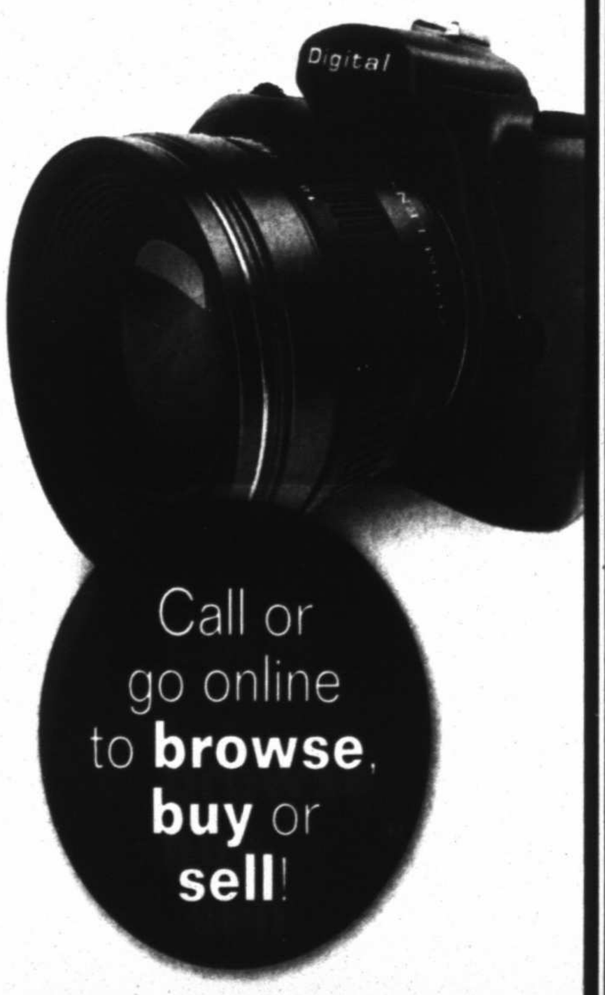
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